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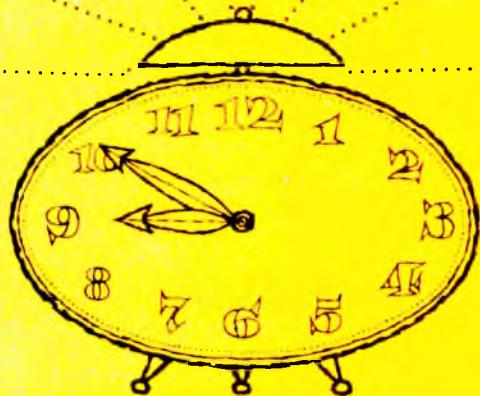
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## It Is Time to **AWAKE**

“Now it is high time to awake out of sleep”  
(Romans 13:11).

**WAKE UP!** The new year is already twenty-two days old. This is the year filled with great opportunities. But there are only 344 days left to seize as they pass by. Opportunities are not all grouped at the end of the year. They come in ordinary ways in ordinary days.



*General  
Superintendent  
Lewis*

**WAKE UP!** The new year is on its way. It waits for no man. This is the time to transform your recent resolutions into reality. They have no real meaning lurking there in your mind. Unless you put

them into action they will haunt you with their unfulfilled promise. They will mock you with your procrastination at year's end.

**WAKE UP!** Your obligations and duties call to you. They are your assignments for life and service to God! Give them your best. Do them well. Place them as deeds done, goals achieved, objectives attained, victories won, in the record of your years to be read at the judgment day.

**WAKE UP!** Your mind grows sluggish in slumber; engage your intellect with life, its issues, its problems, its mysteries, its truth and error. Many need your judgment, your wisdom, your counsel. God gave you a mind to use. Put it on the side of truth and right. Portray the Bible truth in the intelligent application of salvation to your days in this year of our Lord 1964.

**WAKE UP!** Your strength fades as the days pass by. This year will soon be gone. You will be older, weaker; your strength will wane. Use it this year. Translate its potential into service for God and the church. You lose it by hoarding it in sleep. You command it by using it in toil and service. You preserve it forever in souls won, in deeds done, in good achieved.

**WAKE UP!** You have loved ones that are still unsaved. The neighbor across the way is lost in sin. Last year you did little in comparison to what you planned to accomplish. Now is the year—this is the day. The gospel is strong. Your Christ will assist you. This year will be glorious as the year of salvation for many, with you as the soul winner.

**WAKE UP!** This may be your last year. It is the year for action. It is the year for deepening spiritual devotion. It is the year for enjoyment. It is the year when dreams are fulfilled, friendships deepened, the new ones formed. It is the year for enrichment in imperishable values. It is the great year! Live it so that the final days of December bring no regrets. Live it so the ending hours are golden with memories of good days.

**WAKE UP!** The year is twenty-two days old! There are only 344 days left!

# Holiness and

# THE NEW GENERATION

By E. E. ZACHARY, Superintendent of Northern California District

MY ATTENTION was recently captured by a new book title, *Holiness Is Wholeness*, authored by Josef Goldbrunner. It reminded me again of the scriptural teaching that holiness is life in its fullest dimension, with nothing subtracted except what would destroy that wholeness. We may say, however, without being irreverent, that it is life with a Plus—Someone has been added! Jesus said, "If a man love me, he will keep my words; and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him" (John 14:23). He called it life more abundant.

If we look at the new generation as it appears in newspapers, magazines, on television and radio, we can hardly be realistic and not recognize that values of moral decency have reached a new low in our society. Certainly there is a wider acceptance of low moral practice than we have heretofore known. Indeed, these media may well bear heavy responsibility in the wider acceptance of these practices by bringing them into the homes under attractive and dramatic disguise. With easy access to the young, it is inevitable that deep and lasting impressions of this kind of life are being stamped on their minds as being more or less normal and, therefore, acceptable.

In a recent conference of the Family Service Associations of America in San Francisco, one of the speakers, calling for a better understanding of the human need for mastery and growth, love of work, satisfying life role, and a valid sense of self, stated that the symptoms of our times are "intense loneliness, withdrawal, depression and bitterness." Further, he claimed that we are "undergoing a revolution in which sex is utilized as a tranquilizer, without responsibility. Romance addicts are joining the ranks of other addicts, utilizing their bodies mechanically to produce temporary anesthesia against the pain of living. We are living in an era of unparalleled sexual freedom, but a freedom without purpose." Thoughtful people, oriented to the Bible, know that this is the Society of Death!

Holiness is a puzzle to this kind of society, and true holiness people must, of necessity, always be a separated people from such a social order. Fur-

thermore, it is altogether likely that they will always be greatly in the minority until Jesus comes again.

The Church must give to the world a new generation dedicated to holy living, new champions for decency, for clean, holy living. It would seem that the Church of the Nazarene, with its doctrine on holiness, is peculiarly fitted to accomplish, at least in part, the noble task of producing a great new generation of saved. Spirit-filled, clean young people, who will season their times with the salt of true holiness, with high standards of moral decency and spiritual power, forming an alternate society of considerable proportion in the new generation—the Society of Life!

It is not a new society, but an ancient and honorable one. Jesus called it "the kingdom of God," "the kingdom of heaven," "my kingdom," "my church," and described it as the way of "eternal life." Paul called members of this society "saints of God," "them that are sanctified." It is frequently referred to as "the way of holiness." Holiness is its practice; love is its trade-mark.

Its way is straight and narrow—so much so that every member must enter alone, through the gate of deepest consecration, a death unto self, and a fiery baptism of the Holy Spirit. He must experience it personally, so that if all others fail and turn from it, he is committed by his own conviction to walk with God in the way of disciplined wholeness.

This alternate society must be *in* the world—in fact, it must rub up against it every day—but it is not *of* the world. It has a torch in its hand, and it stands near enough to point the way for those who want to pass from death unto life!

***Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.—Matthew 11:28-30.***

# FAITH

## Looks Beyond the Shadows

By JAMES A. HAMILTON

***Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil (Psalms 23:4).***

THIS LIFE has its shadows: shadows of temptation, shadows of sorrow, shadows of death. However, beyond the shadows, faith sees the sunshine. Beyond the shadowy valley lie the sunlit hills. Beyond the sunset of life is the sunrise of eternal morning.

The Christian has no fear of the valley of the shadows because of what faith sees beyond.

### I

*Faith sees life beyond the shadows.* Beyond the shadows, faith sees life—real life—eternal life. When Jesus walked with Mary and Martha amid the shadows that day in Bethany, He said: "I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die" (John 11:25-26).

In the far northern climes the twilight of sunset blends with the twilight of sunrise. The setting sun is the rising sun. So it is with God's children. Life's sun goes down to rise upon a fairer shore.

When Michael Faraday was dying, he who with his telescope had set new stars in the diadem of night, a fellow scientist asked him, "And now, what are your speculations?"

"Speculations!" exclaimed Faraday. "I have no speculations. I am resting on a certainty."

Jesus spoke with certainty when He said to His

***"If we are willing to lose any gain for ourselves, and point it toward Christ, He will take full control of our lives. We must embrace the full will of God, however confusing or painful it might appear. Then we must clutch His promises in every situation. In them is eternal life."—J. Paul Downey.***

disciples, "Where I am, there ye may be also" (John 14:3).

A heathen magistrate said to St. Julian: "Offer sacrifices to our gods and you shall live with us."

The saint replied, "To live with you would be to die; but, when I have died, then shall I live."

"Then you are determined to die, and not to live?" asked the pagan magistrate.

"I choose to die temporarily that I may live eternally," was Julian's answer.

Death can do nothing with such a life, except to loose it from its earthly bonds and let it soar to the celestial heights beyond.

### II

*Faith sees the lights of home beyond the shadows.* "In my Father's house are many mansions," said Jesus. Faith sees the gleam of the lights of home through the mansion's windows.

When Lafayette returned from France to make a visit to our country after he had aided General Washington in winning the independence of the colonies, he was given a reception never surpassed in the nation's history.

That night a celebration was held in his honor in a great hall. Bands played, artists sang, and orators delivered eulogies. Through it all the little Frenchman sat motionless. Then a gentleman stepped to the back of the platform where hung a great curtain. He pulled a cord, and the curtain dropped, revealing a large painting of Lafayette's boyhood home back in France. For a moment Lafayette looked at the picture, and then bowing his face in his hands, his whole body shook with emotion. What the plaudits of men had failed to do, the memories of home had accomplished.

God has painted for His people a picture of their eternal home. We read about it in Revelation 21 and 22. Gates of pearl! Streets of gold! Tree of life! No death! No sorrow! I want to go there, don't you?

## The Cover . . .

***The 1964 Youth Week project centers around the Nazarene Evangelistic Ambassadors, an endeavor to take the Good News into Latin America and the Caribbean in July via two gospel teams made up of seven college students and an adult evangelist and singer. The N.Y.P.S. is sponsoring a special offering for this project on Sunday, February 2. This is a part of being "HIS—to Make Him Known."***

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# TEEN-AGERS . . . angels in disguise?

By **HILDA WYRICK**  
Nazarene laywoman, Burlington, North Carolina

CHRISTMAS IS OVER. The tree and the holly have disappeared. The gay and colorful decorations have been carefully stored away for another year. Again the "Glad News" has been heralded throughout my church, my home, and my heart. The beauty and the wonder of it all linger in my thoughts tonight as I put away in moth balls a beautiful white robe which was worn on Christmas Eve by a lovely angel.

To you, she may appear to be just an ordinary, nerve-racking, boisterous teen-ager. No doubt you could launch into a lengthy analysis of all that is wrong with her. But you see—you are observing her from a distance. From my vantage point the picture is a sharp close-up, for she happens to be my daughter.

True, she may pass hurriedly by you, neglecting to speak graciously as she has been taught to do. But there is something of which you may not be aware. She is on a rapid journey all the way from yesterday to a radiant tomorrow, so she may have failed to see you in passing. It is so terribly difficult to notice all of your surroundings when your eyes are so full of stars!

To you, she may have erred seriously in her

conduct. But should you take a peek behind the closed door of her bedroom, in all probability you would see her kneeling by her bedside as she begs forgiveness, never stopping to check the crystal teardrops as they fall profusely on her new nightie.

Perhaps you have her branded as a self-centered individual with no concern for others. But I shall not condemn you. For you have not been present to observe her take over the household tasks when Mother's weariness has overtaken her. True, the chores may not be so expertly executed, but angels are so far removed from such earth-bound tasks!

You might call her selfish. But you were absent when she was pondering so intently a very complicated mathematical problem. Do you have the faintest idea concerning the number of weekly allowances it will take to buy Christmas gifts for a family of three—especially when that allowance must, of necessity, be very small?

Oh, I know that mothers are, by nature, a little over-protective. But angels are unusually sensitive. I feel that I must take the offensive and throw you off stride before you unknowingly clip her wings.

This robe which I store in the attic tonight was fashioned with the greatest of care. For it was so important that it conceal the fact that underneath was a typical teen-ager. Again and again I shall relive the beauty of that service, as she walked slowly down the aisle, in the hushed reverence of the sanctuary—a lovely cloud of white and gold tinsel.

The organ pealed forth with the strains of "Joy to the World" as she mounted the rostrum. Then, as she raised her arms and proclaimed, "Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy," my heart nearly broke at her loveliness. Through my tear-dimmed eyes I watched her, and in my heart I whispered, "Thank You, dear God, for lending me this angel to bring to me in person—tidings of greatest joy. And, please, dear Lord, do keep me ever mindful that *all* teen-agers are in reality angels in disguise, after all!"

## High Adventure

*We are the light! We ought to glow  
As some blue, soaring flame  
Lifts up its light to pierce the dark,  
Because Christ came. He came!*

By **BERNIECE AYERS HALL**

*Aglow with that great quenchless fire  
Of Christ's own joy today,  
As those two were who found Him there  
On that Emmaus Way!*

*We ought to be aglow as those  
Across the ages dim!  
Who would not know a joy supreme  
To walk a mile with Him?  
Oh, high adventure calls, for yet  
In spite of grief outpoured,  
We find a Presence in our hearts—  
It is the living Lord!*

YOUTH WEEK, 1964

# WHAT TEENS ARE THINKING

**SLICK AND SICK MAGAZINES** are crowding the newsstands with lurid stories about our current crop of teenagers; "Party Crashers," "Narcotic-hooked," "Dropouts," and so the list of subjects grows. The minority break through the headlines. Their photo-stories paint an off-color portrait of the "average."

There is another minority. It too is attempting to make an impact. This is the surging group of Christian teens who are infiltrating almost every high school campus. They are the "peculiar ones" who refuse to follow the crowd. Very few will be photographed by *Look* or *Life*, but this segment of the restless generation is intent upon turning their world upside down.



## LET THEM SPEAK!

Their minds and hearts have room for more than the current crazy fad. Granted, they're up to their *bouffant* hairdo (or Princeton haircut) in legitimate school activities. Their language isn't always pious. It often reflects the lighthearted fun of being young. But there is a plus factor—Christian purpose.

### On Opportunity

Meet JOHN DUTRA

John is a junior-high teen from New Bedford, Massachusetts. He keenly felt the opportunity challenge of November's Gospel distribution campaign. He wrote the Nazarene Publishing House in Kansas City:

*I would like to volunteer to help distribute one-half million copies of the Gospel of John. I would also like you to pray for me, to give the books to the right people.*

A special shipment of ten Gospels was mailed to John for his own personal witnessing effort.

Soul winning is on the mind of most Nazarene teens.

### On Witnessing

Listen to GWYNETH GRESHAM

A member of the Molalla, Oregon, Church of the Nazarene, Gwyneth entered a recent essay contest. Here are a few extracts from her composition:

*To tell of the wonderful news of what has happened to him is the first urgent impulse of any new Christian.*

*But after witnessing to an unsaved friend or member of the family—and failing, you feel badly. But still you want to keep at the job of trying to win others.*

*We must have the help of the Holy Spirit in our hearts to witness. We can't attempt it by ourselves. To be ready to witness we must also be equipped with God's Word.*

*The greatest mistake of all is not trying to win a soul at all.*

Money and a teenager are quickly separated. The proper use of money is of concern to thirteen.

### On Stewardship

Here's HOWARD CULBERTSON

Howard hails from Midwest City, Oklahoma where he is a member of First Church. His views of stewardship are worth sharing:

*A steward is "a person entrusted with the management of estates or affairs not his own." Maybe you have always thought of stewardship of money as pertaining only to the tithe. This is not true for everything we have belongs to God. We are not only stewards of the tithe, but also of the other nine-tenths. If everything we have belongs to God, then it is not giving to God, but rather giving back to God.*

The "getter" or person who comes to church only for what he can get out of it is a lopsided Christian. None of us likes a sponger, but that is exactly what we are if we come to church and use the literature, songbooks, chairs, pews, etc., that we have not helped to pay for. We have all heard: "It is more blessed to give than to receive." That is to say, "the giver is much happier than the getter."

Here is a point of view that brings Sunday school into focus:

### On Sunday School

A Letter from SHARON MOSS

Editor Edith N. Lantz received this letter from St. Louis-reared Sharon, a teen who has found that the Sunday school class is a good place for settling some personal problems:

*I am writing this letter to tell you how much I appreciate the wonderful lessons that were in the quarterlies this year. They have really helped me in my Christian witness at school.*

*There were two that really helped me. The one entitled "Master Your Moods" was tremendous. With the help of you and God, I did master my moods.*

*The other lesson was today's. The girl named Sharron fitted my place exactly except it was my grandpa who died. The scriptures really helped me, too.*

Here's a sixteen-year-old's point of view on teens in general:

### On Being a Teen-ager

A Confession by RENE HUGHES

*Being a teen-ager surely has its handicaps as well as blessings. Since I've started attending the Church of the Nazarene, I have discovered that the blessings can certainly outweigh the handicaps. My N.Y.P.S. group has given me real opportunity to speak my piece and listen to the other fellow's point of view too.*

*Probably one of the biggest handicaps that faces us teens is the way we are told one moment to act our age (which is meant to be "adult") and the next moment warned that we are too young to drive, or stay out past 11:30, or make important choices. If teens and parents could talk to each other sanely, maybe we might be able to reach some compromise.*

*My biggest blessing is Christian friends. Most of them are Nazarenes, but I have some of other faiths too. What really counts is that, regardless of skin color or background, we have a common Friend.*

Good for you, René. This New Englander has something to say for teen and adult alike.

Eight fifteen-to-seventeen-year-olds have expressed their impressions of the Youth Week theme:

### On "HIS—to Make Him Known"

By DOUG, JOLAINE, TIM, MARK, GARY, PAULA, LARRY, AND DAVE

DOUG TAYLOR:

*As our N.Y.P.S. theme song states, we're His completely—our hearts, souls, lives—in fact, our whole being belongs to Him. That kind of dedication entails service. That service should be making Him known.*

JOLAINE STILLWELL:

*"Not my will but Thy will be done, Lord, in me." This is the theme of every real Christian. It is commitment to Him which in turn is commitment to others—that is, telling them about Jesus Christ.*

TIM MABBOTT:

*The sequence of this theme is good. "HIS" must come before "to Make Him Known." We must be His before we can witness.*

GARY SIVEWRIGHT:

*I'm no angel and I like having good times. But when the time comes to choose between "goofing around" and being His—I'll choose the latter. Brave words? Maybe so. But isn't this the least I can do—to make Him known?*

PAULA SODOWSKY:

*Making Him known—this is something that is usually hard for a high school student, even though we have one of the greatest opportunities*

## Youth Week Project MEMO

I am particularly anxious that the spirit of this year's Youth Week theme, "HIS—to Make Him Known," will give an evangelistic impetus to all that each local church and district undertakes for teenagers.

The project offering, to be taken Sunday, February 2, in either the morning or the evening service, will all the more underscore the outreach implications of our theme. The Nazarene Evangelistic Ambassador offering will assist in sending two gospel teams of college students to Latin America and the Caribbean. Please be generous in your contribution. The needy masses represented on the cover of this *Herald* are symbolic of the Ambassadors' field of responsibility.

Yours and HIS,



Paul Skiles



to reach people. A good start is living a Christian life in front of everybody.

LARRY RICE:

*We must really work at making Him known. But we want to because we are His.*

DAVE GARRETT:

*We serve Christ because we love Him. To me this means working for God through witnessing, visitation, and living as His.*

**"What a beautiful refrigerator a church may become! And when churches become refrigerators how seldom they take time for defrosting!"—C. V. Fairbairn.**

These eight Kansas City teens represent the feelings of fifty thousand teens around the world who are a part of the Nazarene Young People's Society, and who will be recognizing Youth Week.

## HOME AND FAMILY LIFE FEATURE



# A Christ-centered Home

By E. B. HARTLEY, Pastor, First Church, Boise, Idaho

ATMOSPHERE denotes an environment regarded as a sum total of physical, social, intellectual, and spiritual conditions that not only produces a distinct impression, but also exerts a definite influence on the state of mind, habits of work, views, and attitudes of those who are encompassed by it.

This is the climate in which we grow, the soil in which we take root. It is intangible yet very real, unseen but mighty in its influence, producing a harvest beyond our expectation. It seeps into the very fiber of our being and goes on with its quiet work of shaping us. One of the greatest joys as well as gravest responsibilities of each Christian couple is to create the atmosphere of their home together with Christ.

A Christ-centered home will be pervaded with prayer, for prayer is its very breath. It will not be mere legalistic and ritualistic prayer, but a breathing of the soul to God—an acknowledgment of our constant and desperate need of His full and overflowing supply lovingly bestowed upon all who will ask. Whether it be family prayer, personal devotions, or the unspoken request, it will be warmed with His presence and fraught with our own responsive love.

Jesus Christ must be and will be a loving, living *Reality!* In His presence, things of real value are lifted to their place of importance, and by the same token many other things become unworthy and are eliminated from the atmosphere. There is no substitute for the presence of the Master permeating our lives and our homes. In His presence, the critical word dies on our lips, the harsh words spoken to a loved one appear as contemptible as they are, the selfish excuses given to a child who needs us show up in their true light.

In a Christ-centered home a spirit of criticism, bitterness, and self-pity will have no place. There

is no faster train to the depot of destruction than criticism. It takes only a little faultfinding of our superiors or our contemporaries to pollute the atmosphere of our home, poison the minds of our children, and set the stage for untold heartache.

The high purpose of pleasing Christ will guide us in the choice of the material on which to feed our minds. There are so many good things available today, as well as the unprofitable. It is our privilege and duty to bring into our homes only those things which will be uplifting. This atmosphere will lend us courage and good judgment to weed out the poor, not by mere legalism, but by the cultivation of the beautiful music and the splendid literature which have been brought within our reach and often lie at our finger tips.

The atmosphere is influenced largely by the attitude and spirit of the people who live within it. If problems seem insurmountable, we will by prayer, faith, and optimism open up channels through which He will come to help.

Personally, we little realized in the formative years what processes of thought were in the minds of our children. Just recently this was borne home to me in an article our daughter, Phyllis, was requested to write concerning contributing factors in her call as a missionary. She sent us a carbon copy. After writing several pages concerning early impressions, life experiences, and college influences, she added this postscript:

*I almost forgot to mention another factor which is so much a part of me that it didn't occur to me to say it but which undoubtedly has an important bearing, and that is my father's call to the ministry and our family attitude toward it. To us, Daddy's call is and has been a sacred trust with grave responsibility and rare privilege. His work affected our lives at every turn, but it was not something to be endured or escaped, but instead, it was something for us to participate in and contribute to.*



A Christ-centered home will create an atmosphere of loving consideration for each member of the family. It will help us to sense the needs of each other and find ways and means of supplying those needs. Let us take time for our children, surround them with the fellowship they so much want and need. A homey little poem aptly expresses this thought:

#### TWO MOTHERS

*A woman sat by a hearthside place  
Reading the Book with a pleasant face,  
Till a child came up with a childish frown  
And pushed the Book, saying, "Put it down!"  
Then the mother, slapping his curly head,  
Said, "Troublesome child, go off to bed.*

*The words of the Bible I must know  
To train you up as a child should go."  
And the child went off to bed to cry,  
And hated religion by and by.*

*Another woman bent over the Book  
With a smile of joy and an intent look,  
Till a child came up and jogged her knee  
And said of the Book, "Put it down; take me."  
Then the mother sighed as she stroked his head,  
Saying softly, "I never shall get it read,  
But I'll try by loving to do His will,  
And His love into my child instill."  
That child went to bed without a sigh  
And loved religion by and by.*

—Author Unknown

The rewards of a Christ-centered home are countless and eternal. Those who have been privileged to live within its folds know forevermore that God

is a Reality, that He lives in human hearts and moves in life experiences.

Christian parenthood is filled with life's greatest privileges and responsibilities. We know what it is to hold a dear child's hand, to walk beside a lonely teen-ager, to stand aside and pray while a young adult makes a life-changing decision. We understand there are many hills of danger to climb, many valleys of perplexity and doubt to cross. The struggle is keen and severe. Sometimes these dear ones lose their way for days or years.

But a Christ-centered home will go on loving, praying, believing, and trusting until God's victory is won. In the darkest hours of their struggle such a home will hold aloft the lighted torch of His redeeming love and the majestic challenge of Christian discipleship. Many of our children will find their way into His will for their lives very early. They will be forever influenced by and grateful for the heritage of a Christ-centered home. The ever-widening circles of influence created when Christ is enthroned in our hearts and homes will finally break upon the shores of eternity. Jesus Christ, the Son of the living God, is the answer for our homes!

.....  
**"It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not," says Jeremiah. If God should withdraw His protecting hand, the world would vanish in an instant. How we need to bless His name for His love and kindness toward all people, whether saints or sinners!"—Amy L. Person.**

## Hidden Places Are Important

TO EVERY PERSON with a routine, unnoticed job in the church, who feels that his contribution is unimportant, I would pass on this little story:

Frank Brunner is the director of primary church at our Westminster Church on Sunday mornings. Last Thursday evening the Nazarenes met the Methodists in a basketball game and Frank was playing. Early in the game during a scramble for the ball

**By M. PALMQUIST**  
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Frank suddenly backed out with a badly broken and cut nose. They laid him down, got the bleeding slowed somewhat, and took him to a doctor.

About the time play was to be resumed, Mrs. Haviland discovered her little daughter, Denny, was missing. They looked all over and finally discovered her over at the other end of the gymnasium standing on the top row of the bleachers with her face to the wall. Her mother turned her around and found that she had been crying uncontrollably. She asked her why and got this reply, "Who's going to be my preacher next Sunday morning?"

The man who sometimes must have asked why he had to work so hard and miss so much found out. He is a religious hero helping a little girl form values for life. Yes, Frank Brunner is important!

# EDITORIALS

By W. T. PURKISER

## Youth Week, 1964

Youth Week begins next Sunday in strange and troubled times. Young people today face some challenges that we, their elders, would never have dreamed would be. Evil wears many new and unfamiliar guises and appears in novel and unaccustomed forms. The days call for greater dedication and firmer commitment to the will and work of God than ever before.

Yet we should not forget that challenge means both obstacle and opportunity. The very obstacles in the way may become steppingstones to higher things. There can be no tested strength without effort, and no victories without battles. Where sin abounds, God makes His grace to abound much more.

For the success or failure of human life is not first a matter of environment or outer conditions. It is first a matter of "the set of the soul," the predispositions of the heart. As Philip James Bailey said:

*We live in deeds, not years; in thoughts, not breaths;*

*In feelings, not in figures on a dial.*

*We should count time by heart-throbs. He most lives*

*Who thinks most feels the noblest—acts the best.*

*Life's but a means unto an end—that end,*

*Beginning, mean and end to all things—God.*

So to our young people we pledge our prayers and faith, our understanding and encouragement. As we take part in the activities of Youth Week, 1964, we shall ask for all our fine young men and young women that they will appropriate to the full the grace that turns obstacles into opportunities and stumbling blocks into steppingstones.

## Knowing the Will of God

The clearly consecrated Christian has only one problem with regard to the will of God. It isn't whether or not he will do God's will. This has been forever settled in his purpose. It is how to know God's will.

In some areas, knowledge of God's will is no problem at all. On the major issues of life, the Lord has spoken for all time by His Spirit in His holy Word. The principles of righteousness set forth in Scripture are clear and unmistakable, and "he who runs may read." "The wayfaring men,

though fools, shall not err therein."

Yet within the great guidelines of the written Word there are paths into which the Lord would lead His own as individuals. It is the will of God that all should be converted and entirely sanctified. It is the will of God that all should bear witness to His grace. But it is not the will of God that all should preach, or teach, or go as missionaries to another land, or order their lives in precisely the same detailed way.

PERHAPS WE THINK it would be convenient if God had spelled out His will in fine detail so that all one would have to do would be to consult a massive code-book and come up with the right answer for every choice. Yet second thought shows that such a program of life would be stalling and actually impossible.

As E. Stanley Jones put it, "The problem for God is to guide us, but not override us." If a parent would hand his child each morning a minute-by-minute program for that child's life during the day, such a youngster would develop no initiative—in fact, he would not develop at all. What the parent does, of course, is to stand ready to help the son or daughter with decisions at points where he is not able in himself to come to the right choice.

No Christian ought ever to have a real problem deciding between right and wrong. Temptation may pull at him, but once the moral issue becomes clear, he is committed to choose the right and refuse the wrong. The questions that perplex arise in the area of choice between good things—or perhaps we should say, between good and better, or between better and best. It is at these points that we need to be guided, if not by His Word, then by His eye.

BECAUSE LIFE is so vast and the range of possible choices so nearly infinite, it is almost impossible to give a set of rules for unmistakably knowing the will of God. In his excellent little book entitled *Impressions*, Martin Wells Knapp suggested that the testing questions are four: Is it scriptural? Is it reasonable? Is it morally right? Is it providential? These tests help eliminate false leadings, but they sometimes fail to give clear answers between alternatives that seem equally good.

Everett Lewis Cattell has added another helpful hint: "Does the impression become an ever mor-



weighty conviction?" He says, "For me this has been the heart of guidance. Many an idea has seized me with great enthusiasm. Then to my surprise it faded out over a short period of time. But the voice of God is in a conviction which grows with the passing of time and becomes inescapable and compelling."

Another help is found in the suggestion that the center and core of guidance for the Christian is to do and be like Christ. The over-all life-plan of every one of us should be to be like Jesus. If you are in doubt as to what to do, do the Christlike thing and you cannot go wrong. Whenever impressions come which are at variance with the nature of Christ, refuse to follow them. It is impossible that God should ever ask any person to do what is un-Christlike, since God is like Christ and would never require of His children that which is contrary to His own nature.

THE NEW TESTAMENT also speaks of the direct guidance of the Holy Spirit. "As many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God" (Romans 8:14). We read about the church at Antioch that, as they fasted and prayed, the Holy Spirit said, "Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them" (Acts 13:2). Again, in a critical issue facing the Early Church, the decision is reported in the words: "It

seemed good to the Holy Ghost, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things" (Acts 15:28).

This sort of guidance, group and personal, seems all too often lost to the Church of our day. We find it easier, as one has said, to debate rather than meditate, to talk to each other rather than listen to God, to base our decisions on popular vote rather than on the still, small voice of the Master. The result is competition rather than co-operation. Instead of leaving a business meeting calm and assured, we are apt to leave it ruffled and disgruntled.

It is not that we should be less businesslike in the conduct of church affairs, but that we should be more Christlike. Discussion and deliberation have their place. But the underlying spirit and attitude must always be one of seeking to find and do the will of God under the leadership of His Spirit.

No less important is the art of listening for the voice of God in personal affairs. We must learn to make our decisions in the light of eternity and under the hand of God. This does not come by wishing for it, but by waiting upon the Lord. Not until we have silenced the clamor of the crowd in our hearts and overcome the drawing of our own desires can we hear His voice and know His leading. "Be still, and know that I am God."

## THE CHURCH AT WORK

### GENERAL SECRETARY



Statistics are people! We sometimes forget that. Let us remind ourselves that back of every "statistic" compiled in the General Secretary's office dedicated Nazarenes are working together "and with God" to accomplish His work in the world.

Here are a few high lights from the record made during the past year.

During 1963, 22,211 persons were received into church membership by profession of faith. Our domestic membership (in established churches) now stands at 312,032. Add to this number 62,815 (full and probationary members) on foreign fields and our total world membership is 401,847. This is the first time in our history that our world



**EDITOR'S NOTE:** *That all may share the information provided in reports to the General Board this week, we present digests of departmental reports prepared by the executive secretaries or administrative heads. The General Board meets in January of each year to evaluate the preceding year's work, and to plan for the year ahead. A summary of actions taken by the board is scheduled for the "Herald" of February 19.*



membership has crossed the 400,000 mark.

Property evaluation showed an increase of \$27,763,005—a total for the year of \$290,923,834. Against this valuation there is an indebtedness of 23.5 per cent.

Our Christian stewardship of money will be reported in detail by our Stewardship secretary, Rev. Dean Wessels, but as a matter of record here, the total giving for all purposes amounted to \$52,525,076—an increase of \$3,019,632 over last year. This is the first time in

our history that our total giving exceeded the \$50,000,000 mark.

As we work "together" and with God, let us pursue our assignment with greater devotion!

S. T. LUDWIG  
General Secretary

### DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

The story of Christian higher education in the Church of the Nazarene is a thrilling one. The past year has added another chapter to the honored record—a record that shows high dedication and sacrifice on the part of administrators, faculty, and students. Let us be sure that all our centers of learning, training youth to serve, will be often in our prayers and always in our love.

For the full academic year 1962-63 (which includes summer school enrollments), the Church of the Nazarene was training 6,971 students in her colleges and Nazarene Theological Seminary. This year (first semester) 6,186 are enrolled—about a 4 per cent gain over last year for this same one-half-year period.

The thrilling story goes on! We are

glad to be part of an educational program dedicated to thorough mental discipline and vital salvation. This is reflected by the spiritual impact made on more than 6,000 students who are preparing for life, most of whom will go out to serve their "own generation by the will of God" (Acts 13:36). In the student enrollment this semester, 968 are preparing for the ministry; 261 are called to be missionaries; 237 are planning on other areas of church work—1,466 in all.

(Well, I'm ready to back our colleges and the Seminary more than ever with my concern, my confidence, my prayers, and my money!)

S. T. LUDWIG  
Executive Secretary

## FOREIGN MISSIONS



Many centuries ago, in a special religious celebration, King David admonished God's people, "Declare his glory among the heathen; his marvellous works among all nations" (1 Chronicles 16:24).

To "declare" His glory, the church has gone to 40 national areas through the ministry of 467 full-time, fully supported missionaries. The church has thrust out 1,986 national workers into the ripened harvest fields. Together, missionaries and national workers labor in 2,233 churches and preaching points in which we have 62,815 members and probationers. They have enrolled 105,200 people in our Sunday schools, and of this number they average 75,771 in attendance each Sunday. In the auxiliaries of the church they have enlisted 27,495 in the Nazarene Foreign Missionary Society, 16,260 in the Nazarene Young People's Society, and 6,683 in the Junior Fellowships. They have taught 13,818 national students in 156 elementary and secondary schools. In 33 Bible schools, 698 nationals have been in training to declare His glory to their own people. Thirteen missionary doctors, 48 missionary nurses, and 81 national nurses in 3 hospitals and 45 dispensaries have combined their skill and compassion to minister to 208,097 patients.

This year the Department of Foreign Missions has received \$2,539,309 in General Budget funds.

Nazarenes have placed \$450,454 in Alabaster boxes during the year.

In addition, our people and our friends have provided \$333,576 for approved missionary special projects.

The level of "10 per cent" giving among the churches and districts is rising here at home. But it is rising on

the mission fields too. Last year our mission district gave \$36,059 for world evangelism.

Self-support programs are in operation on most of our fields. In 1963 twice as many churches were fully self-supporting as in 1960.

While we rejoice in our million-dollar special offerings, we must realize that expansion of our missionary staff and program in a day of rising costs involves greater sums of General Budget money. I wish it were possible for every Nazarene to go through the harrowing experience of looking at the annual asking budgets from the fields—all of which represent legitimate needs, in the light of available General Budget funds. The gap between the need and the supply is too wide. The urgency of the hour demands greater sacrifice, more prayer and fasting, and deeper commitments from every Nazarene. We are grateful for the 9.06 per cent denominational average we have achieved and pray that it may continue to rise.

GEORGE COUTLER  
Executive Secretary

## GENERAL STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE



The complete stewardship effort of the Church of the Nazarene, in 1963, as always, runs like a thread through every department and auxiliary. In this sense, the stewardship report is written by each one reporting to the General Board.

### High Lights of the year:

- Nazarene per capita giving in 1963 was \$153.56.
- Nazarenes continue to rank first in per capita giving among all denominations of 100,000 members or more.
- Over 32,500 copies of the stewardship Christian Service Training text, *Treasures in Heaven*, have been sold.
- The 1963 Easter Offering goal of 1 1/3 million dollars reached \$1,367,561.71. This is the first time an announced goal for a major offering has been reached.
- As of December 31, 1963, the Thanksgiving Offering stands at \$1,201,118.13, which is \$156,581.27 above the same reporting period last year.
- The 1964 Easter Offering must produce at least 1 1/2 million dollars in order for the quadrennial goal of \$18,000,000 for world evangelism to be reached. This

is definitely in sight as each Nazarene accepts the challenge.

- Other stewardship records reached in 1963 for world evangelism:
  - 1,159 churches gave 10 per cent or more.
  - Of a record \$52,525,076 raised by Nazarenes for all purposes, 9.06 per cent went for world evangelism.
  - 16 districts, plus 3 overseas home mission districts, or a total of 19 districts, gave 10 per cent or more.

After sixteen years of publication, the official stewardship magazine, the *Nazarene Pastor*, was combined with the *Preacher's Magazine*. Beginning January 1, 1964, the combined magazine is known as the *Nazarene Preacher*, with Dr. Richard Taylor the new editor.

DEAN WESSELS  
Secretary

## BOARD OF PENSIONS

On November 1, 1963, the first bona fide retirement program available to all ministers and lay employees of the Church of the Nazarene was announced. The program uses government-approved, tax-sheltered annuities as a base. More than 300 have made initial inquiries. A number have already joined. Others will be enrolling in 1964.

The life insurance program, which covers all ministers participating in Social Security as a minister, increased during the year from 4,805 to 4,927. Currently, there is \$1,927,000 coverage under the plan.

The supplemental life insurance program, available on a group-term basis for the minister and family, was introduced a little over a year ago. This low-cost coverage has produced some amazing results. There is now nearly eleven million dollars coverage in this program. Response to the plan has been so favorable that the carrying insurance company is allowing us to announce a reopening of the program at the time of the General Assembly. This means that those who passed up the coverage at first can get in during a limited time without proof of insurability. Those who are familiar with insurance procedure realize that this is an unheard-of concession on the part of the company. It reflects the favorable experience between the Board of Pensions and the Northwestern National Life Insurance Company during the past eight years.

DEAN WESSELS  
Executive Secretary

## MINISTERIAL BENEVOLENCE

The work of the Department of Ministerial Benevolence is highly technical. Constant attention must be given to detail. A date which may seem insignificant is most important when it is a retired minister's date of birth. A year



or even a month of full-time active service becomes of great importance when retirement benefits are figured.

Continual studies are being made to give the minister and his immediate family the very maximum amount of benefit in harmony with funds available through the ministers benevolent fund.

#### High lights of the year:

- As of December 31, 1963, there were 570 on the N.M.B.F. monthly assistance roll.
- 89 were added to the roll during the year.
- A total of 613 were served this year, compared with 563 last year.
- Local churches sent in \$591,292.73 for the Nazarene Ministers Benevolent Fund.
- A total of \$508,525.89 was spent for benevolence assistance in 1963, which makes a total of over one million dollars used in the past two years.
- 174 active and retired ministers and their families received a total of \$48,622.80 in emergency medical assistance during the year.

DEAN WESSELS

*Executive Secretary*

## HOME MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION



Last January the district superintendents accepted the challenge of 200 new churches to be organized by the General Assembly this year. During 1963, 68 churches were organized. Many districts have home mission projects now in development and plan to make

their goal by the General Assembly.

The "Small Church Achievement Program" for churches with less than fifty members received increased interest for its second year of operation. We believe this idea will give new vision to some stagnant small churches.

Our Chinese churches on the West Coast have shown gains this year and show a new spirit of home missions.

The Negro work is making rapid strides forward. The Gulf Central District had a net increase last year of 33.7 per cent for a total membership of 524.

The 10 overseas home mission fields are continuing to grow and had a total membership in 1963 of 3,755 (11.1 per cent increase).

There has been no letup in the steady growth of our work in church

extension. We anticipate that our church building loan funds will reach \$2.5 million before the General Assembly. This was only a dream a few years ago. Again this year we report no losses of either principal or interest.

ROY F. SMEE

*Executive Secretary*

## NAZARENE FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY



There is nothing in all the great task committed to the children of God more dear to the people called Nazarenes than the foreign missions part of our work.

The Nazarene Foreign Missionary Society has always wholeheartedly, loyally, and prayerfully

pushed forward its part of the assignment. The year 1963 has been a year of substantial gains. For the first time we are a Star denomination. Thanks to the 50 Star districts and 3,262 Star societies which made this achievement possible.

The goal of \$150,000 in Alabaster offerings was reached. We are not yet up to one million dollars a year through denying ourselves a mere 25c a week from our surplus of food consumed.

We have a willing God and we know how to release His power through prayer. We have the people and we have the organization to reach the world. The harvest awaits the reapers. We must all reach forward to those things that lie before us and move swiftly to our task during the coming quadrennium.

LOUISE R. CHAPMAN

*General President*

## CHURCH SCHOOLS: Editorial Division



Nazarenes work together. This co-operation brings maximum results. A study of Sunday school enrollment shows that we have come close to the saturation point in literature circulation. We have an active enrollment (including pupils, officers, and teachers) of 641,000 with an average attendance of 425,000. Over against those figures we

show a circulation of 624,000 of the basic study pieces planned for each of these persons. Such universal use of the literature reflects the loyalty of our people. We believe it also reflects the basic high quality of the work of our writers and editors.

The Department announces new curriculum materials for two-year-old nursery pupils, available October, 1964.

1. Lessons follow the same cycle as our three-year materials, thus making them useful in separate classes for twos, and also in small churches where twos must be combined with threes.

2. *Nursery Teacher* is expanded to include a separate section for session-by-session guidance on two-year procedures.

3. There will be a set of four quarterly pupil books, *Bible Stories for Twos*, in four colors.

4. *Nursery Activities* will be expanded to eight quarterly books, thus giving added variety for both twos and threes.

5. A set of stand up figures and/or *Nu-Tu* type of visual aids will be added for use by teachers of both twos and threes.

6. These materials are being planned jointly with the Pilgrim Holiness church and the Wesleyan Methodists. They will be published under the "Aldersgate" imprint, as we are now publishing the material for threes.

A. F. HARPER

*Executive Editor*

## CHURCH SCHOOLS: Program and Promotion



The labor of love of 61,716 dedicated Sunday school workers, an increase of 1,971, resulted in an increase of 12,893 immortal souls being brought under the influence of Bible teaching and Christian influence. This is our greatest increase in domestic

schools since 1959. In addition, 1,933 were added to our schools on foreign fields. This brings our total enrollment to 822,955 with 103,929 being in other lands. There were 503,792 pupils in attendance in Bible study classes around the world, an increase of 5,553 per Sunday.

Pupils enrolled in 2,848 domestic vacation Bible schools totaled 276,554. This is an increase of 17 new schools. In addition, there were 518 schools and 35,812 enrolled on foreign fields. The 13,695 increase in enrollment last year was difficult to overcome. However,

with a 5,338 increase in other lands we show a net increase of 2,329.

Reports indicate that around 20,000 babies were enrolled in the "Baby of the Week" campaign, giving a net gain of 5,112 in our Cradle Roll. The "Let's Prove We Care" campaign also netted gains in the Home Department. The Caravan program has been undergoing revision. The primary materials are now completed and the program for juniors will be ready at General Assembly.

The growing edge of the church continues to march on through the church schools work.

K. S. RICE  
*Executive Secretary*

## PUBLICATION



To the Board of General Superintendents and the General Board:

Dr. Bresee said, "Our literature lies at the very foundation of our work it leads in the advance, it holds the ground when won."

As we bring this brief fifty-first annual report, we can exclaim that

the Holy Spirit does make routine work a joy and is a daily inspiration, for the romance of having a vital part in spreading the full gospel to the whole world by the printed page has never lost its thrill.

A detailed report is superfluous, as many of the products and publications will be alluded to in other departmental reports, which indicates our overlapping materials and efforts in all departments of the church as together we seek to fulfill our task.

Gross sales for Kansas City only for the first eleven months of 1963 are \$3,192,723 (an increase of \$248,367 over the same period one year ago). This represents an increase of approximately 8 per cent.

### NEW GENERAL BOARD BUILDING

The week end of June 21 was moving time for the *Herald of Holiness* offices from the Publishing House; and the Department of Church Schools, Nazarene Young People's Society, Christian Service Training, Spanish Department, and the editorial library from the overcrowded Headquarters Building.

The new functional building looks complete, but is designed to carry two more floors in the future without suspending operations during construction. Also, architectural provisions were made for the addition of another building to the east but using the present lobby as a focal point. Every consideration was

given to constructing an attractive building but, more important, one which was structurally sound with minimum operational and future maintenance costs.

*This million-dollar-plus structure is debt-free! It is a contribution of your Publishing House made possible by your support. Actually, it is the result of twelve years of conservative, yet progressive, programing and the strictest economy consistent with effective service on the part of your publishing house.*

### "PREACHER'S MAGAZINE"

Dr. Norman Oke accepted the call as pastor of First Church, Washington, D.C., and resigned as book editor May 17, 1963, and as editor of the *Preacher's Magazine* effective December 31, 1963.

Dr. Richard S. Taylor was elected editor of the *Preacher's Magazine* by a mail vote from the members of the Department of Publication after his nomination was approved by the Board of General Superintendents, effective with the January, 1964, issue.

A called meeting of the Department of Publication on May 13, 1963, approved the merging of the *Preacher's Magazine* and the *Nazarene Pastor* under the new name, the *Nazarene Preacher*. Further, that all pastors and evangelists should receive this new publication at no cost, from the Publishing House.

Bishop Francis Asbury said that "next to preaching" the printed word is most important in spreading the gospel. Therefore it is a pleasure to report that during our last fiscal year we printed 66,878,154 pieces of literature. Praise the Lord!

Outside of my personal salvation, nothing is more important to me than the work of my church, and I am humbly grateful for the privilege of working for such a cause.

M. A. LUNN  
*Manager, Nazarene Publishing House*  
*Executive Secretary, Department of Publication*

## BOOK COMMITTEE

In the way of a prefatory statement we would like to pay tribute and express our appreciation to the members of the Book Committee. Their work is so essential to and closely allied with the program of the Publishing House that they are indeed a part of our book operation. They have contributed generously of their time in their consideration of all materials submitted. The entire church is indebted to them for their services. As the church extends its outreach and intensifies its care of souls through its general and district superintendents, its pastors and evangelists, the work of the Book Committee becomes more arduous and increasingly vital to all of the interests of

the church. To the following we extend our thanks: Dr. William Great-house, Dr. Orville Jenkins, Dr. S. T. Ludwig, Dr. E. S. Phillips, Dr. Mendell Taylor, and Dr. Paul Updike.

A total of eighty-four manuscripts have been reviewed by the committee in 1963. Of these, twenty-nine were approved for publication.

### BEACON BIBLE COMMENTARY

The first of a ten-volume work describing in commentary form the Wesleyan emphases of the Scriptures will be introduced at the upcoming General Assembly. Volume 6 of the *Beacon Bible Commentary* (Matthew-Mark-Luke) is the initial step in bringing about the first Wesleyan commentary since Adam Clarke's.

### "SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES"

The "Search the Scriptures" series, New Testament, is now complete in sixteen volumes. With this, work on the Old Testament has now been assigned and will soon be in production.

### EXPLORING EVANGELISM

The fourth volume of the "Exploring" series, a comprehensive textbook on evangelism, is now in production and will be released with the opening of the district assembly season.

Projected plans for an accelerated book publishing program are underway. In fact, thirty-two manuscripts have already been scheduled for release in 1965, and twenty-three in 1966. Most significant, we can say without equivocation that all the books published or to be published by your church could be laid on the altar so far as doctrines and standards of the church are concerned.

M. A. LUNN

## NAZARENE RADIO LEAGUE

From its beginning, June 17 1945, our radio ministry has continued to grow until at the present time "Showers of Blessing" is carried by more than 470 radio stations, located in 49 of the United States and in 25 areas outside our country.



"La Hora Nazarena," now in its eleventh year, is aired on 137 stations, ministering in 6 countries in Central America, 6 in South America, and 13 states in Mexico as well as in a number of island areas and Spanish-speaking areas of the United States.

Our goal is to enter every capital city of Central and South America with this radio ministry.

T. W. WILLINGHAM  
*Executive Director*



## EVANGELISM



The Department of Evangelism in presenting this annual report stresses the fact that statistics, while indicating broad and unmistakable trends, are partial and cannot accurately measure all the spiritual outreach of evangelism. We are continually made aware of

the higher mathematics used by the Holy Spirit.

College Conferences on Evangelism were held at Pasadena and Eastern Nazarene colleges. Lectures were given at Canadian Nazarene College and visits made to other colleges. My sincere evaluation after these recent visits is that a Nazarene holiness college does inject into its student body a unique appreciation and concern for holiness evangelism.

"Evangelists' Open Date Listings" have been mailed to district superintendents and other church leaders.

A unique brochure, *The Nazarene Evangelist*, was mailed to each evangelist and various church leaders.

The Department has endeavored to fulfill its assignment to promote aggressive evangelism by the preparation of materials, arranging of conferences, making of contacts, and creating motivation through the church.

The reception of our filmstrip "You Can Win Them," relating the "why" and "how" of personal evangelism, has been good.

Opportunity of presenting our program and message in written form has been graciously given the Department by the editorial personnel of the denomination.

The "Moving Nazarenes" service of the Department this year processed 1,200 families representing more than 5,000 individuals in all parts of the denomination.

A major thrust of the Department has been the reception of new members by profession of faith. As a part of our "Contact to Win" program a goal of 20,000 was set for the last four months of 1963; 850 churches received "Evangelistic Honor Roll Certificates" for having met the necessary requirements in the reception of members by profession of faith.

During the "50 Great Days," 289,000 tracts, *An Honored Guest in Your Home*, were distributed by our pastors.

A new pattern for personal evangelism came with our months of "Contact to Win" when, while 1,735,791 copies of the "marked" Gospel of John, *That You Might Have Life*, were ordered, ac-

cording to our best records, 1,310,000 were distributed.

Rapidly approaching completion is our textbook *Exploring Evangelism*, sponsored by the Department and ably written by Dr. Mendell Taylor.

Gratitude is expressed to Almighty God, all our ministers, and laity who made possible the achievements of this department. We do have this irrevocable confidence that evangelism can always be first if God can get His people to care enough to go to the people who are outside and who are unchurched and unreached.

EDWARD LAWLOR  
*Executive Secretary*

## NAZARENE YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY



The record of N.Y.P.S. for 1963 is good. The outlook is even more promising.

Here are the facts.

Total membership (foreign mission districts not included) now stands at 148,587. This is a 7 per cent increase with a total gain of 9,782, the largest

gain for any single year in the history of N.Y.P.S.

One hundred and thirty-two new societies were organized, which is an excellent increase and brings the total number of societies to 4,021.

Reports from foreign mission districts show 16,344 members in 581 societies.

### GRAND TOTALS—

N.Y.P.S. International	
Number of societies	1,605
Number of members	164,931

Very significant among many youth activities during the year was N.Y.P.S. participation in the denomination-wide Gospel distribution program. When all reports are in, it is expected that the total number of Gospels given by young people will exceed 420,000.

PAUL SKILES  
*Executive Secretary*

## NAZARENE SERVICEMEN'S COMMISSION

The office of the Nazarene Servicemen's Commission continues to serve approximately 7,000 young men and women and 32 chaplains from our church who are scattered around the world.

Osaka, Korea, and Germany were sites of the three overseas Servicemen's Retreats sponsored this year by the Commission. A total of 177 were registered. Chaplains Harlan Shippy, Conley Pate, Clifford Keys, and Bob Schap-

pell gave excellent leadership in the Pacific area Retreats along with Dr. Samuel Young and Dr. George Coulter, who were the special workers.

Chaplain Lyle Robinson directed the Sixth Annual All-Europe Retreat at Berchtesgaden, Germany, and was supported ably by a steering committee composed of Chaplains Curtis Bowers, Calvin Causey, Shural Knippers, Rev. Jerry Johnson, and Rev. Bob Cerrato. A special civilian representative speaker was Dr. W. T. Purkiser, editor of the  *Herald of Holiness*  and member of the Servicemen's Commission.

PAUL SKILES  
*Director*

## AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY

The unfinished task of the Church is to enable all men everywhere to hear and read the redemptive words of God in their own language. The Bible may go where men cannot go and may stay when men are forced to leave. The strategy of world evangelism in days like these must use the written Word of Truth to make known the living Word of Truth.

During 1963, the Church of the Nazarene gave a record \$31,468.70 to the cause of Scripture translation and worldwide distribution through the American Bible Society.

Perhaps even a greater breakthrough is the continued increase in percentage of participation. Reports indicate that 82 per cent of our churches took part, and that 28 districts achieved 100 per cent. They were:

Albany, Arizona, Dallas, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada-Utah, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Northeast Oklahoma, North-eastern Indiana, Northwest, Northwest Indiana, Northwestern Ohio, Northwest Oklahoma, Oregon Pacific, Philadelphia, Rocky Mountain, San Antonio, South Arkansas, South Carolina, South Dakota, Virginia, Washington Pacific, and Wisconsin.

PAUL SKILES  
*Denominational Representative*

## CHRISTIAN SERVICE TRAINING



Training for Christian service reached a new high in 1963; 2,117 churches participated, and 95,336 credits were awarded between December 1, 1962 and November 30, 1963.

Teacher training continues to advance. The Registered Teacher award was earned by ESC with 21,014 credits in this area.

There were 13,245 credits earned through the Home Study Plan.

*Treasures in Heaven*, the text for the denomination-wide study, was well received, with 21,248 credits being granted. Its effect upon stewardship has been apparent.

The *Search the Scriptures* Bible Study

Plan was completed for the New Testament. Twenty volumes are planned for the Old Testament.

Training plus service equal victorious Christian living.

BENNETT DUDLEY  
Director

## THE BIBLE LESSON

By NELSON G. MINK

Topic for January 26:

### Two Rich Men Meet Jesus

SCRIPTURE: Mark 10:17-31; Luke 19:1-10  
(Printed: Mark 10:17-22; Luke 19:1-10)

GOLDEN TEXT: *Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you* (Matthew 6:33).

In the study of these two men of wealth, we have a lesson of contrasts. Earthly treasure affects people differently. To some it is seen in its true light, and made to serve the ends for which God intended; but others (the larger class), allow their treasure to be either a stumbling block, or to bring utter ruin to the soul.

Years ago I heard one of our evangelists say: "God is keeping a lot of us poor because He wants to get us to heaven." This is some consolation, at least.

It is emphasized in our study here that earthly possessions are harmful when one gives them first interest. We are sometimes asked what we would do with a million dollars. Probably most of us do not know the answer. We may not know what it would be like to suddenly be thrust into this bracket with all its allurements. The answer here, however, may be pretty well determined by what we are doing with what we now have.

*It's not what you'd do with a million.  
If fortune should e'er be your lot.  
But what are you doing, my brother,  
With that dollar and a quarter  
you've got?*

Both of these men came into contact with Jesus. Some decisions had to be made. "Neutral you cannot be." Zacchaeus was willing to "pay the price." He would volunteer his convictions; he didn't wait to be asked. He would give the half of his goods to the poor. He wanted to go through with Christ so badly that his restitution would be fourfold.

The rich young ruler was noncommittal after Jesus had told him the cost, in his case. There was no audible response; he just turned away, "sorrowful."

I wonder what it would be like to meet these two men twenty years afterward, or one hundred! Was Zacchaeus ever sorry for what he did? I can believe that his "treasure in heaven" more than compensated for what he gave up. What about the young man? He went back. He went away from the peace his own heart craved. He turned from the man he might have been. No doubt something went out of life for him that day.

We might well ask, "What are true riches, anyway?" A motto in the home of one of our family reads, "He is rich who has two friends." Yes, he is also rich who has the *kingdom of God* living in his own soul.

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## NAZARENE INFORMATION SERVICE (N.I.S.)

Figures especially helped to make news in the church in 1963.

For example, the African mission field had a net gain of 1,226 members on profession of faith (total: 13,271); and enrollment in Nazarene colleges and the Seminary went over the 6,000-



mark.

During the year Nazarene world membership exceeded the 400,000-mark and total giving went over \$50,000,000, both new records. Final figures: 401,847 members and \$52,525,076. Per capita giving was a record \$153.56.

The story of Nazarenes giving away two million copies of the Gospel of St. John was widely published and given space in Robert Andrew's "Word of Religion" syndicated U.P.I. column.

The late President John F. Kennedy invited a Nazarene leader to his national meeting with church leaders on civil rights, indicating that the "city set on an hill" was not hiding its light under a bushel, but had it "on the stand." (Many holiness denominations were not invited.)

Our Nazarene News Brief service grew more popular. There were six issues and the items were widely republished by pastors in weekly church newsletters.

Of the thousands of Nazarene articles and items published in newspapers and magazines during 1963, we thank God that virtually every one was on the constructive and "plus" side for the denomination.

O. JOE OLSON  
Director

## "SHOWERS of BLESSING" Program Schedule

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## Announcements

### NOTICE

The Nazarene Churches of the Bradenton Zone will sponsor the fifth annual Florida West Coast Crusade, February 3 to 9; weekday services in First Church, corner of Thirteenth Street and Seventeenth Ave. West, Bradenton, Florida. Sunday services will be held in the city auditorium, 100 Tenth Street, West. Dr. Lawrence B. Hicks, speaker; James and Rosemary Green, singers and musicians. All our friends are invited to enjoy these days of special blessing.—J. Donald Freese, Crusade Chairman.

### BORN

—to James David and Janice Faye (Posey) Pangle of Charlotte, North Carolina, a daughter, Connie Renae, on December 23.

—to Rev. Adelard and Princess (Fleagal) Everton of Fitchburg, Massachusetts, a daughter, Wendie-Jill, on November 26.

—to Alan and Helen (Fleagal) Gruber of Okeana Bluff, Massachusetts, a daughter, Elizabeth Anne, on December 16.

—to William and Katherine (Mobley) Potts of Sapulpa, Oklahoma, a daughter, Sheila Beth, on December 9.

### ADOPTED

by Rev. and Mrs. Charles Powell of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, a baby boy, Kevin Mark, born December 14, 1963.

### SPECIAL PRAYER IS REQUESTED

by a radio listener in Panama "for my sister who is ill, that God will restore her to health."

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## Deaths

**WILLIAM R. ROBINSON** was born February 12, 1900, and died in Dover, Oklahoma, December 11, 1963. He was converted in a revival meeting conducted by Rev. Vida Burnidge, who later became his wife, on September 1, 1933. He was a devoted layman who labored faithfully in the church of which his wife served as pastor. He is survived by his wife, Rev. Mrs. Vida Robinson, Nazarene pastor in Dover; a son, Earl, of the home; and a daughter, Mrs. Roy Johnson. Two brothers and one sister also survive. Funeral service was conducted in the Dover Church of the Nazarene by Rev. J. T. Gasset, district superintendent, assisted by Rev. Everett F. Rust, with interment in the Hennessey cemetery.

**MRS. JOSEPHINE MARY DEAN** was born December 5, 1892, and died December 1, 1963. She had recently transferred her church membership to New Cuyama, California. She is survived by two daughters: Mrs. Perry Little, of Carlsbad; and Mrs. Frank L. Dabney, of New Cuyama, California. Funeral service was conducted by Rev. J. E. Williams, with interment in Inglewood Park Cemetery, Inglewood, California. Her husband, Fred R. Dean, preceded her in death.

**ROBERT H. GRAHAM**, age seventy eight, of San Francisco, California, died October 22, 1963. He was a native of Scotland. He is survived by his wife, Mary J. Graham; three sons, Robert T., Paul D., and James H.; and a brother, David, of Ontario, Canada. One son, Jack C., preceded his father in death. Funeral service was conducted by Rev. J. M. Anderson of the Church of the Nazarene, with interment in Cypress Lawn Memorial Park.

**JESSIE NORMAN GREGG**, charter member of the Grassland, Texas, Church of the Nazarene, died October 20, 1963, after a lengthy illness. She taught the beginners' Sunday school class and served as church pianist for many years. She was born September 5, 1896, and moved to the Grassland community with her family in 1916. In 1919 she was united in marriage to Earl B. Gregg. Besides her husband, she is survived by two sisters, several brothers, and an adopted daughter. Funeral service was conducted in the church she loved so well, in charge of her pastor, Rev. Ira L. Campbell, assisted by three former pastors: Rev. L. H. Clegg, Rev. W. M. Dorough, and Rev. R. B. Fitzgerald.

# the Answer corner

Conducted by W. T. PURKISER, Editor

**Do you think it is right for the pastor to do all the calling of the ones to hold revivals? Shouldn't the church board have a little to say about who is called sometimes?**

I would think the pastor should consult his board before calling any evangelist, unless the board has itself given him a blank card in this respect. The arrangements for revival services would appear to come under the item of

business of the church board described as: "To care for the interests of the local church and its work, not otherwise provided for, in harmony with the pastor" (*Manual*, paragraph 123, item 1).

**Nazarenes don't believe in having food or rummage sales to raise money, but at our district assemblies they always sell books right there in the church. Seems like that breaks the spirit.**

You are quite correct in stating that Nazarenes do not believe in having food or rummage sales to raise money. But neither is the purpose of selling books to raise money. The Nazarene Publishing House is a nonprofit corporation controlled and operated by the Church of the Nazarene for the purpose of bringing the whole gospel to the whole world by the printed page. The surplus of receipts above expenses is controlled by the Department of Publication of the General Board and used directly in the work of the church.

Actually, the books printed and sold by the Nazarene Publishing House are priced far below the cost of books of similar quality from other publishers. I recently paid \$3.00 for a book from one of the leading evangelical publishers here in the United States, which if it had been published by our own house would have been priced at \$1.25.

**I recently saw in our newspaper a statement that John Wesley was a drinker of hard liquor. Do you have any information about this?**

Only what I find in his published *Works*. He has this to say, apparently with the social drinker in mind:

"On what motive do you thus poison yourself? only for the pleasure of doing it? What! Will you make yourself a beast, or rather a devil? Will you run the hazard of committing all manner of pleasantries; and this only for the poor pleasure of a few moments, while the poison is running down your throat? O never call yourself a Christian! Never call yourself a man! You are sunk beneath the greater part of the beasts that perish.

"Do you not rather drink for the sake of company? Do you not do it to oblige your friends? 'For company,' do you say? How is this? Will you take a dose of ratsbane for company? If twenty men were to do so before you, would you not desire to be excused? How much more may you desire to be excused from going to hell for company? But, 'to oblige your friends,'

One of my own personal concerns for our people is that we buy and read so little of the important and helpful material available. We are fast succumbing to the spirit of an illiterate age, illiterate not because we cannot read but because we will not read.

Outside of books on the missionary reading list, or those related to general church drives and Christian Service Training, our book sales are disgracefully small. Two of our best sellers in the last two years have been *Problems of the Spirit-filled Life*, and Dr. Richard Taylor's splendid volume, *The Disciplined Life*. With a home-base membership of 335,000 Nazarenes, we sold just exactly 3,589 copies of *Problems of the Spirit-filled Life* and a little more than 7,000 copies of *The Disciplined Life*. Instead of less emphasis on selling books, it looks to me as if we need more.

What manner of friends are they who would be obliged by your destroying yourself? who would suffer, nay, entice you so to do? They are villains. They are your worst enemies. They are just such friends, as a man that would smile in your face, and stab you to the heart" (*Works*, XI, 170.)

And in Volume XII of the *Works of John Wesley* there is a letter to a Mr. S. of Armagh, dated April 24, 1769, in which Mr. Wesley writes, "Touch no dram. It is liquid fire. It is a sure, though slow, poison. It saps the very springs of life. In Ireland, above all countries in the world, I would sacredly abstain from this, because the evil is so general" (p. 249).

He has many stronger things to say on the subject of drunkenness, which for many we know is the inevitable result of any drinking at all. He describes it as inch self-murder (*Works*, VIII, 162). In view of this, I do not believe Mr. Wesley was a drinker.





### General Board in Session

Church leaders gathered this week in Kansas City for the annual General Board meeting, in which departmental reports are heard, missionaries are assigned, and General Assembly plans take shape.

Proceedings for the first time take place in the recently completed General Board building, which will receive during the sessions its official dedication by the Board of General Superintendents.

The General Board is made up of elected ministerial and lay representatives of geographical areas of the Church of the Nazarene. Reports to this group are found elsewhere in this issue of the *Herald*.

Two physical appointments to the grounds near the new General Board were recently added—one, a rough-hewn, 15-foot, 500 pound oak cross; and the second, a 60-foot, brushed aluminum flagpole.

The oak cross has been mounted for the winter months in the basin of the fountain located at the northwest approach to the building. The cross is illuminated at night, and is surrounded by stones and artificial grass. Its outline against the building is striking.

The new flagpole, visible from The Paseo, 63rd Street, and Woodland Avenue, was in use for the first time December 23.

### Approves 55 Publications

The Book Committee at its January 2 meeting approved fifty-five manuscripts for publication in 1964. Plans for thirty-two books in 1965 and twenty-three in 1966 were also approved.

The first volume of the *Beacon Bible Commentary*, a ten-volume exegetical-expositional study of the Scriptures with added homiletical helps, will be available this spring. The first volume will deal with the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke.

### 55,000 See "Doers of the Word"

A Christian television station's audience plus an additional 22,000 persons viewed the publishing house documentary film, "Doers of the Word," during 1963. About fifty-five thousand persons have now viewed the film since its release almost two years ago. Adding to the list of foreign countries the film has visited are Denmark, Great Britain, Germany, Haiti, Trinidad, New Amsterdam, Okinawa, Korea, and British Guiana. It was also used in conjunction with thirteen *Herald of Holiness* subscription campaigns during 1963.

The film was shown over television station WYAT-TV in Portsmouth, Virginia. There are twenty prints of "Doers of the Word" in use, along with one in which the narration has been translated into Spanish.

### Come Ye Apart Subscriptions Climb

Subscriptions for *Come Ye Apart*, family devotional magazine for the Church of the Nazarene, for the first time exceeded 100,000 for a quarterly issue. This reflects more than a 15,000 increase during the last two years.

The magazine recently introduced a new feature, "The Explorers," for boys and girls, which is woven into the daily devotional theme.

### Fire Hits Oklahoma Church

A pre-dawn fire in the basement of the Tishomingo, Oklahoma, church, January 1, did an estimated \$15,000 damage to the building before firemen brought it under control.

The fire apparently started in the basement heating unit. The exterior walls of the building were saved; however, a portion of the floor of the main auditorium dropped into the basement; and the rooms remaining intact were badly damaged by smoke and water, including the pastor's study.

Rev. Charles Porter is pastor. The church will worship in the local high school while repairs are made. Tishomingo is on the Southeast Oklahoma District.

### Craig Blanchard Dies

Rev. Craig A. Blanchard, forty-five, who served as pastor of Gainesville (First) and Lakeland (South Florida Heights), Florida, died suddenly December 27. Funeral services were held December 30.

Mr. Blanchard was graduated from the seminary in 1952 and had pastored until recently at the Gainesville church. Surviving are his wife, Lois, and four children.



### Village Tent Meetings Reported

PARIS, FRANCE—Tent meetings are proving effective in reaching the villagers of France, according to a report from Larry Bannon of the Bible Christian Union here. After meetings in Vendome, forty-two people gave their names indicating willingness to have Bible studies in their homes. (The forty-two represented thirty-three different homes, thus providing wide opportunities.)

During the campaign, the workers were able to obtain a choice spot in the market place for a Bible stand, where invitations and tracts were given out and

Bibles and New Testaments sold. Similar campaigns are being held in many other villages.

### World Population Continue to Increase

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The population of the world reached 3,180,000,000 in mid-1963, according to *Population Bulletin* for October, 1963. The gain of 185 million in only three years almost equals the total population of the United States.

World population increased by one-fifth during the 1950's with a numerical gain of half a billion people. The increment about equals the estimated population of the entire world in 1650.

Five of the world's ten most populous nations are in Asia. China with an estimated 731 million people is the giant of them all. India (461 million) is second. Then in order of size come the U.S.S.R. (225 million), the U.S.A. (190 million), Indonesia (100 million), Pakistan (99 million), Japan (96 million), Brazil (78 million), West Germany (55 million), and the United Kingdom (54 million).

### Charge Pastor Aided Refugees

BERTIN—The East German regime has demanded the recall of a Lutheran pastor at the Swedish consulate here. The Communist government accuses Rev. Herbert Jansson of having misused his diplomatic immunity by taking at least six East Germans to the West in his car.

### Spain Permits Church Signs

MADRID—A Baptist church here has been given permission to post a sign outside its chapel door giving the times of its services. Until now, Article 6 of the Spanish Constitution had forbidden "any external manifestation except those of the Roman Catholic Religion."

### Vermont "Patriots" Seek Bible Reading in Schools

SHAFTSBURY, VT.—More than 125 residents of this area organized the "Green Mountain Patriots," an organization seeking to restore prayers and Bible reading to Vermont's public schools.

One of the first moves of the Bennington County group was to vote for continued display of a picture of Christ in the Shaftsbury Elementary School after School Superintendent Leon Wagner had reportedly ordered it removed from a classroom.

### Says FCC Doctrine Is "Fuzzy"

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Dr. Clyde Taylor, director of public affairs for the National Association of Evangelicals, says that the "fairness doctrine" of the Federal Communications Commission is "fuzzy and unenforceable." Charging that the doctrine, if enforced, may enable "atheists and those of other religions . . . to demand free time to refuse paid religious programming," Taylor maintained "the gospel of Christ itself is controversial."



A unique but God-honored revival was held in the Van Wert, Ohio, Church of the Nazarene by the five minister sons of Mr. O. M. Clay, an honored lay member of the local church. Seated, left, is O. M. Clay; right, Rev. Robert Clay, Brunswick Church of the Nazarene, Cleveland, Ohio. Standing, left to right, are Rev. R. V. Clay, Norwood, Ohio; Rev. M. E. Clay, district superintendent of Southwestern Ohio; Rev. M. E. Moore, local pastor; Rev. Doyle Clay, Wilson Avenue Church of the Nazarene, Columbus, Ohio; and Rev. Kenneth Clay, Eaton, Ohio.



The Summerside Church of the Nazarene, Prince Edward Island, Canada, was remodeled and extended, and the new addition dedicated by Dr. Albert E. Harper, executive editor of the Department of Church Schools, assisted by District Superintendent R. F. Woods. The new portions include an eight-room parsonage, a youth center, and space for the enlargement of the present sanctuary. Rev. Philip R. Chatto has been the pastor since 1959.

A new chapel inside prison walls was dedicated by Tennessee Governor Frank G. Clement, left; shown with Chaplain Gordon V. Woods, center; and Commissioner Harry S. Avery, head of the Department of Correction for the State of Tennessee. Chaplain Woods, who also pastors Trinity Church of the Nazarene in Nashville, preaches to 330 men on Sunday after-



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noons. As chaplain of the Tennessee State Penitentiary, Chaplain Woods is responsible for all religious activities for the main prison.

The new sanctuary of the Lake Forest Church of the Nazarene, Houston, Texas, was dedicated by Dr. Hugh C. Benner, general superintendent, with Rev. W. Raymond McClung, Houston District superintendent, participating. The sanctuary and educational facilities have been appraised at \$90,000, and will seat 330 people for worship and accommodate 250 in Sunday school. Rev. Earl W. Transue is the pastor.



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