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*I'll trust in God's unchanging Word
Till soul and body sever;
For, though all things shall pass away,
His Word shall stand forever.*

—MARTIN LUTHER



by General Superintendent Orville W. Jenkins

Wait upon the Lord

THERE ARE many immeasurably important things which prayer will accomplish in our lives. James 5:16 declares, "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."

One of the results of prayer is that it will develop and promote our own personal piety, our individual holiness, our personal growth in the likeness of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

In this connection every devout, Spirit-filled Christian learns that it takes time to be holy. One cannot be holy in a hurry, and much of the time required to be holy is taken up in secret prayer.

One of Scotland's most devout men was John Welch, son-in-law of the great Scotch reformer, John Knox. Welch was not as well known as his famous father-in-law, but he was a very remarkable, spiritual man. Dr. R. A. Torrey, in his book *The Power of Prayer*, states: "Many people have the idea it was John Knox who prayed, 'Give me Scotland or I die.' It was not: it was John Welch, his son-in-law." Toward the close of John Welch's life

he confessed "that he counted that day ill-spent that he did not spend seven or eight hours in secret prayer."

I doubt that God has called many of us to spend seven or eight hours a day in prayer, but I am confident He has called most of us, if not all, to put in more time in prayer.

The motivation for prayer must not be for self-gratification or self-gain or glory, but that we may draw closer and nearer to Christ and that He may be glorified through our lives.

Another wonderful result of prayer is that it brings the power of God into our lives and into our work. Is there a lack of spiritual power with no accompanying victorious power over selfishness and indwelling sin in your life? Through prayer and total surrender to Jesus we can receive cleansing from all sin and have power to live and witness for Him.

Isaiah 40:31 declares, "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary; and they shall walk and not faint." □

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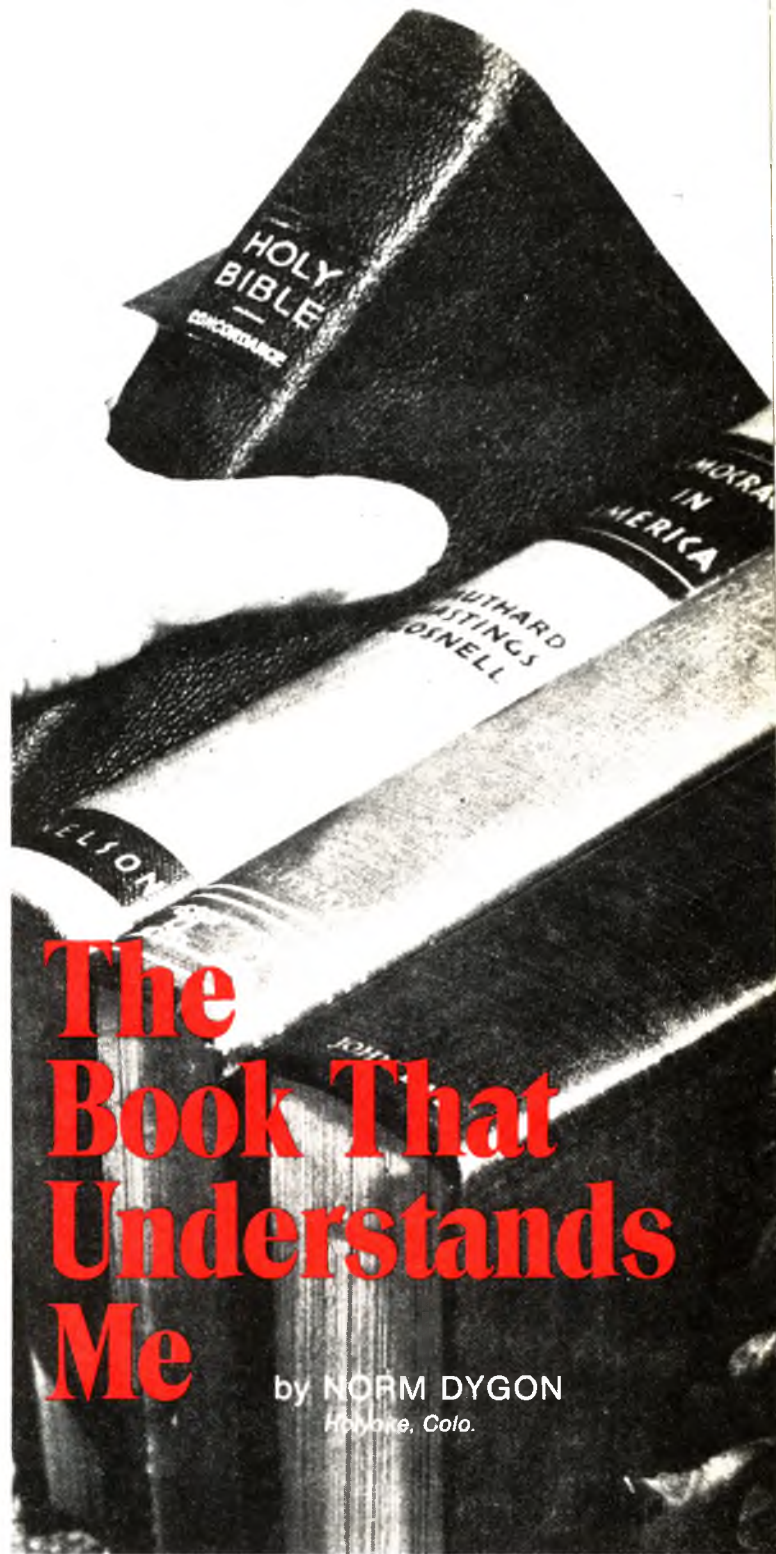
THE JANUARY, 1978, issue of *Reader's Digest* contains a disturbing article, "Why American Education Is Failing." Though American people have spent more and more on public education, it states, the second half of the 60s and first half of the 70s have brought diminishing returns. In fact, as early as 1973 it was reported that "19 million Americans over 16 were functionally illiterate."

Throughout modern history the printed page has profoundly influenced man. Politicians and conquerors have successfully recognized the power of the pen. It is, indeed, more powerful than the sword. Many people have pored over the best thoughts of men in an effort to comprehend the riddles of life.

The printed page has influenced untold millions by fostering religious thought, fomenting political revolution, fabricating social change. Famous figures have captured the minds of millions across the centuries, and their ideas have lived far beyond their lives on the earth.

Philosopher Emile Caillet, who was once an agnostic, and became a Christian, was searching for a book that would understand him. Finding none, he began to compile a book of his own that would speak to his condition, understand him, and help him through the problems of life. He finally finished his anthology and sat down to read it. To his disappointment, it did not speak to him or understand him, but only reminded him of where he found the passages, and his efforts at selecting them. One day he chanced upon a Bible. He grabbed the Book and began reading the Beatitudes. He later wrote, "I could not find words to express my awe and wonder. And all of a sudden, the realization dawned upon me: This was 'the book that would understand me.'"

Yes, the Bible is the Book that truly understands man. It speaks to his real condition, as no other book ever could. It is a library containing 66 books, written by many different authors over many centuries; yet it has one Author—The Holy Spirit—working



The Book That Understands Me

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Keystone

through and inspiring the men who wrote the words of the Bible.

Its plot involves God, man, and salvation. It reaches from the past to the present, and stretches into the future as no other book can do. Its purpose is to share the life of God with man through Jesus Christ; "but these are recorded so that you will believe that He is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that believing in Him you will have life" (John 20:31, TLB). The Bible gives more guidance to one desiring to live right, but its chief purpose is to introduce us to Jesus Christ, who is "the way, the truth and the life."



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The Bible is not a science book, but it does contain a basis for science to rest upon, and what it contains is scientifically sound. The Bible is not a history book, but it does contain historical books, and possesses a history for man that stretches back to "the beginning" and reaches forward to the end which stands already completed in the plan and prophecies of God. The Bible is not a sociology book, but it does tell us about the world, people, society, and something of government; and its principles are the only viable basis for any enduring government and society. The Bible is not a psychology book, but it is a book that speaks directly to man's deepest psychological needs.

The Bible is first and foremost a book about God. If we want to know truly about God, although we can see His many signatures written in creation, history, and culture, we must go to the Bible. The Bible is the authoritative voice behind the true Church and the genuine Christian.

The Bible is a book about relationships. It tells us about the relationship of God to man, of man to God, of man to family, of man to society and to the world that surrounds him.

The Bible witnesses to Jesus Christ, the God-Man; promised, sent, crucified, resurrected, ascended, interceding, and inviting us today to come to Him for life.

Yes, the Bible is about God, Jesus Christ, and mankind. But for the Bible to be truly relevant and personal, it must be a book about me, a book that understands me. It is that, as it reveals my past, offers me life for the present, and extends the hope of an eternal future with God.

Yes, more important than the temporal necessities of life, are the eternal necessities unfolded in the living word of Scripture. "Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God" (Matthew 4:4, NIV). □

Our God Will Prevail!

How do I know that He will be with me?

How do I know He will keep me, you say?

How do I know? Because He has promised,

"I will be with thee all of the way."

How do I know when sorrow o'ertakes me,

How do I know that He'll understand?

I have His Word, "Fear not, I will help thee.

I am thy God and will hold thy right hand."

How do I know that He will deliver

When times are so dark? Did He ever fail?

Look back and recall how mighty our God is—

Look forward and trust. Our God will prevail!

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And by Stars

AN OLD NAUTICAL expression used to describe the means by which a ship would cross the sea was, "By wind by hands, and by stars." *Wind* was an essential in sailing-vessel days. Without it there was no power and the becalmed ship would lay still in the water. *Hands* were needed to harness the wind. Man could not blow upon his canvas and produce progress, but he could set the sail to catch the wind, and tend the tiller. *Stars* were a necessity or all went for naught, since the sailor had no guidance, nothing to steer by, and the ship would stray from its course.

The expression also succinctly suggests to us the requirements for sailing our "bark" successfully across the "sea of life." "Wind" is the Holy Spirit. Without Him there is no motivation, no power, no energy. "Hands" tell us that we have a part in the crossing. "Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling." Someone put it, "Pray as if everything depends upon God. Work as if everything depends upon you." "Stars" are those eternal principles which God has set down for our guidance in His Book. The principles are always there from age to age. They never change. They are points of reference by which we are to chart and continually correct our course.

The stars are absolutely dependable. No mariner was ever lost because the stars betrayed him. Whenever a wayfarer found a conflict between his directional instincts and the information which the stars gave—he did well to follow the stars.

God's Word is among "those things which cannot be shaken." Earthquakes cannot change it, for it is not founded on the earth. Wars cannot move it since it is not established by the hands of men. Learning cannot set it aside, for it transcends human wisdom.

Not only did maritime navigators find in the stars the guidance they needed but, interestingly, in the day of space navigation we still look to the stars when voyaging. A spacecraft on its way to Mars or Venus or some other distant destination in our solar system looks not to the earth for a reference point in its journey, but its navigational equipment locks on the light of a distant star to keep it on course.

The Word of God is altogether dependable because it is the expression of God who cannot lie and does not change! "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away." We were assured by Jesus that not the tiniest part, "one jot, or one tittle," can be changed until the Word is fulfilled.

Another comforting comparison between the stars and the Bible is that stars shine at night, and that no darkness, be it moral or spiritual—no matter how deep—can dim the Word. In fact, believers witness to finding their most precious promises in the most trying of times.

In the margin of my mother's old Bible, next to a verse which I heard her quote dozens of times, I found where she had written, "My promise." Now she had scores of promises which she claimed, but this one was hers in a particular way. And I knew why. She had received it in what was probably the darkest part of her life. I know it related to the greatest burden that she carried. Since its radiance lighted up her darkest path, the guidance which it gave was hers in a very special way.

Those who have learned to live by the light of His Word, have learned that the dark places of earth hold no terror for them. "The darker the night the brighter the light."

An inscription on the crypt of Allegheny Observatory at the University of Pittsburgh reads, "Phoebe S. Brashear, 1834-1910. 'We have loved the stars too fondly to be fearful of the night.' John S. Brashear 1840-1920."

Stars never go out of style. Those which Abraham looked up to are the very same that look down upon us. They have been set in the sky for every generation and are the closest things to eternity which we can see. The stars remind us of the eternal verities which God has recorded in His Word. These teachings are relevant to each age. We can never grow up and leave them behind. They are not principles because they are in the Bible but they are in the Bible because they are principles.

If we are to sail to a safe harbor, we will sail by the stars. They never become dispensable. There are some "learned voices" saying that the Bible was needed for primitive peoples but we are sophisticated and so modern man no longer needs it.

Clovis Chappell told a story about two men in a boat on the open sea. Darkness had come as they sailed homeward. Being weary, the owner of the craft turned over the duties of steering to his hired hand,

after carefully pointing out the star by which he had been guiding the boat. "Now keep your eye on that star," was his clear instruction.

It had been a hard day and soon not only was the owner asleep but the new navigator was dozing too. After napping for a while, with the boat now way off course, he awoke and looked for the familiar star. Unable to find it among the vast number overhead, he went to where the other man was sleeping, and shook him awake saying, "Sir, show me another star; we've sailed clean past that first one."

We are as apt to no longer need the guidance of God's Word in these "new days" or at some future time, as was that novice navigator to need a new star since the old one had been passed up!

Time and customs change but principles remain. Today, even as in days long since, we sail "by wind, by hands, and by stars." □

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Chapter & Verse

DURING PERIODS when Christians hurled proof texts at one another as they debated fine points of doctrine, it became popular for antagonists to demand, "Chapter and verse, please!" On such occasions, a Bible was produced and the pivotal text found.

But there was a time when no one could find a single chapter or verse in the entire Bible. There was no John 3:16; no Romans 8:28; or even Genesis 1:1. And the reason was simple. The Bible had not been divided into chapters and verses!

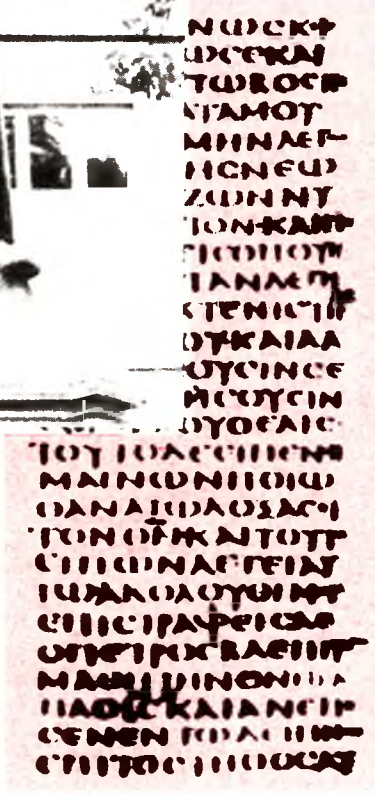
Even worse, there were many centuries during which not a single word was divided from another; when vowels were not used; punctuation marks not employed; and when there was no way to distinguish a capital letter from a small letter. In those days if the Book of Genesis had been printed in English, it would have started as follows: NTHBGNNGGD-CRTDTHHVNNDTHRTH.

During this era, finding a special passage could be as difficult as finding fresh water in the desert. Indeed, it often required hours or even days of research. One can only marvel at the patience of the people as they compared one passage with another.

Still, these complications were not the end—especially for the scribe employed to make fresh copies. A major hurdle was the fact that the Hebrew letters *beth* (pronounced b) and *kaph* (pronounced k) were almost identical. Each resembles an n turned on its side with the opening to the left. The distinction was made by a tiny mark known as a *tittle*. This *tittle*—something like the cross on a t, but even smaller—was easy to miss.



(above) Statue of John Gutenberg, inventor of movable type and printer of the first Bible. (r.) Portion of John 21:1-25 from Greek Bible of the fourth century.



To avoid mistakes, the scribes counted every letter on the page they were copying, and then tallied the number with what they had written. This was so nerve-wracking that one scribe scribbled on the margin of his page, "He who does not know how to write supposes it to be no labor; but though only three fingers write, the whole body labors!"*

Bent over their tasks, terrified of the slightest error, these copiers of the Bible did not spare themselves. More than one commented, "Writing bows one's back, thrusts the ribs into the stomach, and fosters a general debility of the body."*

Considering these problems, it would seem that the Bible, written in this fashion, was almost unreadable. But this is not the case. Educated people of the time could read the old scrolls with ease.

Words in the Old Testament did not start to be divided until after the return of the Jews from their Babylonian captivity. And nearly a thousand years passed before vowels were inserted in the sixth century A.D.

The separation of words, addition of capitalization, punctuation, and paragraphing gradually worked

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their way into both the Old and New Testaments. Nevertheless, the Bible was still undivided into generally accepted chapters.

The Codex Vaticanus—middle of the fourth century—was the first known Bible to be sectioned into chapters. But its divisions were unique. Matthew, for example, was split into 170 parts; and Luke was separated into 152.

During the later part of the sixth century, Archbishop Andrews of Caesarea in Cappadocia wrote a commentary on the Book of Revelation. In honor of the 24 elders, he made 24 divisions. And then, because each elder was made up of body, soul, and spirit, he further divided each section into three parts. Thus his Book of Revelation had 72 chapters!

Bible chapters, such as we have today, did not come into being until the first half of the 13th century. This work was done by the scholarly Stephen Langton, Archbishop of Canterbury.

No one knows the precise period when Langton divided the Bible into chapters. All we know is that history gives him the credit for the task; and that his bones are alleged to be in a stone chest in Canterbury Cathedral.

Because of Stephen Langton, we can now turn to the third chapter of John; the eighth chapter of Romans; and the first chapter of Genesis. Why he didn't continue his work and divide each chapter into verses is a mystery. Perhaps he had decided that having his name on Magna Charta and dividing the Bible into chapters was enough honor for one man.

During the next two centuries the Bible, now in chapters, continued to be copied by hand. Then in

1448—three years after the birth of Christopher Columbus—Rabbi Nathan startled the Jewish world by dividing the Old Testament into verses. This shock, however, was merely a tremor in comparison to the earthquake that was to shake Europe in 1456; for on that eventful date the Gutenberg Bible—the first Bible to ever be printed on movable type—came off the press in a more than 1,200-page edition!

The invention of printing revolutionized the world; and from this point on the Bible became more and more available. But in spite of this advance, it remained frozen in chapters—except for the Old Testament; for in 1524 Rabbi Nathan's versified Old Testament came off the press in Venice.

Four years after this monumental event, a Latin version was printed in which the Old Testament was divided into Nathan's verses. This reuse of the Rabbi's system tended to make it permanent. The New Testament also appeared in this volume; and its chapters were divided into verses, but they were divided in a different way than those of the Old Testament.

The New Testament was not divided into the system of numbered verses that we know today until 1551. And the credit for this goes to a Parisian printer, Robert Stephanus.

Robert had learned the printing business from his father who was one of the most distinguished printers in Paris. Robert's business flowered during the first years of the Reformation, and he became a Protestant. Indeed, he issued some of Calvin's works—including what was deemed the finest edition of his *Institutes*.

In 1551 Stephanus decided to issue a most unusual edition of the New Testament. There would be three columns of print on each page. The middle column would be in Greek and on either side there would be the Latin Vulgate and the Latin translation of Erasmus of Rotterdam. Such an edition, he knew, would be most useful for scholars who wanted to compare the texts of the two translations with the Greek.

Then he got the idea of dividing the texts into verses. Crowded for time, Stephanus decided he would have to do the dividing while on his trip from Paris to Lyons. He made the trip on horseback and it has been claimed that some of his awkward divisions were made because "the jogging horse bumped his pen in the wrong places." His son, however, claimed that the work was done *while on the trip*, and thus inferred that it was really accomplished while he was resting at various inns. Perhaps the truth is that some of it was done while lodging in an inn, and some of it while on horseback. No one will ever know.

Stephanus' divisions, nevertheless, with an exception here and there, are what we have today. And thus the credit for the chapters and verses in our Bibles go to a Rabbi, a Catholic Archbishop, and a Protestant printer.

It is because of these three that we can say, "Chapter and verse, please!" and expect a response within moments. □

*Bruce Manning Metzger. *The Text of the New Testament* (Oxford University Press. 1964).

How does the Spirit-filled person criticize the opinions and practices of others, of institutions and their policies? Is it Christian to criticize people as people?

Thomas Dubay, as he begins his discussion of "Criticism in Community," suggests that "though criticism abounds in our day, Christian criticism is rare, far more rare than most of us suspect."¹ How differently does the Christian criticize from others? Or is criticism criticism whoever does it? Is there such a thing as "Christian" criticism?

From the gospel one thing at least is certain: there is only one way the Christian *as Christian* can criticize, and that is *in love*. "That you may know the love which I have, especially for you" (2 Corinthians 2:4, NASB) was the all-penetrating purpose with which Paul had written a very critical letter to the church at Corinth. Can we suggest from this that Christian criticism is *from love, for love, and with love*?

The Christian criticizes *from* love. God loves the one whom I am compelled to criticize and therefore I love that person. I am to love him as Jesus loves him (John 13:14). This seems so simple, so obvious, so plain, but what a world of difference it makes when I work out its implications in day-to-day life.

First, when I must evaluate negatively someone I truly love, I will sense a keen reluctance to express my criticism to others. Though I must express it, there is no joy, no satisfaction; there can be no inner bitterness, no veiled sense of retaliation. If I feel no such reluctance, I must ask myself the question, "Do I really love that person?" If I do not, my criticism is not Christian; I am disqualified as a Christian critic in this case because I failed the love test.

Second, although romantically shallow love may be blind, it is true to say that "only love can see." Those who love me most know me best, both my good qualities and my defects. Resentment obscures, love clarifies. In the measure I do not love a person, I cannot see him as he is. I do not perceive him fairly, be he president or janitor, and my criticism is unfair. Because I lack love, I cannot see all that is to be seen. I must step aside as a Christian critic. Since "the one who does not love does not know God, for God is love" (1 John 4:8, NASB), it is impossible for my criticism to be Christian.

The Christian criticizes *for* love. "I urge you to reaffirm *your* love for him" (2 Corinthians 2:8, NASB) was the apostle's advice for the situation at Corinth. Christian criticism ends in love; it seeks solution and harmony.

In human councils we often speak of victories and defeats, for not many there are seeking to discern the Holy Spirit. But within the Christian community

CHRISTIAN CRITICISM



our differences are not battles to be won and lost, or conflicts in which the opposition is to be crushed.

As one led of the Spirit (Romans 8:9, 14), I am seeking the mind of God, not my own. I am as critical of myself as of my brother or sister. The natural environment of my comments is the individual and communal process of discerning the Spirit. I strive not for conquest but for healing and reconciliation, for consensus, that shared vision which comes only with the Spirit's gift of love and humility.

The Christian criticizes *with* love. Love insists that before I criticize I ask myself some searching questions.

1. Do I have anything to say; have I carefully researched the facts? "Do not find fault before you investigate; first consider, and then reprove" (Sirach 11:7, RSV).

2. Do I hear only what I want to hear; have I avoided selectivity in my search for and use of the evidence? "The Christian critic is whole; he selects all."²

3. Do I see only the 1 percent bad and overlook the 99 percent good; have I evaluated in the total context, balancing the negative with the positive? "Christian morality is a revolution. It is by definition unexpected."³

4. Do I first speak to the person involved; have I given him the same opportunity I would want to ex-

helps to holy living

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plain, to admit my wrong, and to change? "And if your brother sins, go and reprove him in private; if he listens to you, you have won your brother" (Matthew 18:15, NASB).

5. Do I criticize gently and affectionately; have I proved my love to the person in question (2 Corinthians 2:4)? A cutting tongue does not heal wounds, rather it causes them. "There is one who speaks rashly like the thrusts of a sword, but the tongue of the wise brings healing" (Proverbs 12:18, NASB; cf. 15:4).

6. Do I pronounce my judgments arrogantly or in the spirit of humility; have I remembered that I too am under judgment with no completely secure place from which to evaluate (Philippians 2:3)? "The greater you are, the more you must humble yourself" (Sirach 3:18, RSV).

7. Do I refuse to judge the motives of another; have I criticized only the outer actions and not the inner center of the human person? Love never presumes to know the motives of another in controversy, for the realm of conscience is the realm of God (1 Corinthians 4:5). Is it Christian to criticize people *as such*?

8. Do I reject the divinely valued person in criticism; have I judged the person as person? "What is man, that Thou dost take thought of him? And the son of man, that Thou dost care for him? Yet Thou hast made him a little lower than God, And dost crown him with glory and majesty" (Psalm 8:4-5, NASB)!

9. Am I obedient to the community within which I criticize; have I spoken from within the community, in love, or in animosity as to an outside enemy? "The one who listens to you listens to Me, and the one who rejects you rejects Me" (Luke 10:16, NASB).

10. Do I possess suitable credentials for my criticism; have I offered a better alternative, a positive program? Critics should be able to produce.

Love demands that I answer these questions before venturing to criticize. Do I live up to them? I wish! Christian criticism speaks *from* love, *for* love, and *with* love. The *Christian* critic is the need of the church and the hope of the world! □

1. Thomas Dubay, *Caring: A Biblical Theology of Community* (Denville, New Jersey: Dimension Books, 1973), p. 198. The above article is much in debt to Father Dubay's significant chapter on criticism.

2. *Ibid.*, p. 206

3. *Ibid.*, p. 207

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How to keep "cool, calm, and collected" in an uptight world is a key problem confronting all of us. Christians are not immune to the everyday pressures of the modern world. But the question is, How does one get out from under the driving pressures?

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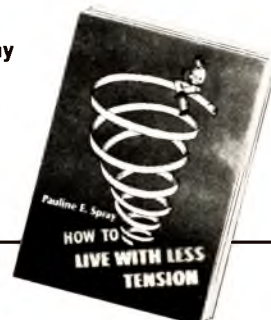
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She was very young. And she sat wide-eyed as her grandmother told stories from the Bible. She knew this was a very special Book; often she heard it called "God's Word." Reaching with her small hands she touched gently the big, black Book.

Later as Grandmother tucked her into bed for the night, the child looked up with shining blue eyes and whispered, "I like God's Book!"

I know how she felt. As a child I thrilled at the stories, first heard, then read for myself. Later I discovered the Book's gold mine of resources for life. No wonder the poet was inspired to write,

*Thy Word is like a deep, deep mine;
And jewels rich and rare
Are hidden in its mighty depths
For ev'ry searcher there.**

To list all the things the Bible is to my life would take volumes. But first I would have to say,

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It Is Food

The Bible is food as basic as bread. God let His people hunger and fed them with manna that He might make them know, "man doth not live by bread only, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the Lord doth man live" (Deuteronomy 8:3).

The Bible is food as basic as milk. As a very young Christian I heard the admonition from 1 Peter 2:2, "As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby."

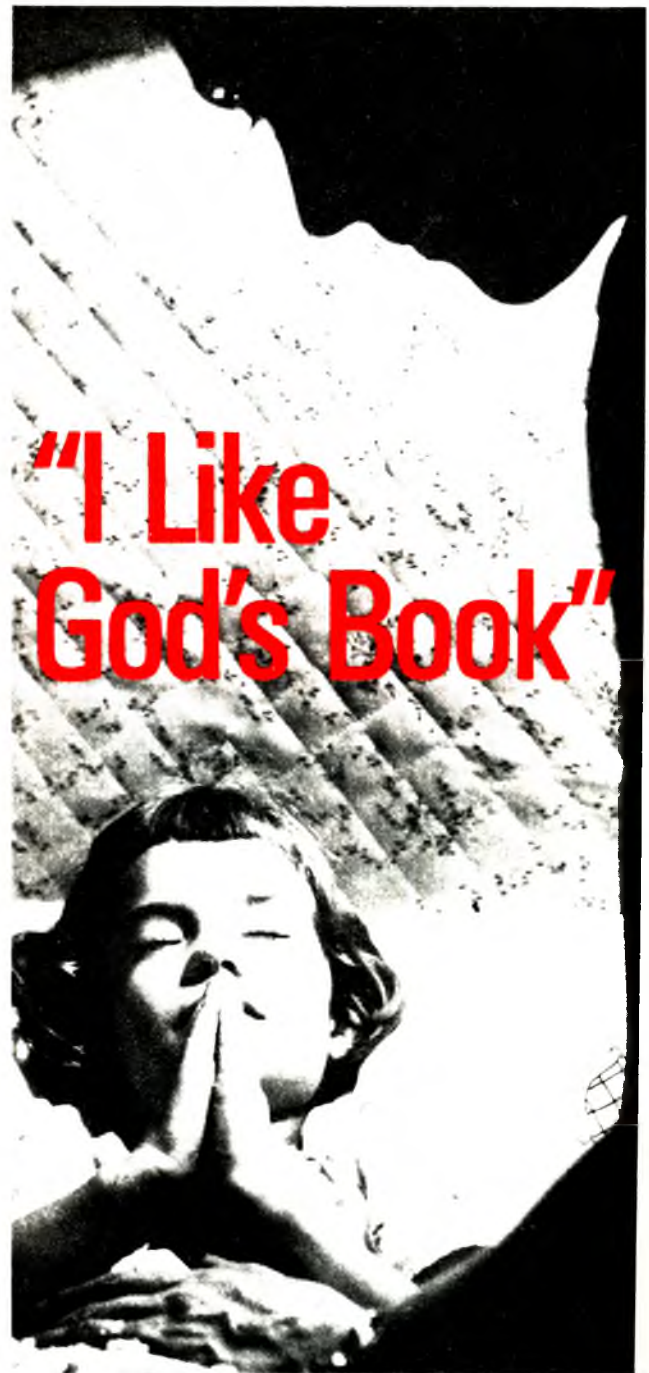
We could say that those born into God's family grow spiritually in direct proportion to the way they feed upon His Word. Such feeding brings strength to meet the stress of living.

The Bible Is Light

In vacation Bible school we learned,
*I pledge allegiance to the Bible, God's Holy Word,
and will make it a lamp unto my feet,
a light unto my path,
and hide its word in my heart, that
I may not sin against God.*

And many times in my life the Book has given guidance to make decisions—sometimes hard ones involving directions for all of life—sometimes small ones which some would call "routine."

"In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths" is especially significant to me (Proverbs 3:6). I like to think that "ways" means the



big life-choices. And if we diligently follow His Word in these, the day-to-day paths are easier to find.

This light on the path is continuous (Psalm 119:105), no matter how rough the path may be or how far it may lead.

One of those big life-choices confronted me about four years after I had graduated from college. I was teaching in high school and had already signed a contract for the coming year.

At our early fall District Assembly I began to feel a pull toward full-time service in the field of evangelism. Several pastors were wanting my sister and me to help with revivals in their churches. We could

go for weekends, but through the week was out of the question after school started.

Here was a decision which seemed too big for me to handle. It would change the course of my entire life. I had prepared for a teaching career—majored in education.

Of course as a pastor's daughter I had participated in many areas of the work of the church—had used my art, singing, and public speaking to assist even in summer camps and revival meetings. My college course had included many classes in Bible study.

Now I was confronted with "the divine ought." But could I get out of a teaching contract honorably? And what about our financial obligations? Would we get enough calls to sustain us economically on a full-time basis?

Dr. J. B. Chapman, late general superintendent, was presiding at the assembly. I talked with him about my problem and asked him to advise me. I will never forget his response, "Well, by the time you need to know, you will know."

He was right. I knew in time. But it took hours of prayer, fasting, and searching the Word for clear directions. The most vivid beacon light came from Jesus' words to His disciples when they were learning to choose a whole new set of priorities for their lives:

The Bible's food is as basic as the bread we eat.

"But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you" (Matthew 6:33).

The way became clear. And it was miraculous how I was released from that teaching contract. The principal said he could see God's hand upon my life. He would not want to interfere.

God's way is wonderful. For me it has led to a continuous career of full-time Christian service. And the light of His Word continues to shine—in fact the path shines more and more as promised in Proverbs 4:18.

But I would not want to leave the impression that it is always easy. There is an adversary whose business is to provide hindrances. Here again we see the power of God's Word.

It Is Our Defense

God's Book is a defensive weapon. Paul urges us to take the "sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God" (Ephesians 6:17).

Our Lord quoted Scripture in the wilderness when the tempter tried to get Him to satisfy His hunger on the enemy's terms. Three times He quoted God's Word to the devil (Matthew 4:4, 7, 10). In all three areas of temptation Jesus overcame the enemy.

Christ's example shows us how we can use this same weapon to live victoriously. And furthermore, He has sent the Holy Spirit to empower the Christian to live triumphantly.

The reason God sent His Son to this earth was to free the human race from the bondage of sin. This is

the Bible's central theme. Christ was the Word made into human form: "The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us . . . full of grace and truth" (John 1:14).

Many times simply to breathe the name "Jesus" proves the prayer of resistance to rout the enemy. "Resist the devil, and he will flee from you" (James 4:7).

God's Word Comforts

The Bible is our greatest source of comfort in times of sorrow and distress. How often the Christian finds new inspiration to carry on in the midst of difficult circumstances, just by a portion from God's precious Word.

His Book points up the provision made through His death and resurrection to alleviate the burden of sorrow. And we are assured of His second coming—and eternity with Him and all those in Christ who have preceded us.

"Wherefore comfort one another with these words," the apostle Paul says in 1 Thessalonians 4:18. He also says, "For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope" (Romans 15:4).

Many times I have experienced this comfort from His Word, but never more vividly than a short time before my mother's homegoing. She sensed that she would not be with us much longer. She wanted to ease for us the pain of parting.

One evening in her loving, caring way she took her carefully marked and worn Bible. We knew she was in pain. But she was calm and at peace as she turned to the twenty-third psalm.

Her face was radiant as she read. Each word reflected her life of deep devotion. She read, "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me." Then she stopped reading. She looked at us, smiled and said, "You see, for the Christian there is no death—only the *shadow* of death." She read on, and finished in triumphant tones, "And I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever."

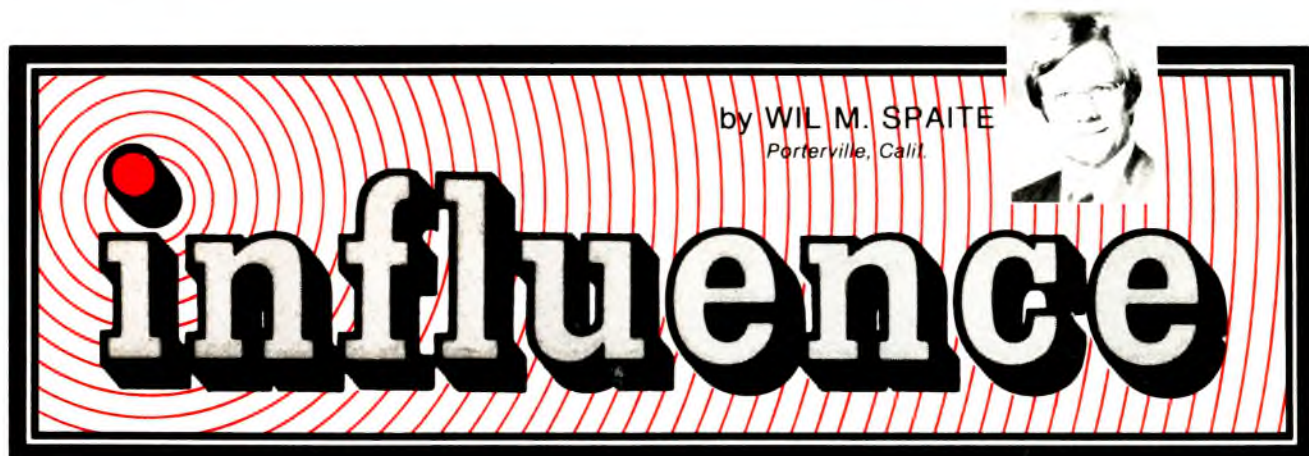
Oh, yes, I like God's Book! Even more, I love the Bible, God's Holy Word. I have proved it to be my greatest treasure. It is:

Food for my spiritual life
Light to guide my way
Defense against the foe
Comfort in sorrow; and
Hope for the future.

The poet Whittier summed it up:

*We search the world for truth. We cull
The good, the true, the beautiful,
From graven stone, and written scroll,
And all old flower-fields of the soul;
And, weary seekers of the best,
We come back laden from our quest,
To find that all the sages said
Is in the Book our mothers read.* □

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JAMES HOGAN, LAYMAN— OPEN DOORS IN IRELAND

Two teenage Irish lads slipped into the back row of a large, old Episcopal Church of Ireland. For several months these boys had been sneaking in late for the morning service. They sat on the back pew, just inside the massive oak doors.

This particular Sunday morning they arrived just in time to hear the minister read the morning scripture. One of the lads, James Hogan, never forgot a phrase the pastor read. He remembers, "I heard only the words, 'My spirit shall not always strive with man.'"

Without an explanation to his friend, James rushed out of the church and ran the whole two miles to his home.

His mother came to the side of her troubled son. James asked her the meaning of the words, "My spirit shall not always strive with man." She replied, "God is speaking to you. Go up to your room and talk to Him. He is listening and He will hear you."

As he started up the stairs, his mother handed him a recently obtained Bible. "Take this with you," she advised. "Read quietly from it. I will be praying for you."

James took the Holy Book, knelt down by his bed, and began to read. He spent several hours in the wonderful presence of the Holy Spirit. He recalls, "I felt that God was really talking to *me*, that He had a work for me to do. I told Him I would make a mess of my life unless He would take over. He *did* take over and forgave my sins."

Many thoughts came to James during that experience which he later found were actual words of scripture.

I knew God wanted me to share with others this wonderful joy and peace . . . so I asked the Lord, "What shall I say to them?" His reply I clearly heard in my mind . . . "HOLINESS WITHOUT WHICH NO MAN SHALL SEE THE LORD."

When this message was spoken to James Hogan's mind, he looked in the back of his Bible to see if these words were scripture. He found the reference, Hebrews 12:14, "Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord."

James was amazed and thought to himself, "I had always known that *God was holy*, but that *I could be holy* was a new revelation."

The next day he began to tell his schoolmates about salvation and holiness. Soon he had a group who were meeting with him to read the Bible and pray.

The news of this remarkable "religious wave" in a Christian youth club spread rapidly. Bible reading and praying groups began springing up among young people of the Church of Ireland.

James remembers with joy how God used him: "I was invited to share my experiences with these newly formed Bible groups. I preached away, without any training other than my wonderful experience with the Lord . . . and learning as I read the Bible and praying . . . and the burden of my message was always salvation and holiness without which no man shall see the Lord."

It was a new idea at the time to hold home Bible studies out in the country. Seeing the need for an adequate place for the Bible studies to meet, James began building halls in locations in the counties around Dublin.

It was in one of the Bible group meetings that he first met an Irish girl, Violet. Several years later she was to become his wife and his life partner in the Lord's work.

Always on the growing edge of things, James started a new ministry called Christian Character Crusades. He challenged Irish young people to be willing to give up their holidays to distribute Christian literature. Their aim was to win and discover converted Catholics . . . to disciple these new Christians to become active in the Body of Christ.

As the Bible studies grew and multiplied, James planned a yearly event to bring them all together—a Holiness Convention in Dublin. The people in the groups reached out and brought in others. Many were saved and sanctified through the preaching of such men as Dr. George Frame and Dr. Edward Lawlor.

After one of these holiness conventions, 20 years ago, James helped organize the first Nazarene church in Dublin.

Over the years, James Hogan built a very successful heating and air conditioning company in Dublin—and became a businessman of the highest reputation.

How could one man be so effective in building both his business and so many areas of ministry? The answer is



Jim Hogan's Drewstown House, a Christian secondary school in southern Ireland, provides protestant education for an area of the country that is 95 percent Catholic. Recently retired, James Hogan is giving his full time to Nazarene work. James and Violet Hogan with their family in 1947; the children (l. to r.) Ruth, Grace, Miriam, and Reginald.

revealed by Mrs. Hogan: "Our whole family has worked with Jimmie (as she affectionately calls him) in both the business and the Christian ministries. Each one of the girls, our son, and I have worked with him, doing the books, driving the car while he made estimates for heating jobs. We have gone as a family to the Bible studies, the gospel meetings, and the glorious conventions."

Across the years, James Hogan had thought that a son-in-law or their son might someday take over the business bearing his name. However, what the family learned from their father and mother is that *God's work* is the *highest calling in all the world*.

Putting God's work first has resulted in a problem as to who will take over James's company. Their daughter Grace married Harry Stephenson. They are now serving as Nazarene missionaries in Bolivia. Daughter Ruth and her husband Fred Stevens have been leading the Bible groups in the Wicklow Mountains of South Ireland. Miriam, their third girl, is working among the children of the Girls Brigade. Their son, Reggie, is pastor of the Church of the

Nazarene in Luton, north of London, England, and is also studying at the university.

With their children in the Lord's work, James Hogan has decided to phase out his business, rather than sell his name to someone who might not maintain the high quality of workmanship and honesty.

Dr. Raymond Hurn, executive director of the Department of Home Missions, recently visited South Ireland and attended one of Brother Hogan's Bible studies. Dr. Hurn relates, "I was impressed by the enthusiasm of the young professionals who made up the nucleus of the people attending the Bible study. They included nurses, accountants, and schoolteachers." As Dr. Hurn listened to the prayers and testimonies of these new Irish converts from Catholicism, he observed.

"I heard more holiness scriptures quoted, more songs on the Spirit-filled life, more testimonies about what holiness can do in everyday life . . . than I have heard anyplace in the world. I was deeply moved!"

Dr. Hurn was requested by the general superintendents to explore the possibility of forming a separate district in South Ireland, also called Eire. The present British Isles North District includes: Scotland, Northern Ireland, and South Ireland.

Studying the country firsthand, Dr. Hurn learned that South Ireland has a population of 3,160,000. Catholics make up 95 percent of the population. Most of the evangelical churches are not strong, with no holiness witness other than the Church of the Nazarene.

The strategy Dr. Hurn suggests is to expand from the present churches and Bible studies: "We should purchase a van with a rear projection screen for a brief media presentation. Irish Nazarenes have discovered that a good singing group of youth will gather crowds immediately. They could travel to the shopping centers around suburban Dublin where there are teeming multitudes of young people. Handbills could be passed out, inviting people to a rented facility. Bible study groups would provide fellowship and spiritual growth. From these groups new churches would emerge."

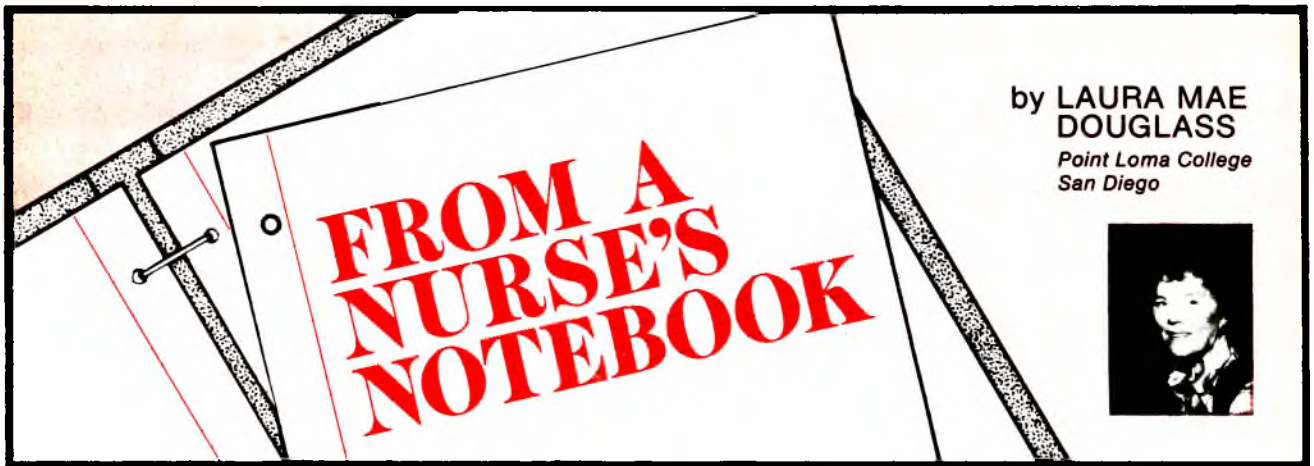
In a recent letter, James Hogan speaks from his heart of the great opportunity in South Ireland:

The door is presently wide open. The Mormons, Guri, and Jehovah's Witnesses are flooding in from the U.S.A. with their deceitful doctrines. Some have money backing and put up fancy buildings, but are not able to keep a hold on the people. The lost will only be reached *by those whose hearts are touched with Christ's love and are ablaze for Him.*

Why is the Church of the Nazarene . . . the proclaimers of the glorious message of holiness, dragging her heels? The door is *now open . . . come over and help us!*

PRAYER . . .

Father . . . the life of Your servant, James Hogan, inspires and disturbs us. It's so easy to take holiness for granted. James has reminded us that salvation and holiness are what the world really needs. It's amazing what You have accomplished through our brother James. Are You also speaking to us . . . to spend special time in prayer for South Ireland . . . to give more to missions . . . to offer ourselves to go? But, Father, there are so many demands at home and abroad . . . how can I, just one person, make any difference? Then I remember a teenage boy on a back pew in Ireland, and a little Baby in a manger. All right . . . I'm listening, Lord. AMEN. □



OH, THE WONDER OF IT ALL!

Joe and Angela Giadone's story provides a thrilling account of how our God works in mysterious ways His wonders to perform. Let her tell it.

"My husband and I were driving to Sioux Falls, S.D., in September of '76 to visit our son. We were happy to be making the trip, as Joe had been through so much pain and surgery in recent years. He had had several operations on his back, and was just released from close supervision by his doctors. We were looking forward to a much-needed time of rest and relaxation with our loved ones.

"While in Laramie, Wyo., I noticed a buzzing in my ear which I could not shake off. It became so persistent and annoying that I sought relief from a town physician. I figured a tiny insect must have lodged in my ear and a quick visit would take care of the matter.

"I became alarmed when X rays were ordered. Then the news broke. 'Mrs. Giadone, you have a growth pressing on your ear. I advise you to return home for surgery.'

"The shock of this turn of events threw me completely. I cried like a baby, and shook until my teeth rattled. I was terrified. You see, I am a nurse and have cared for patients who have had brain surgery. I have always said that if there was anything I did not want to have, it was brain surgery. And here I was, trapped with my fate.

"But I was to wait. It was 20 months before I had surgery. The ear specialists confirmed the tumor, but believed it was best to watch it for a while. I was symptom-free for a year and a half. Then my hearing decreased until I could barely discern words. A myelogram showed that the tumor had increased in size four times and was pressing on the seventh and eighth cranial nerves.

"The next two months were a nightmare. I had to wait until the right team of specialists could gather. I was beside myself with fear. I could see myself an invalid and a burden to my husband and family. But I was really sick to think of dying. I was convinced that I would not come through the operation. My nerves were shot until I couldn't stand being around anyone.

"Joe and I were raised Catholics and so we have always believed in God. Through the influence of our daughter, Gloria, we had been attending a Protestant church filled with happy, Bible-believing Christians. These dear people reached out to us in so many ways. We began praying more and reading articles about God's healing power. We believed that Jesus was our Lord, and this was a comfort, but I was plagued with a deep depression.

"A few weeks before surgery, I asked for the elders of the church to anoint me, and asked to be baptised by immersion. I want to witness that as I was standing in the water waiting for the sacrament, my apprehension lessened. When I came up from the water, the depression was gone! It was a beautiful experience. Of course, I wasn't happy about surgery, but I had turned it all over to God. I think it was then that I realized I did not have to carry my load of care alone. He was waiting all the time for me to see this and to give my problems to Him.

"My husband accompanied me to the specialist for the preoperative examination. Joe said, 'Doctor, I don't know what you believe, but Angela and I are reborn Christians. Will you take her hand and say a few prayers with us?' I am sure that God used that time for a special purpose.

"The surgery lasted 10 hours. I didn't know what was going on, but Joe did. Our Christian friends were fantastic. Some took care of my daughter's children so she could be with her father and me. Other ladies prepared food. The congregation prayed, telephoned, and sent cards. The pastors visited the day before surgery, arrived at dawn the next morning, and stayed at Joe's side the entire day. You cannot imagine what those ministries of love meant to us, and still do.

“Five months have passed since the operation. I was warned that I might lose my hearing, but not so! It is amazing how even tiny sounds are precious to me. I will never take my hearing for granted again.

“But there were other complications that I had not counted on. There was nerve damage to my swallowing reflex and to some of my muscles, making it difficult for me to get around. It takes me seven hours each day just to eat and to exercise. I am told that my recovery will take time. But what is time? I am God’s child and know that He has a purpose for everything.

“The dear Lord helped me in many ways. He led me to the right doctors. He brought me in touch with beautiful people who helped me to realize a

personal relationship with Christ. I have moved into a deeper prayer life and an increased knowledge of His Word. I am learning how to walk with Him one step at a time, and to believe and accept that He knows what is best for me.”

It is beautiful to see a couple come through so grievous a time victoriously, lifting up Christ in all things. This happened largely because of the response of God’s children to a need. I’m thankful for their faithfulness.

O God, I ask that You keep me sensitive to the needs of others about me, that I may be used as an instrument in Your hands to perform good works, and to bring about your glorious wonders. □

PEN POINTS

A STUDY FOR MOTHERS

A friend asked me to conduct a study group one evening a week for her and other young mothers. They would meet in my home. She had one or two new converts in mind, and hoped to reach other girls who made no profession.

We are both aware that if success is to mark our efforts, such a study must be prefaced with much prayer. We must escape the deadly trap of becoming merely a “talk group,” filled with surface discussions. These young mothers are busy people, and most of them will be depending upon husbands to baby-sit this one evening.

My friend said she would take over all preliminary arrangements. She even suggested the textbook to be used. I was delighted with her choice. I’ve been familiar with it for a long time.

It was not originally written in English, but we’ll be using several excellent translations.

It not only gives infallible directions on how to become a Christian, but those for a continuing walk with Christ. It houses plain “do-it-yourself” instructions as well. It deals with the sanctity of marriage, and with the holy trust of parenthood. We shall consider both topics soberly and prayerfully.

Since ours will be an all-English-speaking class, we’ll waste no time sparring over what the directions

“mean.” They are neither foggy nor obscure. Instead, we’ll zero in on what the directions “say.” There is a difference. Sometimes we are prone to make even the simplest sentence “mean” what we wish it did—rather than to accept what it clearly says.

Markets are flooded with publications on the art of living. They are as plentiful—and some as potentially harmful or as ineffective—as fad diet regimes.

A number of such books have catchy titles, and are bubbly with exuberance. Instant advice is offered for almost any situation. Their popularity flares wildly for a year or two before the fire subsides.

But there are fine books being written, too. Their worth, I believe, can largely be determined by the authenticity of the writer, and by the reliability of the publisher.

Our study manual heads the list of best-sellers. It is readily available from our lovely Idaho mountains to “the sidewalks of New York.” And it is my young friend’s first choice—the Bible. □

—**Thelma Gray**
Moscow, Ida.

“Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, handling accurately the word of truth” (2 Timothy 2:15, NASB).

The Editor's

STANDPOINT

THE BIBLE'S PURPOSE

Some years ago I was preaching in revival services in a crossroads town in Tennessee. One day I visited with a crew of men who were building a house near the church. A carpenter asked me a series of questions about the Bible.

What is the longest chapter in the Bible? The shortest chapter? The middle chapter? How many chapters? The longest verse? The shortest verse? How many verses? How many words?

I knew only one or two answers. He proudly answered them all. Then he ridiculed me for my ignorance until I quietly asked, "Do you know Jesus Christ as your personal Savior?"

"No," he admitted, "I'm not a Christian."

"Well," I said, "you have memorized a batch of trivial and mechanical facts, but you've completely missed the whole reason for the Bible."

Jesus said of the Scriptures, "They testify of me" (John 5:39). John said of his Gospel, "These are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the

Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name" (John 20:31). Peter said of Jesus, "To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins" (Acts 10:43).

The Bible is not self-contained. It exists for a purpose, to point to Christ. God has placed it in the service of the gospel. Knowledge about the Bible, and even knowledge of the Bible, is wasted unless a person comes to know Jesus as Savior and Lord.

In the past few decades many American churches have been stricken with two plagues—ministers who know little about the Bible, and ministers with an education in the Bible who have no personal relationship with Christ.

"The Bible as literature" may interest, but it doesn't save. The purpose of the Bible is to witness to Him who is the world's only Redeemer.

Through the Bible to the Bible is a dead-end street. But through the Bible to Jesus Christ is the road to life. □

A VERY SPECIAL MINISTRY

The Houston District has a very special outreach ministry going. The Conroe Church supports the ministry of prison chaplain C. F. McKee. Brother McKee attended his first Nazarene service in March, 1977; followed it up with a Bible and doctrine class in June; and in August his prison work was adopted by the church as an outreach ministry.

At the '78 district assembly, Chaplain McKee reported the first recorded revivals in the Texas penal system. Four meetings were conducted in which 29 services were held. The total attendance at these services was 4,117. Of these, according to the chaplain's report, "fully 60 percent went to the altar; there were many conversions, rededications, and fillings with the Spirit!" Several of our Nazarene preachers brought the messages in these revivals.

In addition to the four revivals, regular services were conducted on Sunday mornings, Tuesday nights, Saturday mornings and Saturday afternoons. In these prayer and Bible study groups, the chaplain utilizes the help of dedicated laymen as teachers,

counselors, and musicians. The average attendances are exciting: Sunday morning, 290; Tuesday night, 190; Saturday morning, 100; Saturday afternoon, "pushing 300!"

One brief paragraph in the chaplain's report especially thrilled me: "When you showed me the Who, What, When, Where, How, and Why of the Holy Spirit, I realized we were still in Acts 19. I let the Holy Spirit be the administrator and the manna has not ceased to fall!"

We join the chaplain and the Houston District Nazarenes in praising God for "one victory after another" at the prison in Huntsville, Tex. And thank you, Superintendent D. W. Thaxton, for sharing that report with me. I fervently hope it will help to inspire similar ministries at many prisons. The thousands of inmates in our prisons need to know that someone cares enough to share with them the love and message of Jesus Christ. He died for them, and some of us must live for them if they are to discover Him as their Savior. □

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HIS WORK GOES ON

The morning I sat down to write this editorial brought me some sad news. A telephone call informed me that Shelburne Brown had just died. Dr. Brown was a choice and gifted person. I taught under him for five years, and I never had greater confidence in or deeper respect for any leader under whom I have served. He was always more than a colleague in ministry; he was a friend and brother. I did rejoice that his sufferings were over and that he was with the Lord, but I sorrowed for his family, for his friends, and for myself. His kind do not come along every day.

But I thought of the oft-quoted words of John Wesley: "God buries his workmen; His work goes on." Another will fill the presidency of Point Loma College. Others will preach the services that Dr. Brown would have preached had he lived longer. They will be different from him, but through them God will continue His own work in our needy world. His work goes on. In this age, the individual Christian is mortal, but the gates of death will not prevail against the Church.

I thought of Wesley's words when I was first struggling to fit (how awkwardly!) into my assignment as editor of this magazine. Angry over one of my replies in the "Answer Corner" feature, a preacher wrote me to say that he wished the column could have been buried with the sainted J. B. Chapman. I could understand my brother's feelings in the matter. Leaders of the stature of Dr. Chapman are scarce, and his answers were wise and helpful. Perhaps no one misses him more than I do.

But God's work goes on. Each of us must do the best he can with what he has. And we have to do our own work in our own way. It does not enhance our effectiveness to try to be copies of another, however well the other person wrought.

Every pastor deserves freedom to be himself, and not to be forced into the mold of a previous pastor. The same is true of general superintendents, college presidents, district officials, and even lowly editors. Saul's armor won't fit David, but Goliath can tell you that it doesn't matter. God's work goes on, and He can use us all if we trust and obey. □

ADVENTURE INTO TRUTH

Since we moved to the Kansas City area, Doris and I are the only residents of our home for the first time in 35 years. With our children grown and away, we have larger measures of time and privacy for reading, so we are taking advantage of this new situation to enjoy an exciting project. We are engaged in the study of Mark's Gospel together. We haven't been at it long, but already the intellectual and spiritual stimulus is enriching our lives.

Our teacher is one of the choicest in the church—Elwood Sanner. His excellent commentary on Mark in the *Beacon Bible Commentary*, and his volume on Mark in the *Beacon Bible Expositions* are our basic tools. (Knowing him personally adds interest to our study.) In addition to these books, all the lexical and exegetical resources of my library are laid under tribute in our quest for knowledge.

Our methods are simple but effective. We ponder the text, then turn to the other materials. We put questions to the text and to each other. (We also find

the text putting questions to us!) And we share in conversation the insights each has gained from reading and meditation. Though we use the same helps, we each keep a separate notebook. Of course, I keep jotting down sermon suggestions in mine.

While we are filling our notebooks, the Lord is filling our hearts. He brings us to himself in fresh encounters and adds grace upon grace in our lives.

Sharing an in-depth and life-related study of Scripture with one's companion is the happiest learning experience I have ever had. Indeed, it is one of the few compensations for the aging process and the empty nest! I would heartily recommend it to couples who find themselves alone after years of larger family involvement. What can be more rewarding than to study the Book one loves best with the person one loves most?

Best of all, it is a means of deepening our love for, and allegiance to, Jesus Christ as Lord. □

"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." (Psalm 119:105)



LAMPLIGHT

THE PASSAGE FOR STUDY: 1 Peter 5:6-14 (NASB)

With these verses Peter closes his great letter to suffering Christians. He is sure of the outcome of their sufferings—they will be “strengthened and established” here, and they will share the “eternal glory” of Christ hereafter. With this confidence in the outcome, he can close his letter with “Peace be to you all . . .” Peace is not the absence of conflict; it is the assurance of victory.

1. *A call to humility* (v. 6).

Much of the world’s strife results from its struggle for position and recognition. The Christian is called to leave “promotion” to God and trust His wise scheduling. Since God favors the humble and resists the proud, for a believer, “the way up is down.”

2. *A cure for anxiety* (v. 7).

Humility involves the “casting” of our anxieties upon the Lord. “He cares for you”—this is the only security we have or need in a world filled with anxiety and suffering. Since His is “a mighty hand,” He can cover us when we ought to be shielded, and He can hold us when we must suffer. His love is sure and His grip is strong; therefore we can live in trust instead of worry.

3. *A cause for sobriety* (vv. 8-11).

God’s care is no excuse for our carelessness. We are in a battle, and we need to remain vigilant and alert. Three factors about our spiritual warfare are grouped here:

(1) Our *adversary*. As God is the source of our Good, so “the devil” is the source of our troubles and persecutions. He stalks the

church as relentlessly as a roaring lion seeks its prey.

(2) Our *allies*. We are called upon to “resist” the devil remembering that our “brethren who are in the world” undergo the same bitter trials. It is said that “misery loves company.” Peter assures these particular churches that misery *has* company. The devil is out to get us all, and we need to encourage one another in the Lord.

(3) Our *assurance*. The “God of all grace” who has called us “to His eternal glory” has a purpose in allowing us to suffer. By this means He will “perfect, confirm, strengthen and establish” His people. We will never become strong, mature, and Christlike without undergoing suffering.

Purpose-related trials, therefore, are “for a little while.” They

seem long when we are in the midst of them, but they are brief compared to “His eternal glory.” And being purpose-related, they are under His control, part of His “dominion forever.”

(4) *A command for stability* (v. 12).

“Stand firm” in “the true grace of God” is our battle order. True favor with God is not evidenced by prosperous, untroubled living, but by the trials He designs for our perfecting. We are not to complain, therefore, or to collapse, but to stand, resisting the enemy and trusting in God.

Greetings and benediction close the letter. Silvanus has served as Peter’s secretary. Mark is called his son. These men had the rare privilege of assisting the two great Christian leaders of the first century, Peter and Paul.

“She,” in verse 13, is probably the church at Rome. “Babylon” is here a code name for Rome.

The “kiss of love” upon forehead or cheek was a gesture of goodwill in the Early Church, usually exchanged when they celebrated the Lord’s Supper. Persecution by the world would make their fellowship in Christ doubly precious.

The letter opens with a petition for peace (1:2) and closes with a benediction of peace (5:14). Within this parenthesis of peace from God our Christian lives, with their sufferings and triumphs, are to be lived. □

MY LIST

*I made the plan and included God
The task was tedious and the end failure.
The Lord said, “Child, be still and know,
I have purposed and included you.”
But time grew short and eagerness betrayed me.
Impatience said, “God, where are You?”
“This is His day,” Memory replied.
“Let Him do the tally of the minutes.”
Tomorrow, instead of changing the list,
I’ll take some time and consult Him first.*

—SHERRILL L. WEEKS
Anaheim, Calif.



Dr. Dean Wessels
Executive Director

SERVING Those Who SERVE

SERVICE—that one word pretty well summarizes the responsibility of your Department of Pensions and Benevolence. The department exists to serve the ministers and families of the Church of the Nazarene. Our ministers sacrificially fulfill a labor of love for God, for their brothers and sisters in Christ, and for those yet enslaved by sin. The Department of Pensions and Benevolence is your provision for these who labor so well.

Your Department of Pensions and Benevolence

The Church of the Nazarene first organized its endeavors to provide financial assistance for retired ministers in 1919. This organization was known as the General Board of Ministerial Relief. When this board was integrated with the newly formed General Board in 1923 it became the Department of Ministerial Relief.

Though benefits have been granted to retired Nazarene ministers and widows of ministers since 1919, it was not until 1970 that the first bona fide pension program, along with provision for funding, was ratified by the district assemblies. This "Basic" Pension went into effect April 1, 1971.

By action of the General Assembly in 1972, the name of the department became the Department of Pensions and Benevolence.

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THE "Basic" Pension is the foundation of the Nazarene ministerial retirement program and is financed by the Pensions and Benevolence Budget. Your local church, by paying this budget in full each year, is enabling the Church of the Nazarene to continue providing retirement benefits for our ministers and widows of ministers.

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It is expected that this formula will continue to be increased at regular intervals as each church continues to pay its Pensions and Benevolence Budget in full each year.

Nearly 1,800 Nazarene ministers and widows of ministers currently are receiving monthly retirement benefits from the Department of Pensions and Benevolence.

Ministerial Pension

PART TWO

A SECOND, but essential, part of your pastor's retirement program is the Nazarene Supplemental Retirement Program. Enrollment in this program may be initiated by your church, as employer, or by your pastor. All paid staff members (lay and ministerial) are eligible and may be enrolled.

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ATHLETES IN MISSION

AIM, the international sports-witness ministry sponsored by the Department of Youth Ministries, surpassed even the greatest expectations as 62,500 people in Korea, Taiwan, Philippines, Australia, and New Zealand saw the team play and heard their half-time presentation of Christian testimony.

This was the first attempt by the Youth Department to capitalize on the universal interest in sports by using it as a forum for Christian witness. In addition to playing 32 basketball games with the national and local teams in the 5 countries, the AIM squad conducted 15 clinics and demonstrations, and participated in 24 Nazarene church services.

The missionaries on the districts which hosted the AIM team were overwhelmingly positive in their appraisal of the AIM ministry.

Brent Cobb, missionary to Korea, said, "The AIM effort was a big success. The play and attendance just got better and better. The last game at Chun Chon City was really outstanding, with over 8,000 in attendance, and a tremendous half-time with the best response of all." Rev.



Cho is organizing a church through the prospects from the game in Chun Chon.

Rev. Bill Porter, district superintendent on the New Zealand District, reported that the AIM effort helped greatly in getting the church into the news and gaining acceptance among a class of New Zealanders who did not know or care about the existence of the church. A special 30-minute coverage of one of the games played in New Zealand was featured on one of the country's two TV channels. Clear

credit was given to the Church of the Nazarene.

Rev. Porter summed up his feelings about the team when he said, "The impact of AIM has probably had more influence on the country than any other thing we have done."

The Department of Youth Ministries is thrilled with the success of the AIM program. The team has been invited to return to some of the areas where they played and ministered last summer. Present plans include a tour for AIM during the summer of 1980. □

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FIRST MEMBER OF PRIME TIME

Prime Time, a membership association for Nazarene senior adults, was launched September 11 at NIROGA. The first member to be received was Elmer Snodgrass (4), lay pastoral assistant of the Charleston, W.Va., Davis Creek Church, and district director of Senior Adult Ministries of the West Virginia District. Viewing the pin, Pastor Merlin Provanec.

Elmer has been responsible for Senior Adult Ministries in his local church, an annual retreat on the West Virginia District, and he has helped organize more than 20 senior adult groups in his area.

The local senior adult fellowship made it possible for Elmer Snodgrass and his wife to go to NIROGA to receive this honor. □

1979 NIROGA DATES ARE SET

NIROGA dates for 1979 include a special to Hawaii (May 29 to June 7), and a return to the fabulous Banff Springs Hotel in Canada (October 9-13), five retreats in all.

The season starts with the everpopular "Sno-bird" event at Lake Yale, Fla. Reports still come in about the outstanding event last year, said by some to be the best retreat yet. Sno-bird begins February 26 and concludes March 2.

Hawaii calls in the spring! Departures will be from Los Angeles, San Francisco, and Seattle, on May 29. A three-island venture, with cultural exchanges and social events with Hawaiian Nazarenes is planned, including an authentic luau at Kona. The final three nights are in Honolulu at Waikiki.

In the fall *Glorieta* sets the pace with a Monday evening through Saturday morning event that starts September 17. Enrollment is limited to the first 1,000 applicants (double occupancy). A waiting list is expected.

Ridgecrest follows immediately, September 24, with a regular schedule. This year a full enrollment (800) plus

a waiting list of 100 was experienced for NIROGA's first visit to Ridgecrest. Foliage tours to the East are perennial favorites, and 1979 will be no exception.

The 1978 Banff experience witnessed balmy "Indian Summer" weather. Retreaters took trips to Lake Louise and to the mountain trails. Gondolas to the top of the mountain operated to care for the conventions at the world famous Banff Springs Hotel. There NIROGAs had everything under one roof—no steps, hills, or cafeteria lines. Banff is a fantasy world where nostalgic castlelike living comes to life. The 1979 date is October 9-13.

Information folders and advertising helps are available for any or all these events. The retreats are for adults (only), 55 and up, their spouses, tour leaders, and staff personnel. Write NIROGA, Department of Adult Ministries, at the headquarters address. □

NAZARENE SCHOLARS PINPOINT STUDY OF GREAT COMMISSION

Some of the best trained minds in the Church of the Nazarene will focus on the Great Commission during 1979 in a series of Great Commission Colloquia.

The colloquia will be sponsored on seminary and college campuses by the Department of Home Missions in conjunction with the resident faculty of each institution.

The first scheduled colloquium will be at Nazarene Theological Seminary February 20-23, 1979.

Dr. Raymond W. Hurn, executive director of the Department of Home Missions and convenor of the colloquium, says the intense study of the Great Commission is intended to explore how the Church of the Nazarene can renew the characteristics of a religious movement.

A colloquium is defined by Webster's *New World Dictionary* as an "organized conference or seminar on some subject involving a number of scholars or experts."

Dr. C. Peter Wagner will continue in his role as key lecturer and stimulator in Great Commission studies, a role he has had in previous church growth seminars sponsored by the Department of Home Missions.

Each colloquium will feature reaction and feedback sessions conducted by resident faculty of the institutions to explore the content of the lectures more deeply and to apply the ideas to the contemporary Nazarene context.

Future colloquia include Olivet Nazarene College, May 28-31; Tre-


vecca Nazarene College, December 5-8; and Northwest Nazarene College, December 10-13.

Attendance and registration for the colloquium will be handled by each sponsoring college. For details, potential participants should contact the college in their zone. □

NBC BEGINS 12TH YEAR

Nazarene Bible College began its 12th year of operation in Colorado Springs on September 6. Dr. L. S. Oliver, president, reports a total of 686 students enrolled for the new year. All of the campus buildings are totally utilized for the training of students for Christian ministry. The new Music and Speech Building has been fully landscaped and all rooms are in use. The Student Union Building, now freed from the Music Department in the basement, has been converted into facilities for the Student Council, yearbook, faculty-staff lounge, and student game room.

New professors joining the staff of NBC include Professor Jim Bond, who is assistant professor of Practical Theology and chaplain of the college. Rev. Bond received his A.B. degree from Pasadena College and the M.Div. degree from Nazarene Theological Seminary. He has pastored churches



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in Olathe, Kans.; Casper, Wyo.; and Nampa, Ida. He served one term as a missionary in Brazil. Then he pastored in Oklahoma City and most recently was pastor for three years at Colorado Springs First Church. Mr. Bond served as international president of the NYPS, 1968-72.

Dr. Ross E. Price is new professor of Theology and Bible. He received the A.B. degree from Northwest Nazarene College, the M.A. and B.D. from Pasadena College, and an honorary doctorate from Pasadena College. In 1950 he was awarded the Master of Theology degree from McCormick Theological Seminary. He earned his Ph.D. degree in 1966, from the University of Southern California. He has taught at Olivet Nazarene College, Pasadena College, and more recently was superintendent of the Rocky Mountain District.

Professor Donald G. Whitlock is new chairman of the Division of Christian Education and associate professor of Christian education. He received his B.Ed. from the University of Alberta, Edmonton, Canada; and the M.R.E. degree from Nazarene Theological Seminary.

He served as a junior high school teacher of science in Edmonton, Alberta. Also, he was editor of the junior high curriculum in the Department of Church Schools in Kansas City from 1970-75. He is author of *Teaching Today's Junior Highs*, published in 1976. He has served as weekend counselor at Cedar House, Olathe, Kans. More recently he has served as associate in educational ministries at Boise, Ida.. First Church and as a part of the adjunct faculty in Christian education at Northwest Nazarene College.

Professor Yvonne Smitley has recently completed her Master of Education degree from East Texas State University. Course work was also completed for a reading specialist certification. Prof. Smitley received her A.B. from Olivet Nazarene College in 1970. After teaching in the public schools in Ohio, she moved to Dallas and was employed as an administrative assistant in the editorial department of a Christian publishing company. In the fall of 1977 Prof. Smitley moved to NBC where she is an instructor of language arts and study skills. □



More than 250 persons, many of them family, friends, and former colleagues of the late Dr. Clyde P. Fisher, were on hand when the new life sciences building at California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, was dedicated in his memory, July 28. The ceremony, which was held near one of the main entrances of the \$6.25 million structure, included a tribute to Dr. Fisher by Cal Poly's president, Dr. Robert E. Kennedy; descriptions of the building and the science programs it will house; and unveiling of a portrait painting of Dr. Fisher. He served the university from 1947 until his death in 1975. During that time he was a member of the mathematics faculty, dean of educational services and curriculum planning, dean of the college, and dean of science and mathematics. He also was acting vice-president for academic affairs from December, 1973, to July, 1974. The painting of Dean Fisher, completed recently by Robert Reynolds of the university's art faculty, under commission from the Cal Poly Retired Faculty/Staff Club, will be hung in the main foyer of the new building. Shown with the portrait are Dr. Milo Whitson, president of the Retired Faculty/Staff Club; Mrs. Helen Fisher, Dr. Fisher's widow; and the university president, Dr. Robert E. Kennedy.



Men in Mission team at Meridian Fitkin Memorial are shown (l. to r.): Talmadge Johnson, district superintendent; Joe Jones, pastor, Jackson First; Jimmy Morris, pastor, Meridian Oakland; Thomas Roberts, pastor, Sartinville; Butch Lipscomb, pastor, Bethlehem; Richard Boone, pastor, Jackson Emmanuel; Albert Freeman, layman, McComb; Tommy Stanley, layman, Jackson Emmanuel; Lee Hightower, director of Men in Mission; Don Lambert, pastor, Columbia.



Charles Johnson, left, pastor of Meridian Fitkin Memorial, with Jimmy Morris, pastor of Meridian Oakland, about to start painting.

MISSISSIPPI MEN IN MISSION HELP BLACK CHURCH

Ten men, led by Lee Hightower, district director of the Mississippi Men in Mission, performed about \$3,000 worth of work for about \$1,250 at the Fitkin Memorial Church parsonage at Meridian, Miss.

Rev. Talmadge Johnson, district superintendent of the Mississippi District, says that the Fitkin congregation is doing very well in their new building. Attendance is good, offerings are on the increase, and enthusiasm is high. □

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DANKESCHON FOR THE RETREAT

Dankeschon (Thank you)—is what many American servicepersons and their families serving in Europe are saying to the Department of Youth in Kansas City for sponsoring the American servicepersons' Retreat in Berchtesgaden, Germany.

Once again this city in Bavaria, nestled among the majestic mountains, was the site of the annual Nazarene Retreat. The weather was uncooperative, but God's Spirit was present and once again people left with renewed strength.

This retreat was a time for service people to worship with others of like belief—a time of sharing burdens and problems and joys—a time of making new friends and becoming personally acquainted with missionaries and their families, pastors from the European countries, Nazarene chaplains serving in Europe, and friends from the area—a time of awareness of each other's needs.

Chaplain Moore and Chaplain Hannah were welcomed to Europe. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wheelock traveled the farthest to attend this week of spir-

itual renewal, flying in from Saranac, Mich.

The Word of God was heard from Dr. V. H. Lewis, general superintendent. The presence of the Holy Spirit was felt especially after the Wednesday evening service. Many opened their hearts to seek the fullness of the Holy Spirit.

We learned about the work of the Church of the Nazarene around the world. For instance, less than one-half of one percent of the people of Denmark attend church. Rev. Eliassen and Rev. Nielson (John) shared their burden for the Danish people with us. There is exciting growth in the churches in The Netherlands, and Rev. Holleman and Rev. Nielson projected their excitement.

Dr. Richard Zanner, district superintendent, reported that two new churches were started on the Middle European District. The English-speaking churches in Germany are a part of the Middle European District.

Eight students are studying at European Nazarene Bible College in Switzerland. Rev. Mosteller also shared his enthusiasm for what the Lord is doing in Portugal.

The radio ministry in Italy is flourishing. Rev. Scognamiglio, Rev.

Long, and Rev. Lovett shared the need for \$14,000 to purchase a tent in which to hold tent meetings throughout Italy. The Nazarene Retreat responded by raising over \$800 toward a tent.

There were special songs, a choir, and also a handbell choir. Thank you, Prof. and Mrs. Kranich, for taking extra hours, making it possible for us to join in this experience.

Aufwiederschen (See you again) was extended to Chaplain Len Dodson from London and Chaplain Chuck Moreland from Germany. Both will soon return to the United States. Good-byes were also said to Kurt and Susan Schmidlin and Ray and Trudy Brunett. The Schmidlins have contributed to the retreat program by working with the children. The Brunetts have participated in the retreats for their four years in Germany. Each couple received a plaque to commemorate their faithful support.

We thank those at home who made it possible for someone from your church to attend the retreat. A special *Dankeschon* to the Warren, Ohio, Champion Church for sending MSG Don Sapp to this retreat.

Please remember the service people in Europe. They need your prayers. Through this Nazarene Retreat and the involvement with the European districts, they are able to become aware of the Family of God all over the world. *Dankeschon* for making this possible. □

—Chuck Moreland, reporter

THE INDIA CHURCH COUNCIL MEETS

The annual meeting of the India Church Growth and Evangelism Council of the Church of the Nazarene convened in Bombay, India, on September 19-22, with interim mission director, Rev. J. Willis Anderson, presiding.

A spirit of unity and concern prevailed throughout the meeting. Business sessions were held each day, and the evenings were times of inspirational messages and worship.

Encouraging reports were received from our national district superintendent from East Maharashtra, Rev. D. M. Kharat; from Rev. P. J. Meshramkar, principal of the Bible training school; also Rev. B. A. Greer, superintendent of the Western Maharashtra District; Rev. John W. Anderson, superintendent of the work in the capital city of India, Delhi and New Delhi; and Rev. W. J. Pease, superintendent of the work in the city of Aurangabad; gave enthusiastic reports. □

—J. Willis Anderson, Reporter



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BETHANY, OKLA., FIRST CHURCH MINISTRY EXPANDS OVERSEAS

Six college students who attend Bethany, Okla., First Church spent the first three weeks of August in the Netherlands working with the Dutch Church of the Nazarene. Primarily they were to help staff the Dutch District Youth Camp, held near Beekbergen in the east-central part of the country.

The project resulted from a speaking appearance by Cor Holleman, Dutch district superintendent, at Bethany First last January. Rev. Holleman mentioned to Orville Jenkins, Jr., college/singles minister,

that they could use some help for their youth camp.

Although each student would have to pay his/her own way, 27 students applied to go. And yet, only a maximum of 8 could be accommodated by the hosting Dutch church. Those selected included Kathy Higgins, Bobby Miller, Danny McDowell, Cindy Scarlett, Becky Underwood and Carol Witzke, along with Orville Jenkins.

In addition to the amount each student paid for his own expenses, the congregation of Bethany First gave \$604 to help offset expenses the Dutch incurred due to the students' visit.

The mission to give resulted in a mission of receiving . . . an appreciation for the work of the church in Holland, a love for the Dutch people, new friends, an enlarged perspective of the worldwide Church of the Nazarene, and a greater depth of Christ-likeness. □

THIRD ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETS IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Jerry Porter reported 28 organized churches with over 900 members. "With the Lord's help we will have 33 churches organized by our third district assembly this December, with over 1,000 members."

According to Paul Say ". . . in the past seven months, eight Work and Witness teams have built eight buildings!"

Paul Jetter related that ". . . at the last district assembly there were 179 Nazarenes in seven Creole-speaking churches here in the Dominican Republic. Now we have 345 members in nine churches." □

—Mary Jetter, Reporter



SOUTH CENTRAL ZONE FELLOWSHIP

The Houston Lockwood Church was the host church for the South Central Zone Fellowship Labor Day weekend. Rev. F. L. Hargrove, host pastor, made everyone feel welcome.


Rev. Eddie L. Burnett, zone secretary-treasurer, reports that "the fellowship was outstanding and will serve our spirits in the days ahead as we labor for the Lord in our great church."

The participating churches were: San Antonio Eastside, Rev. L. W. Adams, pastor; San Antonio West End, Rev. E. L. Burnett, pastor; Columbus, Tex., First Church, Rev. R. L. Bedford, pastor; Port Arthur, Tex., Central, Rev. C. L. Jones, pastor; and the Houston Lockwood Church, Rev. F. L. Hargrove, pastor. Lay representatives were present from the churches.

This opportunity to come together in regional zone fellowships provides an avenue for fellowship, exchanging news and views, prayer, preaching, and spiritual victories. □



The group prepares to board a subway train at Victoria Station in London during stopover en route to Rotterdam, Holland. Transporting the luggage was a difficult obstacle.



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BERTOLETS, MUSICAL: Greenacres, FL, Dec. 1-3
BISHOP-EVENSEN GOSPEL TEAM: Southern Texas Concert Tour, Dec. 5-20
BOHI, JAMES: McAllen, TX (First), Dec. 6-10; Colorado Springs, CO (Black Forest), Dec. 13-17
BOHI, ROY: Corpus Christi, TX (Community), Dec. 5-10
BOND, GARY & BETH: Cleveland, MS, Dec. 5-10; Jackson, MS (Grace), Dec. 12-17
BUCKLES-BURKE EVANGELISTIC TEAM: St. Elmo, IL (Edge-wood), Dec. 5-10
BURKHAMMER FAMILY, THE GOSPEL SINGING: Canyon City, CO (Lincoln Park), Dec. 1-3; Pittsburgh, PA (Holy Trinity Catholic), Dec. 17; Warren, OH (Bolindale), Dec. 31
CAMPBELL, BILL: Newman Grove, NE, Dec. 5-10; Reserved, Dec. 26-31
CAUDILL, STEVE & SUE: Fayette, OH, Dec. 5-10
CAYTON, JOHN: Hudson Falls, NY (Kingsbury Wesleyan), Dec. 5-10; Wolcott, VT, Dec. 12-17
CELEBRATION TRIO: Paden City, WV, Dec. 1-3; New Philadelphia, OH (First), Dec. 10; Reserved, Dec. 17-29; Ironton, OH (First), Dec. 31
CLARK, GENE: Coal Grove, OH (Chesapeake), Dec. 5-10; Reserved, Dec. 19-29
CLINE, JERRY: Benton, AR (Valley View), Dec. 5-10
COBB, BILL & TERRI: Springfield, MO (First), Dec. 5-10
COLLINS, LUTHER: Canoga Park, CA, Dec. 12-17
COX, CURTIS: Tichnor, AR, Dec. 4-10
CROFFORD, DON: Rochester, NY (Gates Community Chapel), Dec. 10 (a.m.)
DARNELL, H. E.: Pineville, LA, Dec. 11-17
DELL, JIMMY: Federal Way, WA, Dec. 6-10; Prescott, AZ, Dec. 27-31
DUNMIRE, RALPH & JOANN: Millington, TN, Dec. 5-10
FELTER, JASON: Jacksonville, FL, Dec. 31—Jan. 4
FORTNER, ROBERT: Louisville, IL (First United Meth.), Dec. 5-10
GAGNON, DAVE & KAREN: Indianapolis, IN (First), Dec. 3 (a.m.); Selma, IN (Harris Chapel), Dec. 3 (p.m.); Daytona Beach, FL (First), Dec. 10 (a.m.); Jacksonville, FL, Dec. 10 (p.m.); Lake City, FL (Trinity), Dec. 17

GUNTER, WILLIAM: Buhl, ID, Dec. 8-10
HAINES, GARY: Lovington, NM, Dec. 5-10; Amarillo, TX (Central), Dec. 12-17; Boulder, CO (First), Dec. 22-24; Colorado Springs, CO (Spanish), Dec. 31
HILDIE, D. W.: Grants Pass, OR, Dec. 5-10
HOLLEY, C. D.: West Branch, MI (Community), Dec. 5-10
HOOTS, BOB: Lexington, KY, Dec. 5-10
HORNE, ROGER & BECKY: Gallatin, TN (First), Dec. 3; Laingsburg, MI (First), Dec. 8-10
JACKSON, CHUCK & MARY: Pekin, IL (First), Dec. 3 (a.m.)
JACKSON, PAUL & TRISH: Reserved, Dec. 4-8; Concerts in Tennessee, Kentucky & Missouri, Dec. 10-14; Reserved, Dec. 15-31
JOHNSON, RON: Bend, OR, Dec. 3; Marysville, WA, Dec. 10 (a.m.); Oak Harbor, WA, Dec. 10 (p.m.); Concerts in Washington, Dec. 11-14; Moses Lake, WA, Dec. 17 (a.m.); Othello, WA, Dec. 17 (p.m.); Concerts in the Northwest, Dec. 18-21
LASSELL, RAY & JAN: Monticello, KY (First), Nov. 28—Dec. 3; Williamsport, PA (Calvary), Dec. 5-10; Sophia, WV, Dec. 12-17
LAXSON, WALLY & GINGER: Phenix City, AL, Dec. 8-10
LECKRONE, LARRY: Blue Springs, MO, Dec. 5-10
LEMASTER, BEN: Hanford, CA (First), Dec. 5-10
LESTER, FRED R.: Modesto, CA (Trinity), Dec. 2-10
LIDDELL, P. L.: Perry, MI, Nov. 28—Dec. 3; Charleston, WV, Dec. 5-10
LOMAN, LANE & JANET: Goshen, IN (Gospel Echoes), Dec. 5-10; Reserved, Dec. 18-30
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MEEK, WESLEY: Weatherford, OK, Dec. 1-3
MICKEY, BOB: Fowler, CO, Dec. 5-10
MILLHUFF, CHARLES: Gadsden, AL (Whites Chapel Bapt.), Dec. 14-17
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NEFF, LARRY & PAT: Flint, MI (West), Dec. 5-10; Zephyrhills, FL, Dec. 31

OVERTON, WILLIAM: Hopewell, VA, Dec. 5-10; Fort Myers, FL (North), Dec. 24, 30
OYLER, CALVIN: Tabor, IA (Weaver Mem.), Dec. 5-10
PASSMORE EVANGELISTIC PARTY: Summer, MI, Dec. 10-17; Bridgewater, VA, Dec. 31—Jan. 7
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PFEIFER, DON: Ramsauer, NC (Wesleyan), Dec. 5-10; Lockbourne, OH (C.C.C.U.), Dec. 12-17; Roanoke, VA (Calvary Tab.), Dec. 27—Jan. 1
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ROBINSON, TED: Conneaut, OH (Kelloggsville), Dec. 5-10
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SPRAGUE EVANGELISTIC FAMILY: Blythesville, AR, Dec. 5-10; Dover, OH, Dec. 12-17
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STEGALL, DAVID: Pasadena, TX, Dec. 5-10
STEVENSON, GEORGE: Manassas, VA, Dec. 12-18
STREET, DAVID: Carbon, IN, Nov. 27—Dec. 3; Georgetown, IN, Dec. 4-8
TAYLOR, EMMETT: Houston, TX (Northshore), Dec. 5-10; Wichita, KS, Dec. 13-17
THORNTON, RON & BONNIE: Reserved Dec. 25-31
THORNTON, WALLACE: Reserved, Dec. 25-30
TRIPP, HOWARD: Cottondale, AZ, Dec. 5-10
TUCKER, BILL & JEANETTE: Chesterfield, IN, Nov. 28—Dec. 3; Smithfield, PA (Free Meth.), Dec. 4-10
WELLS, LINARD: Red Rock, TX, Dec. 1-3
WILLIAMS, LARRY: Plano, TX, Dec. 8-10
WILLIAMS, LAWRENCE: Burleson, TX, Dec. 11-17
WISEHART, LENNY & JOY: Wellington, KS, Dec. 5-10; Winamac, IN, Dec. 13-17; Reserved, Dec. 18-28; Dayton, OH (North Ridge), Dec. 29—Jan. 1
WOODWARD, S. OREN: Denver, CO (Green Acres), Dec. 5-10; Weatherford, TX, Dec. 12-17
WYLIE, CHARLES: Park City, KS, Dec. 5-10

NOTE: The evangelists' slates are printed in the *Herald* monthly. The full directory is published in the *Preacher's Magazine*.

NEWS OF REVIVAL

Cuba, Ill.: We had an outstanding meeting with evangelists *Rev. and Mrs. Bill Tucker*. The key was prayer. The Sunday school superintendent began teacher/worker prayer meetings weeks in advance. Pre-revival sermons created expectancy on the people's part. This was the best attended series of services this pastor has seen. There was a very good response with new people being saved and new prospects becoming available. Revival has only begun. □

—Timothy J. Mercer, pastor

Des Moines, Ia.: Faith Church experienced a great revival through the ministry of *Rev. Rufus Sanders*. We had seekers each night and physical needs were met as well as spiritual. A spirit of revival continues and we are seeing people's lives transformed by the power of God. *Rev. Warren Rogers, Jr.*, was in charge of the music, along with *Mrs. Bettie Frazier*, a musician from Des Moines. *Rev. Larry Lott*, pastor of the Kansas City Blue Hills Church, and their choir chartered a bus to come and share in this revival. Average attendance was nearly 70 for the week.

Rev. Gene C. Phillips, of Des Moines East Side Church, and some of their members were faithful in helping the program of the mission. They have been a "Mother Church" to this inner-city mission for two years. □

—Robert and Rose Hunter, pastors

Peru, Ill.: A series of revival meetings with *Rev. Stephen Manley*, evangelist, and *Rev. Bob and Jane Muncie*, song evangelists, brought help to all who attended. Prayer meetings were held in homes for four weeks prior to the services. Many found help at the altar. Several were saved, four were

sanctified, and several experienced physical healing.

—Orville Jackson, pastor

Warren, Ohio: Champion Church has just completed one of the greatest spiritual revivals in our history with *Rev. Howard Hill* of Clearwater, Fla., and song evangelists *Jim and Rosemary Green* of Canton, Ill. God honored our church and gave us many victories. Many young couples were saved along with several teenagers.

—George A. Hazlett, pastor

Titusville, Pa.: We recently closed our fourth revival with evangelist *Guy Wright*. Each time the Lord used him more effectively. This has been the most outstanding revival the church has had. People were at the altar each night. One night there was no preaching, with the altar full. A contributing factor were the prayer meetings held for three weeks prior to the revival.

—Larry Vanderhuff, pastor

Chariton, Ia.: We had the privilege of having the *Gospel Singing Policemen* on a weekend in April. The breakthrough we have been praying for came in the Sunday morning service. Our congregation will never forget the quality and spirit of *Bob Bishop* and *Greg Evenson*. The altar and front seats were lined with those who came to pray. There was great victory.

—Terry L. Rohlmeier, pastor

Cedar Rapids, Ia.: Trinity Church had an outstanding meeting with evangelist *Ralph Tucker* and the *Roger Sweeneys*, song evangelists. Attendance was the best ever. There were 95 saved or reclaimed and about 50 came to the altar for sanctification.

—James L. Hayes, pastor

Nowata, Okla.: First Church saw a great revival under the ministry of *The Clarion Trio*. The singing was very good and the preaching was strong and clear. There were a number of people under great conviction during the course of the meetings. On the final night, as people obeyed the Holy Spirit, a number came forward to pray. Two were saved that night. The church experienced a real breakthrough.

—James Rotz, pastor

Mount Sterling, Ohio: We recently had revival with evangelist *Richard Strickland*. There was a wonderful atmosphere. Families claimed loved ones for the Lord and many were reached. The altar wasn't long enough. Families were united. On Sunday following, 11 of these teens were received into the church fellowship. Many

never missed a night of revival and they brought their friends who received spiritual help also.


—Robert W. McNeely, pastor

Mena, Ark.: We were blessed in a wonderful way through the ministry of evangelist *David Fraser*. He preached holiness with clarity and power. He is able to do personal work and relates well to teens and all ages. New Christians were strengthened in their faith. Others were won through his ministry. God blessed in a great way.

—Wesley E. Harris, pastor

Flint, Mich.: *Rev. Bob Hoots* was the evangelist for a gracious week of revival at First Church. The scene on Sunday morning was hard to describe. Someone called it "holy pandemonium." Typical comments: "We haven't experienced anything like this in 25 years or more;" "Pastor, where are we going to put all the people?" The revival has put a new cutting edge on the church's evangelism. God gave this pastor the promise of revival for our church during the Conference on Evangelism last January. God has answered prayer!

—B. Edwin McDonald, pastor




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NEWS OF CHURCHES

The **Madison, Ala.**, church recently dedicated their new parsonage. Pastor and Mrs. Douglas Hendon received about 100 guests at the open house. Dr. W. Charles Oliver, district superintendent of the Alabama District, conducted the dedicatory ceremony. The Honorable Burnwell Wilbanks, mayor of Madison, gave greetings.

Members of the Board of Trustees—Larry Caddy, Richard Hatoway, and Louis Millikan—also participated in the ceremony. The parsonage was built by donated labor of the congregation and friends. It has 2,240 sq. ft. of floor space, with 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, dining area, kitchen, utility room, study, library, and garage. This home was constructed for a cost of \$27,500, including patio, air-conditioning, fireplace, all modern appliances (dishwasher, washer and dryer, refrigerator/freezer, stove, garbage disposal) and carpeting throughout. □

August 6, **Grand Bay, Ala.**, **First Church** dedicated their fellowship building debt-free. Dr. W. Charles Oliver, district superintendent of the Alabama District, conducted the dedicatory service and brought the message. Special singing was by the Bolton Family of Atmore, Ala. The size of the building is 30 ft. by 50 ft., with kitchen and rest rooms, air-conditioned, and furnished. The cost of the building and furnishings was \$10,724. Emily T. Duncan is the pastor. □

Sixty policemen and their families accepted the invitation of **Kansas City First Church** and attended the morning worship service Sunday, September 17. The officers came in their uniforms and heard Dr. W. E. McCumber preach on the subject "Jesus Is Equal to Our Needs." A total of 180 were guests of the church for dinner following the service.

Rev. Chic Shaver, associate pastor of evangelism, directed the plan. □

September 30 a capacity crowd of well-wishers from local and zone churches gathered to celebrate the 25th anniversary of **Edinburg Scotland First Church**, in the Gorgie Baptist Church Hall, loaned for the occasion. Pastor Ronald Thomson welcomed more than 70 guests to a banquet, and various visiting pastors brought greetings from their people.

The weekend services were signally blessed by the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, especially in the anointed ministry of Rev. Sydney Martin, guest preacher.

District Superintendent D. J. Tarant presided at the Saturday night gathering. Founding Pastor Neil M. Robertson gave an account of the establishing of the church. Rev. Leslie Roberts brought greetings. Special music, written and composed by Mr. Robertson, was rendered by the local choir. □

Rev. and Mrs. James Kesler, of West Lebanon, Ind., recently conducted a successful vacation Bible school at **Orland Park, Ill.**, **First**

Church. A record average attendance of 103 was set, with the peak attendance being 118.

The Day-Care Center, under the direction of Mrs. Terry Henschel, a new member of the Orland Park Church, participated in the VBS program and activities. Two families who attended Bible school and who also have a child in the Day-Care Center have started to attend Sunday school and church. □



The **Quincy, Ill.**, **Emmanuel Church** dedicated a new structure July 30 with Dr. George Coulter, general superintendent, bringing the dedicatory sermon, and Dr. James Hunton, district superintendent, offering the dedicatory prayer. The new building is of brick exterior, air conditioned and carpeted. It includes a newly-furnished sanctuary with seating for over 350, pastor's study, office for minister of music, and 4,200 sq. ft. of education and fellowship space. It was attached to the original building, thus bringing Sunday school growth potential to at least 400. By using a local contractor, the cost per sq. ft. was \$16.00. Rev. Edison M. Grant is the pastor.



The new facility of **New Albany, Ind.**, **East Side Church** was dedicated July 30 by Dr. William M. Greathouse, general superintendent. Dr. B. G. Wiggs, district superintendent of the Southwest Indiana District, was present. The new church and parsonage is relocated on a prime 18 acres just outside New Albany, near Interstate 265. Pictured is the sanctuary that will seat 600. Added to this is a Sunday school unit, including a 36 x 60 ft. fellowship hall, for a total of 16,000 sq. ft. A new Baldwin organ was installed in the sanctuary and four new Wurlitzer pianos were placed in the Sunday school units. A sound and recording system was installed to begin a tape ministry. Also, a beautiful parsonage, fully carpeted, was built to match the church. The buildings and ground represent an appraisal figure of near \$600,000, with an indebtedness of \$150,000. Rev. Doyle S. Hofferbert is the pastor.



The **Winnipeg, Manitoba**, **Beulah Church** was organized in February, 1960, by Dr. Edward Lawlor in a building they purchased from the Baptists. The congregation has just completed a new sanctuary valued at \$155,000, bringing the total value of their property to \$275,000. The new building was dedicated October 1, with Dr. Edward Lawlor present to challenge the congregation and give the prayer of dedication. The congregation was led in the act of dedication by Rev. Donald P. Kauffman, pastor of the church since September, 1977. Others participating in the celebration were Rev. Vern Hannah, Rev. Dalton Marsten, Rev. Fred Merrett, Dr. Franklyn Wise, Dr. Herman L. G. Smith, Mr. William Martens, Rev. Leonard Blair, and Rev. Ronald Fry.

OF PEOPLE AND PLACES



Mrs. Blanche Guinn, age 83, living in the Anderson Nursing Home, Grand Saline, Tex., joined the Church of the Nazarene in 1915. The church was first organized in 1910 by Rev. and Mrs. Joe Collier. The first church building was constructed in 1915. The present brick structure was built with much sacrificial giving and work by the members and friends of the local church under the ministry of Rev. Don Adams. Mrs. Guinn, along with a host of others, has been very faithful down through the years. She rarely misses a Sunday and is a great boost to Pastor Tomie Martin. It is of particular interest that Mrs. Guinn has been taking the *Herald of Holiness* since the first issue.

Dudley Strickland, one of the twin sons of Dr. and Mrs. Charles H. Strickland, received his Ph.D. in biochemistry at K.U. Medical Center, August 9. He has been appointed to the Department of Biochemistry at Notre Dame in South Bend, Ind.

Dudley is married, and he and his wife, Jacqueline, will be moving to South Bend. While in Kansas City, they attended the Overland Park, Kans., church. □

Dr. Mike Miller, a licensed psychologist of the state of California, has received two honors for 1978. He has been selected as one of the *Outstanding Young Men of America* in recognition for professional achievement and community service, and listed in *Who's Who in America* for excellence in professional endeavors and civic activities.



He is a postdoctoral fellow of the Neuropsychiatric Institute of the University of California. He has a private practice in Westwood, Calif. He conducts singles workshops and retreats, and ministers weekly to 300 singles in his Bible studies in the Bel Air area.

Dr. Miller is the son of Rev. and Mrs. Allen Miller, of Shawnee Mission, Kans. □

At recent commencement exercises, Oklahoma State University conferred upon Rev. Lum Newberry the Doctor of Education degree. The degree is in the area of Student Personnel and Guidance in Higher Education, with special emphasis in counseling. Dr. Newberry's dissertation is entitled "An Analysis of Counseling Activities of Pastors in the Church of the Nazarene." Dr. Newberry is pastor of the Owasso, Okla., First Church. □



Owen C. Weston, pastor of the Fairview Heights, Ill., Crestview Church, received the Doctor of Ministry degree during the 18th annual commencement exercises at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City.



Weston completed his undergraduate work at Olivet Nazarene College,

Kankakee, Ill., with a B.A. and M.A., and received the M.Div. degree from Nazarene Theological Seminary in Kansas City.

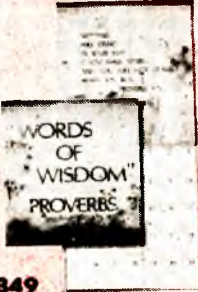
Weston is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Weston of Cape Town, South Africa, and the son-in-law of Dr. and Mrs. T. H. Jones, medical missionaries to the Republic of South Africa. He and his wife, Lynette, have one daughter, Christina, age five. □

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Bivocational Pastors of the Year and their wives were photographed just before adjournment, with Dr. Raymond W. Hurn, center. Rev. Bill Young, far left, is coordinator of Racial Minority Missions.

BIVOCATIONAL PASTORS OF THE YEAR HONORED BY DEPARTMENT OF HOME MISSIONS

Twenty-five district bivocational pastors of the year were honored September 26-29 at an honor seminar in Kansas City, hosted by the Department of Home Missions.

The pastors were selected by their districts for their achievement in the dual role of secular breadwinner and professional pastor.

Welcoming them, Dr. Raymond W. Hurn, executive director of the Department of Home Missions, said they represented as much as 67 percent of all Nazarene pastors who earn some or all of their living at secular work.

"For too long," he said, "we have looked at the bivocational as a sort of 'second-class pastor' without realizing that the bivocational ministry is a valid calling of God.

"I know of no movement," he said, "anywhere in the world at any time where the church has grown rapidly that it did not do so on the sacrificial efforts of bivocationalists."

Three purposes were listed for the Honor Seminar:

1. To applaud the bivocational pastor and to recognize the significance of this ministry by honoring a representative group;
2. To draw upon the experience of the group for ideas in enlisting and equipping a larger number of bivocationalists;
3. To awaken laymen and ministers to an awareness of the great potential of bivocational ministry in the expansion of the church and fulfillment of the Great Commission.

He called for 1,000 additional bivocationalists in the next decade to lead the way in "attacking the evil forces in these three nations—Britain, Canada, and the United States—whatever sacrifice may be required. □



Rev. and Mrs. Joshua C. Wagner were recently honored by the Livermore Falls, Me., church, for 50 years in the Nazarene ministry, 11 years of which Mr. Wagner served as district superintendent of the Maine District. Pictured (l. to r.), the Wagners are shown receiving from Pastor Paul D. Basham, a scrapbook filled with letters of congratulations and best wishes from many church leaders. A graduate of Eastern Nazarene College, Mr. Wagner began his ministry in 1928. He and his wife, Ruth, are now retired and live in Jay, Me.



Rev. and Mrs. Gilbert A. Rushford were honored by San Bernardino, Calif., First Church, October 8, in recognition of 15 years of service. A reception was given in the afternoon, at which time a check was presented for a trip to Hawaii.

MOVING MINISTERS

DENE ANSTINE from evangelism to Springfield (Ohio) Central
WAYNE L. BOGUE from Iberia, Mo., to Marion (Ind.) Boulevard
CLAYTON BONAR from Alhambra, Calif., to Richland, Wash.
JIM BRADFIELD to Sarcoxie, Mo.
LYLE E. CLANCY from Oelwein, Ia., to Mount Pleasant, Ia.
JOHN R. CONGALTON from Bellaire, Ohio, to associate, Bedford, Ohio
RANDALL J. CRAKER from student, Nazarene Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Mo., to Sandpoint, Ida.
CAINAN DALE from Bloomington (Ill.) First to Mendota, Ill.
IAN DAVIDSON from MacKay, Queensland, Australia, to Adelaide, Ingie Farm, South Australia
JOSEPH FIDELMAN from Portsmouth (Ohio) Highland Bend to Walbridge, Ohio
DAVID FULKS from North Jackson, Ohio, to Campground manager, Columbus, Ohio
DON GIVENS to Ozark Chapel, Mo.
JOHN A. HAHN from Royal City, Wash., to Asotin (Wash.) County
SHIRLEY F. HICKE from evangelism to Smithfield, Ill.
PERRY HIPPLE from Tucson (Ariz.) Central to Chico, (Calif.) First
STEPHEN K. HOBBS from Range Cities, Minn., to Upland, Ind.
JACK E. HOLCOMB from Reed City, Mich., to New Cumberland, Pa.
RON HUTCHISON from associate, Warr Acres, Okla., to McCune, Kans.
TERRY L. IRISH from student, Nazarene Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Mo., to associate, Roseburg, Ore.
JAMES L. KING to Heppner, Ore.
CHARLES McFARLAND from Columbus, Kans., to Aurora, Mo.
RONALD J. MCGILVRA from Richland (Wash.) First to Nampa (Ida.) Bethel
STEPHEN R. McWILLIAMS from Wilburton, Okla., to associate, Hueytown, Ala.
WILLIAM M. MACK from Bertrand, Mich., to evangelism, Niles, Ind.
JAMES MATTHEWS from Dunbar, W.Va., to Venice, Fla.
DWIGHT MEAD from student, Nazarene Bible College, Colorado Springs, Colo., to Portland, Mich.
SAMUEL MYERS from Lenoir City, Tenn., to Vienna, W.Va.
NORMAN K. PHILLIPS from Covington (Ky.) Eastside to Summit, Ky.
CLAUDE PITTINGER from Jonesboro (Ark.) Wood Springs to Conroe, Tex.
JOHN R. PORTER, evangelism, Pelham, Tenn.
BILL REBMAN to Galesburg (Ill.) Faith
KENNETH RICHARDSON to Moline (Ill.) Community
DOUGLAS SAMPLES from associate, Detroit (Mich.) Bethel to Bowling Green, Ohio
EDWIN J. SIMMONS from New Berlin, Wis., to Lomax, Ill.
JAMES SMITH to Mount Hermon, Tenn.
STEPHEN SMITLEY from Conway (Ark.) College Ave. to Midview, Ohio
DAVID UTT to Farmington, Ill.
PAUL E. WHITE from Morris, Ill., to Danville (Ill.) Northside
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RECOMMENDATIONS

I am happy to recommend REV. CURTIS COOK, elder in the Church of the Nazarene with a long tenure of pastoral experience, who is now entering the field of evangelism. His latest pastorate was Memphis, Tenn., North Church. He is an able preacher, projects a warm, friendly, positive influence, and will do a good work wherever he is called. I hope our churches will use him in revivals, holiness conventions, etc. He may be reached at 2002 Shore Drive, St. Augustine, Fla. 32084.—*H. Harvey Hendershot, Tennessee district superintendent.*

EVANGELISTS' OPEN DATES

REV. JOHN H. LANIER, evangelist, reports that he has open dates in January, February, September, and November, in 1979. Contact him at 111 W. Poplar St., Junction City, Ohio 43748. Phone: (614) 987-2441.

VITAL STATISTICS

DEATHS

BERTHA MAE BOWLES, 74, died Sept. 23 in Lake Worth, Fla. Memorial services were held in Lake Worth by Rev. Walter Moore and Rev. C. R. Moore. Funeral services were conducted in Charleston, W.Va., by Revs. Philip Bowles, Harold Smith, David Prater, Jean Raliff, and Dr.

C. D. Taylor. Surviving are her husband, Keyser; 4 sons, Rev. Philip, Ray, Keith, and Ralph; 1 daughter, Mrs. Ross (Mary Lou) Taylor; 14 grandchildren; and 7 great-grandchildren.

NORA BURNS, 95, died Oct. 6 in Decatur, Ill. Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Dwight P. Millikan. She is survived by two daughters, Edna Boutcher and Pansy Allison; and two sons, Dean and Floyd.

DAVID L. CALL, 28, died Oct. 17 in Chicago, Ill. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. R. J. Cerrato in Lemont, Ill. He is survived by his wife, Lana; one son, Andrew David; his parents; one brother; and one sister.

ENOS R. EBY, 81, died Oct. 20 in South Miami, Fla. Rev. H. S. Mills officiated at his funeral services in Coral Gables. Surviving him are his wife, Ruby Kuhn Eby; 3 daughters, Mrs. Lester (Helen) Fahringer, Mrs. Thomas (Mildred) Scott, Mrs. Christos (Grace) Georges; 3 sons, Ray L., Rev. C. Lee, and Frank E.; and 16 grandchildren.

ARTHUR C. GRIFFITH, 92, died Sept. 22 in Creston, Ia. Funeral services were conducted by District Superintendent Forrest E. Whittlatch. Surviving are two sons, Vester and Paul; a daughter, Mrs. R. W. (Pauline) Jones; 7 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

MRS. OTTOLENE HARRISON died Aug. 8 in Brantford, Ontario, Canada. Funeral services were conducted by Pastor A. Aikens and Revs. M. Burgess, A. Petersen, and L. E. Sparks. She is survived by two sons, Bradley and Curtis; and one daughter, Mrs. R. (Isobel) Fowler.

VERNON HOLCOMB, 67, died Oct. 12 in Hanceville, Ala. He is survived by his wife, Elsie; 5 daughters, Ruth Mickle, Nadene Hitt, Jewel Hitt, Virginia Little, and Geneva Bailey; 14 grandchildren; 1 great-grandson; 3 sisters; and 4 brothers.



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OF RELIGION

MARTIN HUIKKO died July 18 in Litchfield, Minn. Funeral services were conducted by Revs. David Ehrlin, William Rowland, and John Wright. Survivors are his wife, Vernice; four daughters, Shirley, Sharon, Sylvia Pearson, and Sandra Weiler; two sons, David and Stan.

JENNIE GARNET McCUNIFF, 93, died Sept. 21 in Montrose, Colo. Rev. Bob Broadbooks and Rev. Ray Summers conducted the funeral services. She is survived by six daughters, Mildred L. Nash, Mary Irene Stringer, Garnet G. Summers, Stella T. Curtis, Opal Mae Bookout, and Katherine Kastendieck.

JOSEPH EDGAR PURINTON, 63, died Oct. 26 at Fort Lauderdale, Fla. Funeral services were conducted by Revs. E. Jasper White, Keith Wright, and Carl Mills. Surviving are his wife, Juanita; one son, David B.; his father; one brother; two sisters; and two grandsons.

MRS. ALMA U. SAYES, 80, died July 10 in Shreveport, La. Funeral services were conducted by Pastor A. Wayne Mills. Survivors include her husband, Archie L.; 5 sons, Luther E., Harvey R., Richard, Dr. J. Otis, and Dr. W. Howard; 1 daughter, Melba Simmons; 1 sister; 1 brother; 12 grandchildren; and 5 great-grandchildren.

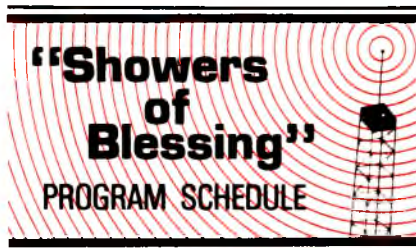
MRS. LILLIAN (NETZBAND) SCHERRER, 87, died Sept. 25 in Chattanooga, Tenn. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. John Andrus and District Superintendent Glen Jones. She is survived by her husband, Rev. L. J. Scherrer; one daughter, Mrs. June Bowes; three grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and three sisters.

CHARLES F. SHAFER, 55, died Aug. 12 in Kansas City. Services were conducted by the chaplain at Fort Leavenworth, Kans. Survivors are a daughter, Allyson Erickson; two step-children; two step-grandchildren; one sister; one half brother; two half sisters; and his father.

MARGIE M. SHAFER, 43, half sister to Charles, died in an auto accident Oct. 7 in Sulphur Springs, Ark. Rev. Loran Strahm officiated at the funeral services. She is survived by two daughters, Marilyn Kay and Marcella Faye; one adopted daughter, Tammy; one brother; and two sisters; and her father.

REV. GEORGE SHERRY, 65, died July 20 at Hawthorn, Pa. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Earl Schrekengast. Rev. Sherry had pastored in Indiana, West Virginia, Florida, Ohio, and Pennsylvania. Surviving are his wife, Anna; one daughter, Mary; two sons, Paul and Robert; and five grandchildren.

CHARLOTTE STAIT, 94, died Sept. 16 in Calgary, Alberta, Canada. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Harvey A. Shroud. She is survived by 1 daughter, Edith Ticknor; 3 sons, Elwood, Eric, and Kenneth; 9 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.



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BIBLE SOCIETY TO PUBLISH ARABIC NEW TESTAMENT. The American Bible Society has announced that, despite the war in Lebanon and a near-sinking at sea, the modern-language Arabic version of the New Testament will be off the presses by Christmas.

Samuel Yeghnazar, acting secretary of the Bible Society in Lebanon, said his staff in Lebanon had to brave fire and heavy shelling to protect the manuscript for the first modern Arabic version of the Scriptures.

However, civil strife was not the only gauntlet the manuscript had to face, he noted. About two years ago a small sailing vessel was carrying manuscript materials to Beirut when a raging storm arose. According to a Bible Society account, the tiny ship nearly sank in the Eastern Mediterranean where the apostle Paul ran into trouble 20 centuries ago. Without radio or motor, the ship drifted to the port of Jounieh, north of Beirut, to be greeted by a hail of bullets.

The manuscript—and the crew—survived that threat as well, and the Bible will be available this year for the 90 million people who speak Arabic, those who live mainly in North Africa and throughout the Middle East. □

HOLIDAY INN SETS GAMBLING CASINO AND LOSES ITS PRESIDENT. Much has been written about the decisions a president and chief executive officer of a mammoth corporation must make that entail ethics, complete honesty, and religious feeling. Meet a man named L. M. Clymer. He's quitting as the No. 2 man of the Holiday Inns empire. A matter of "personal and religious convictions" was involved in his taking "early retirement" at 55.

Holiday Inn's board had decided to build and operate a \$55 million hotel-casino in Atlantic City, the gambling capital of the eastern U.S. Mr. Clymer, president and chief executive officer, opposes gambling and promptly quit his high-paying job.

In a statement issued by Holiday Inns, Inc., Mr. Clymer said: "It is my overriding regard and respect for my Lord Jesus Christ which has led me to this decision. My determination to follow His leading for me is the basis for this decision. It has been discovered through prayer and the study of His Word over many months. It is a very personal discovery and, as well as I presently understand, it is His will for me alone." □

THAI CROWN PRINCESS RECEIVES EVANGELISTIC TAPES. The new popular Thai version of the Bible was launched here by the Voice of Peace and displayed at a meeting by the Bible Society of Thailand. According to the Asia Christian Communications Fellowship, the Crown Princess of Thailand visited the exhibitions and received a gift of evangelistic cassettes from the Voice of Peace organization.

In other news from the communications fellowship, it was announced that the 1980 Consultation on World Evangelism will be held June 14-18 in Pattaya, Thailand. The announcement was made by LCWE Chairman Dr. Leighton Ford, who cited Thailand's position as "a strategically located Third World country." □

EAST GERMANY EASES RESTRICTIONS AGAINST CHURCHES. Communist East Germany has softened its stance against churches. Permission has been given to construct 55 church buildings in new communities, a total reversal from previous government policy.

For the first time since the Soviet takeover in 1945, churches reportedly will be allowed to broadcast Christmas programs over a nationwide hookup, and will be given television access for other major religious holidays as well.

They will also receive a state subsidy to run an international Luther Festival in 1983, the 500th birthday of the reformer. □

THE ANSWER CORNER

Conducted by W. E. McCumber, Editor

There is a religious group which considers it wrong to address our Father as Lord and God, or our Savior as Jesus and Christ. Why do they consider his wrong?

I have never heard of the group you mentioned in your letter, and so I cannot say why they consider this a wrong practice.

But I do know that the New Testa-

ment calls our Father "God" and "Lord" in a number of places, and that it calls our Savior "Jesus" and "Christ" in many places. That is good enough for me. □

I have a question on church elections. In a local church 15 candidates are selected by a nominating committee. The ballot reads, "vote for 8 for trustees and stewards." The people vote not knowing which will be trustees or which will be stewards. These are selected by the church board after the board is elected. Is this according to the "Manual"? I personally interpret the "Manual" differently. Your opinion please.

The *Manual*, on page 64, in paragraph 112.9, provides that (1) where civil law permits and (2) where the annual meeting approves by a majority vote, a specific number of persons can be elected to the board, and not as trustees or stewards. It is understood that a certain number of

those elected will be named as trustees, and a certain number named as stewards, but the actual naming will be done by the board. So, as long as the two conditions mentioned above are observed, the church is acting within its rights in having this kind of election. □

How did Satan come into existence, and how did he get into heaven?

God created him by His Word, for "All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made" (John 1:1-3).

When God made him, however, he was good, and only later became a "Satan"—an adversary of God. His fall from God into evil is not detailed for us, but it is indicated in scripture (John 8:44).

He was in heaven prior to his fall. "Heaven" has several meanings in scripture. Any heaven to which Satan now has access is by God's permission

and under God's control. Satan's "house" suffered a forced entry by Christ (Mark 3:27), but no one, not even Satan, can force entry to God's house!

Satan's power is limited, having been decisively broken at the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus (John 12:31; 16:11; Colossians 2:14-15). And his doom is sealed (Matthew 25:41; Revelation 20:12-14). Meanwhile, he busily opposes God, deceives men, and seeks to carry as many with him to that doom as possible. □

Can you clarify what the "Manual" means when it says, "the church board shall provide . . ." (Par. 109)? Does that mean the pastor can appoint members from among the duly elected board members to serve as this committee, or does it mean that the board must select by ballot those they choose to have serve as this committee? It seems that the board is providing either way, however, the means of arriving at this seems to be left open. I would appreciate your opinion on this matter.

Since the *Manual* does not say "The church board shall elect," but only that it "shall provide," I assume that the method of providing this Evangelism and Church Membership Committee is optional. The board could

vote to authorize the pastor to appoint the committee. But the language of the *Manual* here would preclude pastoral appointment unless and until the board authorizes it. □

CAROLD J. VAN SCHOIACK, 73, died Sept. 10 in Burr Oak, Kans. Rev. Ron McElfresh and Rev. Don Delaney officiated at the funeral services. He is survived by his wife, Mattie; two brothers; and one sister.

WILLIAM R. WISE, JR., 43, died Oct. 12 in Whittier, Calif. Services were conducted in Whittier by Rev. Maurice Palmquist. Interment was in Boise, Ida., with Rev. Jarrell W. Garsee officiating. He is survived by his mother and one sister.

BIRTHS

DANIEL AND PATRICIA (HINMAN) BAKER, of Parsons, Kans., a girl, Amy Renee, Oct. 20

KENNETH AND GLORIA (WATCHORN) BIBLE, Kansas City, Mo., a girl, Kindra Lynn, Aug. 21

ROBIN AND MICHELE FRAKES, Dresden, Ohio, a girl, Amanda Dawn, Oct. 9

JOHN AND LINDA (KOEPCKE) FORCE, Corpus Christi, Tex., a boy, Brian Scott, Aug. 10

LESTER L. AND NORMALEE (RILEY) HALE, Lake Charles, La., a boy, Darin Vincent, Oct. 12

WILLIAM AND DIANE HAWORTH, Uruguay, a boy, Jason Robert, Sept. 29

TERRY L. AND CAROL (HELLIWELL) IRISH, Roseburg, Ore., a boy, Jeremy Ryan, Sept. 13

TIMOTHY AND ANNETTE (PATNODE) McBEE, Casper, Wyo., a girl, Lindsey Dawn, Sept. 30

GARY AND DEBBIE PARK, Dresden, Ohio, a boy, Michael Leslie, July 26

DAVID AND MARCIA PECOR, Charlottesville, Va., a boy, Jason Robert, Oct. 20

STEVE AND GAIL (SHREFFLER) PUSEY, Columbus, Ohio, a girl, Andrea Joy, Oct. 3

DON AND DONNA (ROMIN) ROHRER, Nappanee, Ind., a girl, Lisa Anne, Oct. 12

TERRY AND DONNA (WALKER) WARD, St. Charles, Mo., a boy, David Christopher, Oct. 5

MARRIAGES

CHERYL PARK and RICHARD ROLLISON at Dresden, Ohio, Aug. 19

BRENDA PATTERSON and GARY GODBEY at Oak Hill, W.Va., Sept. 30

FAITH ELLEN HOUGH and TOMMY LAWTON at Oklahoma City, Nov. 4

ANNIVERSARIES

MR. AND MRS. MERTONE KEMP, of Casper, Wyo., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary August 12. An evening reception was given in their honor in the Diamond Room of the Holiday Inn by their children: Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kemp of Watertown, S.D., and Mr. and Mrs. Bill D. Ray (Clarice) of Powell, Wyo. Rev. Kenneth Ball, former pastor, of Eagle Rock, Ida., and District Superintendent Darrell Slack assisted Pastor Paul Harris in a brief sacred ceremony.

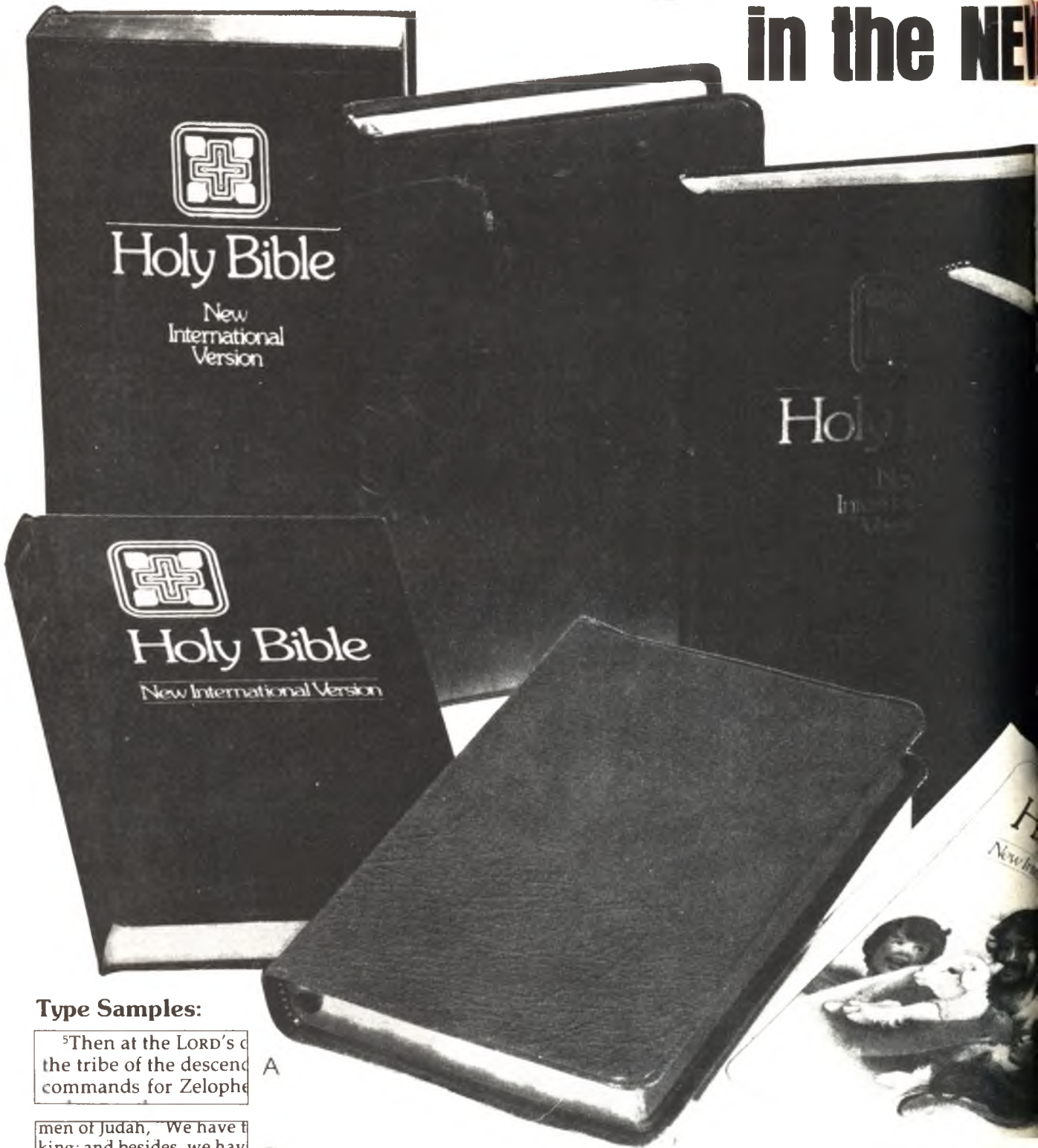
MR. AND MRS. REX ROBY, members of the Lancaster, Calif., Valley View Church, recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at an open house given by their three children: Rex Roby, Jr., of Colorado Springs; Delora Gastineau of Lancaster, Calif.; and Charlotte Wayman of Oakhurst, Calif. The Robys have 10 grandchildren.

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About this time a professor at Olivet Nazarene College decided to put action into his teaching on personal evangelism, and he sent his students out with an assignment of house-to-house calling. One team chose the rural area close to the campus.

The Holy Spirit had gone before and had prepared the way, for here the students met and chatted with the young man who had been so carefully reading that New Testament tucked into that auction-sale bookcase. The callers witnessed out of the overflow of their hearts and the listener absorbed every word.

An urgent invitation to a revival campaign followed, and the young farmer

found his way to the services. The congregation was made up of a great crowd of community residents and many college students. The atmosphere was friendly, the music was uplifting, the preaching of the evangelist was fervent and scriptural. Many responded to the appeal of the gospel, and among them was the new resident; he left the service with a vital experience of salvation. How he enjoyed the friendliness and the fellowship of the congregation! Before long, on a red-letter Sunday, he joined with them in church membership.

With the passing of time a lovely Christian girl, a graduate of the college, entered his life, and the pastor performed a marriage ceremony uniting this fine couple.

The years have passed since then. Where are these people today? Many planted the seed: Wilber Warren and George Psaute rang the doorbell, Professor R. L. Lunsford was the teacher, Dr. L. B. Byron was the pastor, and Dr. G. B. Williamson was the evangelist. But what of the principals, Howard and Adda Farmer? (Yes, the name and occupation are the same.) They are both faithfully filling their place with a wonderful spirit and a warm testimony. They can be depended on; and many are the people who have been directed to a church pew by this smiling man serving as usher.

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NAZARENE BUILDING PROFESSIONALS PLAN ORGANIZATION

The executive officers of the Association of Nazarene Building Professionals met October 26 in Kansas City at the Radisson Muehlebach Hotel to review preparations for the organization of the ANBP.

Chairman James Couchenour of Cogun Industries, Boardman, Ohio; secretary Don Jernigan, architect from Nashville; along with Mr. Harold Allen and Dr. R. W. Hurn of the Department of Home Missions, made final hotel and convention arrangements and issued a call to the Steering Committee to meet in Kansas City November 27.

Following the organizational meeting, the building professionals will be involved in a training process for District Boards of Church Properties scheduled February 6-8, 1979 at the Radisson Muehlebach Hotel.

Members of the Steering Committee include a number of architects, engineers, construction managers, and building contractors: Mr. Ray Bowman, Mr. James Couchenour, Mr. Don Jernigan, Mr. Donald Eby, Mr. John Westmoreland, Mr. Kenyth Fausz, Mr. Jerome Richardson, Rev. Edward Levin II, Mr. Wayne Roberts, Mr. Jim Moore, Mr. W. W. Deese, Mr. Clifton Couey, Mr. Jim Hensley, Mr. Thomas Schriber, Mr. Bill Harrison, and Dr. Ronald Schmidt. □

—NCN

PRINCE DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT OF PITTSBURGH

Rev. Bill Prince is a graduate of Nazarene Theological Seminary. He pastored churches at Reseda and Ventura, Calif., and Minneapolis, Minn., First Church, before accepting the post of president of European Bible College in Busingen, Switzerland in 1970. In 1976, he returned to the United States and has been pastor of the Dayton, Ohio, Parkview Church since that time.

He succeeds Dr. Robert Goslaw, who resigned his position to accept an appointment as administrative assistant to Dr. Robert Scott, superintendent of the Southern California District. He will be in charge of cross-cultural ministry both in assisting existing churches and planting new ones. He will advise on building programs and give help to small churches in their growth plans.

In July, Dr. Goslaw completed 26 years as a district superintendent. Fourteen years were spent on the Pittsburgh District, and 12 years on the New York District. Before his ap-



ANNOUNCEMENT:

With the approval of the Board of General Superintendents and in consultation with the District Advisory Board, I have appointed Dr. William J. Prince (presently pastor of Dayton Parkview Church on the Southwestern Ohio District) superintendent of the Pittsburgh District, effective January 1, 1979.

—V. H. Lewis
General Superintendent

pointment to the New York District, he had pastored churches in California. □

—NCN

FIRST NAZARENE WOMAN CHAPLAIN

The Chief of Naval Personnel has approved the appointment of Rev. Karla S. Ogden of Whittier, Calif., to the Chaplain's Corps, United States Naval Reserve.



Dr. Earl C. Wolf of the Department of Education and the Ministry, in announcing the appointment, said: "Rev. Ogden is to be congratulated on her new assignment to serve the men and women of the United States Navy and Marine Corps."

Karla is the first Nazarene woman chaplain in the church's history.

She will spend a period of time with a Naval Reserve unit. She will attend Chaplain's School in January and February, 1979, and will then be assigned to a Naval Reserve unit near her home.

Karla has just begun a new assignment as associate pastor at the Camarillo, Calif., church. □

—NCN

NAZARENE CHAPLAINS' RETREAT

Under the auspices of the Department of Education and the Ministry, Nazarene chaplains from the Army, Navy, and Air Force were in Kansas City for a Chaplains' Retreat, November 6-10.



Dr. Earl C. Wolf, who coordinated the conference, reported that 23 attended.

The chaplains heard Dr. Paul Bassett of Nazarene Theological Seminary during the devotional periods.

Several of their number presented issues unique to military chaplaincy. They toured Headquarters, Nazarene Publishing House, and the seminary. On Thursday, they met with the general superintendents and headquarters executives. A helpful discussion took place between the chaplains and church leaders about the program of the church and the chaplain's relationship to it.

The chaplains expressed their appreciation for the contact which the

retreat provided. They were united in their hope that steps can be taken to improve the channel of ministry by the church to them, and through them to the people to whom they minister. □

—NCN

AINSCOUGH SPEAKER ON SPANISH BROADCAST

Dr. Alberto Ainscough is to be the speaker on "LA HORA NAZARENA" for the first six months of 1979.



Dr. Ainscough, the son of a Nazarene missionary, is a native of Argentina. He and his wife are both medical doctors and have spent a four-year term at the Reynolds Memorial hospital in India. They have returned to Buenos Aires, Argentina, where he is pastoring the Central Church as well as reestablishing his and his wife's medical practice.

Response to the Spanish language broadcast has been unusually high, according to Paul Skiles of the Department of Communications. Large numbers of cassettes of the messages have been mailed to people who have requested them.



A correspondence course in the New Testament is also offered and is very popular.

The program is aired over more than 400 stations in Central and South America and the Caribbean. □

—NCN

WESLEYAN THEOLOGICAL CONFERENCE MEETS

The 14th annual meeting of the Wesleyan Theological Society met November 3-4 at Mount Vernon Nazarene College. The society is composed of biblical scholars who embrace the Wesleyan theological doctrine.

Papers were read by Dr. Robert Lyon and Dr. George Alan Turner of Asbury Theological Seminary; Dr. Alex Deasley and Dr. Mildred Bangs Wynkoop of Nazarene Theological Seminary; and Dr. Clarence L. Bence from the Candler School of Theology at Emory University. The conferees also heard an address by Dr. Melvin Dieter of Asbury Theological Seminary.

Discussions centered on entire sanctification and Pentecost.

A record attendance of approximately 200 was reported.

Officers elected were: Dr. Lawrence Woods, president elect; Dr. Wayne Caldwell, secretary-treasurer; Lee Haynes, editor of the *Wesleyan Theological Journal*; and Dr. Donald Dayton, promotional secretary. □

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