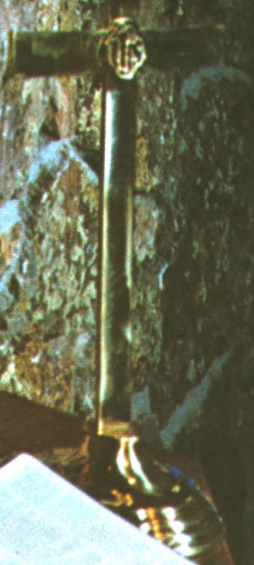


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# FOR SERVICE RENDERED

In its brief existence the Nazarene Bible College has rendered a significant service to the Church of the Nazarene.

The first class, composed of 119 students, was enrolled in September, 1967. Each year a healthy growth has been recorded with a total registration of 486 during the 1971-72 term.

Three classes have been graduated from this institution. Most of the graduates have been placed in pastorates throughout the United States and Canada.

It was never intended that the Bible College would be in competition with the liberal arts colleges. Rather it was to supplement the ministerial training being offered by the colleges, particularly for those who because of age or other circumstances found it imprac-

tical to take the liberal arts course.

Nazarene Sunday schools throughout the United States have devoted the offerings of one Sunday each year to the Nazarene Bible College. This is simply a freewill offering. No budgets are assigned. No quotas are demanded. The offerings have proved to be a great lift to this new institution in view of the heavy expenditures involved in the building program.

This year, Sunday, October 15, has been set for the Bible College offering. The participation of each Sunday school is urgently requested.

Let all of our churches and all of our people use this day and this offering to say to the Bible College, "Thank you for a splendid service rendered to the Church of the Nazarene." □

# THE SAINT of the SADDLE

**O**ne chilly October morning a few years ago, it was my priceless privilege to visit Wesley's New Room in Bristol, England.

It was there, in August, 1771, that a young British preacher, 26 years of age, responded to the challenge of John Wesley for the evangelization of America by standing to his feet and in the words of Isaiah saying, "Here am I; send me."

The curator of the New Room allowed me to spend a few minutes in prayerful meditation in the room where Francis Asbury lodged during his brief training period before embarking to America for a glorious ministry of the long road of over 300,000 miles. There was a sacred atmosphere about that room that was beautiful to be in.

The room breathed a spirit of dedication, for it was here that Francis Asbury decided that it was God's will for him to go to the challenging land of America in order that he might carry the gospel of Christ.

He was leaving moderately comfortable and familiar surroundings to go to a wild country of vast virgin forests; tumbling, roaring rivers, and snowcapped, towering mountains. Like Abraham, his call was to go without human motivation but under the guidance of God.

There was a spirit of sacrifice in that room, for Asbury left behind his aged parents, whom he never saw again. He gave them his silver watch, worth about \$30.00, and never again in his whole life did he have as much wealth in his possession.

His *Journal* reflects illness, deprivation, and personal discomfort, but never in a pessimistic tone. His philosophy was that of William Law, who wrote, "Receive every inward and outward

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By Ross W. Hayslip, Tucson, Ariz.

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Photo by Louis C. Williams

trouble, every disappointment, pain, uneasiness, temptation, darkness and desolation, with both thy hands, as to a true opportunity and blessed occasion of dying to self, and entering into a fuller fellowship with thy self-denying suffering Saviour."

There was above all a spirit of love in that room. It was a love for Christ and a love for the souls of men.

We are indeed shaped and fashioned by the object of our love. Love for God fashioned Asbury into a saint; and love for men, into a soul winner. There is every reason to believe that at the day of judgment thousands will arise to call Bishop Asbury blessed.

He ministered faithfully to all men regardless of color or social standing. He left to the world as his legacy the great evangelistic movement of American Methodism.

I left the New Room that morning with a new sense of awe and wonder at the manner in which God can take human instrumentality and use it to His honor and glory in every age of mankind's history. □

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## SPEAK TO MY HEART

Speak to my heart, Lord Jesus;  
In gentle whispers speak.  
Speak, for Thy words are gracious,  
And I am poor and weak.

Speak when the storm clouds threaten,  
When doubts my soul assail.  
Tell me I'm not forgotten;  
Tell me I shall not fail.

Speak where the ways are parted,  
Where life's stream divides;  
Whisper the path allotted,  
Where heavenly love abides.

Speak at the festal hour,  
Beside life's sparkling stream;  
Grant me the grace, the power,  
To look beyond life's dream.

Speak when I bow before Thee  
In silent, pleading prayer;  
Give to my soul the bounty  
It craves to ask Thee there.

Speak in the night of sorrow,  
When I am left alone.  
Tell of the glad tomorrow  
Beyond the empty tomb.

Speak when I near the crossing  
Of Jordan's fearful stream;  
Tell me I am going  
Where heaven's portals gleam.

Speak to my slumbering ashes  
When Thou, O Lord, dost come—  
Quick as the lightning flashes—  
To call Thy children home.

Speak but a word, O Master,  
And this poor frame of dust  
Shall rise in newborn grandeur,  
To praise the Lord of Hosts.

Victor W. Matthews  
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# A PASTOR'S PLEA to **PARENTS**



Photo by Paul M. Schrock

**W**hatever captures the attention of your children captures your children! One lady said to me, "Pastor Scott, the church lost my children!" She was wrong. Salvation begins at home. A church is as healthy as the quality of the Christian homelife in its families.

Very few people have had a worse childhood experience with the church than I had. Still, one of my dad's boys is an ordained minister and the other is a Christian layman and choir director. Why? Because my mother and dad were Christians before us, and prayer and the church were a vital part of our family life.

We saw their faithfulness to every service; we watched them place their tithes in the offering every Sunday; we beheld their participation and

we knew that with Mom and Dad and Jesus Christ the church was not an option but an essential ingredient of their way of life. It's just as if they were saying, "Bill and Buddy, follow us to Jesus!" And we are doing it!

Please accept a few suggestions for improving Christian family life:

1. *Be consistent Christians before your family.* Modern youth are "private eyes" when it comes to detecting phonies. Even seemingly "small" things like little white lies or failing to report a few dollars on income tax is enough to damage faith in your Christian life.

2. *Build a deep confidence in the Bible in your children.* Your opinion on right and wrong is not enough. Your young people will one day have their own opinions, and as far as they will be concerned, their opinions will be as good as yours.

To preserve them you must tie them to the Bible.

This can be done only by sharing it as a family in daily devotions; by opening it for answers to life's questions, for comfort, for rejoicing, for special occasions, for direction, for inspiration, for worship, for salvation—for words from God to meet our every human need.

Be sure every member of your family has a Bible in his hands as he walks out the door of your home to walk into the doors of God's house. The world wants to destroy our children with bad habits; let's preserve them with good habits. Teach your children to love the Bible and it will show them our God!

3. *Enrich your family life with prayer.* One of my fondest memories of my parents is calling my name aloud to God in prayer. How long has it been since your children heard you pray for them? It portrays love and concern that can be shown in no other way.

4. *Impress your children with the importance of loyalty to the Church of the Nazarene.* Our churches are centers for salvation, growth, and service. But unless you are faithful to the church—its services, activities, and support—you will never convince your children that it is important.

5. *Live with your children.* Readjust your entire schedule, if necessary, to make time for your children. Most of the young people I know who are healthy morally and spiritually have parents who dedicate a lot of time to them. Listen attentively to their small talk and they will be more free to talk with you when they have problems.

6. *Provide your family with Christian reading material.* Every teen should be receiving *Conquest*

and *Campus Life* magazines by mail each month. In addition, Christian books, fiction and non-fiction, should be consistently purchased for your home.

7. *Be sure your children are present at every activity provided for them by your church.* Secular people spend hours carting their kids to dancing lessons, movies, and the like. Can we do less?

Every time your teen-agers miss a service, the church loses the chance to minister to them. They lose, and you lose. The church's responsibility is to teach them so as to lead them into a decision for Jesus Christ and to provide them with enough scriptural understanding to preserve their Christian lives. Your responsibility is to be sure they are there. For the sake of your children, we are a team!

8. *Expose them to every Christian ministry available.* Thousands of dollars are spent each year on youth camps to provide your children with what may well be the most spiritually meaningful week of their year. Vacation Bible school has immeasurable value in Christian child development. Be sure they attend a Christian college, where Christian professors will further lead them into steadfast Christian concepts.

Dad and Mom, never have young people faced more severe temptations than in our day. Never has temptation been more persuasive and attractive than now. Sin peddlers depend on youth for survival and they will stop at nothing to maintain their selfish existence! God help us to build in our children enough spiritual stamina to withstand the attacks of Satan and live clean and pure lives for God! □

## PEN POINTS / "LET ME RING TRUE!"

Jenny Lind was one of the greatest singers of all time. She was born in Stockholm, Sweden, in the year 1820. Her teachers discovered her singing voice and gave her excellent training.

Later on she met with tremendous success on her singing tours. She had a very triumphant tour of the United States in 1850. She was called "The Swedish Nightingale." She was a generous and warm person and was greatly loved by those who knew her.

We introduce Jenny Lind to you in order to share with you this lovely story. She had a habit before appearances of going earlier in the day to see if there would be some room available at the music hall where she could be alone, with the door locked. Then, just before the night's public appearance, she would dismiss her secretary, her maid, and her costumer, lock herself in the room, and then stand in the middle of that room.

She would quietly lift her voice, strike a note, and then with closed lips let that note fill the room. With eyes closed

she would look up and pray, *Master, Master, let me ring true tonight!*

Her friends said she always went to the stage with the mystical consciousness of the presence of Christ. Later on, it is reported, she gave up her stage career because of its busyness and its drain and strain upon her devotional life in Christ.

Just this question: When others see us, meet us, feel us, rub shoulders with us, do they sense that *mystical presence* in our lives?

Have we been in the presence of the Christ enough, and in the meditation of His Word enough, that *the Presence* shines through in Christian integrity, sincerity, faith, and love?

Just asking!

"MASTER, LET ME RING TRUE TONIGHT!"

—P. J. Bartram  
Portland, Ore.

By Milo L. Arnold, *Colorado Springs*

# THE JOURNEY



Photo by Grover Brinkman

**F**ew mementos of the past in American life are as graphic as the covered wagon. It became symbolic of the heroic westward movement of a nation's people together with their culture, social mores, and religious values. It symbolized the courage, the will of a people to whom life was dear and in whom purpose was strong.

While the imagery may not altogether apply, that ungainly vehicle of a nation's adventure might well symbolize the odyssey of a person through the rigors of life toward fulfillment of the will and plan of God.

We are all called to a long journey. We are also challenged by a great prospect and inspired by a great promise. We are called from easy comfort to pursue the sunset clear to the western sea.

The covered wagon was an adaptation to transiency. In it were stored the essentials for living but not the luxuries for ease. In it were love and laughter and family sharing but also fears and dreads which every person shared. It was home in a new

place every day and every night.

That close-walled, rocking, bumping, jolting, jouncing wagon home became also a thin-skinned cathedral for meeting God. There Deity was close to humans and lonely people found consolation. Love was there, and faith and hope were permanent things amid the transiency of travel.

The covered wagon was symbolic of the unyielding purpose of its occupants. It was geared to going on and on. It did not seek praise for its endurance nor did it glorify its tracks through the past. It simply went on with each new morning and gathered strength each night for its assault upon the morrow's demands.

Its delight was not in the places through which it had gone but its progress toward the place to which it was destined. It was committed to the trail, and the trail it must pursue until finally it found its land of promise. It could make no room for indecision or regret. It must go on and on until it came to where the sunset spangled the sea with splendor.

The totality of transition was captured in the

burdened wagon. It was heavy with its load of living. In it were persons as well as possessions.

They had disposed of all they could not well include. Now all they had was this. Their environment traveled with them. Their furnishings, their utensils, their medicines, their tools, and their priorities were there. They had no room for trifles. How true of life! He who would burden himself with little things will have a difficult journey.

The covered wagon was the symbol of endurance. True, it started on its odyssey with new paint and good appointments, but it must endure many things ere its service was complete. By the time it had housed a family across 2,000 miles and many months, it would be bandaged with wire, scarred by arrows, creaking with weariness, and mended by ingenious improvisations.

It boasted not of beauty nor charm. Its purpose was served when it embraced a lonely family through fearsome hours and delivered them to a new place called home.

What a monument that tired wagon became when it stood at last beside a newly built cabin, emptied of all its burdens and suddenly still and useless! It had fulfilled its purpose by having de-

livered its living residents to a new permanent home. Now its rotting canvas could sag in shreds. Its enclosure was no longer needed. Its weary people could leap and run in a new land where their faith and hope and love would have full freedom to shape the lives of millions. There the migrant culture could take root in a new valley and encroach across new ranges of mountains.

Is this not symbolic of the Christian purpose? How arduous, yet how adventuresome, is the journey! How austere, yet how ample, are the accouterments! How eager, yet how determined, is the decision! In this life totality travels together in one compressed experience, yet extends itself by a thousand exposures.

It goes amid living wonders of the will and the universe of God. At the end of this journey we leave behind us, not a polished marble shaft, but a worn-out traveling tabernacle which, having served us well, may yield to its weariness and fall in shreds. It has delivered our eager spirits to the land where the sea is ablaze with sunset and our tomorrows are rich in the durables of faith and hope and love. The broken covered wagon has not failed. It has wonderfully completed its purpose. □

# PERSPECTIVE

COMMENTS  
ON DAILY  
CHRISTIAN LIVING

By John A. Knight, Mt. Vernon, Ohio

## WHEN LOVE IS ABSENT

The idea that neuroses are often due to the feeling of deprivation of love, especially in early childhood, is common. It is nonetheless revolutionary in its implications. Observation and experience support the claim.

"Love" as it is understood in this view is not sexual, romantic, or sentimental love. Rather it connotes that affection, goodwill, and appreciation without which the personality becomes distorted and unbalanced. The child may be treated to expensive gifts and luxuries, but if he has no love, it profiteth nothing.

Leslie Weatherhead has observed that when love is absent a person usually reacts in one of three ways—both in his childhood and in his later life:

1. *He may seek a love-substitute from others by trying to please people at the sacrifice of his ethical principles and his best reason.*

Seeking love, persons sometimes throw themselves into work with little time for relaxation—not for the value of the work itself, but through an unconscious motive of winning the applause or goodwill of others. Rest calls forth no attention. Overwork does.

In such cases love, not leisure, is the cure. Whatever results such efforts produce, they remain nothing more than

substitutes. No amount of approval by the larger community can give to the true self what the bestowment of genuine love can bring.

2. *He may develop an exaggerated independence based on the conclusion: If you won't give me love, then I'll show that I can do without it.*

But the repressed hunger for love remains, making itself evident in aggression, jealousy, cynicism, suspicion, affected indifference, blame of others, or self-pity.

3. *He may develop illness.* The "pain" in the mind or self may be converted into a pain in the body. Unconsciously the person says, Now, you *must* give me love because I am ill.

The Christian seeks to *make love present*, for all love—even the love of God—is mediated through *persons*. In the fellowship of the Church there must be found forgiveness and acceptance. Persons starved for love may be transformed by the experience of God's love shared by those who seek to serve in Christ's name.





**“Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus” (Philippians 3:13-14).**

**DON'T PARK  
HERE!**

By C. William Fisher

**I**t was at a prayer breakfast in Washington, D.C., attended by hundreds of government and business and religious leaders, that Senator Scott, of Pennsylvania, commented on the tendency of men, and nations, to “park” by their mistakes, or their successes, and thus fail to move on to new achievements and the fulfillment of their destiny.

Whatever relevance that danger has in natural affairs, it does seem to be an ingrained trait in human nature to be constantly on the lookout for a place to park—either one’s automobile, or one’s self.

Many of the tempting and convenient places to park one’s car, of course, have “Don’t Park Here” signs placed beside them—in front of hotels, for instance, and theaters and hospitals and fire hydrants and bus stops.

The “Don’t Park Here” signs along *life’s* highway, warning of the danger of parking, of resting, of settling down by some experience or situation, are not so obvious, but they are far more urgent and important.

The penalty for parking one’s car in the wrong place may be only a small fine. But the penalty for parking one’s *self* is arrested development, stunted personality, narrowed vision, and a limited, stagnant life.

No one ever parks, in life, without paying a price.

Perhaps I am speaking now to some man who is parked by a moral failure. I went one day to see a man who was parked there. He had once been a faithful member of his church and had enjoyed the respect and regard of everyone. But he had

failed God; he had failed his family, his friends, and his own best self.

“There’s no use for me to try again,” he said. “If I wasn’t man enough to live right when I had everything going for me, what’s the use of trying now?” He wasn’t belligerent. He wasn’t defensive. He sobbed as he spoke. But he was parked by his failure and nothing would budge him. But he was paying a terrific price for parking.

Or perhaps I am speaking to some woman who sits parked by a broken home. Your marriage started out with such high hopes. The wedding was so beautiful, the gifts so lavish, the husband so handsome. But already the relationship has turned sour. The handsome husband turned out to be a heartless heel, and so you are separated and awaiting the divorce. You can park there, if you choose, but the penalty for parking will be increasing bitterness and resentment and a life that is so much less than your life was meant to be.

I am deeply grateful for the letters that young people write us, sharing a hang-up or a hope, a problem or a solution. And it could be that I am speaking just now to some young person who is deeply ashamed of some rebellion, or some hateful attitude, or some indulgence in drugs or illegitimate sex or perversion.

Perhaps you read recently of that girl who had run away from home. Things had not turned out at all as she had thought or hoped, however, and she found herself living in a commune—unhappy, sick, and wanting desperately to come home. But she was simply too ashamed to face her parents and her friends. She was parked by her humiliation. But she was paying a terrible penalty in disease, in weariness, and in a growing revulsion at the life-style that was so foreign to everything she had been brought up to enjoy and respect.

Parking is usually expensive—for anyone; and ultimately prohibitive—for everyone.

For life was not made for parking, but for movement. Life is a way, a road, a thoroughfare—not a parking lot. Life is a gym—not a rest home. Life is a school—not a cemetery. Life is an arena—not a bleacher seat. Life is for growth, for movement, for development, for struggle, for progress. And the life that becomes static becomes stagnant.

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**RADIO SERMON OF THE MONTH**

*By C. William Fisher*

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In Bunyan's familiar classic, *Pilgrim's Progress*, Christian, on his way from the City of Destruction to the Celestial City, was frequently tempted to turn aside and park awhile—especially in the Town of Vanity Fair. But he resisted the temptation and so reached his destination.

And if we are to reach our destination and fulfill our destiny, we too must observe the "Don't Park Here" signs that are erected all along the way. We must heed those "Don't Park Here" signs—especially those that warn of the danger of parking by life's handicaps and failures and successes and fears and resentments and sorrows and sufferings, and by one's religious experiences.

High up in the Swiss Alps, there is a memorial tablet to a famous climber who went out one day

never to return. Beneath his name are these simple words: "He died climbing."

The Apostle Paul, I believe, would have understood and appreciated that inscription. "Forgetting those things which are behind," Paul said, "and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 3:13-14).

It is my hope and my prayer that God will help all of us to press on—to press on beyond our adversities and our achievements, beyond our tragedies and our triumphs, beyond our setbacks and our successes—and to press on to wholeness and to happiness and to those ripening relationships that make life what God intended our lives to be.

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# FACING

## the Church's Problems

By Thane W. Minor,  
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**C**hurch people today live in the most fantastic and awesome era man has ever known: fantastic due primarily to scientific achievement, and awesome because of scientific applications in nuclear weapon systems.

This era presents, simultaneously, overwhelming opportunity and sobering responsibility: overwhelming opportunity due to ease and speed of travel, affluence, expanding communications media, effective organizations, and growing populations; sobering responsibilities because the moral universe is in balance just as surely as Newton's physical world has for every action an equal and opposite reaction. For every privilege in life there is an attendant responsibility.

At this very moment people are flying over greater distances in five minutes than our grandfathers could have covered in a day. Rapid transportation makes it possible for one to see more people in a lifetime than the sum of those seen by his relatives of the past 10 generations.

What about this mobile society with its ever increasing ease and rate of travel? What about our affluence which makes it all possible? What about "exploding" populations which have increased world population from 1 billion in 1832, to a present 3+ billion, with expectations that it will reach 6 billion

by the year 2000?

What should churchmen do about these expanding opportunities to bring the story of Jesus Christ to those who need to know?

There appears to be more interest in Jesus today than ever before. Last summer in Jerusalem, I was told that if Christ should now return to this earth the Jews would accept him as the Messiah.

Are the "Jesus Freaks" and the flower children among the hippies the result of neglect by churchmen? Do they have a curiosity we have not satisfied?

During the past decade increases in church membership have been below population increases. We must solve this problem and find effective ways to tell the story of Jesus Christ and His salvation. How?

During the past 15 years there has been increasing use of problem-analysis techniques. They have been used effectively in the United States Air Force and many large businesses. The church could put these procedures to good use, and should have no fear of the "scientific" approach to problem solving—it is merely good organization of factors which relate to a problem. *We should never fear the analysis of any problem with which our church is confronted.*

There are five basic points in the scientific approach to problem solving. They are:

### 1. State the problem.

Some of the best analysts with whom I have worked over the past years maintain, "If one can clearly state a problem, it is 50 percent solved."

Write it out, think about it, redefine it, and reduce it to manageable proportions.

One may find in this first step that he has more than one problem. If so, the steps which follow should be applied to each problem individually.

### 2. List the relevant factors.

These are usually data which represent people, places, facilities, characteristics, policy, and resources.

### 3. Establish criteria.

This involves the identification of constraints and limitations on resources available, as well as policy guidelines and time available for solution.

### 4. Make a listing of all possible solutions.

The list should include "poor" solutions as well as those at first considered "good." Frequently a combination of "best" points in several possible solutions contributes the most effective and efficient alternative.

### 5. Measure the possible solutions with the criteria established in Step Three and then list the solutions in priority, beginning with the best.

One does not require training in operations research or system analysis to use these common-sense steps for assistance in problem solving.

What are some of the problems of the church today?

Are two services on Sunday and one on Wednesday the most effective number? Or do we have that schedule because "it has always been done that way"?

Do the services attract new people? Or do we just "shut ourselves off from the rest of the world" and enjoy "our" religion?

How could the services be made more attractive to those who need Jesus? Are services planned for "us" or "them"? Worse yet, is there no pre-service planning? Do we just let the services happen?

Are revivals well planned, interesting, and schedules made known which create a desire to attend?

Do we need to do more? Will people "beat a path" to our church door? What can we do to motivate them to come?

Does our music appeal to those who need salvation, or does it appeal to those of us who know the Lord? Whom are we trying to reach?

Do we dwell on the things we *don't* believe in before an unsaved visitor can find Jesus and gain the spiritual strength necessary for victorious Christian living?

Are young Christians encouraged or discouraged by the behavior of more mature Christians? Are we patient, prayerful, and helpful—or are we quick to criticize?

The utilization of problem-solving techniques is not a substitute for Bible study and prayerful suppli-

cation for spiritual guidance. They can be complementary to spiritual help and illustrate our sincerity and determination to be effective in helping others find Jesus Christ.

There are two types of Nazarenes: Type One, those who have had their sins forgiven; and Type Two, those who have then offered those "clean hands" in consecration and received in return the indwelling fullness of the Holy Spirit.

While both Type One and Type Two Nazarenes are entitled to all the privileges of membership in our denomination, the Type Two Nazarene has "a lot more going for him," and his efforts to win others can be much more effective with the help of the Holy Spirit within his total life.

Regardless of the problems we recognize and the methods we use to analyze them, some things are immutable—the path to salvation is the same—"All have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23); ". . . him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out" (John 6:37); ". . . and hereby we know that he abideth in us, by the Spirit which he hath given us" (1 John 3:24).

With a sincere effort to solve our problems and the Spirit's guidance, we can keep ahead of population increases and win greater numbers for Jesus Christ. The sky is the limit! □

## NOT MUCH TO GIVE!

"I have not much to give," he said.

"My talents are so few,  
But all I have and hope to be,  
I gladly give to You!"

Not much?—nor had a little boy  
Who in a great crowd stood.  
But with the simple lunch he gave  
They fed a multitude.

Another boy—not much had he,  
To wage against the foes of men.  
But with a small, crude weapon  
He won a battle then.

A widow brought just one small mite.  
Not much—her gift was small!  
Yet in the sight of God 'twas great—  
Because she gave her all.

Not much to give? Perhaps it's true  
When viewed in man's false light.  
But given with a heart of love—  
'Tis great within God's sight.

Geraldine Nicholas  
Scarborough, Ontario, Canada



Photo by Harold M. Lambert

By Claude D. Wilson,  
St. Bernice, Ind.

## “Happily Disappointed!”

**I**t is necessary for you to have some X rays to determine your trouble,” were the matter-of-fact words of the family physician.

After a series of X rays came the awaited news—a tumor of the stomach with many “branches” or “roots” going in every direction; and an ulcer! To double-check, the surgeon had another X ray taken and the diagnosis was the same: tumor and ulcer!

“Surgery will be necessary. You are to enter the hospital Sunday afternoon for surgery on Monday,” stated the surgeon.

These words struck horror and fear to the minds of the family. A daughter, because of previous experience in reading X rays, had been allowed to see the pictures.

The outlook was dark, very dark—suspected cancer! Numbed by the news, the family returned home to prepare, as best they could, for the ordeal.

Should it stop here, it would have indeed been a dark picture. God began to move. The pastor felt impressed of the Holy Spirit to ask Mrs. Ferguson if she would like for the church to have special prayer for and anoint her during the Sunday morning service. Her thoughts had been going in the same direction, so she replied in the affirmative.

Sunday morning, a group of Christians gathered around her at the altar of the church for special

prayer. God came, something happened, and the presence of the Lord was so greatly felt!

That afternoon she was admitted to the hospital. Her pastor arrived early Monday to have prayer with her before surgery and to be with the family as they waited and prayed—checking the clock that seemed to stand still.

After what seemed hours, the surgeon entered the waiting room and called for the family. What were the results? What would he have to say? Our hearts pounded heavily.

“The surgery was successful,” stated Dr. Chau. “We removed the ulcer, but the tumor was not there . . . not a trace of it!” Then in his quaint oriental phrasing of the English grammar he added, “I am happily disappointed!”

HAPPILY DISAPPOINTED!? Our hearts rejoiced! Tears of joy and thanksgiving welled up in our eyes. God had answered prayer!

“Brother Wilson,” asked Mr. Ferguson, “would you like to go have lunch with us?”

“No. Thanks just the same, but I have to get back home,” replied his pastor. To get back home—to tell what wonderful things God had wrought!

Mrs. Esther Ferguson was released sooner than in most cases of this nature and today has a clear bill of health—still rejoicing and praising God for what He did for her! And the rest of us? Well, you might say we are still “happily disappointed!” No, we are just plain happy and praising God along with Mrs. Ferguson. □

# The Forecast WHICH EXALTS

To the elders of Ephesus (Acts 20:17-32)

Paul's farewell address to the elders of Ephesus (Acts 20:17-32) sounds eccentric in an age of positive Christian faith. But perhaps it is not so peculiar after all, for it is the description of a *forecast which exalts!*

There is a paradox here as there always is in the mystery of redemption. "Bonds and afflictions" were ahead; and yet he looked forward to them with assurance and faith. The prospect did not depress him, for he rose on strong wings to the full height of apostolic opportunity.

The anticipated future with its *bonds, suffering*, and even *death* seemed to raise the soul of the apostle and brought forth a superlative vocabulary of spiritual exaltation. Can it give us a hint of the quality of dedication that Christ demands of His disciples?

## A cheerful anticipation of personal suffering

*"And now, behold, bound in spirit, I am on my way to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me there, except that the Holy Spirit solemnly testifies to me in every city, saying that bonds and afflictions await me"* (Acts 20:22-23, NASB<sup>o</sup>).

He did not know what was ahead of him. He expected the worst and anticipated the best. He went with confidence because of "clean hands,

and a pure heart." He delivered the word of God rather than man. He "coveted no man's silver, or gold, or apparel." He served the Lord with humility of mind.

Paul was a man of all seasons in loyalty. He preached to the Gentiles, witnessed from house to house, ministered to his own necessities, and supported the weak. He went with the serenity of a man "bound in the spirit"—a slave of Jesus Christ. The closer he came to death, the more real Jesus was to him.

## A sublime indifference to his bodily estate

*"But I do not consider my life of any account as dear to myself, in order that I may finish my course, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify solemnly of the gospel of the grace of God"* (Acts 20:24, NASB).

Paul was not affected by considerations which mean *everything* to most men. The absence of material goods did not make him wince. He could be rich or poor, full or hungry, confined or at liberty, lonely or with friends—it mattered little as long as he was serving Jesus Christ. Here was the secret of his nobility.

It sprang from absorption in the Saviour's work. This was the passion of his soul. It was the dominating force to which all else acquiesced.

## An optimistic concern for others in the face of death

*That concern was expressed in his final prayer. "And now I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified"* (Acts 20:32, NASB).

That commendation was to God. It was not to Peter, Apollos, or even himself—although at one time he had the audacity to say, "Follow me as I follow Christ." He knew that he might fail, but that God would never fail—that He was the only One who could make good His promise.

That commendation was to the "word of his grace." His confidence was in the authority of the written Word which revealed the personal Word—the heart of his faith. That commendation made possible the growth and establishment of Christ's Church. He might have said a great many things that occupy our attention today, but he knew that both orthodoxy and spiritual growth depended upon the centrality of God—consciousness in

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## helps to holy living

By Oscar F. Reed, Palo Alto, Calif.

Christ and the study of His Word for faith and practice.

The hope that was to come as a result of his devotion was the "inheritance" of the "sanctified." It anticipated the living presence of Jesus at His coming and the fellowship of the redeemed in heavenly places. It helped to sustain him in times of disappointment. He turned from the shame of men and waited for the glory to be revealed. It was an inner exaltation—and he was satisfied.

In Paul we see a devotion to the work that we

are doing for the Master that arises above the fear of men and welcomes the losses we endure for Christ's sake. It means a devout committing of ourselves and our charge of love to Him who is gracious and true. It sustains a buoyant and animating love in whose blessed radiance all earthly experiences are illuminated.

There is one condition—a trusting surrender to Christ as Lord of our lives. It is in this perspective that there is a "forecast which exalts." □

By Phillip Cory,  
Mt. Laurel, N.J.

# THE VITAL ASSIST



**W**hen Jesus sent out His disciples two by two we know full well that there was wisdom in His method. Dr. Kennedy of Coral Ridge church in Florida has assimilated this same principle of "two by two" in his now famous "Evangelism Explosion" outreach program.

In the personal soul-winning interview, the "silent" partner is responsible for making sure that unexpected interruptions do not take place—which may mean playing with the dog or changing the baby's diaper. Without this vital assist, many souls who have come to salvation would otherwise have still been "outside the fold."

Recently this writer saw a hockey game. The star of the team made a last-minute goal which won the game. One of the first things the star player did was go to the teammate who had made the "vital assist" that set up the game-winning goal. Though the words were not heard, you could

see that the star player was saying to his teammate, "Thank you, friend. If it had not been for that perfect pass, I would never have made the goal."

The appreciation he was showing his teammate was ample evidence that he did not have an inflated impression of his own importance and ability. He knew that "his" goal was really "their" goal.

Today the church is blessed with an increasing number of personal soul winners. Without question this form of evangelism is a very sharp cutting edge in our outreach program in the church. We must continue to seek out, train, and send out

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men and women who are capable of "frontline" battle against Satan.

But the facts seem to indicate that not every person could or should be a personal evangelist of the type encouraged through such outreach ministries as Campus Crusade or Kennedy's "Evangelism Explosion."

But those laymen, and perhaps even some ministers, should not despair or feel discouraged if they are not able to be dynamic personal soul winners. There are untold ways whereby the Christian can contribute to the evangelistic outreach of the church through the "vital assist."

Every person in the church must come to realize that he is a part of the team effort.

To try to develop soul winners through negative motivation, or a sense of guilt, can have disastrous effects upon the individual and also the evangelism program of the local church. We should

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encourage all Christians to feel a part of the team by showing sincere appreciation as they render the "vital assist."

The "vital assist" is any task in the church which makes the program operate more smoothly. The custodian, the Sunday school secretary, the parking-lot supervisor, the regular attender and giver—all these render the "vital assist." Each one contributes toward the goal of winning souls.

Perhaps we have discouraged some of our very vital and important assistants when we praise the personal soul winner, never remembering to put our "arm" about all those who made the many assists which made the "goal" attainable.

We must remember that even on the most winning teams there is usually only one standout star, or perhaps two. But any honest "standout," whether in the field of sports or other areas, will readily praise and promote those teammates who have done their jobs faithfully and without recognition.

Perhaps in a surge of enthusiasm and thrust for personal soul winners we have tended to forget that great host of men, women, boys, and girls who by their "assist" in many unseen ways have made the thrust for personal soul winning possible and fruitful.

When a team wins a World Series or a Super Bowl, it is not just the star players who are paid the financial purse for winning. Each member of the team, even those who were not visibly in the game, is given a share of the purse. Each is recognized for his contribution to the team effort.

When each person in the church, no matter what his task, begins to feel, *I am making a con-*

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*tribution; I helped in a vital way in reaching the Evangelistic Honor Roll, then we will have a church full of people who value their tasks, whatever they may be.*

Very early in the New Testament Church we begin to see the principle of the "vital assist." Apparently the apostles had found themselves being weighted down more and more with administrative tasks and details. It was not long before seven deacons were chosen. This again freed the apostles to be out on the front lines, winning souls and promoting the Kingdom through evangelism.

But how about those seven deacons, and the many others they represent? Was not their task a very vital assist to the Early Church? We rightfully pay our respect and homage to those who were the evangelists of the Early Church. But also we should appreciate those men and women who "waited tables" while the apostles evangelized. Without their efforts the infant Church would have had a much tougher struggle.

The task before the Church today is so great that we have never needed a united effort more than we do now. It is strategically important that every job in the church be done with a determination which bespeaks an understanding of the importance of team effort.

The church which is healthy is the church that has as its constituents men, women, boys, and girls who are convinced that they are individually a necessary and important part of the work of the Kingdom. They feel that the success of the outreach of the church depends, in a very vital way, upon their caring for their individual tasks.

To polarize a church into "soul winners" and "non-soul-winners" would most certainly put a smile on Satan's smug countenance. What better way to defeat the efforts of the Church than to divide the Kingdom?

Our evangelistic outreach must show unity through diversity. By encouraging each member and friend to do his individual task with a passion for souls, the Church can present to this world a united front of effective action which will sweep away all opposition in the flood tides of evangelism. Each task in the Church, no matter how simple, is without question a *vital assist*. □

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“And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God” (Romans 12:2).

# The Will of GOD

By Frank G. Carver,  
Pasadena, Calif.

**T**o drive through the vast expanses of Montana is to sense the exhilaration of “big sky country.” The majesty of it speaks to me of the will of God as I am more and more discerning it.

Paul invites us to discover “what the will of God is” (NASB). God has willed a life for each of us that is “good, and acceptable, and perfect”: *good* in that it comes to us from God, who alone is good (Mark 10:18)—a radically new possibility of life in Christ; *acceptable* in that it meets all the demands of a sovereign and holy God who is our Father; *perfect* in that it attains its proper goal, fulfills its intended purpose, for in it God claims us wholly for himself and for our neighbors in a life which is love.

I am certain that He wills such a life for me because He has given me His word. And God is as good as His word, for His *Word* is Jesus! I know that my life can consist of the will of God because Jesus “loved me, and gave himself for me” (Galatians 2:20).

*I need no other argument;  
I need no other plea.  
It is enough that Jesus died,  
And that he died for me.*

(L. H. Edmunds)

Paul tells us to “prove in practice” (Phillips) what the will of God is. He is saying that “the plan

of God” (Phillips) for us is not what we first know and then do, but what we first do and then know.

For Paul, the will of God is not a detailed map of the road of our lives which God places once for all in our hands as our sole responsibility, and which to misread or fail to follow at any crossroad is to miss God’s first and best for us. Rather the will of God is a scenic panorama unfolding before our eyes as we follow the signs which appear along the ascending highway of our lives in grace. The will of God for the Christian, writes a contemporary biblical scholar, “is not *possessed* but—as Romans 12:2 implies—ever newly sought and found.”

The answer to the question of the will of God is “be transformed [continually] by the renewing of your mind” (NASB).<sup>o</sup> It is the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of the risen Jesus, constantly at work in the deepest aspects of the personality, who enables us to discover in the process of daily life what God wants for us.

We find the full will of God for each step of our lives in the obedience of the moment of the renewing presence of Jesus.

God’s plan of grace and love is never farther than one moment of repentance away, only one “yes” distant. With the freedom of obedience comes the “good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God,” freedom from the tyrannizing forces of this present world-order.

The will of God is not a precisely drawn chart peering into the far distant future, but an implicit trust in Him who leads us gently step by step into the freshly given grace of His future for us.

The will of God is an “open sky” adventure of ever new discoveries in our day-to-day walk, the pattern of the providence of the Father which we ourselves sketch with the ink of our consistent obedience.

But we do not know either the number or the direction of all the strokes of the pen, nor can we fathom the beauty and the power of the final picture. This is the eager excitement involved in the proving of the will of God.

I fear not, but rather exult, to follow Him at the heart of whose life was the Cross, yet who was raised by the Father to eternal newness of life.

It is my privilege and yours, through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, which like the dew is new every morning, to “be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect” (NASB). □

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# A Christian Woman's World

## How to Be Happy

In a question-and-answer period following one of her speeches, Mrs. Norman Vincent Peale was asked, "Are you a happy person?"

Without hesitation Mrs. Peale answered, "Yes."

"Well," continued the querying lady, "how do you do it? . . . I'm not a really happy person. Oh, I pretend to be most of the time. But this thing called happiness eludes me. I think it eludes most of my friends too, although some will deny it. . . . There are just too many problems and tensions and frustrations in the average person's life these days. So if you are happy, I wish you'd tell us how you got that way, and how you stay that way, and how we can be happy too."

Mrs. Peale recalls that the audience, composed of women only, grew very quiet and expectant as she drew a deep breath, said a quick silent prayer, and then spoke briefly on "how to be happy."

You can read her answer in Chapter 13 of her new book, *The Adventure of Being a Wife* (Prentice-Hall, 1971), \$5.95, but briefly here's what she said:

First, Ruth Peale told the women that the "more you focus on your own happiness, or lack of it, the more it will elude you. . . . preoccupation with self seems to be the enemy of happiness. So, stop struggling to be happy."

Then she talked about the fact that "the best way to get happiness is to give it." She quoted her husband, who often quotes Emerson—"something to the effect that it's impossible to sprinkle perfume on another person without having some of it come

wafting back to you. I don't know why more women who are idle and restless and basically bored don't grasp this fundamental fact," she said.

"Playing games or playing golf is fine—as a diversion. But in terms of deep down happiness that sort of activity can't begin to compare with volunteer work in a hospital, or leading a Girl Scout troop, or helping underprivileged people in some direct, personal way."

The next point she made about happiness was one she thought may sound "strange," but she made it anyway: Solving problems, really solving them, can give a good, happy feeling.

"We all have problems, and there's no doubt that problem-solving may remove specific causes of unhappiness," she pointed out.

Mrs. Peale made some good observations about solving problems. "When I'm faced by some big, ugly, complicated problem, instead of just staring at it in gloom and despair, I've learned to make myself analyze it, break it down into less formidable fragments, fragments that I can tackle right away with some hope of success."

She illustrated this by telling about when she hired a tree expert to remove a dead tree that was about to fall against their house.

She thought the tree expert would merely saw through the trunk and let the whole thing crash to the ground. "But he didn't do it that way at all. First he trimmed off the small upper branches. Then, one by one, he sawed through the great limbs and lowered them with ropes and pulleys. Then he began taking down sections of the huge trunk, piece by piece, until there was only about 20 feet left. Finally he sawed this down, and the whole tree was gone. 'We always tackle the easy part first,' he said. 'That way, the rest of the problem gets simpler and simpler as we go along.'"

Her final point about happiness zeroed in on the "peace of mind, the quiet sense of joy and fulfillment" about which she believed the women were really interested. "Some of the happiest people I know are those who have a strong religious faith—and some of the unhappiest are those who have none," she observed. "Long ago I put my life in God's hands and I simply trust Him: trust His love; trust His watchful care. . . . After all, if you believe that the Power that runs the universe loves you, is concerned about you and will help you, how can you be anything but happy, no matter what difficulties you may be facing?" □



By Aarlie J. Hull, Seattle

# editorially SPEAKING

By W. T. PURKISER

## *The Bible College Offering*

Nazarene Bible College in Colorado Springs is well past the trial stage. Already its graduates are taking their places throughout the church as pastors and evangelists.

To meet the varied needs of its students, most of whom have family responsibilities, the college maintains both full day and evening schedules of classes.

The purpose and objectives of the Bible College are clearly stated in its catalog:

"The Nazarene Bible College was created by the General Assembly of 1964 to supplement the educational program of the church in the field of ministerial training in the important area of adult education. It is the purpose of the Bible College to provide training for those who do not choose to complete the broader, more intensive training provided by our college-seminary programs.

"The Bible College offers a curriculum of Bible Certificate courses which are designed to meet the requirements for ordination in the Church of the Nazarene. In defining the Bible Certificate course, we would state it as that particular area of education historically at the heart of the Bible institute movement which is inseparably a part of the study of the Bible and Bible-related subjects contributing to individual spiritual growth and understanding and effective Christian service."

The founding president of the Bible College, Dr. Charles H. Strickland, was elected general superintendent in the Church of the Nazarene at the 1972 General Assembly in Miami Beach, Fla., in June. The new school year is now well under way with Dr. L. S. Oliver, former superintendent of the Illinois District, at the helm as president.

Next Sunday, October 15, the Sunday schools of the Church of the Nazarene are scheduled to take their annual offering for the capital needs of the Bible College.

These needs are many. A functional minimum

plant has been built. The indebtedness on these buildings must be paid off, and other facilities constructed.

Operating costs of the college are met from student tuition and fees and from the General Budget, to which each local congregation contributes. But the cost of buildings and improvements must come from special gifts and by way of the annual October offering for this purpose.

Spurred by the incentive of a \$100,000 matching gift from Mr. William Broadhurst of Tulsa, Okla., we gave \$145,000 in February to liquidate the indebtedness on Nazarene Theological Seminary in Kansas City. We need now to double last year's offering for the Bible College.

Our record up to date is nothing to be proud of. It runs just a little less than 10 cents per member taken the church over. Some congregations do much better than that, of course. But by the same token, others do not do as well.

Differing plans will be followed in different Sunday schools next Sunday to receive the Bible College offering. But when the opportunity is given, make your investment in this important part of the church's ministry—and make it just as generous as you can. □

## *If It Lies Low Enough*

An irrigation expert was talking to a farmer about one of his fields. "There's nothing you can do about that," the farmer said. "That field is barren and will produce nothing."

"I can make that field richly fruitful," the other replied, "if it only lies low enough."

Like the flow of life-giving water, the blessing of God comes only to those who "lie low enough." God rarely if ever helps those who can help themselves. He helps those who cannot help themselves.

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Such is certainly true in forgiveness and recon-

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ciliation. "In my hand no price I bring; simply to Thy cross I cling."

This is where the Christian faith breaks most radically with humanism. Humanism looks to man as the savior. Education, social change, reform, legislation—all these have their place. But none of them singly nor all of them together can bring new life to the soul dead in trespasses and sins.

The fullness of the Spirit is likewise given only to those who "lie low enough." We are often told that we live in a Laodicean age (Revelation 3:14-22). It is an age of lukewarmness.

What we have not as clearly seen is the cause of lukewarmness: "Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing." The ground lies too high. As a result the Laodiceans are "wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked" (verse 17).

In the same way, revival comes only to those who "lie low enough." Worldliness and compromise block the working of God's Spirit in renewal. But so do smugness and complacency.

The recipe for revival hasn't changed: "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways [Hebrew, 'ways of grief']; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land" (II Chronicles 7:14).

Prayer, seeking God, turning from ways that grieve the Spirit (Ephesians 4:30-32) are essential parts of the program. But it all starts with getting low enough for the waters of renewal to flow into our lives: "If my people . . . humble themselves".

Revival is coming. Our world can't survive much longer without it. Already the tide is rising. It is flooding into areas where it might least be expected. Other areas are left untouched. The difference is in "the lay of the land."

We have no fear that God's purposes will ultimately be defeated. We have no fear that the sovereignty of the Spirit will be frustrated. We only pray for ourselves and ours that we may "lie low enough" to receive our share of the blessings so freely given. □

## *Cold Logic or Cold Feet*

Cold feet, not cold logic, is what keeps people away from God and His will. For every honest doubt there are a dozen fears that stand in the way.

This does not mean people may not have intellectual hang-ups in accepting the Christian faith. One can become so preoccupied with one set of facts that he loses his ability to look at the whole picture.

What we need to remember is that the set of the will makes a great deal of difference in the way we use our minds. Much of our so-called thinking is little more than rearranging our prejudices.

The connection between what people think and what they want to think has often been pointed out. Jesus told us about the interaction of willing and thinking: "If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine . . ."

Knowing the truth about God depends upon commitment to do His will. We do not ordinarily make our way into the Kingdom headfirst. We go heart first.

Reason, be it said again, is a good servant but a poor master. Augustine said, "My conscience is captive to the Word of God." We might add also, "My reason is subject to the Word of God."

This does not mean that we accept blindly. It means that we accept some things we cannot now prove, not because reason invented them, but because it discovered them in the Scripture.

Many seem to have a deep-seated fear of letting go and letting God take over. The barrier for them is not cold reason but cold feet.

Yet when these fears are overcome, they prove groundless. God does not save us to keep us in the dark. We become disciples in both meanings of that word: adherents committed to a cause, and learners gaining insight and understanding.

If you have doubts that stand in the way of yielding to God and His will, it's a good idea to ask whether they are due to cold logic or cold feet. □

## INTERNATIONAL LEADERS DISCUSS HOME MISSIONS

For the first time in history, international home mission district leaders of the Church of the Nazarene met as a group with the entire Board of General Superintendents during the Eighteenth General Assembly in Miami Beach, Fla.

Leaders were present from the

British Isles, Canada, Middle and Northwest Europe, European South Africa, Australia, New Zealand, and Samoa, as well as the United States. The purpose of the meeting was for fellowship and to improve lines of communication between the countries represented. □



Home mission leaders: (left to right) Rev. Bill Prince, principal of the European Bible College; Rev. Ray Hance, district superintendent of the Northwest European District; Dr. Samuel Young, general superintendent emeritus; Rev. Richard Zanner, district superintendent of the Middle European District; Dr. V. H. Lewis, general superintendent; and Dr. Bruce Taylor, district superintendent of the South African District.

## CHURCH REACHES NEW RECORD

The Rock Island (Ill.) First Church broke its Sunday school record twice within six weeks. Early this year the church moved into a new brick edifice and the opening day's attendance reached 440, breaking the old record of 437.

Another record attendance of 502 was realized five Sundays later. Charles V. Darr is Sunday school superingendent; Howard Keeney is the assistant superintendent; and Donald E. Tyler is pastor. □



### "Showers of Blessing" PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Dr. William Fisher

October 15—"Don't Park by Your Failures"

October 22—"Don't Park by Your Successes"

## NEW VENTURE ON L.A. DISTRICT

Another new step was taken on the Los Angeles District this year when District Superintendent L. Guy Nees installed Rev. Koichi Yamamoto as associate pastor of the Monterey Park, Calif., church. Yamamoto will be working with many Japanese people moving into the Monterey Park-Los Angeles area.

Rev. K. Yamamoto, an elder, pastored 10 years in Hawaii. He was formerly involved in missionary and



Rev. Koichi Yamamoto and Rev. Thomas Paine.

pastoral work in Manchuria, Mongolia, Korea, and Japan.

Pastor Thomas Paine and members of the Monterey Park church welcomed Mr. and Mrs. Yamamoto and their daughter with a fellowship dinner following an installation service. □



Pictured is the new sanctuary at Alberta, Minn., part of an L-shaped building complex valued at \$100,000. Many hours of donated labor by Pastor Lowell Arndt and the church made the new facility possible. In a small town of about 150, the church averages between 80 and 90. There were 250 present for the dedication. Former Pastor Byron Clark participated in the dedication service.

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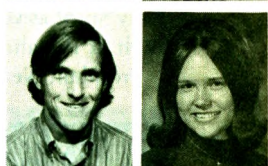
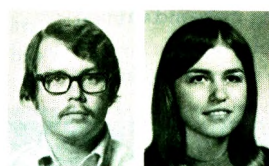
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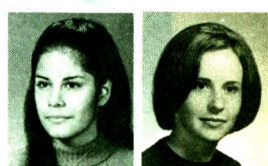
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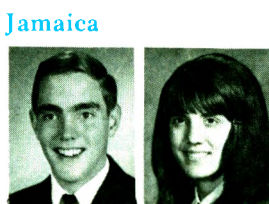
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Hot Laredo, Tex., late June and early July; 74 college students together from all over the United States, Canada, and Mexico—"We are One in the Bond of Love."

Long hours—training in strategy, communication, music, VBS—evangelism—Sunday Communion—openness—oneness—a common purpose of sharing Christ.

Target, 18 countries of Latin America and the Caribbean; 24 hours on a Mexican train to Cuernavaca; Spanish training with tears of frustration and joys of accomplishment; evangelism in the market, on the train (one university student converted), on the bus, on the plane.

To the field: Herb: "I was able to lead Jose to Christ, even with a language barrier."

Judy: "It was so neat. The lady by me on the plane going to Lima was spiritually hungry. I shared *You Can*

*Have Life* in Spanish. There were tears..."

Manuel: "Ecuador—new country for Nazarenes and we have had as many as 200 at our churches as well as two street corners now called Nazarene because of our services."

Don: "My encounter with the cab driver was fantastic. He will find Christ before the summer ends."

And so it goes, when you are bonded by love.—FRANKLIN COOK, *Department of World Missions*.

Students served in the following assignment:

**ARGENTINA:** Pam Litsey, Jim Vidito

**BOLIVIA:** Ron Galloway, Cheryl Hancock, Christie Morison, Gary Morsch

**BRAZIL:** Paul Buchanan, David Perkins, Carol Stegemoller, Glenda Wright

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**GUYANA:** Paul Belcher, Louise Lott, Patti Neet, Robert Sisson

**JAMAICA:** Robert Borbe, Kathy Miller, Al Rowilson, Rayelenn Sparks

**MEXICO:** Herb Agee, Jr., Susan Hahn, Don Verner, Vicki Whipple

**NICARAGUA:** Anna Pat Alejandro, Helen Bray, Peggy Pound

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# BETHANY NAZARENE COLLEGE

## "HOME OF KOINONIA" COMES ALIVE

During the summer, Dr. Stephen W. Nease was elected college president. New hope has been instilled and students have come back to the college for registration by the hundreds—1,400 have enrolled already, with more to come.

The opening convention with Dr. Nease, Pastor Gilliland, the Lost and Found, and the Bill Gaither Trio was a time of spiritual renewal. Friday night, September 1, Herrick Auditorium was filled. Saturday night, Bethany First Church hosted over 4,000. The atmosphere was charged with the dynamic movement of the Holy Spirit as young men and women knelt at the altar of prayer.

President Nease's theme to faculty

and students was from Paul's words of encouragement in the face of the obstacles of impending shipwreck: "Be of good cheer: for I believe God, that it shall be even as it was told me" (Acts 27:25).

Bethany has a long way to go to pull out of its financial problems, but \$2 million is the kind of challenge to which an energetic president, a dedicated faculty, an inspired student body, and a concerned board of trustees and constituency will respond.

—DR. ROBERT L. GRIFFIN  
*Dean of the college*

Dr. Stephen W. Nease



BNC opening convention at Bethany (Okla.) First Church on Saturday, September 2.

### MINISTERS' INSURANCE EXPANDED

Of special interest to ministers and church board members is the announcement that the Northwestern National Life Insurance Company has approved an Accidental Death and Dismemberment clause on all life insurance coverage offered to Nazarene ministers through the Department of Pensions and Benevolence.

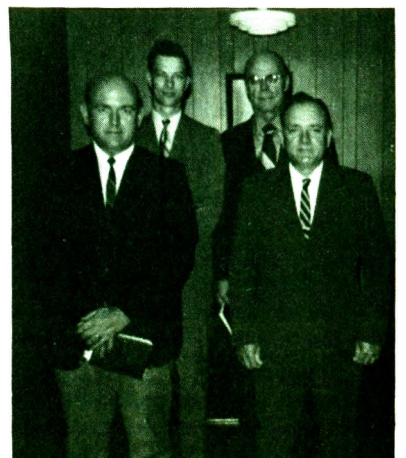
This clause provides for double coverage in case of accidental death. The Accidental Death and Dismemberment benefit becomes effective October 1, 1972, and is provided for our ministers without additional cost.

The supplemental life insurance has a waiver of premium benefit. Should the insured minister become totally disabled before the age of 65, his insurance coverage will be continued during such disability without payment of the premium.

Another feature of the supplemental life insurance is that if the premium is paid by the local church it is considered a fringe benefit. The amount of the premium does not have to be reported as income for federal income tax purposes.

These features plus the extremely low cost make the supplemental life insurance a greater value than ever before. This insurance is available to the ministers of the Church of the Nazarene at the lowest possible cost that can be obtained anywhere. □

The Angleton, Tex., church held a mortgage-burning service earlier this year. Pictured following the service are members: (l. to r.) front row—Bob Worthington and J. D. Crouch; back row—Pastor Tommy Story and Superintendent W. Raymond McClung, Houston District.



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## PALLETT'S ASSUME EUROPEAN ASSIGNMENT

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Murray Pallett, newly appointed superintendent of the Northwest European District, and Mrs. Pallett will leave Salt Lake City for their destination on October 14. They will live at the district headquarters in Copenhagen, and he will supervise the work in Northwest Europe.

There is presently an established congregation in Copenhagen and one in Haarlem, Holland, a suburb of Amsterdam. A new church has been organized at Greve Strand, a suburb of Copenhagen, and several new church opportunities are open to us in Holland.



Rev. Murray  
Pallett

the middle daughter, lives in Pasadena, where she is a schoolteacher; and the youngest daughter, Betty, lives in New Orleans.

Rev. M. Pallett succeeds Rev. Ray Lunn Hance as district superintendent of the Northwest European District. Rev. R. Hance has accepted a call to the Chicago Heights Church on the Chicago Central District. □

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## CALIFORNIA CHURCH DEDICATED

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The Santa Rosa (Calif.) First Church has relocated in its new facilities at 2233 Hoen Avenue. There were 617 people present for services on the first Sunday in the new church.

The newly constructed building includes educational facilities, office complex, chapel, and a fellowship hall-gymnasium which is presently being used as an auditorium for worship. There is a total of 18,000 square feet of floor space at a cost of \$250,000, including parking lot and landscaping.

Rev. Harold L. Stickney has been pastor of the church for eight years. The staff also includes Rev. John Watkins, associate, and Mr. Al Clift, minister of music. □

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## SEMINARIAN ASSIGNED TO YOUTH PERIODICALS

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John Denney, a seminarian from Nevada, has become the new assistant editor of *Conquest* and *ETC.* magazines and an assistant in campus



John Denney

ministries. He replaces Howard Culbertson, who held the position for four years before entering the pastoral ministry. John has traveled as a representative for the Nazarene Publishing House for two summers. He also served as secretary of the Nazarene Student Leadership Conference. □

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## NEW OFFICE MANAGER SELECTED

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Dr. B. Edgar Johnson announced in September that Mr. John Seaman has become office manager for the General Secretary's office. He has taken the place of Rev. Marlow Salter, who served in that capacity for the past two quadrenniums.



John Seaman

Mr. Seaman is a student at Nazarene Theological Seminary, Kansas City, and will be working on an approximate three-quarters time schedule. □



Dr. W. T. Johnson, district superintendent of Southwest Oklahoma, is presenting a check for \$176,186 to Dr. Stephen Nease, new president of Bethany Nazarene College, Bethany, Okla., in a service during the recent district assembly. This amount includes payment of school budgets in advance from a number of churches as well as special offerings by individuals. Additional pledges to be paid soon brought the total offering to over \$200,000.

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## FIRST OF 28 IMPACT CONFERENCES LAUNCHED

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"God demands our service and our involvement with people and their needs." With these words, Dr. George Coulter, chairman of the Board of General Superintendents, launched the first of 28 IMPACT Conferences which will cover the United States and Canada in a united effort to direct the priorities of the church toward saving the lost.

September 18, some 427 persons at the Des Moines First Church heard Dr. Coulter keynote the series by saying, "The heart of the task of the church is evangelism. We are united in this great task. It is evangelism that is at the center of the task of world missions. It is evangelism that is the center of the task of home missions,

of NYPS, of church schools, and all the rest.

"Too often," he warned, "the church has drawn away from the very people who need us most.

"It is the sinner we too often shun who stands in greatest need of the Christ whose love we share. This need becomes our opportunity. We face the day of greatest opportunity that we have ever known," Dr. Coulter said. "The world needs to hear about a Saviour called Jesus.

"The IMPACT Conference idea," Dr. Coulter explained, "was born in a Kansas City prayer meeting among headquarters executives who became convinced of the need for a united effort in reaching the lost."

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The Riverside Church in Atlanta, Ga., observed a mortgage-burning ceremony on March 19 with District Superintendent Jack H. Lee officiating. The church has property valued at \$110,000 and is debt-free. Fifty thousand dollars in building and improvements and \$30,000 in indebtedness has been liquidated in seven years. Pictured left to right are Pastor Theo Carter, Andy Pruitte, C. F. McGourik, and I. U. Dewberry.

## McKELLIPS TO NAZARENE BIBLE COLLEGE

After 20 years of pastoral ministry in Oklahoma and Kansas, Rev. Harold McKellips joined the Nazarene Bible College faculty in Colorado Springs, August 1.



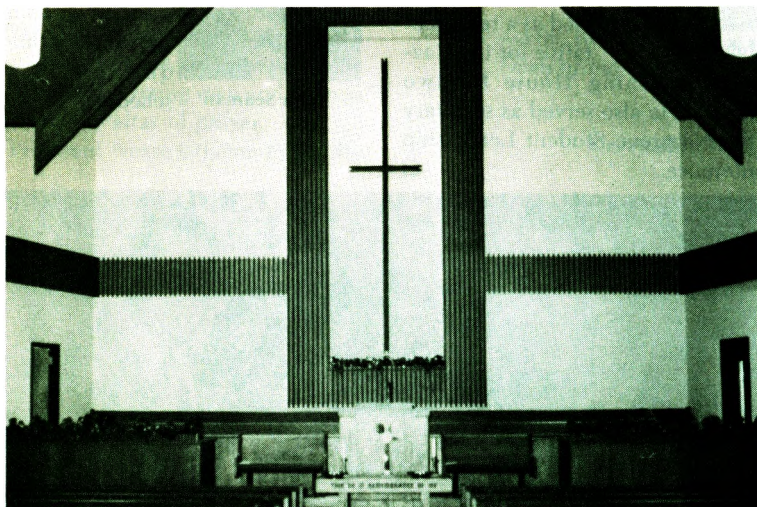
Rev. Harold McKellips

Rev. H. McKellips' last pastorate was on the Kansas City District, where he served the Victory Hills Church for six years. Prior to going to Kansas City, he pastored

on the Kansas District for 11 years, three years of which he served as district NYPS president.

He was a 1953 graduate of Bethany Nazarene College, Bethany, Okla. He also studied at Central College, McPherson, Kans., and Wichita State University, Wichita, Kans.

In addition to some administrative responsibilities, his teaching assignment will be in the area of practical theology and Christian education. □



The Huntington (W. Va.) First Church has dedicated its new sanctuary, which was built to accommodate 450 people. The addition increases the total floor space to 11,840 square feet. The construction cost was \$157,000. The dedicatory message was presented by Superintendent M. E. Clay, West Virginia District. Willis G. Coburn is pastor.

## Love Is...

Cheryl Hancock, a recent MANC graduate, had an opportunity to visit one of the many areas where the dollars given for world evangelism are used to spread the good news of Jesus Christ. Listen to what Cheryl has to say.



"I thank God for the privilege of spending a summer in El Salvador. Not only did I come to understand the needs of the people, but many opportunities to share God's love were also sent my way. God's love is exciting! It's not just something to look at and admire or discuss in academic circles, but it is a real, live presence of God's Spirit living in and through those whom He has filled.

"Love grows as it is put into action. It is giving one's talent, energy, and resources to God and others, without having a thought of ever being rewarded.

"Yes, real love is giving . . . giving all you can for the good of others.

"Let's reach out to others in the 1972 Thanksgiving Offering, and be people who really love!"

The challenge is before us. Yes, the goal of \$3.2 million is most definitely a great one. However, the challenge to reach the world with the message of the redeeming work of Christ is the greatest one.

Let's all meet these great challenges by giving because we love!

—Harold O. Parry  
Stewardship Commission Office Asst.

## TNC ALUMNI HONORED

Four graduates of Trevecca Nazarene College, Nashville, have been chosen for inclusion in the 1972 edition of *Outstanding Young Men of America*, an annual biographical compilation featuring the accomplishments of approximately 5,000 young men of outstanding rank throughout the United States.

Those to be featured in the edition scheduled for release in November are: Rev. Paul Coulter Andrus, A.B. 1962, a missionary stationed in Bolivia, South America; Rev. Paul Hetrick, Jr., A.B. 1964, a missionary to the Swazi people in South Africa; Orval D. Lejeune, A.B. 1961, professor at DeKalb College and president elect of Trevecca Alumni Association; and Dr. Donald H. McKenzie, A.B. 1959, professor at the University of South Carolina. □



## CANTRELLS HONORED

Approximately 400 people met in the Memorial Student Union Building at Bethany Nazarene College, Bethany, Okla., on Friday evening, July 28, to honor retiring president and wife, Dr. and Mrs. Roy H. Cantrell.

Tributes were paid by Dr. B. Edgar Johnson, general secretary, for the general church; A. Leroy Taylor, past director of special education for the state of Oklahoma, representing the community and local church; Dr. Lyle Eckley, chairman of BNC board of trustees; Dr. Francis Oakes, past president of the Alumni Association; and Dr. Fred Floyd, history professor emeritus.

Dr. H. L. Craddock, vice-president of business affairs, made the presen-



Dr. and Mrs. Roy H. Cantrell

tation of a plaque from the church, community, and college; Harry Macrory, director of public relations, presented Dr. Cantrell with a beautiful Omega watch engraved on the back to read, "Roy H. Cantrell, President BNC, 1947-1972"; and a beautiful watch to Mrs. Cantrell engraved on the back, "BNC First Lady, 1947-1972."

Dr. Mervel Lunn, assistant superintendent of schools for the Oklahoma City school system, served as master of ceremonies; with Bart Rustin, 1971-72 STUCO president, giving the invocation; and Steve Ingersol, 1972-73 STUCO president-elect, giving the benediction.

Mayor Eldon Lyon presented a key to the city of Bethany to retiring President Cantrell expressing appreciation for his contribution to the community, including his service as a member of a Utility Trust and membership on the Board of the Bethany General Hospital. □

## HIGH TIDE AT TIDEWATER CENTRAL



Fleet of church buses—aids growing church

The Tidewater Central Church in Virginia Beach, Va., has been in a continuous revival for 17 months. Hundreds of people have been brought to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. Many Catholics have been converted and brought into the church. Someone finds the Lord every Sunday.

The church recently broke all attendance records with 1,275 people attending Sunday school and 510 people present for the evening service. It was the greatest single service in the history of the church as 125 people found the Lord. Many of these were entire families and parents of bus children.

The church is engaged in a bus outreach ministry and is operating 13

buses. The average attendance from the bus routes is nearly 450 per Sunday. Adults, teens, and children are brought into the Sunday school from within a 15-mile radius of the church.

The Sunday school is presently showing a net gain of over 400 per Sunday above last year's average. A new educational building was dedicated in February to accommodate the rapid growth. Additional property has been purchased and the church plans to build another educational building and an auditorium that will seat 3,000 people.

Charles L. Kirby is the pastor of the church; Fred W. Bates IV is the minister of music and youth; and Jack W. Outman is the minister of visitation and outreach. □



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## OF PEOPLE AND PLACES

RECORD CROWDS OF OVER 600 attended the 1972 Tri-State Indoor Camp held at Evansville (Ind.) First Church. Special workers were Dr. B. G. Wiggs, Dr. M. Harold Daniels, and Wally and Ginger Laxson. District Superintendent W. Charles Oliver presided over the services. Many people were won to the Lord. There was no preaching in the Tuesday and Friday evening services. □

THE CONGREGATION OF THE EL MONTE, CALIF., CHURCH presented a plaque to Mr. Eugene Wood in appreciation of his 25 years of service as a bus driver for the Sunday school. Though he is retiring as a bus driver, he is assuming a teaching position for an adult Sunday school class. □

MR. LEWIS SHINGLER, Nazarene layman from Pasadena, Calif.,

was guest speaker at the National Prayer Breakfast held at Vandenberg Air Force Base in Calif. The breakfast was held in conjunction with the one in Washington attended by the president, cabinet, and members of the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives, and other top officials.

"Shingler's speech," reported Nazarene Chaplain James P. Hall, "was well received. His emphasis on the important part that prayer has played in the lives of military leaders in the past was encouragement to return it to its place of prominence." □



Mount Vernon (Ohio) Lakeholm Church has broken ground for its new sanctuary and educational unit, located adjacent to the campus of Mount Vernon Nazarene College. Architect Jim Keys, of Wheaton, Ill., has designed a contemporary 12-sided sanctuary using field stone as the primary building material. The educational unit will be given a rustic look with the use of rough-cut cedars for the exterior. Members of the building committee (l. to r.) are Harold Arnette, Tom Eidemiller, Pastor Jim Cummins, Jon Johnston, Jarrell Garsee, Harold Shock, and Kenneth Lambert.

RICHARD W. ETULAIN, 1960 graduate of Northwest Nazarene College, Nampa, Idaho, has been named chairman of the Department of History at Idaho State University. He holds his M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Oregon.

Professor Etulain has authored or co-edited three books and has published more than two dozen articles and 50 book reviews in scholarly magazines. In 1969-70 he was Advanced Fellow in Historical Editing with the Daniel Webster Papers at Dartmouth College. Dr. and Mrs. Etulain are members of the Pocatello (Idaho) church. □

THOUGH CONFINED to her home most of a year due to a heart attack, Mrs. Nettie Slaight, of the Havana, Ill., church, has finished Christian Service Training courses leading to the certified teacher award. The award was presented to her in a public service. □

THE VERO BEACH (FLA.) FIRST CHURCH remodeled an old house which it has used for meetings since October, 1971. A parsonage has been added and plans call for the building of a new church. The remodeled house will then be used for a teen center. Merrill E. Dewey is pastor. □

MRS. EARL (ALMA) STEVENS, 84, was honored by her pastor and friends at the Menomonie (Wis.) First Church for years of service to the church dating back to 1917. A plaque of appreciation was presented by Miss Charlotte Rose, Sunday school superintendent, and Pastor William E. Nail, Sr. Mrs. Stevens is still teaching a class of junior girls. □

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THE CRESTWOOD (ILL.) CALVARY CHURCH has relocated 11 miles from its former location in Chicago. Pastor Paul E. Richardson reports that the church is in a lovely community and has a great challenge. □

EL PASO (TEX.) FIRST CHURCH was featured on a one-hour TV special earlier this year. The program, video-taped, followed the theme "Jesus Is the Answer." It featured special music by the choir, ladies' ensemble, duets and solos, interviews by Pastor Jerry W. White, a three-minute narration—"Who Are the Nazarenes?"—with slides, and a four-minute presentation spotlighting the local church in the community with narration and slides. Pastor White concluded the program with an eight-minute sermon. The program was well received by the community. □

THOMAS A. BURTON, SR., of Upland, Calif., was honored with a dinner and an open-house reception on his one hundredth birthday. Greetings were received from President and Mrs. Richard Nixon and from church leaders. □

MRS. MINNIE SUKRAW, member of the North Platte (Neb.) First Church, has refused to let the handicap of restricted eyesight deter her from quilting. In the last 10 years she has given 1,300 of her quilts to needy people through missionaries in Korea, Taiwan, Africa, Haiti, India, and Japan. Some have also been given to people with needs in the United States. □

## DISTRICT ASSEMBLY REPORTS

### MICHIGAN

Indian Lake Camp, Vicksburg, Mich., was the meeting place for the fifty-ninth annual assembly of the Michigan District, July 12-13. General Superintendent Orville W. Jenkins ordained Walter Ballard, Earl Burdick, Russell Coffey, Alan Hulliberger, Earl Kilpatrick, William Raleigh, John Shoup, and Bryan Solomon.

District Superintendent Fred J. Hawk reported a gain in membership and giving. Six sanctuaries were dedicated during the year, a total of 58 during his 11 years as district leader. He announced plans for Key '73, with many pastors training teams of laymen for soul winning and a training clinic to be conducted during September at Midland, Mich.

(Elders) H. T. Stanley, Carl R. Allen, and Paul K. Moore, and (laymen) Gerald Decker, William Damon, and Ned Comfort were elected to the advisory board. Mrs. Fred J. Hawk was reelected president of the NWMS. Rev. David W. Moore was elected president of the NYPS. Rev. Carl R. Allen was elected chairman of the church schools board. □

### CENTRAL OHIO

The twenty-ninth annual assembly of the Central Ohio District was held at the Columbus campgrounds, July 18-21. Dr. George Coulter was the presiding general superintendent.

Dr. and Mrs. Harvey S. Galloway were given special honor in the Wednesday evening service highlighting his 29 years of service as district superintendent and her 26 years of service as district NWMS president, which culminated in their retirement

at the close of the district assembly and camp meeting. A retirement check of \$11,300 was presented to the Galloways.

Dr. Galloway reported a good year of progress and victory throughout the district in his twenty-ninth and final report. Seven hundred thirty-four new members were received on profession of faith. The total membership of the 139 churches is 14,292, which is a net gain of 305. Thirty-one churches were on the Evangelistic Honor Roll. Fifty-three churches received 10 percent certificates for their giving to world evangelism. The total missionary giving set a new record of \$319,219. This district has a 10.6 standing for missionary giving. The district has attained a 10 percent goal in missionary giving for 12 consecutive years, and the Pensions and Benevolence Budget payments reached the 90 percent goal.

(Elders) D. E. Clay, John W. Dennis, and E. K. Richey; and (laymen) Marvin Downs, Paul Forgrave, and Dale Foster were elected members of the district advisory board. Rev. Wesley B. Frederick was reelected NYPS president.

Dr. Donald J. Gibson was elected the new district superintendent on the twelfth ballot. His acceptance of the call was announced in the service Thursday evening. The district assembly closed Friday noon with a welcoming reception for Dr. and Mrs. Donald J. Gibson. □

### NORTHEASTERN INDIANA

The thirtieth annual assembly of the Northeastern Indiana District was held July 21-23 at the campgrounds, Marion, Ind. General Superintendent Orville W. Jenkins ordained Dean Mitchell and James Johnson and recognized elder's orders of Henry Cossell and Max Zell.

District Superintendent Fletcher Spruce, completing the third year of an extended term, reported four-year gains as follows: 37 percent in pastoral salaries; 35 percent gain in giving for all purposes; and 27 percent gain in per capita giving. Present membership reached 9,918; the Sunday school enrollment stood at 23,303 with a Sunday school average attendance of 11,285. The district raised \$2,537,668 for all purposes. The district gave \$210,024 for world evangelism and paid 90.6 percent of its Pensions and Benevolence Budget.

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## COLORADO

The sixty-fourth annual assembly of the Colorado District was held in Denver, July 6-7. General Superintendent Edward Lawlor ordained Robert E. Bauer, Charles Elliott, James Norcross, Alwin Rathburn, and Howard R. Rogers. He consecrated Joyce Maley deaconess.

District Superintendent M. Harold Daniels, completing the first year of a four-year call, reported new highs in every department. The Sunday school average attendance reached 9,580, an increase of 1,174. The district led the denomination in Sunday school increase in 11 out of 12 months of the year. Churches received 1,239 members with 618 by profession of faith, a net increase of 314 to a total membership of 8,025. Total giving was \$2,120,897, an increase of \$255,000. A new church was organized in Salida. Colorado was second in the denomination for number of new churches organized during the quadrennium.

(Elders) Bill Sullivan and W. Donald Wellman and (laymen) Willis Brown and Jarrell Gunstream were elected to the advisory board. Miss Eunice Phillips was elected NWMS president, and Rev. Henry Cheatwood was elected president of the NYPS. Rev. W. Donald Wellman was elected chairman of the church schools board. □

## DAKOTA

The fourth annual assembly of the Dakota District was held at Jamestown, N.D., July 6-7. General Superintendent V. H. Lewis ordained Vernon D. Carpenter, Harold L. Ellis, John G. Forster, David N. Good, Kenneth L. Heller, Darrel W. Krehbiel, Paul E. Lantz, Lyle B. Pointer, William S. Rigel, Thomas M. Whitten.

District Superintendent J. Wilmer Lambert, completing the third year of an extended term, reported 128 taken into membership by profession of faith. Total giving increased \$15,761 over the previous year. Twelve new pastors came to the Dakotas during the year.



Mrs. Mae T. Lyon, 89, was honored at the Coeur d'Alene (Idaho) First Church for years of service as Sunday school teacher, NWMS officer, and as a member on the church board. She was saved at a camp meeting revival at Deep Creek, Wash., nearly 60 years ago and was sanctified later at Spokane (Wash.) First Church under the preaching ministry of Dr. Henry Wallin. Pictured left to right are Mrs. Jerry Baker, wife of the Sunday school superintendent; Mrs. Lyon; and Pastor and Mrs. Tom Floyd.

Elected to the advisory board were (elders) R. W. Carpenter and David Belzer; (laymen) Kenneth Montgomery and Wallace Wiczorek. Mrs. J. Wilmer Lambert was reelected president of the NWMS, and Rev. Paul E. Lantz was reelected president of the NYPS. Rev. R. W. Carpenter was reelected chairman of the church schools board. □

## EASTERN KENTUCKY

General Superintendent George Coulter presided over the twenty-first annual assembly of the Eastern Kentucky District, held July 5-6 at Newport, Ky. He ordained Burl Hay,

Alan D. Howard, William O. Hull, and Stephen C. Morris.

District Superintendent L. B. Hicks was reelected to a four-year term. He reported that the district led the general church in percentage gain in Sunday school one month during the year and also led the general church in actual Sunday school gains during a one-month period. Dr. Hicks set a goal of 1,200 new members to be received on profession of faith during the quadrennium.

(Elders) Eugene Justice and Clifton DeBord and (laymen) Audra Abney and Lewis K. Edwards were elected to the advisory board. Mrs. L. B. Hicks was reelected president of the NWMS. Rev. Jesse C. Middendorf was reelected president of the NYPS. Lewis K. Edwards was elected chairman of the church schools board. □

## EASTERN MICHIGAN

The twenty-third annual assembly of the Eastern Michigan District was held July 12-13 at the Flint (Mich.) First Church. General Superintendent George Coulter ordained Alan R. Dicer, Larry E. Shupe, and Patrick Hartley. Mrs. Evelyn J. Thomas was consecrated as deaconess.

District Superintendent E. W. Martin, completing the third year of an extended term, reported a total of \$2,604,498 raised for all purposes, with \$174,005 given for world evangelism. During the home missions service, \$8,500 was raised to purchase property. The Sunday school enrollment reached 17,470, with an average Sunday attendance of 8,976. There were 544 new Nazarenes received into membership during the year.

Elected to the advisory board were (elders) John Andree and H. Leslie MacKay; (laymen) Harlan Heinmiller and John Q. Dickey. Mrs. H. Leslie MacKay was reelected president of the NWMS and Rev. M. W. (Bud) Scutt was reelected president of the NYPS. Rev. Howard

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Rickey was elected chairman of the church schools board. □

## NORTHWESTERN OHIO

The thirteenth annual assembly of the Northwestern Ohio District was held July 12-13 at St. Marys, Ohio. General Superintendent Eugene L. Stowe ordained Earl D. Copesey and Melvin Smitley.

District Superintendent C. E. Shunake, completing the first year of an extended term, reported 560 members received during the year, including 400 joining by profession of faith. The Sunday school enrollment reached 16,486 and the average attendance was 7,057. A total of \$1,512,000 was raised for all purposes. The district gave \$153,526 for world evangelism, 10.2 percent of its income.

The following were elected to the advisory board: (elders) Verle Balmer and J. Ted Holstein; (laymen) David Granger and George Jetter. Re-elected to their posts were Rev. Alva B. Kelly, NWMS president; and Rev. Ronald R. Emptage, NYPS president. Rev. Virgil P. Applegate was re-elected chairman of the church schools board. □

## UPSTATE NEW YORK

Brooktondale, N.Y., was the meeting place for the thirty-fifth annual assembly of the Upstate New York District, July 11-12. General Superintendent Charles H. Strickland ordained Paul A. Pierce, Dale W. Stotler, Paul Wehr, and Willis F. Wilcox.

District Superintendent Jonathan T. Gasset, completing the third year of an extended term, reported a membership gain of 371 for a total of 4,045. The churches received 226 members on profession of faith. Giving increased \$90,873 to a total of \$1,027,835. The district gave \$99,615 to world evangelism.

Elected to the advisory board were (elders) Everett Kaufman and John Patton; (laymen) John Bodine and Samuel Henck. Mrs. Ruth Patton was elected president of the NWMS, and Rev. Clarence Hildreth was elected president of the NYPS. Rev. Everett Kaufman was elected chairman of the church schools board. □

## CHICAGO CENTRAL

The sixty-eighth annual assembly of the Chicago Central District was held July 14-15 at Bourbonnais (Ill.) College Church. General Superintendent V. H. Lewis ordained Dennis Apple, Stanley Aubrey, John Bouldrey, Vernon Corzine, Mark Hinshaw, and Theodore Zuercher.

District Superintendent Forrest W. Nash, completing the third year of an extended term, reported 410 members received on profession of faith; 18 churches on the Evangelistic Honor Roll; number of 10 percent churches—36; 10.13 percent of the district income was given for world evangelism; \$2,023,513 raised for all purposes; a new church organized at Rossville; and six churches reaching "Church of the Year" status.

The following were elected to the advisory board: (elders) Don Irwin and Jay Foster; (laymen) Delbert Remole and Willis Snowbarger. Mrs. Forrest Nash was re-elected president of the NWMS. Rev. Ron Reynolds was elected president of the NYPS. Rev. L. Wayne Sears was elected chairman of the church schools board. □

## PITTSBURGH

The sixty-fifth annual assembly of the Pittsburgh District was held, July 27-28, at Mt. Chestnut District Center, Mt. Chestnut, Pa. General Superintendent Charles H. Strickland ordained Lewis P. Grimm, Elwood C. O'Dell, and Larry Vanderhoof.

District Superintendent Robert I. Goslaw, completing the third year of an extended call, reported record giving for General Budget and approved specials—\$188,549 representing 13 percent of the district's total giving.

The following were elected to the advisory board: (elders) Wayne Acton and Jack Christner; (laymen) Lauren Cousins and Willis Whitting. Mrs. Marjorie Goslaw was re-elected president of the NWMS. Rev. Barry Mohnex was elected president of the NYPS. Rev. Mayne Minich was elected chairman of the church schools board. □

## NEW CHURCHES ORGANIZED

DALLAS DISTRICT—Plano, Tex. E. L. Cornelison, district superintendent.

INDIANAPOLIS DISTRICT—Indianapolis Nora. C. Ross Lee, district superintendent.

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WASHINGTON PACIFIC DISTRICT—Redmond, Wash. M. Bert Daniels, district superintendent.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vernon D. May, Rte. 1, Box 15, Norwood, Mo. 65717, due to serious illness, had been unable to hold revivals for some months. He is now able to hold revivals and would like to slate meetings in the spring.

## RECOMMENDATION

Rev. Robert "Bob" Swanson is entering the evangelistic field and is now available for revivals. He has held a number of boys' and girls' camps. His address is: Box 274, Bethany, Okla. 73008. — W. T. Johnson, Southwest Oklahoma district superintendent.

## MOVING MISSIONARIES

Rev. and Mrs. Ron Beech (Philippines), 320 E. Mission Rd., Glendale, Calif. 91205.

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## VITAL STATISTICS

### DEATHS

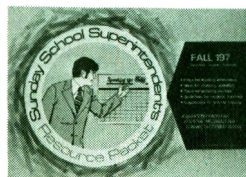
MRS. FLORENCE COLE, 82, died Aug. 3 in Paris, Tex. Services were conducted by Rev. W. Cummins and Rev. C. H. Wilson. She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Freeman Vailey and Mrs. Travis Wilson; four sons, Herman Whitson, Don Cole, Drury Cole, and Vernon Whitson; 20 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; four sisters; and one brother.

ALVIN E. (GENE) HOCKETT, 28, died Apr. 14 in Tulsa as a result of a car accident. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Keith C. Taylor at Caney, Kans. He is survived by his wife, Nancy; one son, Scotty; one daughter, Sherry Lin; his parents; two sisters; and five brothers.

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The prayer chapel on the campus of Pasadena College, Pasadena, Calif., has been completed. PC students raised \$25,000 for the structure, which is to be used solely for meditation and prayer. By the students' choice, the chapel has been dedicated to the late PC alumnus and missionary Rev. Lyle Prescott. Present plans are for the chapel to be moved to the new San Diego campus.

# NEWS OF RELIGION

ROY H. BROWNING died July 29 in Pasadena, Calif. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. L. E. Toone and Rev. R. N. Gunstream. He is survived by his wife, Mary; three sons, Melvin E., E. Wayne, and Charles; eight grandchildren; one sister; and one brother.

MARY McCLAIN, 94, died Aug. 20 in Pasadena, Calif. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. H. B. Wallin. She is survived by three sons, Artie, Lee, and Carl; and seven grandchildren.

MRS. VIRGINIA MAE CARVER, 42, died Mar. 20 in Marion, Ohio. Services were conducted by Rev. James Lenard. She is survived by her husband, Rev. James L.; two sons, Keith and Randall; her parents; and two brothers.

REV. JOHN A. DUNCAN, 80, died July 21 in Dexter, Mo. Ordained in 1927, he served the church 43 years in pastoring and holding evangelistic meetings. Funeral services were conducted by Revs. D. J. Gibson, D. L. Huffman, C. Cook, and E. Triplet. Surviving are his wife, Wanda; foster son, Rev. R. M. Rudisill; nine foster grandchildren; 13 foster great-grandchildren; and one foster great-great-grandchild.

REV. GEORGE BRANNON, 71, died Aug. 28 in Bethany, Okla. He was ordained in 1928 and served five pastorates in Kansas and Indiana, and served as commissioned evangelist for 35 years. Surviving are his wife, Eva; a son, Rev. Wilbur; one daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Tillery; four grandchildren; one sister; and two brothers.

REV. BEN MATHISEN, 90, died Aug. 21 in Minneapolis. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. F. Watkin. He is survived by his wife, Grace; and four foster children.

## BIRTHS

—to Ruben L. and Mary (Dorn) Bley, Jr., of Bad Krueznach, Germany, a boy, Ruben III, Aug. 3.

—to Curtis and LeEtta (Palmer) Shore, Canon City, Colo., a girl, Kimberly Suzette, June 13.

—to Rev. and Mrs. John L. Brewer, Tucson, Ariz., a girl, Kandi Kay, Aug. 19.

—to Ronald and Charlene (Stewart) Brasher, Port Arthur, Tex., a boy, Shane Jackson, Aug. 2.

—to Harry and Elizabeth Lila (Edwards) Rushing, Miami, Fla., a boy, Daniel Harry, Aug. 2.

—to Phillip and Leticia (Spires) Williford, Kansas City, Mo., a boy Phillip Wayne II, July 23.

—to Rev. and Mrs. Ronald J. Wells, Oregon City, Ore., a boy, Trevor Allan, Aug. 16.

—to Dennis and Myrna (Friesen) Enders, St. Louis, a girl, Heidi Denise, July 29.

—to Rev. and Mrs. R. E. Brown, Terre Haute, Ind., a boy, Wendell Dwayne, July 28.

—to Rev. and Mrs. Melburn Sorensen, Fairfield, Ia., a boy, Brian Daniel, July 1.

## ADOPTED

—by Curtis and Pat (Perryman) Dockens, Bossier City, La., a girl, Jan Patricia, Aug. 30.

## MARRIAGES

Joyce Marie Egan and Bobby Ray Carinder, Niota, Kans., at Caney, Kans., Aug. 19.

Mrs. Winnie Gastineau, Delta, Colo., and Robert Lee Golightly, Santa Ana, Calif., at Walnut, Calif., Aug. 27.

Kathy Jean Hage, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., and Lynn Maurice Jewell, Nashville, at Pompano Beach, Fla., Aug. 12.

Mrs. E. Boyd Shannon, Pasadena, Calif., and Rev. John F. Yarbrough, Waldron, Ark., in Northridge, Calif., Sept. 1.

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**SENATOR COSPONSORS POSTAL REORGANIZATION ACT FOR FAIR SECOND-CLASS RATES.** Richard S. Schweiker, U.S. senator from Pennsylvania, has notified *Eternity* Editor Russell T. Hitt that he has cosponsored S.3578, which amends the Postal Reorganization Act and mandates that the Postal Service "provide services at rates which encourage and support the widest possible dissemination of news, opinion, scientific, cultural, and educational matter."

Dr. Hitt represents the Evangelical Press Association in the current fight for fair postal rates. □

**TEEN POWER, WORLD EVANGELISM TEAM FOR "WITCHMOBILE" TOUR.** Teen Power of San Bernardino has joined forces with World Evangelism, Inc., in San Diego to begin a national tour of the "Witchmobile," according to Morris Cerullo, founder of World Evangelism.

The San Bernardino group will staff the unit as it rolls through major American cities to display more than 100 occult items, including a black-garbed Satanic priest and a human skull.

The unit, introduced in late spring, has been beefed up with anti-narcotics displays and other items for its nationwide tour. Cerullo, 40, says the educational mobile unit is designed to turn people, especially the young, away from diabolism, which he says is sweeping the country.

A \$30,000, six-month study by his staff found that at least 10 million Americans dabble in the occult and that 100,000 more worship the devil. □

**WOMEN CHARGE EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT IS PLOT AGAINST CHRISTIAN FAMILY.** Homemakers in Seattle have organized themselves to protest passage of the Equal Rights Amendment which has already been passed by the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives. It must be ratified by 18 more states to become part of the Constitution.

Women led by Mrs. Robert Young in Seattle say that the amendment is a combination atheist and Communist plot to destroy families and femininity. They declare it would take babies away from mothers, and force housewives out of their homes. They see visions of men deserting their wives, and a general increase in alcoholism, drug addiction, and perversion growing out of the amendment.

Mrs. Young indicated she and her friends were gathering support and endorsements against the ERA, although still not well organized. She said opponents were marshalled previously against the Child Development Bill, which, she said, had the same supporters as ERA. "They want to get babies away from parents to have access to the babies of this country."

The women stressed Ephesians 5:22-24 in their fight, proudly giving their husbands leadership roles in the family and wishing to retain the right to exploit their talents in the home.

The aim of the group is to kill the ERA, which they believe will erode Judeo-Christian law and tear away foundations of the family unit. □

**524.2 BILLION CIGARETTES SMOKED IN U.S. LAST YEAR.** The Federal Trade Commission says Americans smoked 27,360,000 packs of cigarettes in 1971.

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If placed end to end, the cigarettes consumed would stretch 29 million miles! Despite the dangers advertised, authorities say, U.S. citizens in increasing numbers seem to need the nicotine tranquilizer. □

**CHILDREN "ON THE WAGON" GO TO VBS.** Each evening before vacation Bible school in Decatur, Ill., at the Oak Grove Church of the Nazarene, a quaint old wagon pulled by a team of horses rolls through the streets Pied-Piper-like to gather up the children.

Pastor Leslie Wooten and his laymen prepared the rig, which has been used successfully for this year's summer sessions. □



# the answer corner

Conducted by W. T. Purkiser, Editor

## ■ Is a Christian not supposed to eat grapes or drink their juice, as in Numbers 6:3?

The verse includes the words, "Neither shall he drink any liquor of grapes, nor eat moist grapes, or dried."

To apply this as a point of Christian ethics is a classic example of isolating a verse from its context.

The antecedent of "he" is the Jewish Nazarite. It refers only to those taking the Old Testament Nazarite vow.

Before you apply it to Christians, read on to verse 5: "All the days of

the vow of his separation there shall no razor come upon his head: until the days be fulfilled, in which he separateth himself unto the Lord, he shall be holy, and shall let the locks of the hair of his head grow!"

## ■ What are your feelings about a local pastor having a complete record of the specific amount that each person tithes?

Mixed.

Actually, I find that different pastors take different views of this.

Some say they would rather not know, so that when they preach on stewardship and tithing no one can object that the sermon is aimed at him.

Others believe that stewardship

is an indicator of spiritual health and that they are responsible to know as well as they can the spiritual condition of their parishioners.

In actual practice, records must be kept for the purpose of validating claims for deductions on income tax returns. Certainly such records

should not be matters of public information, but some trustworthy person or persons must know.

In this particular question, I am like the politician who said, "Some of my friends are for it, and some of my friends are against it. I stand with my friends!"

## ■ Does a pastor of a church have full charge in calling an evangelist for a revival meeting, or should the church board assist him in selecting an evangelist?

The *Manual* assumes that the call of an evangelist comes from the church board (par. 132.7), of which the pastor is *ex officio* chairman.

In actual practice, many church

boards delegate this responsibility to the pastor.

Even then, however, one of the *Manual* duties of the church board is "to determine the financial support

and housing allowance the evangelist should receive and notify him of such minimum support at the time of his call by the church board" (par. 132.7).

## ■ Would you kindly advise me as to your opinion whether the Bible prophesies another dispersion of the Jews yet to come?

I do not see any such prediction in the Bible.

In ways we may not fully understand, the Scriptures identify Israel

and its political fortunes as one of the hands on God's prophetic time-clock.

But the predicted dispersion and at

least partial regathering of the people of Israel seems already to have occurred and will not be repeated (Luke 21:20-33).

## ■ What is the meaning of I Corinthians 7:14, "For the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the husband: else were your children unclean; but now are they holy"?

This is part of Paul's consideration of the problem of marriages in which one partner is a Christian and the other is not. He urged that the Christian partner do his best to maintain the union.

The terms "sanctified," "un-

clean," and "holy" are used here pretty much in their Old Testament ceremonial sense. They do not refer to moral or spiritual purity and power.

The unbelieving marriage partner is brought into a special relationship

to God and the gospel by the presence in the home of the Christian spouse. Lacking such a presence, the children would be deprived of the influence that would otherwise work in their lives.

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**TENT MEETING FOR KIDS**

Lansing (Mich.) First Church recently sponsored an unusual "giant children's roundup" under a big-top tent next to the church, to promote Sunday school attendance. Under the direction of Walter E. Ballard, minister of Christian education, the program attracted more than 300 grade school children from neighboring subdivisions. They heard a gospel message delivered by "Deputy Dave" Winchell, local TV

personality, using puppets and kids dressed in animal suits.

The weekend started Saturday morning, May 20, with a five-mile



Deputy Dave and his puppet

parade through several subdivisions around the church. The parade included a brass band on a float, 18 horses and riders, the church courtesy buses, 30 decorated bicycles, clowns, several special cars—and police escort. The parade attracted hundreds of viewers, and more than 1,000 fliers were passed out advertising the special services the next day.

The big-top tent, borrowed from a car dealer, was set up on a vacant lot next to the church. Deputy Dave Winchell's program was centered around Bible stories and a hard-hitting gospel message and invitation, using various puppets and church young people dressed in animal suits. Winchell uses these same characters on a daily TV children's program, so they were completely familiar to all the kids—adding strongly to the impact.

The program was filled out with a couple of special songs by church youngsters, and a strong invitation for regular Sunday school attendance. Winchell closed the presentation with an invitation for the children to stand who wanted to receive Christ into their lives, followed by a prayer of salvation. Approximately 30 children responded.

The big day closed at noon with hot dogs and root beer for all at outdoor tables next to the church kitchen. Everyone felt it was a very successful promotion endeavor.—ROGER HUNTINGTON, reporter. □

**An Avenue of Love**

by Janet I. Stiefel



Sorrowfully the little lost boy looked up and down the street. Finally he went up to a policeman on the corner. "Sir," he asked hopefully, "did you see a lady go by without me?" This is a day of lonely hearts, lost dreams, and

dark, frightening shadows for many people in many nations of our world. The tomorrows of life hold little of the joy and peace and adequacy for which they yearn.

These are not just faraway countries with names; these are people with faces and bodies and hearts and problems. In the midst of their hunger and need they look at

me and my Christian world and say, "Don't you miss me? Don't you realize I am not sharing in your abundance of the good things of life, in your peace of mind, in your Christ? Aren't you aware that I'm not with you? Don't you miss me?"

To me my Thanksgiving offering is an expression of the deep wells of my heart. It is a testimony to a living, caring God that I too care about those who have not met my Christ. It is one avenue by which Christ can work through me to reach untouched lives on the cold hillsides of life. Yes, it is an avenue through which I can share my Christ with those who need and want Him. Be an instrument of God's love, and give in the 1972 Thanksgiving Offering, so that others will meet your Christ.



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I was somewhat relieved when we found no one at home on our first call. But that was short-lived, because the trainer said, "We will try another."

As we started across town to the second house, the trainer suddenly stopped the car and said, "We just passed the Browns' house. I feel that we should go and present the gospel to Mrs. Brown."

We did. What an experience! Within 10 minutes after we were in the living room, Mrs. Brown was relating an emptiness in her life and in tears she said, "Do you know why you stopped here today? Because last night I prayed, 'God, if You really exist, send someone by tomorrow to talk to me about You!'" I could hardly believe what I was hearing. Imagine, the Holy Spirit using us in this way!

Mrs. Brown prayed through that day right there in her home and was in prayer meeting the following Wednesday evening to give a good testimony.

After several weeks I became a trainer and had my own team that I was training. My parents were visiting us from Texas. My dad had not been a Christian since he was a teen. For years we had prayed that he would give his heart to the Lord, but even through several

hospital experiences and two heart attacks he remained unyielded.

Monday night came and I was to take my team out. My parents knew nothing of our new program. That night the Holy Spirit directed me to return to the parsonage with my team and present the gospel to my own dad. This was tough! However, I could not escape the urge. We went.

It was very difficult to get into the gospel presentation. So much small talk kept surfacing. The urging of the Spirit grew more intense within me until I finally bridged the gap and was presenting the gospel to Dad.

As first he was very indifferent; said it was no use, he couldn't live it, God had left him, and made many other excuses. But my burden for him intensified. I felt, *If Dad doesn't get in tonight, he probably never will.* I breathed a prayer for God to help me and open his heart.

After about an hour and a half we were praying. Dad prayed through. He really opened his heart to God. Christ came in. He wept! Mother wept! I wept! The two team members wept! We were so happy.

After a week Dad and Mother boarded the plane to go back to Texas. We reminded him that we would be praying for him. He testified the following Sunday in the home church. It started a revival there. He joined the church. My sister and her husband along with their 10-year-old daughter were saved. Dad has personally won to Christ three men whom he worked with.

It was a great day in my life when I started letting the Holy Spirit use me in personal evangelism. □

—Chris Blankenship  
St. Louis

(Continued from page 23)

Each of the IMPACT Conferences will feature an address from a general superintendent; a premiere showing of the new 16-mm. film "Reachout," written and directed by Paul Miller; and a workshop and luncheon highlighting specialized aspects of the common theme.

By popular request, the quadrennial report of the General Board, first shown at Miami Beach, Fla., will be repeated. This unique multimedia "sight and sound" presentation spotlights the work of the church in all department. It is a fast-paced, 45-minute visual review utilizing 1,200 synchronized slides on three screens.

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The remaining schedule follows:

**September 21-22**—Olivet Nazarene College, Kankakee, Ill., Dr. Edward Lawlor

**September 25-26**—Eastern Nazarene College, Quincy, Mass., Dr. Orville W. Jenkins

**September 27-28**—Toronto (Ontario), Canada, Emmanuel, Dr. George Coulter

**September 29-30**—Detroit (Mich.) First, Dr. Eugene L. Stowe

**October 2-3**—Mount Vernon Nazarene College, Mount Vernon, Ohio, Dr. Charles H. Strickland

**October 4-5**—Indianapolis First, Dr. Edward Lawlor

**October 23-24**—Bethany Nazarene College, Bethany, Okla., Dr. V. H. Lewis

**October 25-26**—Austin (Tex.) First, Dr. V. H. Lewis

**October 27-28**—Texarkana (Tex.) First, Dr. Charles Strickland

**October 30-31**—Nashville (Tenn.) College Hill, Dr. Edward Lawlor

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**November 6-7**—Richmond (Va.) First, Dr. George Coulter

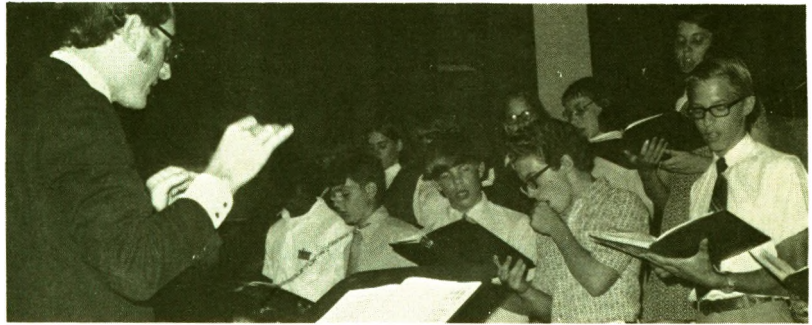
**November 8-9**—Landsdale (Pa.) Immanuel, Dr. Orville W. Jenkins

## BIBLE COLLEGE REACHES NEW ENROLLMENT HIGH

As we go to press, Dr. L. S. Oliver, president of Nazarene Bible College, advises that the enrollment of Nazarene Bible College has reached 589, with over 200 in the first-year class.



Rev. Forrest Whitlatch, district superintendent of the Iowa District, greets Dr. George Coulter, chairman of the Board of General Superintendents, at the first IMPACT Conference in Des Moines First Church of the Nazarene, September 18. Pictured left to right are: Dr. A. F. Harper; Rev. Norman Bloom, Minnesota district superintendent; Dr. Raymond Hurn; Mr. Paul Skiles; Mr. Ron Lush, song evangelist; Rev. Forrest Whitlatch; Dr. George Coulter; Dr. John L. Knight; and Dr. E. S. Phillips.



The IMPACT Team from Marshalltown, Ia., singing at the service

## NEW LEADER FOR PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT

Rev. Paul D. Mangum, Sr., pastor at Oakland (Calif.) First Church, has accepted the appointment as superintendent of the Philadelphia District. He will assume duties in the new assignment, October 20. There are 65 churches on the Philadelphia District and nearly 6,000 members.



Rev. Paul D. Mangum, Sr.

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### ANNOUNCEMENT

With the unanimous approval of the Board of General Superintendents and after consultation with the district advisory board, I have appointed Rev. Paul D. Mangum, Sr., presently pastoring Oakland, (Calif.) First Church, district superintendent of the Philadelphia District. This appointment is made effective October 20, 1972.

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