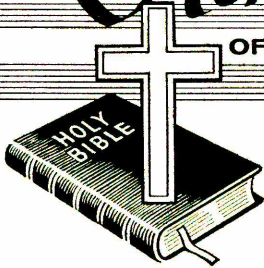


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"Fly now—pay later," is the slogan for credit selling in travel by air. I have learned to use the system, but discovered all too soon that the day of reckoning finally comes. Furthermore, it does not always come when I am best prepared for it.

My father indulged but little in credit buying. He used to say that, if he couldn't save up in advance to make a given purchase, what assurance did he have that he could pay for it after he bought it? I believe there is soundness in his caution. Our whole economic system,

Sin Now—Pay Later

General Superintendent Young

Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near: let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

Isaiah 55:6-7

even the government itself, I suppose, is based on credit. But surely there are some limits, and certainly we must all eventually face a day of reckoning.

In our world where sin is so common, even popular, it seems to me that the slogan for careless living is, "Sin now—pay later." But even godless and evil men cannot quite shake their inner feeling that all men must eventually give account to the Moral Ruler of our universe for the deeds done in this life. The preacher's warning in an ancient day is still pertinent: "Because sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil" (Ecclesiastes 8:11).

It is true that all sin is more or less suicidal, but the process is often slow. It also affords a temporary pleasure until the sinner finds it hard to face the fact of its evil consequences. But the law is still true: "As righteousness tendeth to life: so he that pursueth evil pursueth it to his own death" (Proverbs 11:19). The wages of sin is still death, for there is no chaos to our moral order. The day of reckoning will finally come, "because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead" (Acts 17:31).

Let us turn now from sin and plead for mercy and cleansing through the merits of the atoning death of God's own Son. This is our day of salvation.

LATE NEWS

Telegram . . .

Alexandria, Virginia—The sixteenth Virginia District Assembly, with Dr. Hardy C. Powers presiding, was outstanding in attendance, vision, and blessing. Dr. V. W. Littrell, having served as district superintendent for eight years, and now on a three-year call, reported gains and presented challenging goals for the fiftieth anniversary year, including the organization of six new churches—the slogan being "Six in the State in '58." Reports showed: church membership 2,377; Sunday school enrollment 4,705; value of church and parsonage property \$1,126,872; and total paid for all purposes \$300,482. Over twenty thousand copies of the special Golden Anniversary issue of the "Herald of Holiness" were ordered. Richard N. Shomo was ordained in an impressive closing service.—A. V. Mountford, Reporter.

Professor Naomi Larsen has been appointed acting chairman of the Division of Fine Arts and director of the Orpheus Choir for the year 1957-58 by President Harold W. Reed of Olivet Nazarene College. Mrs. Larsen succeeds her husband, the late Dr. Walter Larsen, who died June 14 from injuries received in an automobile accident.

Evangelists Ark and Lou Noel write that they have left the field to accept the pastorate of the church in Okmulgee, Oklahoma.

Rev. Lloyd Johnson has resigned as pastor of the Nazarene Mission in Sydney, Nova Scotia, to join the faculty of Bethany Bible College in Yarmouth, Nova Scotia.

After pastoring the church in Sparta for three years, Rev. Russell Spray has resigned to accept the pastorate of the Mifflin Avenue Church in Lansing, Michigan.

After seven years as pastor of the church in Haverhill, Massachusetts, Rev. Byron H. Maybury has resigned to accept a call to the church in Danielson, Connecticut.

After serving First Church in Albuquerque, New Mexico, Rev. Marvin E. Powers has now accepted a call to pastor First Church in Burlington, Iowa.

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Repentance is twofold, consisting of man's part and God's part. Man's part has to do with his relationship to God or what He does for God. God's part consists of what He does for man. Repentance is man seeking God and God seeking man.—BEN D. LEMASTER.

Gleanings

from the
Office Editor's Desk

"Enclosed check of \$1.50 is for the Herald of Holiness; always glad to see it in the mailbox—like a letter from home."—Indiana.

"Enclosed please find \$1.50 for another subscription to the Herald of Holiness. I have taken it under every editor; in fact, I was at the assembly when the Reverend Mr. Haynes came to the different districts presenting the subject of a church paper, which I voted in favor of and subscribed for in the event that such a paper was published. It seems to grow better through the years. I send it to a friend and she in turn passes it on. We both enjoy it very much."—Massachusetts.

"We appreciate the fine service the Herald does in printing church reports. They are interesting to many of us. . . . Just this morning, early, I met one of my members walking down the street to work. In her hand she carried several copies of the Herald. 'I'm taking these to one of my ——— customers for her to use in preparing some devotionals for her missionary society meetings,' she said. People in other churches appreciate the paper too."—Nazarene Pastor in Texas.

"I want to tell you what the Herald of Holiness has done for me; it has brought me peace of mind and a light heart. It has taught me to accept my adversities I have had for the past six years. It has brought me closer to my Saviour and showed me the way to accept God's will. I enjoy every article that is printed, and there is always a message in each one for me."—New York.

"Please be advised of my change of address, as I do not wish to miss a copy of the Herald of Holiness. It was a gift from a friend of mine and I enjoy it so very much, although I belong to a different denomination."—Illinois.

It pays to be obedient unto the Lord, paying close attention to the details of His commands. Make time for the things that will develop your spirit into a tender, devoted, worshipful one. To obey is better than the sacrifice of energy and time in seemingly good works which tend not toward the richer and deeper things of God in personal experience.—MARVIN E. POWERS.

Making the Most of the Sunday School Hour

By M. LUNN

Some time ago I came across a provocative statement of two words—"Live expectantly." Don't wait until Sunday morning but early in the week (Monday) begin to look forward to the Sunday school hour.

Too many adults come to Sunday school (and church too) much as infants brought to the table for meals. They open their mouths wide and expect food to be immediately forthcoming.

When will we laymen learn that it is as serious a responsibility to listen at the receiving end as it is to teach or preach at the output end?

Any situation holds for us just about what we bring to it in receptivity, in preparedness, and in anticipation.

The problem is how to overcome the all too common tendency to procrastinate. What will it take to get our lagging feet in motion on the road to getting more out of the Sunday school hour?

Not many teachers have the courage to ask for a show of hands from those who have read the lesson. Such audacity might be embarrassing to the members and discouraging to the teacher. However, that is the minimum requirement—reading the scripture lesson and the exposition in the quarterly. And if you aspire to be a prize pupil why not read the devotional articles for each day of the week, based on the Sunday school lesson, that you will find in *Come Ye Apart?* If your Sunday school isn't furnishing this devotional quarterly you can subscribe for the modest price of 50c a year for all four issues. Now you have a smattering of background for the lesson presentation. You might even be able to answer a question or two.

And how about including your Sunday school teacher when you say your Sunday morning prayers? You do, don't you? Pray, I mean, before leaving for church?

If you drive, you're probably assigned to pick up someone who hasn't his own means of transportation. Or am I being presumptuous again? Be that as it may, now you're at church in time for the Sunday school service. You've come with a glow on the inside and a smile and extended hand on the outside, I hope. You aren't a natural mixer, you say. You're the quiet, retiring, reserved type? Ever think that others might say you're aloof, unfriendly, and unsocial? Now hear this from one who knows and who from his own experience has the right to advise others. If you aren't the natural,

back-slapping extrovert just try to be friendly and cordial and human. It won't be too long before you've loosened up and warmed up and you'll begin to enjoy the Sunday morning round of cheery greetings before the school begins.

But you're not through yet. When the first song is announced get that hymnal out of the rack and enter, if not with gusto, at least with spirit, into the song service. You can't sing? Listen, at church last Sunday morning a big fellow right next to me was singing wholeheartedly and getting blessed in the process. He was pitifully off key and couldn't carry a tune in a sack. He came near throwing my basso profundo (?) off stride once or twice, but I enjoyed his fervor and opened up an extra stop or two myself.

I don't believe in palaver (I hope that means insincere flattery because that's what I mean) but when a teacher gives a good lesson and brings some sound truths down to earth and close to where I live, I think it's in order to tell him so. Possibly he is tempted to resign because the class seems so unresponsive. Your commendation might give him a new lease on his job. As he basks in the warm glow created by your words of appreciation and hearty, "God bless you," don't forget the pastor and the officers of the school. While they

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gladly give of their time and talents for the extension of God's kingdom and the salvation of souls and do not serve for the purpose of receiving commendation, it will encourage them to put forth, if possible, a greater effort.

So why not make the most of the Sunday school hour? You owe it to the entire Sunday school staff,

particularly to your teacher. And you owe it to your fellow members. One live-wire can spark an entire class. And last but surely not least, you have an obligation to yourself to put the most into and to get the most out of that weekly privilege of participating in the study of God's Word in the Sunday school hour.

Families Are Reaching Other Families

By **EARL C. WOLF**

The *Family Outreach Program* has been one of the developments in the church's effort to help the homes of the church. Our first task is to help Christian parents enrich and strengthen the spiritual life within the home and become effective teachers of the Christian faith. The church seeks also to help Christian homes to be dedicated to the task of Christian family outreach. The un-churched and non-Christian homes must be reached for Christ and the church.

Christian families are reaching other families for Christ and the church. Nearly 50,000 "Family Outreach Packets" are now in use. While the program is just in its second year, it has proved already to be a blessing both to families sought and to the families seeking.

NEW FAMILIES WON

Mrs. Emma Irick writes from Texas: "Wanted to report sixteen new scholars enrolled in Lulkin Sunday school in the month of March, and several new families coming as visitors that we hope to enroll in April as we are continuing the Family Outreach Program."

"REAL BLESSING TO OUR CHURCH"

Pastor Ermel Short from Indianapolis writes: "This plan has been a real blessing to the East Side Church of the Nazarene. When the program was presented, we had a family to accept its challenge and purpose to win another family. Mr. and Mrs. Herman Mertz were won to the Lord as a result of their prayers and earnest efforts. They in turn began to seek the salvation of Mr. and Mrs. Yenzel. Mrs. Joan Yenzel was won to the Lord and joined the church and began to pray for Mr. and Mrs. Hunter, who were both won to Christ and Mr. Hunter called to preach the gospel.

"We plan to appoint a director and carry out this program in a very definite way this coming year. With proper local leadership I believe that this program can be the greatest our church has ever sponsored."

STRONG EVANGELISTIC ARM

The results of the Family Outreach Program in operation from October through March in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, are inspiring. But let Pastor Ben F. Marlin tell the story in his own words:

"A young married couple were stirred by the message which concluded with the presentation of the Family Outreach Program. They came forward to receive their Family Outreach Packet and to sign a pledge card to make their home truly Christian in outreach and to do their best to win a family.

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that this was their family to win. When the first family outreach reports for October came in, this young couple had taken advantage of every instruction suggested on the report sheets and had succeeded in bringing their family to one revival service in October. Month by month the reports showed that they were faithfully working at the job, and making about two vital contacts a week on their family.

"When the midwinter revival came in February, this young couple had their family there the first night. The second week of revival they began to attend regularly and on the last Sunday morning the father, mother, teen-age daughter, and son came to the altar and prayed through to victory. Two Sundays after the close of the revival all four joined the church and were baptized and two younger children of the family were dedicated.

"During the same period of time two other families were won by other workers using the Family Outreach Plan. One family brought a young couple with no children. Another family with a baby girl were won. Both families joined the church and were baptized and the baby girl dedicated. All three of the above families joined the church the same day.

"Over the same period of time another family was won to the Lord and will join the church soon. Two other families who did not attend church anywhere started and are now regular attendants.

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"I am sure that the Lord will bless the Family Outreach Program wherever it is faithfully followed out and that it is the strong arm of our church in its community today."

The Sunday School Stays for Church

By V. H. LEWIS

I preached a while ago in a church where everyone stayed for the morning worship service. The first time I did not notice it particularly. I thought since it was a special service that all remained just for that occasion. But the second time I preached there in a Sunday morning service, everyone who had attended Sunday school was there for church also.

Upon inquiry the pastor informed me that they always remained for church. The church had been organized only about eighteen months. Said the pastor, "We have done this since the very first service. These people don't know that they can go home after Sunday school and before morning worship."

What an ideal arrangement that was! It seems to me to be a wonderful way to start a church with such a Sunday school-morning worship re-

lationship. If it can be done there, it can be done elsewhere; and surely in the churches where an exodus habit is already established, the situation can be improved. It must be improved! Our people need to worship God on Sunday morning. Men, women, children, families, all need the spiritual aids of Sunday morning worship.

First of all we must be sure that the morning worship service is one that they should want to attend. The pastor and those in charge of the worship must make it a real worship service. Everything humanly possible should be done to make it the best possible service.

Then in the church organizational structure the Sunday school should "build" towards the worship hour. This can be accomplished in various ways. The Sunday school staff must, of course, set the example. A teacher or officer leaving after Sunday school is a serious saboteur of the worship hour. His or her departure is crying aloud to many that the morning worship is not important. Such action is stating that it is not necessary to attend worship;

and the church is a party to the damage by allowing such a person to continue to teach. Nothing can more completely cancel the efforts of pastor and people to build the morning service than Sunday school officers scurrying away for personal and material reasons, leaving the house of God between Sunday school and church service.

A planned and deliberate attack on the malady of going away after Sunday school can do much to help it. The program must be positive. People cannot be coerced into remaining for church. They must want to stay. The "want to" is necessary as a basic attitude in worshipping God.

Positive propoganda will help advertise the morning worship. Use various means such as bulletin, newspaper, and Sunday school announcements to portray to others the value of the church service.

In one church where the people were "prone to wander" after Sunday school the pastor had some large posters made. During the class period he had them placed strategically where those leaving could not help but see them. On them were such statements as: "Look behind you. Some child may be following you away from God's house." "For what important reason are you leaving?" "Are you going away to break the Sabbath day?" "Which of the Ten Commandments are you about to break as you leave?" "Sorry you are missing the privilege of worship this morning!" "You would enjoy the worship service today!" "Does your reason for skipping worship this morning satisfy God?"

Several times the pastor would place himself inconspicuously and watch. The leaving people would look rather startled and guilty upon reading the poster. This along with other things really helped increase the attendance in the church.

In the Sunday school class itself is the secret of success. During the last few minutes of the class period the teacher can do much to "sell" the pupils on staying for church.

Telling what the worship of the Sunday previous meant to her is good advertising. A bit of advance knowledge of the pastor's sermon subject for that day and an expressed desire upon the part of the teacher to hear that message can create interest and desire in the class members. Special organizational aids such as reserved section for a "class of the month" in the morning service, etc., all help.

Prayer and consistent efforts to get the Sunday school to stay for church are perhaps the biggest aids. We must keep continually at it. But a pastor with the co-operation of the Sunday school officers and teachers can build a great worship service.

It is true that only as the Sunday school pupils and staff stay for the morning service and worship God does the Sunday school come into its full meaning and impact for Christ in the lives of those who attend it.

The Sunday School's Responsibility to the Nation

By **FRANK G. CLEMENT**
Governor, State of Tennessee

Some months ago, a group of my church friends came to the governor's office on Capitol Hill in Nashville, Tennessee, and asked me to teach a new Sunday school class. It was an unusual request to make of the governor of a state, but after prayer and consultation I accepted the challenge.

Teaching "The Way" class has been one of the most richly rewarding experiences of my life and has impressed on me more fully the responsibilities to the nation of the Sunday school, which is one of the most profitable investments we may make of our time on Sunday morning. As teachers, our responsibility and opportunity are unlimited in the development of Christian character; in learning more fully the Holy Bible—the basis for obedience to our Creator; in promoting Christian friendship and fellowship among the members and in attracting new members.

To some, our meeting place seems like a strange Sunday school classroom. We meet in the foyer of a downtown theater building in Nashville. Just a few steps away is the sidewalk, and beyond, the street. Our membership consists mostly of those men who would not normally attend a Sunday school class, and many of the passers-by stop and enter as often from curiosity as interest. Some weeks ago the class had a very inspiring visitor—an elderly gentleman who spoke briefly to the assemblage of his faith, his spiritual gratitude, and the responsibility he felt and the importance he placed on being present in God's house on the Lord's day. This man truly exemplified his faith and for more than fifty-nine years he has not failed to be in a Sunday school class on Sunday morning!

Even though I grew up in a family whose members regularly attended church and Sunday school, who participated in the activities as best they could—my father teaches a class of some seventy-five businessmen, and until recently my mother

served as church organist—I did not completely realize the full value of Sunday school, this great Christian institution, until I had assumed the responsibility of teaching a class. It was not until then that I realized from the nation's Sunday schools come citizens of Christianity. It has often been said that in the home, the church, and the school there are developed those characteristics which are fundamental to a democracy such as ours. Of the three, I consider the church the most important, for it is from the church that we get the faith which keeps our homes and our country strong.

In our Sunday school classroom, as we exchange ideas, thoughts, and opinions, we understand better Christianity and more fully comprehend our instructions to "study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed." Regular and conscientious study enables us to worship God more acceptably. Of course we learned early in life that faith is the gift of God: "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast"; but our concepts are broadened through our class discussions, knowing that "without faith it is impossible to please God."

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in the nurture and admonition of the Lord; as long as an altar of God can be erected every Sunday, so long and only so long will ours be a nation of people dedicated to the greater glory of God and the betterment of all mankind!

When God Speaks

By H. BLAIR WARD

Superintendent, Canada Central District

To go, or not to go, that was the question. Was it the voice of God, or was it only an impression? While I was praying and thinking as I was out calling, there came to me an unusual and almost irresistible feeling I should go out to the edge of town and see this man. His family had been praying for him for years. While reasonably well, he had a bad heart; he might go at any minute, and he was unsaved.

Finally I turned the radiator of my car in his direction. I found both him and his wife at home. They invited me in, we were comfortably seated, and then talked of many things—the weather, hunting, fishing, railroading (he had worked at that for years), but finally I came to the point of my visit. I told him of our interest in him, of our concern for him, and of the strange feeling I had that day. Then I came to the point. "I feel today is your day," I said. "I believe that God wants to

save you right here and now." I saw that he was moved, for tears came to his eyes. I urged him to kneel down, and there by his chair we prayed that God would forgive the wasted years, the sins of the past, and all that was wrong. He prayed too, and soon a heavenly radiance flooded his countenance. God had forgiven! He was saved! The prayers of his good wife, of his brother, and of the rest of the family were answered. There was rejoicing in heaven and in our hearts. Another straying prodigal had come home.

Both he and his wife joined the church a few months later, and were faithful in attendance, in their devotional life, and in their witnessing.

That was five or six years ago now. Then this morning a letter came. In it was a brief note which said, "—— died four days after his brother. He was on his knees at the family altar, and had just finished praying when he went." Our Master had called him home.

What if I had not gone back there? What if I had not heeded that impression? What if the people had not prayed? But, thank God, they did pray, and God spoke to both his heart and mine. And, thank God, he has joined the church triumphant.

When God speaks it pays to obey.

*A snowy Sunday, a Christmas program,
and wonderful parents reminded me of—*

My Christian Heritage

By MRS. WENDELL WILCOX

I looked around at the sparkling, white snow and had to pinch myself to see if it were really true. My wondering eyes again took in the scene before me. The little church looked the same from the side, but had a new, dignified front where the old one used to be. There was a beautiful, new parsonage next door instead of the little, old, ramshackle house that had once stood there. The cars were parked along the street in front of the church and the people, calling their greetings to one another, were going inside the church. Over all was the beautiful, crisp sunshine on the sparkling snow. It was true! I was home for Christmas. After spending sixteen Christmases in California, I was finally at home in the little Colorado town where I had grown up.

As I walked into the church that morning with my family, my heart overflowed with gratefulness to God for this privilege of once more being in this little church that had meant so much to me in my growing-up days. Memories began to crowd into my mind as we crowded into a pew about halfway to the front of the auditorium. This was such an important day. This was the day of the Christmas program. As I looked down to the front pews and saw the rows of shining, scrubbed children, dressed in their new clothes for the Christmas program, I could almost see myself there. Twenty-five years ago I had been one of the scrubbed, shining children waiting eagerly, yet so fearfully, for my turn on the program.

I remembered how very important it was to have a new dress, and possibly new shoes, for the Christmas program. Mother always made us something new, even if it had to be made out of something old. Looking back on it now, I'm sure Mother must have been a genius to be able to create the "new look" out of some of those old clothes.

I looked around the auditorium and picked out some familiar faces of the people I had known ever since I could remember. My mother and father had belonged to this church before I was born. Consequently, when I was three weeks old I was taken to church and, except for illness or vacations, I missed very few Sundays or revival meetings in this church until I went away to college.

I looked at my mother and father and I thought what strong, stalwart, faithful Christians they had been down through the years. I looked at my daddy, sitting with a long row of junior boys, smiling at them and with them, and encouraging them as it came their time on the program. Yes, it has always been like that. Daddy always has had a class of boys or young people. I thought of the many years he taught the young people's class, and how they loved him. He became lovingly known to all of them as "Pop Howell." Many of the young people have come back later and told him they would never have stayed true to God if it had not been for his faithfulness to them. He was never too busy to pray with them or to play with them.

Down through the years he has not only been a very wonderful father to his own three children, but also like a father to countless other young people. Now that he is older I think the "playing" is sometimes too hard on him, but he will be the last one to admit it. I found that out a few days later when we all went sledding. My son, fourteen, and my daughter, eleven, were having their first experience in playing in the snow. They were just a little dubious as to how they should ride that sled down the hill. It was their grandfather, sixty-two, who got on the sled and rode it down the hill, showing them just how to guide it. Again I thought with pride, as I had when I was a little girl, There's nothing my daddy can't do. Even though my father has had a physical handicap most of his life, it has not kept him from being a successful father, teacher, and businessman.

My mind was brought back to the service as I realized my mother was taking her part in the program. She looked so small and beautiful and sweet as she stood there by the Sunday school superintendent. She was very graciously presenting him with a gift on behalf of the Sunday school. I thought, That is so typical of my mother. All my life she has been giving to others. All the time we children were growing up she gave so unstintingly of herself, not only to us, but to neighbors, relatives, friends, and always to the church. You have heard the saying, "If you want something done, give it to the busiest person you know." Well, that

is my mother. She is always busy and always being asked to do one more thing, and always doing it.

Through the years my mother has had some very serious illnesses with several major operations, but I've never been able to think of her as a sick person. Instead, I think we all think of her as the most energetic person we know. She would never let her illness get her down. She always bounced back with renewed determination to do more for God and her church. When there was sickness, death, or trouble people always called for Mother. She seemed to know how to "take over." As I looked at her this morning I thought of a phrase that described her perfectly. "Little, but mighty."

The program was over. The children who had been somewhat subdued and fearful at the beginning were now relaxed and bubbling over with pent-up energy. They were excited and impatient as they waited for their treats.

As I left the church that morning, and greeted my friends of so many years, I thought, This is my heritage. A mother and father who gave untiringly and unselfishly to God, their church, and their family. By their lives, they taught their children the privileges, joys, and responsibilities of the church. I can never remember a time when my parents did not have some church office or place of responsibility. Thus we grew up accepting our responsibilities as they came. A church whose people were true and faithful to God, and patient and kind with children and young people as they grew up—this has been my glorious Christian heritage.

May God help us to do as well for our children. Is it not their rightful heritage? May we not only do our best for our own children, but also the youth of our church. They also deserve this Christian heritage.

Thumbnail Sketches

Called to Be a Doctor

*A thumbnail sketch of
Paul Little, M.D.,
of Los Angeles, California*

Do you sometimes wonder what happens to the sons and daughters of our church leaders? Many of them are busy in the service of mankind and the work of the Lord, like Paul Little, son of that wonderful holiness preacher, district superintendent, and earnest soul winner, Rev. J. T. Little.

The family of J. T. Little was pretty large, even in comparison to our "booming generation." Some-

NEWS in PICTURE



NEW OUTPATIENT CLINIC OPENED at the Raleigh Fitkin Memorial Hospital in Swaziland. Left to right: Mrs. Kenneth Stark; King Sobhuza II, of Swaziland; Dr. S. C. Jenkins; Mrs. Louise Chapman; Dr. David Hynd.

one remarked to Brother Little one day, "Takes a lot of work with a family like that, doesn't it?" The good preacher smiled and said, "Oh, not too much; you see, every Little helps."

Dr. Paul Little, 5676 York Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, oldest son of Rev. J. T. Little, is a busy physician and surgeon, an earnest Christian and faithful church member. I was thrilled when he said, "God called me into medicine. I felt that this was a field of service for my Lord, and I've never lost this God-given feeling."

During the years of service as a navy doctor, and the years of practice on the boulevard, this man has kept his ideals high, his convictions strong, and his church in mind. He, along with a lawyer, J. Wesley Mieras (son of another pioneer preacher, Rev. E. E. Mieras), make up the lay section of the District Advisory Board of the Los Angeles District.

During a recent revival, Dr. and Mrs. Little brought many new folk to the services, prayed and pulled for sinners, and helped to bring a spirit of revival. The Doctor explained it to me this way: "You know, Paul, when I go elk hunting, only my wife is allowed to reach me, and that is if the children are sick, or she herself. All other ills, and problems, are handled by the other men in the office—I'm elk hunting. And I just felt that this revival was 'elk hunting' time, and I'd put into it just as much interest and enthusiasm as if I were hunting." Oh, I used quotation marks, and I'm sure I didn't quote him letter-perfect, but that is the spirit he displayed, and the way he worked for a real revival.

—EVANGELIST PAUL MARTIN

The Genius of Nazarenes

By ROY F. SMEE

Secretary Department of Home Missions

It was during my recent trip to Alaska. In visiting the churches, I had only two evenings to give to our two churches in Fairbanks. Since my plane left too early the second evening for us to have a regular preaching service, it was announced that there would be a semisocial gathering when members of both churches would come direct from work for an evening meal, at which time I would speak to the group.

We had our dinner, and Brother Sheppard, pastor of First Church, was leading the group in singing some choruses and asked for interspersed testimonies prior to my address.

After a few testimonies a young man got to his feet and said, "Brother Sheppard, this is not a testimony." He then went on and told how he had been failing God, and how miserable he was, and asked the group to pray for him. Brother Sheppard said, "Why wait?" and in a minute's time the group were on their knees praying as they would in a revival altar service. They prayed until the young man found victory.

I was thrilled and said to myself, This is the genius of the people called Nazarenes. Here was a group enjoying social fellowship and as of old "did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of

heart"; but when one voiced the need of prayer, everything else was dropped and the one thing became paramount. A soul in need demands our first attention. May it ever be so.

Little Things to Think About:

ALL THINGS

By VIOLA E. HODGE

Long Beach, California

You mean all things work together for good? All things? Yes, that is what it says, right here in Romans 8:28—that is God's assurance to "them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose." Seems impossible sometimes, doesn't it, that any good could possibly come through that hard thing that is such a trial to you!

It is so difficult for us to see past the present pain, sorrow, or testing and realize that it may be a part of the "chastening" that has been promised to all the children of God; and that, says Paul, though it won't be any fun while it is happening, "afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby."

God never sends evil to His loved ones; but He does permit things to happen that seem to us to be evil, and then changes them into "good" right before our eyes! If we accept everything as coming from His dear hand, He will never fail to "make the curse into a blessing" unto us because He loves us.

You see the whole deal depends, not on what happens, but on what we do about it. A sorrow accepted and offered up to God brings the miracle of His peace and the glory of His presence. God will take anything we give Him and bless it so that the suffering, disappointments, and even our failures, if accepted with humility and offered up to Him with thanksgiving, will result in spiritual enrichment and the nurturing of such virtues as patience, perseverance, and faith, which we are enjoined to cultivate. Peter says that "the trial of your faith" is much more precious than gold and that we shouldn't be surprised when it happens to us—it will not be an accident, but done on purpose to enable us to grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

If it is true that God has a plan and purpose for each life—and it is true—then the least we can do is to co-operate fully with His leading. If we could even for a moment catch a glimpse of what is in His thought for us, we would not falter or draw back, but would yield instantly and completely to His blessed will, knowing that "all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose."

The Wonders of the Word

A few years ago in the American hospital in Turkey, an Armenian patient was given a Bible. It was the first Bible he had ever possessed. When dismissed from the hospital, he took it to his village and displayed it to his friends. A Moslem teacher in anger snatched the book from him and began tearing it to pieces, throwing the pages into the street. The young man, in fear of his life, allowed the scattered pages to lie there untouched. A grocer passing by saw them, picked them up, and used the pages for wrapping paper. Soon they were scattered all over the village. Customers read the pages and asked the grocer for more. In a few days the entire Bible was distributed to interested readers. When a Bible colporteur came to the village later, he was amazed to find one hundred persons eager to buy the Scriptures. The mutilated copy had borne fruit one hundred fold.

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No family can afford to be without—

The Family Altar

Several years ago I was a part of a discussion among a class of young women who were within the next few months planning to be married. One of the points of discussion was the establishment of family altars. One girl said that she would not feel free to read the Bible and pray with her prospective husband, but if there were children she would endeavor to do so with them. The last time I heard of this woman she was trying to establish a second marriage on the foundation of divorce and was running away from God and a spiritual church.

By ISABEL D. WATSON

Pastor's wife, Myrtle Creek, Oregon

I knew little then of what those opinions pro and con could mean, but since establishing a Christian home with a family altar and children growing up in that home, I can see just how important this firm foundation can be.

We have not arrived by any means, as our children are all below the tenth grade, but I can't help but feel that the consistent family altar has helped us stay close together. We have come through a period of "Do we have to take time for worship?" to "Let's have worship, so we can get off to school." It is now an accepted, and I believe an enjoyable, part of our life.

Family worship can be conducted in many ways. In this life of hurry, it is not always advisable to take long chapters to read or make lengthy prayers when there are appointments to be met. Unwise use of such time often discourages a child rather than encourages him. Children's time must be considered, for we as adults can and must take many of our prayer requests to God at a later time. We have found that one adult and one child praying each day works nicely.

We have graduated now from a Bible story book, which seemed very proper for preschool and primary grade children, to the *Come Ye Apart*, which is not only interesting but is familiarizing our entire family with ministers, missionaries, and laymen of our church. Names and places are beginning to fit together for them. We especially enjoy the issues of the *Other Sheep* which acquaint us with more specific missionary needs. The children contend for the privilege of reading these requests.

We have tried each day to pray for our President, our church leaders, and our missionaries. Now, we notice, it is we and not the children who sometimes forget to mention one of these items. The manner in which an eight-year-old makes petitions sometimes brings smiles to the rest of us, but God certainly hears those prayers with open ears and an answering mind. I wouldn't miss hearing them for worlds!

There are many things that many Nazarenes cannot afford, but one thing that is free is the *family altar*. Dad and Mother, are your children slipping away from you? Search your hearts! Are you providing them with many material things and getting along without the one thing you cannot afford to miss—the family altar? Truly, the family that will pray together will stay together!

HOME

By GENEVIEVE THOMPSON

*I walked the lonely road of life,
Sometimes in sun, sometimes in rain;
Sometimes along a mountain height,
Sometimes a fertile plain.
And as I walked I sought a place
That was my dream, my lifelong dream—
A little cottage, snug and warm,
Beside a quiet stream.*

*One day a Stranger came my way,
And walked with me and talked with me.
With kindly look I heard Him say,
"What distant land seek ye?"
I told Him of the place I dreamed,
The cottage small and snug and white.
I said the way was long, it seemed,
And that I feared the night.*

*"Fear not," He cried; "I'll walk with thee,
I know this road; each mile I've trod.
"Twill lead you on until you see
Your home and heaven and God.
There's no continuing city here;
My Father's house shall be your home,
And neither pain, nor death, nor tear
Can enter that fair home."*

*And so we walk by day and night,
Sometimes in sun, sometimes in rain;
Sometimes along a mountain height,
Sometimes a fertile plain.
Sometimes we fly on winged feet;
Sometimes a rugged road we plod.
We seek no cottage, small and neat,
But a city built by God!*

A National Day of Prayer

All of us rejoice in the fact that a joint resolution approved by Congress in 1952 provided that the President "shall set aside and proclaim a suitable day each year, other than a Sunday, as a national day of prayer on which the people of the United States may turn to God in prayer and meditation at churches, in groups and as individuals." In harmony with this joint resolution, President Eisenhower has proclaimed Wednesday, October 2, as a national day of prayer. The text of his proclamation reads as follows:

WHEREAS, we are grateful for the faith in which our fathers found their strength and for the hope which has guided our nation from the earliest days; and

WHEREAS, it is a good thing for a people unitedly to remember their heritage of spirit, and to refresh themselves daily in the divine truth which is their most precious inheritance; and

WHEREAS, in our steady drive for enduring peace among men we must always seek the aid of the Father of mankind; and

WHEREAS the Congress, by a Joint Resolution approved April 17, 1952, has provided that the President "shall set aside and proclaim a suitable day each year, other than Sunday, as a national day of prayer, on which the people of the United States may turn to God in prayer":

Now, therefore, I, Dwight D. Eisenhower, President of the United States of America, do hereby set aside Wednesday, the second day of October, 1957, as a national day of prayer; and I call upon our citizens, each according to his own faith, to unite in prayer and meditation on that day.

In constant dependence upon our Creator for the spiritual gifts required in the conduct of our affairs as individuals and as a nation, let us now ask for wisdom and strength to fulfill the high purposes for which we are called, seeking the welfare of all peoples through a just and lasting peace across the face of the earth, bringing happiness to the home of the humblest family and to the courts of the Almighty. Let us pray with eager expectation that we may be inspired to sacrifice, at home and abroad, to achieve a life worthy of the children of God, for all men, everywhere.

We Want the Children AND Their Parents!

One of the outstanding recollections of my childhood is that all of us went to Sunday school. My parents didn't just send their six children to Sunday school; they went with them. It was a habit of my father and mother to go not only to church but also to Sunday school. They helped their children

to feel the importance of Sunday school by attending themselves.

The example of my parents makes it easy for me to write on the subject, "We Want the Children and Their Parents!" And when this topic is considered, I am not thinking so much of Nazarenes. Why? Because it is difficult for me to conceive of Nazarene parents merely sending their children to Sunday school. How can people who belong to a church which stands for what ours does, which is intensely interested in evangelism through the Sunday school, be satisfied merely to send their children to Sunday school? Surely there are not many Nazarenes like that! If so, God have mercy on them. If you are a Nazarene, don't ever let it be said of

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you that you sent your children to Sunday school but didn't go yourself. Take your children to Sunday school!

Thus, in this article, I am thinking mainly of those non-Nazarene parents whose children come to our Sunday schools. We are delighted to have their children come; we don't want them to stop coming. But we are anxious to impress upon their parents the need of coming also. If you believe enough in our Sunday schools to give your children to us for an hour each week, you ought to believe enough in them to commit yourselves to them for the same time. You need to learn something about the Bible and Christian living, and you are just as welcome as your children are. We want your children *and* you!

Here is another fact you must remember: you can't make your children morally and religiously what they ought to be just by exposing them to religion and the proper ideals of living for an hour each Sunday. If you are going to rear those children to believe in God, to believe in right living, you'll have to believe in God and right living yourself: you'll have to understand the truths for which Christianity stands. One of the best ways to get this knowledge is to attend Sunday school with your children. There you'll find classes to suit your age, and teaching which will interest you. Also, you will find fellowship with people who believe in the Bible, God, and Jesus Christ. Further, the Sunday school will open to you avenues of social fellowship which will bless and enlarge your life.

The Church of the Nazarene is deeply interested in the family and family life, and nothing so re-

joices its Sunday school workers as to have the parents attend with their children. We want the children and their parents!

Watch Your Step— It Is Easy to Be Misled!

Dr. Paul Tillich, who is considered by many to be America's leading theologian, has recently published a volume on his view of Jesus the Christ. Certainly no one can doubt the wealth of Dr. Tillich's knowledge or his ability to build a significant system of theology. Nevertheless, his teachings must be examined in the light of those held by the Christian church down through the centuries.

STEPHEN S. WHITE

Otherwise we are likely to be misled. This is no more true of any of his views than those which have to do with Christ and the Cross.

The center of Dr. Tillich's system of Christian thought is Christ, and one might go even further and say that the cross of Christ is the focal point. The trouble is that he doesn't separate the person of Christ from the work of Christ; he merges the two. He frankly declares that traditional theology has been incorrect in separating the two. For it, the work of Christ has been thought of as an act of the person who was the Christ, and would have been the Christ whether He had performed that work or not; that is, whether He had died on the Cross or not; for the Cross is the culminating act in the drama of Jesus' life.

As one reads this volume of Dr. Tillich's carefully, he finds the idea expressed that Jesus became the Christ because of what He did on the Cross; while the classical view has been that Jesus' death on the Cross had significance because Jesus Christ was the God-Man. The eternal Son of God who had been made flesh died on the Cross for our sins. If He had not been what He was, then what He did would have had no value; His death would have been only that of a martyr.

Jesus' deed on the Cross is all-important, but it would have had no meaning if it had not been the death of the God-Man. What He was, let me say again, made what He did all-important; it was not what He did that made Him what He was. It is so easy to misunderstand not only Dr. Tillich but also several other present-day specialists in Christian doctrine. They talk much about Christ, and about how Christ-centered their theology is, but

we must find out how He is the center of their thinking about Christianity. When we do this, we discover that they start with only a human being and not with one who was divine and human. For them, He rises to a unique place in the Christian scheme because of His deeds, which culminated in the Cross.

The Gospel of John does not follow the pattern laid down by Dr. Tillich and some others who are leaders in the theological world today. John says: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God"—you will notice the term Word is written with a capital W and has always been thought of by the Christian church as referring to the Second Person in the Trinity, Jesus Christ. Thus we could start off the Gospel of John in this way: "In the beginning was the Son of God, and the Son of God was with God, and the Son of God was God," or we can say, "In the beginning was the Christ, and the Christ was with God, and the Christ was God." John is not satisfied to give only this first verse; he goes on to emphasize the outstanding significance which the Word has: "The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not" (vv. 2-5). All the way through these verses John is talking about the pre-existent Christ. In connection with this passage, note the words in verse 14 of this first chapter: "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth."

What I have given you is called the prologue, or introduction, to John's Gospel—one of the greatest doctrinal passages in the New Testament. The Apostle, in writing this preface, under the inspiration of God, begins, not with the Cross, not with what Jesus did, but with what He was. If He had not been what He was, then all that comes later in the Gospel of John which refers to His coming death, and then the description of that death, would have been meaningless. All of the Gospels give plenty of space to a discussion of the trial and crucifixion of Jesus; and it is always the trial and crucifixion of a Person who was more than man, who was not only the Son of Man but also the Son of God, the Person described in the majestic language of the prologue to John's Gospel (John 1: 1-18).

Dr. Tillich may make the Cross the center of everything, and that would be wonderful if this centrality were defined in the proper way. Mere emphasis upon the centrality of the Cross can undermine the Christian religion when stated as some men are presenting it today. Watch your step—

it is easy to be misled! The doctrine of the person of Christ is a part of Christian theology. No amount of emphasis on Christ and the Cross can be of any value unless we bear in mind the eternal truth about the person of Christ, the fact that He was and is the Son of God as well as the Son of Man. The latter placed Him within reach of the experi-

ence of the Cross, and the former made that experience worthwhile in the redemptive plan.

Watch your step—it is easy to be misled! Men in the past have "kissed away the deity of Jesus Christ," and some are doing it today. They praise Christ and the Cross, while they undermine their significance.



Foreign Missions

REMISS REHFELDT, *Secretary*

Heathen Revivals Bear Fruit MARY COOPER *Portuguese East Africa*

The revivals for the heathen throughout the northern district in February brought good returns in souls. Around 250 who repented in those services joined our probationers' class.

Last week as we were on our way to one of our youth groups a pastor who lives along the way came out to stop our car. He said, "Inkrosazana, I wanted to tell you that Old Grandmother has gone on. She called for us in her last hours, and told us that she was going and she didn't want a heathen burial, but wanted me to see that the church buried her."

Peacefully she left this world for heaven. She had spent her life in heathen darkness, but had been saved in the "heathen revival" a year ago. We praise God for these precious souls snatched from the enemy's hand.

We are out on the district in youth work this week. We have around 130 girls and boys present in our classes today.

V.B.S. in Trinidad RUTH SAXON

At present we are "up to our necks" in vacation Bible schools 25 in all. The Brunts arrived just in time to help in the one at St. James. The attendance there is around 440. I hope this doesn't frighten our new missionaries before they have a chance to catch their breath.

The Brunts have already won a place in the hearts of the missionaries and the Trinidadians. We will miss the Harmon's while they are gone, but it is wonderful to have such capable replacements.

New Duties

Dr. Speicher and Miss Howard are preparing to go home on furlough now, so we are starting to turn over duties.

One never has a chance to get in a rut in this hospital, for it seems one just gets settled in and then has to start something else. But that is healthy, they say, so we take it as that.

It is wonderful, and I never cease to marvel at the way God has taken care of details for us and made ways where we did not know there could be ways.

Since before the hot season, Vishrantibai, who works in the office, and I had been praying that God would send someone to help us. We had a high school girl who was coming in part time, but we could not take on more duties, as we planned to do with the present staff, unless we could have more help. When I arrived home from vacation, there was an application from one of our preacher's daughters. She had rickets as a child, and is quite crippled. She had sat for her matriculation examination in May, but did not know what she could ever do for a living. She contacted Vishrantibai and applied for work here. She is learning to type and to do other office work and I believe that God sent her to us, to open a way for us as well as for her. Already she is a big help.—JAN DARLING, *India*.

Coming on Furlough

We have closed a victorious year in the Bible school. It is encouraging to see the development and greater understanding in our students.

We leave our field with a strange mixture of emotions—as I'm sure is true with all missionaries. Of course we have not seen all the results we hoped for, but we have seen the first graduation in the Bible school and the opening of the last three unevangelized islands of this archipelago. God has blessed and our faith has been strengthened. Above all, we have a greater appreciation than ever before for our great church and its leaders.—J. ELTON WOOD, *Cape Verde Islands*.

Note: The Woods left Cape Verde about August 19, and should arrive in New York around September 12. After six days of rest, they will be engaged in deputation work.—Ed.

From Formosa JOHN HOLSTEAD

My wife and I are in good health. We are both struggling with the Mandarin language. God is helping. The Millers and we had our first vacation Bible school in our church at Ta Chi. We feel it was a wonderful success. We will conduct another at Yang Mei next week. God is blessing our efforts and we are getting better acquainted with the people and customs. We appreciate your prayers.



Conducted by GRACE RAMQUIST

The Boy Had Come to Church—

Only grownups want to hear a story once and no more. Children will listen to the same story every night for a week. After a rest of a few nights or weeks, they will ask for the same story again. Then should they hear the story in a strange place, their joy is doubled, for they know it ahead of time.

Our minister, Dr. Smith, told of an incident in his life which illustrated the above truth.

One Sunday as he stood before the pulpit, to illustrate some truth, he told in detail a Bible story. When he started relating the story, he noticed a ten-year-old boy seated on one of the front pews, leaning forward listening intently. As the story progressed, the boy seemed

to become more and more fascinated. It was only when the story was through that the child relaxed and settled back.

At the close of the service the boy's parents insisted on hurrying away from the church. The child kept pulling back and standing near where the minister was greeting the departing congregation. The parents finally won out and the boy was forced to go to the car with them. Once in the car the child sobbed.

"What is the matter, Son?" asked the father.

"I wanted to see Dr. Smith," the boy replied.

When he could not be consoled, there was nothing to do but get out of the car and go back into the lobby of the church. Once inside the boy rushed up to Dr. Smith.

"I already knew that story. My father has told it to me," he said and then happily left with his parents.

On the face of things, it looked trivial and unimportant for the child to tell his pastor that he had heard the story before. But wait! That child had

probably heard many sermons in his young life. He had no doubt felt that the preacher was not talking to him. This time, however, he had heard something he knew already. Oh, the joy of knowing! The boy had come to church.

It is difficult to stress the telling of Bible stories too strongly. I have heard some say, "We should tell stories from real 'life situations' these days." Bible stories are good for all situations. If the stories are related as they appear in the Bible, I firmly believe the Bible truths will take root even as God intended they should.

Boys and Girls—

Did You Ever Clap Your Hands?

It is so easy for us to believe we can do nothing to help other Christian boys and girls. Sometimes one can help a great deal if he only claps his hands and tells his friends they have done a good job. At church or at school, if one of

your group tries to do something good, you should tell him you liked what he did. That's one way of clapping your hands.

Once there were four brothers who loved to play together. There was a river near their house where the boys often played. One day while they were playing in the water, the second boy fell into a deep hole. He could not swim at all.

The oldest boy could swim. Quickly he jumped into the river and swam toward his brother. He reached him and grabbed hold of his arm. Try as hard as he could, he could not get his brother back to shore. If someone had not helped, both would have been drowned. Right then the third brother thought of a way he could help. He caught hold of a branch and stretched out his body as far as he could on the branch so the swimmer could catch hold. Soon all three boys were safely back on shore.

When the boys reached home they started telling their father about their

Servicemen's Corner



On Board Ship

"I learned about your organization, the Nazarene Servicemen's Commission, through a friend aboard ship. After reading some pamphlets of yours, I thanked God for such wonderful people as you. I too am a Nazarene, and although I am unworthy, I am proud of the church to which I belong.

"I read all of your papers and enjoy them all and would like to compliment you on your wonderful work for the Lord. May God richly bless each and every one of you.

"I saw the post cards for ordering different literature and would like to receive them.

"I am twenty years of age and am married. My wife is also a Christian and if you have anything that will help us build our Christian home we will be more than happy to read it. We are using our Bible to guide and direct us, but I don't think it would be a waste of time seeking our church's help. I hope I haven't taken too much of your time with this letter instead of the short post card. Thanks again for your work for God.—LAWRENCE E. BROOKS."

From Texas

"I am very grateful to the Church of the Nazarene and the Servicemen's Commission for

the fine job they are doing. We in the service need all the good, Christian reading material we can get. You don't see many of the fellows interested in reading their Bibles or other Christian literature. I look forward to receiving my church papers and miss them very much if for some reason one fails to arrive.

"God has been very good to me in keeping me stationed near a Church of the Nazarene for better than eight years. I re-enlisted in 1948, and went to Travis Air Force Base; while there I attended the Vallejo church. From there to Great Falls, Montana, and the Great Falls church; then to Alaska and the Anchorage church. I am now stationed here at Sheppard Air Force Base and am active in the church at Burkburnett, Texas. From my travels I find that Nazarenes are still holding high the Blood-stained banner of Christ.

"May God continue to bless the Church of the Nazarene and those that lead us on in these troubled days.—ANDREW G. DECH."

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experience. They all talked at once and the father could not tell what anyone was saying.

"Wait, wait a minute," cried out the father, "one at a time, please. Let me get this story straight. You, the oldest, what did you do when your brother fell into the river?"

"I jumped in after him. After I had reached him, I could not get him back to shore."

"Then what happened?" asked the father.

The second brother started to talk. "I couldn't swim. I tried to think of a way I could help. Finally I climbed out on a branch of a tree and bent it down so my brothers could reach it. Soon all three of us were safely back on shore."

Father turned to the fourth boy.

"That leaves you, Sonny, the very youngest. What did you do to help?"

The six-year-old stopped for a moment, then said, "Father, I could not swim and I couldn't help with the branch, but I stood on the shore and clapped my hands yelling, 'Good, good.'"

Remember you, too, can always cry, "Good, good," and clap your hands when a Christian friend needs encouragement.

his correction. During his stay at Ephesus, news reached him of the condition of the Corinthian Christians which necessitated this letter.

The first three verses of our lesson establish Paul's apostleship, which was essential before dealing with the spiritual problems or giving his advice. Also they give his salvation and descriptions of the church. He reminded them that the church was the property of God, that they were set apart from the world and thus sanctified, and they were called to be saints. Thus Paul describes them as Christians not yet entirely sanctified, but lets them know that that is their calling and God's purpose for them.

The second portion of our lesson deals with the problem of divisions and strife which existed in this church. Paul declares that this fact is proof of their yet being carnal. These divisions centered

around leaders, which is nearly always true when there is division in God's church. Paul refused to have any part in this and even was thankful that he had not baptized many, lest this be used as a means of further division. In that they might spread rumor that he had baptized in his own name.

The latter part of the lesson is a short treatise on the power of the Cross. The Jews required a sign from heaven; thus Jesus refused to give them, and thus they rejected Him. The preaching of Christ crucified, the Anointed One being killed, was to the Jews a seeming impossibility. The Greeks sought the wisdom of philosophy and demanded a reason for everything, and so Paul's preaching of the Christ as a Saviour, who could not even save himself, seemed to them foolishness.

But to the called, who had accepted the Christ as Saviour, He had become a

the Question box

Conducted by STEPHEN S. WHITE, Editor

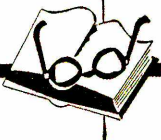
One holiness preacher says that we should pray the Lord's Prayer and another says that we should not. They take these different positions because this prayer says, "Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us."

Wesley was a good "Nazarene" in doctrine, but he did not rule out praying the Lord's Prayer, even though he was fully aware of the petition to which you refer in your question. Furthermore, in using the Lord's Prayer, he was not admitting that the person who is sanctified wholly sins, in the strictest sense of the term—willfully transgresses the known law of God. Wesley knew that, at best, man in his outward life comes short of the perfect law of God and, therefore, needs constantly the forgiving grace of God, from this standpoint. In

other words, sins of ignorance, mistakes, or shortcomings due to human infirmity must be covered by the Blood. Wesley did not like the phrase "sinless perfection" because it was so easily misunderstood. However, he used it in spite of the fact that at times he said that he wasn't going to use it. But when he did use this phrase, he always wanted it to be understood that he meant by sin "the wilful transgression of a known law of God." The sanctified did not need forgiveness for trespasses, or sins, as thus defined.

The Sunday School Lesson

MELZA H. BROWN



Topic for
October 6:

Paul Writes to the Corinthians

SCRIPTURE: I Corinthians 1-4 (Printed: I Corinthians 1:1-3, 10-15, 21-25)

GOLDEN TEXT: *I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified.* (I Corinthians 2:2).

With the beginning of a new quarter we now shall study lessons from the New Testament. The lessons for this quarter are from three of the letters of the Apostle Paul, namely, I Corinthians, Philippians, and Philemon.

Paul wrote two letters to the church at Corinth and this first letter is one of his longest. There were a number of reasons for this extended Epistle. The church was in the wicked, commercial city of Corinth. The people had but recently been converted from paganism and idolatry, and there were many irregularities among them which needed

In a letter to me you stated that Wesley at one time believed a man could not backslide after he had been sanctified. However, according to you, he later changed his mind, and taught that man could fall from the high estate of entire sanctification and finally be lost. Would you please give me some basis for this statement as to Wesley?

I do not have the original sources before me now. Therefore I shall verify my claim by the following paragraph: "10. As to Losing the Experience. At first Wesley believed that the experience of Christian perfection could not be lost, but finally he was convinced that it could be. In a letter to his brother (LXVII, London, February 12, 1767) Wesley writes: 'Can one who has attained it fall? Formerly I thought not; but you (with Thomas Walsh and John Jones) convinced me of my mistake.' In the month before (January 27) Wesley had said: 'By perfection I mean the

humble, gentle, patient love of God and our neighbor, ruling our tempers, words, and actions. I do not include an impossibility of falling from it, either in part or in whole. Therefore, I retract several expressions in our hymns which partly express, partly imply, such an impossibility.'" (O. A. Curtis, *The Christian Faith*, p. 381.) It must be remembered that Wesley is talking in the above references about falling from entire sanctification. From the first, he believed that the person who was only saved could backslide and be lost.

Nazarene Young People's Society and Nazarene Junior Society

PONDER W. GILLILAND
Executive Secretary

living power in their everyday lives. So, Paul declares in our Golden Text, "I am determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified." This is the only means of salvation. Christ is the answer to their problems. There is no division in Him, and He is the power of God.

Let us pray: "Father, we do thank Thee for the wonderful Saviour provided for all who will believe. Forgive us for every spirit of strife or division, and unite our hearts to love our Lord Jesus Christ. Enable us to do better in preaching the power of the Cross as the only means of world transformation. In Jesus' name. Amen."

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"Programs with a Purpose"

As the January first launching of the new program plans of the N.Y.P.S. looms ahead, a mounting barrage of questions is coming in. Interest is apparently high. Here are some typical questions, with brief answers:

Q. What is "Programs with a Purpose"?

A. This is the name given to the new programming plan of the N.Y.P.S. It is also the title of a new Christian Service Training book written by

Ponder W. Gilliland to acquaint youth leaders with the aims and purposes of the new plan and to offer suggestions for carrying it out.

Q. In what way is "Programs with a Purpose" different from what we have been having all along?

A. There is really not a tremendous difference. The new plan merely takes a middle ground between the traditional, unconnected, entertainment-style programs and the lecture-type training lessons which have recently been resorted to by many societies. From the former it conserves the values of participation and from the latter the advantages of concentration for several weeks on one general theme.

Q. Where will we find our program materials?

A. We will continue to publish our three program quarterlies, namely, *Young Adult Topics* (formerly *Young People's Journal*), *Teen Topics*, and *Junior Topics* (formerly *Junior Society Leader*). Every church should order bundles of five of all three.

Q. How long will a series last?

A. Usually one month but with variations. For instance *Young Adult Topics* and *Teen Topics* will carry two six-week C.S.T. courses each year.

Q. What plans have been made to acquaint leaders with this new setup?

A. The week of September 30 to October 4 has been set aside as a special period when local or zone leaders will get together to study the C.S.T. course "Administering the N.Y.P.S." (No. 313.1a). The text for the course is *Programs with a Purpose*. Three two-hour sessions are recommended. If the proposed date runs into local conflicts another time could be set aside for the study, preferably before the end of October.

If you have further questions concerning "Programs with a Purpose" feel free to send them in to the General N.Y.P.S. office in Kansas City.

—J. FRED PARKER

Selected to Serve

The following have recently been elected, or re-elected to serve as district youth leaders.

DISTRICT N.Y.P.S. PRESIDENTS:

British Isles

South W. J. R. Westcott

Houston A. L. Payne

Iowa Forrest E. Whitlatch

Kansas E. R. Houston, Jr.

What was the religious state of the Pharisee? Was he converted or perhaps in some cases even sanctified?

The Pharisees were orthodox in belief. They taught the immortality of the soul, the resurrection of the body, and the other doctrines of the Old Testament. They insisted on the keeping of the Mosaic law. As one writer states it, they were at first "men of strong religious character; they were the best people of the nation." In time, however, as a group they degenerated. "Yet they always numbered in their ranks men of perfect sincerity and the highest character." Paul before his conversion, and no doubt his teacher, Gamaliel, belonged to the better class of Pharisees. As to whether any of the Pharisees were converted or sanctified, one can only say that the most of them did not know what heartfelt religion of

any kind was. If one did chance to rise to such a level, he passed beyond Phariseism with its almost blind emphasis upon external righteousness. It should be added that we can find some things in the religion of the faithful Pharisee to emulate. He was orthodox in his belief, zealous in propagating what he believed, and blameless in keeping the law outwardly (see Philipppians 3:4-6). On the other hand, the Pharisee at his worst was an extreme legalist without any regard for inner righteousness. All he was interested in was to appear to keep the law of Moses. John, in Matthew 3:7-10, and Jesus, in Matthew 23, were thinking of the second type of Pharisee.

"And the same John had his raiment of camel's hair, and a leathern girdle about his loins; . . ." (Matthew 3:4). Would you explain in detail the dress of John the Baptist?

One writer calls it a rude robe. If it were different from those of its day, it was due to what it was made of, and not to how it was made. The robe fully covered the body, and perhaps itself was overlaid with a mantle which

covered the robe quite well. In addition, John the Baptist probably had a loinloth under the robe and a leathern girdle about the robe in the center. Whatever may be said about him, he was not lacking in clothes.

What did Paul mean by saying, "I am made all things to all men" (I Corinthians 9:22)?

Read the whole of chapter nine. It is to a large extent a discussion, as someone has said, of Paul's law of self-rendered liberty. There are many things that he could do that he does not do because he does not want to hinder the gospel of Christ (I Corinthians 9:12). When Paul declares that he is made all things to all men, he does not mean that he does everything that everybody else does just to get into their good

graces. Rather, he means that he leaves off doing many things which he could do and keep saved in order that he might be able to help some that he otherwise could not help. It is a principle of self-denial which he is setting forth instead of self-license, or a law of limitation instead of excessive liberty, in order that he might thereby further the work of Christ. Paul did not want to be a stumbling block to anyone.

Northwest

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South

Arkansas..... Robert Lindley

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Carolina..... Harold Limer

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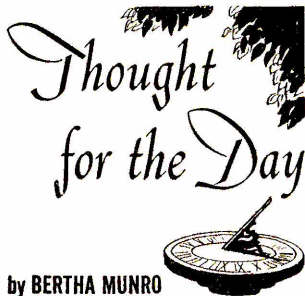
Indiana..... Miss Carolyn Douglas

South

Arkansas..... Betty Ann Stinson

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Wisconsin..... Mrs. Carl Leth



by BERTHA MUNRO

"Shining Pathway"

Monday:

The entire lake is a glow of palest rose of dawn, the hills half veiled in soft-tinted mists. But straight across to the spot where I sit is a shining path of liquid gold. The world is waking, the rose is fading, but the gold is brightening; the sun is sending its glory just to me. And my heart leaps with the reminder: "Unto you . . . shall the Sun of righteousness arise." Then I remember that the same road of gold comes straight to the cottage around the bend. The world's sun, but a path to every individual.

*God of all being, throned afar,
Thy glory flames from sun and star;
Center and soul of every sphere,
Yet to each loving heart how near!*
—O. W. HOLMES IN 1948

The same today, to the least of His children—to me. (Malachi 4:2)

Tuesday:

All humanity, the anthropologists tell us, is religious. Every man feels the necessity of a god. All have sinned, the theologians tell us. But one day I knew that I had sinned; I must have God. I was the sheep that was lost. Thank God for that day; it was the beginning of life for me. I must pray definitely and witness clearly, so I can help God

make that divine invasion into other lives. (11 Samuel 12:7, 13.)

Wednesday:

"Christ died for the ungodly"—it stands written plainly. "God so loved the world." But one day I caught the "whosoever" and wrote my name instead. Christ died for me. I drove the nails; I must claim His "Father, forgive." "Rock of Ages, cleft for me. . . Simply to Thy cross I cling." "In the cross of Christ I glory." (Romans 5:6; John 3:16; Luke 23:34.)

Thursday:

Philosophers and poets laud "The Great Unknown." With them I glory in the majesty of His power and His judgments past finding out. But the supreme evidence of His infinitude is that He stoops to reveal himself to me. "My Father will love him, and we will come . . . and make our abode with him" (John 14:23).

Friday:

John Wesley worked for years to make himself good enough, but one day his heart warmed to a strange, new assurance. Only then he read for himself, "The Spirit . . . beareth witness with our spirit." I too heard the word of grace for myself, "Neither do

I condemn." "Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died [for you]." (John 8:11; Romans 8:16, 34.)

Saturday:

*In the morning [of joy] I see His face,
In the evening [of problems and temptation] His form I trace,
In the darkness [of sorrow] His voice I know.*

Not know Him? See the shining pathway!

Sunday:

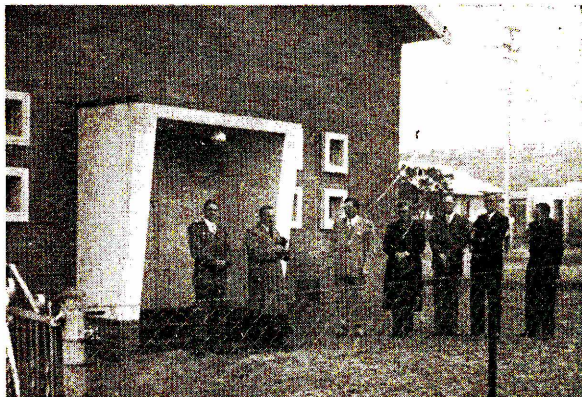
How find Him personal? Jesus said, "I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me." "As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up; that whosoever . . ." God gave us eyes. Each man must look for himself, to live. Eyes off self and a steady look at Christ; He will "draw." (John 3:14; 12:32.)

Then a walk of fellowship in that clear line of light.

*I am on a shining pathway
Aloft life's shortening years;
Trusting [safely] in the merits
Of the Man of Calvary.*



ROY F. SMEE, Secretary



The pastors of the South Africa District meet together once a month for a prayer meeting. While the distances are great and some of them cannot attend regularly, these prayer meetings have brought the pastors closer together as they have shared their common burdens and problems in a holy fellowship.

New Churches

District Superintendent O. J. Finch organized a new church in Westminster,

Colorado, a suburb of Denver, on July 28. Rev. Bill Sullivan is the pastor. For the time being, the congregation is worshipping in the parsonage.



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SPECIAL NOTICE

By the authority voted by the 1957 Tennessee District Assembly, I hereby appoint Rev. C. E. Shumake superintendent of the Tennessee District, effective September 15. This appointment is made after consultation with the Board of General Superintendents and with their approval.

SAMUEL YOUNG
General Superintendent

A church was organized at West Union, Illinois, on July 28 by District Superintendent W. S. Purinton. The church had started as a branch Sunday school of the Marshall church about a year earlier. The congregation is leasing the building in which they are worshipping. Rev. Vernon Hammond is the pastor. This is the fourth new church in the Illinois District since the General Assembly.

District Superintendent J. W. Hendrickson of the North Arkansas District, organized the Crawford Memorial Church in Fort Smith on August 18. A church building has been constructed. Rev. Mark Chinn has been appointed pastor.

NEWS of the Churches



Western Ohio District Camp

The 1957 Western Ohio District camp will not soon be forgotten because of the wonderful messages presented to us by Dr. V. H. Lewis and Dr. L. B. Hicks. These men of God came to us with a soul burden and an intense passion for the lost which resulted in souls seeking the Lord.

The early morning prayer services and the people's meetings, under the direction of Rev. William Applegate, were gracious times for all.

James and Rosemary Green blessed our hearts with their singing and cooperative spirit. The children's services held in a tent under the direction of Mrs. Noel Whitits proved a great blessing to the children.

With this fine group of workers and the presence of the Holy Spirit, truly we sat together in heavenly places.

For five afternoon sessions, Dr. Lewis conducted a special study on evangelism, and certificates were awarded.

Our beloved district superintendent, Dr. W. E. Albee, had charge of the services. He inspired and challenged all present to a closer and deeper experience with Christ.

The closing day was a high light in the history of the camp. An estimated 4,500 people were present for the afternoon and evening services. The long altar and front seats were lined with seekers and God gave definite victories. We thank God for the gracious outpouring of His Spirit on the Western Ohio District.—ROBERT L. ELLIS, Secretary.

Northwestern Illinois District Conventions and Assembly

An old fashioned "brush arbor" and camp meeting spirit pervaded the ninth assembly of the Northwestern Illinois District, which was held August 21 and 22, on the Manville holiness campgrounds. Plans were undertaken to make this spacious, shade, and tree-studded site the district center.

Dr. Hardy C. Powers, presiding officer, with his powerful preaching, inspired us all to work as never before for God and souls. We shall not easily forget his words nor soon lose the impact of his dynamic zeal for the Kingdom.

The assembly proper was preceded by the N.Y.P.S. convention on August 19

and the N.E.M.S. convention on August 20. Rev. Riley Laymon was re-elected as the district N.Y.P.S. president, and Mrs. L. E. Eckley as the district N.E.M.S. president. Rev. Ted Martin of Hammond, Indiana, was guest speaker for the young people, and Rev. Louis Ragains of Nicaragua was the special missionary speaker.

Rev. Lyle E. Eckley gave his ninth report as district superintendent. His enthusiasm, energy, drive, and sincere devotion challenged everyone to go "all out" in this Golden Anniversary year. Seven new churches, 500 new members, 2,000 new Sunday school scholars, and \$10,000 for missions were set before us as goals to achieve. We of Northwestern Illinois appreciate our fine leader. He blows a trumpet like unto Gideon. We have heard the note of victory and are determined to follow him "over the top" in this our beloved Zion's fiftieth year.

In the ordination service conducted by Dr. Powers two received elder's orders—Walter W. Smith and Roger A. Fleming.

Rev. Gene Fuller, pastor at Streator, did excellent work in arranging housing



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September 26-27, 1957, First Church of the Nazarene, 19th and Flint Streets, Waco, Texas; Dr. Hugh C. Benner, Special Speaker

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February 17-18, 1958, Nampa, Idaho

February 20-21, 1958, Portland, Oregon

February 24-25, 1958, Sacramento, California

February 27-28, 1958, Riverside, California

Watch for announcements of conventions to be held in the fall of 1958 and the spring of 1959

All conventions begin at 1:30 p.m. on the first day.

on and off the campgrounds for all members of the assembly. The Olivet Treble Tone Trio added the musical touch. Brother and Sister Harry Morrow, founders of the Manville Camp, were gracious hosts. We appreciate their opening the camp and their hearts to the Northwestern Illinois Nazarenes. —ROGER A. FLEMING, *Reporter*.

Iowa District N.Y.P.S. Convention

The Iowa District N.Y.P.S. convention was held in the tabernacle on the Nazarene campgrounds in West Des Moines on Saturday, August 17. Evangelist Paul Madden brought the special morning message. Rev. Forrest E. Whitlatch, our capable and efficient president, was in charge.

District President Whitlatch gave a fine report—69 local societies, an increase of 4 over last year; 1,580 active members; and a total of \$10,292 raised for all purposes. Brother Whitlatch was re-elected as president with a nearly

unanimous vote, and given a nice gift in check form in appreciation of his splendid work.

Other district officers elected were: Rev. A. D. Foster, vice-president; Mrs. Gene Phillips, Jr., secretary; Rev. Walter Attig, treasurer; Mrs. Ray Phillips, teen-age supervisor; and Janice Phillips and Roger McMullan, teen-age representatives.

We appreciated the special singing of the Olivet Viking Male Quartet and also of Miss Helen Greenlee.

The talent contest highlighted the closing of the convention. All contestants made fine presentations and we appreciated their splendid work along with that of the director, Rev. O. V. Ethington. First-place winners were: in the vocal contest, Virginia Crow; instrumental division, Patty Tyler; and speech division, Barbara Miller. Cash awards of twenty five dollars were given to each of the first-place winners.—PAUL H. VARGE, *Reporter*.

Northwestern Illinois District N.Y.P.S. Convention

The Northwestern Illinois District N.Y.P.S. convention was held on Monday, August 19, at Manville Camp, Manville, Illinois.

Rev. Ted Martin was guest speaker for the day, and his messages were inspiring and uplifting. In the evening service the altar was lined with earnest-hearted young people seeking God.

Rev. Riley Laymon, who has so efficiently served as the district president for the past year, was re-elected. Other officers elected are: Rev. Ted Holstein, vice-president; Mr. John Alderson, treasurer; Gene Fuller, teen-age supervisor; and Nancy Alderson and Tim Driscoll, teen-age representatives.

We thank God for the gains made during the past year, and want to move farther ahead in the work of the Kingdom in the new year.—JEANNE RICE, *Reporter*.

Southern California District Camp

The Southern California camp meeting held at Costa Mesa, under the big tent, each summer is one of the spiritual high lights of our district. The power of the Lord was upon each service, and the closing night the Holy Spirit moved with such force that out of the three thousand people present practically every life was touched.

Rev. Leslie Parrott and Rev. Nicholas Hull preached under the Spirit's anointing, using the Word freely in illustration and exhortation. Ron Lush headed the music department with his characteristic manner that makes people want to sing and shout the praises of God.

Rev. T. H. Stanley was in charge of the prayer meeting, the people's service in the morning, and the healing services. The Lord is using this man in this capacity and he made a real contribution to the success of the camp.

We believe that camp meeting is for everyone; so youth services under the leadership of Rev. Paul Benefiel and junior boys' and girls' services directed by Mrs. Ruth Burton made this a family camp meeting.

There was a wonderful spirit of cooperation and prayer during the camp, and many said this was the greatest camp ever held on the Southern California District. We appreciate the spiritual leadership of District Superintendent Nicholas A. Hull and the camp meeting board, that makes all the arrangements for this annual district revival.—HAROLD B. BUCKNER, *Reporter*.

Houston District N.Y.P.S. Convention

The Houston District N.Y.P.S. convention was held on Tuesday, August 6, at the Oakwood Church in Houston, Texas.

We were blessed with special music, good reports, and the dynamic preaching of our guest speaker, Dr. Cecil Ewell.

The progress of the district was shown in the report of our district president, Rev. Van Furman. This convention marked the close of three years of good leadership under Brother Furman. The convention elected Rev. Art Payne to be president for the coming year.

Our good district superintendent, Rev. Raymond McClung, added much to the convention with his gracious spirit and wise counsel.

Reports presented showed increases over the district—financially, numerically, and spiritually. We are planning by prayer, co-operation, and effort to help our church in its Golden Anniversary celebration.—DORIS A. F. ROXON, *Reporter*.

Maritime District Boys' and Girls' Camp

The first boys' and girls' camp ever conducted by our church in the Maritime was held August 12 to 19, at Buctouche, N.B. With over eighty boys and girls in attendance, together with fourteen workers, the camp was an outstanding success.

Rev. Verbal Williams from Oxford was the chaplain and special worker. God truly blessed his ministry by giving us an almost complete sweep of victory at the altar. More than seventy-five young people sought God either for salvation or heart purity. Thank God, our church is committed to the salvation of our young people.

We are already talking and planning for an even bigger and better camp next year. We give God praise for victory.—D. R. MORRISON, *Camp Director*.

South Arkansas District N.Y.P.S. Camp and Institute

The Nazarene young people of the South Arkansas District met on August 12, at Camp Couchdale on Lake Catherine near Hot Springs. Rev. W. L. French, district superintendent, led in the opening prayer.

This was the fifth annual convention for the young people of this district and, in many respects, was the very best we have had. There were 216 enrolled—a number far greater than we have had previously.

Our district president, Rev. Bob Lindley, conducted the business of the convention very efficiently. He was re-elected for another year. Other officers elected were: Rev. Eugene Twining, vice-president; Rev. Wayman Davis, secretary; Rev. Wade Powers, treasurer; Rev. Dick Jurell, teen-ager director; and Billy Lee Jetton and Harrell Lucky, teen-age representatives.

Evangelist J. C. Crabtree was our guest speaker, and his messages were searching, challenging, and uplifting. Approximately one hundred sought God for spiritual help and shouts of victory continued far into the night.

Rev. Wayman Davis was the excellent camp director, and I believe both young people and pastors left this encampment with new desire and determination to serve God in reaching the unsaved.—BILL JETTON, *Reporter*.

Idaho-Oregon District Camp

The Idaho-Oregon District camp, held at Nampa, Idaho, August 15 to 25, was said by the old-timers to have been one of the best in the history of the district. From the very beginning God's presence was felt in a wonderful way.

Under the leadership of District Superintendent I. E. Younger, a strong

emphasis was placed on prayer. Workers, pastors, and laymen alike continually called upon God for that "something extra" in this year's camp. On the closing day the Holy Spirit manifested himself in a way that none of us ever will forget. The large tabernacle, seating nearly three thousand people, became a new "Bethel" for Nazarenes of this area as God met with us in a most unusual and precious way.

On this particular morning the spontaneous singing mixed with the shouts of the saints ruled out the normal routine, and hungry seekers began streaming to the altar seeking God for forgiveness of sins and heart purity, during the early minutes of the service. The movements of the Holy Spirit continued until after the noon hour, and the tabernacle became a virtual Pentecost.

God continued to bless during the day. In the afternoon service nearly five thousand dollars was pledged for the purchase of property in John Day, Oregon. In the great closing service on Sunday night again there was a great moving of the Spirit as God's messenger preached from a burdened heart.

Rev. Roy A. Bettcher was at his best as he opened God's Word and declared the truth unhesitatingly. Dr. Paul Uppdike lifted our souls to new heights of spiritual blessing through his timely Bible messages, and Miss Fairy Chism

graciously complemented these outstanding workers with her unique presentation of the gospel. The Spirit-filled singing of Professor Warnie Tippitt was blessed of God. He and the camp meeting choir made a vital contribution to the success of the camp.

The crowds were the best in many years, as more than three thousand people packed in and around the tabernacle for the Sunday services. Praise God! He still lives, for we have seen Him!—DICK J. EDWARDS, *Reporter*.

Southeast Oklahoma District N.Y.P.S. Camp and Institute

The Southeast Oklahoma District N.Y.P.S. camp and institute was held at Robbers Cave State Park, near Wilburton, Oklahoma, July 29 to August 1, with Rev. Ponder Gilliland, general N.Y.P.S. secretary, as the special speaker.

Brother Gilliland was well received by the young people of the district. His messages were beamed to their needs. Several times during the camp ready responses came to the message and the altar was filled with earnest seekers.

The camp was efficiently manned by the district president, Rev. Johnny Harrison, and his staff of assistants and teachers. The enrollment reached a new high for the district, with 212 registering. Four courses were taught in Chris-



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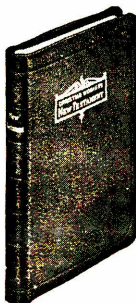
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tian Service Training, and over two hundred credits were awarded.

One of the high lights of the encampment was the choice of Mr. and Miss Nazarene. This choice is made from nominees submitted by the staff of workers and counselors. The registrants vote on the young man and young lady whom they believe to best exemplify what a Nazarene young person should be. Those elected to this high honor were Miss Carolyn Seymore of Wister, and Mr. Charles Childress of Bennett, Oklahoma. On Thursday evening a banquet was held in their honor with a very interesting program.

On Thursday afternoon eight were baptized in an impressive baptismal service. The closing service on the last day was the time for a very reverent observance of the Lord's Supper. This service, conducted by District Superintendent Glen Jones, was one of beauty and a real spiritual blessing to those participating.

The Southeast Oklahoma N.Y.P.S. Council is planning for a bigger and better camp next year.—HAROLD C. HARCOURT, *Reporter*.

Maritime District Assembly

The fourteenth assembly of the Maritime District convened at our church in Oxford, N.S., with Dr. Hugh C. Benner presiding.

Dr. Benner's timely messages of inspiration and challenge were gratefully received. We appreciate his love, his burden, and his vision for our beloved Zion. In addition to his presence, we were happy to have Dr. Benner's wife and daughter with us.

Progress was the keynote of the assembly. Nearly every department of the church reported gains, spiritually, financially, and numerically. Budgets for the coming year are at an all-time high for the district.

Our faithful district superintendent, Rev. J. H. MacGregor, was re-elected for the twelfth consecutive year without one dissenting vote. For their untiring

service, both he and his wife were presented with a love offering.

Above all these blessings, we were aware of the blessing and presence of the Lord from the beginning. The opportunity for the Church of the Nazarene in the Maritime Provinces was never brighter. The fields are white, and we are determined to press forward, fortified by His love and grace.—D. R. MORRISON, *Reporter*.

Boys' and Girls' Camp Canada Pacific District

The largest boys' and girls' camp ever held on the Canada Pacific District, with 180 campers on the ground, closed with a great spiritual tide. God marvelously used Rev. J. R. Spittal, our fine pastor at Penticton, B.C., special speaker, night after night in leading our boys and girls to Christ.

Much credit is due to the splendid leadership of our camp director, Rev. Harold Hoffman; our wonderful district superintendent, Rev. Bert Daniels; and the efficient workers they gathered about them for the success of the camp.

With this outburst of spiritual fervor manifested among our youth, we look with confidence to the future for greater things from God.—ARTHUR F. GROOM, *Reporter*.

Virginia District N.Y.P.S. Convention and Youth Institute

The annual convention of the Virginia District N.Y.P.S. was held July 12 and 13 at the campgrounds near Dillwyn, Virginia. Rev. David S. Radcliffe, district president (completing the year for Rev. C. Wm. Ellwanger, who had moved from the district), gave a good report and presided efficiently.

Officers elected were: Rev. David S. Radcliffe, president; Rev. W. O. Holloway, vice-president; Mrs. Loren Gould, secretary; Raymond C. Carr, treasurer; Rev. Loren Gould, teen-age supervisor; Peggy Carson and Wendell Kelley, teen-age representatives.

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Our good district superintendent, Dr. A. W. Littrell, and his wife were present throughout the camp and convention. Their godly influence and leadership are much appreciated by the young people of the Virginia District.—A. V. MORNFORD, *Reporter*.

Evangelist E. D. Wolfe writes: "I have some meetings slated in Ohio for the spring of '58, and have some time available I'd like to slate while there, or en route to and from the West Coast. Write me at my home address, 820 Edina Avenue, Salem, Oregon."

Hope, Arkansas—Recently we had a wonderful meeting, a real revival, with Rev. J. M. Gleason and family as the special workers. Their music, singing, and preaching were great. God blessed and gave twenty-two seekers at the altar, with three returned to be sanctified, and five united with the church. Everyone was blessed and helped by these

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special services. We thank God for answered prayer.—W. J. CAMP, Pastor.

Evangelists Betty Wagner and Helen Lavelly report: "We are now beginning our third year in the field of evangelism. We have a fine slate with several meetings scheduled for '58; however, we have an open date in November of this year, and some time open in January and February of '58. Last year we conducted meetings in Indiana, Tennessee, Texas, Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Illinois. Write us at our home address, Box 661, Mt. Vernon, Illinois."

DEATHS

REV. W. L. ROBINSON, evangelist on the Eastern Kentucky District, died May 12, 1957; he had recently moved to Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. He was born September 29, 1905, at Brown County, Indiana. Married to Song Evangelist Joy Dean Smith, they had a very happy marriage, and were blessed with two lovely daughters. He lived closely in the Lord and helped to win many souls to Christ. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Joy Dean Robinson; two daughters, Sharidean Joy, age five; and Bonita Sue, age seventeen months; also two sisters and three brothers. Funeral service was at First Church, Covington, Kentucky, with Rev. L. R. Day and Rev. Leon Cook officiating. Pallbearers were minister friends—Curtis Coburn, Asa Sparks, Arthur Little, R. D. Grubbs, S. R. Wiley, and E. R. Mitchell. Burial was at Forest Memorial Lawn Cemetery, Covington.

REV. FRED M. EASLEY, age sixty-five, minister on the Kansas City District, died July 25, at Wichita, Kansas. He had been in failing health for eighteen months, but was critically ill only one week. He retired from his active pastorate in May of '57 at Caney, Kansas, where he was serving his ninth year. He saw his hopes fulfilled in the dedication of a beautiful new church on last February 23. Before moving to Caney he and his wife, Dorris, pastored at Trenton, Missouri, for five years. Starting in the ministry late in life, he seemed to work tirelessly. He loved the ministry and God richly blessed him. He seemed always to rejoice in the Lord and never murmur or complain. For three years during his ministry at Caney he was blind, but performed his duties most courageously with grace and excellence. Funeral service was held in the Caney church, with Rev. Ross Hayslip and Raymond Boyd in charge, with burial in Caney cemetery. (His wife, Dorris, and daughter, Karen, now reside at 232 Bonnie Brae, Wichita, Kansas.)

REV. T. V. (Tommy) COX died July 13 as the result of injuries received in an automobile accident on July 4. He was converted and sanctified at an early age, and attended Peniel University, Peniel, Texas, in preparation for the ministry. He spent twenty-five years in the pastorate in the Church of the Nazarene, but for the past several years had been retired and living on the old home place near Nolanville, Texas, where he was born April 5, 1891. He was a member of the Church of the Nazarene at Killbuck, and for the past few years had been teaching the young married people's Sunday school class. He was much loved by the church and the entire community. He is survived by his faithful and devoted companion for forty-five years, and a daughter, Mrs. Glen Lilly, of Los Angeles, California; also three brothers and one sister. Funeral service was held in the First Methodist Church of Nolanville, with his pastor, Rev. Ivy Behanman, officiating, assisted by Rev. L. Lee Gaines, pastor of the Belton church.

REV. W. M. MACK, Nazarene elder, of Santa Cruz, California, died June 1, 1957. He had spent many active years in the pastoral and evangelistic work, principally in the Northern California District. He was eighty-five years old at the time of his death. He was a member of the Southern California District but held his local membership at Corcoran, California. His wife and four sons survive his passing. Funeral service was conducted by Rev. Frank Smith.

REV. PERCY DEAN, of Cameron, Wisconsin, died March 25, 1957, after a short illness, at the age of eighty-one years and nine months. To the very last he was active in the work of business and getting souls saved. He died victoriously with the presence of the Lord very manifest. He is survived by his wife. He was buried at Pine Grove Cemetery, near Cameron, Wisconsin.

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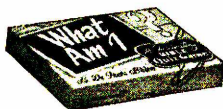
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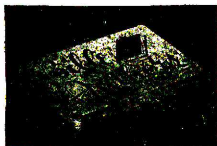
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REV. R. DONALD STAHL was born August 28, 1931, in Allentown, Pennsylvania, and died suddenly on June 10, 1957, in Boston, Massachusetts, while en route to a clinic for a post-operation check-up; he had undergone surgery on May 21. Graduating from the Nazarene Theological Seminary, he served as assistant pastor at First Church, Lincoln, Nebraska, and last November (1956) assumed the pastorate of the Adirondack Church of the Nazarene in Lake Placid, New York. He was ordained May 9, 1957, in Birmingham, New York. He is survived by his wife, the former Wanda Harrison, of Springfield, Missouri; his parents, Howard and Pauline Robinson Stahl, of Allentown; two brothers, Richard and Benjamin; and a paternal grandfather, George Stahl. Funeral service was held in Lake Placid with Rev. Renard D. Smith, district superintendent, officiating, assisted by Rev. Albert Babcock of Wilmington. Final services were held in First Church, Springfield, Missouri, with Rev. Dean Baldwin officiating, assisted by Rev. Jack White of Lincoln, Nebraska. Interment was in White Chapel Memorial Gardens, Springfield, Missouri.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEDDING BELLS

Miss Bonnie D. McGraw of Portland, Oregon, and Mr. Neil B. Wiseman of Detroit, Michigan (now student at the Seminary), were united in marriage on September 7, at the Nazarene Theological Seminary chapel, Kansas City, Missouri, with Dr. W. D. McGraw, Jr., father of the bride, officiating, assisted by Rev. Mark R. Moore, superintendent of the Chicago Central District.

Cora Baker of Mattoon and Earl Hilbrand of Merrill, Wisconsin, were united in marriage on August 31, at the Mattoon Church of the Nazarene, with Rev. Elmer Doener, pastor at Merrill, officiating, assisted by Rev. Maynard Parker, pastor at Mattoon.

Lillian M. Peck and Calvin E. Mathews were united in marriage on August 23, at the home of the bride's parents in Kansas City, Missouri, with Rev. E. S. Mathews of Galena, Illinois, father of the groom, officiating.

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Miss Miriam G. Schwada and Dr. Vernon T. Groves, professor at Olivet Nazarene College, were united in marriage on August 20, at College Church of the Nazarene, Kankakee, Illinois, with Rev. Paul L. Schwada, Olivet professor and brother of the bride, and Rev. Hubert E. Groves, Wisconsin, pastor and brother of the groom, officiating.

Dorothy Lois Rogers of San Francisco, and Glenn L. Pittam of Redwood City, California, were united in marriage on August 17, at Prospect, Oregon, with Rev. Robert F. Pittam, brother of the groom, and Nazarene pastor at Hughson, California, officiating.

BORN—to Rev. Bill Birch and wife of Olathe, Kansas, a son, David Ray, on August 29.

—to Roy and Joy (Peters) Bensly of Ogden, Illinois, a son, Thomas Bryan, on August 20.

—to Richard and Beulah (Christensen) Brooks of West Liberty, Iowa, a daughter, Diane Louise, on August 20.

—to S/Sgt. and Mrs. Ray Oney of Kadena Air Force Base, Okinawa, a daughter, Kathrine Ann, on July 18.

—to Lt. and Mrs. Billy Ray Bean of Kadena Air Force Base, Okinawa, a son, Billy Ray, Jr., on August 4.

SPECIAL PRAYER IS REQUESTED by a Nazarene pastor in Oklahoma for one of their members, a lady now just forty years old, who has cancer and has been given up by doctors—the mother of three teen-agers, and they believe God can heal her; by a friend in Ohio for a backslidden family in their church, that she may receive the experience of entire sanctification very soon, and for a special unspoken request; by a "Herald" reader that God may have His perfect way in their home.

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