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JESUS can never be classified as a closet-room philosopher. His lessons are always specific and usually to an individual. When He taught us about strength required to live the good life, He identified it as a new birth and insisted that it was imperative. But He taught this to a well-trained teacher, Nicodemus, in an overtime session at night. The truth of that lesson finds us today.

Another time, when He was hungry and exhausted and sat by a well to rest while His disciples went to the village to purchase provisions, He encountered a Samaritan woman who had been running away from herself. Her inner frustrations and defeats made her both flippant and argumentative with Jesus. But He countered with gentleness and patience and penetration. Finally she confessed to the villagers nearby that He had seen through her, saying, "Come, see a man, which told me all things that ever I did: is not this the Christ?" (John 4:29)

The finest lesson on motherhood and wholesome family ties comes to us from the horrible scene at the Cross. In an hour when Jesus might have been looking for pity for himself, He took time to look out for His mother. He saw the three Marys standing with John and declared to His mother, "Woman, behold thy son!" Then to John He added, "Behold thy mother!" John concludes the record, "And from that hour that disciple took her unto his own home."

Jesus actually afforded strength to His mother by suggesting that she care for John, and He gave John undergirding by entrusting His mother to him. John caught the point. Here is the clue to wholesome family life and to the true source of Mother's charm and blessing—unselfish service, unconscious giving.

True motherhood knows no union wages or regulation hours. Her love prevails in the dark hours. She does not tell all she knows. She is not compelled except by an inner constraint. She is radiant and her life is aglow. She bears misunderstanding and delays. But she is a bulwark to our home life and to our very civilization. God still provides for men through mothers and for mothers through men. His command becomes our joy.
Holiness and the Guarantees of God

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"UNBREAKABLE." "Guaranteed pure." "Pre-shrunk." "50,000 miles or 5 years." "Lifetime guarantee." To Americans these phrases are so common they have become almost meaningless. They appear on countless labels and signs; they accompany clothes, toys, and appliances which are familiar in everyday life. The life of Joe Citizen is, in fact, guaranteed against almost any inconvenience or disaster.

Long before the advent of the "lifetime guarantee," however, mankind was the recipient of another "guarantee"—the guarantee or promise made by God concerning holiness for man.

The word "holiness" is used through the Bible in many contexts and with many shades of meaning. Frequently it refers to a state brought about by sanctification, an act in which a closure between God and man is effected with eradication of sin as the end result. This act happens in a moment, "in the twinkling of an eye"; it is a definite, single experience in the life of a Christian. The result of sanctification is holiness—a method or manner of living and a state of existence.

Long ago God, speaking through the Apostle Paul, gave this assurance to His followers: "The very God of peace sanctify you wholly; . . . Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it" (I Thessalonians 5:23-24). Earlier still He had guaranteed through His prophet Ezekiel, "I the Lord have spoken it, and I will do it" (Ezekiel 36:36).

God never teases His children, never "kids them along." When He gives a command, He expects it to be obeyed; when He lifts a standard of moral living, He expects it to be reached, and He guarantees the necessary grace for accomplishment. As Uncle Buddy Robinson said on numerous occasions, "If you supply the man, the Lord will supply the grace."

God has declared that without holiness no man shall see the Lord (Hebrews 12:14). These words are not just a "filler" used by the writer of Hebrews to take up space. They reveal God's concept of the necessity of a holy life. Therefore holiness of heart does not come about accidentally, or naturally, or as a result of death. If this were true, the placing of these words in the Bible would be unnecessary.

In the Sermon on the Mount Jesus said, "Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God" (Matthew 5:8). The opposite of this is also true—that those who are not pure in heart shall not see God. Thus holiness of heart and purity of heart are used synonymously and mean the same thing.

It is clear, then, that holiness is not a doctrine to be argued or a theory to be debated. Rather it is an experience offered and guaranteed to man—the offer and guarantee being made by God, not by the church or any of its agencies.

First of all, holiness finds its guarantee in the purpose of God.

From Genesis to Revelation it is plain that God's purpose for His children is holiness. Actually, God's Word is so full of holiness that someone has said the writers could not get it all on the inside, so it leaked through to the outside, where we read, "Holy Bible." Again and again God has commanded that we should be a holy people.

A young man, reading his father's will to the family, said through his tears, "After Father's gracious provision for us, if we do not carry out the purposes of his will, we are not worthy to bear his name."

So it is with us. If we would be known as Christians, we must carry out the provisions of Christ's will for us and live holy lives.

Holiness of heart also finds its guarantee in the promises of God. His Word is overflowing with gracious promises giving assurance that it is His will to sanctify our hearts and enable us to be holy of life. Christ says of the Father, "He shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; . . . he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you" (John 14:16-17).

"Jesus . . . being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should . . . wait for the promise of the Father, . . . For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost" (Acts 1:1-5). "And, behold, I send the promise of my Father unto you: but tarry ye . . . until ye be endued with power from on high" (Luke 24:49).

These are but a few of the promises God has given concerning the coming of the Holy Spirit, and God has never violated a promise He has made. His promise is His bond. His word is our assurance.

The fact that God has promised we can have the cleansing, purifying presence of His Spirit in our lives is the guarantee that we may have it.

Then, further, holiness is guaranteed by the power of God. Often the objection is made that man cannot be holy, that he is but human, and that in himself he does not find the strength and ability to live a holy life and be pure of heart. Such an objection is valid so far as it goes. If our hope of holiness were vested in our merit, our worth,
our power, and our effort, then certainly no person could attain unto holiness. But it is not left to our own power, nor to our own strength. If it were, we would have no guarantee of being able to have the experience. The power is not in ourselves; the power is from God, and that is the basis of our guarantee.

In I John we read, “If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin” (1:7). Let us be quick to see the truths taught by this verse. We do not wash ourselves. We do not cleanse our own hearts. We obey God—we walk in the light—we yield ourselves to Him, and God brings the cleansing for sin and the purity of heart.

Actually, this question as to whether or not God’s power can do the work in our hearts resolves itself into two simple and practical questions: (1) Is God willing to deliver from inbred sin? (2) Is God able to deliver from inbred sin?

Suppose my child were sick and I had medicine to provide the cure, but refused to give it. What kind of parent would I be? This is the accusation we make against God when we question whether He is willing to make us holy. He would have the power to cleanse from sin, but He would not choose to do it. In the light of revelation, such a concept of God is unthinkable.

But sometimes we are tempted to ask with the Israelites, “Can the Lord do this thing?” We know from God’s Word that “Christ . . . loved the church, and gave himself for it; that he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, that he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, . . . but that it should be holy and without blemish” (Ephesians 5:25-27). Is He able to do this?

God provided for the sins of the people; therefore we believe that we can be saved. Christ has, furthermore, provided for the cleansing of His people. Will we believe this also? “Jesus . . . that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate” (Hebrews 13:12). Is Christ able to do what He died to do? Is He able to provide what He suffered to provide?

Yes, He is able—able to redeem, able to sanctify, able to “save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him” (Hebrews 7:25). This is God’s guarantee. Accept it, live by its assurance, and you will be a happy, fruitful Christian.

Christ tasted death for every man that we might again reflect the image of God. He defeated the final enemy, death, and through Him we may also conquer sin. It is through acceptance of God’s gift of eternal life that man may realize his greatest worth. It is through man’s encounter with God that he reaches his highest destiny.—Carol Gish.

Left STANDING on the Steps!

IT WAS a cold, gray morning at the airport of one of our largest cities. As I peered out of the window of my motel at the patches of snow on the lawn, I reasoned, Why should I go to church this morning? Nobody knows I am in this town.

Then I remembered; in a certain large church in this great city one of our Nazarene choirs was to sing. After all, it was the Christmas season. So one and a half hours and $6.00 cab fare later I arrived at the church.

I was late; the choir was already singing; the church was full. I found a seat near the rear. The warmth of the church and the beauty of the program warmed my heart and I said, I’m glad I got out of bed and came.

The service over, I thought, If I ask an usher where the phone is, so that I can call a cab to go home, he may suggest someone who is going near my motel and I can save that six-dollar fare.

The Cover . . .

Many delegates and visitors to the General Conventions and Assembly in Portland, Oregon, June 18-26, 1964, will worship at Portland First Church of the Nazarene, 1211 S.W. Main Street, where Dr. Leslie Parrott is the pastor. The church has 319 members and averaged 228 in Sunday school last year. The General Conventions begin Thursday, June 18, and conclude Saturday, June 20. The General Assembly meets for worship on Sunday, June 21, with business sessions beginning Monday, June 22.
back. I might thus make the acquaintance of some of the good people of this church. The usher advised me there was a phone in the far room to the right of the chancel.

The room was occupied by some men counting the morning offering. They told me that no one was allowed in this room at this time, and that if I would go to the basement in the opposite corner of the church, there in a small room was another phone.

After due time I found the phone but there was no directory. I called "Information" and asked for the number of a taxi company that I might call. She said she could not give out such information and unless I could give her the name of the company she could not help me; so I started down the primary colors and soon she recognized one and gave me the number.

The cab called, I again returned to the main auditorium. Most of the people were gone. Not wishing to be the last to leave the church, I went out the door and walked halfway down the steps to await the cab. I must have called for one that was a long way off, for when all the people had left, the janitor came out, locked the door, and remarked, "I hope your cab will soon come." I did too, for I must have looked silly standing there without an overcoat. The cab came and I returned safely.

Maybe it was because I arrived late; maybe it was because of the special program; maybe it was because of the weather. It could be because I was almost two thousand miles from home at the Christmas season, but somehow it seemed to me that something was missing.

I visit this city regularly but have never returned to that church. Someday when the sun is shining brightly and I am in a better mood, I will try it again.

Next Sunday I will again visit some new Church of the Nazarene. It may be yours! I am a real person, you know. I visit real churches too. Only the names are withheld to protect the identity.

Your Church Visitor

III. AT PENTECOST: All Ages Become Active

Third of four articles on "Pentecost" by Brian L. Farmer, Pastor, Bristol, England

PENTECOST brought the fulfillment of one of Joel's astounding prophecies. He said that old men and young men, sons and daughters, and servants and handmaidens would be united in their diversity.

And so it was!

There were witnessing young people. There were mature saints casting experienced glances to history along with young men enthused by visions of the onward march of the kingdom of Christ. Pentecost achieved the miracle, which the Church has so often since tried to emulate, of using and uniting the differing ideas, temperaments, and techniques of a cross-section group of Christians to the overall purpose of effectively building Christ's kingdom.

No wonder St. Luke spoke of these people as being of one accord: they would have to be for results like this. Previously, even contemporaries could not get along. Now even opinion-opposites such as parents and children, old and young, employers and employees—though of different outlooks—were of one accord!

It is sometimes observed that here is a church of old folks, or there is a young people's church, but the fact is that the Church is an organism rather than an organization and ought to be composed of both new and aging cells. And this is so in a Spirit-filled church. Members are different in age and a hundred other ways, but nevertheless all active in the chief unifying purpose of their lives.

If we can maintain a Spirit-filled church in the Pentecostal sense, we can be assured that our sons and daughters will be witnesses. Is there a greater reward in the eventide of life than to see just this coming to pass? Too often, however, the second and third generations of once live churches are no more than rather reluctant adherents for sentiment's sake.

Young men with visions have always been indispensable to the outward march of Christianity. In all human endeavor some must dream the dreams and others see the visions. It is the difference between the conservative and the radical and progressive. Old age may shake its head a little at the progressiveness of youth, but it ought not; it is a vision they have.

That vision will have to become a mission if it is ever to be a reality. It is in the mission stage that all the visionary enthusiasm will be needed.

Last year Nazarene Missionary Dr. David Hynd, C.B.E., was in London taking part in the British Government's constitutional talks on Swaziland.
As a young man David Hynd had a vision of what God was calling him to do. The call was so clear—though to others he seemed a mere visionary—that he engaged in many years of arduous missionary labor. Now there is a reality in the fact of the established mission work in Swaziland. The world takes note.

Dr. Hynd is now retired. He will be dreaming some invaluably instructive dreams to pass on to his young successors. Their visions and his dreams will be complementary.

The new without due regard for the old would be insecure. We must always build on the good foundations laid by predecessors. Dreams have their setting in the past, but they nevertheless have a very real bearing on the future. Dreaming is useful for the same reason that a glance in the mirror is useful in driving. Visions alone are void of experience.

It has been said that if we were all radical we would blow up, but if we were all conservative we would dry up! Certainly Jesus had a place for both points of view; He had regard for things old and new.

When we allow the Lord to sanctify by the Pentecostal baptism with the Holy Spirit, we are of great use to Him—there is a place for us—regardless of the contribution we are able to make.

The Lord is never done with a man. When his visions are at an end, the church must eagerly take stock of his dreams.

The Pentecostal fullness of the Spirit insures that there is no redundant age-group in the church. Being a communion of workers together plus the power of the Holy Spirit, it is unbeatable!

To My Mother... with Love!

By RUTH VAUGHN

Dearest Mother:

For the past few days I have wanted to write you a letter to tell you how very much I love you. However words are so inexpressive that I have felt they would be inadequate, so I have let the days slip by with only deep thoughts of the fathomless love and gratitude that I feel. But somehow today I wanted to write, for there is a language of the heart that kindred souls understand even though it cannot be uttered in words, and I feel that you will know.

Since reaching adulthood with its varied experiences, I now seem to possess a greater concept of a mother's love than before—especially my mother's love—for it seems to me that your love has a greater quality, a broader view, a deeper depth, a larger sympathy, a longer endurance, a more intelligent understanding, a more meaningful expression, a steadier patience, a stronger faith, a brighter hope than any human love I have observed.

And when I think of your love, Mother, then I am able to have a greater confidence in God's love. For if God is like you, then truly His love and grace are marvelous. But when I pause to consider that God is not like you but that you are like God—then I see that the infinite God is love in the greatest and highest degree, and so I am grateful this day for the God of love who has expressed himself to me in the human form of my mother.

Outside of the gift of His Son to be my Saviour, one of the very greatest gifts God has given to me is you, my mother. I can never thank Him enough for the privilege of being your child; for of all the persons who have touched my life, none has had a more potent influence than you. The values I possess of this life and the life hereafter are mine because of the guiding touch of your hand from infancy to maturity. All that I am is the result of your patience, your love, your dreams, your prayers.

How can I express to you my love, dear Mother? You brought me into the world; you showed me the beauty of wind-blown rain, a pheasant in the thicket, an ouzel in the creek, glittering stars tangled in an oak bough, the light that covers the warm, soft earth and the restless sea. You gave me strength to stand with quiet staunchness in the dark; you showed me quiet serenity in midst of storm; you taught me daily with heart-fire and singing. With infinite gentleness and tenderness, you showed to me your God.

All that I am, all that I have are products of your love. And in the presence of such fathomless love, can mere words express the feelings of my heart? To be certain, they cannot—but somehow I feel that your heartbeat is close enough to mine to understand the language of the heart so well that you will know the deeper, greater meaning than most people would suspect when I say simply, "Mother, I love you!"

Someday out yonder in God's greater tomorrow, perhaps I can tell you more.

Your daughter,

RUTH
I STOOD ONE DAY on the slight hill where had been the home of my youth. There was little left to indicate that a house had stood on that ground. Only a part of the storm cellar, a necessity of pioneer days on the prairies of the Southwest, remained where a house, barns, wells, and trees once served a happy household.

At the center of that home was a tower of moral and spiritual strength—Mother. By nature a quiet, gracious personality, she did not intrude on the rights of others, but seemed always to be where she was needed when she could be of help. While in the prime of life, she was taken in death following an automobile accident. It was very difficult for me to reconcile my loss with God's will.

I relived the past that afternoon. With the familiar prairie wind my only companion, I pondered: What was the secret of Mother's spirit and her spiritual strength? It wasn't that she had plenty of leisure time for spiritual development. The demands on the time of a farmer's wife had no end. It wasn't due to her extensive education. Her parents were pioneers in Indian Territory. Family hardships forbade her finishing high school. She was next to the youngest in a family of thirteen, and left fatherless at an early age. But mother molded the minds of her children in high ideals and the choice of literature.

My thoughts went back to my earliest recollections. Again I heard Mother playing on the pump organ the hymns of the Church. Then there was the time when I was six years old, and she scoured my mouth with a soapy rag. I had repeated a bad word that I had heard a neighbor say because I thought it was a "big" word. She agreed with the writer who said, "Spare the rod and spoil the child." With the cooperation of my father, she saw to it that her children were not spoiled. Mother was not afraid she would inhibit or warp my personality by doing this.

I recalled being told of the day my parents dedicated me to God, and the minister sprinkled me in baptism.

I did not understand much about the service when my parents took me to the Nazarene revival being held under a brush arbor. But an indelible picture remains in my memory of the shine on the people's faces as they sang, testified, and prayed. When the evangelist gave the invitation, without permission I found my way to the altar of prayer. There my parents encouraged my prayer, and the joy of salvation filled my young heart.

When the inevitable decision was made to leave an old-line church "to go with the holiness crowd," it seemed to be Mother who furnished the decisive influence. She took literally the Manual in seeking diligently "to be cleansed from all indwelling sin," and she included the family. It was a memorable day when I walked with my parents to the front of that little church and became "one of them." I am glad that pastor accepted a nine-year-old boy for membership in the Church of the Nazarene.

In the home, life was important business with Mother. She held that we were stewards of our lives, and were accountable to God for their use. Mother knew the joy and zest of living. Her warm and infectious smile and personality were loved by all who knew her. But to Mother, this world was a "dressing room for eternity."

The family altar was a vital part of family life. All visitors to our home were invited to join us at morning and evening Bible reading and prayers.

For many years Mother set aside one day of each week as her prayer and fasting day. The family knew that if, on Tuesdays, Mother was missing at mealtime, she was in her place of prayer. Her "cathedral of prayer" was the storm cellar. "Praying clear through" was a term Mother used often. It seemed that she "kept a hole prayed through the skies," and could touch God easily. When, as a teen-ager, I lay unconscious with pneumonia, hemorrhaging from both lungs, Mother did not hesitate to use her access to the throne of grace. I was instantly and completely healed.

When I was in spiritual trouble, Mother could tell it. Her spiritual perception was keen. She assumed the charge to build a wall of prayer around her family. She seemed to have a premonition that she would not live the normal life-span. Her prayers went on before her in intercession. Those "bottled-up prayers" have been an influence on my life through the years.

As I lingered at the old homesite, while the sun lowered in the west, I became aware of the secret of my mother's life. It was superbly beautiful to contemplate. In it was her dedication, first to God, and then to her home. It included her undaunted faith and her sterling ideals; and interspersed were the many-faceted, polished, lovely characteristics of Christian motherhood.
There are memories in "The White Rose" of

MOTHER’S DAY
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WHITE ROSES, delicate, fragile, fragrant, were worn by hundreds one year ago on Mother’s Day. Their silent presence told a common story of loss and death. On this Mother’s Day hundreds more will for the first time wear a white rose and stroll down memory’s lane. As they remember Mother they will recall experiences of elation and enjoyment, times of toil and tears, periods of prayer and play.

The red rose boldly and blazingly announces a tribute to a living mother.

From toil of day which takes their best
Others sleep and have their rest;
The night is good and holds no hurt
For those of labor, effort, work.

Not so with Mother, who fills her place
With loving care that’s touched with grace;
There is no night or dark to say:
Your work is through until the day.

A baby’s cry, a youthful call
Command a Mother’s care.
A candle’s glow in dark of night
Reveals that she is there
To dry a tear, or hold a hand,
Or bathe a fevered head!
It’s all a part of Mother’s work
And nothing’s ever said!

The white rose tells of memories. There are memories of childhood where a caress was the assurance of love, concern was the announcement of affection, care abounded with devotion. There are memories of youth that cherished the words of wisdom from Mother giving guidance, direction, and supervision.

It was during this period for her children that Mother dried fountains of tears, mended broken hearts, assured doubting minds, overcame insurmountable problems. She sat on the second seat in the wedding chapel. There she was a symbol of permanence by pattern, strength by endurance, love by her life. Now the years have come and gone, and those little ones of yesteryear are left with their memories today. That is why they wear the white rose.

ITS FRAGRANCE tells of the permeating influence of a good and godly life portrayed through motherhood. Like the fragrance of a rose, motherhood is sweet, lasting, penetrating. No ill wind of misfortune of misdeed whisks away its lingering fragrance of kindness and peace. Even death cannot conquer nor condemn! In her absence, holy children rise up to call her blessed. And, in remembering, they wear a white rose to announce to a world passing by, She was Mother, dear and precious to me!

ITS COLOR reveals the purity and purpose of the holy life possible in motherhood. A contemporary said of a white rose: “It must be perfect to be beautiful.” No symbolism is more universally accepted, no comparison more perfectly portrayed, no simile more illustrative than that of white representing purity.

Nor is there greater purity than that of holy motherhood, cleansed and perfected by sanctification through the Holy Ghost. Then there is purity of motive, attitude, desire, love. Translated into deeds, these traits of purity are revealed through kindness, forbearance, patience, long-suffering, humility. In recollection, they wear a rose of white to remind others, She was Mother, true and perfect to me!

ITS PETALS portray a symmetrical yet simple life contained in motherhood. Each petal seems to represent some special event or occasion from life’s span. There is the birth of the child, bestowment of care, beautification of character. With the passing of time a petal curls mysteriously but majestically to reveal beneath it another sheath of beauty and fragrance. And such is motherhood. There are those who have come from dimpled chin to furrowed brow and are left to their memories. It is these lingering memories that live again on Mother’s Day. In love, others wear a white rose and thereby testify, She was Mother, more than wealth of gold to me.

ITS STEM tells a story of ancestry, rooted and grounded in wholesome lineage. After rising to the highest place of prominence in America, President Abraham Lincoln said, “All that I am or hope to be, I owe to my angel mother.” No spire could be built, no monument erected, no tribute could be made to repay the debt to motherhood. No wonder so many will remember and, wearing a white rose, pay honor to the one they called Mother.
DURING the first world war I was a soldier in an infantry regiment in charge of a Lewis machine gun and six gunners. Although unsaved and rather disinterested in things religious, even in the front-line trenches, I had old-fashioned Christian parents who, while finding exceeding distasteful all the additional evils of wartime, spent much time in prayer for their son.

Naturally, when writing home from the field, after a spell in some very dangerous places where writing was usually an impossibility, I told my parents of the fairly good lot which was ours at the moment.

Trench warfare was often terribly destructive, as the distance between our front line and that of the enemy was seldom more than one hundred yards, with barbed wire in no-man's-land. High-explosive shells and bombs could be landed right in the trench where men were on duty, and the number of casualties was very high in such sectors. Deaths and wounds were common enough, for incidents took place each day, with bombing and gassing the ordinary thing.

Knowing something of this, the people at home were fearful and continuously under tension, waiting apprehensively for bad news from the War Office, and scanning the casualty lists in the newspapers. Radio was not then in general use and details of raids, patrols, advances, and other planned moves, with the casualties sustained therein, could be gotten only from the papers. It was a part of the day's program for the people at home to examine the papers to see if there was any bad news, and the telegraph boys and postmen often brought sorrow to waiting, fearful ones. The people of God had benefits which others did not have, and in prayer received strength not to "be afraid of evil tidings," but to have their hearts "fixed, trusting in the Lord" (Psalms 112:7).

This condition, however, was not permanent or automatic, continual renewing being necessary, as courage and confidence weakened under the great pressure and continued tension. Daily, for even years, battles were fought on the knees, and the Lord gave deliverance to the hearts, wearied and yet holding on.

Many times my mother wept in prayer and sought to get her faith up for the deliverance of her boy from sin and death. Many times she rose up quiet and confident in God's faithfulness to preserve one who was brought to Him in humble faith.

One day Mother was in positive agony of spirit, and felt that she must, some way or another, get through to peace and victory, and to definite assurance that all would ultimately be well with her son. Her whole soul was at full stretch for God, and she desired a word from Him which would settle forever any fear or unrest of soul she might have regarding the saving of her son. At this moment the Holy Spirit graciously applied to her the words from Psalms 91:7, "A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee."

This may be a word for someone in danger, but was not my mother in danger of losing her son? Many sons were being lost, but many of the bereaved mothers did not pray, or did not pray in faith, so my mother claimed this word, trustfully, eagerly, simply. A wonderful peace filled her soul, and the agonized feeling left her, never to return, for she now knew that God had given her His word and that He never failed to keep it. Blessed be His name!

Mother told me that from that time when she actually claimed for herself the promise given to David many centuries ago she had no fear that I would be killed in action, but just expected me to return and be saved. I was demobilized, and home only five months from overseas when, for the first time, I gave the Lord a chance in my life, and He saved me wondrously. Hallelujah! It was forty-four years last November, praise His name, and today I am rejoicing in His full salvation. I thank God for a mother who prayed right through and claimed a promise from Him, for herself and her son, and received the deliverance she claimed.

Reader, have you ever prayed through and claimed a promise? Or is the Bible a kind of compilation of ineffective words? What others can claim you can claim also, unless the Lord instructs you otherwise, and then He will have a better plan for your case. Praise the Lord!
God Has a Love Bank

Someone has compared prayer with making donations to a blood bank to cover the unexpected demands of the future. He writes, “God has a Love Bank. We can all be donors. It cannot be a hasty or routine matter—this donation of love to the Love Bank. It is really demanding of all the abilities of the mind and heart we possess. But how rewarding!”

This is a refreshing new slant for those who have been accustomed to think of prayer as a device to get immediate needs satisfied quickly. Unfortunately, many seem to have no higher view of prayer than meeting present demands.

God’s people in all ages have recognized the value of the emergency prayer—the quick spiritual “SOS” sent to heaven either from lips or heart. An example of this kind of “split-second praying,” as Dr. Hugh C. Benner has called it, is found in Nehemiah’s experience when King Artaxerxes challenged him to explain his sadness and then said, “For what dost thou make request?” Nehemiah writes, “So I prayed to the God of heaven. And I said unto the king . . .” (Nehemiah 2:4-5). It was just a quick cry for help, but it brought lasting results.

Another emergency prayer came from the lips of Peter at the end of his unsuccessful attempt to walk on the water. It consisted of just three words, “Lord, save me.” The answer came as quickly as the prayer was uttered: “And immediately Jesus stretched forth his hand, and caught him.” Had the big fisherman taken time to make a formal address to the Saviour—“O mighty and ever-loving Lord, Creator of heavens and earth”—he would have been beneath the waves before he was half through.

But the saints of all ages have also recognized that the emergency prayer is most successful when it comes from the heart of one who is not a stranger at the throne of grace but accustomed to come there regularly when there is no emergency immediately at hand. The unexpected demands are best met when there have been generous donations to God’s Love Bank before the crisis comes.

To think of the prayer of communion as making donations to a Love Bank stresses the fact that such prayer is creative and life-giving. W. Curry Mavis has pointed out that prayer is like every other gift of God in that it may be used either creatively or destructively.

Prayer may be destructive if it is used as an attempt to escape life, if its goal is to plead exemption from the trials and testing times that come to all. It is creative when used as a means of drawing spiritual strength to meet life constructively and turning its stumbling blocks into steppingstones. And prayer is most creative when it is a channel of giving or sharing rather than a means of getting.

What is your record at God’s Love Bank? Have you made any donations recently?

The Christian Family

For many years now, the second Sunday in May has been observed as “Mother’s Day.” More recently, the week beginning the first Sunday in May and ending on Mother’s Day has come to be known as Christian Family Week.

The choice of dates for Christian Family Week is no accident. Certainly the mother is a key factor in the creation of the home. While by no means solely responsible, the wife and mother bears the major care in making the home what it is.

It has been wisely said that the love of a true mother stands next to the love of the Heavenly Father; and there is hope for every man, however sinful, who reveres his mother’s memory. All this does not come about in the actions of heroic moments, but in a day-by-day self-giving over many years. As Victor Hugo wrote:

A house is built of logs and stone,  
Of tiles and posts and piers;  
A home is built of loving deeds  
That stand a thousand years.

When Paul credited Timothy with the same faith that first dwelt in his grandmother Lois and in his mother, Eunice, he paid tribute to two otherwise unknown but truly immortal women. Not only had they nourished and cared for the physical life and growth of the lad, but they had also helped to shape and develop his spiritual nature. As one great American psychologist has said, “In probably no region of personality do we find so many residues of childhood as in the religious attitudes of adults.”

While the vagaries of modern life are such that
Christian Family Week and Mother's Day will mean many things to many people. May we not let it pass without reflecting again on God's great interest in the family and the promises He has given to Christian parents. "And all thy children shall be taught of the Lord; and great shall be the peace of thy children" (Isaiah 54:13). "For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call" (Acts 2:39).

Three Things to Keep Us Strong and Free
An unknown author has written some lines which state a great truth:

I know three things must always be
To keep a nation strong and free:
One is a hearthstone, bright and clear,
With busy, happy loved ones near.
One is a ready heart and hand
To love and serve and keep the land.
One is a worn and beaten way
To where the people go to pray.

So long as these are kept alive,
Nation and people will survive.
God, keep them always, everywhere—
The hearth, the flag, the place of prayer.

No society is stronger than its homes. There are breakers ahead for the nation in which one marriage out of every three ends in the divorce court. While recognizing that divorce has its victims as well as its culprits, we must remember God's Word: "I hate divorce, says the Lord the God of Israel" (Malachi 2:16, R.S.V.). Christian homes are bulwarks against the forces of lawlessness and delinquency. They help to keep us strong and free.

But another essential of a country strong and free is willingness to serve and preserve its political and social institutions. The first way this obligation is met is by an informed and conscientious vote. Christians who fail to go to the polls and vote are actually voting to turn their government over to partisan and corrupt political machines.

Beyond the vote, there is tremendous need for men and women of Christian character and dedication in public service. Many doors are open for those who have the courage and foresight to enter them.

The last and greatest of those things necessary to keep us strong and free is the "worn and beaten way to where the people go to pray." As goes the church, so goes the nation. The final defense against the attacks from every side on the liberties of the people is a strong and spiritual church.

Strength and freedom are at root spiritual qualities, nourished in the soil of the Christian faith. Let no one doubt that, when the roots are weakened or destroyed, the plant becomes diseased and dies. We cannot have the fruits of freedom without nourishing its roots by prayer and faith in God.

Good homes, sound political institutions, and strong churches do not just happen. They result from unselfish service in the spirit of Christ. They are not the sole responsibility of a few. They are the trust committed to us all, the corporate reflections of our individual lives. Let us not fail in any of the "three things to keep us strong and free."

The Church at Work

THE N.Y.P.S.

Paul Skiles, Secretary

Two Mothers View N.Y.P.S.

Today I'm Happy

By HILDA WYRICK

I watched their shining faces as they gave testimony to their newfound joy which they had experienced at the District Youth Camp. How excited and thrilled they were as they witnessed of their determination to serve their Lord and to be soul winners! And what a radiance surrounded them as they rejoiced together in the warm atmosphere of their church!

As the mother of two teen-agers I was thinking of those days lying out ahead of these young people. The majority of them were high school students. Deep within my heart I was thinking—As newborn babes in Christ, how will they meet the variety of temptations which will make them their target in the days ahead? Some were from non-Christian homes and these would leave the warmth and fellowship of the sanctuary to face the trials of being the only Christian in the family.

In that moment a vision flashed across my mind of my own teen-age years. A thrilling picture presented itself—a picture of a group of devoted Nazarenes gathered in a cottage prayer meeting. I remembered the many times that I came into these meetings, a child of God in need of grace and power to serve—a babe in Christ, weakened by the storms of temptation, requiring the sun and the rain of this holy atmosphere to make me grow in grace. There was a closeness in these services which could not be felt in the regular church prayer meeting, as far as I was concerned. And I found it easier to express my feelings and desires in the informality of the living room of some dear saint.

In a flash I had visions of these young people filling my living room once a week for an "old-fashioned cottage prayer meeting." And what did they think of the suggestion? The following week twenty-eight teen-agers filed into the parsonage—not to be en-

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for having an altar. When my children
They had fun, real fun.
I sat and listened to their bubbly talk.
Around and tell my teen-agers they will
have the Church. I have the Church
Thank you.
Now I can help remembering two days before when one of my neighbors said to me, "I don’t know what to do with my son since he turned fourteen; I can’t seem to talk to him anymore. I know he’s going with the wrong crowd and doing things he shouldn’t, but I can’t get through to him."
I asked her if her church had a youth group. She replied, "No, the kids seem to drift away when they reach their
first took us to the Church of the Nazarene. They could sing!
And that’s one thing that attracts and holds my teens.
Our pastor has spent many hours organizing and training a youth choir, a junior choir, a quartet, and a trio. He doesn’t get paid for these extra services.

DISTRICT ACTIVITIES

Eastern Nazarene College
The Rev. T. Crichton Mitchell, well-known pastor and writer from London, England, presented the Gould Memorial Lectures at Eastern Nazarene College, Wollaston, Massachusetts, March 15 to 17. The lectures, based on the theme, "Our Evangelical Heritage in the Hymns of Charles Wesley," were attended by large numbers of students, faculty members, and Nazarene ministers from the New England and Maine districts.

The emphasis on Wesleyan hymnody met with great appreciation. Dr. J. Glenn Gould, who established the series in honor of his father, Rev. John Gould, expressed his delight with the lectures in these words:

"It was deeply gratifying to hear Brother Mitchell’s lectures on ‘Our Evangelical Heritage in the Hymns of Charles Wesley.’ I have long felt that this is indeed our proper heritage, one that we are seriously in danger of losing completely. It is my earnest hope that this year’s lectures will arouse a real concern for the recovery of this hymnody, the near loss of which has seriously impoverished our movement.”

Mr. Mitchell is pastor of the Thomas Memorial Church of the Nazarene in London, and the author of a book on the life and works of John Wesley. He is a unique preacher, and the attendance increased each night, with a goodly number of seekers at the altar.

New Church Organizations Reported
Kaysville, Utah, March 1, 1964, Rev. Franklin Butler, pastor—RAYMOND B. SHAWOOD, district superintendent.


THE LOCAL CHURCHES

MUSKOGEE, OKLAHOMA—Memorial Church recently enjoyed one of the best revivals of its history with Evangelist James W. Thomas. Each service was blessed with the presence of the Holy Spirit. In one service, God came in such a way that souls sought and found the Lord without any preaching. We are closing our fifth year with these good people. Under the blessing of the Lord we have been enabled to build a nice educational unit, and also have acquired two choice lots adjacent to the church, making future expansion possible.—VANCE M. ANDERSON, Pastor.

Alliance, Ohio—On Sunday, March 15, our church closed what pastor and people felt was one of the most successful revivals in recent years. Rev. Henry T. Bevers, Jr., was the evangelist. He is a unique preacher, and the attendance increased each night, with a goodly number of seekers at the altar.

An outstanding feature of the meeting was the fact that most of those seeking God were people who never before had been to a Nazarene altar. We give God praise for the success of this revival.—J. O. MCCASKILL, Pastor.

Rev. Allan W. Miller writes: "After seven and one-half years at our church in Florence, Oregon, we are accepting the work at our Junction City (Oregon) church. We were the first permanent pastor at the Florence church, and the Lord helped us to relocate the church, building within the city limits, and thirty new Nazarenes were received into membership during our ministry."
Evangelist C. T. Corbett reports: "Each Sunday school teacher cooperated with Pastor L. J. Minkler in our recent 12-day revival meeting at First Church, Ponca City, Oklahoma. The average attendance was 150, with 50 students attending every service. The prayer meetings at 7:15 each evening were times of power. More than $20,000 in benevolence came through the offering during the service, and God gave 96 seekers at the altar. Rev. and Mrs. Tomkow were the good singers, and the evangelist was happy to be in this, his 84th, revival meeting. Thank God for His blessings.—DONALD K. BALLARD, Pastor.

SUNDRYTHI, KANSAS—We thank God for His gracious presence and the anointing of the Holy Spirit upon the services of our recent revival. Our pastor, Rev. A. W. Mears, was the evangelist, and each message was convicting and inspiring. Song Evangelist John F. Whisler gave his best in music and song under the blessings of the Lord. Nearly every service was crowned with souls seeking God for forgiveness, regeneration, or sanctification. A total of forty-seven bowed at the altar of prayer, including some for healing. We give God thanks for His blessings.—BISHOP HILTON, Secretary.

COROBAN, CALIFORNIA—Recently First Church enjoyed what was said by many to be one of the best revivals the church has had. Evangelist John Esterline preached with the anointing of the Spirit, and our people were deeply moved. The attendance was good night after night, with seekers praying through at the altar. We thank God for the ministry of Brother Esterline with us, and we ask that the results of this meeting continue to be felt in the life of the church.—DONALD K. BALLARD, Pastor.

McCOMB, MISSISSIPPI—First Church is rejoicing in a good year under the blessings of the Lord. At the beginning of the church year we accepted goals of one thousand hours of prayer and one thousand dollars for missions, through the church year we accepted goals of one thousand hours of prayer and one thousand dollars for missions, through the church year we accepted goals of one thousand hours of prayer and one thousand dollars for missions. The Sunday school is growing; for the first three Sundays of March we averaged 348, with a record attendance of 528 in a recent Sunday school. The telephone ministry includes three hours of broadcasting per week over two local stations, with the Sunday night service broadcast. In May, the goals have been met; also our budgets are paid in full for the year, with the General Budget overpaid.

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REV. RUSSELL T. BUSH, pastor of the church at Palco, Kansas, died of a heart attack on March 29. Burial was at Tipton, Indiana, on March 28. He is survived by his wife, whose temporary address is 201 Wilburn, Vincennes, Indiana.

OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

PASTOR FOR STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN

I am appointing Rev. and Mrs. H. H. Hegstrom, pastor, to open the work of the Church of the Nazarene in Stockholm, Sweden. Mr. Hegstrom has been a successful evangelist, pastor, and home mission worker. In addition to that he is a printer and has had substantial building experience. He has experience in the organization of new churches. Both Mr. and Mrs. Hegstrom speak Swedish and he is adept in it. They will be taking up their post in Stockholm sometime this fall. We solicit the prayers of everyone for the success of this project.

HARDY C. POWERS
General Superintendent

THE BIBLE LESSON

BY NELSON G. MINK

TOPIC FOR MAY 10:

The Christian's Use of Leisure

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 6:33: Mark 6:30-32; I Corinthians 10:32-33

GOLDEN TEXT: "Whatever ye do, do all to the glory of God" (I Corinthians 10:31)

A noted psychologist in a recent work has observed that there is an "art in successful play." He went on to say that some men, who found themselves quite suddenly independently rich, became confused as to what to do with their time. Could our leisure time be considered as a trust? Is it not something that could be spent wisely or foolishly? The matter of budgeting our time, getting in those Sunday school class calls, as well as making visits to the new folk coming to our church, is an art we would all do well to cultivate. Should we spend our spare time on ourselves? Should we spend it all for the church? These things everyone must work out for himself. But it does seem so important that a good share of our time should be used in visiting the sick and shut-ins. Getting acquainted with the new people in our block, or across the railroad tracks, or taking a course in Bible study also helps to put the accent in the right place.

This margin of time is intended to be the means of enriching our own lives and those of others. We are accountable to God as to how we use it. If we do not do as we are to do it all for the "glory of God," we do well to make it constructive and uplifting.

People who are getting the most out of life are the ones who find time to be a blessing to others.

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Deaths

WRS. ARTHUR AHLEMANN, of Oakland City, Indiana, died January 21, 1964, at the age of seventy-five years. She was a member of the Church of the Nazarene for most of her adult years, and served her Lord with a fervency of spirit. She died in the triumphs of the faith. She is survived by her companion, and nine children: William D. of Mendota, Illinois; Mrs. Earl G. (Dorothy) of Mackey, Indiana; Ralph, Nazarene pastor at Byteworth, Arkansas; Dorothy, missionary in Argentina; Thomas, of Jeffersonville, Indiana; Mrs. Frank Hawthorne, of Kincaid, Illinois; Raymond, of Kankakee, Illinois; Mrs. Sherman Carter, of Columbus; and Mrs. Arthur Johnson, of Mohawk, Indiana. Funeral service was conducted by her pastor, Rev. Joseph Bierie, in the Oakland City church, with three former pastors assisting, Rev. Thomas R. Smothers, Rev. Clyde Moore, and Rev. Paul Byars. Interment was in a country graveyard at Providence, near Somerville, Indiana.

WILLIAM BALL, one of the early members of the Church of the Nazarene, Patchogue, Long Island, New York, died at his home July 29, 1963, at the age of seventy-four years, after a very short illness. He was born in Holland. Of late years he had spent his winters in Florida, where he attended First Church of the Nazarene at St. Petersburg. Eight months prior to his death he had married Mrs. Elise King of Akron, Ohio. Mr. Ball is remembered by his church for his thankfulness that God had allowed him to live long enough to see his church erect a new building and also for the way he used his influence in the church. Funeral service was conducted by his pastor, Rev. Robert A. Anzalone, assisted by Rev. Stanley Dixon and Rev. Jay E. Jones.

WRS. EMMA STEGNER died January 15, 1964, on her seventy-third birthday, in Redwood Falls, Minnesota. She was married to Fred Stegner in

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1919, converted after her marriage, she spent the remainder of her life in Chariton, Iowa. She was a charter member of the Redwood Camp, 1200 El Rancho Drive, Santa Cruz, California. Pastor B. L. Hanna. General Superintendent Powers. (N.F.M.S. convention, May 12; S.S. convention, May 14.)


SACRAMENTO, May 13 and 14, First Church, 915 Rose Marie Lane, Stockton, California. Pastor Robert Young, M.F.M.S. General Superintendent Powers. (N.F.M.S. convention, May 12.)


NEVADA-UTAH, May 20 and 21, First Church, 1197 W. Arch St., Portland, Ind. (Sumner Ave.), May 15-24; Dublin, Ga. (1st), May 25-26;千万别 Purchase, May 29-31.

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CORRECTION: The editor answered a question about "associate members" in the N.Y.F.P. by the February 12 "Answer Corner." Executive Secretary Paul Skiles has kindly pointed out that the portion of the answer which read, "All members of the N.T.F. and N.Y.A.F. must be members of the Church of the Nazarene," is in error.

Youth may be members of the N.T.F. or N.Y.A.F. divisions of the N.Y.F.P., without being members of the church, as is indicated in the Local Constitution, Article V, Section 1, "those . . . who desire the benefits of the Church of the Nazarene and who have reached their twelfth birthday shall vote in the business meetings of the society, hold elective office, or serve as chairmen of standing committees or be delegates to District or General Conventions" (Section 3).

My humble apologies for any confusion this may have caused. As my Dutch forbears would say, "Ve groe vo so oid und so late schard."
Pioneer District Superintendent Dies

Rev. J. Walter Hall, pioneer of the Church of the Nazarene in the Southwestern Oklahoma and Abilene districts, died April 13 in Norman, Oklahoma, after a lengthy illness. He served as district superintendent on the Western Oklahoma and Abilene districts. He is survived by his wife; three sons, Bailey M. Hall, Dr. E. C. Hall, Rev. J. Walter Hall, Jr.; and two daughters, Mrs. Dale Hall and Mrs. J. W. Garsee.

Nazarene Missionaries Maurice Hall of Africa and Jarrell Garsee of Samoa are grandsons of the deceased.

Quadrennial Missions

Mark Passed

The goal of $18 million for General Budget and world missions was reached on Tuesday, April 14, two months before the General Assembly and with just a little more than one-third of the anticipated Easter Offering received in the General Treasurer's office.

As this late news goes on the press, Monday morning, April 20, the total on the quadrennial missions and General Budget giving is $18,201,053. The Easter Offering received to this date stands at $181,256. The quadrennial giving will record $4 million more than the four years ending in 1900.

Prayer and Fasting Results

Dr. Charles H. Strickland, district superintendent of the South Africa (European) District of the Church of the Nazarene, reports many of the people fasting and praying the entire three days designated in Holy Week by the proclamation and earnest appeal of the Board of General Superintendents. He writes: "There was a camp in progress over the Easter period and the results of this camp have been outstanding on the district. It created a spirit of revival which has moved in to several of our churches...We had a large number of seekers, especially during the Easter period."

Pastor Curtis B. Withrow sends word that Calvary Church, Arlington, Virginia, was greatly blessed during seventy-two hours of continuous prayer. They gave $5,777 in the Easter Offering, followed by one of the best revivals in the church's history, with Rev. Kenneth Pearsall as the evangelist.

Dr. Smece Undergoes Surgery

Dr. Roy F. Smece, general Home Missions secretary, underwent surgery on his eye on April 16 in Kansas City. The operation was apparently quite successful. He is resting at home until the eye has sufficiently healed and the bandage can be removed. Operation on the other eye was performed last fall, resulting in greatly improved vision.

IMPORTANT!

May 8 is deadline for reservations at your Nazarene colleges (en route to General Assembly). Please rush yours today!

Nazarene Spanish Book Exhibit

The Nazarene Publishing House will be one of the exhibitors at the American Continent Editorial Exposition in Mexico City, May 30 to June 7, this year. More than 1,000 publishers in Latin America will be represented there. The program is sponsored by the Alliance for Progress in cooperation with the Mexican government. The purpose of the project is to let people know what is new in the area of books. It will also be a means of advertising holiness materials in Spanish.

Seminary President to Lead Study Conference

The National Holiness Association announced this week that Dr. Lewis T. Corlett, president of the Nazarene Theological Seminary, will lead a study conference sponsored by the N.H.A. on "The Concept of Sin." The conference is scheduled for November 1-6, 1964, at the Winona Lake Bible Conference Grounds, Winona Lake, Indiana, a day later than previously announced, to avoid conflict with the national election on Tuesday, November 3.

Other sections of the conference will deal with "The Content of Salvation," led by Dr. Leo Cox; "The Life of the Christian," Rev. M. E. Dieter; and "The Church and the World," Dr. Frank B. Stanger.

The conference will deal with these topics from the standpoint of the distinctive Wesleyan-Arminian theology, and will be limited by invitation to a personnel of 125 scholars from the holiness churches. Featured in the sessions will be the reports of 19 research teams which are now at work.

The conference will replace the college and seminary seminars in the Association's program for this year. During the past three years the N.H.A. has sponsored eighteen holiness seminars on the campuses of seventeen different colleges and seminaries.

National Holiness Association Issues Call to Prayer for Revival

Inspired by the blessing and challenge of a great convention in Minneapolis, April 1-5, which featured Spirit-annointed preaching, missionary challenge and an all-night prayer vigil, the Board of Administration directed the Executive Committee to issue a special call to pray for revival.

The Executive Committee under the leadership of N.H.A.'s new president, Dr. Paul L. Kindschi, at a special meeting held in Chicago, April 8, 1964, took action to designate Pentecost Sunday, May 17, which is N.H.A. Sunday, as a special day of prayer for revival throughout its constituency. Denominational leaders, college and seminary presidents, and auxiliary officers are urged to relay this call to their respective groups by every possible means.

Dr. Paul L. Kindschi New Head of National Holiness Association

Dr. Paul L. Kindschi, executive secretary of the Department of Sunday Schools of the Wesleyan Methodist church, with headquarters in Marion, Indiana, was elected president of the National Holiness Association at the ninety-sixth convention of the association held in Minneapolis, April 1-3. He succeeds Dr. Kenneth Geiger, who served in this office for three years.

Dr. Kindschi has served his church as a pastor and conference president before being elected to his present position as Sunday school department head. He also serves as editor of Sunday school literature for his denomination.

Dr. Gerig New President of N.A.E.

Dr. Jared F. Gerig, of Fort Wayne, Indiana, was chosen for the top elective post of the National Association of Evangelicals to succeed Dr. Robert A. Cook, Briarcliff Manor, New York. He has been first vice-president of the association.

The new president also heads Fort Wayne Bible College, a post he has held since 1958. He earlier served six years as president of his denomination, the Missionary Church Association, based at Fort Wayne also. He was graduated from Fort Wayne Bible College; Maloney College, Canton, Ohio; Fenn College, in Cleveland; and Arizona State University. His honorary Doctor of Divinity degree was presented in 1958 by Wheaton (Ill.) College.

Former Missionary Named N.A.E. Director

Selection of Dr. Arthur M. Climenhaga as the new executive director for the National Association of Evangelicals completes realignment of the association leadership. He is a former missionary to Africa, now serving as president of Messiah College, Grantham, Pennsylvania. His role as administrative leader will be based in Wheaton, Illinois, where N.A.E. has its headquarters.

He will share responsibilities of the general director, Dr. Clyde W. Taylor, who has charge of the N.A.E. public affairs office in Washington and also heads the missions service arm of the association, the Evangelical Foreign Missions Association.
The new facilities of the Church of the Nazarene in Newberg, Oregon. The church was organized on May 18, 1914, with Rev. John T. Little as the first pastor, and will celebrate its golden anniversary June 10-14, the week preceding the General Assembly. Pastor Don Fivencott and the present membership cordially invite all former members and friends to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Smith (right) are shown presenting a check for $50,000 in the form of an annuity to Mr. Dan Neff (left), treasurer of the Winamac (Indiana) Church of the Nazarene. Pictured left to right are Neff; Bernard Martin, chairman of the finance committee; Bud Goble, chairman of the building committee; Pastor W. S. Muir; and Mr. and Mrs. Smith. An expendable portion of the annuity will be used to start construction of a combination fellowship center and parsonage for the church.

Dayton (Ohio) First Church of the Nazarene dedicated a new building with General Superintendent Hugh C. Benner preaching the dedicatory message and District Superintendent M. E. Clay assisting in the service. The new sanctuary seats 500. A youth chapel, 20 Sunday school rooms, pastor's study, and 4 offices are also provided. Dr. Donald E. Snow is the pastor, having served the church since 1955.

Dr. John Riley (right), president of Northwest Nazarene College, hands a diploma to and congratulates Dr. Earl E. Mosteller (left) on the occasion of the conferring of the honorary LL.D. degree upon the Nazarene missionary to Brazil. Dr. and Mrs. Mosteller have served the church on two mission fields, the Cape Verde Islands and their present assignment in Brazil. The Mostellers will return to Brazil in the fall after a year of furlough.

A capacity crowd witnessed the dedication of the First Church of the Nazarene in New Bedford, Massachusetts, with Dr. Hugh C. Benner, general superintendent, preaching. District Superintendent Fletcher Spruce assisted. The property is appraised at $160,000, with a sanctuary seating 400, chapel, pastor's study, church office, prayer room, library, and Sunday school classrooms to accommodate more than 400 Sunday school scholars. Pastor Alexander Ardrey has served the congregation since 1960.
ON YOUR WAY to General Assembly in Portland, Oregon, plan to visit your church's International Headquarters in Kansas City, Missouri. You and your family will enjoy seeing the new General Board Building, dedicated only last January, the International Headquarters Building, the Nazarene Theological Seminary, and the Nazarene Publishing House. Your visit will be educational and inspirational to you . . . and welcomed by those you meet!

We would be THRILLED to have you visit us!

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