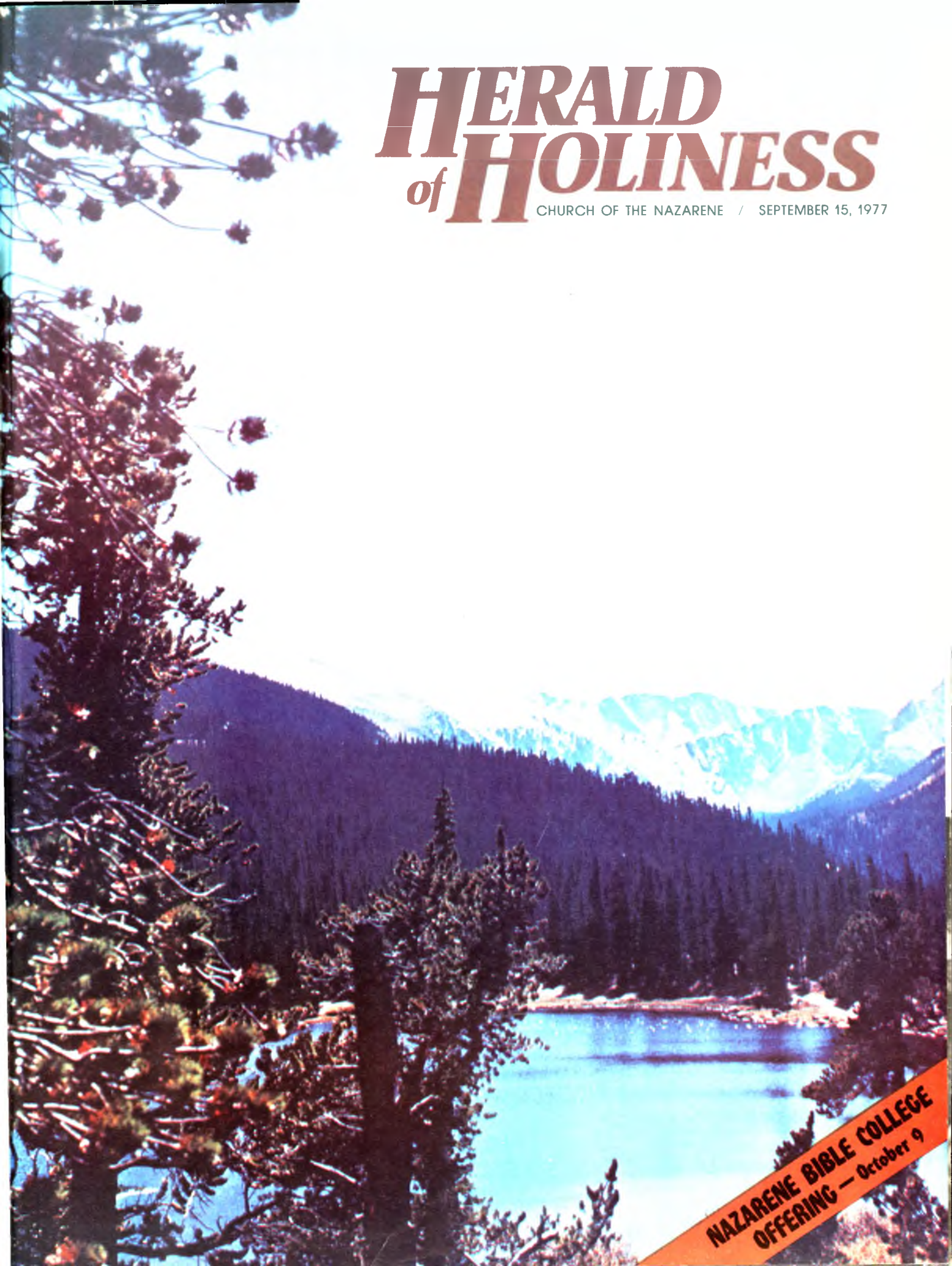


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OFFERING — October 9



by General Superintendent Eugene L. Stowe

Lifting Up Christ Everywhere

A GENERAL superintendent's mailbag contains a variety of letters, many of them more concerned with business than blessing. But not long ago I received a note from a pastor's wife which didn't mention one problem—just promises. Her first sentence was this: "Isn't it a wonderful season to be alive and enjoying the blessings of God?" Then she went on to tell how much the General Assembly had meant to her and how she had been challenged by the possibilities of "Lifting Up Christ." Her letter continued, "This theme has gotten such a grip on my own heart. I am endeavoring to lift up Jesus to my loved ones at home, my young adult Sunday school class, my church, my fellow workers at the school where I teach, my kindergarten pupils and their parents, and in my zone and district responsibilities, *everywhere.*"

This dear lady has caught the true spirit of "Lifting Up Christ." It's a full-time job. It's for everyone. It's everywhere. Like this pastor's wife, laymen must sense their responsibility to uplift the Saviour.

But if this crusade succeeds, we must have more and more ministers to lead our laymen in this vital enterprise. The Nazarene Bible

College is rendering valuable service in preparing men and women for full-time ministry. More mature than the average ministerial student, they are making up for lost time in answering God's call. The Bible college's three-year curriculum enables them to meet the basic academic requirements for ordination in the minimum possible time.

The enrollment of this institution includes a splendid group of American black students, several men and women from other world areas, as well as a large number of adults from the white community in the United States. In its first decade of existence, the Nazarene Bible College has graduated hundreds of ministerial students and sent them out to lift up the Saviour throughout the United States and Canada and around the world.

President L. S. Oliver, the faculty, and the students of this fine institution deserve the full support of the Church of the Nazarene in the annual Bible College Offering which is to be received October 9. Proceeds from this offering are designated for urgently needed capital improvements which are not provided for in the annual allocation from the General Budget. □

The Will of God

by ROSS W. HAYSLIP
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THE DISCIPLES of Christ had come out from the Samaritan village of Sychar with the provisions that they had purchased. Knowing that it had been some time since Christ had partaken of food, they begged Him to eat. He gave them the unusual answer recorded in John 4:32 when He said, "I have food to eat that you know nothing about." When they greeted this statement with astonishment, He elaborated by telling them that His food was to do the will of Him that sent Him and to finish His work.

Early in life He expressed His attitude toward the claims of His Heavenly Father when He asked His mother in the Temple, "Do you not realize that I must be in My Father's house?" His realization of His relationship as the only begotten Son of His Father brought with it a corresponding sense of obligation to do His Father's perfect will.

Years later, standing in Pilate's hall of judgment, He stated, "To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth." This was the highest aim of His beautiful life.

In Gethsemane's garden He prays and bends His human will to correspond to the will of His Father: "Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass!" We can never fully fathom the depths of this prayer, but to us it brings the human Jesus close beside us, a man like unto His earthly brethren. He is nearer and dearer to us because of it. He would not be the same to us if Gethsemane had cost Him nothing. The cry of victory comes when He says, "Thy will be done." The food of obedience was bitter to the taste, but He partook of it freely and completely. He was ready to accept and do the will of His Father.

After His words of submission,

according to the Gospel of Luke, an angel from heaven came to minister unto Him and strengthen Him.

Our spiritual food and strength come from our daily conformation to the will of God. God's general will is plainly declared in His Word. He wills that all men come to repentance, that believers be sanctified, and that men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands without wrath and doubting. There are other expressions of His will, all of which express the desire of God that men live holy lives of service to Him and their fellowmen.

God's specific will for our lives can be found through the leadership and ministry of the Holy Spirit who will guide us in all truth. Often our problem is to find this will, but if we are patient, God will reveal it unto us. We know that the will of God is based upon the great principles of His righteousness. Jesus said in Matthew 5:6, "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied."

Righteousness is nothing more or less than the blessed will of our God. To hunger for the will of our Father in heaven is not to feel the gnawing pangs of starvation that the prodigal felt in the far country; rather it is to have the hearty appetite for spiritual satisfaction that can only be found as we eat at our Father's bountiful table. The man who seeks the will of God will find it. When he finds it and conforms to it, he will be filled to the satisfaction of his spiritual hunger. God has promised His blessing upon the man who strives to find this will, for the seeker is blessed in his seeking.

How deep is your desire to do God's will and work? To desire holiness is, in a measure, to possess it; and in seeking goodness we find ourselves becoming good. Like our Saviour, we partake of the meat of obedience as we daily seek and do our Father's precious will. □



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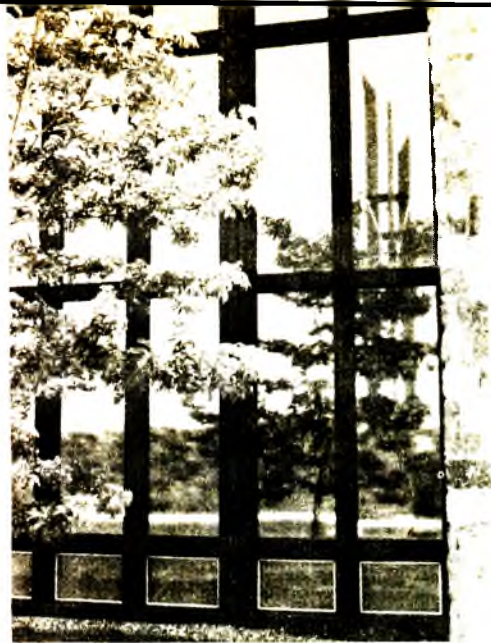
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MAY I REFLECT back upon 10 years of life—happy, rewarding life—at Nazarene Bible College? It has truly been a good decade—a decade of destiny!

REFLECTIONS ARE INTERESTING

Everyone has experienced some pleasure of reflections. Have you ever stood beside a placid pool of water on a calm summer day and seen your reflection? True, there may be some distortion of the figure; and the facial features may be a bit twisted. But there is a real pleasure in looking into that pool and seeing yourself gaze back from the wavy surface of the waters.

Or you have also often looked into a mirror, washing your face, or straightening your tie, or shaving, or combing your hair. But all the while, the real "you" was looking straight back into your eyes, never so much as blinking an eye.

Yes, reflections are extremely interesting and often informative. Such is the case in reflecting upon the moving surface of life as it has been lived by the students of the Bible college.

THE PIONEER CLASS

I was there when the students began to roll in. In the providence of God, I was one of the first faculty members to come to Colorado Springs to join Dr. Charles H. Strickland in the initial, formative, and awesome months of the existence of Nazarene Bible College. It was much more than a mere teaching assignment; it was a thrill almost beyond description.

How many students would come? Would there be a handful or a houseful? No one knew for sure. Then they started driving in. They came in old cars, nearly new cars, middle-aged cars; but there was one thing in common—the back seats were piled high with clothing, bedding, children, and suitcases. U-hauls were stuffed to the very corners with furniture. Trailers fairly screamed their protest at the sheer springs-stretching weight.

They came from Alaska, from Florida, from

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Years Reflections

by NORMAN R. OKE
Colorado Springs

Arizona, from Iowa—and all in between—an irrigation engineer, a house-building contractor, an elementary principal, and a truck driver. The latter had for years been a beer truck driver until he was converted. And they came until we no longer worried about the possibility of a handful—or even a score. The first class, the pioneer class, at Nazarene Bible College was 118—amazing, thrilling!

OH! THOSE TESTIMONIES!

Then they began to tell their stories. They had been happily and busily engaged in profitable occupations. But the Lord had caught their attention and called them to preach. As we listened to their testimonies, we rejoiced with them.

We still recall the apprehension they expressed when called to preach, too late in life to pursue the liberal arts college course of study. Nearly all had families which made the regular college channel too expensive for them while supporting a family. What could they do? There was the correspondence Course of Study, which hundreds of Nazarene pastors had taken. But these men were unanimous in hope that there was a more satisfactory means of training for the ministry.

The General Assembly of 1964 in Portland, Ore., voted a Bible college into existence for this very purpose—to help men prepare who were called to preach too late in life to be able to go through the regular channel of liberal arts college and seminary.

At the very time the Holy Spirit was moving across our church in a striking manner and placing His hand on the arms of busy laymen in their 20s and 30s calling them to preach, the Church of the Nazarene decided to build a Bible college just for men like them. And now the college was into the first weeks of its existence, and striding in the door came these stalwart, eager, and sometimes frightened laymen, answering the Lord's call upon their lives.

We spent those first months, the first year, in crowded but splendidly dedicated facilities of Colorado Springs First Church. Pastor Bill Sullivan and the church board voted to open the doors wide and invite us in. We jammed the rooms and the hallways, till breathing was at a premium. The grand people

of that church took it in stride—the extra janitor service and the other inconveniences—with never a complaint. God bless Rev. Sullivan and the members of Colorado Springs First who extended warm southern hospitality to a brand-new educational “baby” of the Church of the Nazarene.

THE STUDENTS SCATTERED OUT

Yes, it was Colorado Springs First Church that gave us full use of their premises to get started. But there were half a dozen other Nazarene churches in Colorado Springs, and these students very quickly made their presence felt in all of them. These new families came with crying babies, jiggling juniors, and curious teens. And they burst on the Nazarene scene like a deluge of water loosed from a broken dam. All the Nazarene churches in Colorado Springs just made extra room for these new, eager families. In many cases it meant almost doubling the church in one month. But the pastors gladly worked out the problems of assimilation—and looking back on it, there were problems all right.

Well, those are some of the reflections that stare back at me as I gaze into the stream of life of the past decade of Nazarene Bible College. And I count it one of life's greatest privileges to have been a part of that decade of life at NBC.

Oh, yes, that pioneer class battled through three years and finally strode across a platform to receive their diplomas. And they were on their way. That was 1970. The years have dealt graciously with those men, and they are serving the church with success and with some distinction, from Long Island to the Golden Gate.

And this all began in the summer and early fall of 1967, one full decade ago. So pardon me as I reflect on its mirrored surface today. □

THE SOURCE

*Happiness cannot be manufactured
Nor conjured up with a hard try.
It cannot be served with ultimatum.
It is not a “do or die.”
Unfortunately, so often
Circumstances help regulate
The happiness in a feeling—
Mediocre or really great.
So many things play a part:
Weather, health, friends, and money,
And also the mood of the moment—
Serious, sad, fair weather, funny.
Yet of all the outside influences
That on happiness play their part,
The greatest contributing factor
Is the condition of the heart.*

—ELAINE WRIGHT COLVIN
Boise, Ida.

CONSCIENCE—

a Watchdog or a Bloodhound?

by MORRIS CHALFANT
Norwood, Ohio



Randy Hayes

IN THE MAIN post office of every major city there exists a miscellaneous fund to which people send money. Some post office officials call it a conscience fund. Often it is money people have gained through cheating the government. They mail it to the post office to get it off their conscience. What is the conscience? What is this “little red light in the soul”?

The part of man which the Bible calls “conscience” has been analyzed, scrutinized, renamed, and revised. It remains as deep a mystery as ever—a gift of God.

Some have called it “the super ego,” and others of the I’m OK-You’re OK school of thought are calling it “the parent ego state.” The label notwithstanding, conscience remains a miracle of God.

Some of the psychological studies about conscience have made many moderns think less of this gift of God. One student of human nature said, “Conscience is an appendix-like structure. It is still there, but no longer essential to man’s well-being.” There is also ample evidence that modern man is in for a re-discovery of the value of this important installation of God.

In the New Testament, we come upon the word itself not less than 29 times. There it is said to bear “witness” in the heart of man. Deeds are said to be done for “conscience sake.” Conscience is described as being “good,” as being “pure,” as “scarred,” as “defiled,” as “evil.” Finally, as its most hopeful and heartening word, the New Testament declares that the conscience can be “cleansed.”

Define it or not, you’ve got it—this thing called conscience. If there is in humankind an esthetic sense enabling a man to say, “This is ugly,” or “This is beautiful,” then there is, even more deeply and

determinately, a moral sense, enabling him to say, “This is right,” or “This is wrong.”

Conscience, let us say, is man’s capacity to react either with pleasure or with pain in response to some standard of conduct, human or divine.

Adam Clarke said, “Conscience is not always a safe guide. The Apostle Paul, while acting contrary to the gospel of Christ, pleaded conscience as his guide. Conscience is generally allowed to be the rule of human actions; but it cannot be a right rule, unless it be well-informed. While it is unenlightened, it may be a guide to the perdition of its professor, and the cause of the ruin of others. That conscience can alone be trusted in which the light of God’s Spirit and God’s truth dwells. An ill-informed conscience may burn the saints for God’s sake.”

Conscience, let us never forget, can be a watchdog or a bloodhound, depending on whether we regard it or disregard it.

An Indian was asked by a missionary to define the word *conscience*. After thinking a moment, the man pointed a finger at his breast and said, “It is a little three-cornered thing in here. When I do evil, it turns around and hurts very much, but if I keep on doing wrong, its sharp edges wear off until it doesn’t bother me anymore.”

Though crudely stated, his definition was both wise and accurate, for one’s conscience can be impaired if he disregards its warning and continues in his sinful practices. If abused, it becomes “seared” and useless (1 Timothy 4:2). Therefore a person must never callously allow himself to mute its pleadings.

While our conscience is a valuable asset, it is not infallible. Having been tainted by sin, it must be guided by the grace and the Word of God if it is to be accurate as a warning of evil.

The Bible speaks of people who have a “weak conscience” (1 Corinthians 8:7), a defiled and evil conscience (Titus 1:15; Hebrews 10:22), and even of those who have gone so deeply into sin that their conscience has been “seared” (1 Timothy 4:2), and their sensibility to wrongdoing completely lost.

It is easy to become slack—to allow the world to squeeze us into its mold of sub-Christian standards, and for the irritated conscience to be soothingly caressed by the silken fabrics of present-day materialism. Yet there is nothing more dangerous than a dulled conscience with an unholy life. It is like

getting a green light on an unsafe road!

Let your standard be the Bible. Other authorities are not stable; many would say that the standards of our contemporary Western society are presently being lowered. If this is so, and we make the standards of our society our gauge—even if we consistently live above the average—our living will become progressively worse before conscience is awakened. So we must look as ever to the unchanging standards of the Bible.

Happy is the man whose conscience is disturbed when he is out of harmony with God’s Word. □

THE LONGER I walk with the Lord and serve Him, the more amazed I am, daily, at His goodness, concern, and love for my family and me.

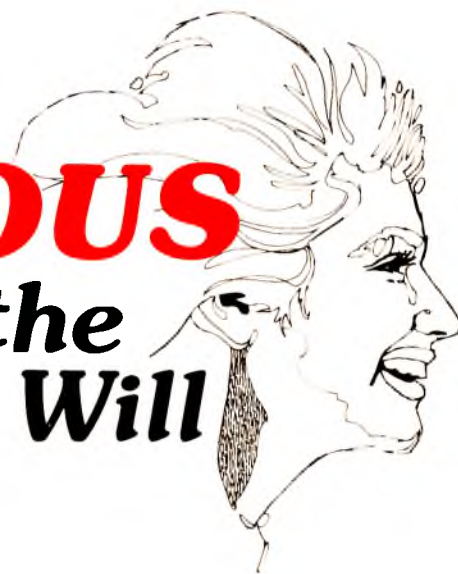
Not too long ago, the time came for our family to make a move to another state to begin a new pastorate. We were excited about the change and eager to begin our ministry in a new place with a new congregation. Part of the excitement, for me, was in the realization that I would be relinquishing my current teaching position. Now I could be a full-time wife, mother, and supporter of my husband’s ministry.

Living by faith has never been really difficult for me, except in one area—that of finances. I have often read Matthew 6:25-32: “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes? . . . See how the lilies of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. . . . So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ . . . your heavenly Father knows that you need them” (NIV). I have learned to rejoice in these scriptures anew over the past few months.

Our church is in need of a new sanctuary. Last fall, our building program began to gain momentum. My husband asked for each family to prayerfully consider a certain amount to be given regularly to the building fund. I really did not give this plan much thought at first. My husband asked what I thought we should give each week from our salary. I told him to decide and what he decided was fine with me, since he now was in complete control of our financial support. We were in his care and I was at ease, momentarily; but I did not see how any more could be extracted from our weekly salary. “After all, Lord, I gave up a good-paying job to move to this new assignment; what *more* could I do?” The Lord was not pleased with my reaction to His will for our finances. So we decided to give it a try and to cling, *in faith*, to every scripture available to us.

SERIOUS **About the** **Lord’s Will**

by JUDY BAUER
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Soon after this solid, written commitment, an avalanche of difficulties befell us. My husband required expensive dental care that was possible only with another bank loan. The children needed school clothes. Inflation continued to affect us, like everyone else. To top it off, I backed straight into a guard rail surrounding a telephone pole! Money was needed to repair our car; then the car insurer increased our rates, all because of *my* carelessness! *Lord, are You sure about this building fund?*

You can be sure that when trials such as these come, you can know we are doing God’s will. Satan leaves us alone when we are not really serious about obedience. We persevered and remained faithful to our commitment, and God blessed. My husband has received three salary increases and other financial benefits since our move, and our church people have been so good to us in showing genuine kindness and concern for our daily needs. We did not share any of our difficulties; God just touched our lives through our people. We were, and still are, blessed with food items, encouragement, understanding, support, and appreciation.

Matthew 6:33 tells us, “But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well” (NIV). When we become serious in our commitment to God and in our acceptance of His will for our lives, we find that God is serious about pouring out His blessings upon us! □

The **BLANKET**

WE BOUGHT the blue thermal blanket at a sale. It did not come through on its advertised promise of "warmth without weight." Too skimpy for use on a bed, the loose-knit blanket lay on a shelf. What to do with it?

What that blanket was good for came to me after I heard the confession of a man who had lost ground by failing to pray very much.

"I was rushed in the morning, tired at night," he said. "My daily work took all my time. One day I realized I was doing no praying much except in family worship with my wife, morning and night."

He determined to make drastic changes.

"I began," he said, "to rise at night, after I'd had a little rest, and pray as long as I wanted to."

Like most ideas from others, this praying man's solution did not perfectly fit my situation. "Rushed in the morning, tired at night." I belong to the fraternity on that. Praying in the night hours, however, is not always the answer for me. I go to sleep on my knees. Sometimes, however, I stay awake and touch God.

The blanket? It is just the thing to keep nighttime chill from a kneeling figure. By common consent it is reserved for the purpose.

At times burdens weigh us down to kneeling in the darkness. Perhaps it is something that cannot be fully shared with or explained to anyone.

"About some things," said a friend, "I pray as much as I can in public. Then I have to finish my prayer by myself. The Lord always understands. And He has promised to help and never to scold me for lack of wisdom."

The concern may be for a relative or friend. If I don't pray for these, who will? Can I let them die without hope when I might have prevailed in prayer for them if I had not been too busy with lesser things?

Again it may be a battle over some difficulty that occasions the use of the prayer blanket in the night hours.

"Oh," said one, "I don't believe in battling."

I don't, either, in the sense of neurotically feeling my own spiritual pulse. But we are soldiers of the Cross, aren't we? Why should I expect to avoid times when, as even Paul said of himself, "Without were fightings, within were fears"? Or why suppose I will never need to do as the apostle did on another occasion, to "thank God and take courage"?

helps to holy living

Military men face discipline. As soldiers of Christ we must face life's sandpapering steadfastly, even with good cheer. Where can we find grace for such tests better than under the blue blanket? When the household is asleep, the telephone quiet, and nothing is likely to interrupt or disturb? Let the clock hands swing silently around the dial. Take your time and talk with God.

That prayer blanket is a help to vital godliness, for when knee bending stops, backsliding begins. Have you lost God? I'll tell you how. You lost Him when you quit praying.

"I wish I knew," folk often say, "the will of God about a matter that concerns me."

Wishing will not do. It takes prayer, sometimes more prayer than we can squeeze into a five-minute "quiet time" before dashing off to work.

Real praying takes time. It means getting quiet before God. The clamor of my will, my desire, my rights, must fade into silence. Only then can I hear the inner whisper of the Lord.

Isn't it worth some sleepless hours kneeling under a shapeless blanket to know we are in God's will, and receiving His strength to obey that will?

by LOUIS A. BOUCK

Vancleve, Ky.

LET ME HAVE THIS HOUR

Father—

Let me have this hour,

Alone with You;

Free from doubts, and duties,

And all distractions.

*I need the Word I know You'll speak—
When I listen.*

*I need the resources I know You'll share—
When I'm ready.*

*I need the challenge I know You'll give—
When I'm willing.*

*So may this hour be reserved for You;
For You to search me and to strengthen me.
And, Father, for such an hour of worship—
I'll be grateful.*

—C. NEIL STRAIT
Lansing, Mich.

In ourselves we are all weakness. One day friends called, and we enjoyed a pleasant reunion. However, the happiness of the occasion was marred by the fact that at first I did not recognize them. I trust these folk have forgiven my embarrassing lapse of memory. But imagine being so close to *things* and so little in

Jesus' presence that I allow Him to become a Stranger.

"But I can't pray any more than I do. I'm too busy. You just don't know!"

There are always the night hours, the blessed quiet, the friendly dark—and the blanket. □



by LEITA TWYEFFORT

Carson City, Nev.

ONE SUNDAY MORNING in Albuquerque, N.M., we were sitting in Sunday school class when in came a young couple who were introduced and then sat down to join us. They were a minister and his wife en route from seminary to their first pastorate in Arizona.

They were sitting just ahead of me and presented a nice picture of a young, eager, sincere, and attractive couple. Until—there, quite surely attached to the feet of this young pastor (for they were poking out from his pant legs) were tennis shoes! White tennis shoes! With a suit!! I would have expected at least basic black on a preacher, but *white* tennis shoes?

Well, they were moving, and who of us doesn't know firsthand the slogan of one move-it-yourself company: "An Adventure in Moving"? Part of their "adventure" had been packing their Sunday shoes in with the rest of their household goods in the truck. The shoes were hopelessly lost until they reached their new home and could unload the truck.

I could sense that he was more than a little embarrassed. (Have you ever sat behind someone dressed in a suit with a clear view of his efforts to arrange his feet so white tennis shoes would be less

OF SUITS AND TENNIS SHOES

conspicuous?) Yet in spite of it, he and his wife shared in the class and gave us all a real spiritual lift. If that weren't enough, someone discovered that the young couple sang together, and they were asked to sing a special in the following service. No chance to practice beforehand, and wearing tennis shoes at that. White ones!

They sang and testified gladly, and from behind the pulpit came forth only the joy and love of two people who were happy in the service of their Lord. They were the instruments of the Holy Spirit to bring His sweet presence to touch everyone there. Not only were the tennis shoes hidden; they were forgotten!

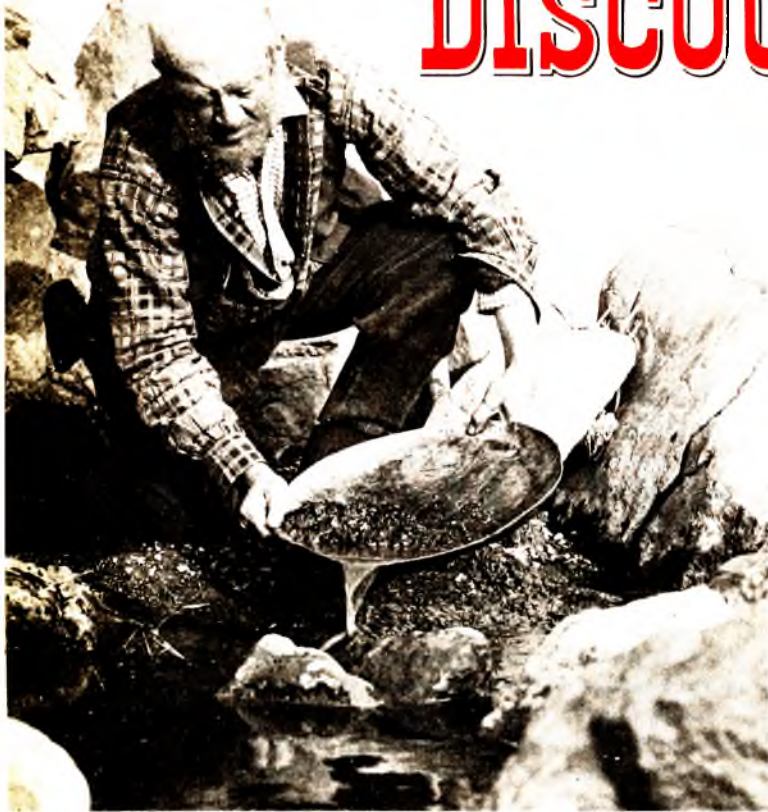
I've seen similar circumstances over and over in my years of attending church. People come to church all dressed and presentable in suits, but bringing talents and abilities wearing "white tennis shoes." How many times has there been someone who might sing, play an instrument, or teach if they would, but when asked for their help, they apologize for their "tennis shoes" and say, "Oh, I couldn't do that. I'm not good enough." Or, "I'd be too embarrassed."

Yet, I've also seen people whose talents were not only clad in "tennis shoes" but some who were "barefoot." But when asked to help, they gave gladly without complaint or apology, ready to be used in God's service. Then He took that talent and blessed and multiplied it until all we saw was a talent presented as useful, clad in the finest. Christ himself hides our "tennis shoes."

Sure, there will be times when all of us seem to be tripping over "white tennis shoes" when we want so badly to present a picture of something beautiful and perfect. In fact, we may have to wear them the rest of our lives, but we don't have to think about them all the time. Just keep your eyes on Him and give yourself totally to Him—talents, abilities, *and* "white tennis shoes"—and watch how He will use you! □

YOU CAN CONQUER DISCOURAGEMENT

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A WESTERN MUSEUM displays the rusted head of a pick with a small part of the handle remaining. The pick was once owned by a prospector for gold.

He had been led to believe that a certain place held a vein of gold. Day after day he worked long and hard in an effort to find the buried treasure. Then one day, completely discouraged, he swung the pick high over his head, drove it deep into the ground up to the shaft, and said, "That's it," and walked away from the years of hard work.

Many years later a rich vein of gold was discovered 11 feet beyond that abandoned pick. But by this time the prospector was dead, the pick rusted, and the handle worn away. Had he not become discouraged, the prize might have been his.

Discouragement is not a modern illness alone. David, writing centuries ago, asked himself while contemplating his plight, "Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted in me?" (Psalm 42:5). He had experienced the meat of tears both night and day. His enemies taunted him by asking, "Where is thy God?" (Psalm 42:3). But David was shrewd enough to recognize the problem, and he knew how to conquer it. "Hope thou in God," he commands his soul, "for I shall yet praise him for the help of his countenance" (Psalm 42:5).

When he stopped looking within and began looking up, he found that the face of God brought peace to his discouraged soul.

If David could find help, so can we in the twentieth century. There are five things a person can do to conquer discouragement.

First, accept God's will for your life.

What has happened to you is more than luck or chance. God has a plan for your life. Keep in mind that "all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to his purpose" (Romans 8:28). As you pass through the deep waters of soul searching, seeking God's will, remember that while the stars are always shining, you must have the night to see them. The night of trouble often helps to put God's will into perspective.

Second, adjust your thinking.

The wise man wrote, "As he [man] thinks within himself, so he is" (Proverbs 23:7, NASB). Perhaps your outlook on life is jaundiced. Maybe you are harboring a grudge, bitterness, envy, guilt, or resentment. If so, you need to correct your thinking. Paul exhorts us to think positively and constructively: "Fix your thoughts on what is true and good and right. Think about things that are pure and lovely, and dwell on the fine, good things in others. Think about all you can praise God for and be glad about" (Philippians 4:8, TLB).

Third, realign your priorities.

We are pilgrims and sojourners on this earth. Therefore, the temporal things of life do not bring lasting satisfaction. Only when we are willing to seek first the kingdom of God (Matthew 6:33) will we find contentment in living.

Even in suffering, Paul found contentment in the Lord, and the Bible is filled with examples of those who put God first, and found real satisfaction and joy.

Fourth, let God's love shine through you.

The channel of love can be blocked by wrong attitudes. We must learn to love others as God has loved us. And love, like balm, will mend broken hearts and heal wounds that often cause discouragement.

Paul described the love necessary for maintaining right relationships with God and man in 1 Corinthians 13. There may be times when our love seems to be defeated, but we must remember that *love never fails*; never!

Fifth, go to work.

There is nothing more harmful than an idle mind. And by going to work, you get your mind off yourself and the problems confronting you.

Perhaps you are unable to perform physically as you once were. Maybe you are confined to your home; even bedridden. Nonetheless there is still something you can do. If you are able to pick up a pen and

paper, you can write notes of sympathy to those in sorrow; notes of encouragement to those who are sick; even notes of joy to those who experience something wonderful in their lives. Where do you get this information? From the newspaper, every day.

You will be amazed at how quickly you begin to feel better. Your disquieted spirit will rise to new heights, and the satisfaction of doing something worthwhile and for someone else will be the best possible reward.

If you cannot lift a pen, you can speak to those

who visit you. Find the best in life, rather than the worst, and give praise to God.

Only the person who mentally deceives himself into thinking there is no hope is defeated.

By allowing Christ to infuse your life with His presence and power, and by following these five suggestions, your life will take on new meaning and vitality even in the midst of what seems to be adversity.

When Christ is in us and with us, we are a majority against Satan and his chief weapon, discouragement. □

MEMORIAL FOR A CHRISTIAN

WHEN WE HEARD that Tom had perished in the holocaust following an airplane crash, we mourned, and we organized a memorial service. Tom had no family; but we who were his friends wanted a fitting memorial for the man who, living among us so quietly, had touched all our lives.

Our new young minister took charge of the service, and it was different from others we had attended and more satisfying than most. The minister did not deliver a long sermon. He spoke briefly, and then he invited each of us to say something. Judge Ambler was first.

"Tom was a brave man," said the judge, "a man who wasn't afraid to act like a Christian when the politicians threatened him. I had a great deal of admiration for Tom."

"He was a good friend," said John. "Tom trusted me. He lent me money to start my business when the bank wouldn't. I shall always remember him with gratitude."

"He liked to help people," Mary contributed. "When our house burned, he helped us collect the insurance and find another place to live. He was a man to be trusted."

"Yes," Anne agreed. "Tom was always ready to fill a need. After Elmer died, he was a big brother to my Timmy. No boy ever had a better one."

Harry, the custodian in Tom's office building, arose. "He treated me like a person," he said "He never put me down. I loved him."

One by one the rest of us paid our tributes, most of them personal, all of them moving. The last to speak was Joe, a man crippled from birth, a man on crutches whom most of us ignored most of the time or tried to help when our own consciences bothered us.

"He let me help him," Joe said simply.

Why was that so important? I asked myself that question, and later I asked Joe.

"As Harry said," Joe explained, "Tom treated me like a person, like somebody worthy of respect. Cripples are people, too. Do you know what it's like to take help all the time and never have a chance to give any?"

"It's terrible," I said. "It's demoralizing, especially when you don't need the kind of help the meddlers try to force on you. Especially when your own offers of help are turned down. Oh, Joe, I do understand."

"Yes," Joe said. "You found out when you were laid up that time. I've lived with it all my life."

"You were the one who showed me how to walk with crutches without falling down," I said. "That was the help I needed most. I hope I thanked you properly."

"You did," Joe assured me.

The glow of pride on his face told me more than any words could have. Tom had forced no help on Joe; he had let Joe help him, and thereby bolstered Joe's self-respect.

"I'm glad we had a chance to tell about Tom," said Joe, "all of us together. Tom lived his Christianity. Maybe we can be better Christians because of his example. That's better than any fancy monument could ever be."

"Right," I agreed.

Remembering the things that had been said about Tom, I realized that each thing he had done was a practical demonstration of one or more of the principles of Christianity.

"Tom was a doer, not just a hearer or a talker-about-doing," Joe added. "I'm going to try harder to be like that."

"Amen," I said softly. □

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C. B. JERNIGAN: Modern Joshua

"The preachers who succeed in Oklahoma are men who take the bull by the horns, break his neck, skin him, make a tent of his hide, and peddle the meat for a living while they preach holiness. Come on over and I will show you the pasture where the bull runs." Thus did District Superintendent Jernigan answer the ambitious young preacher who wrote asking for a pastorate where he would be certain of success.

Success for C. B. Jernigan had always been a matter of hard work and sacrifice, and he intended to "possess the land." The young preacher never came, and he missed the opportunity to work with one of God's choice warriors.

Charles B. Jernigan was born in 1863, the son of a prosperous Mississippi cotton planter and Confederate Army medical officer. With the end of the war, Captain Jernigan decided to leave his shattered home and move his family west to begin again. They loaded their belongings and their 11 children into the prairie schooners and made the long trek to Texas.

Traveling to the frontier was a difficult and hazardous business in those days. There were few roads and no bridges, and bandits and hostile Indians were an ever-present threat. It was with relief and thanksgiving that the family arrived and established their new homeplace near the crossroads town of Hog-Eye, Tex. There the young Jernigans grew up, working the land, going to school in the nearby village, and living the hard but rich life of the western frontier.

Captain and Mrs. Jernigan were devout Methodists, and the family altar was quickly established in the new log farm home. Charlie's mother prayed for and with her children, and these influences bore fruit when he was converted at the age of 9 in a Methodist camp meeting. He became a worker in the local church and was made Sunday school superintendent at the age of 18.

Life on the rim of civilization had its moments of tragedy and excitement. One day the children in the Hog-Eye school narrowly missed being riddled with the bullets of a rampaging band of outlaws who had invaded the town, sacked the general store, and then

decided to fire a few shots to remind the townsfolk who was in charge. A raging prairie fire once barely missed leveling the Jernigan farm, and claimed the lives of a neighboring family. When the community discovered that an itinerant peddler had set the fire, they formed a posse to bring him back. The hanging which followed left an indelible mark on the children who watched.

Following his graduation from high school, Charles began college training in medicine, but his father's death forced him to drop out and assume the management of the family farm. When he married his childhood sweetheart, Miss Johnny Hill, in 1888,

A NEW SONG

*A mockingbird sings
In the dark of the night,
Perhaps a new song
That he learned in the light,
But the melody ripples
So happy and free,
My heart is made glad
As his song reaches me.*

*The child of the King
Has learned a new song
That cannot be stilled
Though the night may be long;
For Jesus is Lord
To the child of the King,
And we have been given
A new song to sing.*

—PEARL BURNSIDE MCKINNEY
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they moved to Greenville, Tex., established their own farm, and became active members of the Methodist congregation there.

It was in a Sunday afternoon prayer meeting that C. B. Jernigan heard his first testimony to the experience of heart holiness. "This testimony," he later wrote, "set me wild. My heart was hungry for the fullness of God. I thought I had never heard anything like this before. She shouted, and her face fairly shone with divine love." He went home under intense conviction and began to seek the blessing.

The next morning as he worked in the field the Holy Spirit witnessed cleansing and peace to his heart, and he almost dropped the plow he was carrying onto his foot. Within 15 minutes, he was preaching to his hired man and he was launched upon a crusade for souls that never stopped for the next 37 years.

The young preacher and his wife immediately threw themselves into the work of a mission in Greenville and devoted long hours there, ministering to society's outcasts. He traveled with E. D. DeJernett and other holiness pioneers all over Texas, holding meetings and establishing holiness missions. At the end of two years he could count 1,800 converts and dozens of new little churches.

The enemy never takes kindly to such enthusiasm, and persecution soon set in. Ruffians harassed the preachers and intimidated those who went to hear them preach. The church authorities soon joined in the effort to quiet this upstart holiness band, and in 1899, C. B. Jernigan withdrew his membership from the Methodist church to go out "under the stars."

Next to his passion for souls, Jernigan's consuming desire was to see his converts established in churches friendly to holiness teachings. Over the next decade he traveled over the Southwest preaching and organizing and writing, and when his Holiness Church of Christ joined with the Pentecostal Church of the Nazarene in 1908, it brought to the union 90 churches, 3 schools, and 8 missionaries on the field.

For the next 22 years C. B. Jernigan poured out his life for his new church, first as district superintendent of Oklahoma and Kansas, where he established Bethany Nazarene College, having mortgaged and lost his own home to pay the bills of the struggling young school. He later served as superintendent of the Georgia-Florida, Western Oklahoma, New York, and Tennessee districts; spent several years in full-time evangelism, supply-pastored a number of churches, and wrote 7 books. He preached on the average 280 times a year, held 20 or more revivals annually, and organized 150 Nazarene churches, half of which he established "on his own," without any outside financial help. When he died in 1930 at the age of 67, he had just closed a revival meeting and was slated for three years ahead.

C. B. Jernigan has been called the Joshua of the holiness movement, and appropriately so. He had decided early: "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord" (Joshua 24:15). And God had responded: "Be strong and of a good courage; . . . for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest . . . and then thou shalt have good success" (Joshua 1:6-9). □

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BOOK BRIEFS FOR YOU

HOLINESS AND HUMAN NATURE

Dr. W. T. Purkiser, in his foreword to this helpful book, says, "It deals with an area we have often 'swept under the rug.'" He is alluding to the problem discussed in the 71 pages, which is human nature and its relationship to holiness of heart.

There is considerable confusion at this point. The Bible has much to say about human frailties. We must distinguish between the sinful nature and human nature. The apostle says in Romans 8:26, "The Spirit also helpeth our infirmities." Authors Leon and Mildred Chambers point out that "there is no promise of deliverance from our infirmities until the day of glorification"; also that "until the resurrection we will struggle with our infirmities, helped by the Holy Spirit."

The reader is warned that "some would make the experience of entire sanctification mean too little. Others, however, would insist upon a perfection that would rob a man of his humanity." Errors of judgment and differences of opinion and misunderstandings with fellow Christians are not sinful; the wrong lies in our attitude toward them and our reaction to them.

We are further reminded that "holiness does not bring instant maturity." Only as our hearts are cleansed can we grow in grace as we should. Satan would discourage us when we recognize our shortcomings and failures. But we need to heed the admonition of Paul to the Corinthians, "perfecting holiness in the fear of God."

A prayerful reading of this book is sure to help a newly sanctified believer solve some of the problems which have disturbed him, remembering "that it takes determined effort to be a growing Christian." □

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The BIBLE In English

AN EVANGELICAL TRANSLATION

In 1965, a group of scholars meeting at Trinity Christian College, in Illinois, explored the possibility of making a new translation of the Bible. With so many versions already available or in process of being completed, strong justification would be needed to launch another. That justification was found in the purpose of the project and in the theological background of the scholars themselves.

Those who conceived the idea of the new translation, which has come to be known as the *New International Version* (NIV), as well as all those who have labored to give it birth, are evangelical scholars. This will be the only modern, English version produced by a translation team that represents an avowedly evangelical point of view. For Nazarenes this has both pluses and minuses. We, too, are evangelicals believing that man who is alienated from God can only be brought into fellowship with Him by faith in the atoning work of Jesus Christ. However, most evangelicals are Calvinists with whom we have deep theological differences. Many of the shortcomings of the King James Version are due to its Calvinistic bias. The most notable difference when it comes to the Bible concerns the theory of inspiration. Many espouse a form of the "verbal dictation" theory which holds that every word of the Bible is inerrant because it was given directly from God. The theologians of the Church of the Nazarene have consistently rejected this view in favor of a more "dynamic" theory which maintains that God fully utilized "holy men" to write Scripture.¹

Attempting to avoid theological one-sidedness, the translation team of over 115 scholars has been drawn from many different denominations. Dr. Ralph Earle represents the Church of the Nazarene on the 15-person Committee on Bible Translation (CBT) which governs the entire project. He has also been named chairman of the committee charged with the completion of the translation of the Old Testament. Other Nazarenes working on the project include Drs. Harvey J. S. Blaney, J. Kenneth Grider, and Willard Taylor.

The stated purpose of the NIV is to replace the KJV as the Bible in common use. Its goal is "to do for

our times what the King James Version did for its day."² The NIV does not, however, stand in the KJV tradition of translation, but is a wholly new attempt to place God's Word into English. It is hoped that out of the numerous translations on the market today this version might emerge as the one which would enjoy popular support in all of the English-speaking churches.

The NIV has won the backing of the National Association of Evangelicals, and the translation work is being sponsored by the New York Bible Society International, one of the world's oldest Bible societies, being founded in 1808.³ The New Testament (1973) is being exclusively published in a wide variety of bindings and print by Zondervan Bible Publishers. The Book of Isaiah is the only part of the OT presently available. The entire Bible should be available by the end of the decade. Due to the enormous costs of the project, the price of a copy of the NT is somewhat high. So be prepared when you purchase one from your bookstore or at a district assembly.

The extensive procedure for translation as established by the CBT represents a desire to produce a work of lasting value. Each book of the Bible is first translated by a team of scholars. The initial translation is reviewed by an Intermediate Editorial Committee, whose work is rechecked by a General Editorial Committee, whose work in turn is finally reviewed by the CBT.⁴ Professional stylists have been hired to insure a uniformity of style and easy readability.

The format of the published work has been attractively developed with an emphasis being placed on readability. A page contains only one column of print with the text arranged into paragraphs. To facilitate quick location, each verse is marked with a small, raised numeral. Content summaries in italic print are periodically placed at the beginning of paragraphs. These tell at a glance the topic being discussed.

Poetry has been printed in verse. It is being recognized more and more that a good part of the NT as well as the OT is poetic, such as the Beatitudes of Matthew 5:3-10 and Luke 6:20-22 and the "keno-

sis" hymn of Philippians 2:6-11. Notes are added at the bottom of the page to indicate other possible translations, variations in the reading of the Greek text, interpretations of technical or Greek terms, and scripture references to the OT.

The twin emphasis the CBT set for the NIV are accuracy and readability. It scores high on both. Instead of being bound to the "literal meaning" of a word found in a lexicon, it often gives a superior reading by translating the "contextual meaning." For example, Philippians 2:6 and 7 reads: "Who, being in very nature God . . . made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant . . ." The Greek word translated "nature" more accurately conveys the thought of the phrase than would a "literal" translation using the word "form."

The interest of the reader is held by the NIV's free-flowing style. It reads easily and can be understood by children as well as adults.

Note Isaiah 5:9-10:

⁹*The Lord Almighty has declared in my hearing:*

"Surely the great houses will become desolate, the fine mansions left without occupants.

¹⁰*A ten-acre^a vineyard will produce only a few gallons^b of wine, six bushels^c of seed only half a bushel^d of grain."*

The raised letters refer to notes which give the Hebrew measurements. However, translating their English equivalents helps the reader grasp immediately the message of destruction given by the prophet.

The NIV's treatment of holiness passages is excel-

lent. The reading of 2 Corinthians 7:1 is somewhat questionable: ". . . and let us strive for perfection out of reverence for God." Also, 1 John 3:6 is too weak: "No one who lives in him keeps on sinning." However, Wesleyans will be generally pleased with the way the Greek word *hagiazō* has been translated: "set apart" (John 10:36), "consecrated" (1 Timothy 4:5), "make sacred" (twice), "to make holy" (8 times), "sanctify" (13 times). Showing influence of the familiar KJV, it is twice translated "hallowed" in the opening line of the Lord's Prayer, Matthew 6:9 and Luke 11:2. Note the good rendering of 2 Thessalonians 2:13: ". . . God chose you to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth." Also, Hebrews 12:14: "Make every effort to live in peace with all men and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord."

The NIV appears to be a solid piece of translation work, both accurate and readable. Its usage will run the whole range from private devotions, to group Bible study, to public worship. The final judgment of this work must be suspended, however, pending the completion of the work on the OT. Whether or not it will be the successor to the KJV as the Bible in common use will be a decision only the succeeding decades can reveal. □

1. See H. Orton Wiley, *Christian Theology* (1941), 1:173-77; and A.M. Hills, *Fundamental Christian Theology* (1931), 1:117-35.

2. *The Version for Our Time*, a pamphlet published by the New York Bible Society International.

3. *Ibid.*

4. Preface of the NIV.

PEN POINTS

NOW I BELONG!

It was a Sunday evening and my pastor-husband was receiving a class into church membership. When he came to Karen and warmly shook her hand, I couldn't help but reflect on the sequence of events which led to this meaningful moment.

Karen had been invited to church by one of our single young adults. Karen didn't have any close friends. She felt lonely and alienated. She indicated that her life was empty and meaningless and that no one really cared about her.

She attended church for a few weeks and then one night knelt at the altar and asked Jesus to come into her heart. She said, "I feel so happy and clean inside. I don't feel so lonely anymore. I've got God. I want to be the best Christian possible."

But Karen still wasn't actively involved in the church. Another one of the young adults sensed that she was hesitant to attend activities by herself, so she invited Karen to attend with her. Karen found out that she could have a great time with the young people. Later she reflected, "I sure am thankful someone cared enough to invite me. Otherwise I probably never would have become involved. And I really need the fellowship of other Christian young people."

She enrolled in the New Christians Class which met

during the Sunday school hour. There she learned things that would help her in her Christian experience. During class one day Karen said, "I'm excited! I don't want anything to hamper my relationship to God. Every time He points out something to me, He also gives me the power to accomplish the task."

Karen kept growing in her Christian walk and learned how to trust God, even for the small, everyday things. He continually answered prayer and worked miracles in her life.

Then she took the pastor's membership class. She said, "I feel a closeness in this church. They really care about me. I haven't felt that anywhere else. I would like to join."

After the service that Sunday evening I welcomed Karen into our church. With tears running down her cheeks, she responded, "Now I belong! It's great being a part of the family of God."

Yes, Karen, you do belong to a fellowship of believers who loves and cares for you—just as you are. "As God has loved us, so we ought to love one another." □

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The BIBLE COLLEGE MOVEMENT

THE BIBLE COLLEGE movement has experienced dynamic development in America and Canada. From one school and a few students in 1882, it has grown to hundreds of schools and thousands of students today. The movement was consolidated in 1947 with the creation of the Accrediting Association of Bible Colleges (AABC). In recent years, the AABC has become a part of the Council of Post-Secondary Accreditation which includes regional and professional accrediting agencies.

Despite the fact that the Church of the Nazarene has maintained some Bible institutes and Bible colleges in other countries, the Bible college movement has seemed to be relatively unknown to most Nazarenes until recent years. This type of educational endeavor has not been a part of mainline Nazarene education in America. The liberal arts college-seminary route will—no doubt—remain the primary and mainline approach to Nazarene education. This article is an attempt to define the “specialized role” of Nazarene Bible College in the educational pattern of the church.

With the formation of Nazarene Bible College in Colorado Springs in 1967, the attention and questions of many Nazarenes were turned toward this movement. What is a Bible college? How does it differ from a liberal arts college? From Bible schools and institutes? From seminaries? What is the mission of a Bible college?

Bible college education is de-

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defined as “education on the college level whose distinctive function is to prepare students for Christian ministries or church vocations through a program of biblical, general, and professional studies.” It is post-high school level and specialized in that every student majors in Bible.

The Liberal Arts College is post-high school level but builds on “a foundation of general education in the humanities and sciences to prepare for these ‘many professions and vocations.’”

Bible Schools and Institutes of earlier days often consisted of few high school graduates. “The Bible courses were not graded and students were given two years of training.” Such schools ranged from “teacher training classes conducted by a local church in evening sessions to accredited colleges carrying on work through academic years.” The two-year, loosely structured schools were often called “Bible training schools.” As the schools moved toward specialized programs of three years’ duration, they became known as “Bible institutes.” Many such schools evolved to include primarily high school graduates who pursued an integrated program of biblical, general, and professional studies, in three or four years. “With this amplification, many schools changed their names from Bible institute to *Bible college*.”

Seminaries, which operate on the post-college or graduate level, are far different from the Bible colleges which operate on the post-high school or undergraduate level.

The Bible college mission involves several distinctives:

1. MAJOR IN BIBLE

The Bible *has been* and *is* the “organizing principle” of Bible college education. All students major in Bible even though their program of study may be music, missions, or Christian education. Forty semester hours of Bible are required of all students preparing for Bible teaching and preaching ministries.

2. FOCUS ON PRACTICAL CHRISTIAN SERVICE

From its inception, this movement has geared itself to preparing men and women for local church ministry. “Christian service is not an activity chosen voluntarily . . .



it is an essential part of preparation for a church vocation." The student is involved in practical Christian service programs while attending school. He is also provided with tools for ministry and a philosophy of ministry that includes the concept of "continuing education." Though some use the Bible college training as preparation for further formal studies, most find immediate entrance into some form of active ministry.

3. FLEXIBLE IN CURRICULUM

Despite the fact that the Bible is the "organizing principle," and "practical Christian service" is focal, there is flexibility in Bible college curriculum. Although the Bible college movement emerged through the *conservative* and *evangelical* wings of the Christian church, it has not remained tied to traditional methodology. It has retained an openness to innovation and flexibility in method and program found in few other movements.

Laymen have always found an open door to biblical education in the Bible college. Moody Bible Institute, for example, "was begun for the purpose of giving Bible instruction and practical training to lay workers."

Regular courses have been offered during evening hours to accommodate the *adult student*. Many Bible colleges began as evening Bible classes for laymen.

While struggling for acceptance in some institutions, *women* have always seemed to find an open

door to specialized training in the Bible college movement.

Missions and *Christian education* have a vital part of the Bible college training. Witmer suggests that the Bible college movement "has given training to over half of all Protestant missionaries from North America. In Christian education," he suggests, "they have provided more trained leadership than any other one class of schools."

The Bible college movement has had its problems—inadequate teaching, inferior equipment, and unwholesome dogmatism; but, by strengthening its faculties and expanding curricular offerings, it has become "an increasingly powerful factor in the training of Christian leaders." Regarding the place of the Bible college in Christian education, Witmer believes that: "Together with the Christian liberal arts colleges and seminaries, they will undoubtedly be the chief defense of evangelical Christianity against the secularism and apathy of the present century." □

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discoveries

IN CHRISTIAN LIVING

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FOR FREE?

On July 8 of this year a Kansas City television station reported that a local man offered free vegetables to anyone who wanted them. His four gardens had produced far more than he could use, so he prepared a huge sign which read, "Free Vegetables." To his utter dismay, not one person accepted his offer.

This lack of response could in no way be attributed to the fact that no one needed the produce. On the contrary, thousands of poor persons could have benefited greatly by his offer.

Why had no persons accepted? The answer is that no one could believe that anything of value could be had "for free."

William Rutledge once told of a Sunday school teacher who wanted to demonstrate that the gift of God is free. He took a silver watch from his pocket and offered it to each of several boys in his class. Each grinned and declined the offer, believing that the teacher was joking. At length the teacher came to the smallest boy with the same offer. The little

fellow took it eagerly and put it in his pocket. The other boys laughed at him. The teacher said to him, "I am thankful that you believe my word. The watch is yours."

God's grace is offered to everyone. It is free. It cannot be bought. The richest person in the world is too poor to make a down payment on it. Neither can God's grace be earned—"Not of works, lest any man should boast" (Ephesians 2:9). God's grace must be accepted. That is the only way it can be received.

A gift that is offered is not truly a gift until it is received. The man who offered the free vegetables was heartsick that his produce was wasted because no one would accept his gift. His "gift" was only an offer because no one accepted it.

The Apostle Paul said that "... the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Romans 6:23). Let us learn to take by faith what God has so generously offered. □

Editorially Speaking . . .

by W. E. McCUMBER

HOSPITAL PROFITS

In late July a severe illness suddenly removed me from the program of PALCON at Mid-America Nazarene College and made me an inmate of room 209 in Olathe Community Hospital. My exit from PALCON was quite dramatic. I had to quit right in the middle of what I intended as a brilliant lecture (well, at least a mop-and-glow lecture), and District Superintendent Milton Parrish took me to the hospital. (Ever hear of a "D.S." putting a preacher in the hospital? Oh, you have.)

My week's stay in the hospital reinforced some valuable lessons. The high cost of sickness is commonly acknowledged, but I want to share some of the profits I gained from the experience.

1. I gained a new appreciation for doctors and nurses.

Caring for the sick combines science and art, and I have never been more skillfully and kindly cared for in my life. Drs. Seaman, Halverson, and Bare unite medical skill and religious faith in a choice blend. It was worth being sick to have Dr. Seaman pray at my bedside, and to hear stories of his ministry to bodies and souls in America and Africa!

Nurses were cheerful and considerate. Most of them were Christians, some were Nazarenes, all were efficient. They were always on time to give pills or take blood. One was so efficient that she woke me up to give me a pill to put me to sleep!

2. I gained a new appreciation for family and friends.

Flowers came, some of the most unusual and beautiful arrangements I've ever seen. Cards arrived, assuring me of love and prayers. Visitors dropped by, hurrying the clock along and gladdening the day. As busy as they were at PALCON, Ivan Solomon and Nelson Hurn came on three successive days. They prayed the glory down, prayed my fever down, and almost prayed the ceiling down! Phone calls came from my children—the best of all messages. Doris was faithfully at my side, and she wasn't reading insurance policies!

When I found the Lord I found a family—the grandest fellowship of brothers and sisters in all the

world. They always come through when a fellow needs a lift.

3. I gained a new appreciation for health and strength.

Even in sickness I thanked God for the measure of health I possessed. There were sufferers in that hospital whose hurts reduced my own to mere inconvenience.

From two rooms away I could hear a young woman using a machine to help her breathe. Through the nights I could hear her coughing, and I know it was painful.

Each day a woman pushed her elderly husband up and down the hall in a wheelchair. He was terminally ill, mentally disoriented, and his moaning was heart-rending.

Next door a Nazarene layman from Iowa was recovering from a heart attack. He would be hospitalized a month and could not return home for another month. He was radiantly cheerful, but I know the days and nights were long for him.

All in all, I was but slightly afflicted, like a man with an earache surrounded by the deaf.

4. I gained a new appreciation for the presence and promises of the Lord.

Even more real, more personal, more heartening than the presence of doctors, nurses, friends, and wife was the indefinable, unmistakable, awe-inspiring presence of the Lord!

Jesus promised, "Lo, I am with you all the days" (Matthew 28:20, literal). I can testify with joy that sick days were not excluded from His promise.

When Samuel Rutherford was in prison for preaching the gospel, he wrote in his journal that Jesus Christ came into the cell and every stone in the wall flashed like a ruby. My experience of the Lord's presence was not so dramatic, but it was no less real. I cannot explain or describe that experience, but He was there with me.

So, whatever it cost, there was also gain from being hospitalized. I learned, I grew, and I thank God for it all. But I am glad that I am out now! □

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SUPPORT OUR BIBLE COLLEGE

On October 9 the annual church-wide offering for our Nazarene Bible College will be received.

The Bible college is located in Colorado Springs, Colo., where the United States Air Force Academy is also located. Nazarenes in the U.S. support the academy, like it or not, through involuntary taxation, taxes which keep soaring "into the wild blue yonder." But if the Bible college gets our support, we must choose to give it. It's up to us.

1. The reason for its existence justifies our generous support. The Bible college was created to train men and women for ministry, especially the preaching and teaching of God's Word. Some are called to this task who cannot pursue the usual college and seminary route of preparation. Their ages, or family situations, or academic backgrounds demand some effective alternative. The Bible college supplies it, with a curriculum which centers on the English Bible and practical church work. This high mission merits

the support of Nazarenes everywhere.

2. The quality of its personnel deserves our generous support. The men and women who teach at our Bible college are as loyal, committed, and unselfish as any Nazarenes anywhere. They teach there because they love the Lord, value the church, and care deeply about their students. They have served with distinction in pastoral ministry, on college faculties, and in general administration. They are proven, seasoned, and worthy of our investment in their work.

3. The future of its students merits our generous support. They will return to our local churches. There their personal gifts for service, informed by the Word, disciplined by the classroom, and encouraged by our fellowship, will result in larger and stronger churches.

This year, let us increase our support for the Bible college, both our prayer support and our dollar support! □

CANADIAN THANKSGIVING

Canadians celebrate their Thanksgiving Day on October 10. The Nazarene churches there will give their thank-offering for world evangelism on the preceding Sunday. They supply the "firstfruits" of our ingathering for missions.

Canadians, in general, have much to be thankful for.

Theirs is a priceless heritage of liberty. No people on earth are freer than the Canadians. And in wars fought to defend and preserve political liberty Canada has furnished a conspicuous share of heroes, sung and unsung.

Theirs, too, is a land rich in natural resources and justly famed for natural beauty. The grandeur of much of Canada's scenery is unsurpassed in the world. The Maple Leaf flies over a great country and citizenry.

Canadian Nazarenes, in particular, have cause for gratitude and pride. Many strong growing churches are led by competent, dedicated pastors and laymen.

From these churches have come a stream of ministers and missionaries whose work has expanded and enriched our Nazarene fellowship around the world.

Canadian Nazarene College is a choice institution of higher education. It has been my privilege to be there twice in recent years, and the quality of life lived and work done there profoundly challenged my own commitment to the Lord.

"Imports" from Canada have immeasurably strengthened our work in the U.S. General leaders, pastors, and college teachers from there have played a significant role in our development here. When I pastored the college church at Eastern Nazarene College I often looked out at the congregation and thought, If suddenly all the Canadians were removed from this campus and church, how impoverished we would be! And that is but a single example.

We rejoice with our Canadian neighbors on their Thanksgiving Day. And on ours we shall give thanks, among other great blessings, for them! □



MUSIC CAMP AT ONC

The first annual music camp for high school students was conducted by 7 members of the Olivet Nazarene College music faculty July 25-29 for 27 music students.

The week included class and individual instruction in vocal, keyboard, and instrumental music. The students' performances were recorded on videotape and played back so they could analyze their work and progress.

Pictured is the closing night concert in Reed Auditorium by the girls' chorus, conducted by Prof. Joe Noble,

and the orchestra conducted by Dr. Harlow Hopkins.

Dr. Hopkins, chairman of the Division of Fine Arts at Olivet, said that 20 persons took part in the church music symposium for adult music leaders July 27-30, in addition to the students on campus for the early part of the week.

Much of the music used for sight reading and special planning was provided by the Lillenas Publishing Co.

Dr. Leslie Parrott, Olivet's president, told the Friday night concert audience that he expected the summer music camp to grow in future years to include several hundred young people on the campus. □

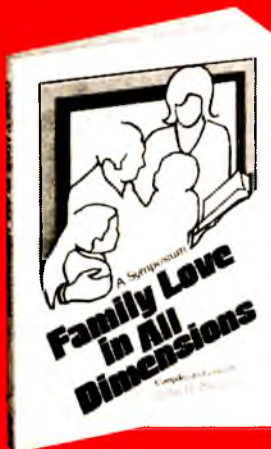


PALCON at Mid-America Nazarene College drew a record 507 pastors and associates. This represents 97 percent of MANC's educational zone in attendance. As one of the newer colleges, most pastors and associates are graduates of other Nazarene institutions and had not visited the campus previously. This was the greatest single public relations opportunity in its 10-year history.



Jane Krumlauf, R.N., M.S., newly appointed director of the School of Nursing, is shown signing the contracts with Trinity and Mid-America Nazarene College personnel watching. Pictured standing (l. to r.) are: Howard H. Hamlin, M.D., chairman Department of Surgery, Trinity; Donald Metz, academic dean of MANC; Nancy Knewtson, R.N., associate director of nursing affairs at Trinity Lutheran Hospital; Ray Westergren, executive vice-president, Trinity Lutheran Hospital. Seated (l. to r.) are: Patricia Lord, R.N., director of nursing affairs, Trinity Lutheran Hospital; Jane Krumlauf, R.N., M.S.; and George Dickinson, administrator of Trinity Lutheran Hospital. □

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The 1977 Lost and Found musical/drama outreach team sponsored by the Department of Youth Ministries includes (front row, l. to r.) Marc Sims, Louisville, Ky.; Mark Fuller, Olathe, Kans.; Rick Hinkle, Dorsett, Ohio; Steve Pennington, Nashville; Randy Dennis, Weirton, W.Va.; Ron Simonson, Port Orchard, Wash.; (2nd row, l. to r.) Sheryl Smeed, Visalia, Calif.; Joylyn Gunter, Amboy, Wash.; Sue Fuller, Olathe, Kans.; Jennifer Green, Bryan, Tex.; Marcia Heasley, Grand Rapids, Mich.; (back row, l. to r.) Timothy Larkin, Wollaston, Mass.; Rick Power, Kansas City, Kans.; Terry Langford, Lakeland, Fla.; and Jerry Cohagen, Casper, Wyo.

NAZARENE COLLEGE STUDENTS IN SUMMER MINISTRIES

In addition to the many Nazarene college students involved in special summer ministries under the direction of the individual colleges, the Department of Youth Ministries recruited, trained, and sent 15 Nazarene college students to share in churches throughout the United States. The Lost and Found, a music/drama team, completed an intensive week-and-a-half training June 11-22 at Park College in Kansas City under the direction of Lane Zachary.

Lost and Found training camp included not only the sharpening of drama and music skills, but opportunity for team members to grow and deepen in their individual spiritual lives. The farewell Communion and commissioning moments were led by Mel McCullough, executive director of the Department of Youth Ministries.

Lost and Found ministered in churches, shopping malls, parking lots, on TV and radio, and one-on-one contacts with young people from coast to coast. Here are some of the churches where Lost and Found shared:

Pueblo, Colo., First Church
Chandler, Ariz., church
Temple City, Calif., church
Buena Park, Calif., church
Lone Pine, Calif., church
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Eugene, Ore., Fairfield Church
Yakima, Wash., First Church
Port Orchard, Wash., church
Newport, Ore., church
Nampa, Ida., First Church
Casper, Wyo., church
Denver Lakewood Church
Salina, Kans., First Church
Lee's Summit, Mo., First Church
Kansas City, Kans., Victory Hills Church
Nashville First Church
Ashland, Ky., First Church
Grand Rapids, Mich., First Church
Troy, Ohio, church

Three Rivers, Mich., church
Cincinnati Springdale Church
Upper Marlboro, Md., Melwood Church
Fairview Village, Pa., church
Detroit First Church
Florissant, Mo., Trinity Church
Kansas City District NYI convention —Olathe, Kans.
Shawnee Mission, Kans., Nall Avenue
Shawnee, Kans., church
Canton, Ill., First Church
Lemont, Ill., First Church

OF PEOPLE AND PLACES

Johnny J. Wheelbarger, professor of education and director of learning resources at Trevecca Nazarene College in Nashville, was granted a Ph.D. in educational administration from George Peabody College for Teachers in August.



Dr. Wheelbarger earned his A.B. from Bethany Nazarene College in religion, his M.Ed. from the University of Virginia in elementary education, his Ed.D. in audiovisual education from the University of Virginia, and an M.L.S. at George Peabody College for Teachers in academic libraries.

Dr. Wheelbarger, born in Ottobine, Va., now serves as a Nazarene pastor in Maury County, Tenn. He has received honors from Kappa Delta Pi, the International Library of Science Honor Society, and the National Nazarene Honor Society. He was in the 1972 *Outstanding Educators of America*, 1974-77 *Dictionary of International Biography*, and the 1976 *Who's Who Biographical Record of Child Development Professionals*.



Following an exciting month in the Community of Hope Church of the Nazarene in Washington, D.C., sociology students from Northwest Nazarene College stopped by Kansas City. Professor Curl (fourth from l.), sponsor and chaperon of the group, was asked if the project changed his ideas of sociology. He replied, "It gave me more of a commitment to try to be a more effective sociologist and an informed Christian witness." A portion of the group are shown being interviewed by Ernie McNaught (l.) of Campus Ministries as they visit with Missionary Hugh Friberg (fifth from l.) in the International Publications office.

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DR. ADAMS HONORED

Recently, Waco, Tex., First Church honored Dr. Wesley Adams with a story of his outstanding life. Wesley was wheeled into the auditorium to hear experiences recalled by his parents and friends. They told of humorous, unusual, touching, and dramatic times, including the tragic car accident which left him paralyzed from the shoulders down, at the age of

16. Also the struggles and accomplishments of high school, college, and seminary, as well as experiences as supply pastor and evangelist were reviewed. Wesley and his parents moved to Waco, where he attended Baylor University (Baptist) and received his doctorate in philosophy in May, 1977. He will be teaching Bible classes at Mid-America Nazarene College this fall.

The "This Is Your Life" program was filled with laughter and tears, as well as God's precious Spirit, as Pastor Stan Meek narrated Wesley's story. Guests came many miles to share in the occasion, and special music added meaning and emphasis to the influence and witness of Wesley's life upon so many individuals.

An album, with over 40 letters greeting Wesley, and family pictures, was presented at the close of the program. A plaque was given to his parents, Rev. and Mrs. J. Kenneth Adams, for their dedication and loving labors in Christian parenthood.

A love offering was received by blind Evangelist Rev. Lawrence Williams to help Wesley buy a specially equipped van to aid in the mobility necessary for his teaching ministry. He will be able to operate this independently. □



Marietta, Ohio, First Church honored Rev. W. F. Miller on June 19 with a combined Father's Day and birthday celebration. Rev. Miller, who was born in 1892, celebrated his birthday June 21. He spoke to the congregation at the evening Father's Day service and was presented a Distinguished Service Award for 54 years as a Nazarene elder by Pastor Paul M. Berger. The congregation sang "Happy Birthday" and presented him with "The New Testament and Psalms" in cassette tapes. Rev. Miller spent a term in Japan and Korea as a missionary and organized 20 churches in Japan and Korea. He organized 32 churches in the United States and Canada and has spent 65 years in Christian service.

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The Momence, Ill., church, on the Chicago Central District, suffered \$40,000 damage from a fire which occurred during a severe electrical storm early Saturday morning, June 18. Pastor Odis R. Brown reported most of the fire damage was confined to the platform area and the Sunday school room adjacent, but there was smoke and water damage throughout. The building is being restored, and in the meantime the congregation is worshipping in the Methodist Memorial Building.



In a recent service at the Dayton, Ohio, Fort McKinley Church, a new Wurlitzer organ was dedicated in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Lofty for their faithfulness. Brother Lofty is a local preacher and carries on an outreach program in the area rest homes. He is the only remaining charter member of the church, and he has worked in almost every position in the church. The Loftys were presented a plaque by the Sunday school and the organ recital by Pastor Charles Short included their favorite hymns. Pictured are: seated at the organ, Mrs. Lydia Gay; (l. to r.) Mary Short, Pastor Short, Honey Lofty, and Mr. Wilbert Lofty.

SUMMER GUESTS INCREASE PRODUCTIVE USE OF PLC CAMPUS

Groups ranging from cheerleaders to athletes to ministers to freshmen students and their parents are frequenting the portals of Point Loma College in unprecedented numbers this summer. Individual ages cross the spectrum from toddlers to senior citizens. Some come for the night, others stay a week or two.

They practice cheers and sports, fellowship in spiritual retreats, attend seminars, sing along at outdoor concerts, register for college, and have family reunions.

The groups number from a dozen people to 600. They total over 5,000 in the space of three months, not counting the 600 PLC students who are attending one or more summer sessions.

With the advent of a full quarter term during the summer in 1978, plus conducting a free-floating modular system of classes and continuing activity by off-campus groups, Point Loma College is building toward maximum use of its 88-acre campus and facilities, according to Dr. Keith A. Pagan, academic dean.

"The expansion of summer programs is an American trend," said Dr. Pagan, "and it helps us make more productive use of our campus. By taking advantage of the climate, beauty, and setting of the Point Loma campus, we are in a prime position for development of the summer program." □



On June 5, Midwest City, Okla., First Church presented Quentin E. Green with a Distinguished Service Award for his outstanding work in the church. Quentin, a charter member of the church, was surprised with a "This Is Your Life" presentation which included people from all over the United States. Quentin was raised in an Oklahoma Nazarene parsonage, along with 10 other children. He has held every office in the church except for NWMS president. Pastor Larry D. Hunter (l.) presented the award.



Mr. and Mrs. Ralph F. Schwab, Sr., were honored by the Winona, Minn., church on their 70th wedding anniversary, May 1. They are charter members of the congregation, having joined in 1933. Ralph at 88 is chairman of the trustees and teaches the Bible class for seniors, and Clara at 92 is active and together they attend all services. The church presented them with the Distinguished Service Award, recognizing local and district labors, on May 15, when all the family members were present. Dr. Norman W. Bloom represented the district and Pastor Paul B. Hicks made the presentation. An open house was also held by the church.

MRS. HEAP WINS AWARD

Mrs. Gwladys Jones Heap, retired Nazarene missionary, was presented with a Distinguished Service Award by the Bethany, Okla., First Church NWMS at a banquet on June 16.



Mrs. Heap, who resides in Bethany, has served as a missionary for the Church of the Nazarene and the Calvary Holiness Church for 34 years, along with her late husband, Rev. Samuel Heap. They served in Colombia, Peru, Guatemala, and Panama.

Special missionary guests at the occasion included: Rev. and Mrs. Elmer Schmelzenbach, retired missionaries from Africa; Rev. and Mrs. Jerry Demetre, missionaries to Jamaica; Miss Carolyn Hendrick and her fiancé, Jose Salvatierra of La Paz, Bolivia; and Miss Cathy Cypert of Bethany, who went to the Philippines as a student missionary for the summer.

Rev. and Mrs. George Adkins, missionaries to Chile, along with their daughter Carrie, spoke and showed slides of the mission work of the church in Bolivia and Chile. □



Charles M. Clark, (l.), of Melbourne, Fla., First Church, received the Distinguished Service Award from Sue Price, NWMS president, and Pastor Don J. Zimmerlee.



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After the 1976 *Herald* campaign, the Houston District subscriptions were down by 5 percent. District Superintendent W. Raymond McClung appointed Rev. Carlos H. Sparks as 1977 campaign director and accepted a personal goal. The district moved from a 5 percent loss to a 7 percent increase in the 1977 campaign. Friendswood, Tex., church under the leadership of Rev. Kenneth W. Dewey soared in sales to finish with 52 subscriptions, 31 over their goal. Pastor Bill Fowler at first reported only 57 against a goal of 83, but he geared up again and led the Lufkin, Tex., church, to exceed that to 91 subscriptions. Other outstanding sales reports came from North Freeway, Beaumont Westfield, Alief, Port Arthur Grace, Woodsdale, Houston First, and Channelview, Tex. Dr. McClung is shown receiving a special award plaque for his personal involvement in a successful campaign.

OF PEOPLE AND PLACES

Professor Evonne Neuenschwander, associate professor of music, has been selected for *Who's Who of American Women* and also the *World's Who's Who in Women Educators*, both in the academic year 1976-77.



Professor Neuenschwander was born in Canute, Okla. Her parents were Evert Lester and Laurel Edna Striegel. She received her Bachelor of Music in Piano Pedagogy from the University of Colorado in 1972, her Master of Music Education from the University of Northern Colorado in Greeley in 1976. She is married to Professor Dwight Neuenschwander, registrar and professor of evangelism at Nazarene Bible College. They have two children: Dwight Edward and Nancy Lynette. □

Rev. Richard W. Pritchard of Eastern Nazarene College has been selected as one of the Outstanding Young Men of America for 1977. The awards have been made annually for the past 12 years to young men between the ages of 21 and 36 by local men's organizations, Jaycee chapters, college and university alumni groups, and individuals who have firsthand knowledge of the young men in their

communities. Pritchard is executive director for the ENC Alumni organization, and is NYI president for the New England District. He received his B.A. degree in Psychology from ENC, a master's in religion from Nazarene Theological Seminary, and a master's in communications from Boston University. While attending NTS, he managed the radio station and also was on the staff of Kansas City First Church for one year. Mr. Pritchard is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Pritchard of Painesville, Ohio. □



Rev. M. M. Snyder, retired elder, of Kenner, La., First Church, was presented the Distinguished Service Award July 17, the week of his 98th birthday. Mrs. Barbara Boone (r.), district NWMS president, and Pastor A. Ray Faulk (l.) officiated at the ceremony attended by many of his friends and relatives.

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SINGLES SEMINAR FEATURES ANN KIEMEL

Ann Kiemel will be the keynote speaker at the second annual Christian Singles Seminar October 14-15 at the First Wesleyan Church, Bartlesville, Okla. At-



Six members of the Martha Class from the Walters, Okla., church traveled 240 miles by minibus to visit Mrs. Maggie Muret, the church's oldest member in Durant. She was 94 years old on April 13. She is mentally alert and faithful to give her tithes, building fund, Prayer and Self-denial, and Alabaster monies each month. Rev. Roy Berkley is pastor of Walters church. Pictured are: back row (l. to r.): Virginia Wilson, teacher; Prude Thorne; Jimmie Boatman; Zella Calfy. Front row: Mary Francis Stephenson, Maggie Muret, and Minnie Kidd.



Thirty-five Caravaners from the Lowell, Mass., First Church received 156 awards in a semiannual ceremony recently. Among awards presented by Caravan Director Mrs. James Waterman was the Esther Carson Winans medal to Pathfinder Diane Adams. Rev. Robert Sumner is pastor.

tendance is expected to reach 600 to 800. This inter-church event will begin Friday at 6:00 p.m. and conclude Saturday evening.

Sharing the platform with Ann will be Dick Purnell, pastor and counselor from Bloomington, Ind. For 12 years he served as assistant director of Asian affairs for Campus Crusade for Christ.

Workshop and seminar topics will include "The Single in Today's Couples Society," "How to Live with Yourself and Like It," "Sex and the Search for Intimacy," "How to Select a Christian Mate," "One-Parent Family," "Alone or Lonely," and many more.

Cost is \$6.00 for students and \$8.00 for adults to those who register before October 10. A late registration fee of \$2.00 will apply after that date.

For information on housing or registration write: Christian Singles Seminar, c/o College-Career Fellowship, First Wesleyan Church, 1776 Silver Lake Road, Bartlesville, Okla. 74003. □



Edwin Harvey, of Logansport, Ind., was recently awarded the Good Citizenship Medal, presented to outstanding boys and girls by the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution. Qualifications for the award are honor, service, courage, leadership, and patriotism. Edwin was graduated from the Fairview Middle School this year. He is the son of Rev. and Mrs. Forest F. Harvey.

OKLAHOMA PASTOR'S WIFE HEARD NATIONALLY

Waulea Renegar, speaker and seminar leader since 1970 on womanhood, marriage, and family life, was recently heard on KQCV, a Christian radio station in Oklahoma City.



The program received such warm response that a series of 16 of her programs has been picked up by the Southwest Radio Church and will be aired nationally in August and September. SRC will publish the scripts for distribution.

Waulea has spoken in the Church of the Nazarene in many places, and in most major denominations. She is the wife of Wallace Renegar, pastor of Lake View Park Church of the Nazarene, Oklahoma City. □



John Donahue is the first recipient of the Bresee award in the two-year-old Caravan program at St. Maries, Ida., church. Pictured (l. to r.) are: Pastor Ronald J. Wells; Ralph Banderob, Trailblazer leader; John; Caravan Director Eva Klein; Mr. and Mrs. Tom Donahue, parents.



The Warren, Ohio, Bolindale Church honored Lynette Pierce and Rhonda Davis on completion of requirements for the Esther Carson Winans award. Pictured (l. to r.): Sunday School Superintendent Stanley Zaucha, Lynette, Rhonda, and Caravan Director Mrs. Florence Harvey.



On June 12, Distinguished Service Awards were presented to James and Connie Daniel by the congregation of the Little Rock Rose Hill Church. It was a tribute to their years of loyal and dedicated service to God on the local and district levels. Their inspired leadership over the years has contributed greatly to the building of God's kingdom. Pictured (l. to r.) are Pastor Martin Higley, Connie and James Daniel.



Pictured (l. to r.) are: Mrs. Maujean Hauser, NWMS president; Mrs. Ruth Huntworth, Distinguished Service Award recipient; and Pastor John Bryan of Palo Alto, Calif., First Church. June 26 was celebrated with a "This Is Your Life, Ruth Huntwork" Day. It was planned to coincide with the return (June 21) of her daughter and family, Dave and Maryel Moyer and grandchildren Mindy, David, and Jonathan, on furlough from Acornhoek Hospital, Rep. of South Africa. Her other daughter and family, Cindy and Paul Reger and grandchildren Christy and Korty from Altadena, Calif., were also present. Mrs. Huntwork had served as primary and beginner teacher and supervisor for 30 years and as NWMS president for 20 years. She and husband Ken also participated in the music of the church of 40 years. Mrs. Huntwork now works with her husband, who is Senior Adult Ministries director.



Little Rock, Ark., Rose Hill Church recently presented the Distinguished Service Award to Mr. Robert Siegler. Over the years, he has faithfully served the Lord in an outstanding manner as church board member, treasurer, and lay leader. Mr. Siegler (r.) is shown receiving the award from Pastor Martin F. Higley.



Miss Edythe Nelsen, who for 30 years has corresponded with Nazarene missionaries and their children, was honored with a Distinguished Service Award by the Chicago Oak Park Church. Pictured (l. to r.) are: Virginia Stimer, missionary nurse, Papua New Guinea; Edythe Nelsen, DSA honoree; and Joy and Robert Smith, Chicago Oak Park pastor and wife.



Final services in the church building, which had become too small for the Victoria, B.C., First Church congregation, were held on Sunday, March 27. District Superintendent D. Derksen was guest speaker in both services. Pictured (l. to r.) are Rev. Derksen presenting the Distinguished Service Award to Mrs. Fred Wright and Mrs. Jean Empey, two charter members who joined the church in 1947.



Okemah, Okla., First Church recently presented the Distinguished Service Award to Mrs. Bertha Walden. She has served the church as Sunday school teacher and in other areas and was NWMS president for 25 years. Pictured (l. to r.) are: Wanda Skinner, NWMS president; Mrs. Bertha Walden; and Pastor Bob Radebaugh.



Jack Bogle (l.) is presented a plaque by Pastor Pal L. Wright for 19 consecutive years of service as treasurer of Bradenton, Fla., First Church. During his tenure, Mr. Bogle's responsibilities grew from handling an annual church income of \$10,000 to \$225,000.



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The ordination class of the Southwest Indiana District is pictured above with (center) Rev. D. Wineinger, district secretary; General Superintendent Eugene L. Stowe; and District Superintendent Charles Oliver. Ordinands (front row, with spouses standing behind) are: (l. to r.) Mrs. Wanda Stewart, Darrell Lloyd, Lawrence Sneed, Ron Young, Anthony White, Andrew Cummins, and Ronald Clark.

NORM SHOEMAKER JOINS DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH MINISTRIES STAFF

Mel McCullough, executive director of the Department of Youth Ministries, has announced that Norm Shoemaker joined the department staff as program director September 1. Shoemaker's responsibilities include coordination of the department's expanded college student summer ministries, leadership enrichment, and the development of the new discipling package for Nazarene youth. He also serves as general



director of career youth (NYI ages 19-23).

Shoemaker graduated from Pasadena/Point Loma Nazarene College in 1961 with a major in sociology. He did further graduate work in counseling and guidance at California State College in Los Angeles.

Churches served as youth staffer include Pasadena, Calif., Breesee Avenue (1962-66) and Bethany, Okla., First (1966-70). He joined the Department of Youth staff in 1970 as director of special ministries. More recent local church assignments at Colorado Springs First (1973-76) and Nampa College (1976-77) have included responsibility for college, single, and young adult ministries. While in Colorado Springs, he taught courses in youth ministry at Nazarene Bible College.

Shoemaker authored *Workshop on Witnessing* (1970) and *Life in God's*

Family (1974), resources used at the last two Nazarene World Youth Conferences. He is currently working with a committee in the development of a new resource on single young adult ministries and has been actively involved in Young Single Adult Retreat International (YSARI).

Norm, his wife, Judy, and their three sons (Scott, 13; Steve, 10; and David, 5) moved to Olathe, Kans., the last of August. □

BELIZE, CENTRAL AMERICA, DISTRICT ASSEMBLY

The thirty-first annual Belize District Assembly was held June 8, 1977, in San Ignacio in western Belize. Highlight of the assembly was the election of Rev. S. O. Pot as district superintendent. Dr. Jerald Johnson presided at the assembly.

Reelected to their district posts were Mrs. Marion Pot, NWMS president, and Rudolph Wade, secretary. Dwight Tillet was elected NYI president and Sonia Humes was elected chairman of the board of Christian life.

Elected to the advisory board were: (elders) Jovito Perez and Alvin Young; (laymen) Primitivo Cruz and Nelson Carter. □

—M. Teakell, reporter



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The services of Kansas City Rehabilitation Center for the handicapped have been an integral part of the production program of NPH in that much of the handwork is trucked to their facility for completion. Recently, their truck overturned on Main Street, spreading thousands of copies of books, cards, and pamphlets which were en route to the center for shrink-wrapping. Police and firemen had to hose the area with water because of leaking gasoline, and this added to the damage.

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At the conclusion of the 1977 Northeast Oklahoma District Assembly June 16, Dr. Eugene L. Stowe (l.) ordained Rev. and Mrs. Larry Leonard (r., front) into the Christian ministry. They are pictured here with District Superintendent W. T. Dougharty.

DISTRICT ASSEMBLY REPORTS

HOUSTON

The thirtieth annual assembly of the Houston District was held in Houston First Church. Rev. D. W. Thaxton was elected district superintendent to succeed Dr. W. Raymond McClung, retiring district superintendent. Dr. McClung reported that in his tenure of 21 years, 18 new churches had been organized. The Houston District has had only one other district superintendent, Dr. V. H. Lewis.

Elected to the advisory board were: (elders) John Harrison and Charles E. Jones; and (laymen) John Bundy and Ronald Emmert.

Mrs. Nelrose McKay was elected NWMS president and Rev. Tom Mixon was elected NYI president. Rev. Charles E. Jones was elected chairman of the board of Christian life.

KANSAS

The sixty-eighth annual assembly of the Kansas District convened in Wichita, Kans., First Church. District Superintendent Marselle Knight, completing the first year of an extended term, reported.

General Superintendent V. H. Lewis ordained Leslie Lee Ellis and John Thompson Reed.

(Elders) Eugene Williams, Leon Jennings, and Charles Pickens; and (laymen) Dwight Sauer, Don Bird, and Marvin Snowbarger were elected to the advisory board.

Mrs. Betty Knight was reelected NWMS president and Rev. Lyle Curtis was reelected NYI president. Rev. Jack Abbott was elected chairman of the board of Christian life.

AKRON

The thirty-fifth annual assembly of the Akron District convened at the Akron District Center, Louisville, Ohio. District Superintendent Floyd O. Flemming, completing the third year of an extended term, reported.

General Superintendent Eugene L. Stowe ordained Perry Darrell Brest, Eugene R. Burkhammer, and Donald Lee Schaal. He recognized the credentials of Byrtle Ray Kean.

Elected to the advisory board were: (elders) John Howald, Paul Merki, Russell Long, and Austin Wright; and (laymen) James Couchenour, Delmas Sanford, William Davis, and Gene Frye.

NWMS President Mrs. Floyd O. Flemming was reelected and Dennis K. Yingling was reelected NYI president. Elected as chairman of the board of Christian life was James R. Couchenour.

WESTERN LATIN AMERICA

The forty-seventh annual assembly of the Western Latin American District was held in Los Angeles. District Superintendent Juan E. Madrid, completing the second year of an extended term, reported.

General Superintendent Eugene L. Stowe recognized the credentials of Rev. Raul Diaz and Rev. Roberto Millan.

Elected to the advisory board were: (elders) Hector Santin and Abel O. Curup; and (laymen) Samuel Eriz and Fidel Velarde.

Mrs. Alicia Santin was elected NWMS president and Rev. Alfred S. Cortez was elected NYI president. Rev. Hector Santin was elected chairman of the board of Christian life.



The ordination class of the Indianapolis District.

INDIANAPOLIS

The fifty-second annual assembly of the Indianapolis District was held in Camby, Ind. District Superintendent John Hay, completing the first year of an extended term, reported.

General Superintendent Charles H. Strickland ordained Gale Ashby, David Cook, Darrell Dennis, Dr. Evelyn Ramsey, and Gordon Taylor. Mrs. Dorris Sopke was commissioned minister of Christian education.

Elected to the advisory board were: (elders) Kenneth Jewell, Duane Landreth, Garland Johnson; and (laymen) Dr. Ralph Fox, Homer Maddox, and Ray Martin.

Mrs. Janet Hay was elected NWMS president and Mr. Clayton Lewis NYI president. Norman Palmer was elected chairman of the board of Christian life.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

The seventy-second annual assembly of the Northern California District convened in Concord, Calif. District Superintendent Grady W. Cantrell, previously appointed, was elected by the assembly.

General Superintendent Charles H. Strickland ordained Alva Gene Archer, Timothy D. Brumbaugh, Bradley J. Reese, Ralph Gerald Satter, and Thomas Lynn Stormont.

Thomas D. Floyd and Donald R. Peterman (elders) and Ray Jackson and Paul Price (laymen) were elected to the advisory board.

NWMS President Mrs. James S. Shaw was reelected, as was NYI President Rev. Raymond Wisner. Rev. Glenn D. Geist was elected chairman of the board of Christian life.

NORTHEASTERN INDIANA

The thirty-fifth annual assembly of the Northeastern Indiana District was held at the district headquarters, Marion, Ind. District Superintendent Bruce T. Taylor, completing the second year of a four-year term, reported.

General Superintendent V. H. Lewis ordained Dwight David Umbel and Edward L. Wilsberg. He recognized the credentials of John Dean Pickett and commissioned Viola M. Fights minister of Christian education.

Elected to the advisory board were: (elders)

Loren V. McMillan, S. J. Roberts, Wilmer R. Watson; and (laymen) Elmer Pasko, Jack Snowden, and Darrell Zimmerman.

James D. Johnson was elected NYI president and Mrs. Ruth Taylor was reelected NWMS president. Rev. Carl Greek was elected chairman of the board of Christian life.

PITTSBURGH

The seventieth annual assembly of the Pittsburgh District convened at the District Center, Butler, Pa. District Superintendent Robert I. Goslaw was reelected for one year.

General Superintendent George Coulter ordained Donald G. DeHaven, James R. Grimm, John R. Reilly, Arthur T. Roxby, Jr., Ronald C. Schaeffer, and Billy H. Willerson.

Elected to the advisory board were: (elders) Jack Christner, Wayne Acton, and Dallas Mucci; and (laymen) Lauren Cousins, Willis Whiting, and James Hetrick.

Mrs. Marjorie Goslaw was reelected NWMS president and Rev. Tery Sowden was reelected NYI president. Rev. Louis Staubs was elected chairman of the board of Christian life.

CENTRAL OHIO

The thirty-fourth annual assembly of the Central Ohio district was held at the Columbus campgrounds. District Superintendent Terrell C. Sanders, Jr., completing the first year of a four-year term, reported.

General Superintendent Eugene L. Stowe ordained Philip E. Batten, John H. Euton, Thomas R. Fields, C. William Parsons, Edward E. True, Jr., Robert L. Walls, and David Lee West. He recognized the credentials of Gerald M. Fields.

Wesley B. Frederick, E. K. Richey, Robert F. Styers, and Gordon Wetmore (elders) and James Cline, Paul Forgrave, Jack Hansher, and Ray Horton (laymen) were elected to the advisory board.

Mrs. Terrell C. Sanders, Jr., was reelected NWMS president, Rev. Jerry D. Lambert was reelected NYI president, and Rev. Wesley B. Frederick was elected chairman of the board of Christian life.



The Central Ohio District ordination service was held Thursday evening, July 21. Pictured (l. to r.) are: Dr. Terrell C. Sanders, Jr., district superintendent; ordinands Philip E. Batten, C. William Parsons, Edward E. True, Jr., Robert L. Walls, David Lee West, John H. Euton, Thomas R. Fields, and Gerald M. Fields; and General Superintendent Eugene L. Stowe.



The Illinois District ordination class is pictured (l. to r.): Dr. William Greathouse, general superintendent; Rev. and Mrs. Gary W. Scarlett, Rev. and Mrs. Gerald C. Stark, Rev. and Mrs. John F. Bowman, Rev. and Mrs. David R. Morris, Rev. and Mrs. Michael Tapscott; and Dr. James E. Hunton, district superintendent.

ILLINOIS

The thirty-fourth annual assembly of the Illinois District convened at Springfield, Ill., First Church. District Superintendent James E. Hunton was reelected for a four-year term.

General Superintendent William M. Greathouse ordained John F. Bowman, David R. Morris, Gary W. Scarlett, Michael L. Tapscott, and Gerald C. Stark.

Elected to the advisory board were: (elders) Gilbert Hughes, Dwight P. Millikan, and John Ruzich; and (laymen) Cecil H. Carroll, Jr., Kent Nisbet, and Kenneth Whittington.

Lorene Whittington was elected NWMS president. William Chenault was elected NYI president, and Gerald Oliver was elected chairman of the board of Christian life.

GEORGIA

The sixty-third annual assembly of the Georgia District was held at Atlanta First Church. District Superintendent Jack H. Lee, completing the third year of an extended term, reported.

General Superintendent Eugene L. Stowe presided.

Elected to the advisory board were: (elders) Emory Lindsey and Robert Maner; and (laymen) Robert Milburn and John Faircloth.

Mrs. Lon L. Hadwin was elected NWMS president and Rev. Lowell Clyburn was elected NYI president. James Hubbard was elected chairman of the board of Christian life.

MOVING MINISTERS

BARNEY BAGGOTT from New Smyrna Beach, Fla. to Williamsburg, Va.

DAVID BARKLEY from Royalton, Ill., to Arcola, Ill.

WILBUR BRANNON from Point Loma (Calif.) Community to Sacramento (Calif.) Liberty Towers

GILBERT BREWER from Leipsic, Ohio, to Vicksburg (Miss.) First

GALE D. CALVERT from Willoughby, Ohio, to North Royalton (Ohio) Cleveland Calvary

HARLEY CASH from Long Beach, Miss., to Brookhaven, Miss.

WILLIAM D. CHENAULT from Springfield (Ill.) South Side to Collinsville (Ill.) First

LOWELL CHURCHILL, JR., to Atwood, Okla.

BRUCE COLEMAN from Salt Lake City (Utah) Central to associate, Coeur D'Alene, Ida.

BILLY COOTS to Columbus (Ohio) Beechwood

DENNIS DELONG from Muncie (Ind.) Forest Park to Anderson (Ind.) Indian Meadows

W. R. DILLON, SR., from Caldwell, Ohio, to Leavittsburg, Ohio

WILLIAM R. FISHER to Miami (Fla.) South Miami Heights

JOHN FORSTER to Quincy, Calif.

JOSEPH D. FREESE from Flint (Mich.) First to Colorado Springs (Colo.) Trinity

WALTER GILROY from Truro, Nova Scotia, Canada, to Calgary (Alberta, Canada) Seventeenth Avenue

LOREN W. GOULD from Newark, Del., to Akron (Ohio) First

ANDREW GROSSMAN to Hawthorne, Nev.

RAY R. HANSEN from Storm Lake (Iowa) Trinity to Montrose, Iowa

DOUGLAS HAYNES from Mount Carmel, Ill., to Paris, Ill.

LEON HENDRIX from Yates Center, Kans., to Oklahoma City (Okla.) Oakcliff

WARREN KILLINGSWORTH from Adrian (Ga.) Emmanuel to Bamberg, S.C.

BILL KITCHEN from Whangarei, New Zealand, to Napier, New Zealand

ARLIE KYZER from Atlanta, Tex., to Hope, Ark.

STEVEN R. LANGFORD from Hominy, Okla., to Nazarene Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Mo.

BURL LEMON II from associate, Logan, W. Va., to Craigsville, W. Va.

TOMMIE MARTIN from Alvin, Tex., to Grand Saline, Tex.

JOSEPH MORSE from Vicksburg (Miss.) First to Long Beach (Miss.)

SAM NESMITH from Gladewater, Tex., to Gladstone, Mo.

LARRY R. OWSLEY from Wurtland, Ky., to Covington (Ky.) First

ELWIN D. PAULSON from Raymond, Wash., to Bellingham, Wash.

ED REDFERN from associate, Oroville, Calif., to Oroville, Calif.

DOUGLAS RINGHISER from student, Mount Vernon Nazarene College, Mount Vernon, Ohio, to Tippecanoe, Ohio

WILLIAM A. RUSSELL from Cosham, Portsmouth, England, to Atherton, England

STANLEY RYCROFT from Butler, Pa., to Montpelier, Ohio

JACK L. SUITS from Bedford (Ind.) First to Columbia (Mo.) First

JOSEPH W. SMITH to Camden, Tenn.

WAYNE STRANG from Palco, Kans., to Stuart (Okla.) Friendship

DAVID W. TAYLOR from Moncton (New Brunswick, Canada) Humphrey to Truro, Nova Scotia, Canada

JOHN E. UTTERBACK from Gallipolis (Ohio) First to Highland (Ind.) First

EDDIE LEE WALKER from Kansas City (Mo.) Blue Hills Community to Dayton (Ohio) Daytonview

DONALD L. WILSON from associate, Kansas City (Kans.) Victory Hills to Canton (Ohio) Calvary

NOAH A. WYATT from Delta, Ohio, to Leipsic, Ohio

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Greeley, Colo., First Church, in celebrating its 70th anniversary, will have a giant "Homecoming" weekend, October 28-30. Dr. Kenneth Rice, a member in his youth, will be the featured speaker. The church invites all former pastors, members, and friends to the Homecoming celebration. Direct correspondence to Greeley, Colo., First Church of the Nazarene, 2515 16th Street, Greeley, Colo. 80631.

The **St. Paris, Ohio, church** will celebrate its 50th anniversary on September 18. There will be special music and speakers in the morning, afternoon, and evening services. All former pastors, members, and friends are invited. Address correspondence to Pastor L. B. Miller, Box 536, 217 W. Lynn Street, St. Paris, Ohio 43072

The **Aurora Church, formerly Seattle Central**, will celebrate its 50th anniversary Saturday evening, October 22, and Sunday, October 23. All former pastors, members, and friends are invited to attend.

RECOMMENDATION

REV. MARVIN JAGGER is entering the field of evangelism. He is a good preacher and soul winner. His address is: 1922 Essex Lane, Colorado Springs, Colo. 80909.—*M. Harold Daniels, Colorado district superintendent.*



Dr. W. Raymond McClung (center) congratulates Rev. D. W. Thaxton, who was elected on the ninth ballot to succeed Dr. McClung, retiring as superintendent of the Houston District. Dr. William Greathouse, presiding general superintendent (l.), shares the moment.



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DEATHS

MRS. LOLA MAE BARLOW, 86, died June 25 in Hominy, Okla. Funeral services were conducted by her pastor, Rev. Steven Langford. She is survived by 1 son, Aubrey; 2 daughters, Beuna Jankowski and Willa Mae Noel; 1 sister; 1 brother; 10 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

J. WESLEY EYESTONE, 68, died July 10 in Boise City, Okla. He is survived by his wife, Sadie; two daughters, Mrs. Pat Flanagan and Mrs. Peggy Livingston; his mother Dora Eyestone; two brothers; and five grandsons.

MRS. ESTHER FOX, 79, died Aug. 2 in Marlette, Mich. Rev. Lee Baker and Rev. Gary Voss conducted the funeral services. Surviving is one daughter, Pat Neff, wife of evangelist Larry Neff.

HATTIE M. HOUGHTALING, 86, died April 17 in Muskegon, Mich. Funeral services were conducted by her pastor, Rev. Eugene Vickery. Survivors include her husband, Rev. Frank Houghtaling; 2 daughters, Ruth and Barbara; 2 sons, Milton and Ed; 14 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

ELMER M. KARNS, 84, died July 20 in Bethany, Okla. Revs. Ponder Gilliland, Clyde Dawson, and W. D. Darden conducted the funeral services. Surviving him are his wife, Verna; two daughters, Mrs. Forrest (Jean) Ladd and Mrs. Don (Colleen) Cornwell; and one granddaughter.

NELSON E. LIKINS, 86, died July 23 in Portland, Ore. He is survived by his wife, Cora; 1 son, Gilbert (Bud); 3 daughters, Barbara Kelley, Virginia Mottram, and Shaunney Patrick; 13 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

MARTHA A. MARTIN, 82, died June 21 in Riverton, Wyo. She was a charter member of the church at Pilot Point, Tex. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Charles M. Ice and Rev. Ralph Rounds. Surviving are 5 children, 17 grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren.

MRS. CARRIE LORENE QUARLES, 70, died March 18 in Attalla, Ala. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Denver Wood and Rev. B. F. Woodall. Survivors include 5 sons, L. D. C., Cecil, Harold, and Marston; 2 sisters; 1 brother; 11 grandchildren; and 2 great-grandchildren.

MRS. AGNES RAYBORN, 76, died July 19 in Twin Falls, Ida. Services were conducted by Rev. Joe Chastain and the 3 Rayborn sons. She is survived by 3 daughters, Mrs. Fairy Worcester, Mrs. Nina Collins, and Mrs. Opal Bell; 3 sons, Rev. Virgil Rayborn, Rev. Melvin Rayborn, and Rev. Eldon Rayborn; 17 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

JOHN E. WETZEL, 80, died July 22 in Lavelle, Pa. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Archie Passmore, District Superintendent Paul Magnum, and Rev. Donald Long. Survivors include his wife, Lillie; 2 daughters, Arlene Amey and Naomi Long; 5 sons, John Marlin, Elmer, Roy, Paul, and Thomas; 13 grandchildren; and 3 great-grandchildren.

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"THANKFUL GIVING" AT THANKSGIVING URGED IN CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION. Concurrent resolutions have been introduced to the Senate and House of Representatives urging that "a voluntary practice to be called 'Thankful Giving'" be included in the national observance of Thanksgiving.

Under the plan, suggested by a Sherman Oaks, Calif., woman, Americans would be invited to share with persons who are hungry in other countries by making "personal donations to combat hunger abroad as a way of giving thanks for the feast" they have on Thanksgiving Day. □

ZAIRE BIBLE SOCIETY REQUESTS SCRIPTURES FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN. The Bible Society of Zaire has reported plans to supply Scriptures, after consultation with school administrators there, to the 2.6 million children studying in church-administered schools.

Since the Zairean government is returning control of the schools nationalized in 1974 to the churches, fertile new grounds for Scripture distribution have been opened, according to a report by the United Bible Societies. □

CLASSIFIED ADS MAY CITE RELIGION WHEN INDIVIDUALS SEEK JOBS. The Pennsylvania Commonwealth Court in Harrisburg ruled that advertisers seeking work may state their religion in classified ads, along with information revealing sex, age, race, and ancestry.

The action upset an order of the State Human Relations Commission against the Pittsburgh Press banning such advertisements on the basis that they could lead to discrimination in employment. Judge Harry A. Krammer, who handed down the decision, said the constitutional rights of a job seeker to fully and truthfully advertise himself outweigh the interest of the state in seeking to prevent discrimination. □

GIDEONS TO RAISE \$15 MILLION FOR SCRIPTURE DISTRIBUTION. Gideons from 46 countries attending their 78th international convention in Minneapolis set a goal of distributing 18,500,000 Bibles and New Testaments during the coming year.

They also proposed to raise \$15 million to finance their work. During the past year, the Gideons raised \$13,792,006 and placed 16,552,122 Scriptures, according to reports made to the convention.

The Scriptures were placed in hotels, motels, hospitals, prisons, jails, airplanes, colleges, and schools. Of the total, 6,371,042 were placed in the United States; 576,024 in Canada and 9,605,056 in other countries.

The organization also set a goal of increasing the membership of each local Gideon camp (chapter) by three members during the coming year. There are about 1,600 camps. Gideon membership during the year ending May 31 increased by 8,722 to a total of 54,582 worldwide. The new total includes 35,733 Gideons in the United States; 3,163 in Canada and 15,686 in other countries. □

ANGLICAN SYNOD SEEKS TO REDUCE PARLIAMENT VOICE IN ITS WORK. Parliament will have less of a say in the Church of England's business if a proposal of the Anglican General Synod is carried through to its conclusion.

The proposal, made by one of the Synod's leading lay members, the Earl of March, was endorsed by a narrow margin of six votes, 106-100. It asked the Standing Committee (Cabinet of the Synod) "to bring forward proposals to reduce the need to seek Parliamentary approval when changes in the life and work of the Church of England are desired."

The established Church has already secured freedom from Parliament in much of its doctrinal affairs but many other things still have to be referred to the MPs by the church. □



THE ANSWER CORNER

Conducted by W. E. McCumber, Editor

■ I would like information about the Book of Enoch mentioned by van Däniken in his book "In Search of Ancient Gods." Is such a book in existence, and if it is, where could I obtain a copy of it?

The *Book of Enoch*, also called *1 Enoch*, belongs to a group of Jewish writings known as the *Pseudepigrapha*, which means "spurious writings." Not that all their contents are false, but they are attributed to renowned ancient persons, such as Adam, Noah, Enoch, etc., although they were written long after those persons lived.

The Book of Enoch is one of the longer writings in this group, comprising 108 chapters in 5 sections. It is a hodgepodge of material. The main themes have to do with the end of the world and the judgment of the righteous and unrighteous. Fallen angels figure prominently in the book and are blamed for corrupting men by teaching them the skills of civilization. Dreams and visions of Israel's future

dominate one section, and another is a system of astronomy based on certain OT passages.

This miscellany of writings is dated by scholars between 200 and 50 B.C., and fragments of the book were found among the Qumran library remnants.

An English translation and introduction is found in *The Apocrypha and Pseudepigrapha of the Old Testament in English*, edited by R. H. Charles, published by Oxford University Press. It would probably cost "an arm and a leg" to own, but a nearby college or seminary library may have one you can borrow.

Jude quotes this Book of Enoch (vv. 14-15), a bit of literary knowledge that almost cost Jude a place in the canon. □

■ Please tell me where I can find out more about Jannes and Jambres mentioned in 2 Timothy 3:8.

In Exodus 7, we read of certain Egyptian "sorcerers" who opposed Moses when he demanded that Pharaoh release the Israelites. These sorcerers duplicated some of the signs performed by Moses, drawing upon their "secret arts" to counterfeit the signs. In the Exodus account they are unnamed,

but later Jewish traditions gave to these sorcerers the names Jannes and Jambres. The names appear in early Christian writings as well as in Jewish sources. Paul was familiar with these traditions and used the names in his letter to Timothy. □

■ I have a question that I want an answer to for my own satisfaction. I have read the Bible through about 70 times, and the question always bothers me. According to Genesis 15:18 the borders of Israel are from the Euphrates River to the "river of Egypt." The question is, what is the river of Egypt?

I know that the problem of the Middle East will never be solved until the Israelites occupy the limits that God has set, and their southern border will be this "river of Egypt." But just what river is this?

First of all, let me commend you for your faithful reading of the Bible.

I am afraid that I cannot give you an answer that will be satisfying. The Bible scholars whom I consulted suggest two possible answers. One, that the "river of Egypt" is the Nile River, and two, that it is the Wady el 'Arish, a lesser stream between southern Palestine (the Negeb) and the Sinai Peninsula. The majority would favor

the latter understanding, I think.

A final solution to the Middle East problem will involve more than Israel's occupation of the territory promised to Abraham. It demands, also, the consent of the Arab nations to such occupation. Given the centuries-old conflicts between these peoples, such peace is unlikely until Jesus Christ establishes His universal dominion at His coming. □

ELI CONRAD WILLIAMS, 87, died June 12 in Johnson, Kans. Funeral services were conducted at Elkhart, Kans. Survivors include his wife, Mary; a daughter, Mrs. Melvin (Phyllis) Humphrey; a son, Rev. Ivan Williams; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

BIRTHS

to JAMES AND DEBI (McKINNEY) BRANDMEIER, Colorado Springs, a girl, Stacy Nicole, Feb. 13

to DON AND JANE DUNNINGTON, Crestwood, Ill., a boy, Jason Paul, June 27

to REV. DENNIS AND MARILYN (HAMBLIN) FINK, Elyria, Ohio, a boy, Bradley Walker, July 29

to DWIGHT AND PATSY HENDRICK, Edmond, Okla., a boy, Kevin Jason, Aug. 5

to REV. BOB AND CHERYL (KERN) HARGRAVE, Tracy, Calif., a girl, Kelley Annette, July 28

to GERALD AND DEBORAH JACKSON, Woodbridge, Va., a boy, Mark Thomas, June 18

to RANDY AND BRENDA (TYLER) JONDAL, Olathe, Kans., a girl, Sabrina Elizabeth, July 22

to DENNIS AND WENDY (WITMER) MOORE, Lake Worth, Fla., a girl, Melanie Marie, Aug. 11

to PETER AND AMY (CRESWELL) SCOTT, Quincy, Mass., a boy, David Jonathan, July 30

to WALLY AND LaNELLE (MURRAY) TALLENT, Woodhaven, Mich., a girl, Carissa Lyn, May 27

to STAN AND MARY LOU (HOFFMAN) VAN ARSDEL, Oak Harbor, Wash., a boy, Nicholas Prescott, July 27

to STEPHEN M. AND JOELLYN (KELSEY) WILLS, Sandborn, Ind., a boy, Stephen Matthew, July 17

ADOPTED

by WILLIAM LEE AND LAURA (GREER) ANTLE, Fort Worth, Tex., a boy, William Todd, born Jan. 31, adopted July 15

MARRIAGES

DARLA SHAFER and DON LARSON at Nampa, Ida., May 14

DIANE LARSON and DALE OTTO at Caldwell, Ida., May 20

TERESA DIANE QUARLES and STEVEN RAY BALLEW at Midland, Tex., May 28

DENISE McKINNEY and DOUGLAS JOHNSON at Council Bluffs, Ia., May 28

CLAUDIA McKINNON and CARL C. PRATT, JR. at Sumter, S.C., June 4

DEBORAH JEAN DOOLEY and KIRT ALLEN HENDRICK at Danville, Ill., June 25

KATHERINE MARIE LANG and TIMOTHY DALE HUNT at Pickford, Mich., July 9

BECKY CRINER and STANLEY D. SHAVER at Andrews, Tex., July 16

DARLENE LOUISE FRANK and RICHARD WAYNE CHARLESWORTH, JR. at Millville, N.J., July 29

RORI A. DYRNESS and JEFFERY T. HINES at Olathe, Kans., Aug. 18

ANNIVERSARIES

MR. AND MRS. GERALD A. FORSTER of San Diego First Church recently observed their fiftieth wedding anniversary at an open house in the home of their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. David Shock, in La Mesa, Calif. They are the parents of missionary Fred J. Forster, Okinawa; of Dr. David A. Forster, surgeon, Bay Village, Ohio; of Rev. John G. Forster, pastor of the Quincy, Calif., church; and of Mrs. Stephen G. Slater. They also have 15 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

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**WISEMAN JOINS
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
AND THE MINISTRY**

Dr. Neil B. Wiseman, former college chaplain and chairman of the Department of Religion at Trevecca Nazarene College, Nashville, became an associate in the Department of Education and the Ministry, September 1.



Dr. Wiseman holds three degrees—Th.B., Olivet Nazarene College, 1955; M.Div., Nazarene Theological Seminary, 1960; D.Min., Vanderbilt Divinity School, 1974. His work in Christian education includes 15 years in the local church as pastor and director of Christian education. Early in his ministry, he was involved in producing Caravan materials and Sunday school audiovisual productions. He also served as director of Christian education at Flint, Mich., First Church.

After chairing the church school board on the Colorado District, Dr. Wiseman returned to the Department of Church Schools at Kansas City as program associate, editor, and research director. He was the first editor of *Dialogue*, the young adult elective Sunday school curriculum and the first producer of the Sunday school superintendents' *Supervisor*, and *To the City with Love*. His writings appear frequently in Christian education journals, including *Edge*.

Dr. Wiseman has just concluded 15



Mrs. Carrie Garlock celebrated her 105th birthday on July 4. She is a member of the Glasgow, Mont., church. She lives alone, looks after herself, attends the morning services at her church, and does many different things with her hands. She is pictured with Pastor Willis Cook reading congratulations from President Jimmy Carter. She was also delighted to receive greetings from the Senior Adult Ministries (SAM) of the general church. Carrie testifies to a clear experience of salvation.

months as director of the innovative and successful Pastors' Leadership Conferences. His new assignment in the Department of Education and the Ministry will be to develop and expand the program of continuing education for ministers. He will also have charge of the recently revised courses of study for ministries in the Church of the Nazarene.

The Wiseman family includes two teenage sons. They will reside in Olathe, Kans. □



Ray Hantla (r.) is shown explaining to Dr. Harry Stanley (l.), district superintendent of the Michigan District, and Pastor Paul Moore, Mount Pleasant, Mich., First Church, some of the intricacies of photo typesetting. Dr. Stanley and Rev. Moore have been to Kansas City many times on official business but had never taken time to tour NPH.

**SERVICEMEN'S RETREAT:
IS IT COST EFFECTIVE?**

The general church addressed the needs of the members serving in the military forces 20 years ago by sponsoring a Religious Retreat at Berchtesgaden, Germany. Each fall Nazarenes from all over Europe gather for a week of revival and fellowship. Single soldiers, sailors, and airmen, along with their married counterparts and their families, gather for a time of spiritual renewal.

European Nazarene pastors, missionaries, European Bible School representatives, join to make this a typical Nazarene gathering. The general church sends a speaker, sometimes a general superintendent, evangelist, or pastor. This year Rev. Mel McCullough will be the leader.

What happens when all of these folk gather? What always happens when two or three are gathered together in Christ's name, where there are hungry hearts, convicted souls, and where the gospel is preached? Souls are saved, believers are sanctified, and the body of Christ is renewed.

Last year there was a military family who could not afford to attend. Their home church sent them the money to come. The wife had struggled with sanctification for years. She was gloriously sanctified. Was this cost effective for the local church? They will be more faithful members of that home church while serving in the military and after they return.

Each local church which has members serving in the Armed Forces could make it possible for their military family to attend this 1977 Nazarene Servicemen's Retreat in Berchtesgaden, October 3-7.

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COLLEGE STUDENT INTERN PROGRAM

The Department of Youth Ministries is collaborating with Nazarene colleges in expanding the summer ministries to include a student intern program. In cooperation with faculty representatives, an academic course has been designed to provide classroom training in local church ministries. Students are then placed in a variety of intern assignments in local churches. The course professor coordinates the placement and provides supervision and evaluation of the individual students.

During the first year, Youth staffer Ernie McNaught gave direction to the student intern program. On hundred forty-two students completed the academic course and were in summer local church ministries (children's, youth, music, etc.) as follows:

Bethany Nazarene College	11
Canadian Nazarene College	2
Eastern Nazarene College	21
Mid-America Nazarene College	15
Northwest Nazarene College	13
Olivet Nazarene College	3
Point Loma College	39
Trevecca Nazarene College	28

A planning conference sponsored by the Department of Youth Ministries, September 23-24 at the KCI Airport Holiday Inn, will bring faculty representatives to Kansas City to evaluate and project future plans for this newest summer program. □

NEW ZEALAND PREACHERS' CONFERENCE

Under the leadership of District Superintendent William Porter, a preachers' conference was recently held in Auckland, New Zealand, First Church. The theme was: Factors that contribute to church growth and how to apply them.

Evangelist George Gardner was the special worker. His messages were both inspiring and beneficial.

Seminars on Church Growth and Conserving Converts were conducted by Rev. David Taft and Rev. William Kitchen. Also, ministerial student seminars were conducted by Rev. Ray Wheeler and Rev. Ed. Archer.

While husbands studied during afternoon sessions, the wives had a time to share experiences with one another. These helpful sessions were led by Mrs. William Porter.

There were 24 pastors, ministerial students, and wives in attendance. □

—Joan Ranger, reporter



The Oak Harbor, Wash., church dedicated their new facilities May 1 with Dr. William M. Greathouse bringing the address. The building has a total of 22,000 sq. ft. with seating capacity of 400 and overflow of 125, multi-purpose room and education wing. There is blacktop parking for 200 cars and landscaping with automatic sprinkling system. The estimated value is \$600,000. Total cost was \$425,000 with indebtedness of only \$250,000. The church had its beginning with such old-timers as Mrs. Delance Wallace, Uncle Bud Robinson, and Dr. H. Orton Wiley. Dr. Kenneth Vogt (*l.*), district superintendent, is pictured above with Dr. William Greathouse. Fred E. Fowler has been the pastor since 1975.

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The Little Blue Letter

EVERY PASTOR is delighted to learn of a new contact for his church, but when we received one of those small, pastel air mail letters from Scotland, thousands of miles away, telling us of a prospect near us, it was indeed unusual.

A newly appointed missionary, Janie Semlar, was nearing the end of her mid-wifery training in Scotland, soon to begin her work in earnest at a mission station in South Africa. Her concern for a girlhood friend had not stopped when Janie crossed the ocean to her new life as a missionary. She had kept up correspondence with Janet, and when Janet's family moved to the countryside just outside of Dwight (where Janie's parents are Nazarenes), she promptly wrote a letter to the pastor, my husband, telling him of Janet.

We began calling on Janet and grew to love her jovial wit and frank honesty. We found she had had a Christian background and that her grandparents are retired pastors in another holiness movement (in fact, the same church my husband and I had been raised in). We discovered mutual acquaintances with Janet, and the door seemed to open wide for her to be won to the Lord.

After several weeks and many calls, Janet agreed that the pastor might come and take her children to Sunday school. But the second Sunday, as he was on his way to get the children, he met Janet driving into church herself. Soon Janet and her children were coming regularly to Sunday morning and Sunday evening services. The church folk were warm and friendly, as are Nazarenes (almost without exception) everywhere; the Semlars, Janie's parents, took a special interest in

Janet and her family.

As the time for our spring revival approached, the services became more and more filled with the presence of God. On the last Sunday evening before the revival meeting was to begin, at the conclusion of the service, Janet came forward to the front pew, knelt, and prayed through to victory!

A new Janet was born that night. The tobacco habit which had had such a hold on her was broken completely. She was able to control the rough language which had flowed so effortlessly from her unsaved lips before. She was in nearly all the revival services during the following week—listening, searching, attentive. Questions she had not even considered before came into her mind, and with the openness which was so much a part of her, she asked us the hows and why of the Christian life.

God is not done with Janet. He has only begun to work and mold a new life for her. As with all of us, there is much to be learned, but already she has had opportunity to show the changes brought about by her salvation. She has proved herself an asset to our congregation—willing as a worker, friendly, a bright spot in all our lives. She is, indeed, living proof that "something beautiful" *can* come from a life once wrecked by sin.

Recently, Janet sang that beautiful, meaningful song that ends, "But I know who holds tomorrow, and I know who holds my hand." Her lovely, clear voice became a vibrant testimony to God's saving grace and to the power of a little blue letter from a "missionary-minded" missionary who bears a burden for those at home. □

**"By All Means . . .
Save Some"**



Executive Directors Jerald Johnson and Paul Skiles locate the source of the China broadcast.

PAUL MARTIN MEMORIAL "CHINA RETURN" BEGINS

Paul Skiles, executive director of the Department of Communications, has recently signed a contract with the Far East Broadcasting Co., Hong Kong, to broadcast in Mandarin to the People's Republic of China. The first airing of the program entitled "Life of Christ" is scheduled for September 4, 1977, at 10:45 p.m., Peking time.

When the present Communist government took over in China 35 years ago the Church of the Nazarene was forced to close its missionary work there. The shortwave broadcast will be a return to China via the airwaves.

Produced by the Department of Communications for the Department of World Mission, with the supervision of Missionary John Holstead in Hong Kong, it is financed by the Paul Martin Memorial Fund. Mr. Skiles says gifts are being received at an encouraging pace, but more are needed to continue this evangelistic thrust into China where the Church of the Nazarene had a mission field for a total of 29 years.

There appears to be some recent favorable signs for a renewed missionary attempt in Red China. World Religious News reports that "many Chinese young people are interested in Christianity and other world religions and are asking their government for information. There are numerous underground Christian groups which are surviving and growing in spite of their government's hostility."

The late evangelist Rev. Paul Martin had developed a keen interest in Christian Communications, and at the time of his death the Department of Communications set up the Paul Martin Memorial Fund to honor him by attaching his name to this new gospel invasion by means of the airwaves.

Gifts may be sent to the fund through the general treasurer, Dr. Norman O. Miller. □

—NCN

SERIOUS ILLNESS CAUSES CANCELLATION OF WOODLAND TRIO TOUR

Rev. Rich Gammill of the Department of World Mission announced that the proposed tour in the U.S. of the Woodland Trio, headed by Tommy Chamos of the Philippine Islands, has been cancelled due to the serious illness of Tommy's wife, Nancy, who was discovered to have cancer in an advanced stage.

Gammill asks Christians everywhere to pray for this family with four children in grade school. Tommy Chamos, until five years ago when he was converted, was a night club singer and entertainer in the Philippines. □

—NCN

FORMER DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT AND EVANGELIST DIES SUDDENLY

Rev. David K. Wachtel, 66, retired, died in his sleep August 13, in his home in Madison, Tenn. He had been in poor health for several years. An ordained elder in the Church of the Nazarene for 42 years, Rev. Wachtel was superintendent of the Tennessee District for 9 years, 1948-57.

During the quadrennium 1948-52 he led the denomination in organizing new churches with a total of 27. In 1948 the Tennessee District had 65 churches and 4,754 members. In 1957 the district reported 103 churches and 6,642 members, a gain of 38 churches and 1,888 members.

Previous to his term as superintendent, Rev. Wachtel had pastored churches in Selma, Ala.; Alexandria, Va.; Columbus, Ga. (Second); Fulton, Ky.; and Nashville (Englewood).

From 1958 to 1974 he was a full-time evangelist. He retired in 1975 because of poor health.

He is survived by his wife, Eunice, of Madison, Tenn.; three daughters: Mrs. Eunice Gainer and Mrs. Carol Wiggins, both of Madison, and Mrs. Rebecca Dorris, Dallas; a son, David K., Jr., Nashville; and his mother, Mrs. Anne Pearl Wachtel.

Funeral services were August 15 in the Philips-Robinson Funeral Home in Nashville. Rev. Harold Graves, superintendent of the San Antonio District, officiated. He was assisted by Rev. Hayes Oliver, Rev. Fred Agee, and Dr. Harvey Hendershot, superintendent of the Tennessee District. □

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND THE MINISTRY MOVES TO NAZARENE EAST

The newly purchased Fountain Plaza Building on 63rd St., east of the Nazarene Publishing House Bookstore, now designated as Nazarene East, is being prepared for occupancy.

The Department of Education and the Ministry will have offices on the first floor, as well as two classrooms for ministerial enrichment courses which will be directed by Dr. Neil Wiseman, who joins the department in September. Christian Service Training and Nazarene chaplains will be additional services of the department under the reorganization ordered by the 1976 General Assembly and will also be located on the first floor.

Mr. Paul Spear, executive administrator of headquarters operations, says that the fourth floor of Nazarene East will be occupied by Nazarene Theological Seminary for one year.

Other moves from the Headquarters Building and the General Board Building will be announced as Nazarene East is remodeled and readied. □

—NCN

FALCON WITH A WESTERN TWANG

Ninety-five percent of the pastors on the Northwest Zone spent five full days, August 8-12, in Nampa, Ida., for a Pastors' Leadership Conference. Although the total enrollment was the smallest of the American zones, the distance they came was the greatest. This zone extends from the southern tip of Colorado to the far north in Alaska.

Westerners are a hardy breed. They sang with a lift and responded with enthusiasm to the full program of material presented by capable resource leaders that Dr. Neil Wiseman, director, had brought from across the United States. They were impressed with the caliber of material and thinking with which they were challenged.

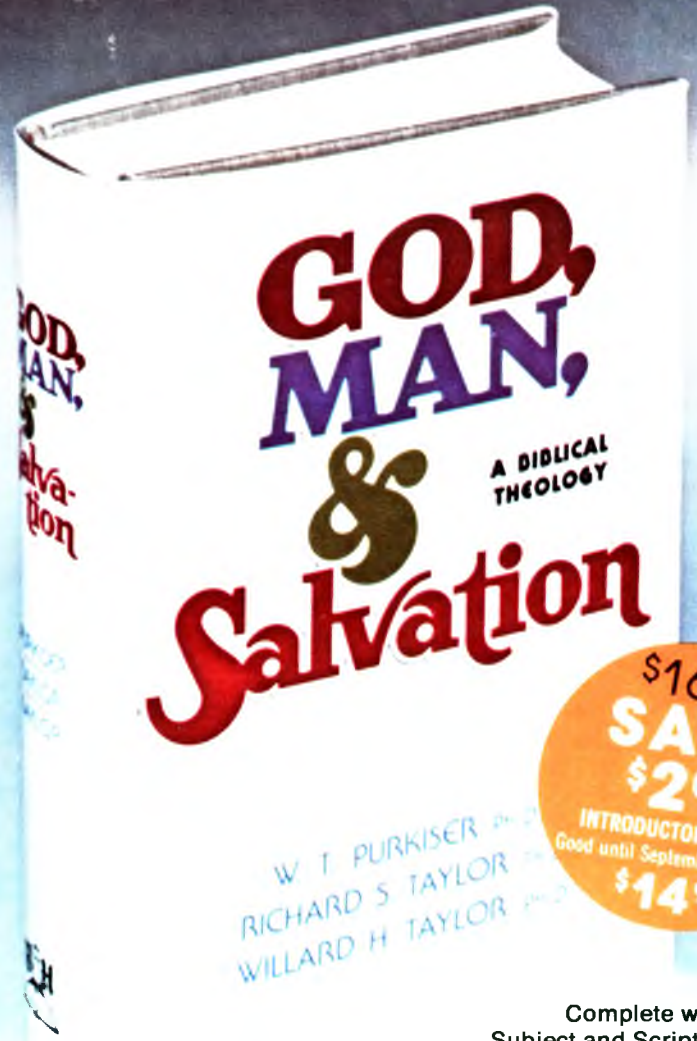
General Superintendents Dr. Eugene L. Stowe and Dr. Charles H. Strickland won the ministers' affection and admiration as they shared in devotion and fellowship. Their presence gave a depth of significance.

Many ministers expressed similar opinions as Pastor Jim Bond, Colorado Springs First Church, who prayed in the final evening session, "Thank You, God, for a church that cares enough to do this for her ministers." □

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