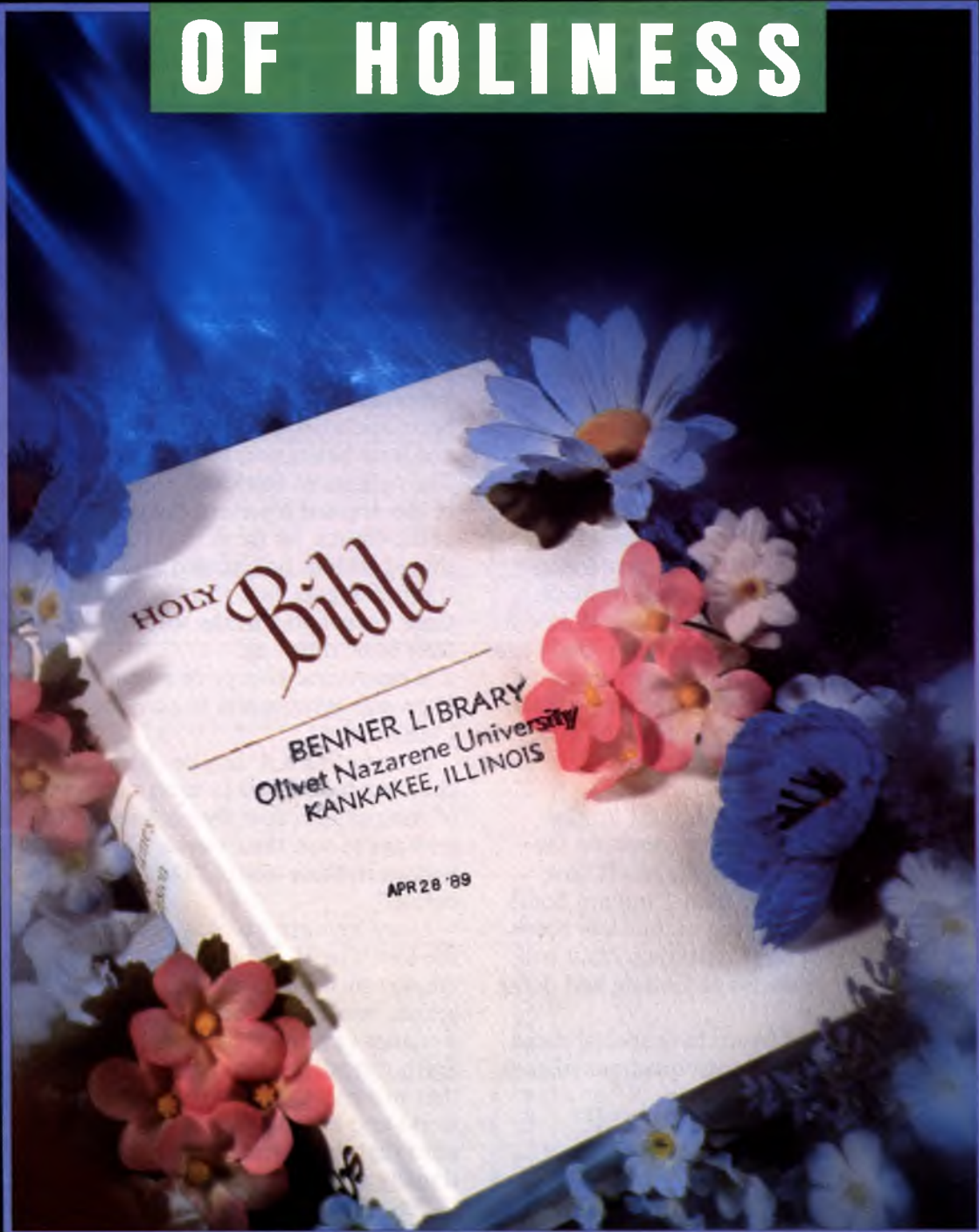


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CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

CHANGE AND/OR DECAY



EUGENE L. STOWE
General Superintendent

The countdown to General Assembly is in its final stages. In just a few weeks Nazarenes from the nine regions in the United States and Canada and the six overseas regions will gather in Indianapolis. What a rich time of Christian fellowship this will be! Old friends will be reunited. New friendships will be made.

But General Assembly is business as well as pleasure. Only this body can legislate changes in the doctrine and government of our church as stated in the *Manual*. Decisions made in these sessions will dynamically impact the direction the denomination will take as we move into the last decade of this century.

We must have divine guidance in these crucial judgments. A spiritual climate must condition the choices made. Our people around the world have committed themselves to more than 1 million hours of prayer for a mighty outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the General Assembly and conventions that will create an atmosphere conducive to finding and doing God's will.

The words of a great old hymn have special meaning for us as we approach this great quadrennial gathering:

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

The presence and direction of our unchanging God is imperative in these days of rapid and almost revolutionary change. Sensitivity to His leadership is the only guarantee that we will not legislate unwise, destructive changes. History has proved that change has all too often resulted in decay in the institutional church. Serious losses in membership in a number of denominations are a tragic illustration of this truth.

How can the Church of the Nazarene avoid this fatal error: Two guiding principles must condition our decisions:

1. *The truth of our Bible-based beliefs is unchanging.*

More than a century ago Lord Faulkner wisely observed, "What it is not necessary to change, it is necessary not to change." God's Word is both timeless and timely. The malady of sin and the remedy of salvation are relevant in every age. Holiness has always been, and always will be, the essential nature of God, and holy hearts and lives are His will for all mankind. The Articles of Faith and General and Special Rules of the *Manual* represent the collective understandings of the church on these vital scriptural teachings. They should seldom be changed and then only if there is strong evidence that there is a clearer way to state these unchanging truths without doing violence to their basic meaning.

2. *Constructive change in our methods can contribute to greater effectiveness in carrying out Christ's Great Commission.*

In some cases it may be change *or* decay! Some churches have failed to meet the evangelistic challenge of their day because they refused to find new and better ways to win their world. Their epitaph could be written in these words: "But we never did it that way before."

Every legitimate means must be employed to reach the lost. The Holy Spirit inspired the early church to employ such unheard-of strategies as fellowship evangelism, house churches, and the deployment of missionaries to bring thousands to the Savior. The same Spirit can still help us to discover fresh new strategies that will enable us to more effectively evangelize our world and become Christ's change-agents. It is imperative that the government of our church be continually upgraded to facilitate this primary thrust.

O God, give wisdom to the upcoming General Assembly and the decisions it will make. Deliver us from premature and unwise change. Help us to find new and better ways to tell the old, old story. May we keep in step with the Spirit as we march forward into the new quadrennium. In Jesus' name and for Jesus' sake! Amen.

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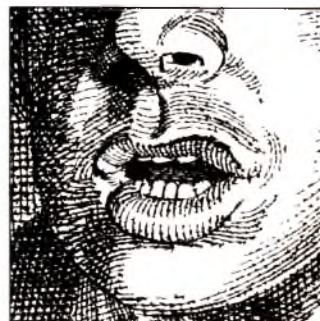
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Are We Asking the Right QUESTIONS?

*Our limited and confining
view of the church is often revealed
by the questions we ask.*

There are few experiences more humiliating than publicizing one's ignorance by asking a "dumb" question. Having experienced the pain of embarrassment while others laugh, we quickly learn to be more careful about the questions we ask. In fact, we often fail to ask questions that should be asked, occupying ourselves instead with lesser concerns where the risks of being exposed are not so great.

This is a particular temptation in the church, where we are constantly tempted to tinker with nonessentials while ignoring a cancer that may be threatening to arrest the life of the church. Our limited and confining view of the church is often revealed by the questions we ask.

There may be some comfort in the fact that this tendency to focus on the wrong questions has been around since the days of the apostles. Immediately prior to Jesus' ascension into heaven, the apostles showed their lack of understanding when they asked Jesus, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" (Acts 1:6, NIV).

For the past three years, Jesus had patiently taught them that the kingdom of God is not an earthly political kingdom with defined geographical boundaries. He had repeated over and over again that God's kingdom is something quite different from earthly kingdoms. Thus we might have expected Jesus to throw His hands up in despair, that even now, after His death and resurrection, His closest followers still hadn't understood what He had tried repeatedly to teach them. But instead, Jesus shows us that our questions, no matter how elementary, are worthy of His attention. With continued patience, He replies, "It is not for you to know the times or the dates the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses . . ." (Acts 1:7-8, NIV).

In essence, He was saying, "You have asked the wrong question, but here's what you really need to know: *You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you; and you will be My witnesses . . .*"

We should learn from the experience of the apostles here that there are many questions we ask about the work of the church that are, at least in some measure, irrelevant. Many times we spend all our energies trying to decide which program is best, or which building plan is more appropriate, or which music tempo is to be preferred. There is nothing inherently wrong with these questions, and they do deserve our consideration. The danger, however, is that we can become so preoccupied with these questions that we fail to address other questions that are of much greater importance.

A few years ago, in the midst of the economic recession in North America, I came home from a district assembly not really understanding why I felt so weary and troubled after what should have been a highlight of the year. I thought about the sessions of the past two days. At times, the spirits of the church seemed to soar with expectancy and confidence. But at other times, when confronted with the reality of spiraling costs and inflation that was out of hand, that same assembly of believers seemed to feel helplessly victimized by the economic situation of the world. Some suggested different budget formulas. We were introduced to new programs. Books were offered to sharpen our skills. As I drove home that Friday evening my heart was heavy. I almost dreaded the prospect of facing a spiritually hungry congregation the following Sunday, which was Pentecost Sunday.

As I completed the work on my Sunday morning sermon, the truth dawned anew. We've been asking the wrong questions. We've analyzed and graphed and dissected the church until we are all exhausted, but we have forgotten to consider the greatest resource of the church, the Holy Spirit

who gives the church life and power and vitality. We've been consumed with the machinery when we should have been considering the power.

The fact is, we can tinker with programs, experiment with music styles, change the budget formulas. Probably none of these will make or break the church. But what will ultimately determine the effectiveness and the strength of the church will be directly related to the present day experience of Pentecost.

If need be, some of our questions can remain unanswered. We must *never*, however, be satisfied while the promise of Pentecost remains unfulfilled in our own lives and in our churches.

The words of Jesus to His apostles are a reminder to us today that it is not necessary for us to have all the answers; but it is absolutely necessary that we know the reality and the presence and the power of the Holy Spirit.

The outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost was not the conclusion of the promise; it was the beginning of a new era in Kingdom life. According to the scripture, "the promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call" (Acts 2:39, NIV).

Pentecost is not an option for the spiritual elite. It is "standard equipment" for the Christian life and the Christian church.

As we celebrate Pentecost Sunday again, let us pray that it will be more than a celebration of a past event, entombed in the history of the Early Church. Let us honestly ask the right questions of our own lives and of our church. And may the power of Pentecost be renewed once again.

H

BY ROY AUSTIN

Pastor of the Church of the Nazarene in Summerside, Prince Edward Island.

REFLECTION OF GLORY

*We call it heavenly to behold the sun
after dark, cyclonic winds, torrential
rains are done . . .*

*When glorious sunbeams chase away every cloud,
and one's lungs nearly burst, singing praises
aloud in thanksgiving to God,
for such a day as this . . .*

*O, fellow Christian, when that seems sublime,
just picture the day when the Savior—
yours and mine—shall part the heavens
and come through. Life's struggles over,
skies always blue . . .*

*No more ugliness of sin spawned as leaven,
no more suffering, no more grief, to be with
Jesus forever! What a day! What a day!
That will truly be heaven!*

—SHERRIE ROSE
Salem, Oregon

READ THIS—

then
write



Dear Nazarene Friend,

Nothing. Nada. Zilch. Again. Just like yesterday, and the day before. And all the week before that. I've almost quit expecting mail from friends at home, but there's always that tiny hope that this time one of them might have responded to our regular and newsy "circulars" . . . or write to tell us news of their family . . . or just send a card to say, "we're praying for you." But 93 percent of them—more or less—never do. (Some have even sent cash gifts to our account with not a single line to us!)

The mailbox does bring letters from family, as our parents and siblings write quite regularly. And there are pictures of our grandchildren—growing so fast, so far away. The *Herald of Holiness* and *World Mission* magazines are combed eagerly for news of people we know. And on birthdays, our anniversary, and Christmas we get nice cards from our LINKS churches (bless them!). But there are very few missiles from our many, many friends—fellow ministers, college classmates, members of former pastorates—and many of these friendships have been very close and long-term.

So what's the big deal? Why can't I just shrug it off and say that letter-writing has gone out of style? Well, the fact remains that, in Reuben Welch's words, "We really do need each other," and the sense of isolation that serving as a missionary inescapably entails is greatly intensified by the lack of communication from friends at home. A number of our missionary associates have confided that they feel the same way, and their mailbox is as empty as ours. So I know I'm not alone.

So why am I writing this? Well, it may be that some of you out there have a missionary friend you haven't written for a while. And you may not have thought of how much they need to hear from you, but would never say so. Haven't got time? Where do you think a busy missionary finds time to write and print and address and personalize a hundred or more letters every few months? He *makes* time because it's important to him. So please, make some time to write a letter—even a short note—and tell him about you and what you're doing, and respond to what you know the missionary is involved with. And let him know you're praying for him and his needs.

There. I've said it. Thanks for listening. (And for writing!)

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A lonely missionary

Does DOCTRINE Matter?



H. Armstrong Roberts

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**Doctrine—as a body
of belief or basic
guidelines of truth—
does matter.**
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It does not matter what a person believes as long as he lives right.” This is as much a half-truth as “We are all making for the same place.” For the same two inescapable appointments. Yes! “It is appointed unto man once to die, and after this the judgment.” But if heaven is a prepared place for a prepared people; prepared by One who claimed, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No man cometh unto the Father but by me”—then anyone who seeks to enter by some other way is in error.

Doctrine—as a body of belief or basic guidelines of truth—does matter. It is a root in the heart from which the fruit of living is produced: “For as a man thinketh in his heart, so is he.”

“The doctrines of men” held by the Pharisees, supplanting pure Old Testament doctrines, fostered a religion of “men-pleasers” who majored upon the externals of religion—often its trivia—to the neglect of “weightier matters”

BY ALBERT J. LOWN

An evangelist from Keighley, Yorkshire, England, and a frequent contributor to religious periodicals.

of humility, compassion, love, and justice. “The doctrines of demons,” described in the New Testament, fathered a blend of agnosticism and spiritism that tended to immorality, and placed angels and human mediators as an ascending ladder between God and men.

In thrilling, liberating contrast, “the form [mould or matrix] of doctrine” preached by Paul and believed by his converts made “freedom from sin, fruit unto holiness, service to God, and the assurance of everlasting life” a reality. Embracing the truths of a full atonement and victorious resurrection, the simplest Christ-centered faith could reckon heart and life “dead indeed unto sin, and alive unto God” in spite of adverse feelings and circumstances. Faith linked itself with the dynamic life of a risen Lord.

Doctrine is never underestimated in the Word of God. “My doctrine shall distil as the dew,” lifegiving and refreshing, Moses testified. “Take heed unto thyself, and to the doctrine,” Paul admonished Timothy. “My doctrine is not mine, but his that sent me,” Jesus avowed to His inquisitors.

Each affirmed that pure, sound doctrine is a revelation of the truth of God, stamped with divine authority.

Admittedly, some live below their doctrinal creed, and some live better. “The most completely committed person I ever met,” confessed General Douglas McArthur. “Was an out-and-out communist.” “To think,” said a Methodist bishop addressing a convocation, “there was a time when all the communists in the world did not number more than the bishops assembled on this platform: now the world is their parish.” Unchristian and heretical Christian cults can produce devoted and sacrificial lives that shame lukewarm professors of evangelical faith. An element of truth within heresy, though carried to extreme, still has power to motivate and change. Even the deliberate preaching of “a Christ of contention” would be overruled. Paul believed, “for the furtherance of the gospel” and the encouragement of the church.

Granted, the devil promotes the success of the apostles and missionaries of heresy as zealously as he opposes the messengers and truth of Christ. And it is a fact of life and communication that a lie is halfway round the world before truth gets its shoes on. The enthusiasm and passion of those who believe, live, and propagate their founder’s perverse doctrines is an undeniable fact.

The normal person would rather have a good Samaritan with limited creed and unlimited living, than a priest and Levite with perfect creed and limited conduct. But if Christian doctrine becomes a hollow belief that does not affect behavior, or is contradicted by actual living, it is not the fault of the doctrine itself. No intelligent person would attribute the blemishes of the Church of the Nazarene to its Articles of Faith any more than the faults of a car should be blamed on the maintenance manual. It is the failure to apply doctrine, neglecting its transforming impact upon spiritual longings or problems, that makes doctrine a mental persuasion only, bereft of the life that should follow acceptance and profession.

To say that “People are over-indoctrinated” is as incorrect as assuming that doctrine does not matter. Between the two there is a place, an essential one, for the biblical, cardinal Christian doctrines of faith, experi-

ence, fellowship, and destiny clearly set forth in our *Manual*. Our doctrines are not a heritage ideal only, parroted but irrelevant today, they are not merely a glibly recited catechism, the religious vocabularly of a spineless faith. They are a God-ordained medium for salvation and holiness, for an

abundant life and anticipated destiny. They are interwoven as a cable of truth that brings needed resource for living from the "God of all power, and truth, and grace." When yielded lives are plugged into the truth that sets men free, faith switches on and becomes faith on fire.

*Faith of our fathers, living still
In spite of dungeon, fire, and sword.
O how our hearts beat high with joy
When-e'er we hear that glorious word.
Faith of our fathers! holy faith!
We will be true to thee till death!*

H

The look of exhaustion in her eyes betrayed the smile on her lips. "You go on and I'll be ready when you return for dinner," she said. There was laundry to be done, and responsibility for the home-schooling of her children chained her to the small motel room that was theirs for the week. The pastor was taking her evangelist husband for an afternoon of sightseeing and entertainment. Without complaint, she remained and attended to the never-ending responsibilities that were part of the traveling life.

Two states away, a worried mother was racing home from work, eager to arrive before the afternoon bus delivered her children from school. The youngest would have a "big part" in the class production tonight, and she must hurry to cook supper, do the dishes, and arrive on time. "I wish Daddy could see me in the play," he had said at breakfast, and she had explained, "God's using Daddy today, honey, so let's pray for him right now."

Perhaps the most unheralded heroines in the church are the evangelists' wives!

Whether she travels with her husband or stays at home, the evangelist's wife has a life unlike any other. Some travel in motor homes; some stay in travel trailers; some spend countless days imprisoned in tiny motel rooms with no means of transportation. Some travel and care for children; some tolerate life with little fellowship, and experience hours of loneliness while the evangelist is in prayer or preparation. If a wife travels with her husband, she will often be found looking for a self-service laundry, or ironing on a motel room desk, then playing the piano in the evening until her arms nearly drop, or singing until her throat is sore. Even though she boosts the morale of her husband and often is a participant in the ministry of the revival, the offerings from many churches seem to demonstrate a glee for having gotten "two for the price of one."

The evangelist's wife knows the reality of a pay scale that anticipates sacrifice. The fact may not be well-known, but



only a few evangelists are able to keep a full revival slate throughout the entire year. Weeks without assignments are weeks without paychecks. Often, the evangelist's wife must secure employment to provide for the simple necessities of living. Her own work schedule may make it difficult to experience intimate times for conversation and the sharing of emotional needs when the

evangelist finally has a day at home.

While her husband fulfills his calling, she may be forced to be both mother and father to her children. She is unable to escape responsibility for their training and discipline.

She learns to handle all of the little "emergencies" that occur around the house; the basement flood from a broken washing machine, the weeds that have overtaken the flower bed, and the Band-Aids for skinned knees.

If she does not travel with her husband, she may be the most obscure minister's wife in all of the church.

Holidays, birthday celebrations, and school programs that bring families together can be times of great loneliness. She drives past homes at dusk and watches fathers romping in the grass with the children. She passes lighted windows at night and sees men in recliners with newspapers. "If only he could be home a little more often . . ." but she dare not let herself think those thoughts. Her heart longs for her lover's touch, but she knows he will not be there.

Yet, around the family altar, she leads her children in a prayer that thanks God for having given them a father whose love and service to God is unfaltering, and in whom they can place their fondest trust. Then she waits by the telephone.

Let's encourage in every possible way our evangelists' wives.

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BY M. V. AND CLEDAH SCUTT

Director of Evangelism Ministries at international headquarters in Kansas City, Missouri. Cleдах is his wife.

No Place like Home



HOME . . . Stop and think for a moment what that word means to you. The concept of home has so many personal associations, and is such an integral part of our sense of identity and family and security that most of us cannot begin to imagine what it would mean to be homeless.

During the recent presidential campaign we were repeatedly confronted with shocking images of homelessness in perhaps the wealthiest country on earth. Statistics vary widely—from a conservative 350,000 to a staggering 3 million. We tend to picture the homeless as down-and-out individuals sleeping on a grating or huddled in a doorway. But tens of thousands who are homeless in America today are families. In the nation's capital alone, between 700 and 800 families are temporarily housed in shelters, hotels, and motels, pushed out onto the street from 7 A.M. to 7 P.M., with no safe place to play, no home-cooked meals, the children ineligible for school because they have no permanent address.

I recently interviewed Mary Curran, director of Social Services and associate pastor at the Community of Hope in

Washington, D.C., and Esther Sanger, director of the Quincy Crisis Center in Quincy, Mass., about how Nazarenes might better respond to the needs of homeless families.

Mary Curran has been collecting statistical information about the nation's homeless. She finds that between 5 and 10 percent have become homeless through some catastrophe like a fire, sudden unemployment, or the loss of the breadwinner. Property speculation and the conversion of once affordable apartments into high-priced condominiums have forced other families out of their homes. With financial and emotional support, many of these families are able to find resources relatively quickly to recover from their crisis. At the other end of the spectrum are 20 percent who are likely always to be dependent, needing ongoing input from social services. The other 70 percent Mary describes as capable of independence but needing a great deal of encouragement and support if they are to achieve their potential. Most such families are headed by single parents who themselves did not grow up in intact, stable families; many being brought up by a succession of

foster parents or relatives. They have poor education, few job skills, and scant knowledge of cooking, budgeting, or parenting.

Both the Community of Hope and the Quincy Crisis Center have developed programs designed to break the hopeless cycle of poverty and homelessness for at least a few families. The characteristics that these two very different facilities have in common—one a brick apartment building in a poor Black section of Washington, the other a gracious white shingled house on Main Street in Hingham, Mass.—is that they provide hope, and opportunities for learning and growth. Mary spoke of the excitement experienced by discouraged young mothers when for the first time someone sits down with them and helps them think about the future and plan for a better life. Both Mary and Esther stressed the importance of these young women gaining self-respect and a sense of competence as they learn about nutrition, health care, money management, about caring appropriately for their children, and furthering their education and planning a career.

Asked how we as a church could help combat homelessness, Esther suggested first that we “reach out and embrace the population at risk of becoming homeless.”

“But how can we tell who is at risk?” I puzzled.

“If you see a young mother coming alone to church with two or three children, and find out that she’s a single parent with a low-level job and little family support, and you can tell from the way the kids are dressed that there’s not much money to go around. . . . Or if you have a family like that living down the street and can reach the mother by inviting the kids to Sunday School or VBS.”

“And how do we embrace them?”

“By loving the children in spite of the fact that they are different, and by tying the mother in to a church mothers’ group where she can learn how to deal with the stresses of parenting and get support and encouragement.”

Esther went on to say that churches might get involved financially, paying a phone bill or a fuel bill or even helping with rent for several months through a time of crisis. Church members with the knowledge and tact to help these vulnerable parents learn better coping skills and develop better job options might slowly and lovingly support them toward greater stability, ensuring a more reliable environment for the children.

If this sounds too overwhelming, Esther suggests checking out social service agencies in the community, finding out which ones have a philosophy that you can endorse, supporting them as a church through volunteer effort and financial contributions, and then, when needed, eliciting the agency’s help with families you are concerned about. Cooperating with other churches can increase the effectiveness of this kind of outreach too.

Mary Curran spoke warmly about the donations of money and labor and clothing and handmade quilts that the Community of Hope receives from Nazarenes all over the country. “I certainly don’t want to discourage that kind of support,” she said, “because we need it. But I’d like to encourage our people to identify families at risk in their own communities—there are coal mines closing in West Virginia, industries folding in Pennsylvania, wherever people are losing their jobs there is a risk of homelessness. There are migrant workers up and down the West Coast

whose children are living in squalor. In rural communities people are losing their farms. Who is reaching out to them?

Old Testament prophets spoke out against injustice and the exploitation of the poor. Some of us may feel called to speak out against the economic injustices that allow some segments of our society to afford every kind of luxury while a parent earning minimum wage cannot afford the exorbitant rents, soaring health costs, and other necessities of life for a young family.

Mary points out how easy it is to look at homelessness as affecting people “not like us”—people of a different skin color or ethnic group or social class—or to condemn it as arising out of sins like drug and alcohol abuse and teenage pregnancy and divorce. But we are all sinners, and God does not punish certain sins while excusing others like self-centeredness and self-righteousness. We belong to a society where there are real social needs and we must share our resources in addressing those needs. For some churches, Mary suggests, that may mean buying a house or renting an apartment to house a homeless family; for all Christians it should mean extending ourselves in practical ways to the needy of our community.

Jesus was born in a stable when there was no room in the hotels and motels of Bethlehem for a teenage girl about to have a baby. He soon became a refugee on the flight to Egypt. In His adult life, he reminded would-be followers that while foxes had holes and birds had nests, He had nowhere to lay His head. Jesus could identify with the homeless. If we cannot imagine what it would be like to lose our comfortable homes, let us ask Jesus to touch our imaginations and move us with His compassion so that we can reach out to the homeless in the place where we live. **H**

BY DOROTHY TARRANT

An associate professor and a member of the counseling staff at Eastern Nazarene College in Quincy, Massachusetts.

JUST PASSING BY...

The pastor’s wife had arranged to watch over the two lively boys so the parents could attend the evening service with complete concentration. Together with the pastor and his wife, we had enjoyed the evening meal and the hospitality of the home, and now were on the way to church.

The four-year-old, Phillip, was on my lap in the front seat as we drove along toward the church. There to the left the lights of the church glowed and with special excitement, Phillip pointed and exclaimed, “That’s my church!” He could not have been more excited were he saying the same words to a general superintendent.

“That’s my church” . . . oh my! . . . 10 . . . 15 . . . 20 years from now there will be so many influences in Phillip’s life that will determine his reaction and exclamation as he nears his church. I pray it shall be the same “little child” spirit . . . “That’s my church!” **H**

BY EARL G. LEE

A Nazarene elder residing in Wrightwood, California.

*Jim Grinnen felt the Lord was leading him,
and the battle was the Lord's.*

VOICE A CONCERNED FOR PEOPLE



Jim Grinnen possesses a versatile voice. It has been used to hold the attention of a wiggly children's church group. It has sustained the interest of a Sunday School class. Audiences have enjoyed its musical notes. The church board has been influenced by it. Local agencies have benefited by it—the Ki-

wanis Club and the Board of Directors of the Salvation Army.

Recently he has become the voice of the people concerned about moral and ethical issues. For too long there has been a feeling that the church and politics should not mix. Jim is showing that this is not true.

Two years ago the pastor of the Warren, Pa., Church of the Nazarene felt that the church board should have an action committee. He asked Jim to be the chairman and Jim agreed. The committee would check into such issues as legislation about abortion, family matters, and the like. It was felt that correct facts must be obtained in order to send letters to congressmen and senators for their support.

One day a friend spoke to Jim. "Do you know that there are X-rated videos in the rental stores in our county?" Jim didn't know and brought the problem to the Action Committee of the church board.

His next step was to see if the three largest stores had them on their shelves. Jim approached a young clerk in the first store he went to. "Do you have pornographic, obscene videos for rent?" She replied, "Yes, in the back room. I

have to unlock the door and you must be over 21." (This produced a chuckle from Jim for his graying beard showed that he met the requirements.) She led him there. He wasn't prepared for what he saw on the covers alone. "What I saw flabbergasted me!" He wrote down the titles and told the clerk he was doing a survey.

At the next store he found material that was much worse. Here he wrote down titles also. The videos here were so vulgar and bad that Jim was sickened by them.

A listing was made in the third store also. He now had a list of 120 videos. Each of them could possibly be classed as obscene and pornographic.

The time had now come to form a county-wide committee, taking the issue out of the church. This would make it possible for Jews, Catholics, Mormons, and nonchurch people to become involved.

Announcing the use of James Dobson's film, *The Winnable War, a Fight Against Pornography*, advertising went out. Two hundred people attended from this small community. They saw and heard what Dobson learned as a result of serving on the 1986 Presidential Commission on Pornography. Questionnaires were passed out to see if they were willing to work on this committee and to explore the ways they could serve. This information was put on a computer for future use. A new action group was formed—the Warren County Citizens for Decency.

The more Jim delved into the study, the angrier he became and the more committed he became. He felt the Lord was leading him, and the battle was the Lord's.

It was now necessary to see if there was a law against X-rated or obscene videos. Pornography is broken down into three groups: soft-core pornography; hard-core obscene pornography; and child pornography. It was found that the obscene type is illegal according to the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, Paragraph 5903. Also, this type is not protected by the First Amendment.

Obscene must be defined by law. A decision by the United States Supreme Court in the case of *Miller vs. California*, 1973, defined obscenity as that material that appeals to the prurient interest; depicts or describes in a patently offensive way sexual conduct and ultimate sexual

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acts; and when taken as a whole lacks serious literary, artistic, political, educational, or scientific value. Many of the films sold in Warren County met the legal definitions of obscene materials in other places.

The highest authority next to the judge in Warren County is the district attorney. Before going to him for an interview, Jim went to three local agencies for information. The Mental Health Agency gives therapy to sex offenders. Pornography plays a big part in their offenses. The Human Services Agency said that pornography also plays a big role in cases of child abuse. The Warren County jail has a sex offenders program. Questionnaires given to offenders showed that all used pornography of some kind. Hence, a sex addiction clinic has been installed there.

It was discovered in the course of research that a nearby county didn't have X-rated videos. The district attorney there said that the law had been enforced.

When the district attorney in Warren was interviewed, he didn't "want to get on the bandwagon." However he did listen and he didn't laugh. He also said that he would prosecute if the various law enforcement agencies would do their work. He suggested that the stores be approached and asked to remove the X-rated videos.

Petitions, signed by 2,300 persons, were sent out in a county-wide effort to see that the law was enforced in this matter.

After much prayer, Jim and the associate pastor of the Church of the Nazarene went to the first and largest store. They shared with the owner their information on what pornography does to people. The President's Commission on Pornography reports that there is a causal effect between it and sex crimes. They explained that it is progressive in its effects. First there is soft-core, then hard-core, and then acting out of a criminal offense. The owner said he would remove the obscene type. It would be a great loss of income to him, \$2,400 a month. (It was found out later that he also owned a store in the county where the law had been enforced. He knew the law and had been trying to get away with violating it.)

The two other largest video stores have taken the X-rated videos from their stock. However another store that was contacted said "no" in spite of all the information given to them.

This furnished incentive to request the district attorney to enforce the law. Exercising their rights as citizens, the committees complained to the law enforcement agency. As a result, the Warren County district attorney has sent out letters to all the video stores stating the law. He asked for the removal of all pornographic videos.

This has been a great victory, but the real battle may lie ahead—the battle of having the law enforced. Ninety percent of the pornographic industry is controlled by the Mafia. Efforts to put the law into effect may be opposed by this monied group. There are 15 video stores in the county, and 6 currently have X-rated material for rent.

However, Jim still feels the battle is the Lord's. He and his committee will continue to fight for this cause. His interest hasn't waned in the least.

"This has been the longest, most difficult year in my life, extracting from me both physically and mentally," Jim says. But he will continue to be a voice for God and the people, a voice of deep concern for this important moral issue. **H**

A Rivertown Mother

*"Now I'm off to heaven,
just like I was promised."*

There's a part of town we don't talk about. It's a muddle of small misshapen houses on the west side of the river. We call it "Rivertown," and its residents "the river people." The most traveled way into Rivertown is across a wooden footbridge that runs off Sheridan Street.

Very few river people ever attend our services. We think they are probably more comfortable in their own churches. That's what we tell ourselves. Therefore, I was surprised to see Sam, a river person I know casually from the service station, waiting to see me.

"Good to see you, Sam, what brings you my way?"

"It's Mother. She's slippin' away fast and us kids want you to come. She's been a good woman for 93 years, I'd say, but we just want a preacher to call."

We entered Rivertown off the footbridge, walked between a dozen shacks, before entering a sway-roofed bungalow with peeling paint.

His mother's hair was pulled tight to her head and her face was furrowed like a pen and ink drawing.

"So you're the preacher Sam wanted me to see."

"Yes."


"I'm glad ya come, but it wasn't necessary. I've known the Lord for a long time." Her life story was a moving account of a woman who held to her faith while married to a man openly hostile to religion.

"But he's gone now," she whispered. From under her pillow she brought out a small New Testament held together by a rubber band. "This is what kept me a goin'. Some of my kids are believers, too." Her nimble fingers caressed the worn pages until she came to the passage that begins, "In my Father's house are many rooms . . . I go to prepare a place for you" (John 14:2, RSV). With a curt nod of her head and in a no-nonsense tone of voice, she told me, "Now I'm off to heaven, just like I was promised."

When I returned to my office, I sat for a long time looking out the window, wondering—was Sam prompted to invite me for his mother's sake, or my own? **H**

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1976 was a special and memorable year for me.

On doctor's orders, I took time off in January and February. Reading the Bible one day I thought, "How patient God is with me. He never deals with my failings all in one lump. He has His own timetable for my needed spiritual 'rehabilitation.' Who but God would handle me so!"

The Holy Spirit got to the point quickly, as He asked, "What about your mother?"

My mother! Like a giant projector, memory flashed my past life before me. It wasn't pretty to behold. My earliest memory of mother was traumatic. My mother booted me in my side as I lay on the floor. Apparently my father was approaching as I cried out in pain. Mother shook me violently, saying, "If you ever tell your father what I did, I will *kill* you." Father kissed away the hurt, thinking I had fallen down.

My first memories of love, fear, and hate shot through me. Love toward my father, fear and hate toward my mother. Love would almost be lost amidst the years of fear and hate which followed.

A born tomboy, I spent my days outdoors, keeping away from my mother. Father took pleasure in having me beside him around the farm. He always nurtured self-confidence in me. This may have incensed my mother. She would glare at me. Whatever I did never pleased her. Her constant verbal abuse devastated me. There was turmoil within. Afraid of what she might do to me, I dared not tell on her to Father. Out of need to tell someone, I turned to my pet animals. They could not tattle on me.

After Dad lost the farm, my mother, who never abused me in his presence, now found more opportunity to do so. However, I never went near her more than necessary. The thought that someday she would kill me kept me on my guard.

My mother tried once to use a ball bat, but her favorite weapon was the broomstick. In time, I was able to take it from her. This angered her to tears and curses. It wasn't that I was so disobedient, though I did talk back to her as a teenager—not to be disrespectful but to stand up for my rights. I also stood up for the younger siblings, which infuriated her.

It happened at age 16. I told my mother I would not lie for her anymore. She picked up a hammer and lunged at me. I tripped, and her 200-plus pounds fell on me. She yelled, "I'll kill you! I'll kill you!" Seeing the hammer coming at my head, I threw her off balance. I got up, ran off, and hitched a ride to my aunt's home. Father came for me in two weeks, promising that Mother would apologize. She never did.

By now, I cared not whether I lived or died; but I was determined not to die at the hands of my mother. She had messed up my life. I hated her beyond words. I had to get away. I just couldn't cope with the mental and emotional abuse. All I ever wanted from her was love, words of kindness, and some approval. I received none. The pathetic part was that I could not tell anyone about the pain, not even Father. He never did know. So I ran away to the West Coast, where I eventually accepted Christ as my Savior.

The projector stopped. I was lost for words. The question came again, "What about your mother? Have you *forgiven* your mother?" Then I understood what the Spirit was getting at.

Hot tears flowed. My sin of profound unforgiveness loomed before me. I was still awaiting her apology, wanting her to beg for my forgiveness. I cried, "Oh, God, forgive me. This bitterness has robbed me of Your joy." I experienced peace and, for the first time in my life, I had real, true love for my mother.

Mother's birthday came, then Mother's Day—all special days now. In June, I wrote to my parents telling them of their new grandson, and expressing hope of visiting both of them the next summer.

Fall came. With it, a call that Mother was hospitalized. She had perhaps six months to live. I had to see her in person, tell her I loved her and

I Loved My Mother Almost Too Late

Paul M. Schrock photos

had forgiven her for “messing up” my life. But God’s plans were already in motion. Next morning the news came. Mother was gone.

What frustration! Why? Why, when God knew my plans? Oh, the wisdom of God—so superior to mine! My plans would have created havoc. There is a time to keep silent; this was my time. God was satisfied with the condition of my heart now. That was all that was needed.

I flew east as planned. Only the

purpose had changed. Viewing my mother, I thanked God for granting me opportunity to completely forgive and love her before her passing. I knew what Scripture said regarding forgiveness, but I had been too blinded by bitterness to apply the truth to my own heart. I was to forgive and not hold grudges, because of God’s forgiveness to me.

Before boarding my plane after the funeral, and remembering I had never shown much love to him, either, I put

my arms around my aging father, expressing my love to him. I noticed the tears as he returned my love. I never saw him again.

Flying home, my heart was saddened by the loss; yet, my heart also felt the peace of victory and was bursting with songs of praise. **H**

BY JOANN WOLLAM

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C HAPLAINS AND CHANGED LIVES

CALLED TO THE HARVEST

Much has changed since I graduated from Nazarene Theological Seminary and left Kansas City. The two-piece suits I had planned to wear in the field of evangelism have been replaced by Army fatigues. I awake every day to find myself enmeshed in a “world of green” and a whole new way of life.

I have to admit I questioned God’s wisdom in calling me to the military chaplaincy. Why would He call me to serve in such a capacity? Surely He knew that all my desire and experience were in the areas of preaching, evangelism, and youth ministry? Yet here I am, writing from the internationally acclaimed “fun spot” deep in the heart of the Ozarks—Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.—commonly referred to by the locals as “Fort Lost-in-the-Woods.”

The Army is a unique environment, best described as an isolated subculture. Usually, the sudden thrust into this alien culture poses several problems for young trainees who find themselves scared, lonely, and far from home, many for the first time. From the moment they step off the buses they cross the threshold of a new world—a world that marches solely to the beat of uniformity and discipline.

Yes, the Army is a unique environment. Combined with the isolation one recognizes a heightened intensity of crises. Problems in the Army are really no different from those found in the outside world, but here they appear to be magnified a thousand times. During my first month on active duty, I encountered the death of a young mother’s baby, two soldiers killed by a hand grenade, and the attempted murder of a young woman by her estranged husband. Besides facing the everyday reality of death, many of my days are spent counseling soldiers who admit homosexuality, consider going AWOL, or contemplate suicide.

The Army’s uniqueness and isolation also combine to afford tremendous opportunities for ministry. The doors open in the field of personal evangelism, and our chapels are filled to near capacity with soldiers starving to hear the gospel. On most Sundays, the altar is lined with young soldiers eager to experience God’s grace, and serious about crowning Jesus as Lord of their lives.

Pvt. Randall Mark is one such soldier. I can still see him kneeling at the altar, his hands tightly folded as he humbly bowed his head to pray. As a young boy of seven, he awoke one day in a hospital, badly burned over two-thirds of his body. His mother and father were responsible for setting a fire that claimed the lives of his three younger brothers. He and his older sister were the only survivors of the blaze. Severely burned and scarred for life, Randall was placed in an orphanage and adopted by Christian parents. They truly loved him, but the awful hatred he felt toward his biological mother and father kept him from ever loving his new parents in return.

That morning at the altar, I listened as he quietly prayed, “Oh God, please forgive me so that I can forgive them.” And God did forgive Pvt. Mark, and in so doing, enabled him to forgive his biological parents, and to begin trusting and loving his adopted parents. I watched as God transformed a bitter young soldier into a new creature in Christ.

I no longer question if God made a mistake calling me to the Army. Nor are there any doubts that military chaplaincy is valid ministry. It offers the opportunities to utilize talents and experience whether they be preaching, teaching, evangelizing, missions, or youth ministry. The doubts are gone. Now I know exactly why God led me here. Jesus explained it best when He said, “I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see how the fields are already white for harvest. . . . The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; pray therefore the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest” (John 4:35; Matthew 9:37-38, RSV). **H**

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A Gift of Apron Strings

Mom was always making things out of pop bottle caps, Styrofoam packing peanuts, chenille wires, walnut shells, tiny beads, pieces of string, potato chip cans, paper plates, marbles, crushed glass—you name it and my mother probably made one or used it to make something. She was always busy.

But the thing she made the best were quilts. Even a skeptical teenage son knew the difference in quality between knitted L'eggs eggs banks and Mom's quilts—big, beautiful, colorful, and perfectly done quilts. Each stitch was exactly in line and exactly the same distance from the last.

After we got through the time in our lives when the quilting frame sat for weeks and months in the living room out of necessity, because winter was coming and there was no heat in the bedrooms, her quilts became an expression of love and value that Mom could give her kids, who now owned nice comfortable homes in which quilts were not needed to keep warm.

In fact, I think a quilt kept her alive several years ago when she had a brain aneurysm and really should have died.

Life had been tough on Mom. As a child a broken back (she fell off a cow) left her with severe curvature of the spine, which has affected the full use of one lung. The after-effects of rheumatic fever in childhood left a heart defect that is progressively getting worse as the years go by.

With those physical problems, and at 67 years of age, the aneurysm and following surgery really should have ended her life, but the quilt wasn't done.

It was a special quilt, one for her favorite granddaughter, and I'm just sure she made up her mind she wasn't going to die before that quilt was fin-



Mrs. Gladys Anderson

ished. It was as if each tiny, perfectly placed stitch was a signature only she could sign. And it was her special touch that turned those pieces of material and thread into something original, of infinite worth and value to her family. And brain surgery and an an-

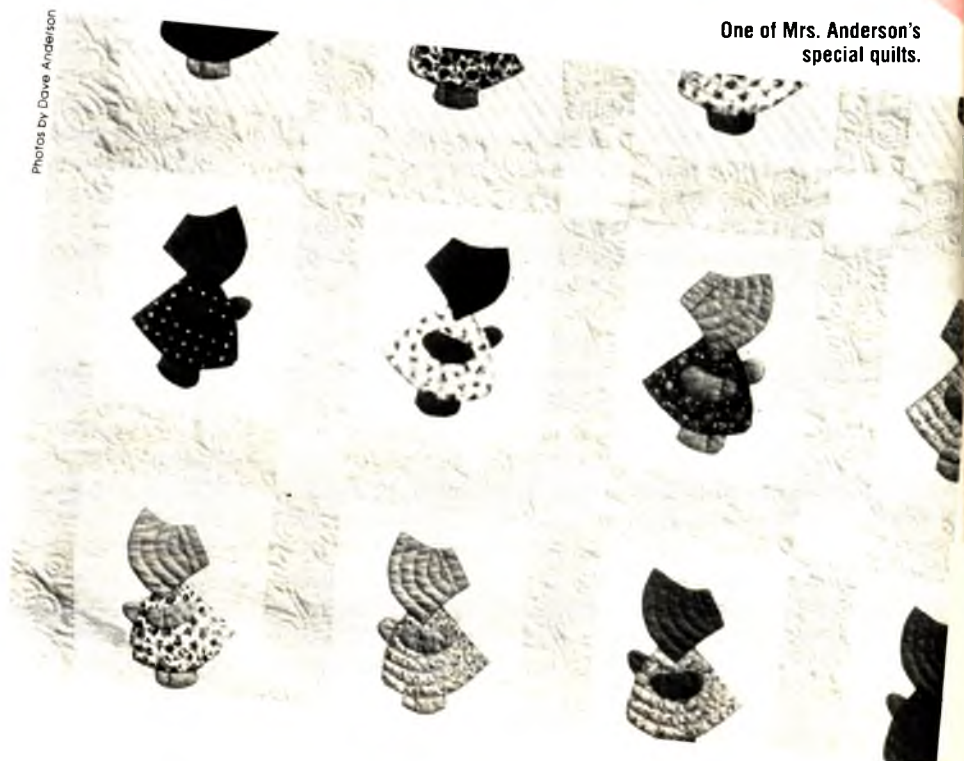
eurysm weren't going to take that away from her—not yet. She wasn't done.

Well, she survived the surgery and now complains that she can't go at it as hard as she used to, but I'm witness to her rising at an early hour and going the entire day until we all fall exhausted.

I've never been sure what Mom thinks about as she quilts hour after hour, but when she gave my wife and I our specially made quilt, it seemed to me she had poured an incredible amount of love into it. I stand and look at it now, and I know we are loved. It wasn't a quilt made for just anybody. It was made for us—by someone who cared.

Mom's quilts haven't been Mom's only expressions of love to us and others. It is a symbol of so many things she has given herself and her abilities to create, only to give them away.

As soon as I could understand things, I was told I had been given to the Lord. I've never been able to get away from that. Just like her quilts, she worked away, day by day, a stitch



Photos by Dave Anderson

One of Mrs. Anderson's special quilts.

BY DAVE ANDERSON

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THE LONG SHADOW

at a time, giving herself, her skill, her energy, her love . . . all the time with the idea in mind that I wasn't really hers.

You'd understand that better if you knew about the apron strings. Mom always wore an apron—the old-fashioned kind that tied behind the back and was homemade, probably out of a flour sack.

On my 21st birthday, I received a little white envelope from my mother. Inside was one apron string. Being the intelligent person I was, I wanted to know where the other apron string was. Surely I was free! Obviously not, for inside was a little handwritten note.

"I've kept you tied to my apron strings for 20 years. I can't untie you all at once—so here is only one of them. I will keep you tied to the other one yet."

I was informed that at the appropriate time in my life, I'd receive the other.

Well, another year rolled around, but on my 22nd birthday, no apron string. I was worried. What was she waiting for?

When I knew I would be graduating from college, I fully expected on that special day to be the proud owner of a second apron string but no string.

And then I got married, and there, in a tiny envelope was the perfect match to the other apron string that was now three years old. Inside was another note.

"Dear Son, this is the other apron string. So now you have them both. I'll love you still and Janet too—so I gladly give them to you. Mom."

And with the giving of the symbol went the reality of the event. She really did let go.

All the work, all the pain, all the love and—just as with her quilts—she gave it away.

It's hard to get away from stuff like that. Those living object lessons shout out to you for the rest of your life what Christian living is all about. The skills, the talents, the love we've been given seem to be enjoyed most and impact others most when they are given away.

Most things I own aren't worth much. But I own a quilt and a pair of apron strings that no one in this world could buy. **H**

About 1925, in Centralia, Washington, my dad was the foreman for a sawmill. He and Mother had been converted and attended church regularly. However, on Monday, my dad might cuss at every man he supervised. On Sunday, he was an active church member; on Monday, he joined the rough sawmill crowd and lost patience with them regularly.

One day, when Dad was struggling with this, a tall stranger knocked at the door. He invited my parents to a Sunday afternoon service at a nearby schoolhouse held by a new group called the Church of the Nazarene. This tall man turned out to be the pastor, D. P. Henry.

He taught that God forgives and cleanses through the power of the blood of Christ, and empowers Christians by the indwelling Holy Spirit. My dad said, "That's what I need!" He and Mother both gave their lives wholly to God and were cleansed and filled with the Holy Spirit. It worked! From that time on, they were steadfast Christians and kind and loving parents. My mother is now 85. Dad lived to 80 and I never once heard him cuss!

In 1932, we lived in Elk City, Okla. We were in the middle of the Great Depression, and it was hard to make a living. Dad worked in his uncle's broom factory, and went around with heavy warehouse brooms and household brooms to sell or trade. Often he came home at night with a few dozen eggs or vegetables that farmers had traded for brooms.

One day a man and his son knocked on our door. They had butchered a beef and wanted to sell some meat. Dad said, "I don't have any money to buy your meat, but I would sure like to invite your son to attend our Nazarene Sunday School."

Melton did come to Sunday School. He became a Christian and God called him into the ministry. He served as missionary to Alaska, as a pastor, and now is a Nazarene evangelist.

When Melton Thomas pastored in Spokane, two of Dad's granddaughters were in his church. Their parents, Paul and Margie Wordsworth, were killed on their way to General Assembly in 1960, and these were two of the four left after the plane crash. One of them joined the church in Spokane and her membership certificate is signed by Pastor Thomas. Both are serving the Lord and both recall Pastor Thomas as a caring and understanding pastor. The long shadow of Christian influence and God's love had reached across 30 years. When my Dad obeyed God and invited 12-year-old Melton to church, little did he know that this same Melton Thomas would give spiritual help to his two granddaughters.

And there's more! Recently I visited a daughter in Colorado and met her pastor and wife, Mike and Linda Couch. As we conversed with them at lunch, we discovered that they had been invited to the Nazarene church by a teacher named Kathy Samp at the school where Mike coached. Mike said, "You might know Kathy's dad, he is an evangelist. His name is Melton Thomas." I told them how my dad had invited Melton to church and we rejoiced together that God had changed so many lives!

Who can count the lives that Melton Thomas has influenced? Dave and Kathy Samp have been pastoring for 20 years. Mike and Linda Couch minister faithfully in the Church of the Nazarene. It would be impossible to fully trace the number of people touched by God's saving grace because a layman was faithful to the Holy Spirit's prompting and said, in essence, "I don't have what you're asking for, but I have something better. Why not try the Lord?" **H**

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A HAPPY PROBLEM

Never, as far as I can remember, has anything quite like this happened on our district," declared Rev. Robert Dabydeen, district superintendent of Guyana. "One pastor reported that 20 new converts attended the church for the first time on the Sunday following the School of Evangelism. Several other pastors reported that they are now faced with a problem of caring for the converts. Praise God for such a problem!



Rev. Dhanraj Mahabir, district superintendent of Leeward Islands, served as a trainer in Queens-town and Uitvlugt.

"The ripple of soul-winning is still spreading here in our country. People are getting saved, and we are excited.

"I hope this is just the falling of the pebble into the stream. I trust that the ripple will continue to spread through our members and new converts."

Dabydeen's victorious report followed the two weeks of Personal Evangelism Training sponsored by Evangelism Ministries July 4-18, 1988, in Guyana. A Work and Witness team comprised of 2 district superintendents, 8 pastors, 1 deacon, and 10 laypersons from 5 countries (Barbados, Jamaica, Leeward Virgin Islands, Trinidad, and U.S.A.), trained Guyanians to share their faith.

Training was conducted from the Personal Evangelism Training materials compiled by Beverly Burgess, who also coordinated the trip. Classes were held for more than 170 persons in

four Schools of Evangelism, with Rev. Ruth DeLong conducting schools in No. 44 Church in Corentyne and in New Amsterdam, and Beverly Burgess teaching in Queenstown and Uitvlugt.

The gospel was presented in homes by the trainers, with trainees assisting, reaching 277 persons, of whom 253 invited Christ into their hearts. Following their commitment, each new convert received a Spiritual Birth Certificate and was instructed in *Basic Bible Studies for New and Growing Christians*.

Each pastor was given the book *Conserve the Converts* and was trained to conserve new converts through discipleship and incorporation into the church.

Bibi, one of the Hindus who was converted to Christ, was the housekeeper in the pastor's home where the evangelism team stayed in Uitvlugt.



(Above) Rev. Lealand Henry, pastor from Trinidad, served as a trainer, and is shown playing the guitar and leading the singing in Uitvlugt.

(Below) Pictured are trainers in Corentyne and New Amsterdam: (front row, l to r.) Cora Nurse, Patricia Smith, and Althea Gibson, laypersons from Barbados; (second row) Ruth DeLong, minister of outreach, Phoenix Orangewood Church; Nancy Ayers, layperson from Phoenix; Rickie Kirton, student from Caribbean Nazarene Theological College; Rev. Rosa Lee, pastor from Antigua; (third row) Roderick Harmon, layperson from Barbados; John Wakeman, layperson from Portland, Oreg.; George Looby, layperson from Antigua; and Michael Prince, associate pastor, El Paso, Tex.;



The pastor's wife had tried unsuccessfully to persuade her to become a Christian. The team prayed for Bibi, and on the last day Mrs. Burgess asked if she could sit down and talk to her. Bibi excused herself, saying she had work to do.

"Let me know when you're through," Beverly said. "and then we can talk. OK?"

In the afternoon Bibi came to Beverly and said, "I am almost through with my work and I will talk, but I'm no convert!"

Beverly proceeded through the gospel outline with Bibi, but when she got to the last point, Bibi's husband walked in. Not easily dissuaded, and knowing he was a devout Hindu who opposed the church, Beverly began again to present the gospel outline from the beginning. When she asked, "Suppose you were to die tonight and stand before God, and He were to say to you, 'Why should I let you into my heaven?' What would you say?" the Hindu man answered, "I would go to heaven because of my good works." Nevertheless, when Beverly came to the commitment question, both Bibi and her husband prayed and invited Christ into their hearts.

Later Bibi said, "No one ever before sat down and talked to me and explained about God: not my mother, not my father, nobody!" With tears running down her face, she told Debbie, the pastor's wife, that she had invited Christ into her heart.

Mrs. Debbie Dihal, pastor's wife at Uitvlugt, wrote, "On my first call we presented the gospel to a young man. When he accepted Christ it was exciting for me. I didn't know whether to laugh or shout or cry. Great joy was bubbling inside me. Today is my birthday. I received these precious gifts: We called in 5 homes and 13 persons accepted the Lord! It is a challenge to go out and present the gospel. I want to go on and on."

Rev. Dhanraj Mahabir, district superintendent of Leeward Virgin Islands District, reports, "Hindus and Muslims received eternal life. Many Christians, belonging to other denominations, said they never had the gospel explained to them like this before. They never knew they could have eternal life by inviting Christ into their hearts by faith. Tears of joy rolled down their cheeks as they testified of the peace and assurance they now have. Being a former Hindu myself, I was able to relate to their belief that salvation was by works and worshipping idols. I told them Christ delivered me from the worship of idols when I let Him into my heart, and gave me eternal life. After receiving Christ, one young Hindu said, 'I knew



Personal Evangelism Trainers in Queenstown and Uitvlugt are shown (first row, l to r.) Grace Pettis, layperson from Portland, Oreg.; Beverly Burgess; Wilma Curry, layperson from Houston, Tex.; (second row) Errol Richards, pastor from Jamaica; Joseph Brown, superintendent, Jamaica East District; Terry Curtis, pastor from Houston; Cameron Bentham, pastor from Barbados; (third row) Ron Grey, pastor from Jamaica.

something was wrong with my religion, with all these gods that these idols represent, and the constant urging by the priests to do good works that they said would assure us of a better life through reincarnation. I was always fearful of death and the future, but now I have no fear of dying because I have peace and eternal life. Praise God." **H**

BY NINA BEEGLE

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(Above) Bibi and her husband (l.) who accepted Christ are shown with Beverly Burgess (r.).

(Below) Rev. and Mrs. Robert Dabydeen, who took the training in Queenstown, are shown with their children, Donna, Diane, and Damen. Rev. Dabydeen is district superintendent of Guyana.



PULPIT FIRE

Waiting to preach one day, I discreetly indulged one of my nosier habits—checking the contents of the pulpit. The usual items were there, but arranged with unusual neatness. I spotted something that I had never seen before in a pulpit—a fire extinguisher.

There is seldom a danger of too much fire in a pulpit. Icicles are found oftener than torches. One of the tragedies of the modern church is the coldness and deadness of much preaching. Passionate truth would come as a huge shock to thousands of congregations.

I recalled an incident from my early ministry. Dan Flynn was a chronic malcontent who quit our church, giving as his reason, “McCumber has no fire, and I want to go where they have the fire.” Of course this was reported to me and I dutifully went to see Flynn. He was a barber but had few customers, and I found him sitting in a barber chair plucking a guitar and singing. He bristled like a runt terrier when I walked in.

“Brother Flynn,” I said, “I heard you left our

church because I don’t have ‘the fire.’” His face flamed red but he wasn’t about to back down.

“That’s right,” he replied.

“Well,” I answered gently, “I’m sorry to have disappointed you, but I’ll make you a promise. I may not have much fire, but if you ever come back I’ll scorch your hide with some texts you’ll never forget.”

We parted friends but he never heard me again. He wasn’t really seeking fire, as everyone knew. He was dodging truth.

Truth on fire is the desired condition for preaching. That doesn’t mean preaching has to be loud or belligerent. Burning thorns make more noise than burning cedars. But it does mean that truth should grip and move the preacher. He should feel as well as think. The great saving truths of the Bible should lend urgency to the preacher’s encounter with his hearers.

A fire extinguisher in the pulpit? In rare cases that may be needed. Oftener a fire igniter is needed more.

A WISE PRAYER

John Rainolds was one of the leading translators of the King James Bible. One of the curious literary remains of that period is his report (over 600 pages long!) of an attempt to convert “a papist” who was being held prisoner in the Tower of London. The effort failed, netting the stubborn youth “twenty days in irons” for his intractability.

Recorded in the report is this prayer of the Puritan counselor for the papist prisoner: “God give you both a soft heart and an understanding mind that you may be able wisely to discern and gladly to embrace the truth when you shall hear it.” That is a prayer we all could wisely pray for ourselves as well as others.

A dull mind can cause us to resist the truth. The Holy Spirit must come as divine wind to blow the fog from our brains if we are to discern and do the truth. Fallen man is ever busy concocting and practicing deceit. Truth falls with an alien sound upon his idol-making mind.

A greater enemy of truth than the darkened intellect is the hardened heart. Truth rationally accepted

is often emotionally refused. Our decisions and actions are usually based on how we feel, not on what we know. The heart, if unable to capture the head, will oppose it, frequently with evil success.

To wisely discern and gladly embrace the truth, intellect and emotion must wear a double yoke and plod a single path.

Of course, we readily assume that “to embrace the truth” means to agree and comply with *our* doctrinal convictions and religious practices. For Rainolds, embracing the truth equalled becoming a Puritan. For the prisoner, it meant remaining a papist. But if we take seriously Paul’s admission, “We know in part,” we cannot believe that any person or group has established a monopoly on truth.

Jesus said, “I am the truth.” He also said to the Father, “Thy word is truth.” To come to Christ through the Bible, with increasing clarity of vision and integrity of action, requires the commitment of mind and heart to know and do the truth. God grant to us all soft hearts and understanding minds!

NO TRIVIAL MATTER

“How many angels could dance on the head of a pin?” It still surprises people to learn that this question was seriously argued in the medieval church. Given what modern science has learned about light and energy, perhaps the question would not be as academic and irrelevant now as it was then. But most of us, in the crush of daily problems, would not welcome such a debate even today.

Or would we? Ours is a day when “trivia” has become a fad. Trivia games on television led to the manufacture of trivia games for the home. This in turn has produced trivia games for Christians with the material drawn from the Bible. I am told the “Bible Trivia” provides harmless amusement for church folks. I don’t know. Somehow, viewing the Bible as a source of trivia has a troubling aspect.

Perhaps I think so because I’m an old fogey. I’ve been told on supposedly good authority that I am, but so far I have not been convinced. My opinion has been colored, I am sure, by a lifetime of earnest effort to get people to take the message of the Bible seriously. The witness of the Bible to Jesus Christ is

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Anyhow, I’m not writing this to condemn trivia games or to persuade Christians to commit their stock of trivia games to a bonfire. Instead, my purpose is more positive—to urge upon those who read this column a steadfast devotion to the study of Holy Scripture.

Only through such study can you come to know God, to know yourself, and to know others in depth. Affected as we are by man’s fall into sin, man’s fall away from God, we can never arrive at this knowledge unaided. We cannot put the right questions, much less find the right answers. God, in His mercy, inspired the writing of Scripture to guide us to a saving knowledge of himself in Jesus Christ. His Spirit makes himself available to us as a teacher and guide, to illumine what He has inspired.

Treat seriously what God has given for the highest of all purposes. Study the Word of God in order to be saved.

SENSELESS VIOLENCE

When I was a growing lad, we had a neighbor woman with whose youngsters my brothers and I occasionally contended. Angry with us, she was always threatening to get her “yellow shotgun” and blow us away. We never did her or her whelps any real harm. We rained a barrage of palmetto arrows down upon her roof and yard now and then. Infrequently we bounced rocks off her boys’ heads, but they were small rocks. Just nuisance stuff. But she had a short fuse and so the threats of shooting persisted. To this day I don’t know what a yellow shotgun looks like.

She threatened punishment drastically out of proportion to the offence. For that reason, we never took the threats seriously. Oh, we cleared the area when she bellowed at us, but never expected to have to outrun buckshot.

Increasingly these days, however, I hear and read of violence breaking out and people being injured or killed over trivial and even unintentional offences. During the past few weeks a number of shootings occurred on California highways. Angered by some-

one’s driving, motorists have pulled guns and fired into the other cars. Some are “copy cat” shootings, of course, but such reactions to minor irritations are ludicrous.

In some of our schools, students have been knifed, shot, or bludgeoned to death over things that in an earlier generation would only have prompted hot words or a little scuffling at the worst.

Why this senseless violence? Drugs and booze play a part. Boys growing to manhood without discipline, and remaining children emotionally as a consequence, is part of the problem. Television, portraying violence as a problem-solving device, is culpable. Child abuse, instilling deep rage that affects the victims’ behavior as adults, is a factor. Shorthand for it all is sin—society’s rebellion against, and alienation from, God.

The ultimate solution goes beyond education, discipline, and analysis. The real answer is Christ as Savior and Lord of believing men and women.

THE ANSWER CORNER

Does the Church of the Nazarene believe that God is sovereign?

We certainly do. Our first article of faith affirms, "We believe in one eternally existent, infinite God, Sovereign of the universe. . . ."

"Sovereign of the universe" means that no one and nothing can negate the counsels or defeat the purposes of God. He rules over all creation, and no creature or combination of creatures is above Him or equal to Him. And that includes theological faculties, ministerial associations, and church boards.

He is the "eternal God" and "the almighty God." He rules over all—justly, wisely, and eternally. He is "God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords" (1 Timothy 6:15, NIV).

What is the church's stand on Sunday activities? Do we condone church bowling parties, baseball games, skating parties, and the like on our day of worship?

We do not. Our people are expected and urged to observe Sunday as a day of worship and rest, abstaining from unnecessary labor and concentrating their minds and hearts upon the Lord our Savior.

When God speaks, do you hear His voice? No man's eye has seen God. Has any man's ear heard God?

Scripture speaks of men hearing God's voice.

To make himself known God can, and has, appeared in human form, though He is never *confined* to that form. See, for examples, Genesis 32:24-30 and John 1:14-18.

In the same way, God can speak in an audible voice, calling persons by name and communicating His will. See Exodus 3:4-10 and Acts 9:1-6 for instances of this.

God's usual way of speaking to anyone now is through His Word, the Bible. Any "voice" that purports to be His but does not speak in agreement with Scripture is false and deceptive. God does not contradict himself. He does not speak with forked tongue. He is no snake oil peddler.

What do you think about dismissing Sunday evening service in favor of watching the Super Bowl game at the parsonage?

To be diplomatic about it, I think it is a pathetic expression of hedonism, of American idolatry. I think it insults God, damages the church, and retards the spiritual growth of those who do it.

Please explain Ephesians 4:26—"Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath." I don't understand this. Christians are not supposed to get angry.

Some anger is sinful, some anger is not. There is a *righteous* indignation. Examples are found in our Lord's behavior (Matthew 21:12; Mark 3:5) and

in His teachings (Luke 14:21). Scripture frequently mentions the anger of God (e.g., Psalm 7:11; Hosea 8:5). Every normal person has a capacity for anger, and all normal people get angry at times. Selfish anger is destructive, but righteous anger is not.

However, even anger aroused by evil-doing, if it is too long retained and indulged, can become obsessive and injurious. Paul, I think, is warning against the retention of such righteous indignation.

In your opinion, will the next General Assembly delete those sections of the Manual that pertain to:

- (a) Attending movies, since a growing number of Nazarenes watch them on TV and videotapes
- (b) Avoiding public swimming areas. Again, a growing number of Nazarenes attend these areas.

In my opinion the General Assembly will not delete those sections, but it may decide to revise them. However, I am only guessing. There will be debate and decision, but I cannot predict the outcome.

Conducted by W. E. McCUMBER, Editor

We welcome questions on biblical and doctrinal matters. The editor is not able to send replies to questions not selected for publication. Address: ANSWER CORNER Herald of Holiness, 6401 The Paseo, Kansas City, MO 64131.

LETTERS

WANTS BOYCOTT

Have you watched TV recently? Have you seen Pepsi Cola's recent ad? Then you know it's *awful*, scandalous, vulgar, and offensive to the American female. Women have reached a new low, or Pepsi couldn't find so many females to produce such ugly commercials.

As editor of the *Herald of Holiness*, you should advise your readers to *not* buy Pepsi. When we buy their product, the company thinks we agree with their commercials.

I would like to read in your publication that the Nazarene family is going to take a stand against vulgar advertising by boycotting the product, also by writing the broadcasting companies and the presidents of companies using such ugly advertising.

Working as a group, we could clean up our airwaves.

Bette Roper
Colorado Springs, Colo.

HELP FOUND

My heart goes out to the author of "There Is Hope: A Son's Perspective" in the January 1 issue. I am fortunate to have a pastor who does not condemn me for my sexual preference. Being a new convert, it has been a

source of great pain and struggle, but with the help and love of my pastor and the strength of God, I am gaining victory over it. It is difficult to have to fight a battle over sin by yourself, and I want that son to know that I pray for him daily.

A Daughter's Perspective
Houston, Tex.

DISTURBED

I was disturbed to read "If Jesus Came to Your Church" in the February 15 issue. I hope Mr. Wellman's views do not speak for the majority of Christians in our world today. Which I'm sure they do not! I do not believe that if Jesus were sitting in a service that had an electronic keyboard, a set

of drums, or a guitar that He would "opt to praise" differently.

What does it matter how the music sounds so long as we are praising God and saving souls? I'm sure that the people who praise God with keyboards, drums, and guitars would feel the same way Mr. Wellman felt if they were to worship in the manner he is accustomed to.

I have been to many a service where the Holy Spirit was greatly felt and many souls were saved, and no sermon was preached.

Who are we to say what is right and what isn't? We have many different people in the Body of Christ; shouldn't we have many different ways to worship Him? As long as we are teaching and preaching holiness, I think Jesus is pleased whether we have a grand piano or an electronic keyboard.

Bart A. Samuelson
Colorado Springs, Colo.

AMAZED

I am amazed you printed the article by Wendell Wellman titled "If Jesus Came to Your Church." It evidently came from a "my way or no way" philosophy of worship. A judgmental spirit has always hurt the church, and this is no exception. For one to pronounce judgment against a church or a service as to Jesus being embarrassed or disappointed in the context of instrument use, testimony and sharing time length, and his other dislikes, was indicative of a "don't confuse me with the facts" mentality.

Jesus was at all of those services, contrary to His implied absence. My only prayer is that He might be present in the eyes of the beholder.

Darrel K. Wiseman
Upland, Calif.

THANKS FOR TRACT

Thank you, Dr. W. T. Purkiser, wherever you are. I came across a

tract titled "Five Steps to Living Abundantly" three years ago. I have distributed over 1,700 of them. This is the best, most concise, and doctrinally true little missile I have ever read. I wondered who put this wonderful message together so I enquired and was told that W. T. Purkiser did. I can now put them out with more enthusiasm than ever because I know the author (his name should be on them).

Thank you, thank you, wherever you are. You have extended my ministry!

Harold Beeson
Fresno, Calif.

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BY ALL MEANS...SAVE SOME

BRAD FOUND JESUS IN JAIL

On May 9, 1983, a woman phoned me to ask if I could visit her son who was in the Green County jail in Xenia, Ohio. I told her I would be glad to go see him.

Visiting him the following day I learned that he had attended a Nazarene Sunday School in Dayton when he was a boy. His father had been the Sunday School superintendent some years ago.

Brad and his father had quarreled over a shirt Brad wanted to wear. His father lost his temper and gave Brad a hard shove toward the stairs. Brad grabbed his father's arm and they both tumbled down the steps. When they reached the bottom his father seized a piece of stove wood to hit him, but his mother grabbed a small handgun and killed her husband.

His mother was sent to a women's prison near Columbus, Ohio, and during that time Brad went to Texas to visit relatives. A relative, under the influence of alcohol and drugs, attacked him, and he was forced to fight. When Brad put a headlock on him, the boy jerked to get loose, severely damaging his spinal column. He fell to the floor, unable to move, and the life squad was called to take him to the hospital. Brad left, but the injured boy's mother filed

charges against him, and he was arrested and placed in jail to await extradition to Travis County, Texas.

I asked Brad if he would like to give his heart to the Lord, and after a moment's hesitation he told me he would. I visited him several times before he was sent to Texas. At the court hearing a girl who had witnessed the fight testified in his behalf and all charges were dropped against Brad.

He gathered his few belongings and drove home. He visited my church a few times, and after he found a job he attended the church where his Christian foreman was a member. There he renewed his commitment to the Lord, met a Christian girl, and was married. I kept in touch with him, and one day he called me to tell me about their new baby.

That spring he attended a revival service in my church and remained to talk to me after the service. It was obvious that a transformation had taken place in his life, both inside and out. How different this young man, with neatly trimmed hair, wearing a white coat and dark pants, was from the one I had formerly known. He had waited until everyone else was gone to tell me the Lord had called him to preach! A couple of months later he phoned to tell me it was his fifth birthday. He was 19 on his spiritual birthday. Now, at age 24, he shared with great excitement the news that he was involved in starting a new church! **H**

BY NEWMAN SHELDON

Pastor of the Alpha, Ohio, church.

PEOPLE AND PLACES

DIEHL ACCEPTS CALL TO DENVER FIRST



Colorado District Superintendent Jim Diehl has accepted the call to become pastor at Denver First Church.

Diehl announced his decision in a message to the congregation Sunday evening, March 19.

The vacancy at the church oc-

curred after Don Wellman accepted a near-unanimous call (272 yes, 2 no) to serve as pastor at the Lakeland, Fla., Highland Park Church. Wellman served at Denver for almost 21 years.

With 794 votes cast, there were 694 yes, 70 no, giving the superintendent almost 91 percent approval.

Diehl has served as superintendent of the Colorado District since August 1985. Prior to this, he was superintendent of the Nebraska District for six years.

A graduate of Olivet Nazarene College, he has pastored churches in Iowa and Georgia and was assistant to the president

at MidAmerica Nazarene College from 1973-76.

Diehl's action is not unprecedented. Late General Superintendent Emeritus D. I. Vanderpool left the superintendency of the Colorado District in 1924 to become pastor at Denver First Church—a post he held until 1928. □

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PARROTT PRESIDENT AT KANSAS COLLEGE



Roger Parrott, 34, has been elected president of Sterling College. Parrott was selected as the Kansas institution's eighth president by the Sterling College Board of Trustees.

He comes to the post after having served as director of United States operations for the Lausanne Committee for World Evangelization, a post he has held since 1986. Prior to this, he was an administrator at Mid-America Nazarene College.

Parrott became president of the college effective February 2 but will not move to Sterling to assume duties full-time until after his work with the Lausanne Committee is completed in early August.

An ordained elder, Parrott is a graduate of Eastern Nazarene College. He holds the Ph.D. and M.Ed. degrees from the University of Maryland.

Associated with the Presbyterian church, Sterling College is a four-year liberal arts school 18 miles northwest of Hutchinson. It is primarily a residential college offering 30 majors and 11 preprofessional programs to a current student body of more than 500. □

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at MidAmerica Nazarene College from 1973-76.

friends that New Zealand Nazarenes believe the name should be changed to "witness and work."

The small Hamilton church had earlier decided to relocate to a largely unchurched area with room to expand, but couldn't afford to do so—until the Work and Witness team made it all possible.

When the team arrived in Hamilton February 11, local church members were surprised at the age range—from 27 to over 80.

They were even more amazed when the group toiled from dawn till dusk, with an expert for every job. Women worked most of the machines, filling and compacting the soil and laying more than 30,000 road tiles, as well as helping with the building jobs.

Close ties were formed with billet hosts, in the words of one visitor, "ties that will last through to glory." Team leader Bob Trevan, an insurance agent who has led eight Work and Witness projects, said almost everyone had miracles.

One of the team, Helen Webster, who had climbed mountains and gone on world tours with her late husband, cooked, played the organ, and worked with the builders, earning admiration as she climbed across rafters like a mountain deer.

Another working miracle was 66-year-old Forrest Buerer of North Highlands, Calif. Late last year he underwent a quintuple bypass heart operation which he was afraid would prevent him from joining the team to New Zealand. His doctors allowed it provided he rested when tired and didn't lift heavy weights. Forrest said hundreds of people, from several states and denominations, were praying for him. An aircraft electrician, he was due to retire in February this year.

Forrest introduced his friend, Art Brewer, who had been with him on two previous Work and Witness trips. This time he felt he would be unable to save enough money to pay his fare. Forrest put that right by getting Art, a good carpenter, to build a house for his mother-in-law.

Another couple were unable to raise enough money for the trip, but shortly before the team was scheduled to leave, they received an anonymous cheque in the mail, enabling them to go. An-

SACRAMENTO DISTRICT TEAM VISITS NEW ZEALAND TO "WITNESS AND WORK"

The Sacramento Work and Witness team went to New Zealand earlier this year. The team of 70, one of the largest ever sent by the church, built a hall to seat 400 at Pukete in the North Island city of Hamilton, and worked on building projects at Auckland and Napier. They made so many



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other couple whose son had been found to have a serious form of cancer, received news of a miracle healing.

At a well-attended "thanksgiving celebration" in the newly built Hamilton Hall, a special song was sung by Connie Patrick, daughter of the Rev. Roland Griffith, founder of the Church of the Nazarene in New Zealand.

Leader Bob Trevan spoke of the preparation of Work and Witness. Brochures were sent around the country, explaining the cul-



Forrest Buerer, age 66, sawing a length of timber for the Church of the Nazarene Community Hall in Hamilton.

ture of the country to be visited, including how to dress and other customs.

Hamilton's mayor, Ross Jansen, thanked the team for its work and witness. He said that a year ago it had been decided that Hamilton and Sacramento, Calif., become sister cities. To ce-

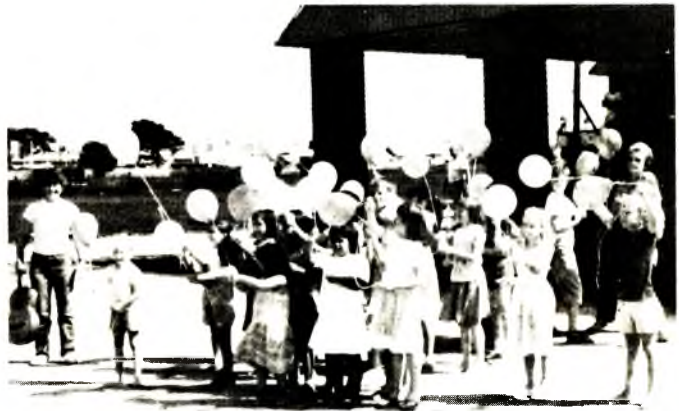


The new Nazarene church hall at Pukete, New Zealand, under construction

ment this, he and Hamilton city officials had been invited by Mayor Ann Ruden of Sacramento to visit May 25.

Mayor Jansen was presented with a drinking cup and presentations were also made to Hamilton building contractor Peter Richardson, architect Lyall Green, and other contractors also received small gifts.

The new pastor of the Hamilton Church, the Rev. Vic Dunton, formerly of Oregon, expressed the heartfelt appreciation of the Hamilton Church to the American team, local contractors, and retailers for their help in building the hall. □



A group of local Sunday School children prepare to release balloons on the final day of construction of the Pukete Nazarene Community Hall in Hamilton, New Zealand.

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COLLEEN CORNWELL LEAVES BENEFITS COMMITTEE

Paul Spear, Personnel Services director at Nazarene Headquarters, presents a plaque to Colleen Cornwell, commending her for her 19 years as a member of the Headquarters Employee Benefits Board. Mrs. Cornwell, an employee at Nazarene Publishing House for 37 years (most of which was spent as personnel director) was appointed to the committee in 1970. She served through February 1989 when she also retired from her job at NPH.

"Colleen was a valuable member of this committee, and her expertise will be missed," said Spear. □



Shown (l. to r.) are Colleen Cornwell and Paul Spear.

DISTRICT NYI PRESIDENTS MEET IN KANSAS CITY

District NYI presidents from the United States and Canada met in Kansas City in March to hear plans for upcoming NYI events, finalize plans for the

General NYI Convention in June, and discuss areas of concern in their ministry assignments.

The group spent time discussing products and programs designed to minister to the junior and senior high age-group, including such areas as camping, teen programming, and missions projects. They also heard plans about upcoming events such as Nazarene Youth Congress '91, a denominational Youth Work and Witness trip, a leadership conference, and Retreat at the Peak '91.

The group saw two multimedia presentations; one about YOUTH IN MISSION, the NYI Ministries program that sends young adults ages 18-30 on short-term missionary assignments all over the world; the other featured San Diego '89, the missions and ministry conference scheduled for December 27, 1989—January 1, 1990, for the same 18-30 age-group.

One of the highlights of the two-day meeting was a presentation to the group by Randy Beckum, Nazarene missionary in Paris, France. Beckum shared with them about the spiritual and financial needs of the church in France. His message was significant because since October, Nazarene Youth International has been raising money for the Thrust to the Cities projects in Paris and in São Paulo, Brazil. The goal of the project is \$125,000 to be raised by the General NYI Convention in June.

After Beckum spoke, the NYI Ministries staff sponsored a "Cafe de Paris" where district presidents could enjoy pastries and coffee and contribute to the Paris effort. In one 10-minute break, the district presidents contributed over \$160 to the missions project. Districts and local churches will be sponsoring projects through June.

The meeting also featured small-group discussion times, where presidents could talk to each other about their concerns, and a "fishbowl" experience, where a group of teens was brought in to talk about issues concerning them.

The district presidents shared one dinner session with district Board of Christian Life chairmen. The joint session was addressed by 1986 Teacher of the

Year, Guy Dowd, and featured NYI Ministries' music and drama ensemble, PARABLE, as after-dinner entertainment. □

HEADQUARTERS EMPLOYEES HONORED

Sixty-seven employees were honored for their service to the church at Nazarene Headquarters during the recent Employees Awards service held at the Nazarene Theological Seminary chapel. The service was sponsored by Headquarters Personnel Services to honor those who serve the general church in Kansas City.

General Superintendent William M. Greathouse, who will be retiring at this summer's General Assembly, delivered the message. He praised the employees of headquarters as persons who are "doing their jobs as unto the Lord."


Four of those who were honored had each served in Kansas City for at least a quarter-century. These included: Robert Troutman (CL/SS), Juanita Buxton (Publications International), R. L. Thompson (Headquarters Services), and Vivian Bruner (General Treasurer). □



Robert Troutman (r.), executive editor of CL/SS and an editor for the Sunday School division for 35 years, received a plaque from Paul Spear (l.). Looking on was Troutman's boss, Phil Riley, CL/SS Division director.




Juanita Buxton (Publications International) received a bouquet of roses from Personnel Services Director Paul Spear (l.) and Bennett Dudney (r.), Publications International director, for 30 years of service at headquarters.



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Vivian Bruner is praised by her boss, General Treasurer Norman O. Miller (*l.*). Paul Spear (*r.*) presented her with a gold watch.



Those honored for 10 years of service included (*l. to r.*) Cecilia Bowman (Church Extension), Linda Gaikwad (General Treasurer), Dennis Knee (Management Information Services), William Ufford (Headquarters Services), and Mark York (CL/SS).



Those honored for 20 years of service included (*l. to r.*) Raymond W. Hurn (General Superintendent), Kathy Butts (General Secretary), Rosemary Postel (CL/SS), Carolyn Whisnant (General Treasurer), and Ray Hendrix (Media International).



Those honored for five years of service included (*l. to r.*) Delia Adams (Publications International), Mark Graham (General Secretary), Joel Balam (Publications International), Seng Nou (Headquarters Services), Barbara Najarian (Education Services), Lorraine Shaver (Children's Ministries), Ann Smith (Pensions), and Don Walter (Pensions).



Those honored for 15 years of service included (*l. to r.*) Mary Alice Medley (Media International), Claudia Curiel (Publications International), and Donna Fillmore (Children's Ministries).



Finance Division Director Moody Gunter (*l.*) and Paul Spear (*r.*) presented R. L. Thompson, supervisor of the Nazarene mail room, with the complete set of *John Wesley's Works*.



Those honored for two years of service included (*l. to r.*) Juan Vázquez Pla (Publications International), Tuoch Keo (Headquarters Services), Harold Allen (Life Income), Thomas Crosbie (Headquarters Services), Shelly Gorman (General Secretary), Patty Hall (Children's Ministries), Marlene Smith (Word Processing), Jody Arnold (World Mission), Peggy Smith (Finance Division), Miriam Case (Word Processing), Erma Belk (Management Information Services), Charlotte Wuster (World Mission), Catherine Jay (Life Income), Barbara Hughey (Headquarters Services), Nina Gunter (NWMS), and D. Moody Gunter (Finance Division).



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For the first time since 1982, the compensation paid to Nazarene pastors in 1987-88 in the United States failed to keep pace with the Consumer Price Index, according to a recent study by the Board of Pensions and Benefits USA.

The study showed that the average increase in compensation paid to Nazarene ministers, as reported during the 1987-88 district assemblies, was only 0.6 percent compared to the national Consumer Price Index of 4.4 percent.

One category of ministers, those serving churches ranging from 200 to 399 members, actually experienced a slight decline in average compensation.

Total compensation includes amounts for salary, an assumed value for housing and utilities based upon salary, and employee benefits as reported to the General Secretary's office.

While compensation increases have been higher than inflation for the past several years, a longer range view shows that Nazarene ministers have barely held their own in comparison with inflation. For example, in the years from 1979 to 1981, the increase in compensation was less than half the rate of inflation. With salaries comparatively low to begin with, there is little room to slide.

Since 1971, the Consumer Price Index has risen an average of 6.7 percent per year while compensation has risen an average of 6.9 percent each year. Dr. Dean Wessels, administrator of the Board of Pensions and Benefits USA, says the report is a clear indicator that most Nazarene ministers are still undercompensated financially.

Wessels urges each local church board to review the compensation package for their pastor and staff. Church boards are advised to follow respective district assembly guidelines for review of the pastor's salary. These guidelines are usually printed in the District Assembly Journal, or they may be requested from the district superintendent.

Review of the pastor's compensation package is also important for tax purposes. Due to recent changes in tax codes, many deductions for professional ex-

penses are being limited or eliminated.

The Pensions office has specific information for pastors and church boards on how to structure compensation packages for maximum tax benefit to the pastor. Church Management Memos on these topics are available from the Pensions office upon request at no charge. □

CORRECTION

A missing line in the April 1 issue of the *Herald of Holiness* caused the article on increases in the monthly pension for Nazarene ministers to read incorrectly. The following article restores the proper meaning.

PENSION INCREASE GOES INTO EFFECT

The Board of Pensions and Benefits USA approved an increase in benefits under the "Basic" Pension Plan at its regular annual meeting February 24, 1989, increasing the monthly benefit from \$5.00 to \$6.00 for each year of service credit.

In addition, the new formula allows a 0.5 percent increase in pension benefit for each year of service in excess of 10 years up to a maximum of 50 years. Individuals with the most service credit now receive a 44 percent increase over the old formula amount. The increases went into effect April 1.

This increase was based on the Board's expectation of continued full support of the Pensions and Benefits Fund by the local churches. The Pensions office will be providing further detailed information on this "Basic" Pension Plan enhancement to all plan participants. □

WORLDWIDE RESULTS FROM MEDICAL PLAN OFFERINGS

Results are felt worldwide as funds from Memorial Roll Certificates, Distinguished Service Awards, and Medical Plan Offerings are used by missionaries of the Church of the Nazarene.

Dennis Berard, director of finance for the World Mission Division, recently said medical costs for active and retired missionaries last year reached al-

most \$1 million. The money received for Medical Plan in 1988 was \$335,528. There is great need for increased Medical Plan giving.

Berard stresses that the World Mission Division desires to maintain health benefits for the missionaries. He believes the Church of the Nazarene takes very good care of her missionaries. Not only does the health plan cover hospitalization and doctors' fees, but it includes prescription drugs and optical, dental, and auditory care.

Active missionaries' insurance has a \$50.00 deductible and pays 90 percent of the first \$1,000 expense. For retired missionaries serving 20 years or more, 100 percent of health care costs beyond the coverage of Medicare is paid (within reasonable costs). Because of this, they do not need a second insurance plan like many people. Unfortunately, payment for retired missionaries does not include nursing home costs, due to lack of funds.

Through Medical Plan, church people can take part in providing the health care for Nazarene missionaries that they might otherwise be unable to afford. Repeatedly, missionaries express how important Medical Plan and their church family are to them.

Here are a couple of instances:

"Our teenage daughter, Heidi, had an atrial septal defect, making open-heart surgery necessary for its repair. What a blessing it was to know that Nazarenes around the world were praying for her!

"Not only that, we knew that the hospital bills would be taken care of through Medical Plan. We were able to concentrate on helping Heidi deal with the impending surgery, rather than worrying about the medical bills. We thank you from the depth of our hearts for taking care of us in such a wonderful way."

*Rev. and Mrs. Dale Stotler
Republic of South Africa*

"Sue and I are very grateful to be recipients of the Medical Plan of the Church of the Nazarene. I had two minor surgeries, and it was a relief to know that our medical expenses and needs were being covered through the NWMS-funded Medical Plan. We are thankful to be a part of such a caring church."

*Rev. Duane D. Baty
Republic of the Philippines*

BRITISH ISLES SOUTH ASSEMBLY REPORT

The 36th district assembly of British Isles South convened at Dewsbury, March 17, 18, with General Superintendent Eugene L. Stowe presiding. The district boards were, in the main, elected on the first ballot, and the pastors' reports were positive and inspiring. During the assembly, Pastor John E. Jones was honoured for his 33 years as pastor of Adwick-le-Street Church of the Nazarene.

Friday a love-gift of over £800 was presented to District Superintendent J. R. Packard and in the evening the assembly honoured the retired ministers. A piece of inscribed glassware was presented to each. The assembly climaxed on Saturday with an ordination service at which Pastors J. Allan (Ilkenston), A. Sniijders (Skelmersdale), D. Evans (Bramley Leeds), and R. Bean (Dewsbury) were ordained. This was Dr. Stowe's final assembly as general-in-jurisdiction. □

Allan Longworth, Reporter

SURINAME-FRENCH GUIANA ASSEMBLY REPORT

Pioneer Mission Director John Burge, in his annual report to the Suriname-French Guiana Assembly, reported unusual growth with two new churches organized. One was in Cayenne, French Guiana, and the other in Central Church in Paramaribo, Suriname.

Total membership jumped from 57 to 390. This includes probationary membership of 223. Full membership grew from 57 to 167, a net increase of 110 or 192 percent.

The foundations are prepared for the Work and Witness team from Indianapolis West Side Church to help build the chapel for the Adrianus Straat Church in Suriname. Property is also being secured for the new Bonhomme Church of 221 members in the beautiful capital city of Cayenne, French Guiana.

This pioneer district, which contains both Suriname and French Guiana, includes Dutch, French, English, Suriname Tongue, and Haitian Creole languages. Missionary Burge conducts services in four of these languages. □

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OUR COLLEGES AND SEMINARIES

SEMINARIANS IN SACRAMENTO

During the Sacramento, Calif., city-wide crusade, January 10-15, sponsored by some 20 Nazarene churches, six students from Nazarene Theological Seminary were special participants. Under the leadership of NTS's evangelism professor, Dr. "Chic" Shaver, who served as evangelist for the week, seminarians Linda Basler, Don Harris, Will Horton, Steven Lester, Alex Mason, and Stephen Smith



Pictured (l. to r.) are the seminarians in a Sacramento crusade meeting: Will Horton, Linda Basler, Steve Lester, District Superintendent Wally Hubbard, Don Harris, Alex Mason, and Steve Smith.

invested in the services held at Sacramento First Church.

Students were asked to sacrifice a week of pay for the trip, pay for most of their own plane fare,

and invest in others. Reading assignments, the week's involvement, and papers earned them academic credit. When plane fares escalated and it seemed

costs would keep them from going, a special grant from Evangelism Ministries answered prayer and sealed the certainty of the trip for all six.

Each student was chosen for the trip with the understanding of a "servant heart" requirement, to learn as much as possible and to give as much as possible. Each seminarian was assigned to a local pastor who provided a place to stay and the opportunity for the student to preach in the Sunday morning service or teach a Sunday School class. Pastors took the students on hospital and pastoral calls, involved them in counseling sessions, local church prayer groups, and in administration meetings. District Superintendent Wally Hubbard led the students in a profitable session on what he expected of a pastor.

Dr. Shaver had two sessions with the students discussing the spiritual dynamics of the week and the philosophy of evangelistic preaching. They learned the power of intercession through involvement in the "upper room" preservice prayer meetings and the four-hour Saturday seminar, *Lord, Teach Us to Pray*. The greatest joy came as students prayed around the altar and helped people into the experiences of salvation and entire sanctification.

One student was impacted by the intercessory prayer of the layman with whom he stayed. He discovered the man praying over the names of his local church directory. Another seminarian got close to a pastor's son who had just returned home from the military. He remained available to be at the altar on Friday night of the crusade as the preacher's boy prayed his way to Jesus. When one of the students, who wants to be an evangelist, preached at a lo-



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cal church Sunday morning, there were six seekers at the altar. Another student called the week "the most fulfilling experience of my seminary career to date."

The night crowds ran from 393 to 874 people. Over 65 adults and teens publicly sought God in the evening services. □



The international character of the Church of the Nazarene was accentuated during World Mission Emphasis week at Nazarene Theological Seminary. Under the flag of Mexico, special speaker Dr. H. T. Reza (*r.*) congratulates Rev. Jeremiah Grant (*l.*), citizen of Trinidad and NTS student, who is under appointment as missionary to Zimbabwe, Africa. Eighty persons are now in training for missionary service in the School of World Mission and Evangelism at the seminary.

NNC EXPANDS GRADUATE PROGRAM

The master of education degree program at Northwest Nazarene College has been expanded, according to Dr. Lilburn Wesche, director of graduate studies.

The curriculum and instruction major has been added to the elementary education major. The curriculum major is for the professional educator desiring to improve classroom teaching skills, Wesche said. It is also for those interested in leadership roles with responsibilities for improving instruction. The major in elementary education is designed for K-6 teachers, Wesche said.

"All of the courses are taught by the regular NNC faculty," Wesche said. "We also mix outside guests and visiting consultants. The focus is on teachers and educators as leaders and consumers of research."

The masters programs are designed to be completed in two to three years. The offering includes classes during the regular school year and in the summer. □

HIGHTOWER REELECTED PRESIDENT OF CNC

Dr. Neil E. Hightower was reelected to a four-year term as president of Canadian Nazarene College at the March 1989 Board of Governors meeting. Hightower is presently completing his 11th year as president of the college.

Prior to his election to this office in 1978, he served on the CNC Board of Governors for eight years, and as its chairman for five of those years. President Hightower was district superintendent of the Canada Central District for seven years and pastored from 1951-71.

Hightower has served the Church of the Nazarene in Canada with distinction and dedication. He is recognized as bringing vital stability and direction to the college in recent years. □

THE CHURCH SCENE

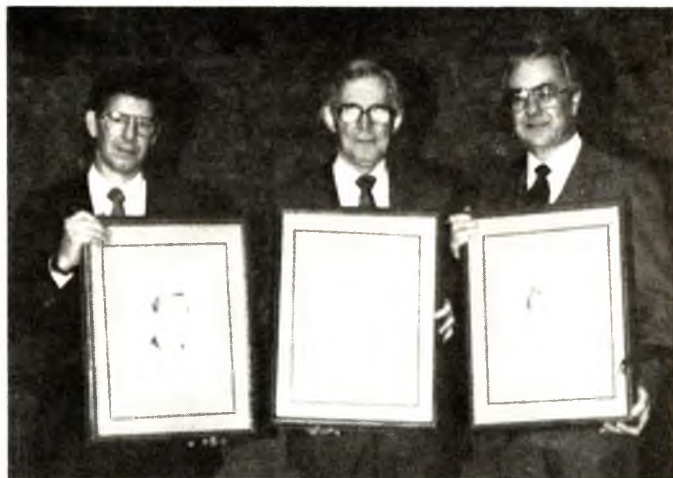
Pastor Mark Hollingsworth and the congregation of Woodward, Okla., First Church burned the mortgage on their church building Sunday, Febru-

ary 26, four years early, making the church "debt-free."

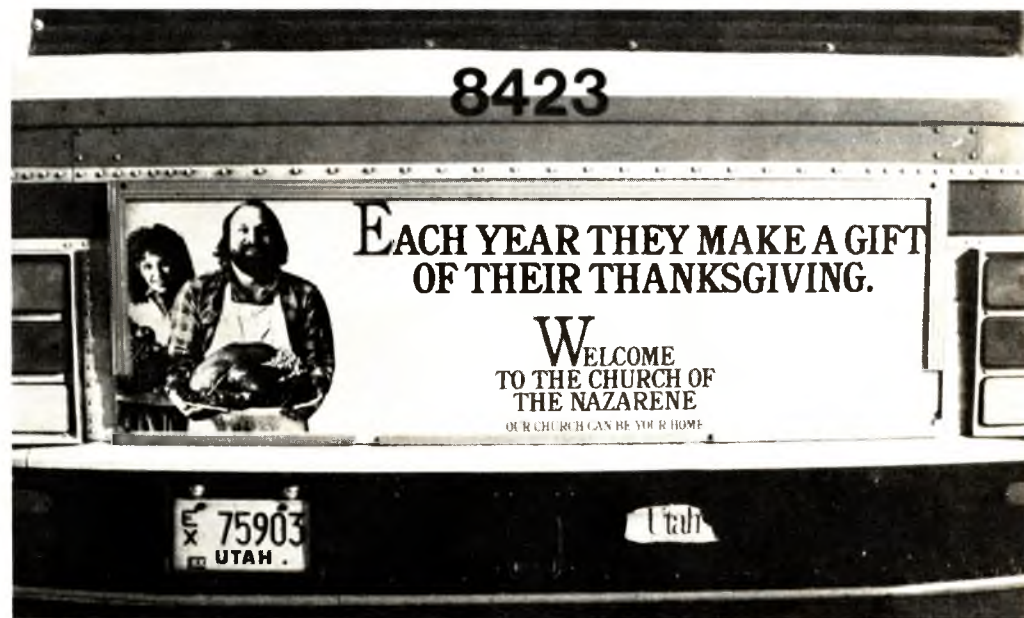
Rev. Jesse Middendorf, superintendent of the Northwest Oklahoma District, was the special speaker. During the celebration service, J. C. Gilliam, chairman of the Building Committee, shared memories of the two years of planning (1977-79) and recognized those on the Building Committee: Doyle Brown, Delbert Crooks, Robert Lynn

Crooks, Ted Hensley, Verl Louthan, and Harold Leon Poage. Rev. Calvin Nicholson (now of Ontario, Ore.) was pastor during the time of building.

Gary Lyon, Finance Committee chairman, along with J. C. Gilliam, Rev. Middendorf, and Pastor Hollingsworth concluded the mortgage burning celebration with the actual burning of the mortgage. The church's present membership is 211. □



Lansing, Mich., First Church celebrated its 75th anniversary February 17-19. Former pastors, Rev. Wilbur Brannon and Rev. C. Neil Strait, were the speakers, and the Trinity Trio provided special music. A historical room was open the entire weekend. Portraits of all the former pastors were presented and are on permanent display. Pictured (*l. to r.*) are current Senior Pastor D. A. Brenner; former pastors, Michigan District Superintendent C. Neil Strait and Wilbur Brannon, Pastoral Ministries director. Cookbooks were available for purchase which contained pictures of the church from the first tent meeting in 1913 until the present Elmwood location. Anniversary plates were available for purchase which also displayed the various pictures of the church from 1914 to present. The theme of the celebration was "Celebrating Our Heritage of Holiness."



Recently, Salt Lake City First Church rented space on the back of 15 UTA (Utah Transit Authority) buses. The UTA bus advertising was the last portion of an ad campaign. Pastor Jerold Wolf reports that First Church also ran 8 TV commercials on a local channel and 100 radio spots on a local Christian radio station. The total advertising budget was just over \$3,000. This program provided good name recognition in the community.



EVANGELISTS' SLATES

ARMSTRONG, LEON, LINDA AND LANCE: Mauston, WI, May 2-7; Eau Claire, WI, May 9-14; Monmouth, IL, May 16-21; Cattaraugus, NY (NN), May 23-28; Lawrenceburg, IN (Ludlow Hill), May 30—June 4

● **BAGGETT, DALLAS W.:** Murray, KY, May 3-7; Reserved, May 14-21; Birmingham, AL (First), May 28

BAILEY, TONY AND TRICIA: Shelbyville, IN (First), May 2-7; Rock Island, IL, May 9-14; Fort Collins, CO (First), May 17-21; Davenport, IA, May 28

BAKER, RICHARD C.: Follansbee, WV (First), May 2-7; Belington, WV (Weaver), May 9-14; Caro, MI (Ellington), May 16-21; Ridgway, PA, May 23-28; Philadelphia, PA (First), May 30—June 4

● **BALLARD, DON:** Lebanon, OH, May 3-7; Reserved, May 10-14; Mayfield, KY, May 17-21; Reserved, May 24-28; McEwen, TN (Pine Hill), May 31—June 4

BELZER, DAVE AND BARBARA: Winfield, KS, May 9-14; Fairmont, WV (Central), May 16-21; Beulah, ND, May 30—June 4

BENTLEY, PAUL E.: Sandpoint, ID, May 7-11; Union, OR, May 14-18; Grants Pass, OR (Murphy), May 21-25; Pomeroy, WA, May 28—June 1

BLUE, DAVE AND DANA: Bradenton, FL (NN), May 11; Ridgecrest, NC (District Laymen's Retreat), May 19-21; Bradenton, FL (NN), May 25

BLYTHE, ELLIS G., SR.: Danville, IL (Northside), May 2-7; Lawrenceburg, TN (Grace), May 9-14; Sumter, SC (First), May 16-21

BOCK, DON: London, OH (NN), May 3-7; Rubyville, OH (NN), May 9-14; Fort Collins, CO (First), May 17-21; Sciotoville, OH (Portsmouth Sciotoville), May 24-28; Washington Court House, OH (NN), May 30—June 4

BOICOURT, MARLA J.: Reserved, May 5-6; Ponca City, OK (First), May 13-14; Midwest SOLOCON, May 26-29

BOND, GARY AND BETH: Weirton, WV, May 2-7; Bucyrus, OH, May 9-14; Sparta, MI, May 16-21; Alma, MI, May 23-28

BOWDEN, AL: Reserved, May 9-14

BRAATEN, DANIEL W.: Lamar, CO (Community), May 5-7; Colorado Springs, CO (Trinity), May 14; Littleton, CO (Denver Littleton), May 21, a.m.; Westminster, CO (Denver Westminster), May 21, p.m.

BRICE, GLEN W., SR.: Reserved, May 16-21

BRISCOE, JOHN B.: Mount Pleasant, TX, May 2-7

BROWN, FRED D.: St. Charles, MO (Harvester), May 2-7; Oklahoma City, OK (Warr Acres First), May 9-14; Gladstone, MO, May 16-21; Pontiac, MI (First), May 23-28; Gageton, MI, May 30—June 4

BROWN, MARK A.: Montpelier, IN (Union Chapel), May 2-7; Eaton, IN, May 16-21; Marion, IN (Park Lynn), May 26-28

BROWN, ROGER N.: Toledo, OH (Northpoint), May 9-14; Huntington, WV (First), May 16-21; Indianapolis, IN (Clermont), May 26-28

● **BURKE, OWEN M.:** Reserved, May 7-31

BURKHALTER, PAT: Claremore, OK, May 2-7; Sikeston, MO (Eastside), May 9-14; Fort Scott, KS (First), May 16-21; Piedmont, MO, May 23-28; Tallhina, OK, May 30—June 4

CANEN, DAVID L.: Wrightsville, GA, May 2-7; Columbiana, AL, May 9-14

CANFIELD, DAVE—EVANGELISTIC MINISTRIES: New Matamoras, OH, May 3-7; Cincinnati, OH (Fairfax), May 9-14; South Point, OH, May 17-21; Ripley, OH, May 24-28; Oxford, OH, May 31—June 4

CANTON, JOHN: Ashtabula, OH (First), May 2-7; Geneva, OH, May 9-14; Boswell, PA, May 23-28; Meadville, PA, May 30—June 4

CERRATO, ROBERT J.: Des Moines, IA (Highland Park), May 10-14

● **CHAMBERS, LEON AND MILDRED:** Valley, AL (First), May 14-19

● **CHANEY REEFORD AND BARBARA:** Granbury, TX, May 4-7; Reserved, May 8-12; Hampton, VA, May 13; SAM Retreat, May 18-21; Reserved, May 22-31

CHASE, FRANK: Smith Center, KS, May 2-7; Kirwin, KS, May 9-14; Reserved, May 15-31

CHEATWOOD, HENRY B.: Springfield, MO (Scenic Drive), May 3-7; Independence, KS (NN), May 17-28

CHRISTNER, JACK M.: Warren, OH (Morgandale), May 2-7

● **CLAY, D. E.:** Forest City, NC, May 3-7; Brassstown, NC (Hayesville), May 10-14; Creston, OH, May 21-24

● **CLAY, M. E.:** Vienna, WV, May 2-7

COVINGTON, NATHAN A.: Des Moines, IA (Southside), May 2-7; Springdale, AR, May 9-14; Co-weta, OK, May 15-21; Reserved, May 23-28; Mansfield, TX (Arlington Calvary), May 30—June 4

CRABTREE, JAMES C.: Nelsonville, OH, May 2-7; Seymour, IN (First), May 9-14; Bradford, OH, May 17-21

CRANDALL, VERNON AND BARBARA: Chestertown, MD, May 16-21; Glasgow, WV, May 23-28; Cumberland, MD (Bethel), May 31—June 4

DARNELL, H. E.: Howard, PA (NN), May 4-14; Colorado Springs, CO (NN), May 14—June 4

DELL, JIMMY: Cass City, MI, May 4-7; Junction City,

MI (NN), May 14-17; Falls City, NE, May 18-21; Oklahoma City, OK (Metroplex Fellowship), May 24-28

DENNISON, MARVIN E.: Reserved, May 1-8; Mountain Grove, MO, May 9-14; Reserved, May 16-21; Reserved, May 23-28; Iola, KS, May 30—June 4

● **DIXON, GEORGE AND CHARLOTTE:** Chesterhill, OH, May 3-7; Racine, OH, May 17-21; Burgettstown, PA (NN), May 24-28

DODGE, KENNETH L.: Spring Valley, NY, May 3-7; Hayward, CA (First), May 10-14

DOOLITTLE, KEVIN C.: Boyertown, PA (NN), May 7; North Haverhill, NH (Trinity), May 9-14; Northfield, NJ, May 17-21

DUNMIRE, RALPH AND JOANN: Vienna, WV, May 2-7; Logan, WV, May 16-21; Cowan, TN, May 30—June 4

DUNN, DONALD R.: Williamsport, OH (Darbyville), May 2-7

DUTTON, BARRY AND TAVIA: Washington, IN, May 2-7; South Arkansas District Assembly, May 10-11; Concert in Arkansas, May 14; Alma, AR (Maple Shade), May 16-21

ELLINGSON, R. LEE: Oklahoma City, OK (May Avenue), May 2-7; Reserved, May 9-14

ESSELBURN, BUD—THE KING'S MESSENGERS: Cleveland, OH (Lakeshore), May 2-7; Cortland, OH, May 9-14; Reading, MI, May 16-21; Delaware, OH, May 23-28

EVERMAN, WAYNE: South Point, OH (Ironton Ellison Street), May 4-7; Ashland, KY (Westwood Trinity), May 17-21

FADER, WES AND MARY: Summerside, P.E.I., May 1-7; Glen Burnie, MD (Marley Park), May 9-14; Hagerstown, MD, May 16-21; Franklin Center, Quebec, May 23-28

FAULK, A. RAY: Reserved, May 1-31

FISHER, CLAIR H.: Chester, PA, May 9-14; Hollywood, MD, May 16-21

FLOYD, TOM: Chico, CA (First), May 12-17; Kennewick, WA, May 19-24

FORTNER, ROBERT E.: Hoopston, IL (Westside), May 2-7; Lancaster, KY, May 9-14

FRANK, RICHARD A.: Las Animas, CO, May 9; Sayre, OK, May 10; Goldsboro, NC, May 14-21; Timberville, VA, May 26-28; Lebanon, PA (Ephrata), May 31

● **FRODGE, HAROLD C.:** Effingham, IL, May 8-14; Montezuma, IN, May 16-21

GALVEZ, MARCO A. AND VERA SIMMS: Laredo, TX (NN), May 2-7

GARDNER, JOHN M.: New Cumberland, WV, May 2-7; Madison Heights, MI (St. Paul), May 9-14; Rockledge, FL (Cocoa First), May 19-21; Lakeland, FL (Lake Gibson), May 23-28

GAUTHORP, WAYLAND W.: Indianapolis, IN (Meridian Street), May 2-7; Stonington, IL, May 9-14; Cincinnati, OH (NN), May 26—June 4

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GORDON, BOB: Reserved, May 1-31

GREEN, JIM AND ROSEMARY: Huntingtonburg, IN (Zone Indoor Camp), May 2-7; Dwight, IL, May 10-14; Waterloo, IA, May 24-28; Dubuque, IA, May 30—June 4

GRIMES, ANDREW: Galipolis, OH, May 7

HAINES, GARY W.: West Chester, PA, May 4-7; Wichita Falls, TX (First), May 13-17; Fort Worth, TX (Wedgwood), May 18-21; Reserved, May 27-31

HARRINGTON, MILTON: Aroma Park, IL, May 7-14

HAYES, ALVIN B.: Minneapolis, MN (Spring Lake), May 2-7; New Cumberland, PA, May 17-21; Reserved, May 31—June 4

HAYNES, CHARLES AND MYRT: Lebanon, TN (First), May 2-7; Fayetteville, TN, May 9-14; Gainesville, GA (First), May 16-21; Elizabethton, TN, May 23-28; Tullahoma, TN (Mount Vernon), May 30—June 4

HELMS, MIKE AND GLORIA: Richmond, IN (St. Paul), May 2-7; Farmland, IN, May 9-14; Cleveland, OH (Bethel), May 16-21; North Attleboro, MA, May 23-28; Wakefield, RI, May 29—June 4

● **HENDERSON, LATTIE V.:** Woodsfield, OH (NN), May 1-7; Barnesville, OH (NN), May 8-21; Caldwell, OH (NN), May 22-31

HICKS, JOHN DAVID: Colville, WA, May 3-7; Coeur D'Alene, ID, May 10-14; Yreka, CA, May 17-22; Dallas, OR, May 31—June 4

HIGGINS, CHARLES AND MARJORIE: Billings, MT (First), May 7-11; Idaho Falls, ID, May 14-18; Pocatello, ID, May 21-25; Reserved, May 28-31

HILL, BEN E. (BIBLE EXPOSITOR): Kearney, NE, May 3-7

HOLSTEIN, J. TED: Greenfield, OH, May 2-7; Fredericktown, MO, May 9-14; Rockton, IL, May 16-21; Columbia, SC (Irmo), May 24-28; Charlotte, NC (Plaza), May 31—June 4

● **HOWARD, RICHARD E.:** Painesville, OH, May 16-21

HUGHES, JOYCE: Chicago, IL (Northside), May 16-21

JACKSON, PAUL AND TRISH: Concerts in Virginia, Pennsylvania, and Maryland, May 1-11; Oil City, PA, May 13-18; Concerts in North and South Carolina, Georgia, May 20-31

JAMES, RANDY: Columbus, IN (NN), May 2-7; Jerseyville, IL, May 9-14; Orland, IN, May 16-21; Nappanee, IN, May 30—June 4

JOHNSON, RON: Oregon, California (Concerts), May 4-17; Idaho, Washington (Concerts), May 21-28

JONES, TERRY L.: Davenport, IA, May 2-7; Mason City, IA, May 10-14; Pella, IA, May 16-21; Strasburg, MO (NN), May 26-28; Olathe, KS (Westside), May 28, p.m.

● **KNIGHT, JOHN L.:** Shelbyville, IN (First), May 2-7; Norwood, MO, May 10-14; Bethany, OK (Home Mission Tour), May 16-19; Burton, MI (Flint South), May 21-28; Palestine, TX, May 31—June 4

KOHR, CHARLES A.: Frederick, MD, May 19-21; Belle Vernon, PA, May 27

LASALLE, RAY: Yorktown, IN (Zone Indoor Camp), May 2-7; Kansas City, KS (Stony Point), May 9-14; Joplin, MO (First), May 16-21; McCune, KS, May 23-28

LAXSON, WALLY AND GINGER: Chilhowie, VA (NN), May 8-10; Fort Mill, SC, May 11-14; Bethany, OK (District Tour), May 16-19; Durant, OK, May 24-28

LAXSON, KIP: Reserved, May 2-7; Langley, SC, May 10-14; Fort Mill, SC, May 17-21; Durant, OK, May 24-28; Tullahoma, TN (Westside), May 31—June 4

LECKRONE, LARRY: Canton, IL (First), May 6-11; Peoria, IL (North Side), May 13-18; Shipshewana, IN, May 20-25; Fortville, IN (Solocon), May 26-29

LEIDY, ARNOLD G.: Spearfish, SD (Hills View), May 7; Dickinson, ND, May 9-14

● **LESTER, FRED R.:** Tulsa, OK (Faith), May 2-7

LIDDELL, P. L.: Sidney, OH, May 2-7; Mansfield, OH (First), May 9-14; Logan, WV, May 16-21; Caldwell, OH (First), May 23-28; Dubuque, IA, May 30—June 4

LORENZEN, LINDA B.: Fort Wayne, IN (South Side), May 21

MANER, ROBERT E., JR.: Fulton, KY (First), May 2-7

MANLEY, STEPHEN L.: Malawi, R.S.A. (Blantyre), May 1-7; Malawi, R.S.A. (Nazarene Bible College), May 9-14; R.S.A. (Mzuzu, Malawi), May 17-21; West Africa Ivory Coast, May 22-29

MANN, THURL AND MARY KAY: El Dorado, AR (United), May 3-7; McAlester, OK, May 10-14; Bradenton, FL (District Assembly), May 17-19; Grover Hill, OH, May 24-28; Cadillac, MI, May 31—June 4

MATTER, DAN AND ANN: Portland, IN (Sugar Grove), May 9-14

● **MAX, HOMER L.:** Danville, IN (Calvary), May 2-7

● **MAX, JOHN W.:** Freedom, PA (Pine Run), May 9-14; Toronto, OH (NN), May 16-21; Follansbee, WV (NN), May 23-28

MCCORKLE, ROBERT W., II: Newark, OH (Toboso), May 24-28

McFERRIN, RICK AND LANETTE: Indianapolis, IN (NN), May 2-7; Muncy, PA (Twin Hills), May 9-14; Pottstown, PA, May 16-21; McConnsville, OH, May 23-28; Elwood, IN (NN), May 30—June 4

McGEE, JERRY E.: Denton, NC (NN), May 2-7; Waynesville, NC (Lakeview), May 9-14; Lexington, NC (NN), May 16-21; Thomasville, NC (NN), May 23-28; Marshall, IL, May 30—June 4

MEHR, BETHANY: Flint, MI (NN), May 13; Livonia, MI (NN), May 20; Toledo, OH (NN), May 21

MELVIN, L. DOLORES: Buffalo, KY, May 14-21; Horatio, AR (Nix Chapel), May 24-28; Indianapolis, IN (Ritter Avenue), May 30—June 4

MEREDITH, DWIGHT AND NORMA JEAN: Olney, IL, May 2-7; Newton, KS (Calvary), May 10-14

MILLHUFF, CHARLES R.: Seattle, WA (Aurora), May 7-14; Burlington, NC (First), May 17-21

MILLS, CARLTON A.: Salem, OH (Senior Adult District Retreat), May 2; Charlestown, IN, May 3-7; Petersburg, PA, May 9-14; Excelsior Springs, MO, May 16-21; Augusta, KS, May 23-28; McPherson, KS, May 30—June 4

MONCK, JIM: Karval, CO, May 3-7

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MORLEY, FRANK W.: Elmira, NY (First), May 3-7; Lowville, NY (Bethel), May 9-14; Sharon, PA, May 17-21; Oregon, IL, May 23-28

MOSS, UDELL G.: Mount Laurel, NJ, May 2-7; Cape Elizabeth, ME, May 9-14; Portland, ME, May 16-21; West Sunbury, PA (Claytonia), May 23-28; DeKalb, IL, May 30—June 4

MUNCIE, BOB AND JANE: Eureka, KS, May 2-7; Muncie, IN (Mayfield), May 9-14; Cayuga, IN, May 16-21; Bloomington, IN (Broadview), May 23-28; Jeffersonville, IN (First), May 30—June 4

MURPHY, MARK N.: West Branch, MI, May 2-7; Payne, OH, May 9-14

MYERS, HAROLD L.: Houghton Lake Heights, MI (Houghton Lake), May 2-7; Alpena, MI, May 9-14; Pottsville, MI, May 16-21; Reserved, May 23—June 4

NAJARIAN, BERGE AND DORIS: Stuart, FL, May 5-7; Reserved, May 16-21

NEFF, LARRY AND PAT: Ephrata, PA, May 31—June 4

OVERTON, WILLIAM D.: Seminole Indian Work, May 2-7; May 9-14; May 16-21; May 23—June 4

OYLER, CALVIN AND VIRGINIA: Glenwood, IA, May 2-7; Sioux City, IA (Grace), May 9-14; Charleston, WV (South Hills), May 23-28; Reserved, May 29—June 5

PALMER, JAMES E.: Morristown, IN, May 2-7

PFEIFER, DON—EVANGELISTIC TEAM: Burlington, NC (NN), May 3; Roanoke, VA (NN), May 4-7; Allentown, PA, May 14-17; Beckley, WV (NN), May 19; Chambersburg, PA (NN), May 20; Harrisonburg, VA, May 21; White Sulphur Springs, WV (NN), May 27; Buckhanon, WV (NN), May 28

REED, SHERMAN: Niles, MI, May 8-14; Marlette, MI, May 16-21

RICHARDSON, KEN: Macomb, IL, May 2-7; Dolton, IL, May 9-14

RICHARDS, LARRY AND PHYLLIS: Danville, IN (Calvary), May 2-7; Ashland, KY (First), May 19-21

ROSE, WAYNE: Sarcoux, MO, May 2-7; Sikeston, MO (First), May 9-14; Lees Summit, MO, May 16-21; Butler, MO, May 30—June 4

ROTH, RONALD W.: McLoud, OK (Twin Lakes), May 2-7; Billings, MO (Union City), May 16-21

•**SELF, ERWIN A.:** Coldwater, MI (Holiness Convention), May 4-7

SHANK, JOHN H.: Indianapolis, IN (First), May 1-31

•**MIZ MAUDIE MINISTRIES—JACKLYN W. SHOCKLEY AND KATHRYN J. MARTIN:** Lewistown, IL, May 3-7; Oskaloosa, IA, May 13-14; Des Moines, IA (Southside), May 14, p.m.

•**SMITH, CHARLES HASTINGS:** Clarksville, TN (Park Lane), May 7-10; Clarksville, TN (Memorial Drive), May 11-14; Ann Arbor, MI (First), May 17-21

•**SMITH, OTTIS:** Belfast, ME, May 2-7; Lisbon, NY (NN), May 9-14

SMITH, DUANE: Union City, IN, May 2-7; Ortonville, MI (Lake Louise), May 9-14; Columbus, IN (First), May 16-21; Sharpsho, PA, May 23-28; DuBois, PA (Emmanuel), May 30—June 4

SNYDER, WILLIAM G.: Springfield, OH (NN), May 2-7

SPRAGUE EVANGELISTIC FAMILY: North Little Rock, AR (Sylvan Hills), May 2-7; West Point, OH, May 9-14; Windham, OH, May 16-21; Whalonsburg, NY (Boquet), May 30—June 4

STANFORTH, KEN: Elkhart, IN (First), May 9-14

STANTON, TED AND DONNA: Laurel, MT, May 9-14; Ashland, OH, May 21-24; Melbourne, FL (First), May 31—June 4

STARK, EDDIE G.: Marengo, IA, May 9-14; Noble, OK, May 16-21; Johnson, KS (Bethel), May 30—June 4

STEINERT, EDWARD J.: Spencer, IN, May 3-7; Indianapolis, IN (Fall Creek), May 10-14; Sturgis, MI, May 16-21; Warren, OH (Champion), May 23-28

STEVENSON, GEORGE E.: Uhrichsville, OH, May 2-7; Reserved, May 9-14; Blacksburg, VA (NN), May 17-21; Bellaire, TX, May 23-28; Oxford, PA, May 31—June 4

STREET, A. DAVID: Marion, VA, May 2-7; Grand Rapids, MN, May 10-14; New Berlin, WI (Milwaukee First), May 16-21

STRICKLAND, R. L. (DICK): London, OH (NN), May 3-7; West Jefferson, OH (NN), May 10-14; Havelock, NC, May 17-21

SULLIVAN, DAVID P.: Port Clinton, OH, May 2-7; Brandenburg, KY, May 9-14; Hernshaw, WV (Lens Creek), May 16-21

•**TAYLOR, MENDELL L.:** Albany, GA (Grace, District Revival), May 9-14

TAYLOR, ROBERT W.: West Carrollton, OH, May 3-7; Hillsboro, OH, May 10-14; Eaton, OH (First), May 17-21; Princeton, WV, May 24-28; Rossville, GA (Fairview), May 31—June 4

THORNTON, REV. AND MRS. WALLACE: Covington, VA, May 2-7; Marlinton, WV, May 9-14

•**ULMET, ALECK G.:** Elkton, KY, May 9-14; Louisville, KY (Stone Ridge), May 16-21

•**WALKER, LAWRENCE AND LAVONA:** West Lafayette, OH, May 9-14; Brilliant, OH, May 16-21

•**WATSON, LOY L.:** Goshen, AR, May 3-7

WELLS, LINARD O.: Mount Vernon, IN (First), May 2-7; Port Huron, MI (First), May 9-14; Terre Haute, IN (East Side), May 16-21; Waynesville, MO, May 23-28; Jeffersonville, IN (First), May 30—June 4

WHELOCK, GEORGE E.: Olney, IL, May 2-7; Quincy, IL, May 9-14; Metropolis, IL, May 16-21

WHITWORTH, MARCUS A.: Des Moines, IA (Southside), May 2-7; Springdale, AR, May 9-14, Mexico, MO, May 16-21; Waynesville, MO, May 23-28; Southeast Oklahoma District Camp Meeting, May 29—June 2

WILSON, ARNO: West Milton, OH, May 2-7

WOODWARD FAMILY EVANGELISM: Montgomery City, MO, May 1-7; Reserved, May 8-13; Greenwood, IN, May 14-21; Reserved, May 22-29

WOOTEN, D. J.: Eldersburg, MD (South Carroll), May 5-7

WRIGHT, E. GUY: Follansbee, WV (Hooverson Heights), May 2-7; Radcliff, KY, May 9-14; Polk, OH (Rowsburg), May 16-21; West Jefferson, NC (Mount Jefferson), May 23-28; Linville, NC (NN), May 30—June 4

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NEWS OF EVANGELISM RECORDS ARE SET IN VERMONT REVIVAL MEETING

Unusual results were reported from a revival effort at Leicester, Vt., on the New England District, in a recent meeting.

"Rev. John Clayton's messages were Bible-based with strong doctrinal/ethical emphasis," said Pastor Paul S. Bowen. "They were forceful, convincing, and loving, with good illustrations and humor."

Attendance was the best in recent years, averaging 70, and there were seekers at the altar every night. Six people sought the Lord in conversion. Many testimonies included apologies and commitments to family altar. Tithes increased substantially and a record love offering was given. □

ILLINOIS CHURCH EXPERIENCES REVIVAL

The prayers and preplanning of the Mansfield church were directed toward spiritual renewal within the church. God answered as 35 moved to the altar, rededicating their lives and seeking a closer walk with the Lord.

"Every leader in the church, including the pastor, received a

new touch from the messages delivered by Evangelist Harold Myers," reports Pastor John A. McHaffey. "God answered our prayer for an unusual outpouring of the Holy Spirit, evidenced by His continued blessing on the services and a new desire among the leaders to win our community for Christ!"

The crowning blessing was that two people received Christ as Savior. □

RIGHT INGREDIENTS PRECEDE NORTHEASTERN INDIANA REVIVAL

Prayer, preparation, and discipleship were ingredients that helped to bring outstanding results in a recent revival at Hart-

ford City, Ind. Evangelist Richard A. McFerrin preached strong, evangelistic messages.

Before the event, revival fliers were taken door-to-door in the city, and prerevival prayer meetings were attended at the parsonage by various boards of the church. Men's prayer breakfasts continued during the revival meetings. Special emphases were planned for each evening.

Sponsors were assigned to each new convert with responsibility for *Basic Bible Study* follow-up. Eighteen were saved and 10 sought sanctification.

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BRITISH ISLES NORTH DISTRICT ASSEMBLY

The 36th district assembly convened in Paisley, Scotland, at St. Matthew's Church, March 13-14. General Superintendent Eugene L. Stowe presided.

Rev. John Paton was reelected district superintendent for a four-year term. Pastor William Mackie was honoured by the receiving of a plaque on his retirement from the pastorate after 21 years of ministry at the Blantyre Church in the birthplace of David Livingstone of Africa fame. Rev. G. Kelvyn R. Adams, the district's only evangelist, received his registration renewal. Also 11 licensed ministers were presented to the assembly and received their certificates. As many as 13 churches received Honour Roll Awards.

Dr. Stowe ordained Philip McAllister, and Ellen Syvret received deacon's orders in a moving ordination service. □

G. Kelvyn R. Adams, Reporter

FOR THE RECORD

DISTRICT ASSEMBLY INFORMATION

CANADA PACIFIC—June 2-3, noon. Abbotsford Church, 2390 McMillan Rd., Abbotsford, B.C. V2S 5W4. Host

Pastor: J. J. Ross Johnston. General Superintendent Dr. Jerald D. Johnson.

NORTHEAST OKLAHOMA—June 7. Central Church of the Nazarene, 7291 E. 81st St., Tulsa, OK 74133. Host Pastor: Ed McDonald. General Superintendent: Dr. Raymond W. Hurn.

NEBRASKA—June 8-9, noon. Holdrege (CTM), 524 Hancock, Holdrege, NE 68949. Host Pastor: Jack Atteberry. General Superintendent: Dr. John A. Knight.

NORTHERN MICHIGAN—June 9, 9:00 P.M. First Church, 1023 S. Division St., Traverse City, MI 49684. Host Pastor: Alan C. Campbell. General Superintendent: Dr. Raymond W. Hurn.

MAINE—June 9-10, noon. South Portland Church, 525 Highland Ave., South Portland, ME 04106. Host Pastor: James Mullins. General Superintendent: Dr. William M. Greathouse.

MOVING MINISTERS

E. JAMES BARBER from student to pastor, Navajo Station, Ariz.

RONALD S. BRAMBLETT from NBC, Colorado Springs, to pastor, Vandalia, Mo.

JOHN C. CANNON from Fort Oglethorpe (Ga.) First to Murfreesboro, Tenn.

KENNETH H. GARDEN from Valley (Ala.) First to Waycross (Ga.) First

CHARLES R. CAREY from Hemlock, Ohio, to Ephrata, Wash.

STEVE P. CHUNN from associate, Hot Springs (Ark.) First to pastor, Ironton, Mo.

CARL B. CLARK from Muncie (Ind.) Burlington to Goshen, Ind.

LARRY E. COMPTON from North Middletown, Ky., to Whitesburg, Ky.

ALFRED S. CORTEZ from District As-

signed, L.A., to pastor, San Diego, Calif.

ELMER B. FERGUSON from Belleville (Ill.) Emmanuel to Kentucky Heights, Ky.

MICHAEL L. KESLING from Mount Sterling, Ill., to Lawrenceville (Ill.) Faith

ELWOOD C. O'DELL to Haines City, Fla.

ROBERT OSENBALGH from student to pastor, Muncie (Ind.) Burlington

RON W. SCARLETT from McComb, Miss., to Nacogdoches, Tex.

NORMAN C. SHEETS from Toronto (Ont.) Grace to St. Thomas (Ont.) First

MICKEY G. SMITH from Monroe, N.C., to McComb, Miss.

HERBERT R. THOMPSON from Clanton, Ala., to Robertsdale, Ala.

GLENN A. TUCKER from associate, Bellaire, Tex., to associate, Anderson (Ind.) Goodwin Memorial

BERNARD V. WARD, student, NTS, Kansas City, to pastor, Bedford, Pa.

RAY D. WARDLAW from associate, Spokane (Wash.) Pasadena Park to associate, Santa Ana (Calif.) First

NAZARENE CAMP MEETINGS

Following is a list of Nazarene camp meetings through the middle of July. Those with an * are held in conjunction with the district assembly and are usually evening and Sunday services only. The remainder will be printed in the June 1 issue. The change in listing is occasioned by the changeover of the *Herald* to a monthly, beginning with the July 1 issue.

- *May 30—June 4 KENTUCKY—Community Center, Elizabethtown, KY 42701
- June 5-11 MISSISSIPPI—Camp Lancaster, Rte. 2, Box 117, Florence, MS 39073
- June 6-11 LOUISIANA—District Center, 908 Mary Hill Rd., Pineville, LA 71360
- June 6-9 SOUTHWEST LATIN AMERICAN—Arizona District Center, 1400 Pine Dr., Prescott, AZ 86303
- *June 8-11 NEBRASKA—Holdrege, 524 Hancock, Holdrege, NE 68949
- June 11-18 TENNESSEE—Camp Garner Creek, Rte. 1, Dickson, TN 37055
- June 12-16 NORTH ARKANSAS—Baptist Campground, Siloam Springs, AR 72761
- June 12-18 SOUTHWESTERN OHIO—Higher Ground Retreat, 3915 Ste. Rte. 46, West Harrison, IN 47060
- June 13-18 DALLAS—Scottsville Campground, Scottsville, Tex. (8 mi. E. of Marshall)
- June 29—July 9 NORTH CAROLINA—Hendersonville Camp, Upward and Orchard Rd., Hendersonville, N.C.
- June 30—July 2 NORTHWEST—Pinelov Campgrounds, Rte. 1, Box 570, Loon Lake, WA 99148
- July 3-9 MISSOURI—Pinecrest Camp, Star Rte., Fredericktown, MO 63645
- July 3-9 ALABAMA NORTH and ALABAMA SOUTH—Rolling Hills Campground, Hwy. 31 S. and I-65, Calera, Ala.
- July 3-9 NORTHWESTERN ILLINOIS—Manville Campgrounds, Rte. 1, Box 181, Manville, IL 61339
- July 3-9 SOUTH CAROLINA—District Campgrounds, Rte. 1, Box 125, Batesburg, SC 29006
- July 3-7 CENTRAL LATIN AMERICAN—Arrowhead Camp, Glen Rose, Tex.
- July 4-9 ILLINOIS—Nazarene Acres, Rte. 1, Box 158, Mechanicsburg, IL 62545
- July 8-16 UPSTATE NEW YORK—Brooktondale Campground, 120 White Church Rd., Brooktondale, NY 14817
- July 10-16 NORTHERN CALIFORNIA—Mission Springs Conference Center, 1050 Lockwood Gulch Rd., Scotts Valley, Calif.
- July 10-16 EAST TENNESSEE—District Campground, P.O. Box 66, Louisville, TN 37777
- July 10-16 GEORGIA—Nazarene Campgrounds at Adrian, Ga.
- July 11-16 CENTRAL CALIFORNIA—Camp Sugar Creek, Oakhurst, Calif.
- *July 11-16 DAKOTA—Church of the Nazarene, 602 13th St. S.E., Jamestown, ND 58401
- July 12-16 NORTH CENTRAL OHIO—MVNC gymnasium, Martinsburg Rd., Mount Vernon, OH 43050
- July 14-23 CENTRAL OHIO—District Campground, 2708 Morse Rd., Columbus, OH 43229
- July 15-23 MICHIGAN—Indian Lake Nazarene Camp, 7926 Central St., Vicksburg, Mich.
- July 15-23 CANADA CENTRAL—(Clarksburg) Camp at Clarksburg, Ont. (near Thornbury)
- July 17-23 MAINE—Camp Wakonda, Rte. 220, Washington, ME 04574
- July 28—Aug. 7 CANADA CENTRAL—(Cedardale) Cedardale Tabernacle, Rte. 2, Pefferlaw, Ont.
- Aug. 6-13 HAWAII PACIFIC—Honolulu First Church, 408 N. Judd St., Honolulu, HI 96818

MOVING MISSIONARIES

MR. JIM and ARLA JEANNE BUCHANAN, South Africa (ACC), Furlough address: Rte. 1 Box 441, Havana, IL 62644

REV. JOHN and LINDA SEAMAN, Ivory Coast, Furlough address: 1613 E. Sheridan, Olathe, KS 66062

MR. WILLIAM and SHERRILL WAGNER, South Africa (ACC) Furlough address: 1360 Isabella, No. 1126, Mesa, AZ 85202

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Dallas Bruton Terrace Church will celebrate its 40th anniversary June 4. Former pastors and members are invited to attend this special day. The schedule includes morning worship service at 10:30 A.M. and dinner together at noon. For further information, please contact Pastor Harol Wright, 8851 Bruton Rd., Dallas, TX 75217, or call 214-381-6193.

Harney County Church of the Nazarene of Burns, Oreg., will celebrate its 75th anniversary June 9-11. A cordial invitation is extended to all former pastors, members and friends to attend this special celebration. For further information please contact Pastor Dick Salisbury, P.O. Box 111, Burns, OR 97720, or call 503-573-3706.

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

RECOMMENDATION

Effective July 31, REV. MORRIS CHALFANT is entering the ministry of evangelism. Rev. Chalfant has served the Cincinnati, Ohio, Norwood Church for the past 16 years. He has held many positions on the Southwestern Ohio District across these years. He has served the church as missionary, evangelist, and pastor. Rev. Chalfant is a strong preacher of the Word. He will be a blessing and help to our churches wherever he goes. I recommend him to our churches. Contact him at 4245 Forest Ave., Norwood, OH 45212, phone 513-531-7585.—Harold B. Graves, Southwestern Ohio district superintendent.

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VITAL STATISTICS

DEATHS

JOHN WALLACE AMES, retired minister, 86, of Decatur, Ill., died Mar. 3 in Americana Healthcare Center.

Ames pastored churches in Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Maryland, and Connecticut. He was ordained by Dr. J. W. Goodwin at the assembly held in Wollaston, Mass., in 1930. He was a member of Decatur West Side Church.

He married Ruth Verna Rollins in 1976. She survives him. Other survivors are sons Nehemiah of Winnemucca, Nev.; Guy L. of Lakeland, Fla.; James C. of Marysville, Calif.; Mathew and Kenneth Luke, both of Reno, Nev.; Philip of Birchfield, Maine; daughters Mrs. John (Vashti) Noland of Acton, Maine; Mrs. Patrick (Jonquil) Presby of Santa Clara, Calif.; Mrs. Ronald (Nora) Richter of Reno, Nev.; Mrs. John (Mary) Winchell of Acton, Maine; brother James Carroll of Mountain View, Calif.; sisters Bessie Sawyer and Pearle Wall, both of Tenants Harbor, Maine; 36 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren.

Two children, two brothers, two sisters, and one grandchild preceded him in death.

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REV. JOHN W. ELLIS, 74, died at his home in St. Peters, Mo., Dec. 10, 1988. He was born in Abbott, Ark., and served the Church of the Nazarene for over 45 years, pastoring in Oklahoma, Texas, Arkansas, and Missouri. He also ministered 3 years as chaplain of Oklahoma State Prison. His last pastorate was in Bridgeton, Mo., where he served for 15 years before his retirement. During this time a new sanctuary was built.

Surviving are his wife, Ernestine; two sons, Joe Ellis of St. Louis and Paul Roger Ellis of Jackson, Mo.; and four grandchildren.

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REV. JOHN VANCE WALDEN, 88, died Jan. 6 at St. Joseph's Hospital in Denver. He had been a minister of the gospel for 35 years, pastoring six different Nazarene churches. His last pastorate was in Seibert, Colo., where he retired in 1971.

He is survived by his wife, Bessie; daughter Florence Zook of Warren, Pa.; brother Marion of Golden, Colo., and sister Grace Braden of Missouri; five grandchildren; four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, two sisters, and a son.

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MRS. DALE B. (DOROTHY) WORCESTER, pastor's wife, lost her life in an automobile accident Jan. 7 near Portland, Ind. Her husband was critically injured.

She married Dale B. Worcester on Sept. 2, 1947, in the Santa Monica, Calif., church. She served with her husband in various pastorates for 40 years.

Survivors include her husband, Rev. Dale B., who pastors the Sugar Grove church near Portland, Ind.; three children, Chaplain (Cpt) David D. of Fort Lee, Va.; Pamela S. of Fort Wayne, Ind.; and Joyce L. Wagner of Upland, Ind.; and four grandchildren. She is also survived by her mother, Christina Mae Barton of Riverside, Calif.; a brother, Dr. David R. Barton of Riverside, Calif.; and two sisters, Bernice (Bunny) Hart of Upland, Calif., and Mary Fairbairn of Camarillo, Calif.

EVA MAE CLAYTON, 90, formerly of Columbus, Ga., Feb. 19, Atlanta, Ga. Survivors: daughters Bebe Rodgers and Berma Jean Davenport; 8 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

RUTH FLOOR GILROY, 79, Feb. 25, Three Rivers, Mich. Survivors: sons J. Merrick, Jr., and Dale F.; daughter Carolyn Janet Herdler; seven grandchildren; 5 great-grandchildren; and one sister.

ALBERT T. OATES, 76, Dec. 11, Emmaus, Pa. Interment: Allentown, Pa. Survivors: wife Dora; daughters Dorene Shannon and Esther Fey; son James D.; seven grandchildren; one sister.

DELANIE "PAT" PATRICK, SR., 78, Mar. 2, Florence, Ala. Survivors: wife Viola; son Delanie, Jr.; three grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

WAYNE A. SHAFER, 72, Jan. 2, Pasadena, Tex. Summer home, Coldwater, Mich. Survivors: son Ron; daughter Janet Monroe; two grandsons.

CLOYD H. TRIPLETT, 84, Nov. 25, Quincy, Ill. Survivors: brother Carl; sister Mrs. Esther Justice.

BIRTHS

to TIM AND KATHY (McCOONSE) NORDEN, Rochester, N.Y., a girl, Sarah Beth, born Mar. 4

to REV. BRENTON AND LISA (ULRICH) PAGE, Franklin, N.C., a boy, Taylor Ross, Dec. 29

to BILL AND JILL (MALO) POTTER, Greenbelt, Md., a girl, Laura Elizabeth, Jan. 4

to MARK AND KATHLEEN (LINCICOME) WANNER, Williamsburg, Va., a girl, Amy Nicole, Feb. 27

to REV. RANDY S. AND LYNN (SWEET) WITLUCK, Homestead, Fla., a boy, Matthew Ryan, Feb. 23

to REV. JOHN AND KATHY WRIGHT, South Bend, Ind., a boy, Carl Emerson, Oct. 18

MARRIAGES

VALERIE SUE PEMBLE and JAY ROBERT CAVEN at Boise, Idaho, Dec. 10

BECKY BOADWAY and JOHN WESTON at Arlington, Tex., Mar. 11

ANNIVERSARIES

REV. HAROLD AND NELLA HARCOURT were honored with a golden wedding anniversary dinner and reception at Durant, Okla., First Church in November 1988, where the couple had been former pastors for 20 years. Also, they enjoyed a cruise to the Bahamas as an anniversary gift from their children, Mrs. Joe L. (Barbara) Gary of Durant, and John A. Harcourt of Norman, Okla. They have five grandchildren.

The Harcourts were married Oct. 4, 1938, at Bethany, Okla. by the late Dr. H. B. Macrory. Rev. Harcourt recently retired, completing 51 continuous years in the pastoral ministry in Oklahoma and Texas.

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NEWS OF RELIGION

TRENDS IN RELIGIOUS LIFE STAY LARGELY UNCHANGED

American religious life continues to be remarkably stable, according to a study released by the Gallup organization in Princeton, N.J. The study found little change in church or synagogue attendance or membership, and in the importance placed on religion. In a typical week of 1988, 42 percent of adults attended church or synagogue, according to the poll. This figure has stayed steady since 1969, though it has declined from its high point of 49 percent in 1955 and 1958. The attendance figures in the study are based on polls during selected weeks of May and October 1988.

The 1988 audit also found that two-thirds (67 percent) of U.S. adults say they are members of a church or synagogue, the lowest figure recorded, but changed little from the previous year's report. The high for church membership revealed in a Gallup poll came in 1947 when 76 percent of adults polled said they were church or synagogue members.

As in past years, the 1988 study found that women were more likely than men to be church members. Church involvement increases with age in the survey, which also found that Southerners are more likely to be church members, and Westerners less likely to be church members.

A majority of those surveyed (54 percent) say they consider religion to be very important. This figure represents no significant change from the previous year but is down sharply from the high point recorded in 1952, when 75 percent said they considered religion to be very important.—EP News

COLUMNIST SAYS CHURCHES CAN HELP END DRUG PROBLEM

Nationally syndicated Washington Post columnist William Raspberry says churches should take a leading role in combating the nation's drug problem. In a recent column, Raspberry, who is black, said the black community should stop "looking for white people to blame" and attack the problems of drug abuse with the same zeal that characterized the civil rights movement of the 1960s.

"Is it unreasonable to suppose that the black community, under the leadership of local churches, can be as effective against the drug traffic that undermines their neighborhoods as they were against the Jim Crow laws that limited their freedom?"

He concluded, "If you put enough pressure on the retail outlets—the neighborhood pushers—the entire chain, from growers and refiners to importers and 'kingpin' distributors, will collapse. I do not doubt that the churches have it in their power to assist mightily in engineering that collapse."—EP News

CHILD-CARE PROPOSAL AMENDED TO ADDRESS CHURCH CONCERNS

A major child-care proposal has been amended to address church-state concerns. The Act for Better Child Care Services (ABC bill) was then approved on an 11-5 vote by the Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee, and sent to the full Senate. The bill will authorize \$2.5 billion for child-care services in 1990.

An amendment sponsored by the bill's author, Sen. Christopher J. Dodd (D-Conn.), allows church-run child-care centers to have hiring and admission policies that give limited preference to individuals associated with the religious organization that runs the center. However, centers receiving more than 80 percent of their funding from the government will not be allowed to exercise even limited preference for their own church members.

The ABC bill still would allow child-care centers sponsored by religious organizations to receive federal funds only if they avoid religious instruction, worship, and other sectarian activity. About one-third of the nation's child-care services are provided by churches.—EP News

CORRECTION

The April 1 issue carried a news item concerning the organization of the Oceana Church of the Nazarene on the West Virginia South District. Regrettably Oceana was identified as "a small mining town near Virginia Beach." Virginia Beach is not in West Virginia and West Virginia has no beach. Oceana is near Cyclone, Clear Fork, and Jesse.

NYI MINISTRIES SPONSORS SUMMER DRAMA ENSEMBLE

For the second year, NYI Ministries at Nazarene Headquarters will be sponsoring a drama and music ensemble comprised of selected Nazarene college students. PARABLE will be touring the Eastern half of the United States and parts of Canada this summer, presenting two programs designed to minister to the entire church family.

This summer, PARABLE will be presenting "Home Again," a musical comedy about family love and relationships as well as "Parable Project," a collection of sketches and songs designed to help its audience focus on Christian responsibility.

PARABLE began their tour season with performances at the District NYI presidents' meeting and the District Board of Christian Life Chairmen's meeting,



Pictured (l. to r.) are the 7 members of PARABLE, selected from over 120 Nazarene college students who applied: (front row) Lewis Stark, Olivet Nazarene University; Kristian Wilson, Mount Vernon Nazarene College; (second row) Anita Barber, Northwest Nazarene College; Carolyn Behr, Mount Vernon Nazarene College; Wendy Wicks, Eastern Nazarene College; (third row) Jonathon Mowry, Northwest Nazarene College; and Julia Mingleddorf, Eastern Nazarene College.

both in Kansas City in March. Their summer tour schedule begins June 17 and will continue through August 14. For more information concerning PARABLE, contact Alan E. Johnson, NYI Ministries, 6401 The Paseo, Kansas City, MO 64131, or call 816-333-7000. □

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES DURING CL/SS CONVENTION

Children's Ministries announces three special activities

for children during the General CL/SS Convention. These include two excursions and a special children's service.

Trips

Thursday, June 22, and Friday, June 23, Children's Ministries will provide excursions to the Indianapolis Children's Museum and Conner Prairie Pioneer Settlement. Children who are six years old through sixth grade are eligible to take part in the excursions. Both trips will be offered each day.

The Indianapolis Children's Museum is the largest of its kind in the world. At the museum, children can "Stand face to knee with a huge Tyrannosaurus Rex dinosaur . . . wind [their] way through an Indiana cave . . . explore the world of levers, pulleys and gears . . ." experiment with computers, and much more. All activities are "hands-on."

Conner Prairie offers children an opportunity to experience life as it was lived by pioneers in 1836. Again, children will take part in "hands-on" activities such as attending a prairie school, weaving on an authentic loom, helping to make candles, and visiting the General Store.

The cost of the two-day trip package is \$25.00 per child. This price includes:

1. Transportation and admission to the museum and Conner Prairie.

2. Lunch. The lunch at the museum will be a hotdog, chips, cookie, and milk or a small soda. Lunch at Conner Prairie will include a peanut butter and jelly sandwich, chips, fruit or vegetable sticks, and iced tea or lemonade.

3. A special Children's Ministries T-shirt and visor. These are to be worn during the trips.

Participation in the two activities is limited to 825 children, and tickets will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis. For ticket application blanks, or for further information, contact:

Melodie Rolfe

Children's Activities

Coordinator

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(after 1 P.M. CST)

Children's Service

Well-known puppeteers Dale and Liz Von Seggen are the workers for the children's service Thursday evening, June 22, from 7:30-9:00 P.M. The Von Seggens provide an action-filled program that includes singing, puppet presentations, gospel magic, and Bible stories.

The service is open to children from age six through grade six. There is no admission fee for the service. However, due to the size of the facility, attendance will be limited to 1,200 children holding tickets. To reserve a ticket for your child(ren), write or call Melodie Rolfe. □

CHAPERONS NEEDED FOR CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

Children's Ministries needs teen and adult chaperons to assist in supervising children's activities at General Convention.

For the two excursions, a total of 150 chaperons is needed, 18 years old or older. Chaperons will receive free transportation, meal, and admission to the activity during which they serve.

Also individuals are needed to sit with children during the Thursday evening service.

If you are interested in serving as a chaperon for either or both of the excursions, or for the children's service, please contact Melodie Rolfe immediately. □

SPECIAL NOTICE!

Phi Delta Lambda Members

The quadrennial meeting of Phi Delta Lambda will be held on Saturday, June 24, at 2:30 P.M. in the Hyatt Regency Hotel, Indianapolis. Special speaker will be Dr. Jarrell Garsee of Southern Nazarene University.

All members are invited to attend.

BEALS WILL EDIT CROSS-CULTURAL ENGLISH MATERIALS



Ivan Beals, 61, office editor of the English *Herald of Holiness* has been appointed editor of Special Projects in Cross-Cultural English for Publications International. The announcement was made by Cecil Paul, Communications Division director.

"Dr. Beals has been a prolific author and a fine editor," said Bennett Dudney, Publications International director. "He has the skills, the abilities, and the excitement to do a tremendous job."

In the new post, Beals will be working with J. Wesley Eby, ESL editor, in the development of materials for use in English-speaking countries outside the United States. There are approximately 29 such countries.

"I view this as an opportunity to expand the ministry of the church in a more meaningful manner and as an effort to make the gospel credible wherever people might be in their religious knowledge or in their cultural background," said Beals.

Beals has served as office editor of the *Herald of Holiness* since 1975. Prior to this, he pastored churches, in Iowa and Illinois, for 22 years.

He is the author of eight books, the most recent being *Heralding Scriptural Holiness*, and has contributed numerous articles to denominational publications

A graduate of Bethany Nazarene College, Beals holds the M.A. from Drake University and the D.Min. from Nazarene Theological Seminary.

His wife, Evelyn, serves as Primary Curriculum editor for the Christian Life and Sunday School Division. They have two married daughters, Verna Jeanne Heavner and Evangeline Gardner.

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EASTER EXCITEMENT IN AFRICA

More than 2,000 Nazarenes gathered for Easter weekend camp meeting services in the Eastern Transvaal of the Republic of South Africa, according to Richard F. Zanner, Africa regional director. American evangelists Stephen and Delphine Manley served as the special speakers with many spiritual victories reported.

Three thousand miles away in Abidjan (Ivory Coast), 16 new Nazarenes were added to the Nazarene family on Easter Sunday. Additionally, 7 persons were baptized.

With the Church of the Nazarene in Ivory Coast having been organized only last Christmas, missionaries there consider the Easter events a definite response to prayer.

The Church of the Nazarene established work in the Ivory Coast in 1987.

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ANNOUNCEMENT

With the unanimous approval of the Board of General Superintendents and in consultation with the Advisory Council of the Colorado District, I have appointed Rev. Leon Wyss (presently superintendent of the New Mexico District) as superintendent of the Colorado District effective May 24, 1989.

—Raymond W. Hurn
General Superintendent

WYSS IS NEW SUPERINTENDENT OF COLORADO



Leon Wyss, 54, was appointed superintendent of the Colorado District by General Superintendent Raymond W. Hurn April 3. The action was taken in consultation with the Advisory Council of the Colorado District and with the unanimous approval of the Board of General Superintendents. Wyss

will give his final report as superintendent of the New Mexico District to the district assembly May 23. The appointment is effective May 24.

Wyss has served as superintendent of the New Mexico District since 1981 when he was elected to that post. He pastored Clovis, N.Mex., first from 1980 to 1981; was assistant to the president at Point Loma Nazarene College from 1978 to 1980; and pastored other churches on the Southern California, West Texas, and Kansas City districts.

Ordained in 1958, Wyss is a native of Kansas City, Mo., and a graduate of Bethany Nazarene College. He and his wife, Elizabeth, have one son, Brent, who is an associate and minister of music at the Dobson Ranch Church in Chandler, Ariz.

Wyss succeeds Jim Diehl who accepted the call as senior pastor of Denver First Church.

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NAZARENES EXCITED ABOUT SEOUL THRUST

The Seoul Steering Committee met to organize in preparation for Seoul '91—Thrust to the City of Seoul, March 27, 1989, at the Korea Central District headquarters in Seoul. The meeting was chaired by Ho-Jung Lee, superintendent of the Korea Central District.

Thrust Director Michael Estep oriented the steering committee to the various issues and strategies in developing the plan for the 1991 evangelistic emphasis. The committee is comprised of the Central District Advisory Board, General Board member Young-Baik Kim, and Ken Schubert, mission director.

Prior to the meeting, General Superintendent Jerald D. Johnson met with Superintendent Lee, Kim, Schubert, and Estep to outline the perspective of the Board of General Superintendents on Seoul '91 and the Thrust program. He challenged the district to be visionary in terms of the potential for the outreach to Seoul.

"Enthusiasm is high for Seoul '91," said Johnson. "The interest

of the leadership of the Central District is intense. They want it to succeed, and Seoul is such a great city, it has to succeed. It is a city of churches—many of which are Nazarene churches, but they are determined to plant many more."

More than 200 students are currently enrolled in Korean Nazarene Theological College, 90 of whom are freshmen who registered this year, according to the general superintendent. "They are concerned about finding places for these ministerial students to serve," said Johnson. He added that at the assembly strategies were discussed for sending Korean missionaries to other countries, including North Korea, once the door opens. "They are convinced that this door is going to open," Johnson added.

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MCCARTY OPENS WORK IN THAILAND



Michael McCarty, who has served as director of Indonesia Nazarene Bible School, has been selected to open

the work of the Church of the Nazarene in Thailand, according to Robert H. Scott, World Mission Division director. McCarty and his wife, Rachel, first went to Indonesia as missionaries in 1976. He was appointed director of the Bible school in 1986. They began their new assignment April 15, 1989.

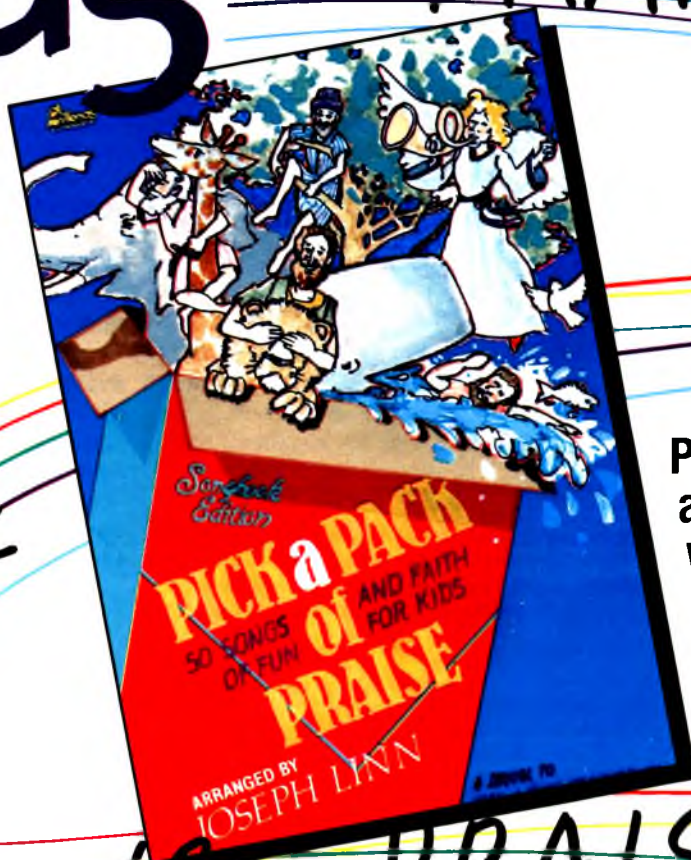
The General Board approved the church's entry into Thailand in 1988.

With a population of 51 million, Thailand is more than 90% Buddhist and less than one-half of 1 percent evangelical Christian. It is the largest Asian country with no Nazarene work.

General Superintendent Jerald D. Johnson, who was recently in Japan, said the Japan District has earmarked funds from the sale of property to assist in the development of the new work in Thailand.

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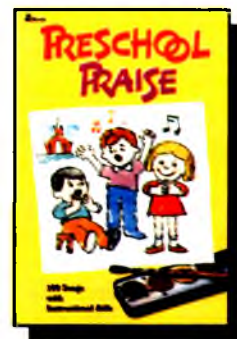
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