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## Vacation Bible School—Opportunity and Responsibility

General Superintendent Benner

**T**HE vacation Bible school represents both an opportunity and a responsibility. Any Church of the Nazarene that is to be fully effective must accept this opportunity and discharge this responsibility.

We all recognize the fact that the time given to religious training and spiritual direction for the average American child is extremely limited, even if he attends Sunday school regularly. Thus, if any means can be devised or discovered whereby the time for such training can be increased, we should seize upon it and develop it to its highest possibilities and its greatest effectiveness.

The V.B.S. is an outstanding and successful solution to this problem. A two-week vacation session will provide almost as much time as the class sessions in the average Sunday school for an entire year.

Furthermore, the V.B.S. represents a major opportunity for contacting new prospects for Sunday school. Many non-Nazarene children can be induced to attend the vacation school who would not come to our Sunday school. But once the contact is made, it is not too difficult to maintain it by enrollment in the Sunday school.

So, to give more time for religious training, to make new contacts, and, most important, to win these children to Jesus Christ, let every church operate a well-organized, enthusiastic, spiritual vacation Bible school.

**"Train up a child in the way he should go" (Prov. 22:6)**

## TELEGRAMS

Columbus, Ohio—Central Ohio Sunday schools over the top Easter with 22,229 present; gain of 3,008; forty schools over 200.—ERNEST B. MARSH, *Church Schools Chairman*.

Ponca City, Oklahoma—New church organized at Jet, Oklahoma, on Easter Sunday with eleven adult charter members, and thirty-seven in Sunday school. Rev. Everett Rust appointed as pastor. Work moving forward on the Northwest Oklahoma District.—J. T. GASSETT, *District Superintendent*.

Dayton, Ohio—Western Ohio District church schools victorious on rally day; Easter Sunday attendance was 27,657. Wonderful co-operation; one hundred per cent report in by Sunday afternoon. District Superintendent W. E. Albea, district church school board, pastors, and laymen are united in an effort to reach souls by Crusading for Christ Now!—O. A. SINGLETON, *Chairman, Church School Board*.

As this issue was being made ready for the press, word was received that Dr. E. O. Chalfant died at 1:30 p.m. today, April 22, of a heart attack at the home of his son, Frederick Chalfant, in Detroit, Michigan.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

John S. Manley, church secretary, sends word from Columbus, Ohio: "Easter Sunday-school attendance at Warren Avenue Church was 1,137. Rev. Harris B. Anthony is the pastor."

Pastor Ralph Ahlemann sends word from Lexington, Kentucky: "Over five hundred people attend jubilee opening new sanctuary Easter Sunday morning at Kenwick Church, Lexington. Dr. T. M. Anderson, special speaker; nice class of members received; \$3,000.00 offering on building fund; General Budget paid in full. Wonderful spirit prevails. Best of all, God is with us."

Rev. and Mrs. L. H. Ritter, 410 N. Virginia Avenue, Azusa, California, will celebrate their fifty-fifth wedding anniversary on May 7. These two good folks have been active in Nazarene pastorates for many years. Greeting cards would be appreciated from their friends over the country.

Pastor Dallas Baggett sends word from Charleston, West Virginia: "Davis Creek Church, Charleston, had 1,004 in Sunday school on Easter. Following Easter with tremendous revival with Lacy Colored Trio and Evangelist J. C. Crabtree."

## Think on This: Time

By J. M. Yarbrough\*

TIME extends much farther back than in any other direction, insofar as we mortals can see; but up to now we imagine that it extends into a future. How long that future may prove to be, no one knows, for it seems to momentarily become *now* and then hurry to attach itself to an ever-lengthening past.

The largest clock or the smallest watch never refers to tomorrow nor to yesterday; it is concerned wholly with the present. Man seemingly knows and uses the same outlook. In fact, experience seems to say to us that there is no reason to try to see time any other way, for it is in the ever-renewing *now* that any of us can act.

Daydreaming, though generally pleasurable, of itself accomplishes nothing; likewise, grief over the past brings no merit to our lives. We must use the vigorous present, for there is nothing else to use.

To each of us a Power greater than ourselves has allotted a span of time. We are not told how long it will last and we are given very limited insight into what will follow. We are caught in this life and given choice and mobility.

What shall we do with our time? Some have converted it into price-less poetry. Others have produced marvelous inventions, or amassed large fortunes, or built up personal reputations. Still others have transformed it into detriment and woe and ruin for multitudes.

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What are you doing with your time? For what will you exchange it? What will you leave behind as the outcome of your span of life? Into what will your block of time be molded? What are you doing now? You are either a waster of time or the architect of a grand structure, depending wholly on how you use your fleeting moments. *Think on this!*

## GLEANINGS

### From the Office Editor's Desk

"As long as I live I shall always subscribe for the HERALD, for there is no other paper that excels it. I often wonder about the brain that furnished that paper with so many good things; then I say it is a sanctified brain given over to God. Praise God for the Nazarenes!"—*A Friend in New Jersey*.

"A woman in Ontario sends me the HERALD OF HOLINESS, and I think you have one of the best spiritual papers printed today."—*A Friend in New Brunswick, Canada*.

"Enclosed is a check of \$1.50 for the renewal for one year of the HERALD OF HOLINESS. I know no other magazine containing more spiritual food in each copy. May God richly bless those who make this wonderful reading material a possibility to all. The price is so reasonable."—*A Subscriber in West Virginia*.

"I have been reading the HERALD OF HOLINESS for about two years, and I want to say I have never read any church paper as interesting as this in my life. We read the papers and pass them along to friends. I don't belong to one of the Nazarene churches, but I am sure I would if I lived close to one."—*A Friend in Alabama*.

"The HERALD OF HOLINESS was sent as a gift subscription to me for Christmas. I certainly have found the HERALD a big help to me; the prayers are such a help, and do I enjoy the poems! There is no other Christian paper quite equal to this, for me. Although I am not a Nazarene, I love the spiritual Christian lessons . . . all departments are very helpful to me."—*A Student in Maine*.

"I am enclosing \$1.50 for a renewal for my HERALD OF HOLINESS. To me it is such a spiritual uplift. I am not a Nazarene but I have been going since 1951; in fact I was saved in a Nazarene church. . . ."—*A friend in Georgia*.

# Over the Majestic Andes

General Superintendent Williamson

AT ELEVEN o'clock this morning, April first, the entire staff of missionaries to Argentina and Uruguay, together with several pastors and people, gathered at the Buenos Aires airport to wave their guest of twelve days farewell. As the big Panagra plane rolled away, they all stood on the upper deck with their hands clasped in that meaningful prayer pledge. That sight has been a sweet and sacred memory all day. It will abide as years pass by. They are a noble band; those Argentine Christians are trophies of grace. They have followed a gleam of light that has brought them from superstition and darkness to the liberty and joy of a vital experience of salvation by faith in Christ. They are a great and lovable people. They deserve a place among the saints of all the centuries who have been ransomed from the power of Satan.

And what patient endurance the missionaries have! They know the magnitude of their task, but they are undaunted. Some carry on with bodies too frail for their arduous labors. (Pray that they may be well and strong.) The vision of Superintendent John Cochran is inspiring. He now has fourteen churches in greater Buenos Aires, but he sees with faith's clear foresight that someday there will be one hundred. In a great metropolis of three or four million people that is not too many. In Rosario, the second city of the country, with six hundred thousand inhabitants, and in intermediate places there are seven more organized congregations. Dr. Cochran claims another hundred churches for the country as a whole. The people are there. The need is great. Should not Nazarenes everywhere help to realize such a vision by united prayer and sacrificial giving? If our Lord delays His coming, the day should come when there are two self-sustaining districts in Argentina and another in Uruguay. In the near future the fourth city of the Argentine, Mendoza, is to be entered, and there are cherished plans to penetrate Chile from there. And from Uruguay, Brazil shall hear the word of life also.

Last night we dedicated a new church. It is small. But last year the membership nearly doubled. The modest chapel was filled until even the center aisle had no more standing room, and many listened from their places outside the windows and the door. God blessed the meeting and encouraged the faith of pastor and people.

The flight of three hours from Buenos Aires to Santiago, Chile, was the most inspiring of my experience. For more than two hours we flew over the rich fields of the Argentine plain. Then the mighty Andes abruptly stood before us. Mt. Aconcagua, over 23,000 feet in height and highest peak in the Western Hemisphere, was in full view. The great sweep of mountain grandeur

was incomparable in majesty. Soon we passed over the Christ of the Andes, where, at the feet of the Redeemer, the people of Argentina and Chile signed a pact of peace many years ago, which they have kept till now. God grant that all nations may someday come to peaceful understanding at His blessed feet.

In twenty minutes after the lofty peaks of the Andes were behind us, we were on the runway at Santiago. It is now only eight hours since we left Buenos Aires. The sun is sinking into the cloud-covered Pacific. Our next landing will be Lima, Peru. Then a nonstop flight to Balboa, Canal Zone, where we will have a few hours' rest. Tomorrow a short hop to Managua, Nicaragua. There another band of missionaries and their co-workers await the visit for which they have been looking for five years. It will be interesting to see the progress they have made.

## "Another Comforter"

By E. E. Wordsworth\*

*And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever (John 14:15).*

THE GREEK word *paraclete* means both comforter and advocate, so that the word comforter has this broad sense, and as such is applied to both Christ and the Holy Spirit. Therefore, the Holy Ghost is here designated as another Comforter, spiritual Helper, and an abiding Presence. His conscious indwelling in the perfect believer is permanent. The Holy Spirit is vastly more than a mere influence shed from the Father, as some teach; or from the Son, as others. He is a distinct Person, coequal with the Father and the Son. Men of worldly spirit cannot receive Him, but believers may upon meeting conditions.

The Saviour, the first Comforter, was about to depart and return to the Father in heaven by the way of the Cross and Olivet's mount, and His chosen disciples were saddened by such information; so He told them, "I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you" (John 14:18). He literally meant that He would not leave them orphans, bereft of His presence, as children left without earthly parents.

The word "another" clearly means something further and additional and, when applied to the Holy Spirit, teaches a second Comforter, for Christ was the first Comforter to His disciples. The writer once held a camp meeting among the North American Indians in the San Diego mountains. At this camp was an Indian saint we all called Uncle Joe, for he had received the Holy Ghost years before.

In order to make clear two works of grace, regeneration and sanctification, I said to Uncle

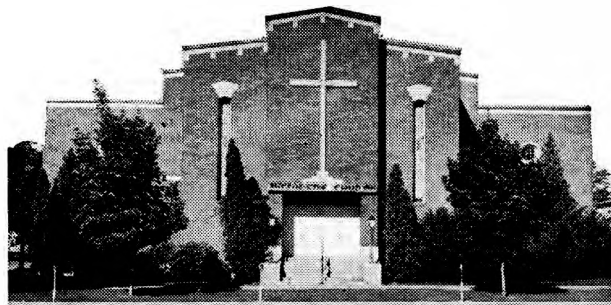
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# Vacation Bible Schools

## P A Y !

By J. Paul Downey\*



I arrived as pastor of Yakima First a few days before the vacation Bible school was conducted.

Rev. Robert Condon, who is the assistant minister, was appointed superintendent of the school.

At his request, I spoke once each week in the chapel period and gave evangelistic talks. As a result of these two talks we

had over seventy seekers at the altar.

Inasmuch as the vacation Bible school materials centered around the theme "Our Church," I decided that I would take advantage of this training in preparing youth and children for church membership.

I had each teacher pass out application cards for church membership. The children were instructed to take the application forms home and sign them with their parents' consent.

The vacation Bible school Demonstration Program was presented during the Sunday-school hour the last Sunday of the school. In the morning worship service Rev. Robert Condon, the superintendent of the vacation Bible school, read the names of eighteen candidates for church membership, whom I accepted and received into the church after reading the ritual on membership. All of these young people were over eight years of age. Two of them came in by transfer.

It was the largest single group of members ever to be received into the church under my ministry. I had them all standing on the platform as they were presented for membership. Then after receiving them into the fellowship of the church, I challenged the congregation to stand by them and back them in prayer and fellowship and encouragement. There was such rejoicing over this class of members that some wept, others praised God, some shouted, and we felt a great victory had been won in Yakima First Church which will count through time and eternity.

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These young people are faithful in attendance upon the means of grace. They are attending Sunday school and church regularly and also attend the midweek prayer meeting and support the church with their finances. They work around the altar with other children and young people who come forward for spiritual help.

Vacation Bible school work pays!

### Did You Know that . . .

- 1,961 Nazarene vacation Bible schools were conducted in 1953?
- 143,300 pupils were enrolled in these vacation Bible schools—an increase of 5,603 over 1952?
- 23,000 boys and girls were converted through vacation Bible schools in 1953?
- \$17,438.41 for missionary specials was sent in through the 1952 and 1953 vacation Bible schools—enough to publish a complete three-year cycle of vacation Bible school manuals in Spanish?
- the 1954 slogan for vacation Bible schools is "V.B.S.—10 PER CENT MORE IN '54"?
- God is depending upon *you* to help reach unchurched boys and girls through a vacation Bible school in 1954?

# What Churches Are Saying About Vacation Bible Schools\*

## They Are Evangelistic!

"My heart was thrilled when thirty-two children went to the altar to be saved. Teachers also seemed to receive a deeper burden and desire for teaching."—*Central Ohio*.

"Ten of the children that were saved during the school had never been saved before. Three of those (Junior-age) came from unchurched homes. All three are now coming to our Sunday-school. V.B.S. pays dividends!"—*Tennessee*.

"Nine boys and girls joined the church at the close of the V.B.S. program after kneeling at an altar in their department and praying through to real victory."—*Arizona*.

"... church and community interest, definite experiences of salvation, and noted spiritual development. Spirit of co-operation both among staff and children that has carried over into Sunday school."—*Alaska*.

"Conversion of several junior high boys and girls who have been attending Sunday school for some time—real, clear-cut conversions."—*Northwest*.

"It has deepened the loyalty of our own young members."—*Florida*.

"One young man said he felt called to the field of song evangelism. Several said they felt they were drawn closer to the Lord. I believe the fruits of this V.B.S. will be seen more as time goes on. One week after the close of the V.B.S., during revival five V.B.S. pupils were saved."—*N.W. Indiana*.

"Received children from several new homes. Several saved for the first time. Expect an increase of about fifteen in Sunday school."—*Kansas City District*.

"Wonderful altar service—forty to fifty at altar. Some very definite conversions among Juniors and Intermediates. Some will join the church."—*S.E. Oklahoma*.

"Located some unchurched farm families. Nineteen conversions (some of older boys who had been considering this step for some time)."—*Kansas*.

"The altar services were so good and really had good results."—*Michigan*.

"Contacted homes never contacted before. Two Intermediate boys never been in Sunday school. Children worked well together. We had twenty-four children converted after a very simple gospel message. Many parents came to program Sunday morning, also to Sunday school."—*Kansas*.

"The pastor of our church is one of our Trevecca girls, lives alone. They have no church, only two old, discarded army tents pieced together which have been blown down by two tornadoes.

This is in the lower part of the state. It is very hot and humid there. Their tent is very low. When you stand, unless you are in the center, you have to stoop. We had classes under trees, etc., but God was there and blessed us wonderfully."—*South Carolina*.

## "Wonderful for the Children!"



"In Batley, West Hartlepool, Battersea, or Croydon, this was the description in the various accounts of the people who observed the vacation Bible school in action.

The newspapers printed pictures and called it a 'Weekday Sunday School,' a 'Holiday School,' and printed pictures and long articles about it; the people in the community thronged to the closing night activities; the neighbors sent flowers and sweets to help to show their enthusiasm; and the children were delighted.

It doesn't matter what it is called, the vacation Bible school has come to Britain to stay. The workers in all of the schools were as enthusiastic as the children. It was an impetus to the Sunday school, and a means of teaching the children more in a fortnight than most Sunday schools can teach them in six months. The parents were thrilled. Altogether in the four schools there was an average attendance of about 300 children with a total enrollment of about 550 for the fortnight . . . After this there were two more reports that we received from other schools."—*REV. R. F. TINK, District V.B.S. Director, British Isles*.

## About Nazarene Materials . . .

"Just must enclose a little note with my report. Particularly so in appreciation of the fine V.B.S. materials from our publishing house this year. They are tops! The latter is not given lightly, for I am very interested in V.B.S. and spend considerable time searching for methods to improve my direction, etc. I have gone through materials from no less than twelve publishing houses this spring and summer, and my denominational pride rose as I compared. Isn't it wonderful the strides our Zion is making?"—*Chicago Central*.

"The Nazarene V.B.S. literature has never had a better course of study. The teachers' manuals in every department were so instructive that each worker was well prepared to meet the children each day. Keep up the good work, that we may all help win more young folk to Jesus."—*Tennessee*.

\*From 1953 reports

## "Another Comforter"

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Joe: "I am going to give you 'another' coin." (I had never seen Uncle Joe until this camp.) He looked somewhat blank for the moment and wondered what I meant, so I further explained myself. "Uncle Joe, I never gave you a coin, any piece of money, in my life. Is that so?" He answered that the statement was true.

Then I said: "I will give you a small coin," and, having so said, I walked over to him and placed a dime in his hand. "Now, Uncle Joe, have I given you a coin?" "Yes," he replied. "All right then, I am now going to give you 'another' coin," and so saying I gave him a silver quarter. The second was larger than the first and Uncle Joe kept them both. They say Indians never give anything back, but Uncle Joe, I am sure, would have done so; but I insisted that he keep both coins.

It must be clear from my illustration that Uncle Joe could not receive the second coin from me until he had received the first one. It is likewise true that the believer cannot receive the Holy Spirit in Pentecostal fullness, cleansing, and power without first being converted to Christ. The Bible teaches two works of grace receivable in this life.

Mrs. Cecil W. Troxel was born and reared in a Presbyterian parsonage. At the age of fifteen years she was soundly converted to Christ. Feeling the call to China as a missionary, she dutifully went thither. At the age of thirty, while doing gracious missionary service in China, she felt her deep need of a further work of grace. On July 26, 1905, she received the experience of heart holiness, and found the inner joy, cleansing, and fullness that come by the incoming of the blessed Holy Spirit. For thirty-five years she and her noted husband labored faithfully in the promotion of Bible holiness and saving heathen Chinese.

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## COME, HOLY ONE!

(Psalms 87:7)

By Frances B. Erickson

*Come, Holy One! With me abide—  
Possess my life, my hopes, my all!  
To this end were You crucified;  
To this commitment Thou dost call.*

*Thou knowest I cannot attain,  
Or ever merit purity;  
But my heart echoes Thy refrain,  
"All my springs, Lord, are in Thee."*

*Come, Holy One! By sovereign grace  
My life shall speak for Thee alone;  
Nay, take my life, and in its place,  
My Lord, my Christ, my King enthrone!*

One says of her: "In witness she was positive and clear. She was never vague about the experience of full salvation. I do not recall having heard her make an uncomplimentary remark about anyone." She received and retained the "another" Comforter. After her sanctification she somewhat feared she might lose the blessing, but one day the words of my text brought consolation, peace, and assurance: "that he may abide with you for ever." Blessed be God—"forever"!

## I Attended a Coronation

By Clyde W. Rather\*

**V**ES, I saw a man crowned as king and a woman crowned as queen. It was not one of those stately arrangements where a jeweled throne inlaid with gold stood towering against the sky, where bowing princes and fawning subjects waited with eagerness to catch a glimpse of the royal pair. There was no royal band whose blaring throats gave forth, "Long live the King and Queen." There were no glittering crowns to adorn the heads or scepters in their hands. But I saw a man crowned as king and a woman crowned as queen.

It was a quiet morning worship service in the Church of the Nazarene. The pastor and his wife and two daughters had just returned from their annual vacation. A program had been arranged by the Sunday-school superintendent and the church. As different members arose and told how much they appreciated their pastor and family; as numbers in song were rendered which were favorites of the "parsonage queen"; as poems of love and tenderness were recited in honor of their leaders; as tears fell freely and hearts swelled with praise and admiration, that pastor with tears streaming down his cheeks, his feet on earth but his head in the clouds, threw back his shoulders and forgot for the moment that he ever carried a burden or ever had a trial of his faith. And the queen, with diamonds that glistened from her eyes, raised her head and smiled, while the children sat spellbound, feeling that they had an inheritance beyond this earth's silver or gold. Yes, I saw a man crowned as king and a woman crowned as queen.

But do you know? One day we shall all stand in His presence around the great white throne. And what a program our poor eyes shall behold! We shall all cast our crowns before Him, and crown Him Lord of all. Then the King shall stand in His beauty and say unto us, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant." And we shall enter with Him into that place prepared for the faithful, and so shall we ever be with the Lord. I wouldn't miss it for anything in the world!

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# The Revival Came!

By Stephen C. Johnson\*

*Because of his importunity (Luke 11:8).*

**WE WERE** in the midst of a financial depression in the winter of 1931-32; only one man was gainfully employed. The men went to the woodland of friends to secure wood for fuel to heat the church and keep its doors open.

While the men were so engaged, and grappling with the problem of finding ways to feed, clothe, and house their families, four women in our group decided that the greatest need was a genuine revival, and they covenanted to meet each day at 8:00 a.m. in one of their homes to pray for a visitation of God in salvation power. My wife was one of them, and she seemed to have no conscience about leaving the pastor in charge of the family wash. (We did it joyfully.)

We had engaged an evangelist from Boston, Massachusetts. To care for his carfare alone presented a big problem, and it was a relief when he informed us that the doctor had ordered cancellation of all engagements. Wife took the letter to the next prayer meeting and read it to her co-intercessors. They were not at all perturbed by the news, stating, "We are not praying for an evangelist; our concern is a revival." And they prayed on.

Eight weeks had passed when a letter arrived from an evangelist asking me to assist him in securing a meeting. We read the letter to the church and they, with unanimous vote, called him. He came two weeks later with the distinct understanding that we could not promise one cent of remuneration.

The men, as well as other women, then joined in these daily prayer meetings. The first altar call was given on the second Sabbath; and for four weeks there was not a barren service. People came from as far as forty-eight miles away. One night the church, which would normally accommodate 300, was crowded out with 550, and 300 more were turned away. The Holy Ghost was present and the church was thoroughly revived.

The evangelist was well cared for, and the pastor received his salary. I quote a Methodist minister: "It is the greatest awakening coming to Connersville, Indiana, in a quarter of a century." It had all the characteristics of an old-fashioned revival.

Fifteen weeks of daily, persistent, importunate prayer by four women surmounted every obstacle, engaged the forces of hell in combat, and beat and battered them into subjection until God could get to us. Hallelujah! It can be repeated when the price is paid. Would to God we could enlist a few women in every church to engage in importunate prayer until the spiritual needs of the church and community are met.

\*Pastor, Greenfield, Ind.



**T**HE DAY of Pentecost was not only a time for *inner* cleansing but also for *outward* action. "And the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls" (Acts 2:41). Thus it is clear that the Pentecostal blessing cleanses (subjectively) from inward pollution, and sends Christ's followers out (objectively) to win souls.

Could it be that we have been lax in bringing new converts into the church? Perhaps we have been *long* on getting people to the altar but *short* on training them for church membership.

June 6 is Pentecost Sunday on the Christian calendar. It would be honoring to the Lord and certainly in keeping with what happened on the first Pentecost if every Church of the Nazarene around the world would receive one or more members into church fellowship on that day.

THE GENERAL STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

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## BEGINNING

### *With the Right Premise*

By Raymond C. Kratzer\*

**F**OUR young college students with a good Christian background decided to meet together to discuss the teachings of God as set forth in His Word, the Holy Bible. Three of them, who were strongly influenced by the modern trend of pseudo-science, decided that they would begin their study of the Bible by taking the position that they would believe nothing to be true until it had been proved true. These three students were quite interested in philosophy and studied it arduously along with their study of the Bible. But since the spiritual world must be experienced through the element of faith, they found only void and darkness in their search for truth. Why? Because they had started with the wrong premise—that of *doubt*. One of these three young men became a rabid modernistic preacher, while the other two lost all of their faith in God and spiritual things, and broke their godly parents' hearts by their avowed skepticism.

On the other hand, one young man of the four decided to establish his life on a different premise. He took the position that he would continue to

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believe the Bible and all of the Christian teachings of his parents until they had been proved false. As a consequence, through his college work and his studies in medical school, his faith became stronger and stronger in the things of God. In spite of atheistic professors and skeptical textbooks, his faith was not shaken; for, in spite of all their derogatory statements concerning the validity of spiritual phenomena, they could not prove that it was false. Today this young man is an experienced doctor with a large practice. He has a devoted family who love God and the church. He is a faithful member of his church and considers its work as paramount in his life. Most of all, he has peace of soul and mind, and each year he finds more reason to hold fast to the "faith of our fathers."

It is extremely important to begin life with a right premise. Just the fact a skeptical professor says that religion is a product of the imagination does not make it so. If we begin with the *fact* that God is, we will find continual evidence to bolster our faith. "And this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith" (I John 5:4).

## Are You Going Around in Circles?

By Justa Lee Allen\*

**S**T. AUGUSTINE once said: "God's nature is a circle whose center is everywhere and whose circumference is nowhere." How true! For when we arrive at the rim of nature's circle which we call the horizon, it is not there—the horizon is still in the distance, and what was to us the horizon has become the center of another circle.

Surely God would not have His people miss the significance of the circle. Repeatedly He calls our attention to it as He makes use of it in the creation and running of the universe. In nature we see this pattern over and over again: the spherical heavenly bodies; the earth rotating on its axis in a circle and, at the same time, rotating in a circular path around the sun. The seasons, as well as day and night, follow each other in cycles; and man symbolizes the eternal existence of God by the circle, because it has neither beginning nor ending. The thought, then, that people, figuratively speaking, live in circles is not surprising.

The significant thing about man and the circle is that each of us decides the size of the circle in which he lives, and each of us stands in the center of his own circle. Those things which determine the size of our life-circles are such things as our interests, our experiences, the kind of books we read, our various visions and dreams, the way we perform our daily tasks, and, first

in importance, the degree to which our lives are God-directed because, with God, small things become large; without God, large things become small in value.

Another fact is that no circle is final. The circle we live in today may seem large and complete to us now, but ten years hence—even one year hence—it probably will, and should, seem too small, because we have grown mentally and spiritually. Like the nautilus which has outgrown the room to its shell house and builds for itself a new and larger room, people sometimes see the need of stepping from the old circle into an entirely different and larger one. Such is the case when one enters the Christian life for the first time.

It is also possible for one's life-circle to grow smaller. This did not happen to an eighty-five-year-old college professor who was asked why, at his age, he bothered to study philosophy. He took his Bible in one hand and his textbook in the other, then replied: "To improve my mind, and my soul. I expect to take both with me into eternity." How could such a person's circle shrink in size?

Every circle has a rim, or circumference. We cannot reach the horizons of our life-circles, but we can push them back, thereby enlarging the circles in which we live. One day the late Bishop Quayle was making a train journey. After discussing many things, one of his fellow travelers, who was a traveling salesman for a commercial firm, asked the bishop: "What is your business, sir? What kind of work do you do?" To which the bishop replied in one word: "Horizons." It was his business as a Christian minister to lift the eyes of people off the mundane things near them to the higher and distant things of God's kingdom. Bishop Quayle was a specialist in expanding horizons.

It is noteworthy that when people live in increasingly larger circles they do help to extend the horizons of the people whose lives they touch, as well as their own. That is because the larger the circle, the more it includes. It takes a very large circle, for instance, to include an enemy. Yet it can be done, because the larger circle includes more love as well. Edwin Markham said in his poem called "Outwitted"—

*He drew a circle that shut me out . . .  
But Love and I had the wit to win:  
We drew a circle that took him in.*

Paraphrasing St. Augustine's statement, it is literally true to say that God's kingdom "is a circle whose center is everywhere and whose circumference is nowhere"; for when God's kingdom comes fully on earth, love will draw a circle so big it will include the whole world. When that time comes, the peoples of earth will not be expanding horizons—they, together, will be expanding the sky!

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# When Men and Mountains Meet

By Rob L. Staples\*

**G**REAT is the contrast between a mountain and a man. Still greater is the contrast between a mountain and a mustard seed. A man with a mustard seed looks small and insignificant when standing beside a mountain. But according to Jesus, just the opposite is true: a mountain is insignificant when standing beside a man with a mustard seed of faith. Our Lord said: "If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove" (Matt. 17:20).

Someone has said: "Great things are done when men and mountains meet; these are not done by jostling in the street."

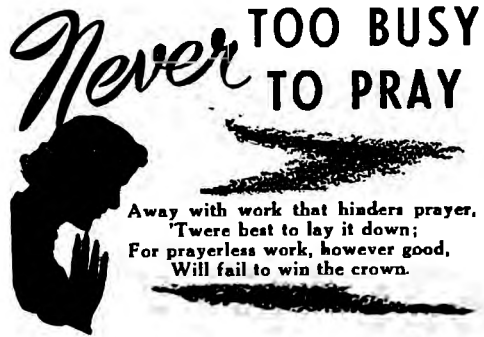
When a man meets a mountain he can take either of two attitudes toward it. He may say, "You're bigger than I; you win; I give up." Or he may say, as Jesus taught us to say, "Remove hence." In the younger days of our nation, when adequate transportation was sorely needed, the railroads, in order to meet this need, pushed rapidly westward toward the Pacific. The engineers had little difficulty in traversing the plains. But a tremendous obstacle stood in their way when they reached the Rocky Mountains. They could have said to the mountains, "You are too great for us; we give up." But this isn't what they said. By their actions they said to the mountains, "Remove," as they courageously tunneled through. When they were finished, the mountains were literally "removed." As far as the railroads were concerned, the mountains did not even exist. These railroad builders had faith that they could remove mountains. Do we who travel the road to heaven really *believe* that we can remove the mountains in our way?

On May 29, 1953, Edmond P. Hillary and Tensing Norkay, aided by a host of other men, reached the summit of Mt. Everest. In spite of snow, ice, wind, sub-freezing temperatures, and, worst of all, the staring fact that no man had ever done it before, these men had *faith* that they could reach the top. There at the top of the world, man stood conqueror of the world's highest mountain.

But greater than Mt. Everest are the mountains of sin, suffering, and sorrow. But still greater than these is a man with a mustard seed of faith. God alone is *essentially* omnipotent; but a man with faith is *practically* omnipotent. He has all the power he needs to master every obstacle that needs mastering.

When a man meets a mountain of difficulty with a mustard seed of faith, he can change it into a molehill of insignificance. "Great things are done when men and mountains meet."

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## An Accident—"for Good"

By Bess A. Olson\*

**F**ORMER missionary to China, Harold Hestekind, was cycling a few years ago down a street in Shanghai. His wife, on a bicycle, was a few feet behind him. Suddenly he heard her cry, "Harold!"

He looked back in time to see a huge bus bearing down upon her in the crowded street. The next moment the bus had thrown Mrs. Hestekind to the curb, which in turn knocked her back under the bus, between the front and back wheels.

The whole thing happened in a matter of seconds, yet Hestekind was conscious of praying, "O God, stop those wheels!" And the vehicle stopped with the back wheels almost upon Mrs. Hestekind.

Confusion reigned as coolies and policemen swarmed around, questioning, talking, and measuring the street. Mrs. Hestekind was rushed to a mission hospital. Promising to appear at the police station later, Hestekind hurried after his injured wife. At the hospital he found that a head wound, received from the bump on the curb, had been dressed and his wife was resting. He went on to the police station.

All of the way a scripture verse turned over and over in his mind: "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God" (Rom. 8:28). At the same time he wondered, What good can possibly come of this?

The station seemed full of policemen. The young Chinese bus driver, looking worried, sat in a chair. Papers were spread out on a table.

"We have determined that the driver is entirely to blame for the accident," said a policeman. "If you will sign these papers we will hold him responsible."

Mr. Hestekind looked at the anxious young driver. It was certainly his fault; but, in true Christian generosity, the missionary said: "Why, no! I don't want to hold him responsible. Let him go free. And please see that he does not lose his job over this."

For a moment the bus driver stared at Hestekind. Then he jumped to his feet crying: "I see—

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I see—now I see! My father, mother, brothers, and sisters are all Christians, but I never before have seen the attraction. It is love! Today I want to give my heart to Christ!"

The room was electrified. From all directions the policemen shot questions concerning Christianity at the missionary.

Now busy for the Lord in Japan, Harold Hestekind says of that experience: "It was the greatest opportunity I ever had to witness in China! I knew truly that, for those who love God, all things work together for good."

## *Crusade for Souls, Now!*

*By Dick Schumann\**

ONE DAY upon looking at the multitudes who were scattered abroad as sheep having no shepherd, Jesus, with a heart of compassion, turned to His disciples and said, "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few" (Matt. 9:37). As we look about us at the bewildered and confused multitudes of today, we too can join with the Master in saying, "The harvest truly is plenteous." Of a certainty, the fields are white unto harvest.

Because we ourselves are so familiar with the gospel story, we may be prone to think that everyone else is. The tragedy and truth of the matter is that many do not know the way of salvation; hence, it is our responsibility and task to show them "the way." We, under Christ, are "to seek and to save that which was lost" (Luke 19:10). Christ wanted to convey to us this divine commission in the parables of the lost sheep, the lost coin, and the lost boy (Luke 15:3-32). The mission of the Church is to continue the work of Jesus in bringing about the salvation of the lost. Christ's mission cannot be carried on by dry-eyed, passionless, self-centered Christians. Our interests must soar above the confines of self and friends, and encompass the needy souls around us.

The Church of the Nazarene has chosen for the current quadrennium this slogan, "Crusade for Souls, Now!" Let us be introspective and see what we are doing in this crusade. One way that we can join the effort is through visitation evangelism. This scriptural method of soul winning is taught in the Bible by both example and command. By example, this vital truth can readily be seen in the mighty revival at Pentecost. The revival was "noised abroad" from house to house and the multitude came together. Needless to say, "the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved" (Acts 2:47). By command, we are told in the parable of the marriage supper, "Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in" (Luke 14:23).

Visitation evangelism is not a substitute for a revival campaign or mass evangelism. It is a

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preparation for, and a supplement to, the endeavor. Dr. Roy F. Smee, who was chairman of the commission on the Mid-Century Crusade for Souls, made this significant statement in regard to this type of evangelistic endeavor: "The revival spirit, I feel, is the natural result of personal evangelism. I have yet to find a church where continued and persistent personal evangelism has been practiced for any considerable time that has not experienced a far-reaching revival."

Whether we accept the challenge or not, the Master's commission is, "Go ye into all the world . . ." That lost neighbor next door can be our "world." May God bless and burden us for souls and may we join the Crusade for Souls, Now!

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## Life in Review—

EARLY in February, I preached one night at St. Paul's Church of the Nazarene in Kansas City. The pastor, Rev. Jack Lee, was away. With a full house, Professor Robert L. Sawyer to lead the singing, and Mr. Ed. Holman, minister of education, to preside, I had a great time. St. Paul's has outgrown its quarters, and its pastor and people are getting ready to move and build.

Later in February, I attended the preachers' meeting of the Central Ohio District, which was held in our church at Athens, Ohio. The pastor, Rev. Drell H. Goff, and his people are well located in a new church building and making their influence felt in the city. They took the best of care of the convention. It was a delight to work with Dr. D. I. Vanderpool and with Dr. Harvey H. Galloway, superintendent of the Central Ohio District. Dr. Vanderpool is making a unique contribution to our church, and Dr. Galloway is guiding a great district into new conquests for the Master.

The Sunday before the preachers' meeting, I preached at the Warren Avenue Church of the Nazarene in Columbus, Ohio. Rev. H. B. Anthony has been pastor of this church for about seventeen years and recently completed one of the most beautiful and best constructed church buildings that I ever have seen. Sunday night we had several at the altar, even though they had just closed a very successful revival meeting the Sunday before. This year the Warren Avenue Church led the Central Ohio District in *Other Sheep* and *HERALD OF HOLINESS* subscriptions.

The Sunday after the Central Ohio preachers' meeting, I ministered to the Church of the Nazarene in Wooster, Ohio. It was a joy to be with Rev. C. D. Westhafer, the pastor of this church, and with his people. They have an excellent church building, but are overflowing their Sunday-school facilities. Because of this, they are making plans for a new education building.

In March, I was at Grand Avenue Church of the Nazarene, Lima, Ohio, for a week's meeting. God broke in several nights and we had some gracious altar services. This church, under the

leadership of Rev. Virgil L. Sprunger, has made some marked advances since I was there in a revival two years ago. Rev. C. B. Clendenen, Jr., pastor of the church at Wapakoneta, led the singing and sang specials. He made a real contribution to this meeting. Brother Sprunger and his people are alive to every interest of our church.

Next, I attended most of a revival meeting in Kansas City First Church with Dr. D. I. Vanderpool as the minister and the Lacy Colored Trio in charge of the singing. Dr. Vanderpool is a great preacher and a gifted evangelist, and the Lacy Trio is in a class by itself. Dr. Vanderpool's work and that of the Trio, with the backing of Dr. A. Milton Smith, pastor, Professor Ray Moore, the regular minister of music, and the people of First Church, resulted in a well-filled church at each service and a goodly number of souls at the altar.

Recently it was my privilege to be in Okla-

homa City and Bethany, Oklahoma, for two days. During this time I conferred with Dr. Hardy C. Powers, who was closing out a few days of special meetings with Rev. R. T. Williams, Jr., pastor, and the people of First Church, Oklahoma City. On Sunday morning I heard Dr. Samuel Young. He was beginning a week's revival with our College Church in Bethany, where Dr. E. S. Phillips is pastor. On this trip Mrs. White and I visited with her father, Dr. C. A. McConnell, who has been quite ill for some time.

Oklahoma City First Church is one of the outstanding city churches in our denomination, and the College Church at Bethany, Oklahoma, is the largest of our Nazarene churches. The morning I was there they had nearly twelve hundred in Sunday school. It was a joy to meet many old-time friends on this trip, among them Rev. R. T. Williams, Jr., Dr. E. S. Phillips, Dr. R. H. Cantrell, president of Bethany-Peniel College, and Dr. and Mrs. A. S. London.—THE EDITOR.

## FOREIGN MISSIONS

### Answered Prayer In Africa

SEVERAL times we have requested prayer for revival in Africa. Recently this word came:

"I don't know whether anyone has written you about the wonderful revival we just had here at Bremersdorp. There were wonderful spontaneous altar services—people came forward by the dozens with no long singing and special pull. One night there were seventy women and girls at the altar and I couldn't count for sure how many men—about fifteen I think. The altar was so crowded that the evangelist divided the seekers according to who was seeking salvation, cleansing, renewed strength, and so on. Then almost the whole church was turned into an altar after the non-seekers had been dismissed.

"Several high school students were wonderfully saved. Nearly every student in our teacher-training school was either reclaimed, sanctified, or received special new blessing. Two Catholic girls who were students in our school came to the altar one night and testified that they received spiritual help.

"Keep praying that this revival spirit shall spread over all of Africa."  
—DOROTHY BEVILL.

Thank you for the prayer requests for the chief Zwane which you printed in the *Other Sheep*. God has already been answering. Instead of his pushing the case against Lukele, the owner of the kraal where the Sunday school was started, God has intervened and

we have not heard a word from him since December. We reopened the small Sunday school and went ahead as before. Continue to pray that Zwane shall be saved.—DOROTHY BEVILL.

Do not forget prayer requests in previous issues of the *HERALD*. Keep praying until God answers.

### The Miraculous "Tortilla"

Travelling by bus to Mexico City, I heard a most interesting story of a "miraculous *tortilla*," told by a young man from the state of Vera Cruz.

It seems that a Mexican housewife of strong spiritualistic leanings was making *tortillas* one day (a most natural thing to do in a country where the *tortilla* is the favorite kind of bread). When she was about done a piece of dough fell on the floor. Seeing that it was dirty and unfit for human consumption, she decided to make a large *tortilla* to feed her dog. But to her great surprise, after she had cooked it she saw burnt on the *tortilla* a perfect likeness of Christ. It so impressed her that she took it to the Catholic church. Moreover, she had the "miraculous *tortilla*" placed in a special glass case, had a little wayside shrine built for it, and had burning candles placed before it. People came from far and near to behold the wonder.

With a ring of conviction in his voice the young man repeated several times, "I witnessed it myself. I saw it with my own eyes."

### REMISS REHFELDT, Secretary

I don't know how such a story appeals to you. Personally, I wouldn't be much impressed by even ten thousand *tortillas* marked with the likeness of Christ. Greater than any physical miracle, real or imaginary, is the moral miracle of a sinner made a new creation by the mighty power of God. The product of our glorious gospel is not *tortillas* stamped with the likeness of Christ, but human hearts and lives transformed into His glorious image. And with far greater conviction than the young man referred to, we can say: "We have seen Him for ourselves. What we have heard and seen and experienced in our own hearts and lives declare we unto you!"—EDWARD WYMAN, *Spanish Bible Institute*.

### Revival in Petén, Guatemala

On the first Sunday morning of camp meeting the Lord marvelously brought an entire family to the altar and they were wonderfully saved. The altar was lined regularly with hungry hearts. Many were saved and many were brought back to the fold and a large group consecrated their all to the Lord and received the Holy Spirit. We consistently had capacity crowds with people outside the provisional tabernacle and in the streets. We reached nearly 1,000 several nights. Practically the entire town of San Benito was present, for which we give God all the praise.—EVELYN VER HOEK, *Guatemala*.

## The Right Arm of the Sunday School

**Time** || THE SUNDAY school has  
**Limits** || rightly been called the  
right arm of the church.

**Sunday School** || Likewise, the vacation Bible school may be spoken

of as the right arm of the Sunday school. No part of the educational work of the church will contribute so much to the success of the Sunday school—that important phase of the church's educational activities—as the vacation Bible school. Many of us are aware of the fact that although the Sunday school is a very significant part of the educational program of the church, the time it has the children in its care is very brief. The public schools, in their secular education program, meet on five days a week and several hours a day, while the church, through the Sunday school, meets on only one day a week and not more than an hour. Certainly, something is needed to supplement the work of the Sunday school in the teaching program of the Christian Church. From this standpoint, the strong right arm of the Sunday school is the vacation Bible school. Put it on for two weeks during the summer and have it five days in the week. Not only does it add to the teaching time that is offered through the Sunday school, but it also gives an opportunity for more variety. It is impossible to estimate the value of the time which the Sunday school does give, week by week, or Sunday by Sunday; still, I say again, it must be increased. And the best opportunity for doing this is through the vacation Bible school.

One of the greatest shortcomings of the Sunday school then is lack of time, meeting once a week, and then for only one hour. This can be atoned for, to some extent, by putting on a vacation Bible school. If you lack instruction along this line—pastor and lay leaders—you can get it through the vacation Bible school division of the Department of Church Schools. That department is well equipped to help you meet all of your needs.

**The V.B.S.** || The vacation Bible  
**Supplements** || school, therefore, is the  
**Sunday School** || right arm of the Sunday  
school; first, because it

enables the church to have more time for teaching the children. Second, because in these vacation Bible schools we can and should reach out into the communities and get boys and girls who have not been attending our Sunday schools to enroll them. Thus we shall not only be able to supplement the hours of teaching that our Sunday-school children are receiving, but also get other children who are not obtaining such training to come in and receive instruction. Thus this right arm of the Sunday school not only means more teaching about the things of Christ, but also it opens the

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way for more children to be taught. And in close connection with this second point is the probability that through the new children reached new families will be enrolled in the Sunday school and finally be brought to Christ and into the church.

What an opportunity the vacation Bible school offers to our Sunday schools and churches! Certainly no Church of the Nazarene should permit a summer to pass without having a vacation Bible school. I know there are pastors and laymen (laymen who carry much of the responsibility) in our churches who will say there are too many demands made upon them, they just haven't the time to take on this extra work. But, my friends, let me say this in passing: The Church of the Nazarene is a going concern, it does have a program with many features; but you must remember that those leaders in our local churches who fail to keep pace with the various activities will fail finally in doing the work that Christ wants done. These many features of our work are not added just to give somebody something to do, but they are added in order that more people may be reached for God and finally saved and sanctified. Anything that ought to be done can be done. We can keep up if we will, in spite of all the demands that are made. That is true of the layman as well as of the pastor, and of the pastor as well as of the layman. We can't afford to let any summer go by without having a vacation Bible school. It is the right arm of the Sunday school, and the Sunday school is the right arm of the church.

## TEN MORE IN '54

WHILE I'm talking about the work of the Department of Church Schools, I want to say something else. Almost every time I turn around I see the slogan, "Enroll in your Sunday school at least ten more in '54." I like it! I believe any Sunday school that will get down to business can enroll that many more in '54; and I think the most of our Sunday schools will do it. Therefore, I say, "Three cheers for the slogan: 'Enroll in your Sunday school at least ten more in '54.'" If that doesn't make you feel what I feel just now, then I'd say, "Hurrah for the slogan, 'Enroll in your Sunday school at least ten more in '54.'" If you'd like it still better, I would say, "Thank God for the slogan, 'Enroll in your Sunday school at least ten more in '54.'" And I might add that I have no hesitation in saying, "Praise God for the slogan, 'Enroll in your Sunday school at least ten more in '54.'" "

Further, there's still an excellent Christian word that comes to my mind now, and that is, Hallelujah! So I would say, "Hallelujah for the slogan, 'Enroll in your Sunday school at least ten more in '54.'" I didn't think up the slogan, or suggest it, but I believe in it one hundred per cent.

Also, let me say that I looked up the definition of the word "Hurrah"—and what I've been doing in this article is saying "Hurrah" in a number of different ways. For, according to the dictionary, it is "an exclamation or shout expressing joy, triumph, applause, or encouragement." In other words, I am just plain happy over the fact that our Sunday schools are going to do their best to enroll "at least ten more in '54"; and I believe that if they do their best they will realize this goal.

## The World Scene

### The Headlines

Perhaps I should have titled this article thus: "The World Scene as Looked at by One Who Is in the United States." I listened to the radio for a few days rather carefully. Then I gave special attention to the newspapers and two or three of the weekly news magazines. I am writing this on April 15, 1954, and here are the headlines that greet me:

**McCarthy-Army Hearings Are Soon to Begin;** the fuss between the military and McCarthy's investigation committee is to be aired.

**There's a New "Gold Rush" in This Country Now;** oh, not a gold rush, but a uranium rush; another "get rich quick" rush. Men are trying to find just where the uranium frontiers are in this country.

**The Drouth—**It is devastating some sections of our country, with its dust storms and black blizzards. In spite of all that is said, it does not seem to be as bad as the one in the 1930's.

**The Oppenheimer Case:** What about this leading atomic scientist? Has he been disloyal to our country? He has been suspended, and his case will be investigated.

Then there's the whole question of the hydrogen bomb, with all of its ramifications—certainly that is world-wide in its import. Notice the next step—and they say this step is just ahead—that these H-bombs will soon be made on the assembly line; they will be

turning them out rapidly, make enough of them in a few days to destroy the whole world.

**The Depression, or the Recession—**Some tell us there isn't even a recession, certainly not any depression. Others tell us we are right in the midst of not only a recession but a depression. At this time I'm not on the bread line yet, I still have a job, and seem to be doing about as well as usual. But there is, no doubt, more unemployment than usual at this time of the year.

**The Housing Scandal in Our Country—**which is just beginning to break. In the past administration, and also in this one, it seems there have been those who have been "beating" the government and the people, and making billions of dollars for themselves—anyway, we'll find out before long, we hope, how much truth there is in these charges.

Another headline had something to say about the **COMETS**—that is, the fast-moving planes that the British have led the world in manufacturing. Trouble has arisen in connection with them; there have been too many catastrophes recently. They are wonderful jet-planes; and it will be too bad if they finally have to be abandoned as passenger carriers.

One of the most prominent of the present-day headlines is the **Indo-China** question. Can there be a united front against Russia, or not? Will the French be defeated, or not? What's going to happen over there? Back behind the Indo-China crisis are the iron curtain and communism.

### Have Faith In God

The world scene is a complicated one, and is full of difficulty and confusion. In the face of all these disturbing facts, what can I do, what can you do? Just hold steady and continue to have faith in God. Remember, God is over all. He is not dead; He's alert to what is going on. He still stands for righteousness and holiness. I am on His side; He is on my side, so I need not fear. "The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? When the wicked, even mine enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell. Though an host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear: though war should rise against me, in this will I be confident. One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to enquire in his temple. For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me up upon a rock. And now shall mine head be lifted up above mine enemies round about me: therefore

will I offer in his tabernacle sacrifices of joy; I will sing, yea, I will sing praises unto the Lord" (Ps. 27:1-6).

"Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me" (John 14:1). "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid"

(John 14:27). And, finally, "These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world" (John 16:33).

My friend, in spite of the perplexing problems which face the world now, we can have faith in God!

## THE QUESTION BOX

*Q. Is there any Bible basis for believing that we shall recognize friends and loved ones in heaven?*

A. I believe that there is a basis in the Bible for such belief. First, no one can read I Cor. 15:35-54 without realizing that the resurrection body, although a spiritual body, will be directly related to the earthly, which it represents. For instance, in verse 38 Paul says: "But God giveth it a body as it hath pleased him, and to every seed his own body." Thus every seed which dies and is resurrected will receive its own body. I can't help but believe that this resurrected body will be indissolubly bound to the pre-resurrected body. Besides, all orthodox Bible interpreters and others who are inclined toward liberalism see in this latter part of I Corinthians 15 many statements which point to a vital relation between the body which was and the body which shall be. Also, Peter, James, and John recognized Moses and Elijah on the Mount of Transfiguration. The disciples knew Christ in His resurrected body. Finally, the story of the rich man and Lazarus upholds the idea of future recognition. The rich man was not mistaken as to the identity of Abraham. Yes, I believe that the Bible gives us reason to believe in the recognition of our friends and loved ones in heaven.

*Q. This may seem to be a strange question, but still I want to ask it. Where did God come from? I know that He created the heaven and the earth and all that is in them, but didn't He have a beginning?*

A. We live in a world of cause and effect, and it is natural for the question which you have asked to be raised—especially when we begin to think about life and its meaning. It is difficult for us to think of God as not being subject to the law of cause and effect. But we must remember that God is the first cause, the ultimate cause, the uncaused

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cause. He is above the law of cause and effect. He did not have a beginning, He is eternal. Human beings have no ending, they are immortal, or everlasting; but God has neither beginning nor end. He is His own cause, or is self-existent. Aseity is the technical term which the theologian uses to describe the fact that God causes himself, is uncaused, or self-existent. God is eternal, absolute life. Another word should be added, and that is that the mind demands a resting place in its thinking. We pass from one effect to its cause and then to the cause of that cause, but we can't keep that up forever. Finally, the mind demands the right to rest in an uncaused cause—God, the eternally self-existent Being. Even those who do not believe in a personal God usually place an uncaused cause of some kind back of everything else.

*Q. Will you please explain I Cor. 7:36-38?*

A. Paul was not too friendly toward marriage in some of his writings. However, he is frank enough at times to say that he is giving forth his own and not God's views. Here he is talking about the marriage of virgins, as well as in some of the preceding verses. And his advice is—even though he is somewhat hostile to marriage—to break the vow of virginity by getting married rather than to run any risk of breaking down in one's moral purity. There is no ground here for any other claim as to this passage.

*Q. An elderly man who had engaged in a certain kind of business for many years came to pay his last account to a firm with which he had traded for many years. He asked for a discount on this last bill, and the president of the company said that it was all paid. He was also told to*

*accept this as a gift for being a good, honest customer. I would say that this was a definite gift. What would you say?*

A. I would agree with you as you have given the story.

*Q. When the different committees at the district assembly make recommendations, do those recommendations become law at once, or does each local church board vote on those recommendations after the assembly is over?*

A. I don't claim to be an authority on such matters. However, I would certainly hope that if a church did vote on these recommendations it would approve them. It is the delegates from the churches who make up these committees, and it is their delegates who vote at the district assemblies to accept them. Therefore, it would seem most natural, logical, and Christian for the local churches to accept the recommendations. I always adhered to this policy when I was pastor.



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## 1953 Evangelistic Roll

ROY F. SMEE, Secretary

"The evangelistic church is one that uses its total resources to get the gospel message to the people who need it, with the purpose of making converts and members."

This is a definition of evangelism in action in the local church that is worth thinking about. There are times when evangelism is predominantly seed sowing, but there are other times when we should expect a harvest. This harvest should be represented by new members added to our church roll.

We are, therefore, glad to present for the fourth year the Evangelistic Honor Roll of the Church of the Nazarene. These are churches that have gained (according to 1953 as-

sembly statistics) thirty or more members by profession of faith and from other denominations. The net gain or loss is not considered in this accounting, but only the ability of the church to gain new Nazarenes.

Top honors for 1953 go to Lanett, Alabama, and Clarksville Franklin Street Church, Tennessee. Lanett made a total gain, not including transfers, of 102 new members. Ninety-six of these were on profession of faith. This church was featured on the picture page of the recent special issue of the HERALD of HOLINESS (March 10). Rev. Gordon Winchester is the energetic pastor of this great evangelistic church. The Franklin Street Church in Clarksville, Tennessee,

gained 74 new Nazarenes, 70 of these on profession of faith. The membership during the year almost doubled, increasing from 59 to 116. Rev. J. H. Deal is the pastor of this church. Other splendid gains were made by Dayton Edgemont, Western Ohio (65); Hot Springs First, South Arkansas (53); and Wichita First, Kansas (51).

There are now six churches that have been on the honor roll for all four years it has been published. These are outstanding evangelistic churches and it is interesting to note that they are active in visitation evangelism. During the four years Sumter First Church has made a net increase in membership of 52 per cent. North Little Rock First Church has made a net gain of 40 per cent. Lanett, Alabama, has increased its membership by 35 per cent. The six churches are indicated by four asterisks (\*\*\*\*). Five other churches have been on the list three out of the four years (\*\*\*). There are eleven churches that have been on twice (\*\*). The two churches with a single asterisk (\*) are newly organized home-mission churches.

As the Crusade for Souls is enlisting more and more of our churches, we are expecting that within a few years there will be 100 churches a year on the Evangelistic Honor Roll.

District	Church	Membership
Alabama	****Decatur	84
Alabama	Lanett	340
Arizona	Chandler	166
Arizona	**Phoenix East	291
Arizona	**Phoenix First	333
Arizona	****Tucson First	268
Canada West	***Calgary First	436
Central Ohio	Columbus First	461
Central Ohio	Coshocton	272
Central Ohio	Fostoria	188
Central Ohio	Gallipolis	105
Dallas	Dallas Trinity	113
Eastern Kentucky	**Ashland First	453
Florida	Jacksonville Central	172
Idaho-Oregon	Weiser	106
Kansas	****Wichita First	490
Los Angeles	Glendora	138
Los Angeles	****Los Angeles First	691
Los Angeles	**Pasadena Bresee Avenue	935
Missouri	St. Louis Lafayette Park	320
New Mexico	***Albuquerque First	226
Northwest	**Coeur d'Alene	123
Northwest	**Yakima First	460
Pittsburgh	Portage	74
San Antonio	**San Antonio Grace	193
South Arkansas	**Hot Springs First	217
South Arkansas	***Little Rock First	560
South Arkansas	Little Rock Pulaski Heights	53
South Arkansas	****North Little Rock First	350
South Carolina	****Sumter First	221
Southern California	**San Diego University Avenue	285
Southwest Indiana	Brazil	233
Southwest Indiana	Princeton	200
Southwest Oklahoma	***Oklahoma City First	483
Tennessee	Clarksville Franklin Street (North)	116
Tennessee	**Nashville First	930
Tennessee	Pleasant Point	47
Virginia	*Covington	41
Western Ohio	**Dayton Central	215
Western Ohio	***Dayton Edgemont	408
Western Ohio	*Williamsburg	50

## Reporting Results

### From the 1953 Statistics

Out of the forty-eight states in the United States, Idaho ranks highest in per cent of Nazarene population. The percentage is .74, which means that seventy-four persons out of 10,000 are members of the Church of the Nazarene in Idaho. The next four states in order are: Oklahoma, .62; Indiana, .58; Kansas, .43; and Oregon, .37.—Office of the GENERAL CHURCH SECRETARY.



# The Young People's Society

L. J. DU BOIS, Secretary

## Servants and Spokesmen

By Wilford N. Vanderpool\*

*I have appeared unto thee for this purpose, to make thee a minister and a witness (Acts 26:16).*

*A Minister and a Witness, a Servant and a Spokesman, Jesus made Paul. The N.Y.P.S. is to wear these titles. But our Lord has also appeared unto us. But the call is actually "person to person"; from Jesus to me, from Jesus to you.*

*Servant I am to be. I am to be servant—shackled by the captivating chains of love for the Saviour who has redeemed me with His tears and blood. Servant—smitten with a passion of longing to carry sin-crippled souls to the Heavenly Physician. I am to be servant—seized with uncalculating loyalty to my Christ and His Church. I am to be servant—submitted, trained, disciplined; knowing the task and doing it. I am to be a servant who shares the very pulsating life and Holy Spirit of the Master himself.*

*Spokesman I am to be. There are intimacies of communion, moments of mystery and miracle with God of which I can reveal little. But I shall be very selfish and ungrateful if I do not tell others some of the great things He has done for me. False modesty and shameful pride must not*

*seal my lips. By His Holy Spirit I must speak.*

*"Minister and Witness." Far above "chairman," "president," or "council member," these titles honor me. Their lowliness is greater than celebrated position, their crudeness greater than cultivated promotion, their artlessness than calculated procedure.*

*"Servant and Spokesman." Far above "program planner," "campaign director," or "goal setter," these names raise me. Their quietness is better than canonading publicity or frantic campaigns. Their dullness is better than colorful projects or gleaming goals. Their clumsiness is better than clever programs or charming parties.*

*But why, in the light of God's expressed call to us, why is spiritual service so often a lowly, crude, and artless thing in the average N.Y.P.S.? Why is witnessing for Christ too often a quiet, dull, clumsy effort on the part of Nazarene young people?*

*Your General Council is fully agreed that the strength of the N.Y.P.S., as one arm of the church, lies in two main objectives: to build up its members in Christian experience and in holy character, . . . and to bring about the salvation of other young people. Our*

*strength is in building and bringing. And the strength of that strength is in well-trained, Spirit-filled servants and spokesmen. We build by our service and bring by our testimony. Above all else we must serve and witness well. We grieve the Holy Spirit and quench His fiery ministry if we deny this sacred call or answer it halfheartedly.*

*Wherefore seeing we are compassed about with so great a cloud of sin-blighted humanity, let us lay aside every distracting weight and the indifference which so easily besets us, and let us train with patience and purpose to excel in the task that is laid upon us, looking unto Jesus, who has called us as servants and spokesmen. The Apostle Paul told young Timothy, "Concentrate on winning God's approval, and being a workman with nothing to be ashamed of, and who knows how to use the word of truth to the best advantage. For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but a spirit of power and love and a sound mind. So never be ashamed of bearing witness to our Lord. For He has rescued us from all that is really evil and called us to a life of holiness . . . not because of any of our achievements but for His own purpose" (II Tim. 2:15; 1:7-9, Phillips).*

*\*General N.Y.P.S. Council Representative—Olivet Zone*

## THE HOME CIRCLE

### A Boy's Mother

**A** MOTHER holds a place in the heart of her boy which cannot be filled by any other. To no other does he open his heart's door until he finds the mate of his life.

When a boy wins honor of any kind, he is never satisfied with the praise of others. Somehow he hangs on his mother's praise, for he feels that hers is sincere and dependable. Her words mean more than anyone's. When he is slow to learn, he secretly goes to his mother for encouragement and for a little private help. When he wants to talk to God, he goes to his mother to learn how. He feels that her faith will hold him up to God.

### Conducted by GRACE RAMQUIST

William Cowper, the poet who wrote the words of the old hymn "There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood," was a lonely boy and later a lonely man. There is no doubt that he was a genius. One is made to wonder how far his genius would have taken him had his mother lived long enough to guide him through his childhood years.

When Cowper was six years of age, his mother was taken in death. Some would have you believe that a boy of that age soon forgets, but not so. A girl will usually attach herself to

another woman, but a boy keeps his inner thoughts to himself and will be a confidant of no one but his mother.

It was not until Cowper was in his fifties that a cousin, Ann Bodham, ran across a picture of his mother. Ann affectionately sent the portrait to William.

When William received the picture, a flood of memories came back to him. As he sat gazing at the face of the long-departed loved one, he wrote a poem. In the words of the lines, one discovers the depth of feeling the lad had for the mother he lost so early in life. Think and feel with the poet as you read the lines of his poem.



## "On the Receipt of My Mother's Picture Out of Norfolk—"

*My mother! when I learnt that thou wast dead,  
Say, wast thou conscious of the tears I shed?  
Hovered thy spirit o'er thy sorrowing son,  
Wretch even then, life's journey just begun?  
Perhaps thou gavest me, though unfelt, a kiss:  
Perhaps a tear, if souls can weep in bliss—  
Ah, that maternal smile! It answers—Yes.  
I heard the bell tolled on thy burial day,  
I saw the hearse that bore thee slow away,  
And, turning from my nursery window, drew  
A long, long sigh, and wept a last adieu!  
But was it such?—It was—Where thou art gone  
Adieus and farewells are a sound unknown.  
May I but meet thee on that peaceful shore,  
The parting word shall pass my lips no more!  
Thy maidens, grieved themselves at my concern,  
Oft gave me promise of thy quick return.  
What ardently I wished I long believed,  
And, disappointed still, was still deceived.  
By expectation every day beguiled,  
Dupe of tomorrow even from a child.  
Thus many a sad tomorrow came and went,  
Till, all my stock of infant sorrow spent,  
I learnt at last submission to my lot;  
But though I less deplored thee, ne'er forgot.*

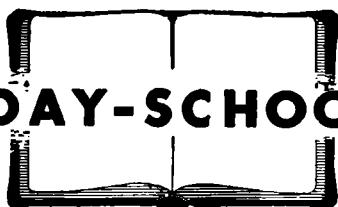
*Where once we dwelt our name is heard no more,  
Children not thine have trod my nursery floor;*

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*'Tis now become a history little known,  
That once we called the pastoral house our own.  
Short-lived possession! but the record fair  
That memory keeps, of all thy kindness there,  
Still outlives many a storm that has effaced  
A thousand other themes less deeply traced.  
Thy nightly visits to my chamber made,  
That thou mightest know me safe and warmly laid;  
Thy morning bounties ere I left my home,  
Thy biscuit, or confectionery plum;  
The fragrant waters on my cheek bestowed  
By thy own hand, till fresh they shone and glowed;  
All this, and more endearing still than all,  
Thy constant flow of love, that knew no fall,  
Ne'er roughened by those cataracts and brakes  
That humour interposed too often makes;  
All this still legible in memory's page,  
And still to be so to my latest age,  
Adds joy to duty, makes me glad to pay  
Such honours to thee as my numbers may;  
Perhaps a frail memorial but sincere,  
Not scorned in heaven, though little noticed here.*

—WILLIAM COWPER (written about 1786)

# THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL LESSON



By J. GEORGE TAYLORSON

Topic for May 16: **Elijah Rebukes Ahab**

Scripture: **I Kings 21 (Printed, I Kings 21:1-4, 16-20)**

**GOLDEN TEXT:** *Thou shalt not covet*  
(Exod. 20:17).

Someone once asked one of America's leading financiers the question, "How much money does it take to satisfy one?" The answer was quick coming: "Just a little more." So it was with covetous, greed-ridden Ahab, whose palatial summer palace, extensive park, and personal hunting grounds were not enough so long as a little plot of ground remained in the hands of Naboth. It is the curse of greed never to be satisfied. Covetousness has been the prime motive of the wars that have stained our history pages and drenched our soil in the blood of our finest sons. Because we have failed God's edict, "Thou shalt not covet," the dogs of hate have been licking up the blood of the Ahabs and Jezebels since time began and, what is more, the innocent Naboths have suffered too.

How short-lived is ill-gotten gain! Ahab is no sooner in his vineyard than the voice of his accusing con-

science, in the form of Elijah, disrupts the silence. We are all surrounded by reminders of the presence of God, and perhaps chief among these reminders is the very pang of conscience. Evil cannot be hidden. The serpent may sleep through the winter months, but under the warmth and light of God's sun will quickly dispense its venom and power. So it is that, although sin may be buried deep in the folds of the subconscious or smothered by sinful pleasure and lust, under the stimulation of God's voice it will again speak when all is silent. Remember, God always has the last word.

How bold is Ahab in his judgment and condemnation! "Hast thou found me, O mine enemy?" (I Kings 21:20.) Beware of your personal judgments of another; nothing is more revealing. Again and again we verify life's truth that what we deem to be objectionable in others is too often something of which we ourselves are guilty. "I have found thee; because

thou hast sold thyself." He was his own betrayer—his own worst enemy. What we condemn in others may be only a reflection of what could readily be seen in a mirror.

There is a judgment that belongs to God and issued through His prophets. The heritage of human freedom is the right to speak against wrong and evil in government or church. Cooperation demanded at the price of freedom is the threshold into the darkest tyranny. Elijah challenges Ahab. Martin Luther nails his theses to the door in Wittenberg. We must forever preserve in state and church the right of a single man to speak and be heard. There can be no freedom for any unless there is freedom for all. Thank God for those who will be heard even if from a gibbet, a grave, or a cross!

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# NEWS of the Churches



Lexington, Kentucky—Rev. D. D. Lewis came to First Church a little over one year ago as our pastor, and the Lord has surely blessed both pastor and people. Every department of the church has made good progress. Since he came 53 people have united with the church and the Sunday-school attendance has risen from 177 last year to 245 for this assembly year, an increase of 38 per cent. New Sunday-school rooms have been built and for some time now we have had over 300 in attendance. Best of all, we are having a wonderful revival spirit in our church with souls praying through every Sunday at our regular preaching services.—Stanley H. Wells, Secretary.

Phoenix, Arizona—Emanuel Church recently closed one of the best revivals the church has ever experienced, with Jacob and Mildred Cope as evangelists. They manifested a sweet spirit and carried a burden for the lost. The people enjoyed and responded to Brother Cope's powerful and Spirit-filled messages from the Word; also Mrs. Cope's ministry in music, flannelgraph, and object lessons. The harmony, vision, and spirit of the church have risen to a new height. Many people sought the Lord. The Copes were well equipped to take care of children's work and a number of children found the Lord in their services. We enjoyed the largest attendance in Sunday school that we have had for several months. The people showed their love and appreciation to the evangelists by giving them a very good offering.—Reporter.

Gary, Indiana—The Black Oak Church recently closed a great revival with Evangelist E. C. Tarvin. There were crowds every night, and many seekers at the altar. Seventeen members were received into the church the last Sunday of the revival. The pastoral recall was unanimous. Brother Tarvin's preaching was of the old-fashioned type—dynamic, spiritual, and inspirational. Our church has been greatly blessed under his ministry.—Maurice B. Light, Pastor.

Center, Texas—We recently closed a good revival with Rev. Wilbur Brannon as evangelist. He was used of the Lord to bring some good messages to stir the hearts of the unsaved and bless the hearts of the faithful. Mr. Edcar Pierce had charge of the music. His Spirit-filled singing was enjoyed by all, and the burden he carried for the revival indicated his zeal for the Lord's work. Our hearts rejoiced to see young people finding the Lord as a personal Saviour and Sanctifier. On the last Sunday morning of the meeting the church voted to sell its present prop-

erty and to erect a new building on their new property which is already paid for, just two blocks from the business district. The attendance was the best since we have been here as pastor. There were twenty-one people at the altar, ten on the closing Sunday night without any preaching. Five new members were received into the church at the close of the Sunday night service. We appreciate the good people of this church.—J. W. McGuffey, Pastor.

Missouri Valley, Iowa—Recently we closed a very profitable revival campaign with Rev. and Mrs. Charles Weagley. They carried the full program of preaching, special music, and children's work, and their ministry was successful in every respect. The services were well attended in spite of intervening circumstances. Brother Weagley's sermons emphasized second-blessing holiness, and the truth was used and blessed of God to produce results that are permanent. Every channel of the church received a portion of the blessing. The Sunday-school average of sixty-three for the month of March is the largest in at least four years. Backslidden church members were reclaimed and sanctified, with at least six people praying through at home. There were twelve people sanctified, three of whom were not members of the church. There were twenty-nine seekers, many of whom sought both works of grace during the course of the meeting. We praise God for His abiding Spirit in our midst, and the sincere efforts of our good workers.—Ivan A. Beals, Pastor.

Evangelist Walter Patterson writes that he has an open date the last of June, and also some time in July. He will be glad to go to the small churches, for freewill offering and entertainment. Write him, R.R. 3, Waurika, Oklahoma.

East Liverpool, Ohio—LaCroft Church recently closed a very good revival with Rev. C. H. Harley, his wife, and son, Danny, as the evangelists. God blessed the meeting from the very first night. Brother Harley is a good Bible preacher, an excellent soul winner and altar worker, and carries a burden for souls. His stirring messages were greatly appreciated, and many souls bowed at the altar for pardon or purity. The attendance was good throughout the meeting and on the closing Sunday the Sunday-school attendance was 311. The scene-o-felt pictures given by Sister Harley and Danny's singing were great helps in the services in getting the gospel message to the people. We came to the LaCroft Church in September, 1953. The former pas-

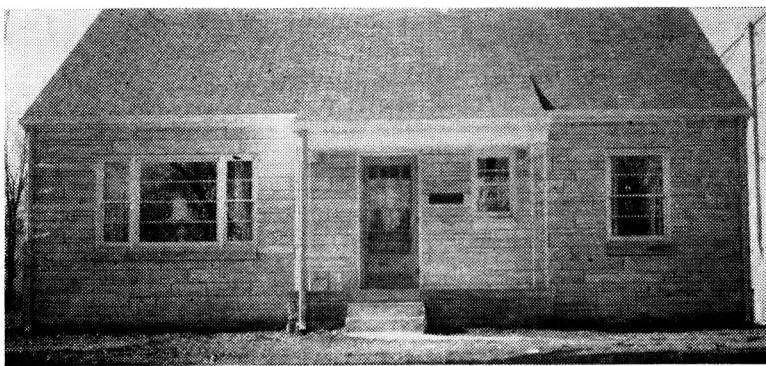
tor, Rev. C. L. Gardener, did a fine work in building a new Sunday-school addition and promoting the Sunday-school work. The spirit of the church is good, the attendance is on the increase, and the mortgage is only \$13,000.00. Eleven members have been received into church membership since September; and 4,917 contacts have been made for the Sunday school, many of which were follow-up and absentee contacts. Our visitation program is bringing many new people into the services and our people are determined to work for a big church attendance in our great crusade for souls. Please pray for us.—LeRoy M. Hastie, Pastor.

Blossom, Texas—We recently closed a wonderful revival with our good district superintendent, Rev. Paul H. Garrett, as the evangelist. God came in a wonderful way, and there were twelve people at the altar for forgiveness, and some returned later and were sanctified. Brother Garrett was at his best and was surely used of the Lord; he endeared himself to the people. The church is going forward in a great way with the help of the Lord. We have seen a good increase in Sunday school since the assembly.—Robert H. Combs, Pastor.

Yuba City, California—We have a fine group of people at Wilson Community Church who were discouraged after Brother Gollhier left for Peru as missionary. Many folk had moved away, and it was a heavy load for so few people. But Rev. H. N. Dickerson gave us a real revival, in which God gave some very definite experiences to some who had been raised in the church, yet did not have the blessing. Our people now are working hard for the Lord and the church. We have gained about twenty per Sunday since the revival. These people love their pastor and are doing everything he asks for the salvation of souls. We would appreciate the prayers of the people for this country church.—M. J. Fargo, Pastor.

Pineville, West Virginia—We came to pastor this newly organized church in June, 1952. It was organized by Rev. J. R. Browning of Man, West Virginia. We appreciate working with the fine, loyal group of Nazarenes we found here. We recently closed a very profitable week-end revival with Rev. and Mrs. Vane M. Anderson as evangelist and singers. The last service was one of great victory with several at the altar. We have had four other revivals previously, with Rev. L. W. Conway, Rev. E. H. Davis, Rev. Harold Runyan, and Rev. Clyde B. Rodgers. Each revival added to the success of our church.—R. J. Andress, Pastor.

## Nazarene Parsonage, East Side Church, Bloomington, Indiana



completed, and a new Baldwin electric organ has been placed in the sanctuary. The over-all evaluation of our property is now \$100,000.00. The church extended a unanimous call to our beloved pastor for the coming

year. A spirit of unity and harmony prevails, and God has been present in our services in a special way. We praise God for the material and spiritual blessings He has bestowed upon us.—Dorothy Johnson, Secretary.

The accompanying picture is that of the newly constructed parsonage located adjacent to the East Side Church in Bloomington, Indiana. Evaluated at \$20,000.00, the parsonage is a three-bedroom home, completely modern and beautifully decorated in the interior. The exterior is Bedford limestone. A double garage, a breeze-way, and the landscaping are to be completed this spring. Our good pastor and wife, Rev. and Mrs. C. G. Bohannon, are serving their eighth year here. During the first six years of their service, our beautiful Bedford limestone church was built. After three years in the evangelistic field, they were recalled to serve the church. Since their return two years ago, God has wonderfully blessed us. Through His help and the labor and sacrifice of the consecrated people of this church, the parsonage has been constructed, the church has been insulated and a gas furnace installed, ten Sunday-school rooms have been

Los Angeles, California—Riverside Drive Church recently closed a revival meeting with Miss Jean Williams as evangelist. We had a good meeting, with some young people finding the Lord and several testifying to having received the experience of sanctification. Our church is making progress financially and spiritually. Miss Williams is a fine preacher; she is a young woman, but she knows how to expose sin and take a stand against it. It is wonderful to see our youth standing for the whole gospel and refusing to compromise with sin. The church gave me a unanimous call as pastor for another year; I am now closing my fifth year.—Emma French, Pastor.

Salisbury, North Carolina—March 21 marked the close of an outstanding revival at First Church, with Rev. L. S. Hoover, whose preaching was of the highest order—doctrinal, inspirational, interesting, and convicting. Attendance was excellent, and there was a splendid response to the invitation from night to night. The meeting was marked by its impact upon our church, which was revived, especially the children and young adults. Many knelt at the altar for pardon or purity, and several rededicated themselves to Christ and the church. A good spirit was felt throughout the meeting. Brother Hoover's fearless presentation of the Word was honored by the Holy Spirit in convicting, converting, and sanctifying power. The special singing also was anointed of the Holy Spirit. Seven new members were received into the church. The spirit of revival still lingers with us, and we hope to attain more victories in the regular services.—Mrs. E. Riddle, Reporter.

Kankakee, Illinois—March 21 marked the closing of one of the best revivals in the history of Fairmount Avenue Church, with Evangelist and Mrs. W. A. Peck as workers. God came time after time to honor their Spirit-filled singing and soul-stirring

messages with seekers bowing at the altar for pardon and purity. On the closing Sunday we had a record-breaking Sunday-school attendance, and a fine class of thirteen joined the church, eight by profession of faith and five by transfer. We appreciate the untiring labors of our good pastor, Rev. F. C. Hester, whose faith, devotion, and spirit challenge us to be at our best for Christ. Recently over \$1,000.00 was pledged on the indebtedness of our church property. When this debt is erased we plan to begin a building program, putting the superstructure on our basement church. We are anticipating great things as we labor for God in this whitened harvest field.—Merlin E. Provance, Reporter.

Manchester, Connecticut—Our first year's ministry in New England was concluded on March 1. Through the providence of God and the co-operation of the loyal people, we have had a year of phenomenal progress. The former pastor, Rev. James Bell, laid a good foundation upon which to build; we also have two retired elders who are a real asset to our work. During the year we witnessed a 100 per cent increase in church attendance, with twenty-six uniting with the church. Our Sunday-school average attendance reached an all-time high in the fifty-six-year history of the church, with regular attendance approaching three hundred. Our Caravan work, organized last May with fifty charter members, is operating very successfully with about seventy-five members and twelve instructors. Our limited facilities prevented extensive growth, and we began to study the problem of expansion. Six blocks north of our present location we found a four-acre tract of land with over one-hundred-foot frontage on Main Street. This \$25,000.00 property has been purchased and is already being developed. We do not expect to build the sanctuary immediately, but have instituted

a building fund campaign and are now doing the basic planning for the new church. The first unit of the \$200,000.00 development program is being undertaken as a youth project, estimated to cost \$15,000.00. Excavation is already completed for this 28-x-54-foot brick-veneer, multi-purpose building, to be used for Sunday-school expansion and the Caravan program. At present we are using a vacant store building for Sunday-school overflow. I am grateful to our Lord for His miraculous guidance. My faith has been strengthened after observing this unfolding of the divine plan. The spiritual interest of our people has deepened, and often we have several at the altar in our regular services. We have a very efficient office staff, and a fine group of organists and singers, including a youth choir of twenty-five voices singing each Sunday evening. We have received a unanimous recall.—C. E. Winslow, Pastor.

Rev. Hoye Harvey writes from Ruston, Louisiana: "After six happy years on the Louisiana District, I shall be closing my pastorate on September 5. We had a good year at Ruston, with some wonderful people, who have co-operated in every way. We painted the church and parsonage and did some paper work inside; we decorated the inside of the church, fixed some nice lights, and bought pews, pulpit, and chairs to match; we put a sign in front of the church, and put trees and flowers in the yard. All improvements will be paid for by the end of the assembly year; our budgets will also be paid. We had a good revival with Dr. T. M. Anderson. I am entering the evangelistic work wholeheartedly, and mean to do my best. God has blessed my ministry. I love the Church of the Nazarene and mean to stand by it and win souls. I have some open dates in the fall of 1954, and am now making up my slate for 1955. Write me, 316 Edwards, Bossier City, Louisiana."



*If you are the average type of gospel singer you are anxious to use new songs. But rather than trust your own appraisal of a new number you usually wait for someone else to do the experimenting. This column is to help you obtain promising new material that has already met the test of public performance. Our first suggestions appeared in the March 31 issue of the "Herald of Holiness." We offer two more below:*

**HE GIVETH MORE GRACE,**  
by Annie Johnson Flint and Hubert Mitchell.

His love has no limit, His grace has no measure,  
His power has no boundary known unto men;  
For out of His infinite riches in Jesus,  
He giveth—and giveth—and giveth again!

*Several thousand Nazarenes who heard this beautiful duet sung by Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Gould in the closing service of the Evangelists' Conference last January will never forget it. What a wonderful message it brings to the children of God living under the pressure of this hour! In response to calls from every part of the country we have now published this number and we urge every singer to use it. Our first recommendation—"He Giveth More Grace," Song folder No. 354, 25c.*

**HIS LOVE,** by Mary Carolyn Robbins. *A few weeks ago this song was used on three consecutive programs by our "Showers of Blessing" broadcast. Then, more recently, it was sung by the men's chorus on the Easter Sunday broadcast. It is a lovely soprano or tenor solo and the arrangement is excellent for ladies' trio as well. Song folder No. 326, 25c.*

The Music Department

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Toledo, Ohio—East Broadway Church closed a good revival meeting on March 28, with Song Evangelists James and Rosemary Green. They are very talented and we appreciated the fine spirit in which they presented the message in song and musical numbers, also their co-operation and interest at our altar services. As evangelist we had our good pastor, Rev. V. E. McCoy, who did a fine job of presenting God's truth in his own way, which caused many souls to bow at our altar. God wonderfully met their needs. Our church was revived and drawn closer to God through this campaign.—Mrs. Margaret Taylor, Secretary.

Lynn, Indiana—Recently we had two good revivals. The first was the last of February with Evangelist A. E. Kelly, and Mr. and Mrs. Marion Weathers as singers. This was truly a great two-week meeting. A number of souls bowed at the altar, with twenty-two seekers the last Sunday. The last Sunday morning altar service lasted until nearly 3:00 p.m. God's presence came mightily on the service. Two weeks later the N.Y.P.S. had their youth meeting, lasting one week, with Rev. Lowell Yeatts as evangelist and the Musical Messengers as singers. This was a great meeting, with more seekers. In both meetings the workers were appreciated by pastor and people. Our next district assembly is in July, but for nearly two months we have had all of our budgets paid for the entire year except our General Budget of \$2,500.00. Of this we have paid \$1,900.00, and are expecting the rest to be paid in full by the time of the Easter offering. We are averaging nearly eighty in our prayer meeting and nearly two hundred in Sunday school. We have two good, faithful choirs—the adult and the Sunshine Choir. The N.Y.P.S. and N.F.M.S. are on the move, and both are doing fine work. This is a good church, with a loyal people who love the old rugged truths of the gospel.—R. E. Elzey, Pastor.

Waverly, Ohio—On March 14 we closed a wonderful three-week revival with Rev. C. H. Harley, his wife, and son, Danny, as the special workers. Brother Harley's humble spirit and dynamic messages were blessed of the Lord to the salvation and helping of many souls. Mrs. Harley, an experienced children's worker, presented impressive Scene-o-felt pictures, and Danny sang and played his electric Spanish guitar beautifully. The Harleys were perfect guests, their lives were a benediction to us, and their willingness to serve in any way was a real inspiration. Partly as a result of this meeting we were able to add eight more members to our church. The Sunday-school attendance this past Sunday reached an all-time high of ninety-five, and we are confident that God will continue to enlarge His work in this rapidly growing atomic area.—John A. Coffman, Pastor.

Sandwich, Illinois—Our church recently enjoyed a wonderful week-end revival with Rev. Robert Taylor preaching, and Fred Fortune in charge of the singing. Each service seemed especially blessed with God's presence. On the closing night the altar was lined with seekers praying through to definite victory. Both of the workers are attending Olivet College. Sunday, March 7, was a day of thanksgiving for our pastor, Rev. W. A. Wolfe, and the entire church. Rev. Lyle Eckley, our district superintendent, was with us to burn the mortgage on the first unit of the church. We are now praying and planning for the completion of the church. We are now in a revival with Rev. James Robbins, and are expecting great things.—Joyce S. Marshall, Secretary.

Grenada, Mississippi—We had a wonderful closing day for our week-end revival with our district superintendent, Rev. Otto Stucki. Sunday-school attendance was 131, after a steady rise over two months. On April 11 the church gave a unanimous recall to the pastor, and voted to relocate and build a new church. They pledged \$1,275.00 to pay for the new lot. Sunday night there were 14 seekers at the altar. We have enjoyed working with this fine group of Nazarenes since our last assembly and are expecting greater victories in the near future.—James A. Todd, Pastor.

Rev. C. E. McCracken writes: "I am now in the field of evangelism after seventeen years of pastoral work in our beloved Zion. We love our great church and deeply appreciate its leadership. It has been our happy privilege to pastor at Carthage, Kentucky; Kenwick, Lexington, Kentucky; First Church, Columbia, South Carolina; and Berclair, Memphis, Tennessee. It has been wonderful to be workers together with God and the fine people of these churches. They have all been very nice to us, for which we shall always be grateful. I feel my ministry has been enriched through the pastoral work and this will help me to know the problems and burdens of our pastors. I feel that God has given me a fresh touch of His anointing upon my soul, until I know the passion for souls and revivals as never before. I am now making up my slate for this coming year. I will appreciate a call from any of our churches. Write me at 439 Spring Hill Drive, Lexington, Kentucky."

Grass Valley, California—We recently closed a one-week revival with Rev. Max Peters. It was a glorious week with many souls at the altar. Brother Peters is a man of prayer and fearless in his preaching. The church has been greatly helped and is making good progress. Our pastor, Rev. Orville Wright, is a real shepherd of the flock and we appreciate him.—Frieda M. Horn, Secretary.

Evangelist Paul A. McGuire reports: "Wife, Daughter, and I attended the evangelistic conference, and sang and preached in a number of churches in that part of the country. We held a week-end meeting with Pastor Jaggers in Las Animas, Colorado, where the Lord gave good victory; then were with Brother Griffin at Kuna, Idaho, for one service on our way to California. Our first spring meeting was with Pastor Kettlehut in Riverbank, California. The Kettlehuts are giving their best to God's service. Next we were with Brother Goudy and the Sanger church; God gave us some victories. The Goudys are doing a splendid work. Our next meeting was with the Indio church and Pastor Braswell, where God gave some good victories. At this writing we are in Barstow, California, where Rev. Orville Sampson has but recently taken over, but is already winning the hearts of the people. The spirit is good and we are expecting a great revival. We have some open dates this summer and early winter. We'll be in the Midwest in October and November and have some time following. We will go wherever the Lord leads. We are prepared to carry the whole service including children's work. Write us, Box 14, Hammonton, California."

Evangelist J. L. Woolman writes: "I will close a meeting in northeast Colorado on June 6; then have June 9 to 20 open and would like to slate it in that section. Write me at 223 North Hammond, Bethany, Oklahoma."

Evangelist Joel Danner reports: "I recently closed a meeting with the Rosebloom Church in Cascilla, Mississippi. Sixteen new members were received into the church. Rev. M. E. McNeer is the pastor. Any church would be proud of the McNeers. My address is 2233 Eighteenth Street N., Bessemer, Alabama."

Spartanburg, South Carolina—First Church closed a great six-day revival with Mrs. Eva Gardner on April 4. We had a number of seekers at every service. The church was stirred and blessed, and we welcomed fourteen new members into the fellowship of the church. Sister Gardner carries a burden for souls, and a vision of the possibilities of organized lay-evangelism. Our people here have caught the vision. We indeed count it a privilege to have had this efficient worker in our church and home.—J. Theron Flannery, Pastor.

Huntington, West Virginia—After much prayer in weekly cottage prayer meetings and in our regular services, the Walnut Hills Church enjoyed a successful revival with Rev. Harold Runyan as evangelist. Brother Runyan is a forceful preacher and outstanding in his use of the Holy Scriptures. Every thought presented was backed by many verses of scripture quoted from memory. There were seekers at the altar every night

except one, and we rejoiced to see many definite victories. During the meeting our Sunday school was up to a new high and our people are greatly encouraged. We have been called to serve another year and, even though our people gave well during the revival, they showed their love by giving a good offering to the pastor and wife on the last night of the services.—Giles M. Graham, Pastor.

Evangelist Harold Frodge writes that he has an open date in June, the last open date in his 1954 slate. Write him, Box 181, St. Paris, Ohio.

Superintendent Elbert Dodd of Louisiana District writes: "Recently it was my privilege to tour the Southwest Oklahoma District with Rev. W. T. Johnson, the good district superintendent, in the interest of the district camp. I found that the Nazarenes on this district love God and the church, and they are endeavoring to build an old-fashioned holiness camp meeting. The district is back of the general church and it is one of the leading districts when it comes to giving for general interests. Superintendent Johnson is a good, humble, aggressive, and loyal leader. He loves the church and is pushing forward the Kingdom. I enjoyed the tour and my visit on the district."

Evangelist C. M. Whitley writes: "Wife and I recently had a wonderful revival in Metropolis, Illinois; then to Farmersville, Texas, with Pastor and Mrs. Patton; fine crowds and good success. We are now in Prescott, Arkansas, for our second revival with these fine folk. We will be back in Illinois for the next two meetings, and have an open date, May 26 to June 6, which we'd like to slate in that section of the country. We will go anywhere for freewill offerings and entertainment. Write us, c/o our publishing house, P.O. Box 527, Kansas City 41, Missouri."

Kansas City, Kansas—All the stay-at-home neighbors in the vicinity of Central Church knew that something unusual was taking place at the church on Palm Sunday morning. That day climaxed an intensive drive which resulted in 740 people being present at a unified Palm Sunday service. One individual invited 100 persons and all of them were present. Central members proved that people will come to church if you work hard to get them. It was a beautiful service, carefully planned, well organized, smoothly presented, with a Rosebud Parade of new babies, a junior choir, soul-lifting men's chorus, and a stirring message by the pastor, Rev. Allen Miller. Central Church is about ready to order work started on a new building on a choice piece of property, 140 x 300 feet—a full half block, opposite one of the city's largest hospitals. Our people have faith and a willingness to work and sacrifice for the salvation of souls, the enlargement of God's kingdom, and the glory of His name.—Reporter.

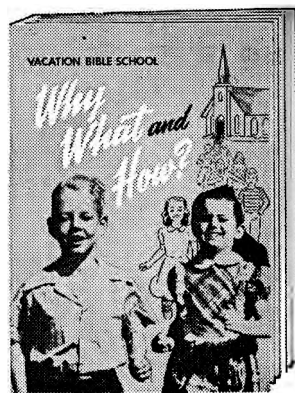
Evangelist P. P. Belew writes: "I expect to be in California June 1, and can arrange a few engagements in that area—either short conventions or a full revival meeting. Those interested in my services may write me, P.O. Box 527, Kansas City 41, Missouri."

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Wichita, Kansas—West Side Church recently closed a gracious revival with Rev. R. F. Lindley as evangelist, and Dwight and Norma Jean Meredith as special singers. There were a good number of seekers and very definite victories. The attendance was good throughout the meeting with many visitors. A number of outside people were reached. The last Sunday morning the pastor was given a good recall vote, and in the evening a love offering of \$106.00. Thank God for answered prayer and the sweet presence of His Spirit.—Mildred Sapp, Secretary.

### Arizona District

In a march of unprecedented progress under the human leadership of Rev. Leo H. Baldwin, the Chandler, Arizona, church has witnessed the following results during a two and one-half year period: 140 received into church membership, mostly on confession of faith; a unanimous extended recall vote for the pastor followed by an impressive groundbreaking service for the new \$175,000.00 church plant on March 14; and all Sunday-school attendance records broken on April 4 with 374 present, climaxing a gracious revival campaign conducted by Rev. Dean Baldwin.

Chandler is one of the older churches of the district, which proves that any church can set itself to enjoy spiritual progress and blessing. The Nazarenes are held in highest esteem in the community and many new doors are being opened to us.

M. L. MANN  
District Superintendent

### Canadian Youth Conference

History was in the making at an all-Canada youth conference held at the St. Clair Church in Toronto, where Rev. William Eckel was the very congenial host pastor. This conference, March 25 and 26, was the first of its kind in Canada, and all three districts were represented. The Maritimes were represented by Rev. G. Wilcox from Prince Edward Island, and from the other extreme of the nation came Howard Griffin from Chilliwack, British Columbia. Other delegates from Canada West were Rev. Arnold E. Airhart, zone representative on the General N.Y.P.S. Council and chairman of the convention; our district superintendent, Dr. Edward Lawlor; district N.Y.P.S. president, Rev. Dwayne Hildie; and Rev. Tom Gillespie, Rev. Richard Kisse, and Rev. Leo Steininger. Attending the last service was Rev. Alex Patterson, member of Parliament for British Columbia. In addition, many pastors from the host district were present, and Rev. Ted Martin served most graciously as the host district superintendent.

Greatly appreciated was the presence of Dr. Lauriston Du Bois, the special convention speaker. He presented the work of the N.Y.P.S. in the light of recent trends set in mo-

tion at the last annual General N.Y.P.S. Council meeting in January. The focal point of the discussion was the adaptation of the new emphasis of evangelism and training to the Canadian N.Y.P.S., which in nearly all cases meets on a week night. The PAL program was considered in the light of the Canadian N.Y.P.S. needs.

The value of the convention, coupled with the rethinking of our youth program, was the spirit of understanding and unity created between the east and the west districts, the centers of which are more than two thousand miles apart. The Canadian branch of the Nazarene Publishing House, under the management of Rev. Dwight Deeks, was praised for its progress, and its service was noted to extend to all Canada including most other denominations. Preaching engagements on Sunday were arranged for the visiting delegates and a warm spirit of fellowship was noted throughout. Plans were made for a reciprocal visit of the east to the west, meeting at Red Deer, Alberta, next March.

LEO D. STEININGER, Reporter

## DEATHS

REV. MRS. PEARL B. RICH, ordained elder in the Church of the Nazarene, died February 13, 1954, at Rushville, Indiana. She was born in southern Indiana, November 21, 1883, to Mary and Isaiah Morris. She was converted in her early teens, and was active in Christian service during her girlhood and young womanhood. She was called to the ministry and was ordained and graduated from her theological work at Olivet Nazarene College, in 1915. She was married to R. L. Rich in the fall of 1915, and they entered the active ministry, holding a revival in Wauscon, Ohio, where they organized their first Church of the Nazarene with forty members. They also held revivals and organized Nazarene churches at Payne, Paulding, and near Van Wert, Ohio. In 1919 they were called to pastor the newly organized church in Huntington, Indiana; here they remained eighteen years, erecting the present church building, which, with the parsonage, is valued at \$100,000.00. Mrs. Rich served as district W.F.M.S. president for nine years. For eight years she aided her husband in revival and camp-meeting campaigns, traveling in many states. They moved to Rushville in 1949, accepting the pastorate there. Her health failed in the past two years. She is survived by her husband, Rev. R. L. Rich, and two daughters, Mrs. Mark Ware, and Alice of the home. She was preceded in death by her infant son, her father and mother, a sister, and a brother. Funeral service was held in Rushville, and the body was taken to Huntington, where another service was held in the Huntington church, both services being conducted by Rev. Luther Cantwell, superintendent of the Indianapolis District. Interment was in Pilgrim's Rest Cemetery in Huntington.

REV. HARVEY S. SPRAY, age seventy-six, retired elder in the Church of the Nazarene, died March 21, 1954, at Wenatchee, Washington. He was born February 6, 1878, in Sullivan County, Missouri, and with his parents moved to Palouse, Washington, in 1889. In 1898 he was married to Ressie O. Anderson. In 1924, on his forty-sixth birthday, he was converted and immediately joined the Church of the Nazarene in Centralia, Washington. Six months later he was sanctified wholly and called to preach. The Lord helped him to pass the course of study and he was ordained. He pastored churches in Chelan, Washington; Princeton, Idaho; Wallowa, Oregon; Garfield, then back to Chelan, and to Dixie and Colville, Washington. Because of ill health he retired from the active ministry in 1944. His wife died that year, and in 1945 he was married to Mrs. Lydia McDaniel, who was a faithful and loving companion. Four children were born into the Spray home, Roma Albert, Verna May, Lena Luella, and Hallie Alberta; two of them preceded their father in death. Funeral service was held in the Wenatchee Church of the Nazarene, with the pastor, Rev. DeWitt McAbee, in charge, assisted by Rev. J. N. Speakes of Monroe, Rev. Sylvan Davis of Chelan, and Rev. E. L. Behannon of Everett. Burial was in Riverview Cemetery at Chelan, Washington.

REV. AGNES B. URSCHEL, ordained elder in the Church of the Nazarene, died March 2, 1954, at a hospital in St. Petersburg, Florida. She was born near McAdoo, Pennsylvania, July 24, 1895. She was converted over thirty years ago in First Church of the Nazarene, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; graduated from Olivet Bible College in 1925. She served with her husband, Rev. Gilbert D. Urschel, in the active ministry for eighteen years, thirteen of which were spent in the field of evangelism as preacher and singer. She had a wonderful voice and blessed many with her singing. She won a host of friends during her years of service. Funeral service was conducted in the local church by her pastor, Rev. C. B. Nixon, assisted by Rev. H. H. McAfee of Lakeland, Rev. Don Irwin of Orlando, and Rev. John Drake of Tampa, Florida. Burial was in Union Cemetery near Fostoria, Ohio. She is survived by her husband, a faithful Nazarene elder.

REV. THOMAS MICHAEL FIELDING was born October 28, 1870, in Georgia, and died March 22, 1954, at his home in Bonham, Texas. He was converted and sanctified in 1898 and several years later united with the Church of the Nazarene. He was active in the orphanage work at Hudsonville for a number of years, and later worked with the Nazarene orphanage at Peniel, Texas. In 1913 he answered the call to preach, and spent a number of years as an evangelist, later pastoring churches in Arkansas and Texas. He was faithful to God to the end and died a most triumphant death. He is survived by his wife, Pearl; one daughter, Mrs. Ruth Donohoe; two stepsons, J. D. and Benny Loyd; three stepdaughters, Mrs. Pauline Chivers, Mrs. Happy Garrett, and Mrs. Marie Milhollon. Funeral service was held at Bonham Church of the Nazarene, with Rev. Paul H. Garrett, Dr. W. A. Carter, and Rev. Leon Martin officiating.

MRS. MAUD ARMSTRONG was born in Strathclair, Manitoba, Canada, in 1887, and died December 27, 1953, at her home. In 1917 she moved to Youngstown, Alberta, where she resided until 1946, when she returned with her husband to Strathclair to care for her father until his death. She was a loyal and faithful member of the Church of the Nazarene in Youngstown, where she was received into membership in August, 1941. She is survived by her husband, Mr. Len Armstrong; three daughters, Mrs. Mary Hoszouski, Mrs. Margaret Evans, and Bessie; four sons, Jack, Wallace, James, and Carl; one brother. Interment was in the Strathclair cemetery.

MRS. ELLA ROGERS, charter member of the Canaan Chapel Church of the Nazarene at Palco, Kansas, was born in Powersville, Missouri, December 3, 1873, and died at her home on February 15, 1954, at the age of eighty years. She was united in marriage to Lawrence H. Rogers, May 21, 1895, and to this union were born Virgil C. and Ralph O.; also an adopted daughter, Mrs. Don Seward. Mr. Rogers died in 1945. Sister Rogers was converted and sanctified in a revival forty years ago, and was a faithful member, always ready to help in all church activities, never missing a service when able to be present. She gave a clear testimony in the fortieth anniversary service, January 10, which blessed the hearts of all present. It was the last service she attended. She was a faithful companion, a kind and loving mother, a good neighbor, and a true friend. She leaves her children, four brothers, four sisters, and a host of friends. Funeral services were conducted in the Palco church by her pastor, Rev. John Brockmueller. Burial was in the Palco cemetery.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### RECOMMENDATIONS

"Soul-winning pastor" is a true estimate of the effectiveness and consistency of Rev. Clarence Perry's evangelistic preaching. Getting results has been the rule rather than the exception in his pastoral ministry. Brother Perry has resigned as pastor of Lincoln (Nebraska) First Church, effective June 6, after which he will be available for holiness conventions, revivals, and camps. I heartily recommend him to our people everywhere. Address him, 3425 "D" Street, Lincoln.—Whitcomb Harding, Superintendent of Nebraska District.

Rev. Martin Leih of Hemet, California, is terminating his pastorate to re-enter the field of evangelism and will be available for such service after September 1. Brother Leih is well and favorably known on the West Coast as an evangelist of unusual effectiveness and loyalty of spirit.—R. J. Plumb, Superintendent of Southern California District.

WEDDING BELLS—Miss Shirley Schulz of Sacramento, California, and Mr. Mervyn Gale of Beaverton, Oregon, were united in marriage on April 10, in First Church of the Nazarene, Nampa, Idaho, with Rev. B. Martin Gale, father of the groom, officiating, assisted by Rev. Raymond Kratzer.



WE HAVE received word that Chaplain Albert S. M. Kirkland has received a promotion to the rank of lieutenant from lt. jg. Chaplain Kirkland has been doing a fine job while serving as a chaplain in the navy. He is presently stationed at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.

A recent letter to Dr. George Coulter, superintendent of the Northern California District, concerning the work of Chaplain Charles Crouch reads as follows: "It has been our privilege during the past several months to have on Okinawa an outstanding Nazarene chaplain.

"Captain Charles M. Crouch, during his tour of duty here, was a tireless worker in behalf of the spiritual needs of servicemen, civilian employees, and their families. Beyond the duties of this part of his assignment, he gave generously of his support to the work of resident missionaries who work among the people of the Ryukyus islands.

"As a leader of men he refused to compromise on significant issues involving the healthy spiritual life of those under his influence.

"Okinawa, largest island of the Ryukyus chain, has lost the services of a real friend, but we know that he will bring back to the States a challenge from the Orient for renewed support to the work of Christian missions. The Church of the Nazarene has reason to be thankful for representation in the armed forces of the caliber and spiritual stature of men like Chaplain Crouch. It is our prayer that he will continue his ministry in even richer fields of service in the United States. He is deserving of the highest order of commendation for his service to us here on Okinawa."

—RONALD D. JONES, *Teacher Education Member, Michigan State College Mission to the University of the Ryukyus.*

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—to Rev. and Mrs. Lorne V. MacMillan of Marion, Indiana, a son, David Lorne, on April 12.

—to Lewis and Yvonne Martin Montgomery of Dallas, Texas, a son, Kirby Dean, on March 14.

**SPECIAL PRAYER IS REQUESTED** by a lady in New York that her unsaved husband may be convicted of God for his drinking—he has a fine family of children, five still at home—also for her brother, war veteran, greatly in need of both physical and spiritual help;  
 by a friend in Louisiana for a friend there whom doctors do not seem to be able to help, also that God may undertake in a special way for the church there;  
 by a lady in Oregon for the salvation of her husband, for the church in that place, and that she may be able to attend the services;  
 by a Christian brother in California that God will help him as he is trying to make reconciliation with a man in Michigan, who will not answer his letters.

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Washington-Philadelphia	May 20-22
Florida	June 2-3
North American Indian	June 11
South Dakota	June 23-24
Canada West	July 6-9
Southwest Indiana	July 28-30
Kentucky	August 4-5
Wisconsin	August 11-13
Northwestern Illinois	August 18-19
Mississippi	September 1-3
Northeast Oklahoma	September 15-16
North Carolina	September 22-23
South Carolina	September 29-30

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Oregon Pacific	May 19-20
Nevada-Utah	May 26-27
Northwest	June 16-18
North Dakota	June 23-24
Northeast Indiana	July 7-9
Maritime	July 14-15
Pittsburgh	July 21-23
Missouri	August 4-6

Virginia	August 11-12
Dallas	August 18-20
Indianapolis	August 25-27
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Washington Pacific	May 19-20
New Mexico	May 26-28
Southern California	June 2-4
Alabama	June 30—July 1
Central Ohio	July 14-16
Minnesota	July 21-22
Eastern Kentucky	July 28-29
Illinois	August 4-6
Houston	August 25-27
South Arkansas	September 8-9
North Arkansas	September 15-16
Georgia	September 22-23

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Arizona	May 20-21
Los Angeles	May 26-29
Nebraska	June 2-3
Rocky Mountain	June 10-11
West Virginia	July 2-3
Colorado	July 7-8
Eastern Michigan	July 21-23
Western Ohio	July 28-30
Kansas	August 4-6
Iowa	August 11-13
Louisiana	September 1-3

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**Assembly Schedule**

<b>British Isles:</b>	
North	June 2-6
South	June 9-13
New England	June 22-25
New York	July 2-3
Michigan	July 14-16
Northwest Oklahoma	July 28-30
East Tennessee	August 4-5
Chicago Central	August 11-12
Northwest Indiana	August 18-20
Tennessee	August 25-27
Kansas City	September 8-10
Southwest Oklahoma	September 15-17

**In the dark hours of life faith will overcome fear, and God's promises will sustain us when all else seems to fail.—W. S. PURINTON.**

**District Assembly Information**

**ABILENE**—Assembly, May 12 to 14, at First Methodist Church, Mineral Wells, Texas. Entertaining pastor: Rev. J. E. Perryman, Box 225, Mineral Wells. Dr. D. I. Vanderpool presiding.

**CANADA CENTRAL**—Assembly, May 12 to 14, at First Church of the Nazarene, 92 Ottawa Street, N., Hamilton, Ontario. Entertaining pastor: Rev. R. F. Woods, 83 Ottawa St., N., Hamilton. Dr. Hardy C. Powers presiding.

**IDAHO-OREGON**—Assembly, May 12 to 14, at College Church of the Nazarene, Nampa, Idaho. Entertaining pastor: Rev. Eugene Stowe, 411 Ivy Street, Nampa. Dr. G. B. Williamson presiding.

**NORTHERN CALIFORNIA**—Assembly, May 12 to 14, at Beulah Park Campgrounds, 100 Beulah Park Drive, Route 4, Santa Cruz, California. Entertaining pastor: Rev. J. Paul Alexander, 4210 Gladys Avenue, Santa Cruz. Dr. Samuel Young presiding.

**OREGON PACIFIC**—Assembly, May 19 and 20, at Central Church of the Nazarene, 116 N.E. 29th Avenue, Portland, Oregon. Entertaining pastor: Rev. Harold E. Priddy, 6315 N.E. Alameda, Portland. Dr. G. B. Williamson presiding.

**WASHINGTON PACIFIC**—Assembly, May 19 and 20, at Church of the Nazarene, 4th and Alder, Kelso, Washington. Entertaining pastor: Rev. Elwood S. Smith, 714 S. Fifth St., Kelso. Dr. Samuel Young presiding.

**ARIZONA**—Assembly, May 20 and 21, at First Church of the Nazarene, Fifth and Monroe Streets, Phoenix, Arizona. Entertaining pastor: Rev. Harold Daniels, 3131 North 17th Avenue, Phoenix. Dr. D. I. Vanderpool presiding.

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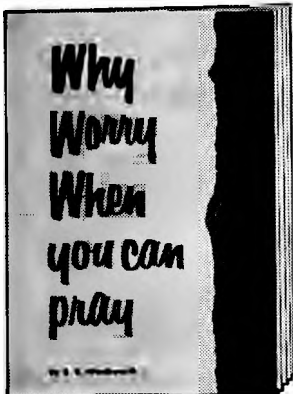
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