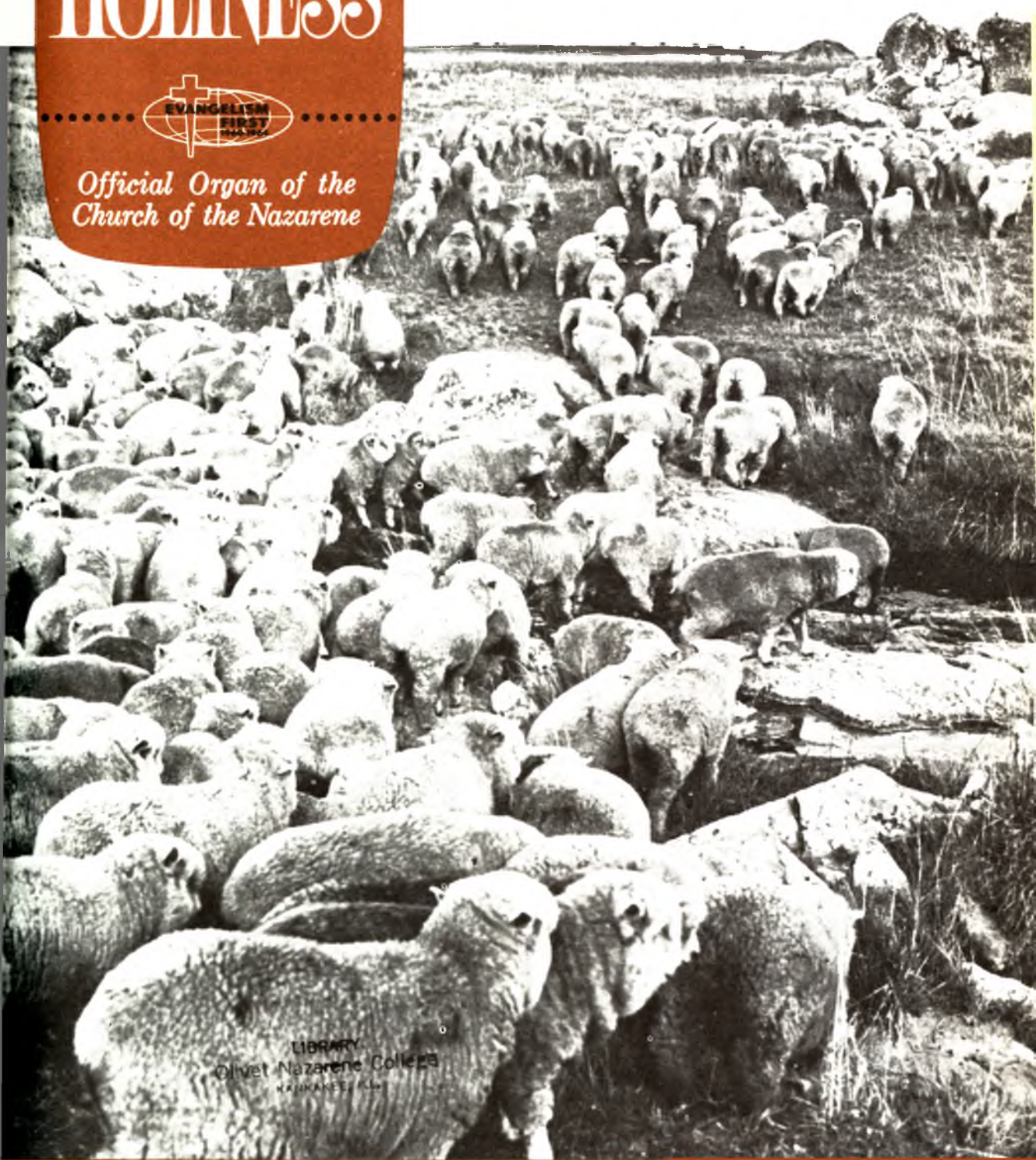


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# EDITORIALS

By W. T. PURKISER

## A Searching Question

Speaking to His disciples on one occasion, Jesus asked one of the most penetrating questions a Christian can ponder: "Why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?" (Luke 6:46)

To call Christ "Lord" is the earliest and most basic Christian creed. There are volumes of spiritual meaning wrapped up in that one short word. "Lord" was the title the Old Testament gave to the true and living God. "Lord" was the term used to describe the gods of the pagan world in New Testament times. Paul says that "Lord" is the Name above all other names (Philippians 2:9-11), and all who are saved must confess with their mouths that Jesus is Lord as well as believe in their hearts that God has raised Him from the dead (Romans 10:9).

But Jesus is not satisfied with orthodoxy, however accurate it may be. Christ is concerned about those who have less in their heads than they have in their hearts, for He was known as "a teacher come from God." He is even more concerned about those who have less in their hearts than they have in their heads. To be wrong in one's grasp of spiritual truth means loss in the influence of one's life; but to be wrong in heart and obedience means the loss of the immortal soul.

And really, if we are honest, we must admit that what we actually believe is not what our lips speak but what our lives show. Whether confessing Christ

as Lord is saving faith or supreme foolishness comes out in the daily walk.

"Why call ye me Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?" One writer has honestly answered this question, "Why, just because it is so much easier, so infinitely easier, to say, 'Lord, Lord,' than to do what He says. It is so much easier to *say* anything, however big, than to *do* anything, however small. One can say, 'Lord, Lord,' without using any thing but his tongue. He cannot do the things Christ says without using all that he has and is."

These words of William Merrill are tremendous words. Talk indeed *is* cheap. The commitment to Christ implied in calling Him "Lord" is supremely costly—it "demands my soul, my life, my all." Big talk costs nothing but the exercise of the tongue. Committed life takes everything we have and are.

Let us see it again: the term "Lord" implies "servant" just as surely as "father" implies "child" or "husband" implies "wife." Christ *is* our Lord only to the extent that we are His servants, with all the obedience that word suggests.

Loud talk may impress ourselves and perhaps fool others, but what we are and what we do is still what will count in the final examination at the judgment. "Not every one that *saith* unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that *doeth* the will of my Father which is in heaven" (Matthew 7:21).

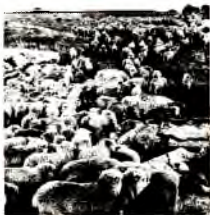
## The Evidence Piles Up

That tobacco in general and cigarettes in particular are a major health problem and a first-rank killer in the "civilized" world has long been conceded by medical authorities and scientific researchers. A recent summary by William H. Stoneman of the report on cigarette smoking by the Royal College of Physicians in Great Britain, adds to the already overwhelming evidence.

Of the nine leading British physicians who prepared the report, two cigarette smokers in the group dropped the habit when they began to study the evidence. The spokesman for the group states that study of the medical history of 20,000 deaths caused by lung cancer in Great Britain in 1960 reveals that those who smoke twenty-five or thirty cigarettes a day have *thirty times* the probability of dying from lung cancer that the nonsmoker has.

The report showed that other health factors enter besides lung cancer. A man aged thirty-five, for

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## **The Cover . . .**

*A flock of sheep moves across pasture land near San Pedro Estancia, Uruguay. The work*

*of the Church of the Nazarene in Uruguay is an outgrowth of the Argentine mission, which crossed the River Plata to open new missions in Montevideo. We have eight missionaries and two national workers in Uruguay, who serve eight churches and preaching points. In addition, a Bible school trains workers for this needy part of the world harvest field. The total population of Uruguay is over 3,190,000. Rev. Robert Wellmon serves as field superintendent.*

# West Germany District Organized

AT 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, May 29, 1962, the gavel fell and the West Germany District Church of the Nazarene was organized. This includes Denmark. The sessions of this first district assembly were held in Frankfurt First Church before approximately one hundred twenty-five delegates and friends. The organization was preceded by a message on II Timothy 4:7. The presence of the Lord was manifested. We heard pastors' reports from Kaiserslautern, Hanau, two churches in Frankfurt, Wuppertal, Kassel, Copenhagen, and West Berlin. District officers were appointed, departmental plans were made, budgets assigned, and in the evening three fine German men were ordained, giving us six elders plus several licensed men.

Property was dedicated at Frankfurt, Kaiserslautern, Wuppertal, and Copenhagen and we are in the process of purchasing property in West Berlin. Our Bible Training School at Frankfurt was dedicated with sixteen students enrolled. Reports revealed that the district had given last year a total of \$13,570 and they exceeded their 10 per cent for missions goal. They gladly accepted a budget for next year of \$2,170.

The German congregation at Frankfurt First Church is already self-supporting in its operational department. Other groups are close to this goal. At the dedication of Frankfurt First Church there were about four hundred people in attendance. One of the most promising churches organized to date is the church in West Berlin under the leadership of a sanctified young German pastor. We own or are buying property in Frankfurt, Wuppertal, Kaiserslautern, Copenhagen, and West Berlin. We need adequate housing for the other groups.

So much for the statistics of this new district that started without property, members, or ministers, in a nation of fifty-one million souls. The problems that confronted the church three years

ago, to the human, seemed insurmountable—the language barrier, almost 100 per cent of the people loyal to the state church, and there were many other barriers.

The spiritual steps necessary to make our work possible only God knows in their entirety. But I think included are the prayers of Dr. and Mrs. C. Warren Jones for a little Guatemalan girl who grew up and married a German businessman. She is now one of the strongest members of our German church and her son is a student in the Bible school and plans to be a Nazarene minister.

Then there is the devotion of Rev. and Mrs. J. D. Johnson, the district superintendent and his wife, in leaving a strong pastorate in the States to start the work.

Then there is our European work in South Africa, which found a young couple and got them saved and sanctified and trained in our Bible school. The

*General  
Superintendent  
Powers*



young man was the son of a Nazi officer. He is now the pastor of our First Church in Frankfurt.

I could go on and on to show how God has answered prayer in the opening of the work in West Germany, but time and space forbid. But Heaven keeps a record of those who have prayed and given, raised budgets, in the firm faith that God would help us to establish the work in West Germany and elsewhere. The job is not finished in West Germany, but we are off to a glorious start. Won't you please pray for God's continued smile on our superintendent, Jerry Johnson, and our German pastors and people?

## Telegrams . . .

St. Marys, Ohio—Third annual assembly, Northwestern Ohio District, General Superintendent D. I. Vanderpool presiding, adjourned with three ordained in an impressive service on Thursday, July 12. District Superintendent Carl B. Clendenen, serving on three-year call, reported 4 new churches; membership 4,761, with 322 by profession of faith; 5,976 Sunday school average. \$647,000 raised for all purposes, with \$77,000 for general interests. Mrs. Clendenen re-elected N.F.M.S. president. Assembly responded with car-exchange-offering of \$1,100 for district superintendent. Home Mission program launched.—Paul G. Bassett, District Secretary.

Vicksburg, Michigan—The Michigan forty-ninth district assembly outstanding with inspiration and spiritual atmosphere. Dr. V. H. Lewis, general superintendent, on first visit to Michigan as assembly chairman, greatly appreciated by pastors and people. Dr. Fred J. Hawk, reporting for his first year as district superintendent, gave a splendid, outstanding account of year's accomplishments, with gains in all departments. Five new churches organized, making a total of 101 on the district. Church membership 6,491, an increase of 285; Sunday school attendance 9,352, an increase of 175; all-time high in pastors' salaries, \$302,026, an increase of \$24,804. Total paid for all purposes \$1,113,978, an increase of \$95,269, with \$99,058 for General Budget and approved specials. Dr. Hawk elected for a term of three years with a wonderful vote of confidence. Mrs. Fred J. Hawk elected president of the district N.F.M.S. District revolving fund inaugurated with an offering of \$6,500, cash and pledges. New goal set to organize 8 new churches in coming assembly year; 15 new churches to be organized in our Golden Anniversary year, 1963-64.—Herbert W. Thomas, Reporter.

Rev. Harvey P. Jackson, licensed minister of the San Antonio District, died July 8. He had been serving as pastor of the Willis Memorial Church of the Nazarene in Brownwood, Texas.

Rev. John G. Thompson, retired elder, died July 11. Funeral service was held on July 13 at the Polytechnic Church of the Nazarene in Fort Worth, Texas.

Prayer is requested for Revs. Oscar and Nettie Hudson, who, after nearly sixty years of active ministry in the Church of the Nazarene, have been forced by illness to retire to the

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Rayphel Guest Home in Altadena, California.

Rev. Marshall Taylor writes, "After six years on the Florida District, I have resigned as pastor of the Emmanuel Church in Miami, Florida, to accept a unanimous call to pastor the Emmanuel Church in Rock Hill, on the South Carolina District."

Evangelist J. W. South has left the field to pastor the church in Milford, Illinois.

Rev. C. E. Toney, retired elder of the Mississippi District, died June 28. He made his home in Jayess, Mississippi.

Mrs. Gilmore, wife of Rev. R. B. Gilmore, pastor at Van Alstyne, Texas, died July 16, after fifty-one days in the hospital. Funeral service was held on July 18 in the Church of the Nazarene in Sherman, Texas.

### Pattern Petitions:

## "Deliver Us from Evil"

Seventh and final article in series

By **BRIAN L. FARMER**  
Pastor, Bristol, England

EVIL is with us.

It is here with its insidious dark shapes and weird forms; it stalks around the world bringing bloodshed and tragedy, mishap and catastrophe.

Last evening I saw some pictures of refugees fleeing from the Nazis in the 1930's. A mother's face was drawn with

anxiety; her feet were bloody and she had bits of rag tied on for shoes. A small child clung to her breast. He was crying. His eyes spoke, *Mummy, deliver me from this evil.*

I recalled how that since then it had all been repeated again and again. Bombs had fallen on my country, and my country's bombs had fallen elsewhere, and it had all brought mutilation and death. Then it was in Russia and Hungary and Korea and the Congo and Angola. On January 1, 1962, nineteen Roman Catholic missionaries were mercilessly massacred in the Katanga Province of the Congo. If the world runs true to form there will be other blatant evidences of evil before these words are in print.

The record of that childish whimper is long-playing. The motion picture of those helpless, trusting, imploring eyes is almost continuous.

In a world which had its own share of heartache some men asked their Master to teach them to pray. The Master replied, "When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven. . . deliver us from evil." It is a prayer to suit the yearning of all the years.

God can see and judge in accordance with the ultimate. We cannot. We can only imperfectly see and imperfectly judge the here and now. Since this is so, not always may our petition for deliverance from evil be fully granted at the present time.

But as the refugee desired more than words could ever tell to grant the unspoken wish of her child, so does God. She did not have the power to calm the warring factors of this world and dispel the evil, but God has. And He will—though to do it means "a new heaven and a new earth."



# HE IS ABLE TO SANCTIFY

*Man's impossibilities are God's possibilities* (Luke 17:27, according to a literal Portuguese translation of the Scriptures). Man's inability to "wholly sanctify" himself, wholly cleanse and empower himself, thank God, is one of Christ's many possibilities. He who prayed, "Sanctify them," and inspired Luke to write, "The promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all . . .," (Acts 2:39) came "that he might destroy the works of the devil" (I John 3:8) in us, that His holy "will be done in earth, as it is in heaven" (Matthew 6:10).

Meet the conditions *wholeheartedly*, and you will be wholly sanctified. Meet the conditions with all your heart, and the initial experience of a pure heart (entire sanctification—John 17:17; Acts 15:8-9; I Thessalonians 5:23-24) will be won, making it possible to "serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life" (Luke 1:74-75).

Wholehearted devotion works. It works in private life, in public life, and in family life of young and old. No one can give a better witness to this truth than a friend of mine from the mission field. In a few chosen words his glowing biography could be given: poverty, crack student, graduation, employment, thrift, recognition, position, romance, promotion, marriage happiness, offspring, jealousy, separation torture, and despair.

With wife, family, home, happiness, hope, and romance gone, my friend wholeheartedly *called* upon One who is "a very present help in trouble." Not even an enviable position was sufficient to silence his twofold *confession* of sin and carnality. *Consecrate* his lonely life to God he would, although it meant a 50 per cent cut in salary to do Christian work. My friend *credited* God with being capable of curing the leper spots of his soul and furnishing him "all sufficiency in all things," and making him to "abound to every good work" (II Corinthians 9:8).

After thirteen years of separation and loneliness, my friend's biography continues: Nazarene, happy, second honeymoon, spiritualist wife converted, family converted, wife wholly sanctified, family sanctified, eighty-three-year-old father transformed,

sister-in-law won, sanctified, and divinely healed, thousands blessed, heaven ahead.

(1) *Call*: "Call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee" (Psalms 50:15). "Ye have not, because ye ask not" (James 4:2). "But if from thence thou shalt seek the Lord thy God, thou shalt find him, if thou seek him with all thy heart and with all thy soul" (Deuteronomy 4:29). "Create in me a clean heart, O God" (Psalms 51:10).

(2) *Confess*: "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (I John 1:9). Confess your sinful nature, your inherited sin, for which you have not been responsible until now that God has shown your forgiven heart its need of purity. Confess your delay in seeking the cleansing power with "strong crying and tears." "He is faithful and just to . . . cleanse us from all unrighteousness," if we seek Him with all our hearts and all our souls, confessing our deep-dyed carnal, sinful nature.

(3) *Consecrate*: "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies [entire being—body, soul, spirit] a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. . . . that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God" (Romans 12:1-2). A wholehearted offering meets up with a wholehearted response. To consecrate one's self wholly to God is to negotiate with personal unspeakable profit.

(4) *Credit* (trust, rest upon): "He that cometh to God must believe that he . . . is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him" (Hebrews 11:6). "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart" (Proverbs 3:5). "But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering" (James 1:6). "And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments" (I John 3:22). "Be ye holy" (I Peter 1:15-16).

Peter testified about Cornelius and his household, who were recently wholly sanctified: "And God, which knoweth the hearts, bare them witness, giving them the Holy Ghost, even as he did unto us [at Pentecost]; and put no difference between

us and them, purifying their hearts by faith" (Acts 15:8-9).

If you do not know Christ, would you not seek the Saviour now and help us give out the *Boas Novas* (good news)?

If you have not been wholly sanctified, won't you let your inability be replaced by Christ's limitless ability to cleanse and empower your heart and life?

If you know the Christ, not only as Saviour, but likewise as Sanctifier, would you not "sing it, shout it, preach it, and live it" with an impassioned heart?

Nazarenes of the past generations have done well in bearing testimony to Christ's ability to wholly sanctify. But today one-half of our members are new, having become Nazarenes in the past ten or twelve years. Let us remember the words of our founder, in all of their implications: "We are debtors to every man to give him the gospel in the same measure as we have received it."

## "THE LORD HATH HIS WAY IN THE STORM"

By KATHRYN BLACKBURN PECK

HOW QUICKLY a storm can come up on a sultry summer afternoon! So it happened in a long-ago August, when my mind had been so engrossed with a storm of a different kind that I failed to notice the black clouds in the western sky until the wind had risen alarmingly; slamming the window shutters, furiously tossing the boughs of the trees, bending the bushes nearly to the ground, and sending wavelike ripples across the grass.

Seizing a basket, I ran to the little back-yard garden. I must gather the ripe tomatoes before they were beaten down and destroyed.

As I worked quickly among the heavily laden, pungent-smelling vines, my attention was caught by a ladybug which was endeavoring to climb a tall grass stem to a place of safety. Again and again the stem trembled and swayed in the wind until it seemed the little insect must surely be shaken off. But it clung desperately, until the stem righted itself momentarily, then began its purposeful climbing once more. Would it reach the protective safety of the broad leaf before the rain came and destroyed it on the ground?

*Would I find direction for the problem that was torturing my mind and threatening my future*

*with possible disaster? Would I make the right decision—the one which would be best for those dearest to me? Had God heard my agonized prayers? Did He care? Would He direct? When would I have evidence of His leading? How much longer could I hold on without a sign from Heaven?*

Perhaps it was time to admit defeat and take the doubtful, easy way. In a sense, I could identify myself with this struggling little climber. I had been like that—holding on—clinging desperately to the course I felt must be right—but blindly, with almost no sense of direction.

Suddenly it became very important to me to know the fate of this infinitesimal creature—but now the first drops of rain were beginning to fall heavily. Marking that spot with a stone, I hurried into the house with my heaping basket, and waited out the storm. When it had passed by, I immediately sought the stalk of grass, wondering if I would find the little ladybug fallen—its bright wings beaten into the earth.

But no—it had reached the top of the stem and found refuge in the fold of the broad leaf. There it rested safe and dry. God's tiny creature had made it!

In that moment my heart found assurance for its problem. I was God's creature too! The burden began to lift. Through tears I looked up and said, "Thank You, God, for caring. If a little bug can hang on, I can too—and I will! I don't have to see the answer today plain and clear, but will hang on and trust until this storm is over."

If a storm-tossed one should read this account of the bug in my tomato patch, let me say to that one: *Don't give up! Keep climbing! Hold on for your life and cling to this simple truth—God knows and cares about you!* The storm will not always last, for He holds the wind in His hands. *The Lord hath his way in the whirlwind and in the storm, and the clouds are the dust of his feet* (Nahum 1:3).

There will be a sunny tomorrow when you will look back and remember your sorrow and pain as a summer storm that has passed by, leaving your heart swept clean of its burden.

How blessed is the one who having passed through fiery trials can recognize God's hand in it all!

### Keep Clinging

*Keep clinging, though the angry tempest blows  
Thy troubled spirit like a slender grass!*

*Thy Father careth, and He sees—He knows:  
Above the gale He calls, "This, too, shall  
pass."*

*Keep clinging! Let the wily tempter mock,  
And thrust thee with his darts the whole day  
long.*

*Thy house of faith is founded on a Rock;  
Keep clinging, tempted one—thy God is  
strong!*

*Keep clinging, though the sullen flood tides  
roll,  
And though thy prayers rise faltering and  
faint!*

*He lifteth up a standard for thy soul,  
And never will forget His weakest saint.*

*Keep clinging through life's longest, darkest  
night,  
When all that thou canst do is but to cling;  
His hand will surely lead to peace and light.  
Hold fast today—tomorrow you shall sing!*

## HOME AND FAMILY LIFE FEATURE

# ARE THEY LIVING THEIR OWN LIVES?

*By Evangelist PAUL MARTIN*



THEY LIVE in a different world. They talk a different language. They find the rewards of their labor among their own set. We have set them apart . . . we, adults, with our youngsters.

The boy no longer helps the family economically; his training period is longer, and he must specialize more than his father. He is left to his own devices, interests, amusements, and ideas.

James S. Coleman, of Johns Hopkins University, says it this way: "In our modern world of mass communication and rapid diffusion of ideas and knowledge, it is hard to realize that separate subcultures with languages all their own, with special symbols, and most importantly, with value systems that may differ from adults, are being established among the younger set. Any parent who has tried to talk to his adolescent son or daughter recently knows this, as does anyone who has recently visited a high school. To put it simply, these young people speak a different language. What is more relevant to the present point, the language they speak is becoming more and more different." And my church finds itself in the middle of this problem—our homes express it. What can we do?

Look again at what causes the formation of this subculture. We have been so busy. We allowed the chasm between adults and the teens to be formed. It has been formed by erosion. The natural comradeship between youth and their elders has broken off. Fathers can do something about this in the home. It is still true that families that pray together, and play together, stay together.

We can do something about it in the church, too. We can become "Available Joes," with open homes and cars, and open hearts. In Washington, D.C., First Church, Pastor Wilson Lanpher has it organized—an *Open-Hearth Fellowship* of young

adults purposely invading the leisure time of their youngsters.

We need you, too, at youth camp and boys' and girls' camps. What an opportunity to help shape the ideals, form the standards, point our young life to heroes, and direct some lively ones in the right way!

Dr. Warren Jones, stationed at Eilsen Air Base, near Fairbanks, Alaska, gives his vacation time to assist in the youth camp of that district, as do others. It just isn't right that our boys' and girls' camps should have to beg for counselors. There should be a long line waiting to serve.

Perhaps we can try to understand even better. We of gray hair and rounded "tummies" might gain entrance into this world with understanding and love. What is a teen-ager? He is not man nor a boy. He's a man most of the time, and a boy sometimes. I must listen when he's a man, listen with genuine interest. He may have something very helpful to say. If I listen then, he will lean on me when he's a little boy again. And teen-agers are little folk when things seem too big for them, when death comes by, when conviction strikes, when their own hand-built world falls in. We can be there—to help them build again, and this time with Christ in view.

My brother, Dr. Ted Martin, recently preached a sermon "A Young Man and a Great Tumult" (II Samuel 18:29). Here's an excerpt: "While we are caught by the noise, excitement, and activity around us, young men die. . . . Can we see more today than a great tumult? Can we observe that a young man dies in the midst of the tumult? A young man . . . in a hurry to make his own way,



undisciplined, reckless . . . could have been a king, but he took his own way."

There are many things that startle us about today's young folk, but love is still the way to them. Patient, kind, happy men are welcome where the crew-cut crowd lounge. We cannot let them go—and dream listlessly, and shun the light like sheep. We will find our way to their hearts, and show them the way to God!

# A FREQUENT



# SICKNESS

By ELIOT CLAYTON

MANY EXCELLENT PEOPLE suffer from a certain sickness which might be called endemic, that is, "peculiar to a certain locality or class of persons." There are times when it reaches almost epidemic proportions.

Its attacks occur only on certain nights of the week, and twice on Sundays, and in a certain building. For the remainder of the week its victims might be said to enjoy perfect health. It never manifests itself, apparently, where folks earn their living.

You have guessed what the malady is, *tardy-itis*—and its attacks take place at church. With some fine folks it is chronic. Most of us are subject to it.

An instance of it is seen in that church where, on one Sabbath morning, at the beginning of Sunday school there were not more than six persons present. When the hour ended there were more than fifteen times that number present. Must it not have amazed the angels?

If one had an appointment with the president of the United States, would that one be late in meeting him? But Christians have an appointment to meet often the "prince of the kings of the earth," in the church building, which might be termed His "White House." Is not punctuality due Him?

Those people who line up in a long row in front of a moving picture place, waiting for some time, perhaps, before the doors are opened, should stir

us up to be zealous—not to be late in getting to church. Shall the movie fans, children of this world, excel us churchgoers in promptness in getting to their place of entertainment? *We get that word "fan" from the word "fane," a temple.*

I do not, of course, have in mind emergencies or unusual situations, when one of necessity cannot get to church at the start of services.

I humbly offer the following suggestions for counteracting *tardy-itis*:

(1) Let us "highly resolve" that, with the Lord's help, we will break off the habit. We can make a covenant with ourselves that, even though our obituary has not been printed, we shall no longer be known as the "late Mr. Smith," or the "late Mrs. Brown," or the "late Miss White." And let us make sure that "high heaven that heard that solemn vow, that vow renewed shall daily hear."

(2) In keeping with this we can often say to ourselves, each of us, I'm going to be on time in reaching church as though I were to receive ten dollars on every occasion I practiced promptness.

(3) Also we can plan not to oversleep on Sunday morning. An alarm clock can be of assistance here. The extra snack of sleep can be indulged in Sunday afternoon.

On Sabbath morning we can take for examples the *many* Bible characters of whom it is recorded that for some particular purpose they "rose up early in the morning." The number is startling.

In contrast to this is that tragic picture of the five unwise maidens who were late to the wedding, and who were excluded from the joyful banquet (Matthew 25:1-10).

I am not for a moment implying that late arrivers at church are doomed in the hereafter. However it is a sign of excellent spiritual health if one practices the words of the Psalmist, "Thou art my God; early will I seek thee" (Psalms 63:1), as to church attendance.

Such a one will get additional inspiration by reading of those prompt people of whom it is written, "And all the people came early in the morning to him [Jesus] in the temple, for to hear him" (Luke 21:38).

That little word "all" includes every one of us able to attend church. Shall we not be illustrations of the great Shakespeare's word, "To business that we love we rise betimes [in good season or time] and go to it with delight"? For David sang, "Lord, I have loved the habitation of thy house, and the place where thine honour dwelleth" (Psalms 26:8).

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**"I have no special gifts. I am no orator, no scholar, no profound thinker. If I have done anything for Christ and my generation, it is because I have given myself to Jesus Christ, and then have tried to do whatever He wanted me to do."—F. B. Meyer.**



# THE CHURCH—



## a Convenience or a Covenant?

By **RAY LUNN HANCE**  
Pastor, Kinley, Kansas

*Are you making a convenience of the Church of God? (I Corinthians 11:22, Phillips)\** This startling and personal question is asked by the Apostle Paul. When the church is designed and suited to personal ease and comfort or to one's easy performance and undemanding membership, the church is used as a convenience. On the other hand, when a covenant is made to the church and the Lord, one makes a solemn compact to maintain the faith, message, doctrine, and standards of the church.

We must be on guard lest we be enticed by a religion which is powerless and meaningless. We need a religion with personal depth. Harold E. Fey, editor of the *Christian Century*, says: "The current American fashion on religiosity is the greatest single peril faced by valid religion. It spreads a thin veneer of piety over millions whose church membership is nothing more than conformity."

Statistics prove that church membership is on the increase. In 1926 there were 51,576,000 church members or 47 per cent of the total population. In 1940 the figure was 64,502,000 or 49 per cent. In 1950 it stood at 86,830,000 or 57 per cent. In 1957 it was 104,109,000 or 61 per cent. In 1959, it had risen to 112,226,000 members or 64.3 per cent of the population.

It is true that church membership is booming,

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many signs suggest a revival, faith is fashionable; and yet it is also true that membership is superficial—outward signs and gestures without the deep, inward changes of mind and spirit which always mark genuine religion.

There is a lag between morals and knowledge; the divorce rate is one divorce for every three marriages or one divorce every thirty seconds; juvenile delinquency is on the rampage; there is a rapid expansion of communism; there is public approval of mass immorality; and crime is at its worst.

In spite of these startling signs of evil, people give over to the impulse to conform to a secularized form of religion. Church affiliation and a few religious practices are accepted by multitudes as genuine religion.

A religion of spiritual depth needs to be strongly advocated in this twentieth century. We do not need an inherited religion, made and communicated by others, and retained by mere form or habit. Individuals who embrace an easy or popular religion, which makes no demands upon their lives, are making the church a place of convenience.

On the other hand, if we witness and experience a religion of meaning and power which calls for consecration and a change of heart and life, we have made a true covenant to the church and the Lord. This final question is directed to all: "What is the church to you—a convenience or a covenant?"

## Believe in God!

*Believe in God—who knows your need—  
In God, who sends the rain  
To parched, dry lands, who gives the sun,  
And respite after pain.  
Believe! He hears and answers prayer!  
He knows before you call  
What things you lack. Does God not love  
And note a sparrow's fall?*

*Behold, all heaven's resources  
Are in His firm control.  
In Him—the mystic, healing touch  
That makes men strangely whole!  
In Him the dearth and the supply  
Are met to fill your need.  
Believe and wait in perfect trust—  
Then let God intercede!*

By **BERNIECE AYERS HALL**



**By LOY D. JONES**  
 Pastor, Harrison, Arkansas

IT falls little short of a miracle—the amount of water-flow in small, underground veins, often no larger than one’s finger, which when given outlet will through the years provide all necessary water for man and beast.

Looking down the narrow shaft with the aid of a flashlight, my friend, who had just finished watering his cattle, said, “See that stream? This well never goes dry. I move my cattle up here in this pasture when the water gets low in the others, for this drought has about dried them all up.”

The small but steady stream was pouring from the rocky side wall, bringing the water level back to normal each time he drew up the bucket. To him, normal meant slightly below this flow while the well was being drawn upon for a watering, and sixty feet soon after he left off bucketing. In years past this old homestead well had been discovered by some “water witch” and the constant flow had been a life preserver for generations.

How many small streams trickle endlessly beneath the ground’s surface will never be known, for in the wilderness waters break forth, and in the desert streams flow waiting to be tapped. “Water in the rock” is not an unusual thing, but an opening ordinarily depends on human hands. “He sendeth the springs into the valleys, which run among the hills,” and the man finds life, refreshment, reflection, and contentment by many a “well of springing water.”

The will of God for an individual is much like an underground stream. In our day of great dams, reservoirs for municipal needs, with populations depending on this supply to meet regular needs, beautiful lessons are lost. The average Christian follows the will of God only in regularly established channels: church school, worship, prayer meeting, with an occasional moment for private devotion as the days slip swiftly by. Concerning these we have no doubt they are the main source for our faith. They form the great reservoir of His will, and if neglected irreparable damage is done.

But faucets are poor substitutes for wells that spring forth, and the best of established worship seldom waits for the worshiper to explore the will

of God in individual perspective. “The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord: and he delighteth in his way”; but if Satan can keep these steps made too hurriedly and under pressure, the “good man” becomes the loser of undiscovered and unclaimed blessings.

Under one of the bedrooms of a nice, modernized parsonage is a stopped-up well of excellent water. For years it furnished water for more than one pastor’s family. But times change—remodeling and enlargement in keeping with progress, and a new city water system has come. Today someone sleeps soundly above this well, rises to turn on faucets for a supply of “treated” and almost unusable water, while beneath the place of slumber there is water, soft and fresh, and drinkable, perhaps never to be drawn upon again.

Could it be that many of our good, churchgoing people are like that? Have our wells that reach to the underground streams been subjected to the march of progress until surface experience, surface testimony, surface praying, and surface service are the result?

The deep veins of God’s will for individual lives usually run parallel to the Christian’s journey. Only in exceptional instances, as when Moses “turned aside to see this great sight,” do they point abruptly in another direction. But as one Moses is sufficient, the rest of us I am sure will find that His will is slightly aside from the beaten path and a bit beneath the surface.

Many a crushing blow falls, many a heart aches,

## All-sufficient Saviour

*Who is all-sufficient to save the soul from sins?*

*He who over evil eternal victory wins.*

*Who can cleanse the sinner’s stain and wash it white as snow?*

*He whose blood from Calvary’s mount yields a healing flow.*

*Who can lead from sin’s dark night to heaven’s golden day?*

*He whose voice is calling—“Follow Me . . . I am the Way . . .”*

*Who can give the answer to life’s perplexing test?*

*He who said, “Come, learn of Me, and I will give you rest.”*

*Who can sanctify the soul in peace and purity?*

*He who said, “Take up your cross and come and follow Me.”*

*Who can still life’s raging storms and calm the troubled strife?*

*He alone who is the Author of abundant life.*

**By JACK M. SCHARN**

and as Thoreau observed, "Men live lives of quiet desperation," for lack of full counsel in the wisdom of God's will. "The wellspring of wisdom as a flowing brook" is patiently near. "Counsel in the heart of man is like deep water; but a man of understanding will draw it out," only when he sees the insufficiency of self and the inevitable outcome of following on to know the Lord in singleness of leadership.

Little knowledge is better than no knowledge; some faith is better than no faith; "minute prayers" are better than no prayer; and to know the will of God in a general way is better than total ignorance of His plan. Like a reservoir of water, the great basin of our faith can be traced to small outlets or feeders, and one will hardly go astray while following the general program of the church at large if done conscientiously and faithfully. It is when one turns to the Church that he finds himself and the will of God for his life.

It was when Isaac and his servants "dug again the wells of water, which they had digged in the days of Abraham his father," that plans were made to dig "in the valley, and [they] found there a well of springing water." Who would question the presence of *this* underground flow somehow missed in the former well-digging campaign? People pray for more faith while failing to use the faith they have. They pray for leadership while former leadings are long neglected.

But since the general course of the Church is heavenward, there is "in the valley" for the servant of Christ a paralleling vein, supplied from the components of His will, accessible for every need and adaptable to every occasion. To this end, "The secret of the Lord is with them that fear him" (Psalms 25:14).

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example, who is a heavy smoker has one chance in twenty-three of dying within ten years as compared with only one chance in ninety for the non-smoker.

The British figures also reveal that nicotine takes a particular toll among the young. The death rate among young smokers is four times as great as among nonsmokers of the same age, while for men in their seventies it is twice as great.

Even more striking is the reaction of the public to the report. According to Mr. Stoneman, there has been a sharp drop in the amount of cigarette smoking in general. The tobacco companies themselves are taking steps to enforce a law against selling cigarettes to children under sixteen. One company has already announced that it will drop the use of 6,000 automatic vending machines, and others are said to have agreed to similar action.

All cigarette advertising on television before nine p.m. is to be stopped, and various medical groups are pressing the government to ban all cigarette advertising of any sort.

There are some powerful suggestions here for us on the States' side of the Atlantic. Evidence paralleling that of the three-year study of the Royal College of Physicians has long been available to the American public and government. It has been ably summarized in the June *Readers' Digest*.

The Surgeon General of the United States has said: "It is clear that an individual's risk of lung cancer rises in relation to the number of cigarettes smoked. Everyone should be aware of these conclusions because of their importance to health." Dr. Dean Davies, formerly of the American Cancer Society research division, now at Columbia University School of Public Health, claims: "This is no longer a controversial medical question; it is an established fact from the public-health viewpoint."

Figures published by the American Cancer Society show that the lung-cancer death rate for men between fifty and seventy is ten times higher for smokers than for abstainers, and sixty times higher for those smoking more than two packs a day. The only answer has been the lame reply of the vested tobacco interests that cigarette smoking is not the only cause of lung cancer, and that no laboratory experiments have been able to cause lung cancer in animals by inhalation of smoke! This has the same logical validity as the offer of the defense attorney to produce a dozen witnesses who did not see his client commit the crime, to counter the evidence of those who did see him.

Yet nothing is done. The U.S. Surgeon General has appointed a commission to "review the data," including representatives of the tobacco industry in the group. We may expect the same sort of results we had when the enforcement of the prohibition amendment was turned over to the country's leading distiller. We take sharp and prompt action against an entire cranberry crop when a chemical spray is used which had been labeled as a possible contributing cause of cancer, while no real or decisive action is taken against a proven killer.

One great reason, of course, is that murder by inches is so profitable. Vast sums are spent for advertising. Few publishers have the courage of the *Reader's Digest* to refuse all cigarette "ads." There are huge agricultural and manufacturing investments. Even taxes on gradual death are a contributing factor to the silence and inaction of government.

Isn't it time to wake up and be consistent? In a world that demands the maximum in moral and physical strength, we cannot afford the terrible cost of a senseless and murderous indulgence.

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***There is nothing more base than to find fault with that thou dost not understand.—Erasmus.***



# THE CHURCH AT WORK

## HOME MISSIONS

ROY F. SMEE, *Secretary*

### It Is an Interesting Study

Statistics tell the story. Over the span of a few years they show that the district superintendent who has a burning zeal for home missions will see his district increase, numerically, financially, and spiritually. Home missions is the stuff that church growth is made of. The record below for the first half of this quadrennium is not very complimentary. We hope that the last half will correct this trend. Please, please, pray about this and let us keep the Church of the Nazarene growing.

CHURCHES  
ORGANIZED  
July, 1960—  
July, 1962

DISTRICT	SUPERINTENDENT	
Abilene	Raymond W. Hurn	6
Akron	C. D. Taylor	4
Alabama	L. S. Oliver	5
Alaska	Bert Daniels	0
Albany	Renard D. Smith	1
Arizona	M. L. Mann	2
Australia	A. A. E. Berg	4
British Isles North	George Frame	2
British Isles South	J. B. MacLagan	2
Canada Atlantic	Robert F. Woods	2
Canada Central	Bruce Taylor	1
Canada Pacific	Bert Daniels	0
Canada West	Herman L. G. Smith	0
Canal Zone	Milton Harrington	0
Central Ohio	Harvey S. Galloway	2
Chicago Central	Mark R. Moore	2
Colorado	E. L. Cornelison	6
Dallas	Paul H. Garrett	2
Eastern Kentucky	D. S. Somerville	0
Eastern Michigan	E. W. Martin	2
East Tennessee	Victor E. Gray	1
Florida	John L. Knight	1
Georgia	Mack Anderson	5
Gulf Central	Warren A. Rogers	3
Hawaii	Melza Brown	0
Houston	W. Raymond McClung	1
Idaho-Oregon	I. F. Younger	1
Illinois	Harold Daniels	3
Indianapolis	Luther Cantwell	2
Iowa	Gene E. Phillips	2
Joplin	Dean Baldwin	2
Kansas	Ray Hance	3
Kansas City	Orville Jenkins	4
Kentucky	Dallas Baggett	2
Los Angeles	Shelburne Brown	3
Louisiana	T. T. McCord	1
Maine	Joshua C. Wagner	3
Michigan	Fred J. Hawk	8
Minnesota	Roy F. Stevens	0
Mississippi	W. Charles Ollver	0
Missouri	E. D. Simpson	0
Nebraska	Whitcomb Harding	1
Nevada-Utah	Raymond B. Sherwood	2
New England	Fletcher Spruce	2
New Mexico	R. C. Gunstream	1
New York	Robert I. Goslaw	1
North Arkansas	Boyd C. Hancock	0
North Carolina	Lloyd B. Byron	1
North Dakota	Harry F. Taplin	0
N.E. Indiana	Paul Urdike	2
N.E. Oklahoma	I. C. Mathis	1
N. California	E. E. Zachary	0
Northwest	Raymond C. Kratzer	1
N.W. Illinois	Lyle E. Eckley	1
N.W. Indiana	Arthur C. Morgan	1
N.W. Ohio	Carl B. Clendenen	4
N.W. Oklahoma	Jonathan T. Gasset	1
Oregon Pacific	W. D. McGraw	2
Philadelphia	Wm. C. Allshouse	1
Pittsburgh	R. B. Acheson	3
Rocky Mountain	Alvin L. McQuay	0

Samoa	Jarrell Garsee	1
San Antonio	James Hester	3
South Africa	Charles Strickland	2
South Arkansas	A. Milton Smith	0
South Carolina	Otto Stucki	2
South Dakota	Albert O. Loeber	0
S.E. Oklahoma	Glen Jones	0
S. California	Nicholas A. Hull	4
S.W. Indiana	Leo C. Davis	2
S.W. Ohio	M. E. Clay	3
S.W. Oklahoma	W. T. Johnson	1
Tennessee	C. E. Shumake	3
Virginia	V. W. Littrell	3
Washington	E. E. Grosse	2
West Germany	Jerald D. Johnson	4
Wash. Pacific	B. V. Seals	2
West Virginia	H. Harvey Hendershot	3
Wisconsin	D. J. Gibson	0

## FOREIGN MISSIONS

GEORGE COULTER, *Secretary*

### Miss Margaret Latta Passes

Miss Margaret Latta, retired veteran missionary who spent twenty-three years in Swaziland, South Africa, went to be with her Lord on July 4, 1962. Miss Latta was well known for her work as a teacher. She established our teacher-training school for Swazi young people at Manzini, Swaziland, in 1938. Miss Latta received the honor of Member of the British Empire from the king in 1951 in recognition of her outstanding contribution to the education of the Swazi people.

### Prayer Request for Sharon Rich

While still in Haiti we discovered that one of our Bible school students had a serious case of tuberculosis. The doctor suggested that each of the missionary families be given a skin test, and our daughter Sharon came out with a positive reaction. She was X-rayed and found that she had contracted tuberculosis but had almost resisted it on her own. The doctor felt that she should be treated immediately. He also suggested that we put Sharon under the care of a specialist while we are here in the States and have control X rays made from time to time until she is completely well. We would appreciate your prayers for her complete healing.—HARRY AND MARION RICH, Haiti.

### New Children's Slides

Two new sets of slides for children are now available, covering the six Oriental countries of our missionary study.

CHILDREN'S ORIENT No. 1—Korea, India, Taiwan—20 slides

CHILDREN'S ORIENT No. 2—Philippines, New Guinea, Samoa—21 slides

Each set rents for \$1.00 per showing, 50c each additional showing. Please return promptly, as these sets will be in heavy demand.

Local Sunday school teachers and Junior Fellowship leaders could plan to use these sets on the same day and arrange for several showings at the reduced rate.

Order CHILDREN'S SLIDE SETS ORIENT No. 1 and ORIENT No. 2 from the Department of Foreign Missions, 6401 The Paseo, Kansas City 31, Missouri.

Please give first and second choice of dates for showing the slides.

### Used Clothing Needed for Panama

Our missionaries in Panama can use lightweight, summer clothing. Mark the package in Spanish: "ROPA USADA, Used Clothing." Send it to: IGLESIA DEL NAZARENO, APARTADO 8378, PANAMA, REPUBLICA DE PANAMA.

### Pray for Korea

Our Korean churches have enjoyed the best year yet, with five of our churches achieving self-support. But Satan is stirred and is trying to destroy the work of the Kingdom. We need the prayers of God's people to defeat the enemy of souls, and help us, by the grace of God, to continue to spread the light of holiness by word and by our lives throughout the land of Korea.—DONALD OWENS.

### Prayer Request for Bolivia Missionaries

Miss Margaret Primrose and Mrs. Vincent Seely are both ill with hepatitis. Other missionaries are carrying heavy loads in the Bible school and other mission work. This is very taxing to their strength in the high altitude around La Paz. Please remember our missionary staff in Bolivia in prayer. God is able to restore them to health and enable them to carry on His work there.

## FOR CHRISTIAN ACTION

A leaflet published by the United Christian Action of Lakeland, Florida, entitled *Why I Abstain*, states the following reasons for abstaining from the drinking of alcoholic beverages:

1. To maintain physical health and efficiency. I owe it to my coun-

try, my family and myself to keep fit.

2. To be always mentally alert and efficient. Alcohol, even in small amounts, retards mental activity and dulls the senses.
3. To encourage safer driving for myself and others, where human lives may be at stake.
4. To preserve my self-respect and dignity, being courteous and kind to others at all times. I wish to stand for principle instead of merely following the crowd.
5. To succeed in life. Alcohol blights good judgment, destroys the finer senses, and always leads downward.
6. To exemplify the good life to others. From their example I have sadly learned that many lives have been irretrievably wrecked as a result of drink.
7. To spend my money on profitable, worthwhile things instead of on those things which hinder in the search for happiness.

EARL C. WOLF, *Secretary*  
*Committee on Public Morals*

## DISTRICT ACTIVITIES

### British Isles South District Assembly

The newly purchased property in Salford, near Manchester, provided an ideal setting for the ninth annual assembly of the British Isles South District, June 11 and 12. Rev. Andrew Spence, host pastor, and his fine people made admirable provision in meal catering, etc.

The business and devotional sessions were under the genial and inspiring leadership of Dr. Hardy C. Powers, whose ministry of the Word brought blessing and challenge to a big representative group of pastors and delegates.

Pastors' reports indicated a year of steady progress; some of the smaller churches reported inspiring gains in all departments. The organization of a new church in Cardiff, Wales, announced the spearheading of a new move into the principality.

Rev. James B. Maclagan, who has been district superintendent since the organization of the district in 1953, was re-elected to serve another year with a good vote. Revs. Ford and Mitchell, and Brothers Shepherd and G. Wesley Thomas were elected to the District Advisory Board.

In an impressive ordination service on Tuesday evening, David Thinkell and Alan Duncan Bradshaw were elected to elder's orders.

It was an inspiration in the convention services to have the fellowship and ministry of Rev. Doris McDowell, evangelist from California (U.S.A.), and Rev. Roberto Cerrato, district superintendent in Italy. The anointed preaching and wonderful spirit of both Sister McDowell and Brother Cerrato were a source of real blessing to all. It was a joy also to have Rev. Jerry Johnson from Germany in the services with us.

In the face of difficulties and indifference to spiritual things, the British Isles South District is in good heart and faith, and is moving forward under the leadership of Superintendent Maclagan and the banner of full salvation.—T. W. SCHOFIELD, *Reporter*.

### New England District Assembly

The fifty-fifth annual assembly of the New England District convened June 20 and 21 on the campus of Eastern Nazarene College, Wollaston, Massachusetts. Dr. Samuel Young guided the affairs of business with practiced hand and Scottish wit.

The people of New England welcomed Rev. Fletcher Spruce to their hearts, and the district superintendency with an overwhelming vote of confidence, 152 out of 154 cast. Rev. and Mrs. Spruce, Sallye Beth, and Jim have entered wholeheartedly into the fellowship of New England Nazarenes.

Brother Spruce's report to the assembly reflected the excellent work of Rev. J. C. Albright, who completed almost sixteen years of leadership on the district last December. Rev. and Mrs. Albright are remembered with respect and affection by our people.

The district raised for all purposes \$635,071, giving \$54,546 to the General Budget and approved specials, and contributing \$20,103 to Eastern Nazarene College. Also, 229 members were received on profession of faith, with total membership now of 4,002. Sunday school enrollment mounted to 7,258 with an average attendance of 4,294. The N.Y. P.S. now has 3,003 members. Fifteen churches gave 10 per cent or more for world missions, and six churches were placed on the Evangelistic Honor Roll. Two new churches were organized—Boston Chapel, Boston, Massachusetts, and Wolfeboro, New Hampshire. The church at Wareham, Massachusetts, with Tyler S. Wooster, pastor, was honored as "Small Church of the Year."

In an impressive ordination service, Dr. Young conferred elder's orders on Duane Herron, Stanley Mingleddorf, and Merrill Ladd.

Dr. "Ted" Martin, pastor of the Wollaston church, and Dr. Edward S. Mann, president of E.N.C., were warm and congenial hosts. An atmosphere of faith and optimism pervaded the entire assembly.—NEALE McLAIN, *Reporter*.

### Canada Atlantic District N.Y.P.S. Convention

The nineteenth annual convention of the Canada Atlantic District N.Y.P.S. was held May 21 at Calvary Church in Amherst, Nova Scotia. President Owen Underwood presided efficiently. A wonderful spirit of unity and optimism prevailed, as God drew near to bless and encourage all those present.

Reports of district officers indicated progress numerically, financially, and spiritually. The annual youth institutes have contributed in great measure to the forward strides in the young people's work. The N.Y.P.S. is assisting in every way to develop our district camp site at Victoria Lake, Cumberland Co., Nova Scotia. A dining hall and dormitory

will be erected in the near future.

Rev. Owen Underwood, loved and esteemed throughout the district, was re-elected unanimously as president. Other officers re-elected were Rev. Robert Brooks, vice-president; Mrs. Jean Smith, secretary, and Mr. Fred Myers, treasurer. Rev. Walter Wilcox is the youth camp director.

The fifty-dollar scholarship from the district N.Y.P.S. was awarded to Weyman Moore of Summerside, Prince Edward Island, who is a student at Canadian Nazarene College.

The convention speaker was Rev. Verbal Williams, pastor at St. John's, Newfoundland. With burden and fervency, he challenged all present to be entirely HIS in consecration and personal witnessing.

Adding much to the blessing and inspiration were the special selections in song by Mr. Nelson Brown, soloist of Fairfield, Maine, and the teen-age choir directed by Rev. Ross Cribbis of Oxford, Nova Scotia. At the close of the evening service, seven young people found victory in God at the altar of prayer.—MARY A. SHARPE, *Reporter*.

### Northeast Oklahoma District N.Y.P.S. Convention

The Northeast Oklahoma District N.Y.P.S. convention was held on Friday, June 1, at Tulsa First Church. Rev. Jim Blankenship was re-elected president by a splendid vote of confidence. Dr. I. C. Mathis, district superintendent, presented the president to the convention.

Other officers elected were: Robert L. Griffin, vice-president and N.Y.A.F. director; John Hall, secretary; Gene Hood, treasurer; E. C. Stegall, N.Y.F. director; Merrill Morgan, N.J.F. director; teen-age representatives, Kathy Griffin and Gary Hamilton; and adult representatives, Willa Mae Noel and Bill McCullough.

We appreciated the splendid messages, morning and afternoon, by our guest speaker, Rev. Robert Leffel, of Huntsville, Alabama.

A special feature of the convention was the final quiz in the district-sponsored Scripturama on the Book of Mark. The team from Bristow society won first place, with Bartlesville First, as second, and Tulsa Carbondale third.

The convention reports showed a year of splendid progress. Notable was the 106 per cent of subscriptions for our outstanding youth magazine, *Conquest*. —J. EDWARD SCHNEIDER, JR., *Reporter*.

### Northwest District N.Y.P.S. Convention

The thirty-ninth annual Northwest District N.Y.P.S. convention met in the church at Cocur d'Alene, Idaho, on April 5. Rev. Jack Hawthorne, pastor, was a most gracious host, and it was a privilege to have Mayor Jim McKinnon bring greetings from the city.

The district president, Rev. Charles Wilkes, gave an outstanding report, after which he received a unanimous vote for re-election. Other officers elected were: Rev. Richard Ivester, vice-president;

Rev. Paul Kidwell, secretary; and Rev. Quentin Caswell, treasurer.

High lights of the convention were: a talent contest featuring zone winners; a Teen Fellowship banquet with Jim Weisen as master of ceremonies; a young adult banquet with Earl Wordsworth as master of ceremonies. Rev. Joe Wright represented Northwest Nazarene College.

Mr. Paul Skiles's ministry in word and music was deeply appreciated, and Northwest Nazarene youth left the convention inspired to be more deeply HIS. —QUENTIN C. CASWELL, *Reporter*.

## Canada Atlantic District Assembly

The nineteenth annual assembly of the Canada Atlantic District was held in First Church, Moncton, New Brunswick. Dr. G. B. Williamson presided with his usual efficiency and preached under the anointing of the Holy Spirit.

Rev. Robert F. Woods, district superintendent, was unanimously re-elected for one year, and then given a three-year extended call, with only one negative vote. His aggressive program is enthusiastically endorsed by all of the churches.

In the Queen Elizabeth school on Sunday afternoon an appeal was made on behalf of the new project in Stephenville, Newfoundland, where Rev. Robert Brooks has been appointed as pastor. An amount of \$720 was pledged for this new venture, even after \$6,000 had been pledged previously for home missions.

The district now has 20 organized churches with 790 members. A gain of 6 per cent was made this year—the second highest gain since the district was organized nineteen years ago. The total giving for eleven months was \$89,243, an increase of \$5,861 over last year.

Rev. Owen Underwood was re-elected as district secretary, and Mr. Milton Mellish as treasurer.

Missionary George Hayse thrilled the delegates to the N.F.M.S. convention with his stirring messages. Mrs. Robert F. Woods was elected as the N.F.M.S. president.

Dr. Arnold E. Aihart, president of Canadian Nazarene College, challenged the delegates of the church schools convention to a deeper spiritual devotion. Rev. A. Percy Rainey was elected as chairman of the church school board. Mr. George Waterman was the special soloist for the assembly.—A. PERCY RAINEY, *Reporter*.

## South Dakota District Assembly

The twenty-third annual assembly of the South Dakota District convened June 20 in the church at Mitchell, with Rev. James H. Ranum and people as the excellent hosts.

Dr. D. I. Vanderpool, presiding officer, conducted the meetings in an experienced and expeditious manner. For most of us, the Lord willing, there will be many other assemblies, but Dr. Vanderpool informed us that because of his impending retirement this would be the last assembly he will hold on the South Dakota District. Although saddened by

this announcement, we were thrilled by his inimitable preaching. Surely our hearts and minds will retain for many years illustrations of truth stamped indelibly there by this tender-spirited man of God.

Our beloved district superintendent, Rev. Albert O. Loeber, is beginning the second year of a two-year extended call. We welcomed the opportunity to give him and his family a love offering as a token of our esteem. South Dakota Nazarenes greatly love and appreciate our district superintendent and his family.

The heads of the three district departments were re-elected, as well as the treasurer and secretary.

The following churches were awarded "10 per cent" certificates: Canning, Carthage, Beulah, Aberdeen, Madison, Plano, and Rosholt.

On Thursday evening Dr. Vanderpool ordained two young pastors who had

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## "SHOWERS of BLESSING" Program Schedule

August 12—"Midnight Dreams—Midday Visions," by Dallas Baggett (featuring music from Olivet Nazarene College)

August 19—"How Can I Be Sure?" by Dallas Baggett

August 26—"The Man Who Cannot Be Hurt," by Lloyd Byron (featuring music from Bethany Nazarene College)

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been elected to elder's orders—Harley V. Cash and Donald G. Humber.

We have a great challenge before us in South Dakota, and pray that we may meet it with a prayerful and consecrated spirit.—CLINTON WICKHAM, *Reporter*.

## Nebraska District Assembly

The fiftieth annual assembly of the Nebraska District convened on June 28 with Dr. V. H. Lewis presiding. He dispatched the business of the assembly with efficiency and grace, and his messages challenged all present to live closer to the Lord and to work more effectively for the Kingdom.

The day sessions were held in the First Methodist Church. The evening services were given over to the camp meeting, and held in the camp tabernacle located in the southeast part of the city.

Rev. Paul Martin was the camp evangelist, and his unique and Spirit-anointed messages were a blessing to all. Many souls sought and found the Lord. Brother Martin was ably seconded by the inspired singing of Brother James Bohi, whose golden voice thrilled all those present.

Under the wise and able leadership of our district superintendent, Dr. Whitcomb B. Harding, this has been a good year for the Nebraska District. Gains were reported in every department. The total raised for all purposes was \$349,085; twelve churches received the evan-

gelistic award, and twenty-two raised "10 per cent" or more for missions.

Three young men were elected to elder's orders, and ordained in a beautiful service on Saturday morning—Gerald Yoesel, Denny Gene Owens, and Burleigh McNew.

Mrs. Norman Bloom was unanimously re-elected as the district N.F.M.S. president; Rev. Stanley Gerboth was elected district N.Y.P.S. president; and Rev. Edward J. Gallup was selected as chairman of the district church school board.

Rev. and Mrs. C. B. Johnson, pastors of the Kearney church, with their fine people, were most gracious hosts.—GEORGE L. MOWRY, *Reporter*.

## North Dakota District Assembly

Dr. D. I. Vanderpool presided in his usual gracious manner at the North Dakota District Assembly, June 29 and 30, at the district campground in Sawyer, North Dakota.

Rev. Harry F. Taplin, district superintendent, now serving on an extended call, gave a good report of the year's work. One high light of the year was the completion of the new building for Fargo First Church, Minot, Jamestown, and Bismarck all have purchased land for new church plants. An air of optimism prevailed in the business of the assembly.

In the auxiliary conventions prior to the assembly, Rev. Claire W. Kern and Mrs. Harry F. Taplin were re-elected as presidents of the N.Y.P.S. and the N.F.M.S. respectively. Rev. Ray R. Glenn was re-elected as chairman of the church school board.

The district camp meeting services, held in connection with the assembly, featured the fine, Spirit-anointed ministry of Dr. Norman R. Oke and Dr. John E. Ribley, with Dwight and Norma Jean Meredith in charge of the music. Rev. Eva M. Peet was the children's worker.

After several years of drought, North Dakota is much encouraged with prospects of excellent crops this year. The Lord continues to bless, and the work of the district is moving ahead.—DAVID E. FIGG, *Reporter*.

## South Arkansas District N.Y.P.S. Convention

The tenth annual N.Y.P.S. convention of the South Arkansas District was held June 8 at Hot Springs First Church. A day of spiritual blessings and enthusiasm was shared by the delegates and friends who were present.

Rev. Thomas M. Hermon was elected to succeed Rev. Bill Jetton, who resigned after serving for three years as president. Other officers elected were: Rev. Jimmy Daniels, vice-president; Mrs. Vernon Hardcastle, secretary; Rev. Ron Fowler, treasurer. District director of the Young Adult Fellowship is Rev. Joe Holladay; of the Teen Fellowship, Rev. Dallas Hudspeth; and of the Junior Fellowship, Mrs. Wallace Reneger. Members at large are: for the Teen Fellowship, Judy Dedmon and Gary Pate; and for the Young Adult Fellowship, Mrs. Emma Eastman and Charles Phillips.



The work of the N.Y.P.S. on the South Arkansas District is growing, with a greater number reported in membership enrollment, and a larger number of churches paying their allocations in full. Much appreciation is due our splendid district superintendent, Dr. A. Milton Smith; he is an outstanding booster for the N.Y.P.S.—CHARLES F. WILSON, *Reporter*.

## Canada West District N.Y.P.S. Convention

The fourteenth annual N.Y.P.S. convention was held May 19 to 21 at the Nazarene youth camp, Harmattan, Alberta. An old-fashioned beef barbecue was thoroughly enjoyed by some 170 delegates, pastors, and visitors to the convention to start off the week end.

The business of the convention was carried on in the afternoon and evening, under the able leadership of District President Ron Borden. The confidence of the district in the president was affirmed by a fine vote for his reelection. Other officers elected were: Rev. Ken Fach, vice-president; Miss Lillian Schmautz, secretary; and Rev. Paul Hicks, treasurer.

The special speaker was Dr. A. E. Airhart, our loved and respected president of Canadian Nazarene College. His messages were Spirit-anointed, pertinent, and searching. The Sunday night service climaxed wonderfully in young people praying through at the altar for regeneration and entire sanctification.

The presence and enthusiastic spirit of District Superintendent Herman L. G. Smith added much blessing.

The *Conquest* goal of 556 was surpassed with 680 subscriptions reported. Eight teen-agers were named to attend the International Institute.

On Monday (a holiday), recreation and fellowship were the order of the day. The convention was wonderful. God's blessings were real, and there was an increased determination in many hearts to be fully HIS.—WAYNE S. MUNRO, *Reporter*.

## Michigan District Church Schools Convention

The Michigan District church schools convention was held at the North Street Church in Lansing on June 2 with our newly elected district church school board chairman, Rev. Roy A. Mumau, presiding. His spiritual guidance and admonitions were much appreciated.

Dr. J. Fred Hawk, our district superintendent, presented the work and interests of the district and gave a challenge to all district and local leaders. Excellent district gains were cited, and exciting plans revealed regarding our camp site and other phases of the work.

LaVerne Rubberg led the singing, and special music was furnished by a mixed quartet from Midland First Church. Devotions were led by Rev. Carl Allen. Two panel discussions were presented: one on "The Christian Home," with Rev. Joseph F. Nielson, moderator; and the other on "The Teen-ager with Christ," with Rev. Paul K. Moore as the moderator.

Christian Service Training was em-

phasized by Edwin R. North, and the "Honor Teacher" program was presented by William C. Damon. A high light of the convention was the "Teacher of the Year" award, which went to Mrs. Margaret Cunningham of Lansing First Church.

Special speaker for the convention was Dr. Mark R. Moore, superintendent of the Chicago Central District. His messages were inspiring and very beneficial. His characteristic style of presentation made the helps he presented to stick in our minds for future benefit.

A delegation from our new colored work in Saginaw was present for the convention. The convention was well attended.—HAROLD JOHNSTON, *Secretary*.

## THE LOCAL CHURCHES

Evangelist Lee H. Ensey writes, "After spending eighteen years as an evangelist in another holiness denomination, and conducting over 260 revivals and camps, I united with the Church of the Nazarene one year ago in May. My elder's orders were recognized at the Southern California District Assembly, and I received evangelist's commission. During the past twelve months, the Lord has given me the privilege of conducting two camps and sixteen revivals, most of them with our Nazarene people. God has blessed in a wonderful way with over five hundred seekers at the altar. I am enjoying working with our fine pastors, and appreciate my district superintendent, Rev. Nicholas A. Hull. I have some open time in 1963. Write me, 2094 F Street, San Bernardino, California."

Salisbury, North Carolina—Our church recently closed a series of revival services with Rev. A. D. Holt as the evangelist. We feel that this was God's time for our church because of the results. There were good crowds, a good spirit, and good altar services with seekers for entire sanctification and souls reclaimed.—ROBERT F. TURNER, *Pastor*.

After thirty-eight years of unbroken service, Rev. and Mrs. J. R. Spittal of the Grandview Church in Vancouver, B.C., Canada, retired from the active ministry at the end of June. They write: "It is with gratitude to God and the leaders of our church that we give thanks for the opportunities afforded us to pioneer and labor for Him in western Canada. The blessings received and the souls won to the Master during the years bring much rejoicing as we review the past." Their new address is 81 East 47th Avenue, Vancouver 15, B.C., Canada.

Charleston, South Carolina—Sunday, June 3, was a wonderful day for the Garden Road Church, with former members, friends, and ministers returning to fellowship with us and observe the dedication of the new sanctuary. The new building, valued at \$40,000, was built for the remarkably low figure of \$18,000, with a debt of only \$10,000. God richly blessed as the people prayed, worked, tithed faithfully, and co-operated in the entire church program.

The building is centrally located and very attractive. Pastor D. Moody Gunter, and former pastors, Rev. Hugh Hill and Rev. James D. Taylor, participated in the dedication service, with District Superintendent Stucki bringing the dedicatory message. The service was richly blessed through the gifted singing of Paul Bendt.—ROBERT F. LAMONT, *Reporter*.

Evangelist W. R. Donaldson reports: "Since last writing, the Lord has given some of the greatest revivals of my ministry, in many respects. More than one thousand seekers, by count, were at the altars. During the past year I was in twenty-six revivals and camp meetings (many of these were one week only). We have wonderful pastors and people, and we found them working and praying for a revival. There is a new interest in revivals, and the field is wide open. I am now slating meetings for 1963; write me and I'll be glad to work with you on a date. My address, 118 W. Fourth, La Junta, Colorado."

Vancouver, Washington—Central Church observed its tenth anniversary on Easter Sunday, this year. Ten years ago the church was started in an old, deserted building in the slum section of the city. Since that time God has marvelously blessed in many ways. Attendance on Easter Sunday was 853 in Sunday school—only 8 were present for the first service on Easter of 1952. The Lord has given us a five-acre corner with a new building at \$450,000; and we have two parsonages with an appraised value of \$50,000. During this last assembly year we received 15 new families into the church, with over 450 seekers finding help at the altar. Ten years ago we raised \$2,500 for all purposes; this year our total giving went over the \$45,000 mark. We appreciate our faithful pastor and his family; his long hours of labor for the Master have been an inspiration to us. Just eleven years ago our pastor, Rev. Don Coonrod, was won to the Lord. We give thanks to God for His faithfulness.—MRS. EVELYN BRUMFEL, *Secretary*.

Evangelist H. A. and Helen Casey write: "Due to unforeseen circumstances, we have an open date, August 15 to 26. We carry the whole program—sing, play ten instruments, and preach. We also have an open date in December, and some time in January of '63. Write us c/o the Publishing House, P.O. Box 527, Kansas City 41, Missouri."

Fort Lauderdale, Florida—Members and friends of First Church are praising God for the marvelous progress we have made in all departments under the leadership of Rev. and Mrs. Wm. O. Blue, pastors for the past five years. We added 33 members this past year, giving us a total of 229. Brother Blue emphasizes holiness evangelism for the world, and has led our people to prove their concern for lost humanity by giving more than \$10,000, or 24½ per cent of our church income, last year for foreign missions. In return, God has blessed us

in making it possible to sell our present property for cash and to purchase five acres of choice land in the city. Plans for a new sanctuary and educational unit have been approved and we hope to begin building this summer. Our people are working and praying, and the presence of the Holy Spirit is manifested in our services. Sister Blue is a splendid choir director, and has proved a great blessing to the church. Rev. H. B. Jensen, assistant pastor, and Mrs. Jensen, although retired, have been an inspiration by their tireless efforts for the Lord. We give God thanks for what He has enabled us to accomplish, and look to God for His continued power and blessing upon our services.—PAULINE FOSTER, *Secretary*.

Pastor Wm. O. Welton reports: "I have had an enjoyable ten-year ministry with our South Flint Church. Many souls prayed through to God and united with the church; 135 members received, and the Sunday school increased to an average of 240. The Sunday school was departmentalized, with a children's church organized under the leadership of Mrs. Welton. Property value was increased from \$30,000 to \$172,000, and the total debt is only \$11,000, which is being reduced by \$750 per month, plus interest. Finances increased from \$15,225 the first year to an average now of \$35,000 per year, with better than 10 per cent for missions. On July 24 we assumed our duties as pastor of our First Church in Adrian, Michigan."

Rev. Morris Chalfant writes: "On July 15, I resigned as pastor of our Central Church in Seattle, Washington. It was my privilege to serve this great, downtown city church since 1956. During these six years this church helped to start six Nazarene churches in the Seattle area and gave members to each. It was a joy to work with District Superintendent Seals and the good laymen. Feeling it to be God's will, I have resigned and am entering the field of evangelism; will be glad to go anywhere the Lord may lead. I have moved to Illinois, and my address is 116 Kentucky Avenue, Danville, Illinois."

Evangelist Charles A. Higgins writes: "In June, I closed one of the best revivals of the year in Gilmer, Texas. A good number of souls sought God at the altar. On the closing night the pastor received six new members on profession of faith. I have some open dates; write me, 1402 Boutz Road, Las Cruces, New Mexico."

Chucky, Tennessee—On Sunday, June 24, members of the Philadelphia Church celebrated the twentieth anniversary of its organization. The first minister, and organizer, Rev. Mrs. John Schwartz, (now retired) read several excerpts from the past records. Rev. Mrs. Glenn Garber, pastor since 1949, introduced the only two remaining charter members, Mrs. Elsie Garber and Rev. Mrs. John Schwartz. After a message by the pastor, a basket dinner was enjoyed by several

of the church families. We give God praise for His blessings.—J. HARVEY GENT, *Reporter*.

Evangelist C. T. Corbett reports: "During the first 5½ months of this current year it has been my privilege to labor in 12 evangelistic campaigns, giving me a total of 814 such meetings since the Lord called me into this work. This year's campaigns have been in Oregon, with Pastor Wheeler at Astoria, with Rev. Don B. Fivecoat at Newberg, and at Baker with Pastor Vevig. Then to Arden Church, Sacramento, California, with Rev. Don C. Moore; at Riverton, Wyoming, with Pastor Gilster; and at Southside Church in Fort Wayne, Indiana, with Rev. J. R. Shadowens. From there I went to Ohio, with Rev. A. E. Pusey, at Tiffin, and with Pastor Mewbuorn at St. Marys; at Emporia, Kansas, with Pastor Darrell Moore, and at Auburndale Church in Topeka, with Pastor Shumann; then back to Indiana for meetings at Seymour with Rev. Paul Hoskins, and at Chesterton, with Pastor Woodbeck. Many times God came on the scene and some wonderful results were divinely given with hundreds of seekers at the altar of prayer. It is a real joy to work with our pastors and people. I have open two choice fall dates. Write me, Box 215, Kankakee, Illinois."

Fairborn, Ohio—The Dayton Wright View Church recently closed one of the greatest revivals of its history, with Dr. A. L. Parrott, evangelist, and Boyce and Catherine Pierce as singers and musicians. God was present in saving and sanctifying power, and there were seekers in each service—more than 200 in all. Our church continues to grow in both attendance and membership. Our Sunday school is averaging above 350, and the membership is past the 200-mark.—PAUL R. TALBOTT, *Reporter*.

Long Beach, Mississippi—Our church recently had one of the best revivals of its history, with Evangelist and Mrs. Charles D. Ide as the special workers. The children's services conducted each evening at seven o'clock, using colored talking filmstrips, were a great blessing to our boys and girls. On Sunday morning we had a unified service, which God used to help the people. The attendance was good, and nearly thirty young people received help from God at the altar of prayer. We thank God for His blessings.—L. L. MATHEUS, *Pastor*.

## THE BIBLE LESSON

By ARNOLD E. AIRUART

Topic for August 12:

A Call to Repentance

SCRIPTURE: Ezekiel 1:1-3; 2:1-7; 18 (Printed: Ezekiel 1:1; 2:3-5; 18:1-4, 30-32)

GOLDEN TEXT: *Repent, and turn yourselves from all your transgressions; so iniquity shall not be your ruin* (Ezekiel 18:30).

Ezekiel had been first a priest. Now,

in a foreign land, he was called to be a prophet also. He had been carried away to Babylon among ten thousand captives in 597 B.C., eleven years before his nation's final overthrow. Trained to approach God on behalf of the people, he was now to speak to the people on behalf of God.

The people to whom he preached are described as rebellious, impudent, and stiffhearted. But whatever the results of his preaching, Ezekiel was so to deliver his own soul that they should "know that there hath been a prophet among them."

Then, as now, the great stumbling block was in admitting the fact of sin, and that they themselves were sinners. They were fortified against the truth by their armor of alibis. They were accustomed to blame their circumstances, their inheritance, and their forebears, and to impudently cast reflections upon even the justice of God. They had become expert "buck passers." They had a saying, "The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge." It was like taking refuge in the doctrine of inherited depravity from responsibility for one's personal meanness. In our own time, faith in the various forms of determinism, so dear to the hearts of the wise of this world, has undercut moral foundations and the sense of sin. There can be no repentance, and thus no hope for men, until they accept personal responsibility for their attitudes and actions.

Ezekiel graphically proclaimed God's loving mercy. The call to repentance is a call to co-operate fully with the grace of God. It is a misunderstanding of the doctrine of grace that makes personal salvation something altogether apart from the sinner's own choosing. To be sure, no merit attaches to our works, but the tragedy of the masses is that they effectually resist God, in His gracious call to repentance and faith. Man has a will, and he uses it. Although enslaved by sin when left to himself, yet because he is under grace he is enabled (although not compelled) to choose God, and to co-operate with divine aid unto his salvation.

Repentance is bitter medicine. To "turn . . . from . . . transgressions" may mean the renunciation of fixed habits, cherished associations, and the hope of selfish gain. But the bitter medicine of repentance makes possible healing, "a new heart and a new spirit." But to refuse the medicine and to continue in sin will produce the final bitterness, ending in total ruin. True repentance is the bitter medicine unto life. The other choice is the poisonous gall of death.

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## Deaths

MRS. MINERVA CROUSE, born October 11, 1878, in Newton-Hamilton, Pennsylvania, died April 7, 1962, after an illness of three years. She joined the then newly organized Church of the Nazarene at North St. Paul, Minnesota, in 1926, and had been a faithful member ever since. A Sunday school teacher, Junior Society leader, and N.F.M.S. worker for nearly thirty-five years, she is remembered with affection for her service in all these



fields. She is survived by seven children: Albert Mansfield, George, Raymond, Louise Scott, Olive Zimmerman, Paul, and Glenn. Funeral service was held in her home church with the pastor, Rev. David J. Sullivan, in charge, with interment in Evergreen Memorial Gardens, North St. Paul.

**ROBERT P. MURRAY**, thirty-six-year-old patrolman of Portland, Oregon, was killed in a crash of his motorcycle early in May. He was born April 11, 1926, in Corvallis, Oregon. He was a member of the Church of the Nazarene, a veteran of World War II, and member of the Portland Police Post VFW. He is survived by his wife, Frances H.; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Ray Dolson; a daughter, Ann Ray; a son, David Bjerke; and three sisters, Mrs. Gladys Boone, Mrs. Marilyn Austin, and Mrs. Norma Tuck. Funeral service was conducted by Rev. Lowell Ellis, pastor of Portland Mt. Scott Church of the Nazarene, assisted by Rev. Robert C. Emrick. The motorcycle corps, twenty-two officers, escorted the hearse to Williamette National Cemetery, where interment was made.

**MRS. JULIA PREAMO** died May 4, 1962, after being confined to a nursing home for several years due to poor health. There are no known survivors, and no recorded date of birth, but she was believed to be around ninety years of age. Funeral service was conducted by Mrs. Jean Hallenbeck, pastor of the Oswego, New York, Church of the Nazarene. Mrs. Preamo was a member of the church about fourteen years, attending services and testifying as long as she was able.

**ALICE KAY NOEL** was born October 11, 1943, and died after a lengthy illness on May 10, 1962, at Lancaster, Ohio. She was a daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Frank A. Noel, Sr., pastors of the Lancaster Church of the Nazarene. Alice Kay was active in the church work, and left a glowing testimony for God to all those who came in contact with her. Besides her parents, she is survived by a sister, Mrs. Arnold Hughes; and four brothers, Rev. Frank Noel, Jr., Charles, Roger, and Paul Steve. Funeral service was held in the Lancaster church with Rev. E. K. Richey, of Columbus officiating, assisted by Rev. L. L. Zimmerman of Marion. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery near Roseville, Ohio.

**GUS SATHER** was born January 7, 1881, in Martell, Wisconsin, and died March 1, 1962, at his home. In 1913 he was married to Mabel Bremseth in North Dakota; for forty years he carried on a business in Van Hook, North Dakota. Upon his retirement they moved to California, and in 1949 to Vancouver, Washington. He was converted late in life, and during the last years of life he was a faithful Christian and member of Hillcrest Church of the Nazarene in Vancouver. He is survived by his wife, Mabel; a son, Cameron H.; two daughters, Mrs. L. H. Bone and Mrs. A. C. Bartole; one sister, Julia Richardson; and one brother, Nick Sather. Funeral service was held in Vancouver with Rev. P. J. Bartram, pastor, officiating.

**MISS FLORA E. BRECK**, of Portland, Oregon, died very suddenly of a heart attack on April 25, 1962. She was the author of many religious works and several hymns; she was a frequent contributor (both articles and poems) to the "Herald of Holiness" and other Nazarene periodicals. She had retired in 1955 after many years' service with the U.S. Bureau of Public Roads. She was a member of the Rose City Park Presbyterian Church. She is survived by two sisters: Mrs. Merton G. Ellis, of Canby; and Grace M., of Portland. Funeral service was in Portland, with interment in the Rose City Cemetery, Portland.

**MICHAEL DEAN**, three-year-old son of Grady and Anne Harrison Smith, of Norfolk, Virginia, died May 8, 1962, in a hospital in Cleveland, Ohio. He had been ill with leukemia for almost a year. Michael was a member of the Sunday school of Norfolk First Church of the Nazarene, the church where both of his parents have been members since childhood. He is also survived by a brother, Stephen Wayne. Funeral service was conducted at the church by Rev. Merwyn D. Gray, assisted by Rev. James H. Garrison, with interment in Riverside Memorial Park, Norfolk.

**MRS. IVA M. FLEMING** was born in Michigan on August 16, 1876, and died in Spokane, Washington, February 13, 1962. She was converted as a young girl. In 1897 she was married to Ernest J. Fleming. In 1909 she and her husband, who had entered the ministry in 1903, joined the Church of the Nazarene; they served pastorates in Illinois, Iowa, Wisconsin, and Michigan. Mrs. Fleming loved the Lord, was devoted to her church, and was a faithful wife and loving mother. Her husband died in 1954. She is survived by four children, Mrs. Dorris Zook, B. A., Mrs. Justine Wallace, and

Wilma-Ruth. Her pastor, Rev. C. T. Vanderpool, of Spokane First Church, conducted the funeral service, with burial at Fairmont Memorial Park in Spokane.

**MRS. JOSEPHINE WEBB**, age seventy-five, died February 2, 1962, at a hospital in Evansville, Indiana, after a long illness. She was a lifelong resident of Warrick County, and a charter member of the Church of the Nazarene in Boonville, Indiana. She was a devoted Christian, faithful at church services when able to attend, and faithful in intercessory prayer and Christian witnessing, to the very last. She is survived by three daughters: Mrs. Helen Cook of Elwood, and Mrs. Ruth Gardner, and Mrs. Esther Ayers of Boonville; two sons: Floyd C. of East Chicago, Illinois; and Jack, of Boonville; also a brother, C. H. Moore. Funeral service was conducted by her pastor, Rev. Leo T. Reed, in the Boonville Church of the Nazarene, with interment in Maple Grove Cemetery.

**WALTER BROOKS LEAGUE** was born July 22, 1882, at Chestnut, Illinois, and died March 15, 1962, at Woodward, Oklahoma. In 1910 he was married to Lexie Eaton. To this union were born four sons and one daughter: Martin, of Lakeview, Oregon; Virgil, of Van Nuys, California; Minerva, of Bethel, Alaska; Paul, of Montezuma, Kansas; and Walter, Jr., of Leavenworth, Kansas. He was a man who loved God; the son of a Free Methodist minister, he had served the Lord for fifty-two years. In the spring of 1948 he and his wife joined the Church of the Nazarene. He loved and appreciated his church, which he stood by loyally and faithfully. Funeral service was conducted at the Woodward church by his pastor, Rev. J. Reynald Russell.

**MRS. ELIZABETH MARY DAVIS** was born December 26, 1873, in Chillicothe, Missouri, and died January 26, 1962, in a hospital in Beatrice, Nebraska. She was married to Greenville Reese; to this union three children were born. As a young woman, she united with the Methodist church, but after moving to Curtis, Nebraska, she became a charter member of the Church of the Nazarene in 1914. She was a great instrument in helping to keep this church going through difficult times. She was preceded in death by Mr. Reese and two children. Later she married William Davis, of Beatrice. She placed her membership with the Church of the Nazarene there, and served faithfully until her death. She was known for her constant prayer life and inspiring testimonies. Mr. Davis preceded her in death. She is survived by her daughter, Rev. Geneva N. Reese, of Kansas City, Missouri; also three sisters, Mrs. Emma Young, Mrs. June Simmons, and Mrs. Estella Gaines. Funeral service was held in the Beatrice Church of the Nazarene with Rev. O. A. McGuire of Junction City, Kansas, and Rev. Frank Brickley, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Evergreen Cemetery.

**OSCAR MCKINLEY SUTTON** was born near Lodi, December 3, 1896, and died at a hospital in Poplar Bluff, Missouri, May 1, 1962. In 1918 he was united in marriage to Iva Anna West. He is survived by his wife, Iva; six sons, Charles, Clardy, Deliza, Howard, Clyde, and Eliza; and three daughters, Mrs. Wilma Seals, Mrs. Fredia Pennell, and Mrs. Betty Jennings; also one sister, Mrs. Carrie Baker. He left a clear testimony shortly before his death. Funeral service was conducted by his pastor, Rev. Donald R. Heltman, assisted by a former pastor, Rev. Ralph LaChance, with burial in Lewis Cemetery.

**HARRY L. REINMUTH**, age seventy-three, of Broadwater, Nebraska, died in May of 1962. He was born June 11, 1888, in Adair County, Iowa. He homesteaded near Broadwater in 1909. He was a charter member of the Broadwater Church of the Nazarene, and gave a victorious testimony the evening before his death. He is survived by his wife, Emma; and one son, Lloyd, of Colorado Springs, Colorado. Funeral service was held at the church with Rev. H. W. Anderson officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery, Broadwater.

## Announcements

### WEDDING BELLS

Miss Glenda Sue Lewis of Sweetwater, Texas, and Rev. Clarence James Kinzler of Shawnee, Kansas, were united in marriage on June 23 at the Nazarene Theological Seminary chapel in Kansas City, Missouri, with Dr. Orville Jenkins officiating, assisted by Dr. Norman R. Oke.

Miss Patcy Jane Myers and Clyde P. Mason, both of Doyle, Tennessee, were united in marriage on June 29 at the Doyle Church of the Nazarene, with Rev. Marshall Oopen officiating.

### BORN

—to Glenn and Mary Ann (Venable) Kirby of Dayton, Ohio, a daughter, Valerie Lynn, on July 10.

—to Dorsey and Lavonna (Ware) Kirby of Kansas City, Kansas, a daughter, Linda Kay, on June 20.

—to Rev. Wayne and Verna (Lewis) Moyer of Bethany, Oklahoma, a son, Randal Wayne, on June 5.

—to William P. and Janet (Hauger) Adams of San Francisco, California, a son, Daniel Phillip, on June 1.

**ADOPTED**—by Rev. Charles and Doris (Ammons) McCullough of Cummings, Kansas, a baby girl, Kira Deanne, eleven months old.

### SPECIAL PRAYER IS REQUESTED

—by a Christian brother in Ohio "that a big problem in connection with my employment be solved, and that I may be completely dedicated and in God's perfect will";

—by a reader in Michigan with regard to a business deal which is "very urgent";

—by a Christian friend in Illinois that God will touch and heal of a severe case of arthritis, as she must earn her living, and that she may have faith for His healing touch—she wants to be used of Him in the salvation of souls.

## Nazarene Camp Meetings

August 10 to 19, Clarksburg Nazarene Camp, Clarksburg, Ontario, Canada. Workers: Rev. R. H. Nicholson, artist-evangelist; DeVerne Mullen and Paul Mullen, singers and musicians; Rev. Bruce T. Taylor, district superintendent. To reach the camp, go by train to Owen Sound, by bus to Thornbury, by car via Hi-26 and Clarksburg Road. For information write Miss Bertha Wilcox, Clarksburg, Ontario.

August 10 to 19, Mt. Hope Nazarene Camp (on State Road 156, between Route Nos. 11 and 32 in Fleming County, about 7 miles south of Flemingsburg); sponsored by Eastern Kentucky Nazarene District. Workers: Dr. George Coulter, Rev. Wilbur Brannon, and Song Evangelist Curtis R. Brown. For information write the district superintendent, Dr. D. S. Somerville, 2717 Iroquois Ave., Ashland, Kentucky.

## Directories

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District Assembly Schedules

### HARDY C. POWERS:

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South Arkansas ..... September 19 and 20

### G. B. WILLIAMSON:

Houston ..... August 22 and 23  
South Carolina ..... September 12 and 13  
Southwest Oklahoma ..... September 19 and 20  
New York ..... September 28 and 29

### SAMUEL YOUNG:

Indianapolis ..... August 22 and 23  
Louisiana ..... August 29 and 30  
North Carolina ..... September 19 and 20

### D. I. VANDERPOOL:

Missouri ..... August 16 and 17  
Northwest Indiana ..... August 23 and 24

### HUGH C. BENNER:

Northwestern Illinois ..... August 16 and 17  
Tennessee ..... August 22 and 23  
Southeast Oklahoma ..... September 5 and 6  
North Arkansas ..... September 26 and 27

### V. H. LEWIS:

Georgia ..... September 12 and 13  
Joplin ..... September 20 and 21

## District Assembly Information

**MISSOURI**, August 16 and 17, at the Pinecrest Camp, County Hi-way C, Fredericktown, Missouri. (Camp is seven miles south of Fredericktown, on Hi-way 67; turn right on County Road C, about one mile.) Write the caretaker, Mr. P. A. Lewis, Star Route, Saco, Missouri. General Superintendent Vanderpool. (N.F.M.S. convention, August 15; S.S. convention, August 14; N.Y.P.S. convention, August 13.)

**NORTHWESTERN ILLINOIS**, August 16 and 17, at the Munville Camp, Munville, Illinois. Write the caretaker, Mr. Harry Marlow, Munville Camp, Munville, Illinois. General Superintendent Benner. (N.F.M.S. convention, August 14; N.Y.P.S. convention, August 13; S.S. convention, August 15.)

**HOUSTON**, August 22 and 23, at First Church, 46 Waugh Drive, Houston, Texas. Rev. Hugh B. Dean, pastor. General Superintendent Williamson. (N.F.M.S. convention, August 20.)

**TENNESSEE**, August 22 and 23, at Grace Church, 2518 Gallatin Rd., Nashville, Tennessee. Rev. George Scott, pastor. General Superintendent Benner. (N.F.M.S. convention, August 20; N.Y.P.S. convention, August 21.)



**Dr. Stanger Becomes Third President of Asbury Seminary**

During the recent annual commencement at Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore, Kentucky, Dr. Frank Bateman Stanger officially assumed office as the third president in the thirty-nine-year history of the institution. He succeeds Dr. Julian C. McPheeters, who became president emeritus at the same ceremony and who now directs the five-year expansion program of the seminary.

**Bibles to Guatemala**

The American Bible Society will provide half a million copies of Scriptures for distribution in Guatemala in house-to-house visitation programs to be undertaken later this year in connection with a country-wide campaign of "Evangelism in Depth." Bible Society personnel will help direct the programs, which will be carried out by specially trained members of local churches throughout the nation.

**Record Distribution of Scriptures Reported**

NEW YORK—American Bible Society circulation of Scriptures reached the highest point in the organization's 146-year history in 1961 with the distribution of 24,183,024 Bibles, Testaments, portions, and selections in over 100 countries in six continents, according to a report presented here to A.S.B.'s annual meeting.

The 1961 distribution total represented an increase of 973,539 copies of Scriptures over the 1960 total.

The report stressed "the astonishing continuing increase in circulation of Scriptures in areas of tension and revolution. Cuba and the Congo are cases in point," it was noted. "In the former, distribution increased from 611,993 to 906,660 Scriptures, and in the Congo there was an increase of over 75,000." (EPS).

**Christian and Missionary Alliance Celebrates 75th Anniversary**

MIAMI, FLORIDA (MNS)—Meeting in its 75th Annual General Council, the Christian and Missionary Alliance laid plans for continued missionary advance by setting forth a program which will this year cost a record \$1,500,000—a 15 per cent increase over last year. Today there are 860 Alliance missionaries, who serve in 24 fields and preach in 180 languages. They publish about 91,000,000 pieces of literature a year and conduct 162 radio broadcasts per week in 16 languages. The report of the foreign secretary, Rev. L. L. King, also showed that about 10,000 have been baptized in the overseas branches of the church during the past year.

*the* **A** *answer corner*

Conducted by W. T. PURKISER, Editor

In the lesson on the second coming of Christ, the teacher read from the *Youth Quarterly*: "All the signs which are definitely known have been fulfilled." Later at a Bible study an older man said the statement was wrong. His belief is based on II Thessalonians 2:3-4. Could you please comment on this? Could the Lord come now in view of this scripture?

II Thessalonians 2:3-4 reads: "Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God."

II Thessalonians 2:1-12 must be understood in harmony with the many other references which state that the coming of Christ will be as a thief in the night, and that it is near at hand, as well as in harmony with I John 2:18.

It is probable that verse 8 is the key—"whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming." In other words, Paul here is talking about the second phase of the Lord's return. Christ will first come to receive His bride—the true Church—

to himself. There will then be a series of catastrophic judgments, in which the "man of sin" or Antichrist will play an important part—a time commonly called "the great tribulation." At the close of this period Christ will manifest himself "in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ" (II Thessalonians 1:8; cf. verses 7-9).

However, this word of caution: Don't part company with any person because you don't agree on the details of Christ's return. Settle it in your mind that He is coming again to receive His own unto himself (John 14:1-3). Live in readiness for that coming, and don't fret too much about details of the tribulation, millennium, and final judgment. He'll take care of all that in a way that will be completely satisfactory and right.

**When a pastor conducts the annual church meeting, should he follow the Manual in detail, or is it all right for him to select what he considers important, and leave off some of the reports he feels are unnecessary?**

All of the prescribed items of business should be cared for, and all the reports presented. If time is a problem,

as it often is in the annual meeting, the reports may be mimeographed and distributed to the members.

**Is it wrong for our young people to attend the junior and senior banquet and stay for the dancing, if they just stay on the side lines?**

I would say it would be wrong. I certainly would urge the local pastor and the parents of the young people involved to provide a wholesome substitute activity for the dancing and have

it in another place. This is rather regularly done by many evangelical churches which do not sanction social dancing.

**How can our song leaders be made to realize that more training in conducting will result in better singing for the entire congregation, without making them feel that they are being unjustly criticized and not appreciated?**

Why not arrange for them to attend the nearest and next music institute as

an appreciation for faithful service rendered in the past?

**When a pastor receives a love offering from the church, should he pay tithe on the money received? Also when one receives money from parents, even though they tithe regularly on their income, should they tithe such money? Should tithe be paid on money and property received as an inheritance?**

The general Biblical principle involved in tithing is that it is calculated on the "increase" received. My personal feeling would be that the answer would be "yes" to each of these questions. I would think perhaps an exception would be made in the case of gifts of money given for a specified

purpose, and just sufficient for that purpose. However, my own inclination is to give the Lord the benefit of any doubt. We have always tried to make it a point to keep ahead of what might be considered the minimum legal tithe. I am sure that many feel the same way.

“ . . . pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much” (James 5: 16).

# **I** F you LINGER awhile in prayer

By **Flora E. Breck\***

*The day looks so fearful? So crowded with care?  
The heart seems unequal to tasks that are there?  
If you look to the Saviour, and trust everywhere,  
Your needs will be met, if you linger in prayer.*

*Hope and courage will flower with Christ on the throne  
If you pray and believe, for His strength is your own.  
The wonder of prayer is beyond fondest dreams;  
Though darkness be felt, at each step His light gleams.*

*So linger awhile, for the Lord answers prayer;  
In pain and in tumult, His presence is there;  
Through imminent dangers and death-dealing strife,  
Look up and move on, for His Word is your life!*

*Then linger and plead for His mercy so free;  
Though paths may be rough, prayer will make shadows flee.  
No path is so narrow but Jesus can guide:  
His promise is steadfast, His mercy is wide!*

\*Miss Breck died very suddenly on April 25; and we still have some of her material in our files.



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