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CHRISTIAN FREEDOM

Following Pentecost the early Christians were described as continuing in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayer. The apostles' doctrine eventually became the books of the New Testament. The fellowship was that of fellow believers who had entered the spiritual life with Christ. Breaking of bread was the celebration of the Lord's Supper, and prayer was the continuing practice of these Christian believers. They continued in gladness and singleness of heart. Miracles accompanied their ministry and fear fell upon outsiders and many were converted to Christ.

They lived in a narrow, restricted world, and life treated them harshly. Because of persecution and meager material possessions, they were forced into communal living, sharing together in food, property, and money. Nevertheless, they were a happy, victorious, free group of people. Their freedom

stemmed from a consciousness of forgiveness from personal sins, and hearts made pure by the cleansing power of the indwelling Holy Spirit. They were wonderfully liberated from their sinful past and the pollution of selfishness through the redeeming grace of the Lord Jesus Christ.

A prime example of these Spirit-filled, freedom loving, and spiritually free people was Stephen, the first Christian martyr. Stephen is described in Acts 6:5 as "a man full of faith and the Holy Ghost." He is further described as being "full of wisdom," "full of grace," and "full of power."

When the disciples found it necessary to select seven deacons to serve the tables of the widows and others, Stephen was one of those chosen. He humbly and willingly accepted this menial chore without complaint. It was Stephen's unswerving faith and loyalty to Jesus that eventually cost him his life.

When he was arrested for his teaching and testimony, he demonstrated his knowledge of the truth of God's Word in his sermon recorded in the seventh chapter of Acts. His message produced conviction among his listeners. His audience was "cut to the heart" and "gnashed upon him with their teeth" (Acts 7:54). He was falsely accused, and the howling mob stoned him to death. "And all that sat in the council, looking steadfastly on him [Stephen], saw his face as it had been the face of an angel" (Acts 6:15). He died victoriously and triumphantly. The blood of Stephen became the seed of Christian faith which germinated in the heart of Saul of Tarsus.

The freedoms which we enjoy in national and religious life must never be taken for granted. Brave men and women gave their lives for national life and for the Christian faith which we cherish.

As we in Canada and America celebrate our national birthdays, let us as Christians be just as determined as our founding fathers to protect and pass this great heritage on to our present and succeeding generations. □



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If not, what is the problem? What is the purpose of sanctification, holiness, the baptism with the Holy Spirit?

I began to see anew and afresh that sanctification or the baptism with the Holy Spirit must never become an end in itself. But I'm afraid it often has bordered on a pharisaic attitude of "look at me, how pious and righteous I am." The purpose of sanctification, holiness, the baptism with the Holy Spirit is to glorify God and not man. And how is God glorified? By our lives bearing much fruit, planting seeds, witnessing, discipling, spiritual reproduction, adding to the Kingdom.

There is no way we can get away from it! Scripture plainly points out that it is the job of everyone to witness. But not in our own strength, "but by my spirit saith the Lord." Let's not rationalize by saying we are too shy or timid, or it's the pastor's job, or whatever. God's Word says *we can receive power to witness, we can be made bold in our witness by receiving the fullness of the Holy Spirit.*

As we think about the Pentecost experience, let us ask ourselves if we have known an experience of God that carried us beyond our ordinary selves? James Steward of Edinburgh says that it is a validated phenomenon of Christian experience that people can be laid hold upon by the Holy Spirit in such a way as to lift the level of their spirituality to an all-new high. We can be carried beyond our normal selves and be given sufficient power to witness effectively in bringing our friends and neighbors into the church of Jesus Christ. This was the great passion of the 120 once they had been filled with the Spirit of God.

The all-important question now comes: "Have I been so filled with the Holy Spirit? Do I really have a passion for the unsaved; am I carrying a burden for lost souls? Do I really desire a power from on high to witness? Am I willing to count the cost and pay the price?"

God doesn't give His power in reserve. We use it or lose it. The 120 didn't just sit there together in that one place after Pentecost, but they obeyed the Lord and went out into Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and the remotest parts of the earth, sharing the good news of the gospel.

Let's start practicing what we preach! I believe as never before in the power of the Spirit-filled life. But the Lord has helped me to see in a renewing and refreshing way that His power is to make me bold in my witness. I rededicate my all to Him that I may bear much fruit. And I believe if Christians everywhere will wait upon the Holy Spirit for His empowering, and then get out and use it, that the Lord can and will add to our number daily those who are being saved. And that's church growth! □

"YE SHALL RECEIVE

POWER"

... FOR WHAT?

IN PREPARATION for our denomination-wide emphasis on church growth, I have been taking a fresh look at the New Testament Church in Acts. The Lord has been speaking to me and my ministry in a stirring fashion about witnessing.

The key to the growth of that New Testament Church is found in Acts 1:8: "But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth" (NASB). That promise was soon fulfilled as Christ's followers waited together for the "promised Comforter" and were filled with the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost. The book of Acts goes on to record tremendous growth as these Spirit-filled Christians were "made bold in their witness." Acts 2:47 says, "And the Lord was adding to their number day by day those who were being saved" (NASB). Now that's church growth!

Then the Lord began speaking to me through His Word and began raising some difficult questions. Am I not a minister in a holiness denomination that preaches and teaches the baptism with the Holy Spirit? Do I and most of my congregation not testify to being filled with the Holy Spirit? Does Acts not clearly teach that when we are so filled, the Holy Spirit will make us bold in our witness? Does John 15 not state that when we are truly in the vine, we will "bear much fruit"? What is fruit, anyway? Just good works? Hardly! It is spiritual reproduction! It is discipleship! Well, how about it? Am I bearing much fruit? Are my people bearing much fruit?



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NE of the distinguishing characteristics of the Church of the Nazarene is its eagerness to share the gospel of Jesus Christ with all the peoples of the world. This is demonstrated by the team of over 600 missionaries ministering to the spiritual,

physical, and cognitive needs of people everywhere. But what would happen if significant numbers of overseas people were to migrate to the United States of America and settle down in one state? Such a movement is now occurring in California.

Recent years have witnessed unprecedented migrations to the Golden State so that cultural groups now comprise a significant proportion of the total population.

A report on population trends recently released by the lieutenant governor's office revealed some interesting trends and posed some challenging possibilities. According to this report, the population of California in 1970 was approximately 20 million. Cultural groups numbered 4 million, with the white population approaching 16 million. This means that the former constituted one-fifth or 20 percent of the total population.

Current estimates reveal that cultural groups now comprise about 34 percent of the population. In other words, since 1970 this segment of the population increased dramatically by 14 percent. The white population, on the other hand, decreased by .01 percent.

If the present trend continues, and there are many who believe that it will, the state's cultural groups will constitute 48 percent of the total population by 1984. The report further predicts that by 1990 they will amount to a staggering 60 percent. California will then become the first "Third World" state in the continental United States—the first state in which cultural groups collectively make the new majority. The world is at our doorsteps!

What is the meaning of this emerging phenomenon? Although its implications are only dimly perceived, it should certainly not be cause for jubilation nor cause for alarm. Instead, planning by government, industry, education, and the church should carefully consider these population shifts.

The California government has already begun to face the facts and plan for the future, largely through the untiring efforts of former Lieutenant Governor Dr. Mervyn Dymally. In the fall of 1976, Dr. Dymally appointed a Commission on Intergroup Relations to focus on the problems and needs of cultural groups and to articulate these to his office for transmittal to the legislature.

The writer has been serving as a member of this commission from its inception and currently is its first chairman. Being able to work closely with the lieutenant governor and the various members of the

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OVERSEAS MISSIONS AT HOME?



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commission, the writer has been deeply impressed by their sense of commitment, direction, and purpose.

Commission meetings thus far have been largely exploratory and served to highlight current and emerging problems. A bill was passed by the California Legislature which now places the commission on the statutes of the state. An all-day conference was held at the University of California at Irvine, featuring lawmen from Sacramento and Washington along with the assistant director of the Federal Census Bureau. Preparations *are* being made by government for the emerging majority.

In the fields of industry and education, some attempts have been made to plan for large numbers from various cultures. However, master planning remains to be done.

As far as the church is concerned, what should be her reaction? We are eager to send missionaries abroad, but when overseas people immigrate to the U.S. and live near us, it should certainly not lead to white "fight" or white "flight."

What then *can* the Church of the Nazarene do to share the gospel of Jesus Christ with California's newest residents? Some congregations are already making their facilities available to non-English-speaking Nazarenes. Other congregations are extending the hand of fellowship by inviting and warmly receiving the new groups into their own congregations where English is not a significant barrier. This is most gratifying!

Others become aware of a challenge, but do not know how to meet it. If we truly believe in the Sunday school song that proclaims, "Red and yellow, black and white, They are precious in His sight," then the church will have to take some creative action. Its style of sharing here may have to be different from its overseas style. Perhaps Nazarenes from the various cultural groups could assume leadership positions in bringing the Good News to their respective peoples.

The challenge is ours. The church will need to move expeditiously and creatively. Extensive planning needs to be done, buttressed by intensive prayer. It is hoped that our sharing of the gospel at home will be as generous and prayerful as it is abroad. But only time will tell! □

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NOT LONG AGO I visited a Sunday school. As I looked in on the Nursery Department, I heard someone exclaim, "You little wart!" I wondered who in this room would deserve such a description. The one I saw didn't seem to fit.

She was a beautiful two-year-old child. Of course she was slightly out of place. She had slipped from her own room into the toddlers' space, and was playing with some of the toys.

Without another word the attendant picked up the little girl, and she began to cry. I wanted to see someone talk to the child—find out why she found the forbidden room more appealing than her own. But no

one said a word to her. There was probably a background here which I could not understand upon first contact.

Tears and all, the so-called "little wart" was carried ungently back to her own room—and plopped down. The worker came out, firmly closed the door, turned to her helpers and said, "There, that's one way to get rid of 'em!"

Hurriedly I backed out. I felt it out of place at that moment to ask the question in my heart and on my lips. In fact, it kept surfacing all day in my thoughts, "Are we really trying to get rid of them?" If that is our business as a church, the morning's incident had been a demonstration of a way to do it—not only to get rid of children, but adults as well.

We are hearing from many sources about the importance of the early years, even of the first few

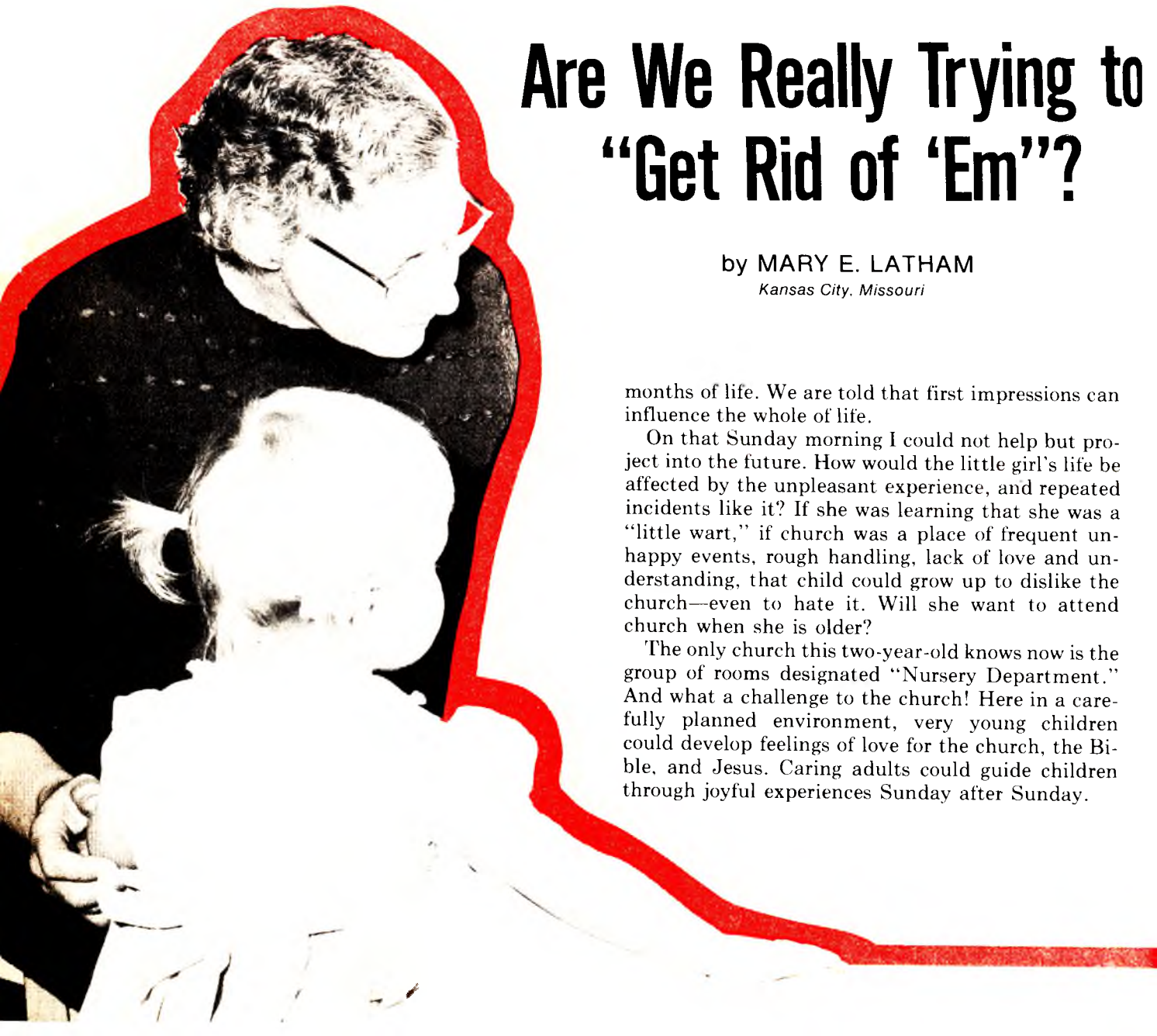
Are We Really Trying to "Get Rid of 'Em"?

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months of life. We are told that first impressions can influence the whole of life.

On that Sunday morning I could not help but project into the future. How would the little girl's life be affected by the unpleasant experience, and repeated incidents like it? If she was learning that she was a "little wart," if church was a place of frequent unhappy events, rough handling, lack of love and understanding, that child could grow up to dislike the church—even to hate it. Will she want to attend church when she is older?

The only church this two-year-old knows now is the group of rooms designated "Nursery Department." And what a challenge to the church! Here in a carefully planned environment, very young children could develop feelings of love for the church, the Bible, and Jesus. Caring adults could guide children through joyful experiences Sunday after Sunday.



Such work with persons in the first years of life affords opportunity for committed men and women to demonstrate divine love. If our relationships with children *show* God's love, then children can better understand when we *tell* about God's love. If we really care as Jesus cared, children can feel it. Then it is easier for them to associate these *feelings* with *words* about Jesus.

This is the church's golden opportunity to sow the seeds of faith. In the Nursery Department we can lay the foundation for saving faith when the child is older. Here we can prepare the way for a lifetime of commitment to Christ—and service through the Church.

It hurts to find Christians who consider church work with nursery children mere baby-sitting. Could it be that we think this too simple for advanced skills? The real truth is that it takes more sensitivity, training, and selfless dedication to do a good job of teaching and caring for very young children than older ones.

In most churches with which I have been acquainted it seems harder to get people to prepare for work with nursery children. "I prefer work with older children" is a familiar line. Someone said that much of the church's work seems involved in correcting what was done wrong—or omitted—in the first few years of life.

If we could align our priorities to put our best efforts, personnel, training, and resources into the earliest months and years, we would reap more good results throughout later stages of life.

The church need not wait until the child is three or four, or even two years of age, to teach religious concepts. The church's ministry begins even with the crib baby. We are told that a child learns more the first year of life than in any year thereafter.

How Young Is Our Welcome? is the title of a sound filmstrip (available from Nazarene Publishing House) that gives definite suggestions for meeting the spiritual needs of children from birth to their fourth birthday.

The whole church should see this filmstrip and hear the cassette—the pastor, the board, all the members. For each has a responsibility to help meet

the needs of the total church. Follow with a discussion on how your church can upgrade its ministry to young children.

Explore the answer to this question, "Are we helping the youngest member of our congregation to love our church?" Remember that even babies are a part of the congregation.

Unless we meet their needs in these early years, unless they feel love, caring, and happiness now, the results can be disastrous in later years. Today there are young people and adults who will not attend any church. And if the real cause were known it could be traced to unpleasant experiences in early childhood.

One mother, a mature Christian, confided that her children, now grown, refused to attend church—ever. They told her that as children they had enough church to last them a lifetime.

To compound the tragedy of such alienation the children of these people were denied the influence of any early church experiences. Such begins an ongoing chain when one small child is prejudiced against the church in early childhood.

Our Lord graphically showed the importance He placed upon young children. You remember the incident related in Matthew 19:13-15, and again in Mark 10:13-16. When mothers brought their little ones near, trying to get to Jesus for Him to bless the children, the followers of Jesus tried to keep them away. They said He was too busy. Evidently they didn't consider the children important. And so often I see similar attitudes in the church today.

But Jesus rebuked the disciples. The *New International Version* of Mark's Gospel says that Jesus was "indignant." He told His helpers to let the children come, and not to "hinder" them.

Let us examine our own relationships to young children. Are we doing or saying things that will hinder children from coming to Jesus now, or in later years?

Now let us look at the Nursery Department in our own church. How about the environment we have provided for young children? Are there enough workers? Have we planned for training? Do our provisions help children to see Jesus and experience His love? Or will our plans, or lack of them, hinder children from receiving Christ's blessing now, or when they are older?

To help little children know Him is an important part of the work Jesus gave us to do. Let us pray, plan, and prepare ourselves to fulfill our commitment! □





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What's this I hear about NAZARENE TELEVISION and 20/20 Vision?

AN INTERVIEW WITH PAUL SKILES, Director of Communications

MILTON PARRISH: Paul, what is your view of the kind of impact television has had on our society?

PAUL SKILES: Staggering! Much greater than most of us imagine. You just can't ignore a medium that roams the world, tracking the daily footsteps of men and nations, and delivering it all instantly to your address. Moon-landings, revolutions, wars, mass suicides, treaty signings, solar eclipses, super bowls, and more. We watch it and take it all in stride.

Television has put us on a first-name basis with a whole new set of models, trend-setters, and commentators. They appear with such regularity and assume such authority that their influence is greater than their credentials.

Just the bigness of it is overwhelming. There are more than 100 million television sets in over 74 million homes in the United States. Those sets are turned on for six and one-half hours a day in the average American home.

PARRISH: That's incredible! But hasn't much of television's effect been negative?

SKILES: Yes, I am afraid so. In my opinion, the most destructive use of television is programming that consistently presents the upside-down world of perversion, corruption, indecency, and violence as normal, and in fact, preferred; and the right-side-up world of loyalty, and honesty, and faith, and love, as weird. It's an unacceptable and dangerous fantasy land, as far as I am concerned, when it's allowed to claim that "right is all wrong" and "wrong is all-right."

I also happen to resent the fact that its power has been misused to artificially create (for commercial

TO MANY of us the weekly television listing in the newspaper has almost always had a noticeable omission—a program produced by the Church of the Nazarene. Religious and secular critics alike recognize that television is a booming medium for denominational recognition and influence. So did the church's General Assembly when it requested the Department of Communications to proceed with a thorough study of the prospects of a Nazarene television series. Executive Director Paul Skiles has immersed himself in this assignment, consulting with leading producers and agencies in the business.

Now all of the church is awaiting word of the results of this ongoing study which, according to Skiles, can never be completed, "There are too many innovations appearing on the scene almost weekly." For the purpose of this *Herald* interview, representative Nazarenes have come together to quiz Paul Skiles about the church's future in television. The interviewers are Superintendent Milton Parrish, Kansas City District; Pastor Gordon Wetmore, Kansas City First Church; Dr. George Coulter, general superintendent; M. A. (Bud) Lunn, layman, and manager of the Nazarene Publishing House.



purposes only) some new superstars out of otherwise unworthy, undisciplined, and unqualified prospects.

PARRISH: Well, then, is it hopeless?

SKILES: I don't think so. We can't change all of it, but we can change some of it. The invention of television was not an evil act. The devil's new house is not made out of videotape. There is nothing either good or bad about transmitters, cameras, lights, or lenses. I don't have to tell you that the problem is that too much of an ingenious tool with fantastic potential has been claimed by the wrong people for the wrong use. I just think it's time for us to reclaim as much of it as we can, in God's name, and for His purpose.

GORDON WETMORE: Are you talking about the Church of the Nazarene?

SKILES: I'm talking about the Church of the Nazarene.

WETMORE: What have we been able to do so far?

SKILES: Well, I feel that some significant steps have been taken. Starting in 1975, we produced a series of 30-second spots that have been aired across the country by local churches. These spots highlighted a personal relationship with God . . . planted a seed so to speak . . . and identified the Church of the Nazarene.

Then we produced half-hour specials like "My Little Corner of the World." It gave visibility to special volunteer ministries by Nazarene young people. Another 30-minute special, "To Wipe the Tear . . .," told of the caring ministry of the Church of the Nazarene through the 40 years' missionary service of Dr. Orpha Speicher in India. In 1976 we videotaped "Let It Happen," a documentary program that lifted some testimonies and other inspirational features out of our General Assembly. These programs were aired on a total of 75 stations with a favorable response.

You see, these first television efforts, more than anything else, were designed to begin to give the Church of the Nazarene some visibility—to say to the American television audience: "There is a Church of the Nazarene in existence that loves God and you. We are people who care about people. We care about people around the world and people right here in our own community. Is there anything we can do for you?"

DR. GEORGE COULTER: I've seen some reports on a family special. How's that doing?

SKILES: You're talking about "Family: Handle with Care," with Dr. James Dobson. Let me tell you, that's one exciting project! I believe we're on to something really good. The concepts appear to be sound and I feel will become the basis of future ministry through television by our church.

The program offers a very attractive book. Interested viewers call a toll-free number. We have had almost 7,000 families respond to the first seven airings. That's fantastic! We send the book supply and the list of names and addresses to pastors and laymen of local churches in the viewing area. They, in turn, deliver the books personally. That's a very pleasant surprise for the viewer, and it gives our pastors and people a direct personal contact with each responding family on very favorable terms.

GORDON WETMORE: Now as a pastor, I like the tie to the local church. I can also see that it will take a lot of work. Especially if my church would happen to get a list of 40 or 50 new families to call on.

SKILES: Right. On all counts. But I want to say that the pastors and the people in the 416 churches involved in the first seven airings have done an outstanding job.

MILTON PARRISH: What about other areas? Will "Family: Handle with Care" be available?

SKILES: Definitely. We have 93 more principal North American markets selected in which we hope to air during the fall and winter of 1979, and spring of 1980.

MILTON PARRISH: What do you mean, "hope to air"?

SKILES: Well, it depends on two things:

- (1) Availability of good time on a good commercial station,
- (2) Cooperation of Nazarene churches in the viewing area.

BUD LUNN: What do you consider "good time"? And what does it take to be a cooperating church?

SKILES: "Good time" is week-night. Prime time, if available. The time costs more than, say, Sunday morning, but the difference in audience potential is huge, so the cost per viewer is a better investment for us.

And what is a "cooperating church"? Well, it's one that agrees to help in the promotion, follow-up, and expenses of the broadcast.

GORDON WETMORE: What if my church is not in that list of selected markets?

SKILES: Not to worry. It is. Most are. But if it wasn't . . . still not to worry. Because we'll literally put the program anywhere we can get acceptable time from a good station and the necessary support from our local churches within its range. By the way, Nazarene Communications is handling all of the details concerning station contacts and the major print support placement—that's *TV Guide*, major newspapers, and national TV log listing.

BUD LUNN: Will we ever get to the place where we won't have to ask for financial help from the churches in the area of each broadcast?

SKILES: I honestly don't know. I know we must not get away from the fact that the local church must



Dave Anderson

NAZARENE TELEVISION

an interview with PAUL SKILES



really "own" this outreach. That's basic. And I believe those areas receiving the direct benefits of the first broadcasts expect to help with the costs. It will speed the day of total coverage.

We are, however, working on a plan to enlist thousands of laymen in NAZARENE 20/20 VISION to provide, among other things, a financial base for the production of future prime-time specials, and as much of the promotion, air time, and follow-up costs as possible. Preparation for that campaign is being done by the lay 20/20 VISION regional coordinators in the 1979 district assemblies. It takes time and money for these Nazarene businessmen to go to every district assembly on their zone, so you can see they are already making a sizable investment.

MILTON PARRISH: Who are they?

SKILES: Dick Willis in Point Loma zone; John Wordsworth in NNC; E. H. Land, Mid-America; Thane Minor, Bethany; Vernon Lunn, ONC; Bob Pelham, Trevecca; Bob Steenbergen, Mount Vernon; and Ed Baker, ENC. In addition, Larry Kimber is the Canadian representative; and other members of the 20/20 VISION Steering Committee are Don Cain, Jim Emmert, Leo Collar, Jerry Caven, Dr. Paul Cunningham (chairman of the Department of Communications), and Dr. George Coulter, general superintendent advisor.

GORDON WETMORE: Where did "NAZARENE 20/20 VISION" come from?

SKILES: The Board of General Superintendents came up with the idea of calling a group of laymen to assume special responsibility in developing major support for the denomination's television ministry. They also issued the invitations.

I supplied the "20/20 VISION" title because I felt it would fit the group. And it did? They saw clearly and immediately the potential of such an adventure, and things began to come into focus. Since we never intended to use the phrase "20/20 VISION" as a program title on the air, there was no problem when ABC picked it up months later as a title for their new network news show.

MILTON PARRISH: Can anyone belong to NAZARENE 20/20 VISION?

SKILES: Certainly. Although laymen have been given a specific responsibility to develop the organization and its plan, it is open to anyone who wants to help. We already have some pastors, some missionaries, some district superintendents, and general superintendents, involved, along with several hundred laymen. We need thousands more.

BUD LUNN: What does it take?

SKILES: Just a willingness to help. NAZARENE 20/20 VISION members simply pledge to support the television ministry of their church with their prayers and with their gifts as God leads and they are able. As I said before, the suggested unit of prayer is



"without ceasing," and the suggested unit of giving is one full share—\$400 over a 20-month period. A common schedule is \$20 a month for 20 months. Another incidental use of "20/20" phrase.

Actually any amount, large or small . . . on any payment schedule . . . within the 20-month period is needed and sought. We've had one 50-share gift. That's \$20,000 and we need some more like it. We also need thousands of smaller gifts. All sizes. Already \$375,000 has been pledged and we've just begun.

Before the end of 1979 we plan to have a NAZARENE 20/20 VISION lay representative in the majority of our North American churches. They will be privately encouraging others in their congregation to join in with prayer and financial support.

GORDON WETMORE: You're really serious about needing everybody, aren't you?

SKILES: I certainly am. That's the way we've always done things. Not just a few, but everybody jumps in. And that's the way we'll do this.

I think it is important to emphasize that while laymen have been asked to assume exceptional responsibility on an exceptional project—all of it tied in closely to the Board of General Superintendents and the General Board's Department of Communications—we are counting heavily on the influence, encouragement, and cooperation of our pastors even though we are not laying the planning and administrative responsibility on them.

And can I say one more thing about finance? I know we already have a lot of causes to support. I'm part of that in my own church. But I also believe that if this too is in God's plan, He will lay it on the hearts of those who can and will help, and without jeopardizing any existing ministries or needs.

DR. GEORGE COULTER: You mentioned "weeknight prime-time specials." Is that the plan?

SKILES: Yes.

DR. COULTER: Instead of weekly series?

SKILES: Yes.

DR. COULTER: Why?

SKILES: Audience is the main reason. That's where the people are. The ones our church's television objectives require us to reach . . . not to mention the Great Commission.

BUD LUNN: Is it true that the only time most commercial stations make available for Christian programming on a weekly basis is Sunday morning?

SKILES: Yes, that's generally true. So when you decide on "weekly series," you all but predetermine your time and audience as Sunday morning.

And it's useful time for some broadcasters. I think it's OK for a local church program, for example, but it's a comparatively small audience and one with a high percentage of people who are already Christians.

MILTON PARRISH: Why do most of the major independent Christian television ministries use Sunday morning then?

SKILES: Because it fits their purpose and also because of economic necessity. Most of them have to talk to a highly Christian audience to get the money to be on television at all. So they have to be on frequently, and they have to design their programs to develop a constituency among Christians. They also have to urge strong loyalty to the person at the center of their particular television ministry. I'm not critical of that. I'm simply stating the facts. Their programs inspire and help people, but their situation is not our situation.

GORDON WETMORE: What do you mean by that ("their situation is not our situation")?

SKILES: We already have a constituency. A great one! It's called the Church of the Nazarene. And it happens to be a denomination. We have no one human leader to feature. No special "constituency" or "personal loyalties" to develop.

Now the Nazarene constituency will have to see the potential and respond to the challenge, but we're not on the spot of having to design our television programs to get them to do that. We can move on directly, with their support, to producing and airing programs for the "unreached." Our real target audience. Something they will look at. Something that will speak to them where they are. Something that will hold its own on prime time.

BUD LUNN: Isn't one of our objectives to let people know about the Church of the Nazarene, and can that be done with prime-time specials?

SKILES: We sure plan to. But the way in which it is done is the key. It can't be blatant and excessive or some of the very people we need most to reach will turn it off prematurely and unnecessarily . . . before they have a chance to get any kind of message. Another thing to keep in mind is our overall plan to create personal contact by local Nazarenes with those who respond to the programs. That gives us an even more promising opportunity to get the church message across to them on good terms. We don't have to do that whole job on the air, and we should not try to. Thank God, there are a lot of winsome Nazarenes out there in those towns to get close to the folks who call, and that's the best way to "sell" the church.

MILTON PARRISH: What are your thoughts about the evangelistic potential of television?

SKILES: That's a tough one to answer in just a few words. I've sure been thinking about it and praying about it. If we expect great numbers of people who haven't been thinking about the Lord or church to sit down and at the end of 60 minutes of TV watching, give their hearts and lives to the Lord and rush to the church the next Sunday, we'll be disappointed. It won't happen. We shouldn't expect it to happen. That's not limiting God; that's simply dealing with reality. There is a necessary process. There is a seed planting. There is a watering. Then there is harvest. There is the absolute necessity to awaken interest and, with the Holy Spirit's help, create new possibilities in the minds of people and also give them specific guidance at the right time and in the right way on how to respond to Him.

I don't want to be misunderstood, but I happen to believe that the whole wonderful experience of finding the Lord . . . of deep spiritual transformation . . .

and the development of personal Christian faith are, by nature, not best conducted over the telephone or television. Now, I believe people have been saved praying over the phone, and I believe people have come and will come to the Lord watching television, but they are exceptions and there are always other influences at work in their lives. The Christian choice and the development of that commitment happens best in a vibrant, dynamic, live, church fellowship. A body of believers. A Nazarene church, for instance. Television can and will be very useful in raising the important questions . . . pointing the way . . . and *putting seeking people in touch with a real source of nearby, personal, Spirit-led help.*

DR. COULTER: I know I speak for our board when I say that the early response to our very first serious television efforts is thrilling. Almost 7,000 families responding is tremendous. That simply must represent some evangelistic potential.

SKILES: It certainly does. While not all of these families are immediate prospects, they are new contacts, interested people, serious people, concerned about quality Christian family life—and they are receptive and very appreciative of the church that is providing this help. I'm praying that, in time, many will be won, not only to the Lord, but to our church. □



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THE SUNDAY school teachers looked startled and a little frightened. Our superintendent had just finished a businessman's course by one of the more popular teachers of positive thinking. Now he was trying it out on his staff. "Raise your hands as high as you can and shout: I'm tremendous, I'm terrific!"

We are being invaded by this modern self-psychology—actually a sales psychology. It seems to be selling soap and cars, but is this what we need in the church? Increasingly we are told to build up our self-image, self-esteem, self-confidence, and self-worth. The emphasis is on SELF! Thus we hear the familiar refrain: "God loves you so you *must* be worth something." Does God love us because we are *worthy* of being loved? I hear Paul saying: "God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8, NASB).

I wonder what Jesus would say about this today. Especially since the "golden test" for this emphasis comes from His own words: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself . . ." (Mark 12:31, NASB). Is Jesus saying that our sense of self-worth is the basis of our love for others? How can this fit with His consistent teachings about our attitude toward ourselves?

. . . "If any one wishes to come after Me, let him *deny himself*, and take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever wishes to save his life shall lose it; but whoever loses his life for My sake shall find it" (Matthew 16:24-25, NASB). "And whoever exalts himself shall be humbled; and whoever humbles himself shall be exalted" (Matthew 23:12, NASB).

Sadly, we don't take Jesus any more seriously than His disciples did when He spoke about the servant being great and the last being first (cf. Matthew 20:26-27; Mark 9:35). Can you picture Jesus telling us to build up our self-image? Who had a better self-image than Peter? If self-confidence is the measure of soul health, then he must have been the healthiest soul ever to live. But we know what happened to him—more than once!

Furthermore, to understand love for neighbor and self in terms of worth or affection is to miss the very heart of "agape love." The kind of love Jesus spoke about is not *affection* but *concern*. Theologians describe agape love as "disinterested" concern and mean that it is not determined by the worthiness of its object. Instead, love transforms its object! If Jesus meant "self-love" He was simply recognizing the

fact that every normal person has a genuine concern for himself and his own well-being (cf. Ephesians 5:28-29). We should be thus concerned about our neighbors.

But it is more like that Jesus was not referring to self-love in the second commandment. It is not necessary to command the proper kind of love for ourself—it is instinctive. Instead, is it not more likely that Jesus was saying that we should love our neighbor *as a person like ourself*? This is our great need! Do we treat our neighbors as persons?

What would Paul say to the idea of building up our self-worth? He had a ready answer—from personal experience.

" . . . there was given to me a thorn in the flesh . . . to keep me from exalting myself!" (2 Corinthians 12:7, NASB). "And He has said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for you, for power is perfected in weakness.' . . . for when I am weak, then I am strong." (2 Corinthians 12:9-10, NASB).

What is the reason for our weakness today as we are brought into judgment for our impotence? Is it because we are trying to built up our self? How easy it is to substitute human means! Sales psychology does sell soap and cars, but it doesn't win spiritual battles. The answer to inadequacy and inferiority is not self-love, which is only a hair's breadth from self-idolatry. And self-idolatry is sin!

This doesn't mean that we are doomed to an existence of despising and hating ourself! Instead it means that we can be honest and recognize that

our confidence is not in ourself *but in Christ*. We don't have to be continually "psyched up." Thank God, we can face life with confidence, but confidence in Christ and not in ourself or our worth. What a travesty to take God's glorious promise—"I can do all things through Him who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:13, NASB)—and make it the basis for self-psychology. We can experience His strength and power as we recognize our own weakness. Then the glory is to God and not man.

"The real test of being in the presence of God is that you either forget about yourself altogether or see yourself as a small, dirty object. It is better to forget about yourself altogether" (C. S. Lewis).¹ I don't agree with everything that C. S. Lewis wrote! Perhaps his conclusion here is too caustic. But should not this great thinker make us stop and think? Are we substituting humanism for the dynamic of the Holy Spirit? How easy it is to do! □

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by R. E. HOWARD

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REALLY?



GROWTH IS THREATENING



by **LYLE P. FLINNER**

Bethany, Oklahoma

Growth consists of a change from the present state and development into a more advanced state. Such change and progress always sounds exciting on the surface and we're all ready to vote for it. That is, we support it until we see the cost. Because while growth is challenging, it is also very threatening. Any disturbance of the status quo is threatening and uncomfortable, especially as we grow older.

We gradually become settled into routines and habits from which we derive a certain amount of stability and personal satisfaction. We tend to become satisfied with "the way things are" and resist changes. And remember, resisting change is usually equivalent to resisting growth.

Why is change (and thus growth) so threatening? For one thing, what we do and what we think, our habits and routines, and our total life-styles become closely associated with what we *are*—our sense of personal identity.

Any kind of radical growth or change means a corresponding change in our identity. In a limited sense we become a new person and we're not so sure we can handle that. In fact, we're not even sure we want to. We enjoy the level of security we have already attained.

But we cannot afford the luxury of a feeling of personal security at the expense of growth and progress. One of the signs of maturity is the willingness to take risks and not to always bask in the comfort of a "sure thing."

Life is meant to be dynamic, not static. We should be constantly seeking new methods, new progress, and new advances rather than comfortably enjoying what we have already attained.

Any resistance to growth and change becomes a personal problem to you as it hinders your progress toward wholeness. But such resistance to growth is not only a personal problem. It can also easily become a problem to the work of God.

Do you know that it is possible for a relatively few people to thwart the progress of the work of God in any given community by their refusal to grow? The willing acceptance of "the way things are" becomes a point of resistance to any progress and change.

Don't let your hesitancy to change hinder the work of God in your own personal life or in the life of the local church.

POINT TO PONDER: How can I stop resisting and begin supporting growth and progress? □

_____ Becoming a Whole Person

PEN POINTS

Only Jerry

Fresh out of college, we accepted our first pastorate and moved into our first parsonage. The large vacant lot directly behind the house was the perfect location for the neighborhood children to gather and enjoy an afternoon game of baseball.

It wasn't long until we had made friends with many of them as we watched and once in a while participated in their games. But Jerry just didn't seem to fit in. His tall, slim, 12-year-old body wasn't made for ball games and he spent most of his time just standing and watching.

We invited the kids to come to Sunday school but none seemed

interested, only Jerry. And when Sunday morning rolled around, only Jerry came. Only Jerry! But, praise the Lord, God has a wonderful welcome for "only Jerrys" everywhere.

It wasn't long before Jerry gave his heart and life to the Lord and became a part of the family of God. Now he didn't have to feel left out or all alone, because he was suddenly a part of the greatest group of people on earth, the Christians, and Jesus was his Best Friend.

Time has a way of rapidly coming and going and now "only Jerry" is eight years older. Somehow it doesn't seem right, but he is no

longer the 12-year-old boy we knew. Amazingly, he is a grown man with a job of his own and all the responsibilities that go with being an adult.

Thanks to the wonderful, saving grace of Jesus, he is a positive force with a chance to help change things for the better in the world he will live in. You'll find him, not just in the church services, but sitting behind the piano using his talents as a very vital part of the church.

How many "only Jerrys" are there right now in your backyard? □

—ALAN R. DICER
Westland, Mich.



courage for the UNKNOWN



by DOROTHY BOONE KIDNEY
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A number of years ago when I moved to Yarmouth, Me., I visited a church on the main street one Sunday. I selected a seat about halfway on the left side of the sanctuary. I attended that church for many years and I usually sat in that same seat. I found I was not alone in my practice of occupying the same pew every Sunday. Rosa and Walt Webber always sat in the third seats from the front on the right side; Mel and Hattie Long sat in aisle seats on the right side. Others in the church habitually headed for their same seats, too.

Later I discovered, much to my surprise, that on planes and buses I also had a habitual preference. I always sat on the left side, about two-thirds back, and have continued to do so in my travels.

One of my favorite restaurants overlooked a river in Yarmouth. I ate there often and I realized one day

JUST BETWEEN US

that I always headed for the same table. That table had become my own cozy spot.

One day I mentioned this to the waitress. She smiled understandingly and said, "I have noticed that about nearly everyone! Tourists register at our motel, come into the dining room, select a table and eat the evening meal. The next morning, when they come in for breakfast, they invariably head for the table where they sat the night before. That table seems to be for them a reassuring, familiar object in a strange, unfamiliar place."

Since then I have reflected upon our need for the familiar, the known. We depend on longtime friendships. We save cherished family heirlooms and tat-

tered Christmas decorations. We develop a nostalgic fondness for hometown landmarks. Most of us find and enjoy security in the *familiar*. We often find the unfamiliar, the vaguely perceived, the mysterious, the hidden, and the unexpected to be threatening. I have learned that one way of making situations familiar, predictable, manageable, unthreatening, and harmless is to *know* them and *understand* them.

Once a doctor told another doctor in a hospital, "Mrs. Kidney can go through about any painful, medical examination as long as she is told step-by-step during the ordeal what to expect. She can take pain if she knows there is going to *be* pain, so just level with her in advance as you take her through the tests." Wise doctor! Advance, truthful explanations can dispel the fear of the unknown.

It would be convenient and relaxing if we could always *know* just what lies ahead, just what to expect. But life is not like that.

Some of us profess to be brave, but many people, like myself, admit to a bit of cowardice.

Christ died to forgive the sins of all who want forgiveness. But along with His power and willingness to forgive sins, He lives today to give strength and courage for the unknown, the unexpected, the unfamiliar situation, the trial, the heartbreak and the difficulty. I am glad He has given us some promises for such times:

"Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you; but rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy" (1 Peter 4:12-13).

"And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness" (2 Corinthians 12:9).

". . . lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world" (Matthew 28:20). □

Entire Sanctification: A CRISIS OF CLEANSING



by LOREN W. GOULD
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You and I cannot, through human effort, change what we are by heredity. We can devote ourselves to faithful worship; we may discipline ourselves; we may try to suppress the rebelliousness of our natures; and we may even go to great lengths in self-restraint; but, alas, we cannot inwardly change ourselves.

The prophet Jeremiah chided the people of Judah who felt sufficient within themselves to right the moral catastrophe which had befallen them. He cried out, "Can the Ethiopian change his skin, or the leopard his spots? then may ye also do good, that are accustomed to do evil" (Jeremiah 13:23).

Even so, we can no more, in and of ourselves, change our nature, which is warped and twisted toward sin, than a man can change the color of his skin or a leopard his spots.

This same inability of man to lift himself out of what he is by nature is expressed by Paul in Romans 7:22-23: "For I delight in the law of God after the inward man: But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?"

When we are faced with the need to change what we are by nature, we are as helpless as a frail boat before a raging gale. However, the apostle Paul does not leave us without hope. In Romans 7:25, he sounds a note of personal victory saying, "I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord." Paul had witnessed an inward change which had delivered him from what he described as "the body of this death."

Any radical change of that hereditary warp within us, that Paul described as "the body of this death," must be done by a divine power, even the power of the Holy Spirit through Jesus Christ our Lord. The Bible tells us that "Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate" (Hebrews 13:12). *Entire sanctification* is this cleansing, this renovation and renewal of our moral nature which is provided for us through the blood of Jesus Christ.

This innermost renewal of our moral nature comes only where there is a complete surrender of ourselves to Christ. We do not gradually grow into it, stumble into it, slip into it, happen upon it, or get it a little bit at a time. There must be a deliberate, decisive crisis of utter self-yielding to Christ at all costs, accompanied by an utter reliance upon the divine promises, in order for us to experience this reality. It is only as

the Holy Spirit comes, in His fullness, to fill our yielded, consecrated hearts that we are sanctified wholly. He applies the blood of Jesus in cleansing, and rids us of the hereditary, innate bent toward sin, and the experience of entire sanctification becomes real in our hearts. It is a crisis of cleansing.

Are you groaning for deliverance from the bondage of sin? Are you longing for inward purity? Are you yearning for a life of radiant Christian victory? This cleansing and victory can be yours this very day if you will utterly yield yourself to Christ and allow the Holy Spirit to come in His fullness to apply the blood of Christ in sanctifying grace. □

Book Briefs



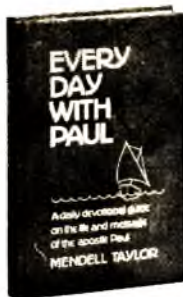
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EVERY DAY WITH PAUL

Here is another practical daily devotional book by Mendell Taylor. As the title suggests, the readings for the 52 weeks came from the writings of the apostle Paul. The first half of the year is devoted to considerations of his life and labors; the final 26 weeks to his ideas and ideals.

Author Taylor knows how to comfort, and there is a sense of empathy throughout the writings. However, there are moments of conviction, too. Referring, for example, to Russia's iron curtain, and China's bamboo curtain, he suggests that we may be guilty of pulling down a *plush* curtain, and putting out a sign that says "Do not disturb!" Or, in contrast, "Domestic products are good, but somehow we attach a special significance to items that are imported . . . Christian joy expressed in and through our lives comes from the world above and beyond us."

This material is rich and inspirational. I would recommend this book for a daily devotional companion to one's study in the life of Paul and his Epistles. □



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GOD ANSWERS PRAYER

by SIMON GORMAN, JR.
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I AM WRITING to give praise to God and thanksgiving for the miracle of healing wrought in the life of one of our precious children here at Port Huron, Mich., First Church.

It was three o'clock one morning when little Paul Harrington, then almost four years old, was stricken critically ill. His distraught parents took him to Port Huron Hospital emergency ward where the diagnosis was the dreaded, deadly Reye's syndrome. Mr. Harrington called the parsonage to inform us they were taking Paul to the Children's Hospital in Detroit. We told him we would be praying and to let us know how he was when they arrived there.

Not being familiar with this disease, this being my first involvement with it, I did not realize the seriousness of the situation. After hanging up the phone, I talked with my wife and we decided we had better look into the situation further. I called the Port Huron Hospital to talk with the parents, but was unable to because they were in conference with the doctor. I told the nurse to tell them that I would go along with them to the Detroit hospital if they wanted me to. The nurse could not tell me the severity of the situation but she said that it would be a very good idea for me to go along. The Harringtons couldn't wait for me to join them, but I drove to Detroit and met them at the hospital.

Little Paul was now in stage two of the syndrome. There are five stages. He was screaming, kicking and thrashing around, not recognizing anyone. The disease was verified by a liver biopsy. By evening he had progressed to 2+. We had called the whole church to prayer that morning and they had been in earnest prayer all day.

When the doctor came in to the waiting room and told the parents that Paul had progressed to stage 2+, and his muscles were becoming rigid, going toward coma, naturally they were very distressed. There was a little black lady sitting there with us in



the waiting room. She spoke up and said, "Mrs. Harrington, just give your child to Jesus and ask Him to help him if it is His will." She said her child had just had a second heart surgery and God had marvelously intervened. The doctor said that it would be 18 hours before any change, so my wife and I returned home. The

next morning a jubilant Mrs. Harrington called and said, "You know, after you left, we gave Paul to Jesus. We did what the little black lady said, and Paul is conscious this morning and knows us and is beginning to talk coherently." She was ecstatic with joy.

Paul did not continue into any more stages of the disease and steadily improved all day. When the informing call came that evening we were able to tell our prayer meeting crowd that little Paul was sitting up in bed watching cowboys on television. The doctors all agreed it was a miracle. That prayer meeting and the following Sunday morning service were filled with grateful thanksgiving to our God who cared and answered our prayers.

Paul is well and healthy and we at Port Huron First Church of the Nazarene are overwhelmed with gratitude. God still answers prayer. There is nothing too hard for Him. Praise His name. □

Editor's Note: Reye's Syndrome is a noncommunicable disease which frequently occurs in children following a viral illness. Since its cause is unknown, there is no specific cure. The first serious sign is violent vomiting, and the illness can progress through coma to death (within 3-5 days) resulting from swelling brain tissue. Immediate therapy to aid respiration, minimize convulsions, and relieve swelling brain tissue is urgent. Without this therapy 80 percent of cases are fatal. Even with therapy, fatalities range from 20 to 50 percent. And the younger the child, the greater the chances of fatality.

LAMP LIGHT

The Passage for Study:

3 John

by W. E. McCUMBER, Editor

The sixth designation for Christians in 3 John is "fellow workers" (v. 8, RSV). Of itinerant missionaries "the elder" says, "We ought to support such men, that we may be fellow workers in the truth." The term points to the church's mission, to propagate "the truth."

1. What "fellow worker" means.

(1) It means to work with Christ, for He is "the truth" (John 14:6). In 3 John "the truth" is associated with "the Name" (v. 7, NIV)—the name of Jesus.

(2) It means to work with Scripture, for it is the "truth" (John 17:17). True in itself, the Bible bears witness to Him who is "the truth."

(3) It means to work with the Holy Spirit, for "the Spirit is the truth" (1 John 5:7). Like Scripture, the Spirit's purpose is to testify of Jesus (John 15:26).

To sum up: We are "fellow workers in the truth" when we share and support a ministry which proclaims Jesus Christ, in the power of the Spirit, by the exposition of Scripture.

2. What a "fellow worker" does.

The epistle suggests two ways by which we can be "fellow workers in the truth."

(1) We can *take the truth to others*, as did the unnamed brethren mentioned in vv. 3, 5, 10. Evangelism is not reserved to specialists, but can be shared by all in the church (Acts 2:17-18).

(2) We can *support those who proclaim the truth*, as did Gaius (vv. 5, 8). Prayer support is always needed (2 Thessalonians 3:1). Practical support is also needed, and this the Epistle especially commends. To "send them on their journey" (v. 6, RSV) involves hospitality and money.

3. How a "fellow worker" lives.

Examining the elder's use of "the truth" in the whole Epistle, we have a description of the lifestyle of Christians who are "fellow workers in the truth."

(1) We must be people who "love in the truth" (v. 1). Only a sincere love of Christ and the church will motivate us to share gospel work.

(2) We must be people who "walk in the truth" (v. 3). Our behavior must be consistent with our message (Philippians 1:27). Speaking the truth must be wedded to doing the truth.

Third John speaks of three testimonies to "the truth of your life" (v. 3). One is the testimony of the brethren (v. 3). Another is the testimony of church leaders (v. 12). The third is the testimony of "the truth itself" (v. 12).

(3) We must be people who *speak the truth*, who bear witness to Jesus Christ.

"Fellow workers."

"Workers"—not a colony of drones, but a fellowship in labor.

"Fellow workers"—workers together, a cooperative of believers committed to evangelism.

Are you working?

Are you cooperating? □



**Where
Freedom
Lies**

—VIRGINIA COPLING
Augusta, Ga.

If God,
In answer to my prayer,
Suddenly gave me
The glorious gift of freedom,
Would He be there
To guide these wings upon my feet,
And place visions in my questing eyes?
Would He,
Being the compassionate God He is,
Help me to accept and realize
The fact that freedom lies,
Not only on His mountaintop,
Above His clouds, within His skies,
But also
Deep within acceptance of the mind?
For is it not there
God gives us freedom of the greatest kind?

the editor's STANDPOINT

CELEBRATING FREEDOM

In July, two great countries celebrate their freedom, Canada and the United States. Dominion Day and Independence Day are almost sacred days for those who cherish political liberties.

Our churches in these nations have an added and deeper dimension to their celebration—that essential freedom that results when Jesus Christ redeems from sin and liberates the spirit for personal fellowship with God.

Nowhere is the distinction between believers and the world more visible than in the manner of their celebration. There are some common elements—flags and fireworks, picnics and baseball games, for examples. But thousands who confuse liberty with license, and who, for all their vaunted freedom are enslaved to passions, will turn a holiday into carnage and mantle its joy with grief. In the United States, especially, hundreds will die in bloody wrecks, most of them caused by booze. Christians, by contrast, will demonstrate their freedom by abstinence, rejoicing that Jesus is Lord and accepting their responsibility

for others. To the avoidance of evil they will add the happy and positive act of worship.

None are so free as those who are bound to Christ. They can enjoy with deep thanksgiving the constitutional freedoms guaranteed to them by government. But they do not confuse even the best of nations with the kingdom of God, or nationalism with Christianity. Were priceless liberties of speech, press, assembly, and worship ever repressed by godless rulers, the unfettered spirits of those who serve Jesus Christ would rejoice in an inward freedom that neither prison, torture, or gallows has been able to destroy.

So it has been throughout church history; so it is in some countries today. And so it would be in Canada or the United States if—God forbid!—Dominion Day and Independence Day were ever lost in history's changing currents.

Thank God for political freedom! May it be preserved! But thank God, above all else, that "His kingdom is forever." □

WAIT AND SEE

Twice lately I have been judged by the title of a book.

I flew to Chicago. In the terminal were three young people bearing placards defending nuclear plants. One stepped toward me to make his pitch, but caught sight of the book in my hand. "Oh, Karl Marx," he said, and turned away.

I was reading the new biography of Marx by Fitz Radatz. I suppose the young man pegged me as a radical or a "commie" who would be unwilling to "listen to reason" about nuclear power.

Not long afterwards I flew to Little Rock. Pastor Dallas Hudspeth was to meet me, and we were strangers. I walked past him with a word exchanged. Later he approached me in the baggage claim area and introduced himself. "I thought I recognized you when you deplaned," he explained, "but I saw that book you were carrying and said, 'That can't be him.'"

The book's title was *Sideshow*. It is not about carnivals, but about the extension of the Viet Nam war

into Cambodia during Nixon's presidency. Nixon, Kissinger, and the Pentagon thought of Viet Nam as the main show and referred to Cambodia as the "sideshow."

Because he is one of the best-natured men in the world, I enjoyed teasing Brother Hudspeth about the incident.

I mention these incidents to illustrate our proneness to get some of our exercise by jumping to conclusions. I am often guilty of this myself. In fact, I had concluded that Hudspeth was at the airport but didn't recognize me because he didn't think I looked intelligent enough to be the speaker for the preachers' meeting.

Our first impressions and snap judgments are frequently wrong. Appearances do deceive, and the deception may lie in the perceiver as surely as in the perceived. We need to remind ourselves constantly of this and learn to suspend judgment. It is usually best to "wait and see," for we see more clearly when we do not rush to conclusions upon the basis of insufficient or misperceived evidence. □

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NO ACTION, NO VICTORY

During the Civil War in the dis-United States, the rebel army under Lee was defeated and flung back from Gettysburg by the Union forces under Meade. To the dismay of President Lincoln, Meade did not pursue his advantage and cut off the rebels' retreat. Lee's army was allowed to escape and a choice opportunity to end the terrible war was blown.

General Wadsworth came from Meade's council of war to Washington. When he was asked, "Why did Lee escape?" he replied bluntly, "Because nobody stopped him." Victory had been forfeited, not for want of opportunity and resources, but for want of action.

In our spiritual conflicts, how many victories go unclaimed because we are irresolute and indecisive?

It hardly matters that an army is well-equipped and trained if it does not fight. Battles are not won in councils of war but on fields of conflict. Only when the enemy is engaged, opposed, routed, pursued, and trounced can victory come. And that demands a

leadership alert to opportunity with courage to venture.

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There are preachers who fail to succeed, not because they are ungifted or untrained, but because they are inactive. They do not press forward with zeal to convert opportunity into achievement. They settle for battles when they could win wars.

Activity without planning is an invitation to disaster. Motion is not synonymous with direction nor change with progress. Busyness does not guarantee success. But planning without activity is, as Lincoln said about Meade's blunder, like planting a crop then failing to harvest it when it ripens.

The battle is not always to the strong, but it is never to the timid do-nothings. As an ancient hymn declares, "I must fight if I would win." □

A VITAL SERVICE

One of the most valuable services offered to our churches is the "Moving Nazarenes Service" available through our Department of Evangelism.

Population is very mobile these days. Families and singles are constantly moving from one area to another. Unless we are careful to notify pastors, many of these will be lost to the church.

This vital service is not restricted to church members. If you know anyone in any city who needs spiritual help, the Department of Evangelism will try to put a Nazarene pastor in touch with them.

The results of this referral ministry are often exciting. Let me share with you an excerpt from a letter received by the Department of Evangelism. It was written by Claudine Finley, a pastor's wife in Wisconsin.

"Several years ago my brother-in-law was dying of a rare type of cancer. Neither he nor my sister were

Christians or had any church connection. They had no Christian friends or members of the family nearby. I wrote to the Department of Evangelism in Kansas City. They called a pastor nearby who called on Bill and the family, not once but many times. This pastor had the funeral and my sister is attending church occasionally. I believe that someday I will meet Bill in heaven because of a church that cares. I thank God for the Church of the Nazarene and the Department of Evangelism."

There are two ways to contact the department about people in other places who need help. You can phone or write, and action will be taken promptly on the information they receive. Unless you are in Alaska, Hawaii, or Missouri, you can simply call toll-free 800-821-2154. If you choose to write, the address is 6401 The Paseo, Kansas City, MO 64131.

Like Claudine, I thank God for this service and those who cooperate with it. □

IN THE NEWS

PEOPLE AND PLACES

Mrs. Elizabeth Dole Hodges celebrated her 90th birthday March 6 in the parlor of Western Oaks Health Care Center, Bethany, Okla. Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Hodges of Bethpage, N.Y., and Mr. and Mrs. Willard Hodges of Brookfield, Mo., her sons and daughters-in-law, arranged the informal reception and shared the occasion.



For over 20 years Mrs. Hodges served as designer, writer, and editor of *Junior Society Topics* and edited the children's weekly story paper *Sunshine*, working in the Department of Church Schools at the church headquarters in Kansas City. □

Melvin Kuhn, ordained elder in the church, has begun a new and exciting ministry. He is manager of the Army Distaff Hall in Washington D.C., the first civilian to hold this position.

The Army Distaff Hall is a retirement community for widows of retired army officers. Perhaps the finest facility of its kind in the nation, the Hall has 300 residents. The buildings occupy 6 acres of the 16½ acres of beautifully wooded grounds. Mr. Kuhn manages a staff of 80 persons.

Rev. Kuhn is an alumnus of Eastern Nazarene College, and prior to this assignment served as pastor of the Thomasville, Ga., church. □

PAUL FITZGERALD JOINS PENSIONS AND BENEVOLENCE STAFF

Rev. Paul Fitzgerald has joined the staff of the Department of Pensions and Benevolence.

He was a pastor on the Northwestern Ohio District. Previous to that, he had spent five years as assistant financial manager in the Department of World Mission.



He is working with Rev. Paul Sodowsky to relieve the administrative overload, prior to assuming the role of

office manager. Rev. Sodowsky will continue as administrative assistant to Dr. Wessels.

Rev. Fitzgerald and his family reside in Olathe, Kans. They are active in discipling new Christians and leading adult Bible study groups in the College Church. □

—NCN

NAZARENE CAREER EDUCATION COUNCIL FORMED

The Career Planning and Placement Directors from five Nazarene colleges met with Dr. Mark R. Moore, executive director of the Department of Education and the Ministry, May 15-16 to form a new professional group—the Nazarene Career Education Council.

The purpose of this group is twofold: (1) to serve as an assisting agency for life/career planning for the general church and (2) to provide a professional forum for career counselors and/or life planners for the exchange of ideas and programs for professional development.

The workshop was held on the Trevecca Nazarene College campus in Nashville and included sharing of ideas, information, materials, and mutual problems and solutions. Discussions centered on career education on the campus, placement of graduates, internship programs, responsibilities in meeting life-planning needs of the church (including mid-life career changes), offering expertise to general and district youth programs such as

International Institute and district youth camps, and the formation of an advisory committee of Nazarene business, civic, and professional leaders.

Input also came from Dr. William McCumber, editor of the *Herald of Holiness*; Dr. William Strickland, academic dean of TNC; and Bob Brower, title III coordinator at Trevecca. This inaugural meeting of the Nazarene Career Education Council proved to be beneficial and the council plans to meet on an annual basis. □

OKE RETIRES FROM NBC

Dr. Norman R. Oke, charter faculty member at Nazarene Bible College, officially retired at Commencement services, Monday, May 21, 1979. His achievements were cited at exercises held at First United Methodist Church.



Dr. Oke graduated from Northwest Nazarene College and Nazarene Theological Seminary. In 1959, he was awarded the Doctor of Divinity degree by Canadian Nazarene College.

He served as pastor in Everett, Wash., Portland, Ore., and Washington, D.C. For three years, he was district superintendent of the Manitoba/Saskatchewan District of the Church of the Nazarene. General church assignments included Christian Service Training Director (seven years), Book Editor (eight years), and editor of the *Preacher's Magazine* (four years).

A member of the Site Selection Committee, Dr. Oke was among the pioneers in establishing Nazarene Bible College as a training center for ministry in the Church of the Nazarene. He was NBC's first academic dean and has served as chairman of the Division of Theological Studies since 1972.

A member of NBC's Board of Trustees at its inception, Dr. Oke has also



The Career Education Council is pictured (l. to r.): Pat Allen, Bethany Nazarene College; Wayne Brown, Point Loma College; Dr. Mark R. Moore, executive director of Education and the Ministry; Dr. Don Brickley, Eastern Nazarene College; John Stark, Trevecca Nazarene College; Bill MacKay, Trevecca Nazarene College; and Margaret Gilliland, Mid-America Nazarene College.

been a member of Canadian Nazarene College's Board of Trustees and a member of the Nazarene Book Committee. In 1966, he was chosen Alumnus of the Year by Northwest Nazarene College, his alma mater.

Dr. Oke's published writings include many editorials and articles in denominational periodicals such as the *Herald of Holiness* and the devotional magazine *Come Ye Apart*. In 1971, he published *Don't Burn Down the Hospital* and in 1975 *Facing the Tongues Issue*.

The citation presented Dr. Oke by the NBC Board of Trustees read as follows:

"Recognizing Twelve Years of Outstanding Service, Nazarene Bible College presents this Award of Merit to Norman R. Oke, a member of the first Board of Trustees and of the Location Committee, the first Academic Dean, Professor of Theology, and Member of the Administrative and Academic Councils.

"His influence has been felt in formulating policies, establishing traditions, such as The Oke Bible Reading Award and The Torch Ceremony in setting the course and determining the goals of the college.

"In memory will be treasured his radiant smile, his ready wit, his willingness to communicate with students and faculty, his unflinching loyalty to God and to the Church, and his sterling integrity."

It was signed by Dr. Glen McArthur, board chairman; Dr. L. S. Oliver, college president; and Dr. A. E. Airhart, academic dean. □



Navy Reserve Chaplain (Lieutenant JG) Craig W. Rench (center) is congratulated on his swearing into the Navy's Chaplain Corps by Brigadier General Harry Hagaman, commanding general of the 1st Marine Brigade. Mrs. Rench, Connie (L.), was present for the ceremony.

NEW SEA SERVICE CHAPLAIN

Chaplain (Lieutenant JG) Craig W. Rench was sworn into the Navy Reserve April 17. He is also the pastor of the Kailua, Hawaii, church where he has been for the past three years.

Born in Los Angeles, Chaplain Rench spent his 6th through 17th years in Taiwan with his missionary parents.

After leaving Taiwan, he attended Pasadena College in California where he worked his way through as a youth pastor. While there he earned a Bachelor of Arts in theology and a second degree in psychology.

Upon leaving Pasadena College, he attended the Nazarene Theological Seminary in Kansas City for three years, where he was ordained into the ministry. There he earned the Master of Divinity and Master of Religious Education degrees. He also worked as a youth pastor there.

Chaplain (Commander) Lowell Malliett, 3rd Marine Regiment chaplain, first introduced Chaplain Rench to the idea of becoming a chaplain.

"Pastor Rench is one of the most outstanding men I've ever met," said Chaplain Malliett. "He has high academic, intellectual, and spiritual qualifications to become an outstanding chaplain. He is also perceptive to the needs of the military since a substantial amount of his congregation is military, and he will be very valuable to the military community. I feel he is a definite asset to the Chaplain Corps."

Chaplain Rench's wife, Connie, also has missionary parents and, according to the chaplain, is an invaluable asset to him and the church. They have two children: Jesse, 3 years old, and Benjy, 16 months old. □

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Mr. Robert Stephan, attorney general of Kansas, announced recently the extension of the Kansas Tuition Grant Program to Mid-America Nazarene College. MANC was previously denied the grant, which provides \$200-\$1,200 in free aid to Kansas residents who attend private colleges within the state, because of mandatory chapel. College officials believe the tuition grant will provide \$300,000 annually for MANC. Dr. Martha John (L.), division head of Educational Service and Fulbright Scholar, is pictured with Mr. Stephan.



1979 SCHEDULE

HAWAII (Rescheduled)

★ Aug. 29 – Sept. 7

GLORIETA (N.M.)

★ Sept. 17 – 22

RIDGECREST (N.C.)

★ Sept. 24 – 28

CANADIAN ROCKIES (Banff)

★ Oct. 8 – 12

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OREGON HOME MISSION THRUST

The Oregon Pacific District has launched a concerted campaign to organize new churches. Twenty-six couples, 25 from Nazarene Bible College and 1 from Nazarene Theological Seminary, have gone to assigned areas as bi-vocational pastors to begin the new churches. They will work to support themselves. Housing is being provided by the district Home Missions Board.

At the recent district assembly, May 11-12, \$350,000 was raised in cash and pledges. This is in addition to \$100,000 Home Missions Budget. Giving has been sacrificial and enthusiastic. The money will provide land for new churches as they are formed.

A "canning cooperative" has been formed to prepare vegetables and fruit for feeding the couples.

A study of the home mission potential of the district has identified 88 areas where a new Nazarene church

could be formed. District Superintendent Dr. Carl Clendenen and the people of the Oregon Pacific District are committed to enter these areas as soon as personnel and funds are available. □

—NCN

MANC HOLDS EIGHTH COMMENCEMENT

Graduation activities were held at Mid-America Nazarene College May 20 and 21, 1979.

Dr. Mark Moore, executive director of the Department of Education and the Ministry, Church of the Nazarene, spoke to a capacity crowd at Baccalaureate on Sunday evening, May 20, in Olathe, Kans., College Church. Valedictorians Jerry Rice, of Del Rio, Tex., and Anita Newman Schroeder, of Olathe, Kans., gave the Senior Charge. Special music was presented by Becky Moore, Overland Park, Kans., a member of the graduating class.

On Monday morning, 168 seniors received diplomas at a ceremony held at Johnson County Junior College, Overland Park, Kans. Rev. Bill Draper, president of Point Loma College, San Diego, gave the commencement address. He challenged the graduates to chart a service-oriented, holiness and purposeful life course.

Two Kansas students were named the recipients of the American Heritage Award. The winners were David Durey, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Durey, Shawnee Mission; and Ronda Becker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Becker, of Herington, Kans. This award is presented each year to students who represent the ideal of MANC, based upon outstanding campus citizenship, spiritual participa-

tion, academic excellence and social influence.

Three honorary degrees were awarded. Bill Draper, who was one of the first two charter administrators of Mid-America Nazarene College, and Milton B. Parrish, district superintendent of the Kansas City District, were honored with Doctor of Divinity degrees; and Gary Moore, MANC assistant professor of music, was honored with a Doctor of Letters degree.

Dr. Draper served as assistant to the president of Mid-America Nazarene College until he resigned in late 1973 to assume the pastorate of the College Church of the Nazarene in Bourbonnais, Ill. He was inaugurated as the 12th president of Point Loma in March, 1979.

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Dr. Moore has taught in the music department at Mid-America Nazarene College, and has been minister of music in Kansas City First Church. He has traveled nationwide and internationally as a vocalist. He has worked many years in radio broadcasting for the church of the Nazarene.

Music was provided by a brass ensemble conducted by Prof. Richard Cantwell of the MANC music department. □



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Pictured (l. to r.) is the ordination class of the West Texas District: (back row), District Superintendent Gene Fuller, William Ulmet, Earl Moore III, and Dr. Orville W. Jenkins, general superintendent; (front row), Mrs. Frances Sue Barber, James Porter, Larry Williams, and Billy Don Hodges.

MANC'S NURSING PROGRAM RECEIVES STATE ACCREDITATION

On May 8, the Kansas State Board of Nursing granted full initial state accreditation to the baccalaureate nursing program at Mid-America Nazarene College.

The two-year state accreditation process included hiring of the director and five nursing faculty to develop the curriculum, program policies, and relationships with the community hospitals and health care agencies which will offer clinical learning experiences for the nursing students. An in-depth self-study report was compiled in preparation for the accreditation survey visit on campus made by two State Board members on April 4-5.

MANC is now able to offer the upper division nursing courses leading to the degree of Bachelor of Science in Nursing and to meet eligibility requirements for taking State Board examinations for licensure as a registered professional nurse. Since 1976, the college has also been working closely with the National League for Nursing toward national accreditation in 1981 when the first class of nursing students will graduate. □

PILOT PROGRAMS PROMISE SUCCESS

The Department of Communications has completed its testing of a format for Nazarene Television Ministry. Paul Skiles expressed appreciation for the cooperation of pastors and key laymen who worked hard to give the program a good trial.

The pilot format included the airing of the special, "Family: Handle with Care," featuring Dr. James Dobson, in seven cities in various sections of the United States. A total of nearly 7,000 phone calls were received in response. Each caller received a personal visit from a Nazarene in the area and a copy of Dr. Dobson's book, *What Wives Wish Their Husbands Knew About Women*.

While the response is in a measure attributable to the current concern for the family, it presents also a sizeable challenge to have so large a number of people listening to the message of the church and willing to identify themselves.

The Department of Communications and the 20/20 VISION Committee now plan to enter those market areas in North America where an acceptable time can be purchased on a highly rated station and where the local support of the Nazarene churches of the area is assured. □

—NCN



Back row (l. to r.), Jerry & Judi Ferguson, Marvin & Mildred Kisse, Joan & Wayne Larson, DeAnn & Bob Hislar, Judy & Clarence Crites, Sarah & Harlan Shippy. Front row (l. to r.), Galen & Gwen Wilcox, Bill & Edna Dickson, Marilyn and J. Paul Turner. Tessie & Vern Houser are behind the Turners.

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT TRAINING RETREAT

The first marriage enrichment training retreat took place recently in Palm Springs, Calif. The event was sponsored jointly by the Department of Adult Ministries and nine applicant couples.

Bill and Edna Dickson, west coast contact couple, coordinated the event. J. Paul and Marilyn Turner led the trainees through 30 hours of skill and trust building in five major areas: growth, communication, conflict resolution, self and other esteem, and the Lordship of Jesus Christ.


Couples who had not previously experienced the **In-depth Marital Exploration** were invited to do so at this event. This is a 45-minute segment of time during which each couple dia-

logues, before the group, their marital and spiritual growing edges, as well as possible areas of vulnerability. The exploration is done in an atmosphere of trust and support. It is a valuable preparation for couples who plan to lead events themselves.

In-depth Marital Exploration greatly reduces the possibility that leader couples might become evasive, thus ineffective, if the groups they are leading move toward a sensitive area which the leader couple has never openly faced in their own relationship.

Other segments of the retreat centered around the theory of marriage enrichment, plus practical suggestions based upon the Turners' experience.

The retreat ended with prayer, praise, and a commitment service—a veritable love feast in the Lord. □



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ANDREWS, GEORGE D.: Butler, GA (Taylor Co. Camp), July 7-15
ARMSTRONG, CHARLES R.: Tilden, IL (Camp), July 12-22
BALLARD, DON: Reserved, July 3-8; Millington, TN (First), July 17-22; Vilonia, AR (Camp), July 29-Aug. 5
BECKETT, C. FRANK: Wanette, OK, July 2-8
BENDER EVANGELISTIC PARTY: Andalusia, AL (Camp), July 23-Aug. 1
BERTOLETS, MUSICAL: Freeport, PA (Trans. Bible Sch. Camp), July 10-15; Arbovale, WV (White Pines Hol. Camp), July 19-29
BISHOP-EVENSEN GOSPEL TEAM: Brazil, IN, July 1; Kansas City, KS (Central), July 14-15; Winamac, IN, July 22; Evansville, IL, July 23; Geneva, IN, July 25; S.W. Indiana Dist. (Camp), July 26-27; Lynn, IN, July 28-29
BLUE, DAVE & DAN: Youngstown, OH (Wickliffe), July 21-22, a.m.; Canton, OH (First), July 22, p.m.; N.W. Ohio Dist. (Camp), July 29-Aug. 5
BOHI, JAMES: Louisiana Dist. (Camp), July 2-8; Georgia Dist. (Camp), July 9-15; Iowa Dist. (Camp), July 23-29
BOHI, ROY: Louisiana Dist. (Fort Jesup Camp), July 30-Aug. 5
BOND, GARY: Pickford, MI (Kinross Prison), July 3-4; Pickford, MI (Area-wide Camp), July 5-8; Burton, MI (Mancelona Miss. Ch. Dist. Camp), July 27-Aug. 5
BROOKS, GERALD & JUNE: Upstate New York (Camp), July 1-8; Hagerstown, MD (First), July 10-15; Dover, DE, July 17-22; New York Dist. (Boys' & Girls' Camp), July 23-Aug. 4
BUCKLES-BURKE TRIO: Ontario, Canada (Clarksburg Camp), July 13-22; Ontario, Canada (Pefferlaw Camp), July 27-Aug. 6
BUDD, JAY B.: Filer, ID, July 24-29
BURKHAMMER, E. R., EVANGELISTIC ASSOC.: Kentucky Dist. (Boys' & Girls' Camp), July 9-15; Beaver Falls, PA (Geneva College), July 16-Aug. 3
CAMPBELL, BILL: West Frankfurt, IL (First), July 5-8; Reserved, July 9-18; Springerton, IL (Springerton Hol. Assoc. Camp), July 19-29; Reserved, July 31-Aug. 5
CANEN, DAVID: Montrose, GA (St. John), July 2-8
CAYTON, JOHN: Catskill, KY (Wes.), July 10-15
CELEBRATION TRIO: West Virginia Dist. (Lay Ret.), July 13-15; Reserved, balance of month.
CLARK, GENE: Brazil, IN (Comm. Miss.), July 2-8; St. Bernice, IN, July 9-15; South Bend, IN (First), July 16-22; McComb, MS (First), July 23-29; Benton, IL, July 30-Aug. 5
CLINE, JERRY: New Albany, IN (Silver Hills Camp), July 12-22; Oneonta, AL (Union Hill), July 31-Aug. 5
COBB, BILL & TERRI: Upstate New York Dist. (Camp), July 1-8; Missouri Dist. (Camp), July 9-15; Chicago Central Dist. (Camp), July 30-Aug. 5
COX, CURTIS: Prescott, AR, July 10-15
CRANE, BILLY D.: Coolville, OH (Camp), July 12-22; Gospel Concert Tour, Illinois & Indiana, July 24-29
DARNELL, H. E.: Petersburg, IN (Otwell Camp), July 6-15; Clinton, PA (Camp), July 19-29
DELL, JIMMY: Reserved, July 2-20; Bentonville, AR, July 21-25; Prescott, AR (First), July 26-29; Stamps, AR, July 30-Aug. 1
DENNISON, MARVIN E.: N.W. Illinois Dist. (Boys' Camp), July 9-13; Bedford, OH, July 17-22; Iowa Dist. (Camp), July 23-29
DIXON, GEORGE & CHARLOTTE: La Jolla, CA (Camp), June 29-July 1; Columbus, MS, July 10-15; Mundelein, IL, July 29
DUNMIRE, RALPH & JOANN: Stony Creek, NY (Camp), July 18-29
ELLINGSON, LEE: Grahn, KY, June 28-July 8; Fairland, IN (Triton Central), July 10-15
FELTER, JASON: Michigan Dist. (Camp), July 13-22; West Frankfort, IL, July 27-Aug. 5
FILES, GLORIA, & ADAMS, DOROTHY: Hollywood, MD (Child. Crus.), July 5-8; Virginia Beach, VA (Tidewater Central Child. Crus.), July 10-15; Rising Sun, MD (Child. Crus.), July 25-29
FISHER, WILLIAM: Reserved, Month of July
FORTNER, ROBERT E.: Flora, IL (Int. Hol. Camp), July 30-Aug. 11

GARDNER, GEORGE: Pittsburgh Dist. (Camp), July 28-Aug. 5
GATES, KENNETH: Shippenville, PA (Cherry Run Camp), July 25-Aug. 5
GLENDENNING, PAUL & BOBBIE: Jefferson, PA, July 4; Appollo, PA (Kiski Valley Free Meth. Camp), July 5-15; Montevideo, MN (Evangelical Ch. of N. Amer.), July 27-Aug. 3
GREEN, JAMES & ROSE: Tennessee Dist. (Camp), July 2-8; Maine Dist. (Camp), July 9-15; Springfield, July 18-22; Indianapolis Dist. (Camp), July 30-Aug. 3
GRINDLEY, GERALD & JANICE: Concerts in North Carolina, July 10-15
HAINES, GARY: Denver, CO (Lakewood), July 6-8; Colorado Springs, CO (Trinity), July 14 p.m.; Colorado Springs, CO (First), July 15; Danville, VA, July 20-22; Virginia Dist. (Youth Camp), July 23-27; Arlington, VA (Calvary), July 27 p.m.-29
HANCOCK, BOYD C.: N.E. Indiana (Camp), July 23-29
HARRISON, ROBERT: Vicksburg, MS (First), July 11-15; Lamesa, TX (Hereford), July 31-Aug. 5
HATHAWAY, KEN: Jacksonville, TX, July 10-15
HORNE, ROGER & BECKY: Concerts, Month of July
HUBBARD, WILLARD (MRS.): Graham, TX, July 4-8; Tuscaloosa, AL, July 10-15; Baton Rouge, LA (First), July 17-22; Abilene, TX (First), July 31-Aug. 5
JACKSON, PAUL & TRISH: Concerts in Kentucky, Illinois, and Missouri, July 3-8; Wichita, KS (Grace), July 10-15; Reserved, July 16-23; Meade, KS (First), July 24-29; Reserved, July 30-31
JANTZ, CALVIN & MARJORIE: Tilden, IL (Camp), July 12-22
JOHNSON, RON: Concerts, Pocatello & Filer, ID, July 1; Yakima Valley, WA (Concerts), July 8-15; Lewiston, ID (Concerts), July 22; Reserved, July 27-30
LASSELL, RAY & JAN: Freetown, IN, July 10-15; Saratoga, IN (Randolph Co. Camp), July 18-29; Palmetto, IN (Camp), July 30-Aug. 5
LAWHORN, WILLY: Lenore City, TN, July 1
LAXSON, MILES & GINGER: South Carolina Dist. (Camp), July 2-8; S.W. Ohio Dist. (Assembly), July 11-15; Central Ohio Dist. (Camp), July 20-29; New Mexico Dist. (Camp), July 30-Aug. 5
LECKRONE, LARRY: Aroma Park, IL, July 3-8; Richland Center, WI, July 10-15; Reserved, July 17-22; Oklahoma City, OK, July 24-29; Dolton, IL, July 31-Aug. 5
LEMASTER, BEN: Hume Lake Christian Camps, Month of July
LESTER, FRED R.: Upstate New York Dist. (Camp), July 1-8
LIDDELL, P. L.: Wisconsin Dist. (Camp), July 24-29; Chicago Central Dist. (Camp), July 30-Aug. 5
LOMAN, LANE & JANET: Jacksonville, FL (Westside), June 26-July 1; Reserved, July 2-7; Powder Springs, GA (Praise Tab.), July 8-13; Covington, GA, July 17-22; Vilonia, AR (Camp), July 29-Aug. 5
MANLEY, STEPHEN: New Richmond, OH, June 26-July 1; Pittsburgh Dist. (Sen. H. Camp), July 2-6; Steubenville, OH, July 8-12; Michigan Dist. (Camp), July 13-22; Washington Dist. (Camp), July 28-Aug. 5
MANN, L. THURL & MARY KAY: Auburn, IN, July 1; Marion, IN (Lincoln Blvd.), July 8; Ferguson, MO, July 22; Dolton, IL, July 29
MATTER, DAN: Fort Wayne, IN (Trinity), July 9-15; N.E. Indiana Dist. (Camp), July 19-22; Jackson, MI (Central Wes.), July 23-29
McWHIRTER, STUART: Goldhill, NC (Camp Wesley Int.), July 12-22; Iowa Dist. (Camp), July 23-29
MEREDITH, DWIGHT & NORMA JEAN: University Park, IA (Iowa State Hol. Camp), June 28-July 8; Beech Grove, IN, July 17-22
MEYER, BOB & BARBARA: Reserved, Month of July
MICKEY, BOB: DuQuoin, IL, July 3-8; Colorado Dist. (Assembly), July 10-15; Post, TX, July 17-22; Dubuque, IA, July 31-Aug. 5

MILLHUFF, CHARLES: Rowland Heights, CA, July 4-8; Georgia Dist. (Family Camp), July 9-15; North St. Paul, MN (Evening Service), July 18-22; Minneapolis, MN (Nat'l Street Rodder Assoc.), July 18-22; New Mexico Dist. (Camp), July 30-Aug. 5
MULLEN, DEVERNE H.: Sussex, N.B. (Wes.), July 6-15; Uxbridge, MA (Int. Camp), July 20-29
MYERS, HAROLD: Reserved, Month of July
NEFF, LARRY & PAT: Big Rapids, MI (Camp), July 18-29
ORNER MINISTRIES: Dayton, OH (Maryland Ave.), July 1, a.m.; Trenton, OH, July 1, p.m.; Goshen, IN, July 8; Reserved, July 15; Batavia, OH (Camp-Area-Wide), July 16-22; Fort Recovery, OH, July 29
OVERTON, WILLIAM D.: Baltimore, MD (Dundalk), July 10-15; Richmond, ME (Boys' & Girls' Camp), July 24-28; Richmond, ME (Boys' & Girls' Camp), July 31-Aug. 4
PARADIS, ROBERT J.: Harrisonville, PA (Pleasant Ridge Camp), July 13-22
PASSMORE EVANGELISTIC PARTY: Lothian, MD (So. Maryland Hol. Camp), July 14-22; Lavelle, PA (Kiddie's Crus.), July 30-Aug. 5
PFEIFER, DON: Alabama Dist. (Camp), July 2-8; South Carolina Dist. (CCCU Nippen Dist. Camp), July 13-22; Pittsburgh Dist. (Camp), July 28-Aug. 5
PITTS, PAUL: Monadnock, NY (Chr. & Miss. Alliance Bible Conf.), July 1-8; Michigan (Concert Tour), July 9-15; Paoli, PA (Presby.), July 22; Pennsylvania (Concert Tour), July 23-29
PORTER, JOHN & PATSY: Alabama Dist. (Camp), July 3-8; Jackson, AL (First), July 10-15; Silas, AL (Int.), July 18-27; Reserved, July 28-Aug. 5
QUALLS, PAUL M.: Excel, AL (Beulah Camp), June 21-July 1; Bonnie Ferry, FL (Bethlehem Camp), July 5-15; Eastern Kentucky Dist. (Camp), July 22-29
RAKER, W. C.: Illinois (Tent Meetings), Month of July
RICHARDS, LARRY & PHYLLIS: Columbus, IN (Ch. of the Galilean), July 15
RICHMOND, RON: Hughesville, PA (Camp), July 5-15; Mount Joy, PA (Mennonite), July 16-20; Troy, MI, July 22, p.m.; Eastern Michigan Dist. (Sr. High Camp), July 23-27; Ridgeland, IL (Community Revival), July 31-Aug. 5
SHOMO, PHIL: Columbus, OH, June 29-July 1; Harrisonburg, VA, July 9-15; Reserved, July 25-29
SLACK, DOUGLAS: Columbus, GA (Sanctified Ch. of Christ Camp), July 2-8
SMITH, CHARLES HASTINGS: Canada Pacific Dist. (Victoria Camp), July 20-22; Canada Pacific Dist. (Vancouver Camp), July 25-29; Chicago Central Dist. (Camp), July 30-Aug. 5
SMITH, HAROLD L.: Reserved, July 7-15; Michigan Dist. (Boys' Camp), July 23-27; Michigan Dist. (Girls' Camp), July 27-Aug. 5
SMITH, OTTIS & MARGUERITE: Reserved, Month of July
SPRAGUE EVANGELISTIC FAMILY: Dennison, TX (First), July 6-8; Dallas Dist. (Jr. High Camp), July 9-13
STAFFORD, DANIEL: Harkers Island, NC (Camp), June 29-July 8; Muskegon, MI (Camp), July 13-22; Albany, IN (Delaware Co. Camp), July 26-Aug. 5
STARK, EDDIE & MARGARET: Geary, OK, July 5-8; Watonga, OK, July 9-15; Oklahoma City, OK, July 16-22; Baytown, TX (First), July 23-29; Nacogdoches, TX (First), July 30-Aug. 5
STEGAL, DAVID: Newcastle, PA, July 3-8; Beechgrove, IN (In-door Camp), July 17-22
STEVENSON, GEORGE: Reserved, July 17-Aug. 5
STONE FAMILY EVANGELISTIC TEAM: Kelliher, MN, July 3-8; Sheboygan, WI, July 30-Aug. 5
STRICKLAND, RICHARD: Dakota Dist. (Camp), June 25-July 1
SWANSON, ROBERT L.: Mayfield, KY (First), July 24-29
SWEENEY, ROGER & EULETA: Claymour, KY (Camp), July 19-29
TAYLOR, EMMETT E.: Idabel, OK, July 25-29; Dallas, TX (Woodland Park), July 31-Aug. 5
TAYLOR, ROBERT W.: Kalispell, MT (Bitterroot Lake Camp), July 3-8
THORNTON, WALLACE O.: Booneville, KY (Kentucky Hol. Camp), July 12-15
TRIPP, HOWARD: Stony Creek, NY (Camp), July 18-29
TUCKER, BILL & JEANETTE: Beebe, AR (Camp), July 27-Aug. 5
WOODWARD, S. OREN: Springfield, OH (First), July 3-8; Hanover, PA (Trinity), July 10-15; Bridgewater, VA (Spring Creek), July 17-22; Northeast Indiana Dist. (Camp), July 24-29; Fort Wayne, IN (Southside), July 31-Aug. 5
WYLIE, CHARLES: Sledge, MS (Robinson Chapel), July 31-Aug. 5
WYRICK, DENNIS E.: Frankfort, KY (First), July 1 & 8; Glasgow, KY (Morrison Park Camp), July 26-Aug. 5

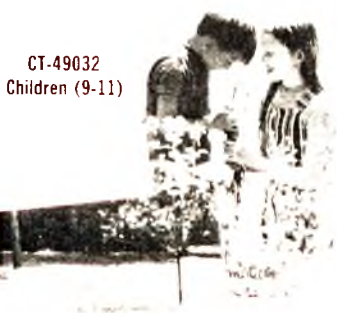
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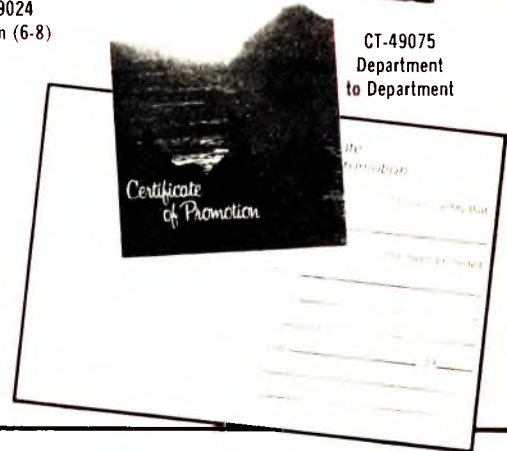
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As part of its "Youth in Mission" program, the Department of Youth Ministries in cooperation with the Department of World Mission is sending a team of 48 students to Europe this summer for six weeks of specialized mission outreach and impact. Not only will this summer's International Student Ministry project focus on an emerging World Mission area; but again as last summer, the ISM team will be multinational as well.

Joining the 21 students from North America will be students from the British Isles, Denmark, Switzerland, Portugal, and Italy.

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FOR THE RECORD

DISTRICT ASSEMBLY INFORMATION

NORTHEASTERN INDIANA—July 19-20. District Center, 1794 S. 350 E., Marion, IN 46952. Host Pastor: Wayne L. Bogue. General Superintendent: Dr. Orville W. Jenkins.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA—July 19-20. Church of the Nazarene, 26221 Gading Rd., Hayward, CA 94544. Host Pastor: Eugene T. Brantley. General Superintendent: Dr. Eugene L. Stowe.

ILLINOIS—July 25-26. West Side Church of the Nazarene, 1224 W. Grand Ave., Decatur, IL 62522. Host Pastor: Gilbert Hughes. General Superintendent: Dr. V. H. Lewis

EAST TENNESSEE—July 26-27. First Church, 538 Vanosdale Rd., Knoxville, TN 37919. Host Pastor: Charles Patton. General Superintendent: Dr. William M. Greathouse.

PITTSBURGH—July 26-27. Mount Chestnut Nazarene District Center, 177 North Rd., Butler, PA 16001. General Superintendent: Dr. Charles H. Strickland.

SOUTHWEST INDIANA—July 26-27. Vanderburgh Auditorium Convention Center, 715 Locust Street, Evansville, IN 47708. Host Pastor: B. W. Downing. General Superintendent: Dr. George Coulter.

DISTRICT ASSEMBLY REPORTS

WEST TEXAS

The 71st annual assembly of the West Texas District was held at Lubbock, Tex., First Church

District Superintendent Gene Fuller, completing the first year of an extended term, reported.

Presiding General Superintendent Orville W. Jenkins ordained Mrs. Frances Barber, Billy Hodges, Earl Moore III, James Porter, Larry Don Williams, and Bill Ulmet.

Elected to the Advisory Board were elders Fred Fike, J. D. Dorough, and Marshall Stewart, and laymen Herman Plott, Melvin Pierce, and Don Paxton.

Octava Fike was reelected NWMS president; Jerome Hancock was elected NYI president; and Eugene Sanders was reelected chairman of the Board of Christian Life.

MISSISSIPPI

The 66th annual assembly of the Mississippi District convened at Jackson, Miss., Emmanuel Church. District Superintendent W. Talmadge Johnson, completing the third year of an extended term, reported.

TIONAL MINISTRY US ON AND ITALY

In addition to the ISM team, a specially selected music group, "Discovery," will travel to Europe to support the entire project. The music group will be presenting sacred music concerts in churches, universities, public auditoriums, and on television.

The North American delegation will meet the other world area students at European Nazarene Bible College for seven days of orientation and training. From there the students will be organized into six "ministry teams" and spend the rest of the summer conducting evangelistic/outreach ministries.

EUROPE



Tim Larkin
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Logan, W. Va.



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Frederick, S. D.



Vicki Tanner
Houma, La.



Tim Wege
Scotia, N. Y.



Jan Weisen
Spokane, Wash.

General Superintendent William M. Greathouse ordained Larry Ralph Campbell, Donald Ray Lambert, Phil Elroy Ledford, and George Ray McDonald.

Elders Richard R. Harper and Charles Johnson and laymen Solon Davis and Lee Hightower were elected to the Advisory Board.

Reelected to their respective positions were Mrs. Genell Johnson, NWMS president; Rev. Jerry W. Smith, NYI president; and Rev. Mickey G. Smith, chairman of the Board of Christian Life.

ALABAMA

The 71st annual assembly of the Alabama District met in the Von Braun Civic Center in Huntsville, Ala. District Superintendent Charles W. Oliver reported.

Kevin Wentworth and Leon Patrick were ordained by presiding General Superintendent William M. Greathouse.

Elected to the Advisory Board were elders Bill Lancaster, Hayes Oliver, and T. A. Stanley. Laymen elected were Ralph Mariowe, Howard Stocks, and Bill Davis.

George Beasley was reelected NYI president; Mrs. Charles Oliver was reelected NWMS president; and Bob Lothenore was elected chairman of the Board of Christian Life.

OREGON PACIFIC

The 36th annual assembly of the Oregon Pacific District convened at the Bend, Ore., church. District Superintendent Carl B. Clendenen, Jr., was reelected for a four-year term.

Dr. V. H. Lewis, presiding general superintendent, ordained Ralph J. Huit and Lawrence O. Blight; and the elder's orders of H. Vern Shipley were recognized.

Elders Marilyn W. Anderson, Gordon W. Miller, Ralph E. Neil, and Alan L. Rodda were elected to the Advisory Board, with laymen

James A. Scarth, L. A. Suiter, Willard Freisen, and Gordon A. Olsen.

Mrs. Robert (Lela) Jackson was reelected NWMS president; Larry Burton was reelected NYI president; and Gordon W. Miller was elected chairman of the Board of Christian Life.

LOS ANGELES

The 29th annual assembly of the Los Angeles District convened at Pasadena, Calif., First Church. District Superintendent Paul Benefiel, completing the third year of an extended term, reported.

General Superintendent George Coulter ordained William Henry Kelley, Sr., Donald Clyde Farnsworth, Arthur Lee Small, Jr., Robert Leroy Hissler, and Marshall Lee Holsinger.

Elders Earl G. Lee, Roger Bowman, Randal E. Denny, and Ira L. True were elected to the Advisory Board. Laymen elected were Harold

Bell, Carlton Burlison, Ed Switzer, and Clayton Clark.

Reelected to their respective positions were Erlene Mielke, NWMS president; Steve Seelig, NYI president; and Don Hughes, chairman of the Board of Christian Life.

CENTRAL FLORIDA

The sixth annual assembly of the Central Florida District met at the Lakeland, Fla., South Florida Heights Church. District Superintendent J. V. Morsch was reelected for a four-year term. He reported the organization of two churches, Orlando Conway in the fall, and Tampa First Latin on Tuesday night of the assembly.

The elder's orders of Rev. Wm. Jones were recognized by presiding General Superintendent William M. Greathouse. Rev. Jones started the new Orlando Conway Church.

Elected to the Advisory Board were elders John Gardner, Clifton B. Nixon, and L. E. Leeper; laypersons elected were Fred Cassick, Joel Love, and Evelyn Duncan.

Sue Price was reelected NWMS president; Ed Spangler was elected NYI president; and James Erickson was elected chairman of the Board of Christian Life.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

The 73rd annual assembly of the Southern California District convened in Riverside, Calif. District Superintendent Robert H. Scott, completing the third year of an extended term, reported.

Presiding General Superintendent Eugene L. Stowe ordained Charles M. Edwards, Daniel L. Hull, and John E. Moore.

Elders J. Wayne Eyestone, B. E. Gebhart, Charles W. Ogden, and Jerry White were elected to the Advisory Board. Laymen elected were

David Barton, T. R. Partee, Robert Ferris, and Robert Foster.

Mrs. Robert Scott, NWMS president; Rev. Ronald Corbin, NYI president; and Rev. Thomas Goble, chairman of the Board of Christian Life, were all reelected to their positions.

NORTH FLORIDA

The sixth annual assembly of the North Florida District convened in the Gainesville, Fla., First Church. District Superintendent J. T. Gassett, completing the first year of an extended term, reported the organization of two new churches, Monticello and Tallahassee South Heights.

General Superintendent Orville W. Jenkins ordained George Blythe and Danny Miles.

Elected to the Advisory Board were elders Henry Cooper and Samuel Pickenpaugh; laymen elected were Jim Herndon and Bill Birtley.

Mrs. Samuel Pickenpaugh was elected NWMS president; Larry Classen was reelected NYI president, and H. G. Snellgrove was reelected chairman of the Board of Christian Life.

ARIZONA

The 58th annual assembly of the Arizona District met in the Phoenix Biltmore Church. District Superintendent Crawford T. Vanderpool was reelected for a four-year term. He reported the organization of two new churches, Kingman and Tucson Oro Valley.

Presiding General Superintendent Eugene L. Stowe ordained Mrs. Dortha A. Culver and Jimmy D. DuFriend.

Elders Ross W. Hayslip, Marion McKellips, and Stanley McElrath, and laymen W. James Cullumber, Cecil Knauff, and David Gipe were elected to the Advisory Board.

Mrs. Audrey Psaute was reelected NWMS president; Rev. Ray L. Doane was reelected NYI president; and Rev. Lee W. Steele was reelected chairman of the Board of Christian Life.

NAZARENE CAMP MEETINGS

July 1-8—TENNESSEE. District Campground, Garner's Creek Rd., Dickson, Tenn. Special workers: Ted Martin, Albert Neuschwanger, Edward Cox, singers Jim and Rosemary Green, H. Harvey Hendershot, district superintendent.

July 9-15—GEORGIA. District Center, Adrian, Ga. Special workers: C. William Ellwanger, Chuck Millhuff, singer Jim Bohi, Jack H. Lee, district superintendent.

July 23-29—EASTERN KENTUCKY. Mount Hope Campgrounds, Kentucky 156 between Goddard and Poplar Plains, Ky. Special workers: Bert Daniels and Paul Qualls, John W. May, district superintendent.

July 23-29—WISCONSIN. Camp Byron, Oakfield, Wis. Special workers: Paul Liddell, Gene Fuller, and song evangelists Bob and Sandy Finnie, J. Ted Holstein, district superintendent.

Aug. 3-12—ARIZONA. Camp Pine Rock, Prescott, Ariz. Special workers: Ron Lush, Sr., and Jim Diehl, Crawford T. Vanderpool, district superintendent.

Aug. 3-12—SOUTHWEST OKLAHOMA. District Campgrounds, Anadarko, Okla. Special workers: Stuart McWhirter and singers Jim and Rosemary Green, M. Bert Daniels, district superintendent.

Aug. 5-12—AKRON. Nazarene Center, 8020 Nazarene Ave., Louisville, OH 44641. Special workers: Richard Strickland, Ted Martin, and singer DeVerne Mullen, Floyd O. Flemming, district superintendent.

Aug. 5-12—CANADA WEST. District Campgrounds, 14 miles west of Olds, Alberta, on Hwy. 27. Special workers: William Taylor and singer Paul Mullen, Alexander Ardrey, district superintendent.

Aug. 5-12—EASTERN MICHIGAN. District Center, N. Burkhart Rd., Howell, Mich. Special

workers: John Gardner, William Varian, and Mark Murphy, singer, E. W. Martin, district superintendent.

Aug. 5-12—WEST VIRGINIA. Nazarene Campgrounds, Rte. 1, Box 417, Summersville, WV 26651. Special workers: Glen Jones, Roy McKinney, and singer James Bohi, M. E. Clay, district superintendent.

Aug. 6-12—VIRGINIA. District Campgrounds, Sprouse' Corner, Box 372, Star Route, Buckingham, VA 23921. Special workers: Bob Hoots and singers Dave and Dana Blue, Reeford L. Chaney, district superintendent.

Aug. 11-19—PHILADELPHIA. North East, Md., Campground. Special workers: Reuben Welch and Curtis Smith, singers Jonathan and Ilona Welch, Paul D. Mangum, district superintendent.

Aug. 13-19—WASHINGTON PACIFIC. Black Lake, Olympia, Wash. Special workers: Ron and Myrtlebelly Lush and Stephen Nease, Kenneth Vogt, district superintendent.

Aug. 14-19—NORTHWEST INDIANA—(14-18 evenings). Century Center, 120 South St. Joseph St., South Bend, IN 46601. Special workers: Dr. Edward Lawlor and song evangelists Jim and Rosemary Green, George Scott, district superintendent.

Aug. 14-19—OREGON PACIFIC. Jennings Lodge, Portland, Ore. Special workers: Stuart McWhirter, J. H. Mayfield, and Wally and Ginger Laxson, singers, Carl B. Clendenen, Jr., district superintendent.

Aug. 15-18—KANSAS. First Church, 1400 E. Kellogg, Wichita, KS 67211. Special workers: Dr. Ray Hance and Bill and Terri Cobb, singers, Marselle Knight, district superintendent.

MOVING MINISTERS

PAUL ALDRICH from Springfield (Mo.) First to Troy, Ohio

M. H. AMBURN from Martinez, Ga., to LaFayette, Ga.

CHARLES BARDEN from associate, Colorado Springs (Colo.) Southgate, to Montgomery (Ala.) First

COPELEN BRADLEY, JR., from student, Nazarene Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Mo., to Kamiah (Idaho) Valley View

DON BROWN from Goshen, Ark., to Springfield (Ohio) Erie Ave.

RAYMOND A. BUCKLEY from Camas, Wash., to evangelism

CLAIR A. BUDD from student, Nazarene Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Mo., to associate, Whittier (Calif.) College Avenue

DONALD DAYNE from student, Mid-America Nazarene College, Olathe, Kans., to Brawley, Calif.

W. M. DOROUGH from Dallas (Tex.) North to Grand Prairie, Tex.

WM. E. ELLIOTT from Ozark, Ark., to Gilmer, Tex.

CARL D. ERWIN from Ironton (Ohio) First to Chillicothe (Ohio) First

JOHN EUTON, JR. to Rarden, Ohio

JOHN FLOWERS from Orofino, Ida., to Enterprise, Ore.

WILLIAM J. GUNTER from evangelism to Snohomish, Wash.

WILLIAM HARMANING to associate, Renton, Wash.

PAUL HEDGE from Grayson, Ky., to evangelism

DONALD L. HENDERSON from Blountstown, Fla., to Gainesville (Fla.) Trinity

DAN HORN from associate, Hanging Rock, Ohio, to Plymouth Heights, Ohio

D. L. HUFFMAN from Bryan, Ohio, to Toledo Oregon (Ohio) First

GARY JOHNSON from student, Nazarene Bible College, Colorado Springs, Colo., to Mount Vernon, (Wash.) Big Lake

JOHN KELL from Fortuna, Calif., to Yreka, Calif.

LARRY LANDIS from student, Nazarene Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Mo., to Bowie, Md.

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 PAUL MCBRIDE to Poulosbo, Wash.
 JERRY MAY from associate, Zillah, Wash., to Pendleton, Ore.
 LARRY MONSON from student, Nazarene Bible College, Colorado Springs, Colo., to Orofino, Ida.
 MARK E. MOORE from Sylvania, Ohio, to district office manager, Kansas City District, Overland Park, Kans.
 EDWARD W. MORRISON from student, Nazarene Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Mo., to Athens, Ohio
 RUSSELL MARTIN from associate, San Jose (Calif.) First, to Palo Alto, Calif.
 LYLE B. POINTER from associate, Bethany (Okla.) First, to San Jose (Calif.) First
 ROBERT L. REEDER from student, Nazarene Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Mo., to Lucasville, Ohio
 DONALD SCHAAL from Louisville, Ohio, to associate, Columbus (Ohio) Northland
 DONALD SIDES from student, Nazarene Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Mo., to Carlsbad (N.M.) Church Street
 AUBREY D. SMITH from Clarksville (Tenn.) Parkland to Ironton (Ohio) First
 CHAPLAIN VERNON G. SWIM from Staten Island, N.Y., to U.S. Forces Retreat House, Berchtesgaden Recreational Area, APO, NY 09029
 WALTER SHEFFLER from Blythe, Calif., to Santa Ana (Calif.) Edinger Street
 FRED WENGER, JR., from Kansas City (Kans.) Stoney Point to chaplain, Bethany Medical Center, Kansas City, Kans.
 CECIL B. WEST from evangelism to Greensburg, Ind.
 LARRY WHITE from associate, Kankakee (Ill.) College, to Lima (Ohio) First
 LARRY WINEGARDEN to Grover Hill, Ohio
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Fort Morgan, Colo., church will celebrate its 50th anniversary on August 19. All former pastors, members, and friends are invited to attend. For more information concerning the banquet and celebration, contact Pastor Zell Woodworth, P.O. Box 692, Fort Morgan, CO 80701 (Phone: 303-867-5560).

Monroe, N.C., First Church, will be celebrating their 50th anniversary, July 8. All former pastors, members, and friends are invited to worship and help celebrate this event. For further details contact Rev. David Graves, P.O. Box 992, Monroe, N.C. 28110 (Phone: 704-283-5217).

Tullahoma, Tenn., First Church will celebrate its 40th anniversary July 15. All former pastors, members, and friends are invited to attend and help celebrate this event. Rev. Jimmy Hodge has been the pastor since 1976.

RECOMMENDATIONS

REV. AND MRS. PAUL H. HEDGE, currently pastoring at Grayson, Ky., entered full-time evangelism as of June 1. I wholeheartedly recommend them to our people as an excellent team for revivals and special meetings. He is a skillful minister of the Word and she is a registered song evangelist on the Eastern Kentucky District. Their address is: 919 W. First St., Morehead, KY 40351.—*John W. May, Eastern Kentucky district superintendent.*

VITAL STATISTICS

DEATHS

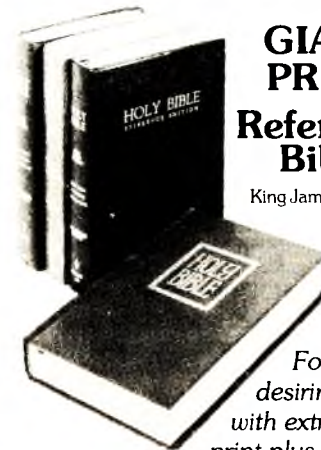
MRS. LILLIE BURRAGE COZBY, 88, died March 9 in Arlington, Tex. Funeral services were conducted by Revs. Robert Williams, Hugh Smith, and L. P. Jack Durham, her son-in-law. Interment was in Wolfe City, Tex. Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. L. P. (Zuma) Durham and Mrs. Roy G. (Muriel) Ingle; one son, David Baxter Cozby II; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

DAVID LEE ENSMINGER, 23, died Dec. 4, 1978, near Hollister, Calif., in a car accident. Funeral services were conducted in San Leandro, Calif., by Rev. Leonard M. Gallivan and Rev. Don Crary. Interment was in Visalia, Calif. He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ensminger; and a sister, Kathryn Lickey.

WANDA EILEEN ENSMINGER, 20, died March 31 in Oakland, Calif. Funeral services were conducted in San Leandro, Calif., by Rev. Guy W. Hall. Interment was in Visalia, Calif., and services were conducted by Rev. Phil May. Survivors include her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ensminger and one sister, Kathryn Lickey.

GERALD FOSBENNER, 15, son of the late Rev. Gerald Fosbenner, was killed in an auto accident in Nampa, Ida., May 17. Rev. Clarence Kinzler officiated at the funeral services. He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Lyla Fosbenner, and a younger sister, Linda.

BLANCHE BOHLING HARPER, 84, died March 14 in Durant, Okla. Funeral services were conducted in Bethany, Okla., by Rev. Sam Stearman and District Superintendent Wendell O. Paris. She is survived by one son, Edward Bohling; one daughter, Mrs. Harold (Nella Marie) Harcourt; two stepsons, Kenneth and Leonard Harper; eight grandchildren; five great-



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grandchildren; six stepgrandchildren; nine step great-grandchildren; and one brother.

REV. WOODROW W. LEEZER, 55, died Feb. 11 in St. Louis, Mo. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Udell Moss at Ferguson Nazarene Church. He served as pastor in Illinois, Arkansas, and Missouri. Surviving are his wife, Violet; five sons, Larry, Woody, Garry, Timothy, and Daniel; three daughters, Diana, Melody and Robyn; and four grandchildren.

CARL R. WICKS, 53, died Dec. 19 in Lancaster, Ohio. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Jay Smith. Survivors include his wife, Betty; one son, Richard; three daughters, Janna, Carla, and Mrs. Mike Cunningham; one brother; and one sister.

CORRECTION:

The March 15 issue carried the news of Mrs. Garnet Howard's death. Among the survivors one sister was listed. Four other sisters and one brother also survive Mrs. Howard. They are: Ruth Thomas, Hazel Janosky, Isa Ludy, Margaret Table, and Ted Sherman. We regret that this information was not supplied to us with the news item.

BIRTHS

to PAUL AND DIANE (COPELAND) ANDERSON, Moore, Okla., a boy, Jeremiah Paul, Apr. 24

to JIM AND LINDA BARBER, Olivehurst, Calif., a girl, Lori Ann, Nov. 21

to BYRON AND NADINE (CROWFOOT) CHITTENDEN, Colorado Springs, Colo., a girl, Melanie RaVae, Jan. 17

to DAN AND RUTH (EGGERS) CORBETT, Kansas City, Mo., a boy, Daniel Thomas, May 16

to ARLYN AND BRENDA (WELLS) CROWFOOT, Greeley, Colo., a boy, Jeremy Michael, Jan. 25

to CARLOS AND CAROLYNNE (FREY) FANDINO, Glassboro, N.J., a girl, Emily Christine, Apr. 25

to DONALD RAY AND WANDA (BROOKS) FINNEY, SR., Gainesville, Ga., a boy, Donald Ray, Jr., May 14

to REV. PHILLIP C. AND ANN (HUGHEY) JONES, Hattiesburg, Miss., a girl, Amanda Anne, May 12

to MARK AND KATHY (ROBINSON) LATHAM, Broken Arrow, Okla., a boy, Christopher Mark, May 18

to COY AND KATHY (MEYER) LEAGUE, Oklahoma City, a boy, Zachory Kyle, March 29

to ROBERT AND LAURIE (ADAMS) LOCKE, Sheppard AFB, Tex., a girl, Courtney Brooke, May 9

to REV. K. CLAIR AND DONNA (GAGE) MacMILLAN, Oakville, Ontario, Canada, a girl, Sharon Abigail, March 12

"Showers of Blessing" PROGRAM SCHEDULE

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NEWS OF RELIGION

1978 SCRIPTURE DISTRIBUTION TOPS HALF BILLION MARK.

In 1978, the American Bible Society, together with its global partners which make up the United Bible Societies (UBS), distributed more than a half billion Scriptures worldwide.

Not only did the total—503,318,060—break all previous annual records but this was the first time it topped the half billion mark. ABS's part in this effort was 127 million Scriptures distributed in the United States, and financial support of 153 million overseas, for an exact total of 280,731,302 copies. ABS's distribution activities worldwide in 1978 represented a 13.9 percent increase over 1977. □

LUTHERANS, UNITED METHODISTS DRAFT WORKING PAPER ON BAPTISM.

A working paper on baptism drawn up in Portland, Ore., by participants in the official Lutheran-United Methodist dialogue in the U.S. says that "because baptism witnesses to Christian unity it enables transfer between our denominations."

The document adds that "when persons transfer their membership between our denominations, they should not feel that they have thereby broken their earlier baptismal and confirmation promises."

While the majority of participants agreed to approve the statement "for distribution as a working paper to a limited audience for response," representatives of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod abstained, pending consultation with LCMS President Jacob A. O. Preus and the Synod's Commission on Theology and Church Relations. □

ADMISSION OF CHILDREN TO COMMUNION RECOMMENDED TO CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.

Admission of children to Communion in the Church of Scotland is recommended in a report to the General Assembly of the Church meeting in Edinburgh (May 19-25).

This radical shift in policy is recommended by the Parish Education Committee who suggest that the matter be discussed by presbyteries, and that a further report be made to a future Assembly in the light of comments received.

The committee does not stipulate a minimum age for admission, but urges that it be done when children can respond in faith to the invitation "Take, eat."

Observation of the practice in the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., has led members to anticipate that children would be unlikely to participate before the age of six. □

EPA CONVENTION INSPIRED "A CERTAIN SOUND." The Evangelical Press Association convened in Nashville, May 14-16. Robert J. Myers, currently on the staff of National College, was named president to succeed Mrs. Eleanor Burr, editor of *OMS Outreach* magazine. Jerry Jenkins, executive editor of *Moody Monthly*, was named vice-president. Philip Yansey, executive editor of *Campus Life*, and William Peterson, editor of *Eternity* magazine, were named advisors. Remaining on the EPA board are Norman Rohrer as treasurer and Viola Blake of *Decision* magazine as secretary.

Awards of Excellence winners included the *Banner* in the denominational category (Christian Reformed Church), *Youth and Christian Education Leadership* (Christian Education category), *Moody Monthly* (general), *Good News* (organizational), *Youth Illustrated* (Sunday school take-home), *Impact* (missionary), and *Dash* (youth).

W. E. McCumber and Ivan A. Beals of the *Herald of Holiness*, and Debbie Salter, editor of *Bread*, attended the convention representing the respective Nazarene publications. □

to GARY AND VICKI (WESSELS) MORSCH, Bethany, Okla., a girl, Erin Rebecca, Apr. 18
 to STANLEY AND MARCIA PARENTI, Nazareth, Pa., a boy, Matthew Lewis, Nov. 27
 to BRIAN AND JEANNIE (BROWN) PATTERSON, Lincoln, Neb., a boy, Michael Brian, March 18
 to CLIFFORD AND SANDRA PYSHER, Nazareth, Pa., a girl, Lisa Sue, Feb. 27
 to MARIANO AND DENISE RUIZ, Rocky Mount, N.C., a boy, Michael Henry, May 13
 to STEVE AND CAROL (MANSVELD) SCHOGER, Medford, Ore., a boy, Jason Patrick, Apr. 26
 to BRUCE AND DEBBIE (TACKEBERRY) SOUTH, Bethany, Okla., a girl, Jana Lane, March 22
 to JOHNNY AND DEBBIE (HAZELTON) STEPHENS, Oklahoma City, Okla., a boy, John Mark, Apr. 3
 to DAVID A. AND LYNDA (CHENEY) TODD, Kansas City, Mo., a boy, Charles Norman, Jan. 30
 to RICK AND MARY (JOHNSON) UPCHURCH, Kansas City, Mo., a girl, Erika Kathleen, March 9

to STEVEN AND CAROLYN (GIBSON) VANCE, Chillicothe, Ill., a girl, Suzanne Lynn, May 5
 to RON AND RUTH (SCHERMERHORN) WAHL, Evans City, Pa., a boy, Bradley Alan, May 17

MARRIAGES

JENNIE TOMPKINS and STEPHEN R. McCOLLOM at Olivehurst, Calif., Apr. 21
 LYNN ANDERSON and MAX CLEMENTS at Birmingham, Ala., Apr. 28
 ROBIN RENE BREWER and GEORGE D. BUDY at San Diego, Calif., June 23

ANNIVERSARIES

MR. AND MRS. ORIE H. COWGER, of the Geneva, Ohio, church, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary April 21. They were married in Webster Springs, W. Va., in 1919 by the late Rev. A. E. O'dell. They moved to Geneva in 1943. There were 8 children, and 6 are still living. They have 21 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

MR. AND MRS. STEPHEN H. JAY, of Kansas City, Mo., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary June 3 at an open house at the Glad-

stone church. They have 4 sons, Clark, Stephen, Jr., Hollis, and David, all living in Kansas City area; 1 daughter, Shirley, in Florida; 12 grandchildren; and 3 great-grandchildren.

MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM L. WILSON (LUCILLE) of Mitchell, S.D., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary April 19. The event was hosted by brothers and sisters of the bride. They have no children.

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THE ANSWER

CORNER

Conducted
by W. E.
McCumber,
Editor

Deuteronomy 22:5 says, "A woman must not wear men's clothing, nor a man wear women's clothing, for the Lord your God detests anyone who does this" (NIV). Does this mean slacks or pantsuits?

The best Old Testament scholars I have been able to consult understand this passage to be a warning against transvestism. Transvestism here refers to men dressing as women, or women as men, for evil purposes. Transvestism was connected with homosexuality and with certain heathen cults, both of which are an abomination to God (see Leviticus 18:22; 20:13; Deuteronomy 7:25).

In Moses' day both men and women wore robes; there were men's robes and women's robes. Today there are men's slacks and women's slacks. As Dr. W. T. Purkiser once said in this column, no self-respecting man would be caught dead in a woman's pantsuit. Or caught alive in one either, I might add.

Whether a woman should wear slacks or pantsuits must, it seems to me, be left to the individual conscience. At any rate, Deuteronomy 22:5 does not answer the question. □

Jesus said, "If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it" (John 14:14). And we all know that we do not get everything we ask for, even though we are careful not to ask foolish or unwise things. Please comment.

I will make two comments. Verse 13 reads, "And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son." The "whatsoever" and the "anything" of petitionary prayer is limited to what glorifies the Father. Now consult verse 12: "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater

works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father." The "whatsoever" and "anything" are here conditioned by doing the works of Jesus. In context, then, the promise of Jesus in verse 13 applies to a believer who is continuing the ministry of Jesus in the world and thus glorifying the Father. The example of Jesus himself, in His prayers in Gethsemane, reminds us that all petitions are to be conditioned by the "nevertheless" of commitment—"nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done" (Luke 22:42).

Which leads to my second comment: Your question seems to assume that we know what are "foolish and unwise things." But do we always? Our faith must rest in the Father's wisdom in what He gives and also in what He denies. □

Some years ago, I was healed instantaneously two different times. In recent years, I have developed arthritis in both legs, which has occasioned three surgeries in less than three years. I have been anointed two or three times, but healing has not been granted. And yet, James 5:14-15 attaches no conditions to healing; it simply says to be anointed by an elder and the prayer of faith shall save the sick. Can you enlighten me?

Every promise of Scripture, in specific application to concrete situations, is conditioned by at least two factors, the will of God and the faith of persons. In your case, it would seem that either God did not will to heal or the prayer of faith was not prayed.

After all the commentaries on Scripture and books on healing that I've read, why one is healed and another is not remains a mystery, just as why one is martyred and another spared (see John 21:18-22). But in every circumstance—and whether God says "yes," "no," or "wait" to our prayers—we are to keep on faithfully following Jesus. Hebrews 11:32-40 helps me here, for it shows us that faith brings deliverance, but faith also endures suffering. □

Estherville, Ia.: The church recently closed revival with *Rev. Don and Helen Kelly* as evangelists. It was a time of renewal for Christians and a time of drawing closer to the Lord. □
—Robert J. Terry, *pastor*

Lancaster, Calif.: Valley View Church recently had special services with *Jimmy Dell*, evangelist-singer. There was an average attendance of 79 with a closing service on Sunday night of 151. Of that 151 over 60 were at the altar! People were saved, sanctified, and reclaimed. God's power was evident in every service as Jimmy Dell spoke the truth in love! Every age was touched from 4 to 74 by the ministry of the Holy Spirit through this man of God! □
—Bob Hilar, *pastor*

Nashville, Tenn.: The Vine Hill Church had a revival with *Wiley Shepherd*, singer, and *Evangelist T. E. Holcomb*. The singing inspired hearts and prepared them for the messages. Brother Holcomb preached under the great anointing of the Holy Spirit, with altar services night after night. It was one of the best revivals Vine Hill has ever experienced. □
—Jack Barnes, *pastor*

Burlington, Ia.: Flint Hills Church recently had a revival with *Evangelist Ralph Tucker*. The services were characterized by clear-cut holiness preaching. Saturday night, Sunday morning, and Sunday night 35 seekers bowed at an altar of prayer. There were 5 sanctified, 15 saved, and several received victory over problems. God is blessing and people are straightening up their past lives. *Larry Dodds*, of Burlington, provided special music and directed the singing during our revival. □
—Dick W. Walden, *pastor*

Lodi, Mo.: The church experienced a stirring revival April 9-15 with *Rev. T. E. Holcomb* of Houston, Tex. God was faithful to visit in every service of the Monday-through-Sunday meeting. Some said that the revival was the best they had seen in the church in seven years. □
—Randall G. Wright, *pastor*

North Tonawanda, N.Y., First Church recently had a revival with *Rev. C. D. Holley* as evangelist. He preached clear messages of salvation and sanctification. There were spiritual victories in every service as many

juniors and teens, and some adults, sought Jesus' saving grace. Membership classes are being held for some of these who have become Christians through this revival. □

—David C. Tran, *pastor*

Dayton, Ohio: The Fort McKinley Church started revival services beginning Palm Sunday, with the pastor (bi-vocational) as the evangelist, and

his wife as song evangelist. Scene-of-felt pictures were used nightly. The church families fasted and prayed. God honored the efforts with His presence. As a result of this 18-day meeting, two young men testified to a call to preach. The church has been revitalized, a baptismal service is planned, and two new Nazarenes have already been added. □

—Charles Short, *pastor*



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THE CHURCH SCENE



During the Central Florida Districtwide five-week "Climbing to Calvary Campaign," Plant City, Fla., First Church set some new records. On Easter Sunday, an attendance record was set with 332 present. The Sunday school average for the five-week campaign was 236, which was a new record. On Sunday, April 1, \$3,500 was in the regular offering, which was the largest ever. Also, pictured are most of the 30 people received into membership, the largest class ever. On Sunday, April 8, the church had 64 children present, which was a new record, 105 subscriptions were sent in during the subscription campaign for the *Herald of Holiness*. The church is under the leadership of Pastor Hadley Hall, and Minister of Music Dale Arner.

The Porterville, Calif., church honored 14 couples who had been married more than 50 years in the worship services on May 6.

In keeping with the theme of the month of May, "Older American Month," the Senior Adult Ministries of the church, under the direction of Mrs. Ed Wallace, planned this special recognition. Included in the group were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gatewood who have been married 63 years. Each lady was presented with a cosage.

At noon, a special dinner was held in their honor in the Hall of Fellowship with 68 persons attending. □

A groundbreaking for the new Asotin, Wash., church was conducted Sunday afternoon, April 8. Pastor John Hahn organized the congregation September 10, 1978. With the purchased property, they look forward to building. Participating in the groundbreaking ceremony with Rev. Hahn was Rev. Wayne Smith and Rev. Ronald Alexander, pastors of two Lewiston, Ida., churches, and Mr. Phil Johnson, a member of the Asotin church. □



The new multipurpose building at Ironton, Ohio, First Church was dedicated February 4, with Dr. Terrell Sanders bringing the message. The building was built at a cost of \$252,000. It has a large room that can be used as a gym, a dining room with a fireplace in one end and a baptistry in the other end, a kitchen, and new entrance. The second floor has a large multipurpose room, pastor's study, secretary's office, and three classrooms.

CHURCH ACTS TO HELP MINISTERS' WIVES

WILCON (Wives' Leadership Conference), a joint activity of the Nazarene colleges and the Department of Education and the Ministry, received added significance from an article in "Currents in Theology and Missions" (April) which was quoted in the May 4 "Evangelical Newsletter." Here is the quote:

"Peggy Schmucker looks at a critical, but often overlooked, facet of a

church's life, the minister's wife. In 'An Insider's Counsel for Clergy Wives' she considers some of the problems and pressures unique to that role in our church and societal structure.

"The kind of depression most often experienced by clergy wives is of the reactive type. It is a slowly progressive, complex phenomenon. . . . Like a snowball rolling downhill, it collects other negative feelings as it goes, and at every stage there seems to be "should" or "should not" injunctions which keep the ball rolling.' Pastors' wives are under continuing pressure from church leaders, from members, from their community. Depression spirals. *If she can't be everything to everybody, self-doubt and feelings of inadequacy cause her to question whether, indeed, she can do and be anything to anyone.*


"Interestingly, it is often the wife who brings strength, emotional stability, and sensitivity into such a marriage. I say it is interesting because eventually it is the wife who gets depressed and breaks down, not the husband. A clergy wife affected with such depression needs help in gaining insight into the problems contributing to the depression, and she needs empathetic support during the process of insight and change."

"Peggy Schmucker, a pastor's wife for more than 20 years, concludes: 'I believe another woman—another clergy wife or even a woman pastor—would be a more healing source of pastoral care for the depressed clergy wife than her own husband.'"

WILCON, which began at Trevecca Nazarene College the first week of December, 1978, with a near 90 per-

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cent of possible pastors' wives of the educational zone attending, continued with a comparable percentage of attendance at Canadian Nazarene College in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. The rest of the schedule for WILCON is as follows:

Eastern Nazarene College, Wollaston, Mass., June 5-8;
Mount Vernon Nazarene College, Mount Vernon, Ohio, June 12-15;
Olivet Nazarene College, Kankakee, Ill., June 26-29;
Mid-America Nazarene College,

Olathe, Kans., July 17-20;
Bethany Nazarene College, Bethany, Okla., July 24-27;
Northwest Nazarene College, Nampa, Ida., August 7-10;
Point Loma College, San Diego, Calif., August 21-24. □

—NCN

KAREN WAS 19. She had dark, curly hair and sparkling eyes, and a winning smile.

She was our waitress as the pastor and I sat down for a sandwich after the revival service that night.

"Hi, Reverend Shelden," was her spontaneous greeting.

Instant recollection brought the friendly response, "Why, hi, Karen. How are you and how are your folks? I didn't know you were back in this area."

"Yes, we are. I'm fine and they're all doing well. Greg and I are living with our grandparents here in Hamilton. Mom and Dad are still in Memphis. Greg is right over there at the counter. Would you like to say 'hello'?" She brought her brother over.

Greg had the same winning smile, dark hair and eyes, and greeted us warmly.

The pastor invited them to the revival. "Brother Irwin is our evangelist. He is singing and preaching every night this week in the revival. Why don't you both come and be with us?"

Greg was working at night, but Karen had Thursday night off. While she rushed away to get our order and Greg returned to his seat, the pastor explained that he had met this family about 10 years before while conducting a door-to-door survey. The children started coming to Sunday school on the bus. He was happy to see them again.

The next day Brother Shelden and I called on Karen and Greg. After a brief conversation Karen asked about some things that had been bothering her.

Then Brother Shelden asked, "Karen, have you and Greg asked Jesus into your heart; asked Him to forgive your sins?"

Karen hung her head and said, "No."

He continued, "I'd like to see you and Greg start serving the Lord. Wouldn't you really like to know the Lord and live for Him?"

"Yes, I would," she said.

The pastor sat down beside her and opened his New Testament. He read Romans 10:13; 3:23; 6:23; 10:9-10; 1 John 1:9; and Revelation 3:20, commenting briefly as he read, and then offered prayer.

I went calling with a **SOUL-WINNING PASTOR**

by ED IRWIN

Harrison, Tennessee

Next, he guided Karen in prayer. She eagerly and carefully repeated every word, adding a few words of her own. When asked if she would read His Word, pray, and live for the Lord, she answered with a thoughtful but enthusiastic yes. Then she requested baptism.

It was arranged for Sunday, following the morning revival service. Grandmother came along to witness this wonderful occasion.

A young man also was baptized that Sunday. His mother had been won in their home some three years before through personal evangelism. Since that time, coming with his mother and brother, he had found the Lord at the altar of the church. He was an honor student and an outstanding Christian.

In the evening of the day Karen was saved, Brother Shelden called and said, "I'm at the hospital. Here's a fellow I want you to meet and have him tell you what's just happened to him." He handed the phone to a patient.

The man said, "Well, I've been needing this for a long time but it took the Reverend here to help me and show me the way."

I said, "You just got saved?"

"I sure did. It's wonderful."

"Praise the Lord, I rejoice with you. It's the greatest thing that can happen to anyone's life. We'll be praying for you and holding you up. I hope I get to meet you in person."

I didn't have to wait long. The next day the pastor took me and a layman from the church to meet this man.

From there we went to his home. The wife trusted the Lord for salvation right at the door. From there to two more homes, where one prayed and was reclaimed and another was saved on the front porch.

Follow-up calls were made on all of these during the next two days. Helpful literature, including the first in a series of Bible studies, were given them, followed by prayer.

A week after that revival meeting Brother Shelden called me to tell of 5 more who have been saved. Twenty-five or 30 people were named who had found Christ in this way. Many are active, useful workers and members in his church (Hamilton, Ohio, First), and others have become members of other churches.

As an evangelist of 18 years in the Church of the Nazarene, I can only thrill to these victories and pray, "God give us more soul-winning laymen and soul-winning pastors." □

**"By ALL MEANS...
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NAZARENES CAUGHT IN NICARAGUAN FIGHTING

The situation in Nicaragua has worsened. Heavy fighting in Managua as well as some smaller cities has devastated that beleaguered nation.

Nazarene missionaries have been ordered out to safety. The Kyle Greenses and the William Fowlers, after a day and night in the American ambassador's home with others seeking to be evacuated, were flown to Panama, Tuesday, June 12. The Fowlers are returning to the United States by the way of Miami because of her health.

Mary Wallace, who is a Canadian, is in her home and safe, awaiting evacuation by the Canadian officials.

Roberto Acosto, head of the bookstore which is located in the area of heavy fighting, with his family has found refuge in Mission Director Kyle Greene's home.

Rev. Ernesto Bello, district superintendent of Nicaragua, is in the United States on a speaking tour and cannot return home. His family is safe, and the house filled with 25 people who are confined indoors because of the heavy action. □

—NCN

WILCON MAINTAINS HIGH PERCENTAGE ATTENDANCE

WILCON (Wives' Leadership Conference) for the Eastern Nazarene College zone began Tuesday, June 5.

Dr. George Coulter, general superintendent, brought the keynote address. Other speakers included Mrs. George Coulter, Mrs. Earl Lee, Mrs. G. B. Williamson, and Dr. Cecil Paul.

The conference concluded Friday, June 8.

More than 450 were enrolled; this did not include the resource leaders, and it represents approximately 90 percent of the churches on the zone. □

—NCN

PITTS JOINS NAZARENE YOUTH STAFF

Michael Pitts of Ontario, Ore., will join the Department of Youth Ministries staff as coordinator of Teen Ministries, effective July 15, 1979.

He will edit *Source*, a resourcing material for Nazarene Youth International (NYI), serve as director of Nazarene youth camp materials, Nazarene youth music, and will work as coordinator of the teen reading packet.

He is now associate pastor at Ontario, Ore., church. Formerly he had served at the Nampa, Ida., Franklin Church (now Nampa Karcher). He



ANNOUNCEMENT

Our heartiest congratulations and commendations are extended to our Nazarene people around the world. On June 6 the church surpassed the Easter offering goal of \$6 million. The offering receipts as of the final counting date totaled \$6,337,080. We thank pastors and people for their faithful support to this year's offering for world evangelism. We praise God for His presence which motivates and inspires within us a spirit of liberality.

—Orville W. Jenkins for the Board of General Superintendents

has also traveled throughout the Church of the Nazarene as soloist, and is author of the songs "Happy Is the Man Who Knows the Lord" and "The Innkeeper's Tune."

He is a graduate of Pasadena Nazarene College. □

—NCN

GENERAL ASSEMBLY ARRANGEMENTS OFFICE OPENS

The 1980 General Assembly Arrangements office opened June 1, 1979. The office is located on the second floor of the Headquarters Building in Kansas City.

Rev. Jesse Buchanan, coordinator of Local Arrangements, will be working to serve the needs of the General Board departments concerning Decorations, First Aid, Special Housing, Registration and Information, Ushering, Equipment and Materials, Hospitality, Meal Functions & Food Services, Transportation and Parking, in preparation for the General Assembly, June 19-27, 1980. Other General Assembly matters will be handled by the general secretary, Dr. B. Edgar Johnson. □

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JAMAICAN WORK AND WITNESS TRIPS MAKE SPIRITUAL IMPACT

Eighteen men from the Northwest Oklahoma District traveled to Jamaica on a Work and Witness project, June 1 to 10. Their assignment was to build two church buildings.

Rev. Jerry Demetre of Ponca City, Okla., headed nine who went to Predie in the interior and built a church building there.

The other group began the construction of a church building for the Burger Avenue Church in Kingston. Upon arrival, three of the men were looking over the site on Saturday, June 2, in Kingston, when they were attacked by two gunmen and robbed. The police

then sent two officers who guarded the project the rest of the time.

On Sunday, June 10, a large crowd attended an open air service at the site and when challenged by District Superintendent Noel Williams, a large percentage quickly volunteered to identify with the project and to support it. The building will be completed soon.

Pastor Demetre says the spiritual impact on both communities was thrilling. The work and witness men returned Monday, June 11, testifying of the deep spiritual benefit to themselves as well. □

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KEMPER DAMAGE DOES NOT THREATEN G.A. PLANS

The Kemper Arena damage will not affect General Assembly planning. There were strong winds as high as 70 miles per hour, with more than three inches of rain in less than an hour during a thunderstorm that struck in the evening, Monday, June 4; two-thirds of the roof of Kemper Arena in Kansas City collapsed. Fortunately no one was injured as only a few security people were in the building. Damage will exceed a million dollars.

Repair of the arena will begin at once. However, it will not affect plans for the Twentieth General Assembly scheduled June 19-27, 1980, since all the meetings of the General Assembly are planned for the Roe Bartle Exposition Hall and Municipal Auditorium. □

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SHAWS REVISIT SAPPORO

Robert and Lorine Shaw of Dover, Del., returned to Sapporo, Hokkaido, Japan, May 11-18. The newspaper, *Hokkaido Shimbun*, featured the Shaws' return, showing pictures of them with Japanese acquaintances of 30 years ago.

Colonel Shaw was a member of the United States military government in Hokkaido, 1946-50. Until that time there was no Church of the Nazarene in Hokkaido, Japan's northern island. After consulting with Dr. William Eckel, the Shaws opened up their home for Christian services. The Sunday school, under Mrs. Shaw's direction, grew from 12 to over 200.

Susan Sasao, who served as interpreter, is now the wife of Rev. John Mori, pastor of the Chiba Church of the Nazarene.

The Shaws' home meetings were the beginning of the Church of the Nazarene in Hokkaido. There are now five churches on the island, according to missionary Merrill Bennett. □

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