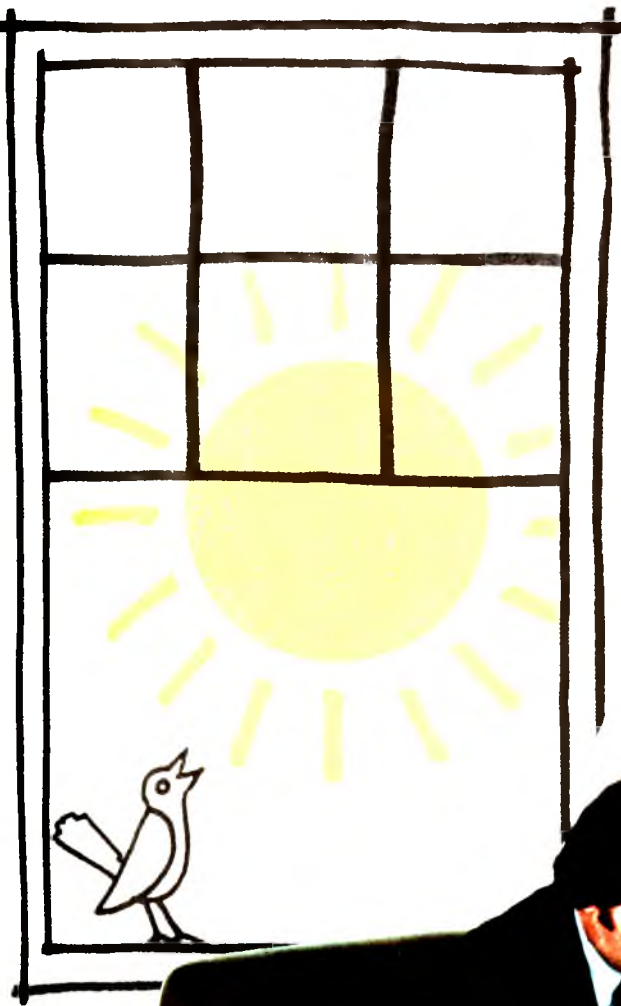


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THE YEAR IS YOUNG: TIME IS OLD

The year is young, but time is old . . . this vast mystery, “time,” that was started somewhere in the far past still moves on with measured pace. It marches with silent majesty greater than earth, longer than we know.

It is interesting to note that the basic things which have to happen and be just right, God has kept entirely in His control—like days, nights, the four seasons. They are all intertwined and work together very well.

It is foolish for man to disregard them. In fact he doesn't in many cases. The man who may disregard God still has to plant his crop in the proper season. Only a fool would sow in the cold-coming season.

Man can disregard time—but it does not disregard him. He is in its clutches, caught by its ending time for him.

So let us heed the silent mastery of this vast dominion and give ourselves to use our

portion of it wisely and according to God's will.

“To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven,” mused the Preacher in the Bible. Read it again (Ecclesiastes 3:1).

He reaches a depth of spiritual perfection when he writes, “I said in mine heart, God shall judge the righteous and the wicked: for there is a time there for every purpose and for every work” (v. 17).

Yes, the year is young and most of its time is ours, a little of it every day. Let's decide to put some service for God into each day. This can be a great year at the start of this decade for those of us who know life's plan and purpose.

Our church becomes our ally in this use of time. Each Sabbath Day it reminds us of our mission and destiny.

Aren't you glad that God put a Sabbath in every seven

days! But we can't do all our living on that day. The other six are the days that make up most of our life. We have to get our vows translated into action every day.

How great would be the impact of the church, your church, if all the members put each day in the purposes of God! It would bring a mighty spiritual impact upon our world. And, oh, how it needs such!

An act of Christian life, a witness, a service for Christ and the church; how great they are. For that act in that moment becomes a priceless piece of time to be embraced again at the Judgment.

The year is young—but time is old. If, however, this year becomes all ours by the planning of God, then let's make it the best of all so far.

The year of the church, the year of love, the year of power, the year of righteous living, doing, being—a glorious year. Then, when we come to that awesome day when the angel which stands on sea and earth and swears by Him that liveth for ever and ever . . . that there should be time no longer, we can, with Him, embrace eternity with peace. □



by General Superintendent V. H. Lewis

GIVE ATTENTION TO READING" was the admonition of Paul to his young friend Timothy. In a day when many and complex demands are made on our personal schedules, this exhortation is especially meaningful to us all.

The summer, 1978, issue of *American Scholar* contains an article, "On Reading Books, a Barbarian's Cogitations," by Alexander Gerschenkrow, a retired professor of economics at Harvard. He makes the point that reading is a slow process and that the total number of books that even the educated person reads in a lifetime is surprisingly small.

Professor Gerschenkrow is in the habit of recording in a notebook the title of every book he reads. A few years ago he counted the titles listed for the preceding 10 years; the annual figure varied, never falling below 90, never rising above 110, and yielding an average of 100 books per year. His list did not contain journal articles or parts of books consulted for research purposes. The list was comprehensive and included scholarly books, novels, mysteries, volumes of short stories—in fact every book that he had read from cover to cover and which he believed he had a right to judge as an entity.

He regretted very much not having realized long ago that an adult with a reading life span of 50 years, would read no more than 4,000 or 5,000 books. The average person is likely to read far fewer books than this distinguished scholar.

The realization of how little we read should touch us with a certain sense of humility—how limited are our perspectives. There is so much to be read and so little time in which to do it.

Realizing the preciousness of every book read, how shall we make our selections? Francis Bacon observed, "Some books are to be tasted, others to be swallowed, and some few to be chewed and digested."

Thoreau rightly said, "How many a man has dated a new era in his life from the reading of a book!"

The Bible, of course, is the Book that challenges us to our greatest application, but the field of Christian literature abounds in books that will lift, guide and inspire us.

Every Christian should make an effort to follow a disciplined program of reading that will expose him to a wider spectrum of life and help him to deepen his relationship with God.

Anthony Trollope once wrote, "This habit of reading, I make bold to tell you, is your pass to the greatest, the purest, and the most perfect pleasures that God has prepared for His creatures . . . it lasts when all other pleasures fade." □



TAKE TIME TO READ

by ROSS W. HAYSLIP

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CHRISTIAN BOOKS IN MOSCOW

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MOSCOW! The fabled city of churches, honor of the czars, cradle of Communism, massive metroplex, sad reminder of popular religion that did not change lives in high places!

There are still hundreds of churches in Moscow but only a few are active now. Many are in disrepair. Many are state museums.

Freedom of religion? True, if you mean freedom limited to attending a worship service—if you can get to and inside one of the few churches that the state has allowed to rent property.

Freedom of the press? The constitution of the USSR provides for it. The government allows it, as long as it stays within the fences. So the press is free as a pig in a pen.

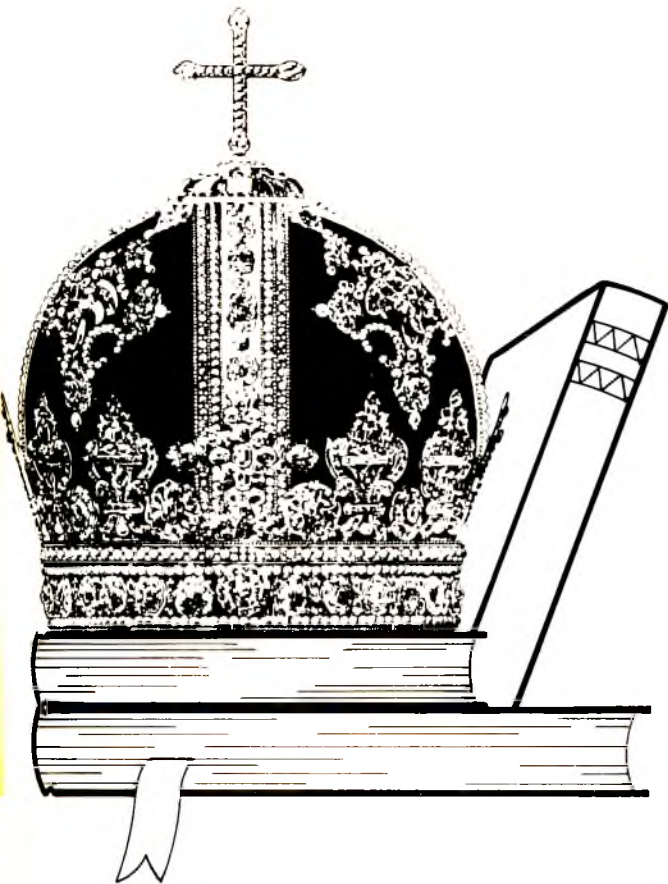
A book fair seems out of place under such restrictions. A booth at such a fair representing eight Protestant publishing houses seemed even more incredible. That incredulity was flashed again and again on the faces of publishers, professors, politicians, and thousands of ordinary people. Surprise, amusement, concern, hunger, even misgiving, were reflected in the faces that we saw from Booth No. 4 of the Protestant Church-owned Publishers' Association at the Moscow International Book Fair.

The large, beautifully illustrated family Bible on display was easily the most looked at, handled, and admired volume at the fair. More than 160,000 people attended the fair. Thousands stopped to look (some times six deep), to touch, to read, to copy, to shed tears at the sight of, to wish for the Bible. One was even bold enough to take it from the storage cabinet overnight!

So many questions, such hunger to know. We saw many portraits of that peculiar privation that comes from the long unsatisfied thirst for spiritual food.

How do I know, having been raised in a Christian environment and then serving churches and denominations for nearly 30 years? It's not hard for a well-fed person to recognize famine, particularly when surrounded by hungry testimonies!

A man in his early 40s came by to try to get books on spiritual growth. Some friends had paid for him



A note from the manager of Nazarene Publishing House: Your publishing house has been a member of the Protestant Church-owned Publishers' Association since its inception nearly a quarter of a century ago. The organization was represented at the Moscow Book Fair, and Bob Boyd, executive secretary, filed the above report in the association's newsletter. Reading it, I felt tears well up in my eyes as I thought of the wealth of printed material at my disposal—at our disposal.

Last evening as I read my Bible and dipped into *The Best of Tozer*, a favorite of mine, I again reflected on Bob Boyd's report. Glancing at my bookshelves, I counted eight different Bibles in my bedroom alone. Tears again filled my eyes as I thought about the world's hunger—not because of the absence of food, but for the nourishment and fulfillment of the printed page. I cannot take my Bibles and books for granted. □

—M. A. (Bud) Lunn

long train trip from Tallin for him to bring back such books. But of 1,800 publishers represented at the fair, Booth No. 476 was the only source, and we couldn't sell the books. We had dinner together and talked of plans, but it is so complex. He did leave with a Bible.

Tania is six and had never seen an illustrated Bible storybook. She and her father sat on the lower shelf at the exhibit and read together. Beautiful words about a loving Heavenly Father, eager young eyes looking at illustrated truth.

A bright young woman in her mid-twenties pulled cautiously at a chain around her neck to reach a cross worn down her back. She hoped for an English Bible to read. She is a trained interpreter.

A shy professor of physics asked in almost a whisper. "Could I buy just one small Bible?"

The old gentleman was in his late sixties. It was the last day of the fair. He sat copying words of inspirational poetry from a beautiful book. Over an hour passed and still he wrote, oblivious of the crowds pressing and passing. The crowds thinned. The few books not already taken were being packed.

"Please, sir, don't copy anymore," I said to the professor. "Take the book for your own." Tears welled up in the grateful eyes. "Here, let me inscribe it to you so you can get past the guards." And then there were none.

"Cast your bread upon the waters . . ." (Ecclesiastes 11:1).



TAKE MY LIPS

*Lord, let this truth burn deep today—
That every word my lips shall say
Will either bless or lead astray.
Each one I contact, let me weigh
On heaven's scale, dear Lord, I pray.
To everyone I meet today,
Lord, speak Thou through my lips
of clay.*

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by JUDITH M. BERGE
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LOVE YOUR OPPOSITE-PERSON

BUT NOW I TELL YOU: love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you" (Matthew 5:44, TEV).

In sign language the expression for "enemy" is "opposite-person." So in retelling Jesus' admonition to "love your enemy," the deaf speaker says "love your opposite-person." There is a differing semantic usage implied here, for the expression suggests a wider meaning than just a reference to some *wartime* enemy. For most people, I would expect, relegate the term "enemy" to wartime situations. The danger, of course, is that if we understand Jesus' words with the same tunnel vision, we imply that they are not applicable for today.

The broader concept of "opposite-person," on the other hand, is very graphic for today's living, for probably all of us have trouble getting along with certain people. It might be a personality conflict, a simple difference of opinion, or someone who doesn't know when teasing becomes ridicule. Or it could be someone who is just plain mean or someone who has an axe to grind. There are plenty of difficult people in the world.

Sometimes we give up on someone because we can't get along. By our actions we sometimes say, "You go your way and I'll cross the street." But this is not what God has called us to do. If we love only those who love us, surely we haven't done anything out of the ordinary. If we speak only to our friends, we haven't done anything out of the ordinary either. But God has called us to extraordinary living.

It is the way we treat our enemies that should tell the world that we are Christians. Treating our enemies the way Jesus would is a way of demonstrating to others that Jesus does change lives. It is also a sign that we are children of God and growing in wisdom. It is important because God rewards us, not so much for loving our friends, but for loving our enemies.

Our enemies are not necessarily God's enemies. *Our* enemies may even be other Christians, some-

times, who may anger us by misinterpreting or seeming to misinterpret the Bible. They may have a different Christian lifestyle and be either too enthusiastic or too unenthusiastic for us. They may be too simple or too scholarly for us. But God never meant to make us all the same. Since He loves all of us, who am I not to allow God to love others through me? God loves even difficult people!

Of course there are those times when we don't get along with someone because *we* are at fault. We can be difficult people too! There are occasions, then, when we need to ask for forgiveness; whether we ask this of God, the person we wronged, or both, depends upon the sanctified common sense God has given us.

There are also moments of insight when we need to ask God to give us more fruit of the Holy Spirit in our lives. There was a time when I was a member of a small singing group of university students. In the group was a girl I didn't like. She was invariably chosen for all the alto solos! And I was jealous. My mind told me that she had a better quality of voice for the type of Renaissance literature we were doing, but realizing this didn't help my jealousy. Then I asked God to give me His love for this girl and He did. Two days later we were friends. God gives His Holy Spirit willingly, even when *we* are the difficult people.

At other times we find it hard to love a difficult person because we don't understand each other. Perhaps we don't use the same slang or we use our words differently. Or perhaps our backgrounds are vastly different. Instead of letting confusion and anger reign, try praying for the person instead. God can help you both communicate better. After all, He not only made your body but also your brains! He can help you understand.

Once we have begun to understand and love the difficult person, how do we show it? We begin by treating the person with respect. We begin by forgiving every difficult person we know for being difficult. And we begin by giving them the benefit of the doubt, just as we would like them to do for us. We show God's love by greeting them, talking with them, and doing little or big things for them if they have a need we can fill.

We show God's love to difficult people by treating each one as a person. Sometimes it helps to put ourselves mentally in their circumstances and see how we feel about things. We then are in a better

position to love and help them wisely. We then allow them their privilege of being grumpy, of complaining about inflation or whatever, and honor their right to either fail or show their success. We accept them as they are.

Lastly, we show God's love to a difficult person by being a person ourselves. We discuss questions honestly and openly. We neither hide our personality

nor pretend to be what we're not. Since our aim is to glorify God, we choose not to feign love, but let God produce His love in us instead. We ask God to guide us in how we show His love to the difficult person, so that this, too, is under His wise control.

Again I tell you: love your opposite-person and pray for those who drive you to distraction. It pleases God! □

Challenged TO BECOME BETTER

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KANSAS PRAIRIES do not make mountain climbers, Kansas mudholes do not train Olympic swimmers. Kansas farms do make farmers. Real farmers are made by matching wits and muscles with the weather, the wind, the grasshoppers, and the world markets.

Watching a football game on television does not make a football player. It takes the rough and tumble, the bruises and the beatings, and the disciplined stubbornness of the opposing team to make a real player. It's impossible for there to be just one truly great team. No team can become more than a fraction better than their opponents.

Great souls are made that way by circumstances against which they must push and over which they must climb. No person becomes greater than his circumstances and disciplines enable him or demand of him to be. It is easy to dream big dreams while we sit in the shade eating watermelons, but big dreams are only dreams until the man becomes dedicated to fulfilling his dream. He who is content to use his dreams for self-entertainment alone is doomed to perpetual containment.

Our painful situations will either develop our disciplines or deaden our sensitivity. It all depends upon how we encounter them. A person may be a good person while living a totally pleasant, contented life, but great persons are not made that way. A person may be good, but not good for much. The worth of the good man will be determined by his development and growth as his goodness challenges him to betterness. No person really attains to greatness in his vocation or office until he has been shaped by the disciplines demanded by that vocation or office.

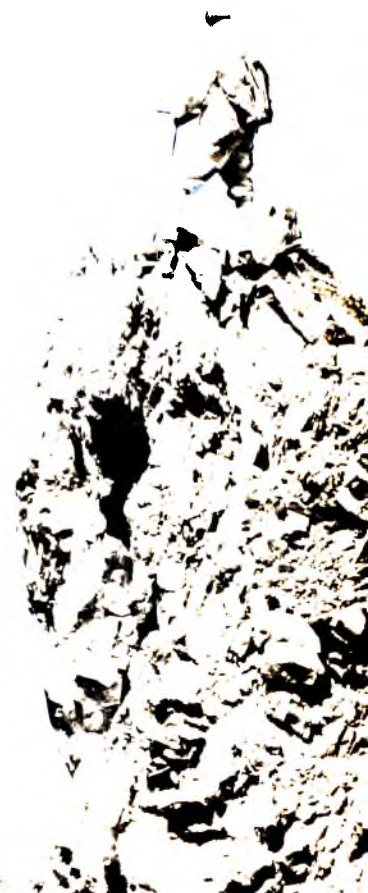
We learn little from the pleasant praise of our agreeing friends. We can settle into easy contentment with ourselves when life demands of us no new disciplines or dedications.

John and Judas were both chosen by our Lord as disciples. Both might well have become apostles. It

is likely that their contemporaries and their peers thought of Judas as the man with the best education and the broadest experience. He was the man they trusted with the only commonly chosen office. He was the group treasurer. The background of the two might have favored Judas, but Judas failed to learn as John learned. Judas did not let companionship with Jesus impose disciplines on his soul. Judas wanted to be a disciple without being disciplined. John wanted to become a disciple by learning constantly from the Master Teacher. Judas accepted himself as a satisfactory person, called to be a disciple. John accepted himself as a young man who needed to learn and to become a more adequate, more qualified man. There is no easy way to greatness nor undisciplined way to discipleship.

There is no easy way to excellence. He who would be a better person than he is must do more than he has. He who would become a climber must dare to challenge the frowning crags. No man will go beyond his present attainment until he is willing to accept responsibilities beyond his past attaining.

John gleaned a new philosophy of life from being with Jesus. This was to demand a lifelong discipline of growth and becoming. Judas sought no new or higher becoming. He liked what he was and doing what he did. He was too small to be comfortable among his peers and sought the reassurance of coins in his pocket to make him emotionally secure. He became such poor company for himself that he chose death by suicide rather than life with himself. Christians must realize that they are people who become, who are not only saved by the atonement in Jesus Christ, but are disciplined by the driving dreams of Him in whose image we are made. He wore our flesh, shared our lot, and experienced our temptations that He might not only save us by His atonement, but enable us to become what we ought by the pursuit of the dreams with which He inspires us. □



AN L.E. PATIENT FINDS

SEVERAL YEARS AGO my health gave out. One day I was struggling to support myself and the next day I could not walk across the room by myself. This followed a lifetime of poor health, of struggling to get up and go and being knocked down again.

I had given my life to the Lord as a very young girl. I had trusted Him in many trials and praised Him in good times. I had not done a very good job, however, of praising Him in bad times.

In my adult life I consulted many doctors and received the same answer—nerves. My blood sedimentation rate was so high it was almost unheard of. Finally I had a doctor who said the problem just could not be ignored any longer. He found that I apparently had had an incurable disease all my life. He gave it a name, lupus erythematosus. That was about seven years ago, just before Christmas. My left lung had torn apart and I was rushed to the hospital hemorrhaging. Breathing was a chore. I knew it was serious, and as others now ask me, I asked the doctors, "What is lupus erythematosus?" I could hardly pronounce it, let alone know what it was.

There must be a number of Nazarenes out there with this disease. Seven years ago it was thought that there were a few hundred people with this rare disease. Now, though many are still ignorant of it, there are over half a million people with it, and around 5,000 new cases are discovered each year.

Occasionally one reads of it in the *Reader's Digest*, or in other magazines and papers. Jerry Lewis even announced on his last Telethon that money from that endeavor was to be given for lupus erythematosus research.

So we are no longer ignored completely, we who know what it is all about and pray for a cure, as do those who have cancer. (Many L.E. patients have some cancer as well.)

For awhile I seemed to improve. The doctor called it a sort of recession. Then two years ago I was going downhill so rapidly that the doctors decided to give me chemotherapy. I spent a month in the hospital. The medication caused a lot of side effects. Almost daily, new problems arose: diabetes, pneumonia,

other infections, blood cells lowering to a dangerous level, not to speak of the hair I was losing with each combing. I went home to recuperate and more problems developed: very brittle diabetes, thrombo-

FAMILY ONENESS

*I watch them walk past—
One by one, two by two—
As they enter the church sanctuary.*

*Some are tall and thin, others short and
chunky.*

*But there are differences
That go deeper than appearance.*

*There are the educated and the semi-illiterate
The professional and the blue-collar worker
The wealthy, the comfortable, and the very
poor.*

*People of many races and colors are there.
In short, all walks of life are represented
In this disparate crowd.*

*The song leader announces the first hymn
And as they begin to sing,
I realize that the day of miracles is not past
For incredibly, the diversities fade away
And all are one in the bond of love,
Members of the same family,
Called by the same name—CHRISTIAN!
What greater miracle!*

—MABEL P. ADAMSON
Kansas City, Missouri

by AILEEN STARK

Portland, Oregon

phlebitis, Sjorene's syndrome, a ruptured disk in my back, shingles, etc., etc.

There were times when I was tempted to think the Lord had deserted me. Only the prayers of my family, friends, and the church kept me alive and my courage up.

During this time of trouble, I had occasion to face myself and the Lord squarely. Every day in the hospital someone would say something to me, or I would read a verse in the Bible, or I would catch a phrase here or there that gave me new strength. I read Psalm 139:14: "I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well." That excited me so much that I read the whole psalm. Verse 8 assured me of God's unfailing presence: "If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there."

I could hardly contain my joy, although I was so weak that I could not even turn over by myself. My body was wracked, broken and diseased, and I had never felt so good in my life, nor so full of joy! My body, in that shape! And yet fearfully and wonderfully made! The Lord knew what He was doing and He was in full control.

I bubbled over. I told everyone that came into my room how wonderful my Lord was. They thought I must be a little off my rocker, I'm sure, because every day something else went wrong, but they listened. I called my pastor and told him what happened. I asked him to read that psalm for me in church that day as my testimony. As time went on, I continued to feel better. My body is still weak and I have continued problems, but at last my spirit is whole, for the first time in my life.

I continue to tell of my joy in the Lord. To others who are ill I say, "Give your heart completely to the Lord. No matter how sick you are, or think you are, face the Lord. Face yourself. Realize that you could meet Him anytime. Let Him know that you are willing to go to Him at any second, *with joy*."

Life goes on for me. At times it is a little difficult to bear. But each time I have to go to the hospital, a new person comes into my life with whom I can share my joy. Sometimes it is the nurses and technicians, and sometimes it is another patient. My faith and joy spread throughout the hospital. Doctors come in and talk to me. Nurses ask me to see other patients who are having a hard time coping.

The Lord is so good to me. Even when I feel useless because I am unable to do much, He sends someone into my life and again I feel I am of use to the human race. Above all He lets me know I am of use to Him. What better gift could the Lord continue to give me than that? He will give that gift to you, if you just put yourself into His hands completely, whether you have I. E. or not. □

Book Brief



THE YEARS OF THE BEAST



LEON CHAMBERS, *author*

In scanning the Nazarene Publishing House 1980 book catalog, you can see at a glance that NPH presses do not print much religious fiction. It's not that we disapprove of this writing form:

it's just that good fiction manuscripts do not often find their way to the book editor's desk.

Therefore, trust the judgment of your publishing house when a new fiction title is finally released—especially THE YEARS OF THE BEAST, by Leon Chambers, a Nazarene minister and college professor from Gadsden, Ala.

As a novel of the last days, Chambers presents an imaginative but realistic narrative of the seven years of tribulation during which the world is under the tyrannic rule of the Antichrist.

It's the story of four persons who accept Christ after the Rapture, but who must then live through the horror of the Tribulation until the battle of Armageddon, the defeat of the Beast, and the glorious return of the Lord.

"This was written to be a disturbing book," says author Chambers. "It is the fulfillment of a 25-year dream, born and perpetuated through the Book of the Revelation. It is my hope that the reader will be able to identify with those who struggle to survive the Tribulation."

Three years were spent researching catastrophic events similar to the ones described in the book—plagues, earthquakes, activities of the sun, etc.

"A novel should be plausible, dealing with real-life people in circumstances that can happen. Other than the supernatural acts, the experiences of the novel have happened in the past and will happen on a worldwide scale in the future."

No sincere Christian can read this book without being spurred to greater vigilance in combating the daily pressures of worldliness. No unsaved person with the least sense of spiritual consciousness can read this story and not be impelled to seek God and be made ready for the last days. □

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WHAT ARE YOUR CHILDREN HEARING?

by ROSE BRAATZ
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THY WORD I have treasured in my heart, That I may not sin against Thee (Psalm 119:11, NASB).

He walked into my Tuesday morning with the confidence of a man who truly believed in his product. Within seconds he was past the dogs and inside my kitchen giving me a very well-rehearsed speech. Nicely groomed, and as smooth a salesman as I have ever met, his job was to persuade me to buy a large family

Bible that had "everything you'll ever want in the Scriptures." Very nice . . . expensive, but nice. He was willing to leave it that day; no ordering, no high pressure on his part, and his visit only lasted two and a half minutes. He even had a watch given him by the company so he would be sure not to "oversell." They were sure this product would sell itself.

One of the first things he asked was, "Do you think children today get enough of the Holy Scriptures?"

I countered with, "Do they ever get enough?" The obvious answer was no, and after he left I had to think back over the past few days to see what had invaded my children's minds and how much of it was profitable for them.

First, there were the cartoons that usually accompany breakfast. To satisfy my own curiosity, I decided to count the acts of violence on one program. I gave up after 12 minutes; I had counted 27. Time to turn the channels.

I was not prepared for what I saw next. A soft-spoken, well-dressed woman named Sheila Thompson, who has formed a group called Freedom from Religion, was saying to the children of America, "Wake up, and recognize atheism as the only true freedom." I sat stunned while she used her purchased air time to tell of the destruction which the church, God, Scripture, and anything holy has done to our nation.

Exit the television and enter the radio; much better for my children. The first two songs were either drug- or sex-related. The lyrics were very careful to avoid explicit terms, but the innuendos were there. The third song was not innuendo but blatant explicitness. And the kids loved it! While the conscious mind is picking up or "the beat," the subconscious is



wallowing in the words, the thoughts, and all the evil it represents. Forget the radio.

Literature, anyone? Surely there can be no harm in getting a book from the library to pass the time. I mean, would the school library have anything but "good" books? Then I see you have not heard of books such as *Go Ask Alice* and *Forever*; or even the textbooks that declare creation as the "result of a gigantic explosion somewhere in outer space billions of years ago," God not involved.

How, then, in the midst of this sinful world, can our youth learn to know God better? How can they learn to depend on Him if they do not have the assurance of the

Scriptures? How can they know His will for their lives, be it a call to nursing or to the mission field?

Let's face it, friends. Our children are being bombarded from every side by Satan and his cohorts. You and I, as adults, will not likely be swayed in our beliefs. But what about these precious, young, impressionable minds?

Where is the answer? Simple. It lies within the covers of the most beautiful Book ever written. If we can saturate ourselves and our offspring with God's Word, we will have not only a tool against Satan, but we'll see creation at its best, we'll read the greatest stories ever, and we'll hear the world's most

beautiful music—not on your favorite FM station, but in the Psalms.

I fear we are all guilty of letting society do our teaching for us. What a shame, when we have the best Teacher and Textbook within our grasp. By the way, I did not buy the Bible; but I did buy the question, and with it came some very serious soul-searching. Changes do not come easily, but my prayer is that a love for the Scriptures will overpower anything this world has to offer. For our only defense against Satan is hiding God's words in our hearts.

"Lord, keep my hungry for Thy teachings . . . and help my children to pray the same prayer." □

ANOTHER one came today. I have had to attend several in the last months . . . seminars . . . seminars . . . seminars. Now, I am not ungrateful. I am appreciative of the concern of leaders and I know there is a problem, but sometimes I get breathless running from one seminar to another, hearing one expert after another give me more and more ways to "get the job done"—whatever job needs to get done.

Twenty years ago when I returned from the mission field, I was puzzled by the conferences and conventions that were being offered. I soon learned that "offered" meant that attendance would be taken and this added another dimension. My first such conference with great people from Kansas City brought a special question to my mind and I put it to my well-qualified friend, Earl Wolf. "Wolfie, my pal," I said, "I am puzzled. If we were doing 'the job' as it should be done, would you people have to be driving all around the country all the time trying to prime us up?"

The answer from my friend was obvious, "General," (an old attachment from ENC days) friend Earl said, "no, we would not." Since being in the pastoral saddle for these 20 years, it seems that this is the year of the seminar . . . the conference . . . the expert who comes and tells us . . . all very good. Here in southern California where I live, a pastor could be, and I am sure some are, professional seminar attenders. Really, if one takes in a few such seminars, and can get one or two outlines together, then I suppose he does have something to "feed the sheep" on the Lord's Day. But, it doesn't seem too satisfying, does it?

PLEASE LET US DO IT!

by EARL G. LEE
Pasadena, California

are right there . . . in ordinary words. Colossians 1 is loaded with them. Please hear me, I am glad for the emphasis . . . but please give us time to work out (and in) some of these tools, ideas, and formulae, and whatever other new names we are acquiring. Please give us about a year to really get to work. We need to dig in . . . settle down . . . talk to God and ourselves . . . love people (this takes time—lots of it).

I realize that seminars are now listed among "big business." Hotels vie with one another for trade. Experts have the word . . . and move from here to there. I don't deny the value of seminars. It is good to hear someone who really is in the ball game . . . who suffers as I do . . . who tries to love as I do and misses it . . . who lives among the hurt and dying . . . who preaches to men and women and has to get new sermons for 50 weeks out of the year . . . who may not have all the academic degrees in the world from the name institutions, yet does have tough skin and a warm heart from the battles of life . . . and he is doing it . . . whatever "it" may mean.

Now, this message is only from me, but as I hear other buck privates in the army of the Lord talk, a lot of others are saying the same thing I am trying to say. "Thanks, really thanks, but please, let us do it!" □

a sense of Wonder

by THOMAS W. KLEWIN

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Daniel D. Gomes

IF THE STORY of creation in Genesis should do anything for a child of God, it should keep alive in him a sense of wonder, that bright flame of Christian perception and heightened consciousness that transforms mere existence into life.

This sense of wonder is born in every child as a part of his universal birthright, a gift from the creative genius of a loving God. And we discard it only at great peril to ourselves—spiritually, emotionally, and intellectually.

This universe was fashioned by God in so majestic a manner we have yet to discover all the facets of it, explore all aspects of it, or comprehend just how magnificently God made each part of His creation, from the vast universe to the small wild flower that

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blooms for only a day. Believing this, the Christian must live with a sense of wonder.

David reflected this sense of wonder in many of his psalms as he sang the praises of the God who made it all. And Jesus referred to it in His Sermon on the Mount as He spoke of the lilies of the field.

Wonder is all around us: in our immediate surroundings, in our nation, everywhere else on the earth, and beyond this planet into unending space. It's there, unchanging, constant, inviting us to explore, sense, and discover the new, the different, the

unusual in what we may have already seen, felt, heard, and touched.

It's important that we keep alive this sense of wonder, for as Thomas Carlyle once said, "To wonder is the basis of worship." Scripture, particularly the Old Testament, speaks of the need to wonder not only at God's creative genius but also at His loving care of His children.

Then, too, true wisdom finds its ultimate source in God and His role in the creation, preservation, and future of man and the world in which he lives. This means, as Francis Bacon perhaps best stated it, that "the wonder of a single snowflake outweighs the wisdom of a million meteorologists."

As Christians we need to guard against becoming too emotionally and intellectually blasé about life and the world in which we live. To lose the sense of wonder at the complexities of God's world is to lose some of the joy, spontaneity, enthusiasm, and interest in our daily living.

More than that, people with a highly developed sense of wonder, those with curiosity and the ability to be joyously surprised at the unusual in the commonplace, have something to offer others. For this kind of enthusiasm is infectious; it lifts others and nudges them to participate in the joys of discovering the new and different—placed there by a God who also gave us the capacity to marvel at His world. As someone has said, "A sense of wonder not only enriches an individual's own life, it's also an outward-flowing gift offered to others—at no cost to either."

"The great man is he who does not lose his child's heart" is how one ancient philosopher described the importance of keeping this sense of wonder alive in our adult lives. This basically means three things:

H. Armstrong Roberts



THE GROUP HARDEST HIT BY INFLATION: *Who Is It?*

by DEAN WESSELS
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IF YOU WERE asked this question, what would you answer? Would it be pastors? Evangelists? Teachers? Missionaries? Truly, we are all hit hard by these inflationary days, but the hardest hit are our retired ministers and widows of ministers.

Think about it for a moment. Income was normally very meager during their years of active service. Therefore Social Security benefits are very small. The church is doing more and more, yet pension payments, while they are growing, are still very modest, to say the least. It is difficult to keep up with inflation!

There are nearly 2,000 retired Nazarene ministers and widows of ministers. We need to remember them. Let us remember them with special attention, special gifts, and a special concern for the payment of the Pensions and Benevolence Budget through the local church. A recent letter expresses how much this is appreciated:

The General Church has guided, challenged and strengthened us through these many years, and has not forgotten us in our retirement years. The regular pension gift, plus the remembrances and gifts on our birthdays, at Christmas, and other special times, honor us, support us and enrich our lives. We express thanks with deep appreciation for all of these benefits.

The department wants to thank the churches for paying the Pensions and Benevolence Budget. For the 1978-79 assembly year, 93.38 percent of the budget was paid—the highest percentage to date! Every dollar is needed to help these veterans of the Cross who have given their very life's blood that we might have the Church of the Nazarene that we have today.

So while we are pushing forward, winning souls, growing, and planting churches, may we never forget our responsibility and obligation to these wonderful men and women who have made it all possible. □

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1. We must find the extraordinary in the ordinary, seeing old things in constantly changing, new ways, and viewing what we may have seen all our lives as if we were just seeing it for the first time. This is what a child possesses—an intense, impressionable approach to all of life. The child finds joy and the miraculous in the movement of an ant, the little rivulets caused by rain, the incredible beauty in something as common as the dandelion. As Richard Jefferies of England once wrote: "If we had never looked before upon the earth, but suddenly came to it man or woman grown, set down in the midst of a summer meadow, would it not seem to us a radiant vision?" To which a Christian naturalist adds: "Each time we find this wonder in our world we are singing a hymn of praise to our God who made it."

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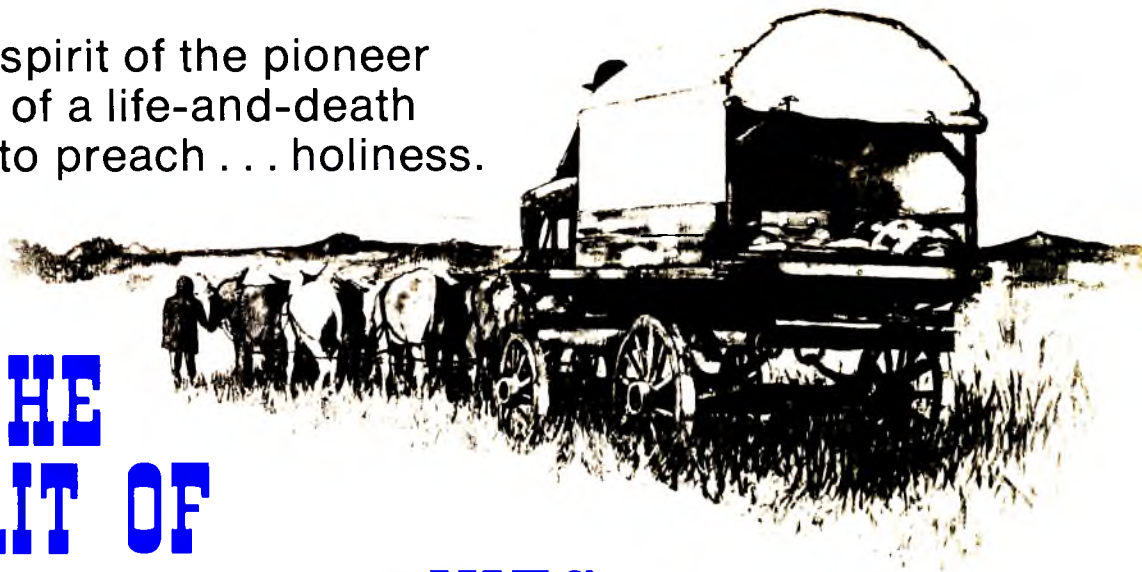
2. We must make this sense of wonder, this eager response to life and the world, a matter of habit. Like prayer, Bible study, and meditation, wonder is a Christian practice which must be cultivated, used, and integrated into a pattern for daily living. It is a gift from God, enabling us to appreciate His creation and to praise and thank Him for the mercy and love revealed therein.

3. We must recognize the dangers confronting our retention of this sense of wonder. Too often we let cares, worries, and the struggle to live in a complex world crowd out our sense of wonder at the simple things of life, the common which God placed around us to experience as the uncommon because He made it so wondrously.

Some forfeit this childlike innocence because they regard it as a sign of immaturity. Yet more than anyone else, a child of God who has cast all his cares and worries on a loving Heavenly Father, as Christ told us to do in the Sermon on the Mount, can find simple enjoyment throughout the day. And as one writer notes, "The older we grow, the more vitally necessary it is to preserve our curiosity. After all, it is never too late to discover new things or to find fresh things to wonder at in the old."

An unknown Christian writer in the 16th century summed up what it means to retain this sense of wonder as a child of God: "Life is so full of meaning and purpose, so full of beauty that you will find earth but cloaks your preparation for heaven where you will live a life of continuing surprise and joy. Courage, then, to claim it." □

The real spirit of the pioneer grew out of a life-and-death urgency to preach . . . holiness.



THE SPIRIT OF THE PIONEER LIVES

by NEIL B. WISEMAN
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PREACHERS of my vintage grew up with stories of the holiness pioneers. While I never met Bresee, Reynolds, or McClurken, in my youth I often heard about the sacrificial commitments of both lay people and preachers. Those pioneers felt compelled by the Spirit of God to enter the next town, or go around the world, to share their scriptural discovery of consecration, cleansing, and perfect love. Our holiness heritage was shaped by folks who mortgaged farms, sold homes, and cashed in life insurance policies to establish churches, save colleges, begin camp meetings, or fund home mission tent revivals.

Those true happenings came alive again for me as we celebrated the 50th anniversary of one of our southeastern districts. Faded pictures of ragged tent revivals flashed on the screen. Veteran pastors who attended the first district assembly testified of God's continued faithfulness. Through a recording, Uncle Buddy Robinson helped us recall his unique influence on the early days of our movement; we even used a pulpit from which he preached 50 years earlier. Children of early district leaders, themselves now grandparents, were introduced. Two retired district superintendents laughed at nearly forgotten obstacles to the establishment of the work. Even the birthday cake with its 50 candles was a fun reminder of yesterday's victories. For 50 golden years, the holiness message has transformed persons in that state; the people attending the celebration were themselves spiritual trophies of those pioneer efforts.

Just what was it that made the holiness pastor succeed? Was it the sawdust trails, spirited singing, out-of-tune instruments, hand-made altars or camp meeting benches? Was it the canvas cathedrals, second-hand buildings, or the poverty level of their church members? All of this and more was a part of the early holiness history.

But the real spirit of the pioneer grew out of a life-and-death urgency to preach "second blessing" holiness. If they could discern the will of God, they were prepared to do it at any personal cost. Whether

they were laymen or preachers, their personal possessions—all of them—were always at the disposal of God. Both their personal Pentecosts and their missionary zeal made them restless to plant new churches.

Does the spirit of the holiness pioneer exist today? I am absolutely sure it does, because I saw it in that 50th anniversary celebration. I heard it from the few persons who attended both the 1st and the 50th assembly. I responded to it in the shouts of the older saints of the second generation of our movement. And I was blessed by the pioneer spirit that came through the preaching of the presiding elder who proclaimed the old truth of full salvation. I was moved by the same spirit in the testimony of the two retired district superintendents. It continues through creative present-day home mission activities. And I felt the holiness spirit in the brotherly kindness and unity between the laity, pastors, district superintendents, and the presiding general superintendent in this assembly.

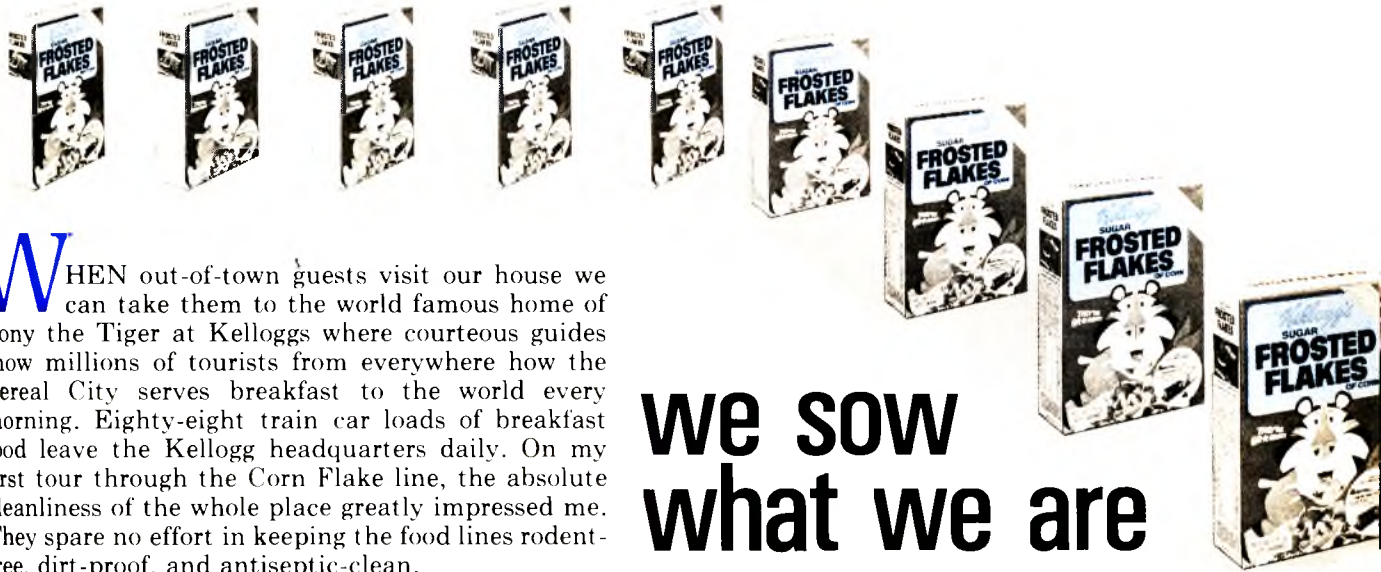
But maybe the spirit of the holiness pioneer is most evident in the commitments of beginning pastors and their wives. I heard one tell of the sheer joy of founding a new work; he reported 18 members at the end of the first year of church operation. Another capable young man, after seven years of college and seminary training, has moved to a town without a member to begin a church. Still another new pastor without a church building or members reported to the assembly that he was confident that God would help him break through to real victory with a holiness witness in his community. Then I heard about the support systems for these beginners, consisting of three or four established churches who form the steering committees for those newest churches, and provide care, love, prayers and financial resources.

Then, too, the spirit of the pioneer exists in the hearts and activities of hundreds of pastors who serve in small places with limited opportunity and

small salaries. Some of those unsung heroes keep churches in operation through faithful service while supporting themselves through secular employment.

Our family of churches, the Church of the Nazarene, is blessed with pastors who are deeply com-

mitted to the task of spreading scriptural holiness. Perhaps every generation worries about the commitments of the next. But those worries are really unnecessary because the spirit of the pioneer does live today! □



WHEN out-of-town guests visit our house we can take them to the world famous home of Tony the Tiger at Kelloggs where courteous guides show millions of tourists from everywhere how the Cereal City serves breakfast to the world every morning. Eighty-eight train car loads of breakfast food leave the Kellogg headquarters daily. On my first tour through the Corn Flake line, the absolute cleanliness of the whole place greatly impressed me. They spare no effort in keeping the food lines rodent-free, dirt-proof, and antiseptic-clean.

Since it is so vitally important to keep my breakfast food clean, it must also be tremendously important for me to keep myself clean, my mind uncluttered with trash and trivia, and my emotions free from compromising alliances. Early in the ministry of Dr. Maltby Babcock a member of the congregation, being a good friend as well as a physician, approached the pastor because of his concern over his pastor's hard work and lack of recreation. Handing him theater tickets he said, "Take these, you need the recreation of going to this play."

Dr. Babcock, looking at the tickets and seeing they were to a play of a sort he could not in good conscience attend, said to his well-meaning benefactor, "Thank you, but I can't take them. I can't go."

"Nonsense," said the friend, "you are tired and you need the entertainment."

"Yes, I am tired, and I do need recreation. But, doctor, it's this way. You're a physician, a surgeon, in fact. When you operate you scrub your hands meticulously until you are especially clean. You wouldn't dare operate with dirty hands. Well, I'm a servant of Christ: I deal with precious human souls. And I wouldn't dare do my work with a dirty life."

Since we are what we ingest, physically, mentally, and spiritually, we would do well to heed Paul's command, "Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but be a new and different person with a fresh newness in all you do and think" (Romans 12:2, TLB). The closer we get to purity of motive, in word and deed, the closer we get to God and His Word, and the farther away we get from the stains of compromise and sin.

My friend Dave works in Oakland, Calif., as a city policeman. Dave once considered preparing for pastoral ministry but finally concluded God could

we sow what we are

by WAYNE M. WARNER

Battle Creek, Michigan

better use him elsewhere. Now working as a police officer, he spends long hours in arduous exercise, keeping himself physically trim, mentally alert, spiritually sensitive, and ready for any kind of an emergency he may face.

Dave receives frequent calls to testify in court, and on occasion I have accompanied him into the courtroom. As a material witness he is expected to give detailed reports that remain factually accurate, emotionally objective, relative to the senses, and in proper perspective. He must remain sensitive to details and accurate in his recordings, for he never knows when he will be called into court as a witness.

We, like Dave, are called upon to witness as Christians, there being certain things we Christians are all witness to. Jesus told his disciples, "You are witnesses of these things" (Luke 24:48, NASB). How important is it that we, like the policeman on the witness stand, remain ready with an accurate, inspirational, and sensitive witness? The lesson seems obvious to all of us, does it not? Doctor, minister, policeman, or just plain John Doe; the demand of New Testament Christianity calls for all of us to live a clean and pure life "unstained from the world." It calls us to be prepared at all times to allow every social contact to be a possible opportunity for a witness to Christ.

What we are when we are not trying to be anything remains the supreme test of what we really are. When it comes to the Christian faith, it isn't just what we know but what we sow that does the good! □

the editor's STANDPOINT

THANK GOD FOR NPH

I am deeply grateful for the ministry of the printed page. What would we do without our Bibles and books and magazines? How impoverished our lives would be were these denied to us!

This being true, I am profoundly thankful for our Publishing House. I bless the Lord for all the people who work there, and for all the work they do. As a result of their labors a steady stream of Christian publications flows out through all the world. This output of literature serves our church, but it ministers to multiplied thousands outside of our church as well. God only knows how many lives and homes have been affected by our efforts to proclaim the whole gospel by the printed page throughout the world.

In my travels, limited as they are, I keep meeting people who tell me of finding Christ and getting help through the little writing I have done. My contribution to their lives was possible only through the work of our Publishing House. I planted (how small the seeds!), others watered (how faithfully and well!),

and God gave the increase. We enter into one another's labors.

During the Advent season just past, I read Paul Bassett's book *Keep the Wonder*. I was hooked by the very first chapter. I laughed, I wept, I shouted—quietly, of course, so as not to frighten the other people in the house. These meditations greatly enriched my holidays. I laid the book down and said, "Thank God for Dr. Bassett, and for our seminar where he teaches, and for our Publishing House which printed his messages."

This is how the Publishing House serves. It works along with our people and institutions to benefit the whole church.

The growth of our Publishing House, and its place among the publishers of Christian literature, is a story of miracles. But more important than its size is more important than the quantity of its output, is its continuing dedication to the gospel of Christ, and its continuing loyalty to the faith and work of the church. God be praised for its ministry!

THE BAPTISM WITH THE SPIRIT

There is a baptism with water, and there is a baptism with the Spirit.

Every Christian should be baptized with water. This was commanded by Jesus (Matthew 28:19) and practiced by the early church (Acts 2:38, 41).

Every Christian should also be baptized with the Holy Spirit. This was promised by the Lord (Acts 1:5) and fulfilled to the early church (Acts 2:4).

Those who come to be baptized with water are expected to meet certain requirements. They are called upon to repent of their sins and to believe on Jesus Christ as their Savior.

Those who desire to be baptized with the Holy Spirit are also to meet specific conditions. The Holy Spirit, in His cleansing, empowering fullness, is given to those who *ask* (Luke 11:13), and who *obey* (Acts 5:32). Insofar as this Spirit fullness is a promised gift, *faith* is also a condition (Acts 1:4).

Asking implies a desire strong enough to incite specific prayer. Obeying implies the surrender of our

will to God's will, the death to self-will that our fathers preached about so often and so searchingly. Believing recognizes the gift-nature and grace-nature of the baptism with the Spirit. It acknowledges the divine initiative and the human dependence that characterize the biblical teaching of salvation.

The paragraphs above are written in full awareness of the fact that no command to be baptized with the Spirit is found in the New Testament after Pentecost. There is, however, a command to be *filled* with the Spirit (Ephesians 5:18). Acts 2:4 identifies the filling as a result of the baptism. I assume that the same divine act is necessary to produce the same human effect today.

A. W. Tozer observed that many want to be full of the Spirit but few want to be filled with the Spirit. They want to enjoy the results without meeting the conditions. The experienced fullness of the Spirit always awaits the asking, obeying, and believing. There are no shortcuts to the experience.

Conserving nothing from the past, we will bequeath nothing to the future. Attempting to make the present everything will make it nothing.

PUTTING GOD FIRST

In Canada awhile back I was listening to Dean Wesles as he addressed a meeting of pastors and wives. He was going to talk about such matters as budgets and pensions and personal finances. But he began his address by calling attention to a familiar verse of scripture. He had it attractively printed on a large flip chart. "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you" (Matthew 6:33). No statement is more fundamental to the whole Christian life than these words of Jesus. Put God first!

If we put God first, prayer will be natural. What is more natural than conversation with persons who are significant for our lives? The closer they are to us, the more they mean to us, the easier it is for us to talk to them and to listen to them. The same is true of God. If He really is first, if He really means more to us than anyone or anything in the world, we will delight in His company. We will be naturally drawn into communion with Him. Prayer will be as natural as eating or sleeping to those who put God first.

If we put God first, tithing will be simple. When people say, "I can't afford to tithe," they are really saying, "I can't afford to put God first." It is a confession of doubt. When God is our first priority, we will not hesitate to make Him Lord over our material possessions. Bringing our tithes and offerings to Him will be a joyful part of worship. In this way we acknowledge Him as the giver of all we possess, and we confess our faith in His continued faithfulness to us.

If we put God first, people will be important. According to the Bible, human beings are the crown of God's creative activity. God made man in His own image, and enters into a very special relationship with man. According to Jesus, one human life is of more value than the whole world. Putting God first means placing value where God places it. That will make people more important than money or things or pleasure. Putting God first will mean putting others next. □

THE OLD AND THE NEW

It was my privilege to be the speaker for the Canadian Pacific District Preachers' Meeting a few weeks ago. The superintendent, Dan Derksen, and his wife were gracious hosts. Fellowship with the pastors and wives was enriching to my soul. They are a talented and dedicated group.

The meeting was held in the Empress Hotel in Victoria, British Columbia. The beauty and charm of the area is justly celebrated. Victoria preserves a large measure of "old world" charm in the midst of modern bustle. The Empress Hotel is an elegant place. To use a well-worn cliché, "They don't make them like that anymore!"

It was an ideal setting in which to reflect upon heritage and mission, to pull together the values of the past, the demands of the present, and the challenges of the future. This is how persons and churches need to live—from the past, toward the future, taking full advantage of the present.

To live only in the past is to become impotent, to become religious dodos making no impact upon our

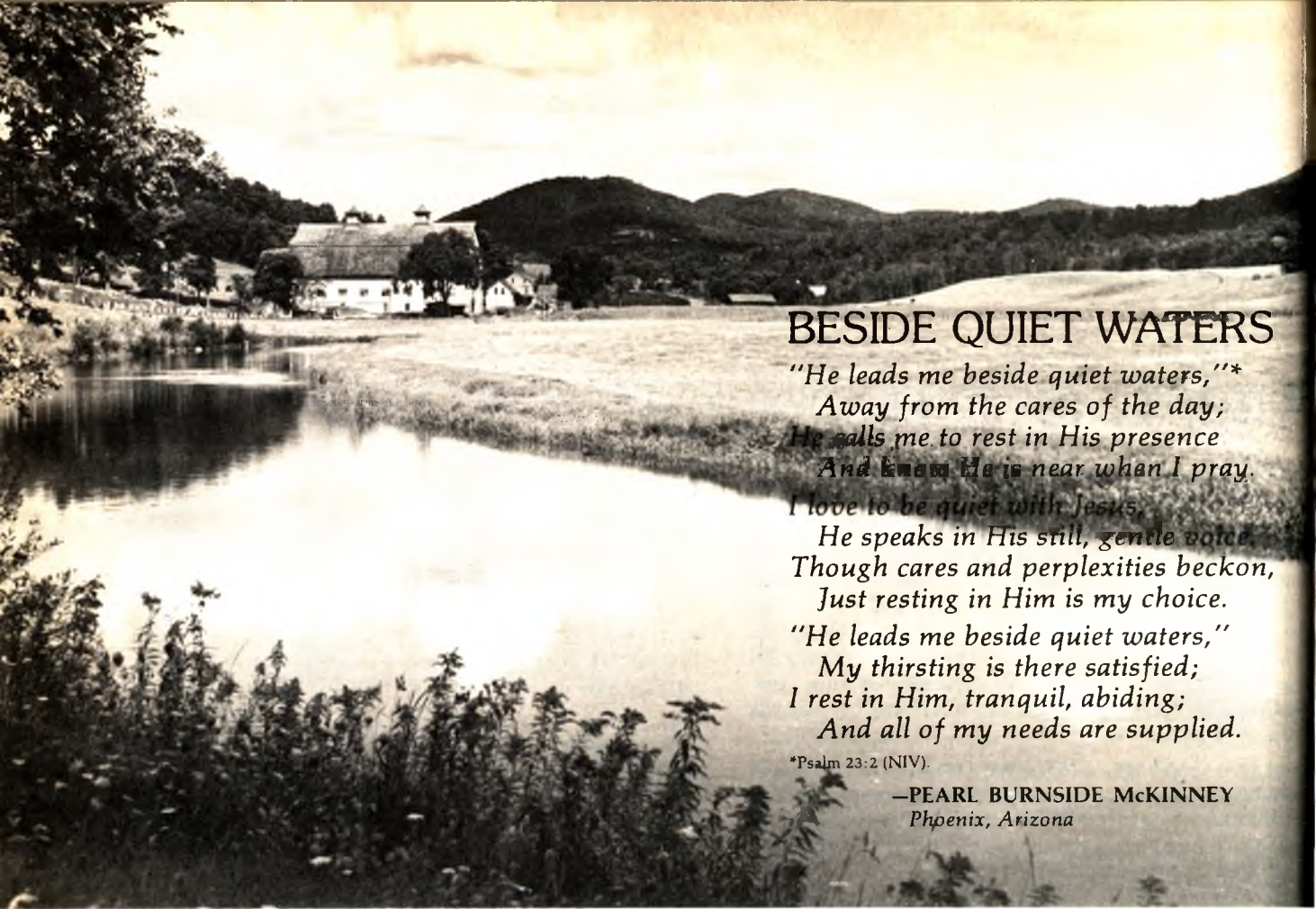
own times. We can't spend our days in wistful contemplation of "the good old days." This becomes ancestor worship.

To live only in the present is equally defeating. Those who despise their heritage cannot assign clear meaning to the present. Cut off from their past and future, they reduce the present to a vacuum. It may be filled with frantic activity, but it's still a vacuum with entrances and exits sealed. Conserving nothing from the past, we will bequeath nothing to the future. Attempting to make the present everything will make it nothing.

To live only in the future is to chase rainbows, mirages, and utopias. We can dream about what we are going to do tomorrow and leave today's work undone. The future becomes a form of escapism.

Drawing encouragement from the past and inspiration from the future enables us to function with power and blessing in the present.

Old world charm, new world bustle—that's a choice combination! □



BESIDE QUIET WATERS

*"He leads me beside quiet waters,"**
Away from the cares of the day;
He calls me to rest in His presence
And know He is near when I pray.

I love to be quiet with Jesus.
He speaks in His still, gentle voice
Though cares and perplexities beckon,
Just resting in Him is my choice.

"He leads me beside quiet waters,"
My thirsting is there satisfied;
I rest in Him, tranquil, abiding;
And all of my needs are supplied.

*Psalm 23:2 (NIV).

—PEARL BURNSIDE MCKINNEY
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PEN POINTS

OPEN FOR BUSINESS

Walking in the department store the other day, I was amazed that two or three clerks came right away to ask if they might help me in making a purchase. (I hadn't been shopping since the Christmas "stampede," so I'd forgotten how quiet a store could be.) They actually seemed to *want* me in that store. Strange as it may seem, they acted as if I were the real reason they opened their doors that morning.

As Christians, we should always be equally as anxious to help someone find Christ. We should be praying as the invitation is given during the worship

service. Everything can wait if there are seekers at our altars. Nothing is so important that we cannot go forward and assist in prayer as thirsting souls are satisfied with "The Living Water." After all, that's the reason our doors are open—Open for Business.

Being aware of the fact that they are coming to make the most important decisions of their lives, should we not have two or three good laymen ready to welcome seekers as they come forward? Or are we guilty of stretching our necks to see if there is someone going forward, almost breathing a sigh of relief when there are

none? Nothing is more important than souls—no television program, no Sunday dinner, no social gathering in the fellowship hall, no friendly chats, no visitor to greet, no offering to count, nothing—nothing more pressing upon our hearts than having seekers become "finders."

Lord, may I be there to help someone pray, to offer a Kleenex for precious tears, to rejoice when victory comes, to see the smile when guilt is erased, and to see the light dawn in the eyes of one who has just begun to live! □

—HELEN LEEPER
Orlando, Florida



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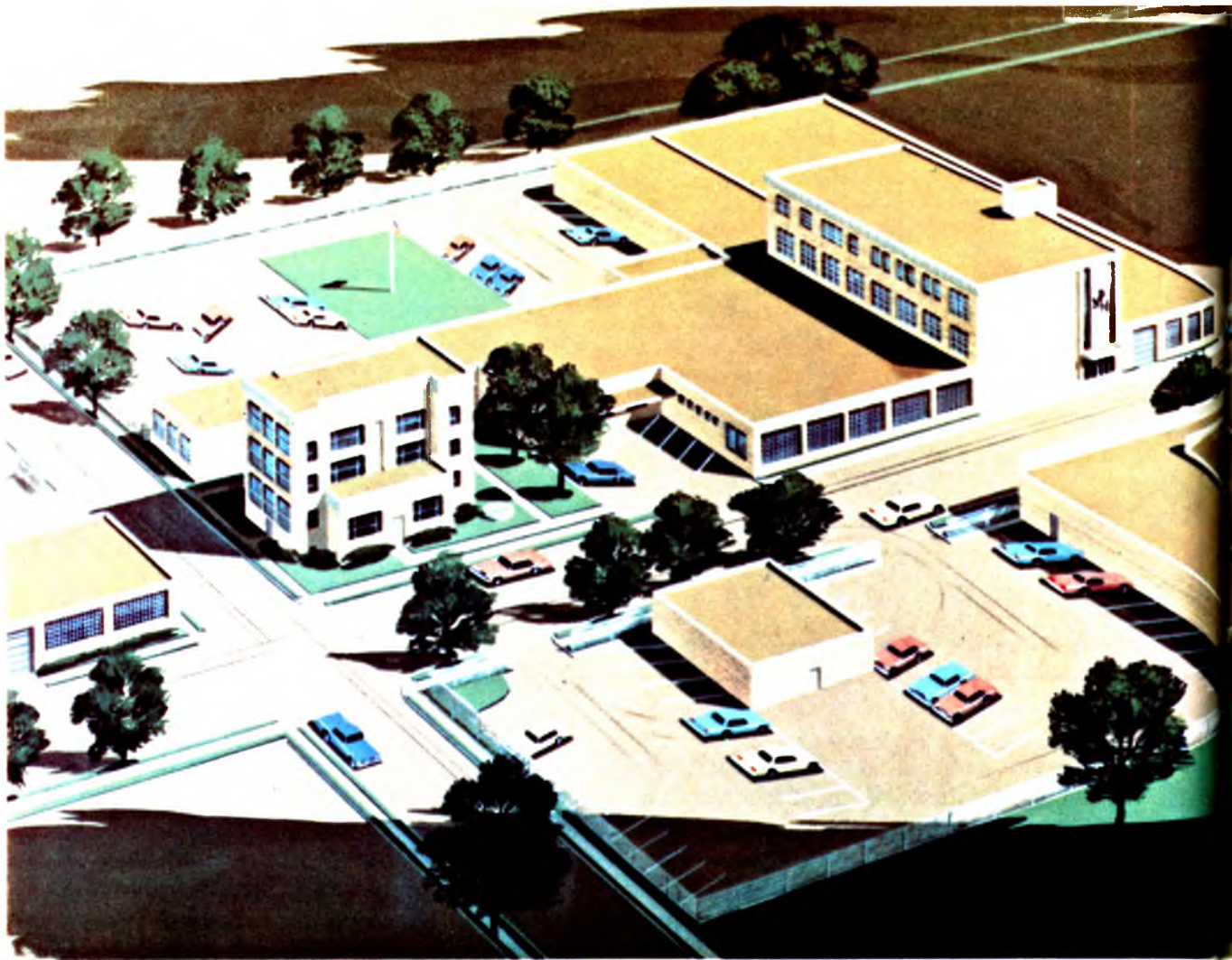
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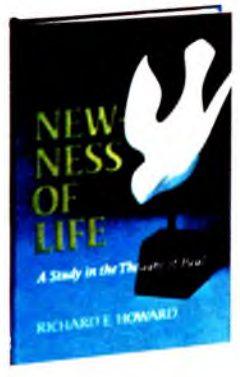
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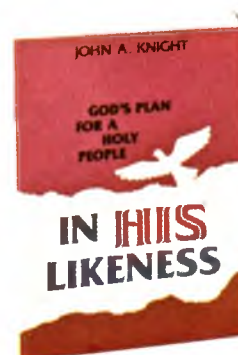
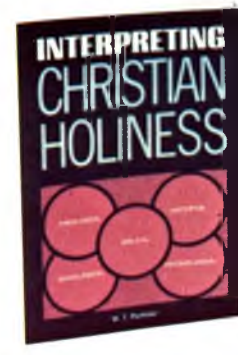
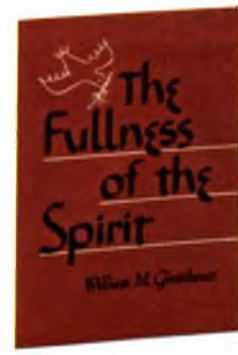
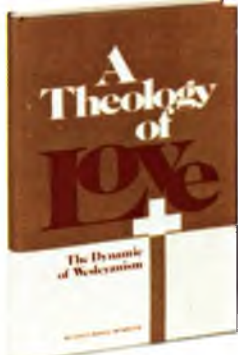
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IN THE NEWS

PEOPLE AND PLACES

The Board of Advisors for the outstanding Young Women of America Awards Program announced today that **Diane Mishey Reiss** has been selected for inclusion in the 1979 edition of *Outstanding Young Women of America*. Ms. Reiss is assistant professor of music at Mount Vernon Nazarene College, and is a graduate of Capital University and Ohio State University.



The *Outstanding Young Women of America* program honors exceptional young women between the ages of 21 and 36 who have distinguished themselves in the homes, their professions, and their communities. □

Gary Morsch is one of 38 senior medical students from the United States and Canada to be selected for a Reader's Digest International Medical Assistance Program grant. Each year this program is responsible for senior medical students going to mission hospitals in Third World countries.

Gary is the son of Dr. J. V. Morsch, district superintendent of the Central Florida District.

He and his wife, Vickie, with their two daughters, Amy and Erin, will spend December, January, and February at the Raleigh Fitkin Memorial hospital in Manzini, Swaziland. □

Mark Wessels, brother of Vickie Morsch, is also in Africa. He spent two years there in 1977-78 under a special assignment for the Department of World Mission. He returned to Swaziland in November (1979) for six weeks to work on a special filming project for the Department of Communications and the Department of World Mission. □

Mr. James V. Cook, minister of music and pastor's assistant at Seymour, Ind., First Church was given a "This Is Your Life" program on his 10th anniversary with that church. The program featured surprise visits from relatives and friends from Indi-

ana, Illinois, Ohio, and Oklahoma. The program, narrated by Debbie Scott and Lano Zagar, reviewed his ministry in the areas of music and as pastor's assistant. Also noted were his involvement in district activities, membership of district boards, membership of General Assembly music committees, and as a member of the General Board. He has been a delegate to each General Assembly since 1948, and is an elected delegate to the General Assembly scheduled in June, 1980. Mr. Cook was awarded the Distinguished Service Award in 1978.

His previous terms of service in his ministry were: New Castle, Ind., First Church; St. Louis Lafayette Park Church and First Church; and Columbus, Ohio, First Church.

The program was highlighted with the presence and sermon of Dr. B. G. Wiggs, former pastor at Seymour and now superintendent of the Southwest Indiana District. Rev. Gerald Green is the present pastor and spoke words of appreciation and commendation of the ministry of Mr. and Mrs. James V. Cook. □

Bethany Nazarene English professor, **Dr. Anna Belle Laughbaum**, has been selected for membership in the National League of American Pen-

Women, headquartered in Washington, D.C. The league is comprised of 315 branches with a membership of 6,000, who are engaged in creative work in art, letters, or music.

Laughbaum was approved in "the letters," as a result of devotional and autobiographical publications. The BNC professor is a member of the Oklahoma City Writers and Poetry Society of Oklahoma associations, and the AAUW. Laughbaum's teaching experience at BNC has included the subjects of Greek, Chaucer, Shakespeare, English and American literature, and poetry. She is currently teaching Introduction to Creative Writing and Writing for Christian Publications. □

Roger Parrott, son of Dr. and Mrs. Leslie Parrott, president of Olivet Nazarene College, received a Ph.D. degree in December from the University of Maryland. His field was higher education administration. His doctoral dissertation was: "A Comparison of Faculty Members' Reported Professional Activities and the Workload Desires of College Presidents for Faculty Members in Five Liberal Arts Colleges of the Church of the Nazarene." □

Dr. Parrott pastored the Woonsocket, R.I., church ('74-'75); Detroit Grace Church ('75-'77). He is presently associate pastor of Upper Marlboro, Md., Melwood Church, and was ordained this past year. His wife, Mary Lou, is in the process of completing a Ph.D. in English at the University of Maryland. □



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Members of the Student Council of Nazarene Bible College display a poster announcing the institution's 1979-80 theme. The theme, which portrays "Servanthood" through Christ's example (John 13:15), has been adopted by the student body and revival has come. The NBC students have made a commitment to pray daily and specifically for revival on every Nazarene college campus. Pictured (l. to r.) are Gary Slusher, Florida, treasurer; Bob Sipe, Pennsylvania, vice-president of social life; Lynn Richie, Arizona, president; Thresa Holden, Indiana, secretary; Chuck Herbig, Michigan, vice-president of religious life; not pictured Rod Overpeck, Indiana, vice-president of recreational life.

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ONE HUNDRED PIANO WORKSHOPS

On Saturday, November 17, in the lounge of Nazarene Theological Seminary, a group of ladies from LIFT (Ladies Inspirational Fellowship Time), an organization of wives of seminary students, came together for a hymn-playing workshop. Mrs. Roberta Merriner is the president of LIFT and was the coordinator of the workshop.

This workshop marked the 100th workshop presented by Evonne Neuschwander to interested piano students, church pianists, and piano teachers.

Steps for hymn improvisation were presented, beginning with preparation for hymn playing through ornamentation and chord substitution. Most of those present began the hymn-playing course to earn a Church Pianist Certificate sponsored by the Department of Education and the Ministry. □

NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS

A national conference of religious and lay leaders representing 50 different religious groups in the United States met in the Indiana Convention Center in Indianapolis November 26-28 to study the impact of alcohol and other drugs on contemporary life.

It was called to provide opportunity to see, hear, and learn from various sources of training and experience what programs have worked in certain situations and may prove successful in others.

Heading the list of distinguished speakers were: former U.S. Senator Harold Hughes; columnist Jack Anderson; baseball great, Don Newcombe; president of the Southern Baptist Convention, Dr. Jimmy Allen; and David Works, president of the North Conway Institute.

Foy Valentine, executive director of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission, told the conference:

"I believe that alcohol abuse can best be prevented by abstinence from alcohol, as lung cancer can best be prevented by abstinence from cigarettes."

Valentine called for "church action" which would "communicate the biblical base for dealing with alcohol and its related problems; it must help so-



Pictured (extreme r.) is Mrs. Neuschwander and some of the piano workshop participants.

ciety better understand the moral dimensions of the alcohol problem and the ethical demands of responsible churchmanship."

The Church of the Nazarene was represented by General Secretary Dr. B. Edgar Johnson, who chaired a workshop, November 27 on "Opportunities Through Legislation."

Dr. Johnson said that he found the conference stimulating and plans to prepare some material on the subject at a later time. —NCN □

FIFTH ANNUAL PASTORS' RETREAT IN BRAZIL

At the invitation of Superintendent Joaquin A. Lima of the Southeast District of Brazil, the South and Northeast district superintendents and pastors met with the pastors and wives of the Southeast District November 6-8 in Santos, Brazil, for the Fifth Annual Pastors' Retreat.

Rev. Jorge de Barros, director of Latin Publications, Portuguese Division, brought helpful, challenging messages around the theme of the retreat, **PERFECTED IN UNITY**. Short courses in journalism, church growth, and orientation from church department heads, along with sharing times, unified a bond of fellowship.

The Syndicate of Commerce Laborers of the State of São Paulo extended their hospitality to the retreat. —Roma Gates, reporter □



Participants of the Kansas City Marriage Enrichment Training Retreat are shown back row (l. to r.): Jim and Lynette Bledsaw, Chicago; Lois and Bill Rolland, Minneapolis; Dan and Kay Croy, Colorado Springs; George and Jan Zickefoose, Denver; Sue and Dearl Logan, Columbia, Mo.; Yvonda and Tony Moore, Kansas City; Sally and Bud Reedy, Shawnee, Kans. Front row (l. to r.) are: Ann and Ron Attig, Colorado Springs; Connie and Bob Dunn, Mission, Kans.; J. Paul and Marilyn Turner, Kansas City; Gene and Leonard Budd, Kansas City.

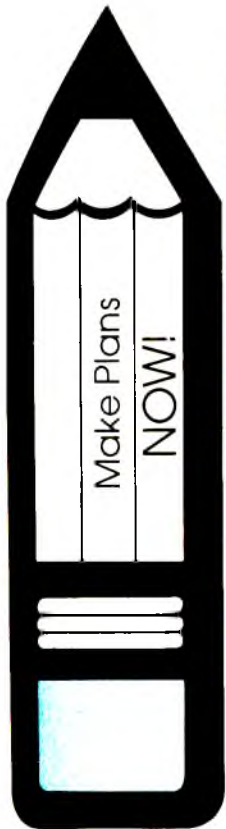
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The Department of Adult Ministries recently hosted its third training retreat for **Marriage Enrichment** applicant couples.

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Another major segment requires the couple to dialogue in depth about their own growing edges and vulnerabilities under the supervision of the trainer couple.

There are two training events scheduled for early 1980: **Sacramento, Calif., and Overland Park, Kans.** Contact J. Paul and Marilyn Turner, **Marriage and Family Life Office**, 6401 The Paseo, Kansas City, MO 64131, for specific information on these training opportunities. □



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NAZARENE SPANISH PASTOR NAMED TO COMMUNITY BOARD

Rev. Joe Dimas, pastor of the Oklahoma City Spanish Church, has been named to the Board of Directors of the Mexican-American Cultural Center in Oklahoma City.

It was a signal honor for the evangelical holiness clergyman because the board is otherwise entirely Catholic.

The appointment highlights the accomplishment of Rev. Dimas and his church in identifying and meeting the needs of the Mexican-American community in Oklahoma City which now numbers close to 50,000.

Rev. Dimas says 90 percent of his congregation, which was organized in 1973, is Spanish-speaking. Most have come to the area from Mexico; only a few are originally from the Oklahoma City area.

"If you visited my church," says Rev. Dimas, "you would feel like you were in the middle of Mexico."

With sanctuary seating of 80 to 90, attendance has been averaging 90 to 100. On October 28, attendance hit a record of 150, and on November 4 they registered 160, including a Sunday school extension in Warr Acres near Bethany.

"We give God the praise and glory," says Rev. Dimas.

During "Fiesta 79," a week of celebration of Mexican independence in Oklahoma City, the Mexican-American Cultural Center asked the Church of the Nazarene to present displays telling what they are doing in the community.

Among services displayed were: free English classes twice a week, notary public services, bus ministry every



Olivet Nazarene College students who are preparing for the ministry or other full-time Christian work were the first of the season to visit the seminary where many will begin their graduate work. While in Kansas City they visited other church institutions. Above, they are being briefed on a phase of production activity at the Nazarene Publishing House.

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Rev. Dimas has worked with the Mexican-American Culture Center as a youth coordinator and as an employment counselor for Hispanic youth. □

MVNC PROFESSOR RECEIVES DOCTORATE

Dr. Donald Martin, 10-year faculty member of Mount Vernon Nazarene College, recently completed work on a Ph.D. in English education at Ohio State University. Dr. Martin, assistant professor in English, began his work through the National Defense Act as head of the English Department at Clearfork High School. Since coming to MVNC, he continued as a full-time summer student, and part-time fall/winter student until finishing the requirements in August, 1979. His degree was officially conferred in December.

Dr. Martin earned his A.B. from Taylor University in 1945, B.D. from Asbury Seminary in 1948, and M.A. from Ball State University in 1959. Before coming to MVNC, he taught at Taylor, Marion, and Huntington colleges.

Martin, also an ordained minister, is currently a guest minister at Beulah and Friendship United Methodist churches. Academically, he served as a member on the National Council of Teachers of English, the Conference on English Education, and Science Research Incorporated. □

DISTRICT ASSEMBLY IN PORTUGAL

The fourth District Mini-Assembly was held in Lisbon, Portugal, November 10. It was a time of blessing with reports given of increases in all areas of the work—28 percent gain in members, 22 percent in Sunday school attendance, 250 percent in probationary members, and 47 percent gain in overall giving.

General Superintendent Dr. and Mrs. V. H. Lewis were in attendance. His challenging message climaxed the assembly with an altar lined with people seeking God.

An increased district budget as well as an educational budget for European Nazarene Bible College were accepted. God is helping in Portugal. A tremendous impact by the summer Student Mission (ISM) program is continuing to bear results. □

—Jose Soares Delgado,
District Secretary

TAX BOOKLETS MAILED TO MINISTERS

The Department of Pensions and Benevolence has mailed to active ministers in the United States, booklets which give instructions for the preparation of the 1979 income tax forms. The "Minister's Guide for 1979 Income Tax" has been prepared by tax specialist Conrad Teitell, and gives new information on how a minister reports his business deductions.

The current edition of the booklet is mailed annually to active ministers

as a service of the department. Any minister who has not received a copy of the booklet and desires one may receive one by writing to: Dean Wessels, Department of Pensions and


Benevolence, 6401 The Paseo, Kansas City, MO 64131. Also available upon request is another of Teitell's booklets entitled "Minister's Parsonage Allowance and Social Security." □



Christian higher education at Canadian Nazarene College is definitely a family affair. This year there are several interesting family relationships. Included in the student body are these seven sets of brothers. These 14 young men represent a significant portion of the student population. Three of these families, the Berrys, Calverts, and MacDonalds, are all from the same province, Nova Scotia. Other family relationships of interest involve faculty and students. Two of Professor Vern Hannah's children, Brent and Kevin, are enrolled. Finally, there are three faculty-student sibling relationships: Dr. Kent Brower and his sister Marian, Miss Sharon Bull and her sister Evangeline, and Miss Linda Schwartz and her brother Lorne. Pictured back row (*l. to r.*) are Andrew and Derek Berry, Tim and John Rigby, Gord and Peter Calvert, Monroe Grobe; middle row (*l. to r.*), Alden and Glenn MacDonald, Terry and Darren Fach; front row (*l. to r.*), Kevin and Brent Hannah. Dave Grobe is not shown.



in the fall Sunday school contest, "Going Higher," the Youth Department of Arlington, Va., Calvary Church doubled last year's average attendance of 71 with 157. To assist the ascent, Elvin Hayes, star forward of the Washington Bullets basketball team, came and told what Christ has done for him. He said all youth should "try Jesus" and find a new exciting way of life. Pictured (*l. to r.*) are Elvin Hayes and Bob Wilson, minister of youth. Recently 17 youth were baptized, and 13 brought into church membership.



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THE CHURCH WHERE NATIONS MEET

Something is happening in Los Angeles. Under the leadership of senior pastor William Boggs, the "Mother" congregation of the Church of the Nazarene is rapidly adjusting to the dramatic changes so common in this American urban setting.

Finding that approximately 20,000 of the 100,000 people who live within a mile of the church are single young adults, the church established a single adult ministry that has ministered to hundreds of young adults while significantly contributing to the total ministry of the church.

In the same population there is double the national average of senior adults (14 percent of the immediate population is over age 70), so the church created a senior adult ministry

that has recently opened a promising weekday center for senior adults.

Because a great need of people in the city is for the care of children, the church invested in a school (grades 1-3) with over 100 children enrolled. This allows the church to make a Christian impact on inner-city children.

Feeling the necessity of taking the Christian message to the people of the Los Angeles inner city, the church has developed an active program of street meetings and park concerts. Nationally famous "Bridge" recently performed in the bandshell at MacArthur Park, and "Discovery," a group of Nazarene college students, sang to receptive crowds on the Fourth of July.

The Neighborhood Christian Service Corps has emerged as a force

within the church which weekly enters the apartment house complexes in the area to meet both the social and spiritual needs of the residents.

White-flight, loneliness, intensified social problems, and the alienation of the crowded city pose unpredictable problems for any church choosing to remain in the city. But Los Angeles has particularly emerged as a cultural and ethnic melting pot. Current statistics illustrate this. English is now a minority language in the city. As a native language, 40 percent of the people speak Spanish, 22 percent speak one of a multitude of worldwide languages and only 38 percent speak English.

Los Angeles First Church is at the heart of this megapolis of nations. It has developed into a multilingual congregation, composed of English, Spanish, Korean, and Southeast Asian people.

A Spanish congregation flourishes under the able leadership of Rev. Oziel Flores. This part of the church has quickly grown to an average weekly attendance of over 100. Along with the increase of Hispanics, there has also been a great influx of people from Korea. Through the efforts of Rev. David Kwon, the Korean ministry of the church has, in three years, grown to a membership of 126.

Frequently all of the congregations of the church meet together in services of celebration. These are treasured times with deep meaning for everyone as the culturally diverse members of the church join together in a united expression of praise. The Hispanic and Korean ministries have become a vital part of Los Angeles First Church and are crucially important to the church's strategy of a comprehensive ministry to the people of Los Angeles.

Currently there is another major ethnic movement that is capturing the attention of the church. There are now over 100,000 Southeast Asian immigrants and refugees in the L.A. area (20,000 in the immediate vicinity of the church). Approximately 14,000 additional refugees come to America each month, most of whom first come to or through Los Angeles. The church has again decided to expand its horizon.

With the leadership of Mr. Stephen Thomas and Mr. and Mrs. Phairot Chamchot, the Southeast Asian ministry of the church has been established. A house has been secured as a central meeting place and a number of families have already been reached. Twenty different Thai and Lao families have attended services at the church. Many of these visitors (now

averaging about 40 per week) are beginning to respond to the message of the gospel. This new venture is evolving into a Thai-speaking congregation who will join the family of nations worshipping together at Los Angeles First Church. □

—reported by Ron Benefiel



Rev. Peter Gentry

BRITISH PASTOR CITES LESSONS FROM WESLEY

If John Wesley were alive today, his advice to the church would be to "go out and reach the people by whatever means we can."

This is the opinion of Rev. Peter Gentry, Wesleyan scholar and pastor of the Weston-super-Mare Church of the Nazarene on the British Isles South District.

Rev. Gentry has been in the United States on a preaching mission and spent some time in historical research in the Wesley Rare Book Room of Nazarene Theological Seminary.

Wesley, says Rev. Gentry, was not a particularly innovative man, but he had the ability to recognize things that would work in reaching the common man with the gospel.

His own study of Wesley, Rev. Gentry says, is for the purpose of "finding out what we can derive from Wesley which will help us achieve the kind of evangelistic results which he achieved in his day."

The Nazarenes in the British Isles, says Rev. Gentry, know that they are the doctrinal heirs of John Wesley as derived from him via American Methodism.

That is one reason for his research at the Nazarene seminary. Important aspects of the Methodist and Nazarene heritage are not available for study in Britain; for example *A Guide to Holiness*, an influential early holiness publication edited by Dr. Walter C. Palmer, husband of Phoebe Palmer, one of the most prominent of the early

holiness leaders in America, is not readily available in British archives.

As to Wesley and his success in launching a great spiritual movement, Rev. Gentry says it was probably an advantage to him that he never intended to start a church. He was concerned with the starting of societies and was thus free to adopt his rather pragmatic strategies designed solely to reach people with the saving gospel.

Rev. Gentry believes the method of bending total energies toward the reaching of populations for Christ without preconceptions may be a major legacy of John Wesley to the church today. □

NAZARENE PASTOR IN NATION'S CAPITAL

Dr. Paul Cunningham, pastor of the Olathe, Kans., College Church, was among nine evangelical leaders called to Washington, D.C., the first week of December to discuss with senior staff members of the Republican National Committee the spiritual needs of the nation, and how the political parties can speak to it in the coming election.

The group has been asked to meet with President Carter when the pressure of the Iranian situation eases.

The six-hour dialogue was called by Bill Brock, chairman of the Republican National Committee who, with seven of his senior staff members, met with the church leaders.

The evangelicals present were: Dr. Paul Cunningham; Dr. Ben Armstrong, executive secretary of National Religious Broadcasters; Douglas Hyde, of National Association of Evangelicals; Dr. Jerry Falwell, pastor of Liberty Baptist Thomas Road church in Virginia; Jack Wyrzten, Word of Life Ministries; Tim La Haye, writer and pastor; Dr. Bob Jones III, Bob Jones University; Charles Stanley, pastor of First Southern Baptist Church, Atlanta; and Dr. James Kennedy, pastor of Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church, Coral Ridge, Fla.

Dr. Cunningham was impressed with the openness of the political leaders to the need for spiritual renewal in America. They are encouraging church people everywhere to become more involved in government. □

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NEWS OF EVANGELISM



To students and administration at Bethany Nazarene College the term "recreation vehicle" has assumed a new distinction, thanks to a \$25,000 gift from C. M. Fore, president of Foretravel Corporation of Nacogdoches, Tex. The gift was designated to apply toward the college's proposed business and home economics building. According to BNC Director of Church Relations, Mervyn Goins, Mr. Fore will also be establishing a Foretravel student scholarship program. Pictured (l. to r.) are Rev. Mervyn Goins and Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Fore. Foretravel, a leading manufacturer of quality motor homes, has recently more than doubled its size by expanded business and the purchase of Travco Motor-home Corporation. Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Fore are examples of dedicated stewardship through their contribution to Bethany Nazarene College and their ongoing support of the Church of the Nazarene in Nacogdoches.



Mr. and Mrs. John Rollston of Reading, Mass., visited Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Cannon October 18-19, after they attended NIROGA at Banff, Alberta, Canada. Mrs. Lillian Rollston and Mrs. Edith Cannon became pen pals through the *Junior Joys* Sunday school paper of the Church of the Nazarene in 1929. Edith has a request in for pen pals and Lillian wrote to her. They have corresponded these 50 years since. Both ladies were married in June, 1935, and each had 3 children and 12 grandchildren. Both are members of the Church of the Nazarene, Lillian at Malden, Mass., and Edith at New Rockford, N.D.

Greenville, Tex.: Peniel Church has just experienced one of the best revivals in recent years with *Evangelist Billy Grimes* and *Singers John and Barbara Wells*. The services were well attended, with 24 seekers at the altar finding spiritual victory. We still feel the impact of this revival. □
—Marvin McDaniel, pastor

Bowling Green, Ohio: People of the church found God's saving and sanctifying power around the altar as *Evangelist Steve Manley* preached the biblical truths of holiness. Young and old alike were challenged to live out the privileges of sonship through Christ. Rev. Manley also taught in our VBS in which many young lives were touched by Jesus. □
—Doug Samples, pastor

Greensboro, N.C.: The Southeast Church had a weekend of revival with *Mike and Doris Courtney* of Nashville, Tenn. God spoke through the Courtneys' singing and Mike's preaching. Several people made commitments. The people commented that this was the best revival they have had in many years. □
—Danny Goddard, pastor

West Helena, Ark.: The church had a revival with *Evangelists Bob and Ida Mae Mickey*. The Mickeys worked with children in a morning crusade and with families Thursday-Sunday in the evenings. Their ministry, especially to the children, was outstanding. □
—W. E. Swanson, pastor

Old Hickory, Tenn.: The church had a revival with *Evangelist Harold Graves* and *Song Evangelists David and Dana Blue*. The attendance was excellent each service. Rev. Graves, district superintendent of San Antonio District, pastored the Old Hickory Church for eight years and many old friends attended. The church was renewed and many received help. Five new members were received on Sunday morning. □
—B. Winfred Ritter, pastor

Hagerstown, Md.: The church had a revival with *Evangelists Jerry and June Brooks*. One convert had no religious background. Her husband had not been in church for 12 years. One testified to being truly sanctified. Three were reclaimed, two of whom were older couples. Many came to the altar for various reasons. The Sunday

evening service closed with a love feast. □

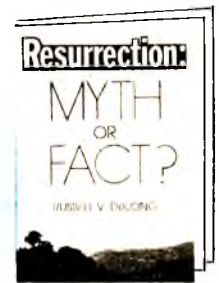
—Paul Crew, pastor

Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, Canada: The church had a revival with *Evangelists Gary and Beth Bond*. During the moving of God's Spirit in the revival service, several were saved, sanctified, reclaimed, and helped. □
—Ronald L. Wencel, pastor

Adrian, Mich.: First Church had a revival with *Evangelist Bob Hoots* and *Song Evangelists Wally and Ginger Laxson*. A camp-meeting spirit prevailed. The Sunday morning service was one of the most outstanding manifestations of the Holy Spirit this church has ever seen. Scores of people were saved and sanctified and the revival continues even now. □
—Jerry L. Short, pastor

South Charleston, W.Va.: The Davis Creek Church conducted an outdoor revival on its parking lot July 22-29. *Evangelist Robert Taylor* came for the night offerings, with no guarantee. The people, in an expression of love, gave him \$1,105. This was

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he largest single offering the church had ever given an evangelist and the largest single offering Evangelist Taylor had ever received. The average attendance was 148, and there were 52 seekers. It rained every day that week, but only one service was moved to the sanctuary. □

—Merlin E. Provance, pastor

Oakland, Me.: The church had a revival with *Evangelist John Cayton*. The people received a great blessing from the deep, strong, helpful messages of Brother Cayton. Eleven were sanctified, three were saved, and six reclaimed. □

—T. W. Cahill, Sr., pastor

Delaware, Ohio: The church had a revival with *Evangelist Timothy Singell*. We believe that two factors contributed greatly to the revival: weekly cottage prayer meetings and the anointed preaching of Rev. Singell. There were 40 people at the altar. □

—Harold M. Homes, pastor

Shafter, Calif.: **First Church** had a revival with *Rev. Harold C. Thompson*, evangelist, who provided outstanding holiness preaching. His messages, together with music provided by the local church, reached many. There were 22 seekers during this five-day meeting and new families were won to Christ and the church through this revival effort. □

—Kenneth T. Mitchell, pastor

Gaylord, Mich.: The church prayed, and experienced revival through the faithful ministry of *Evangelist Gerald Laing* and the work of the Holy Spirit. In nearly every service of the eight-day meeting, people responded to the message of heart holiness and found definite spiritual victory. □

—D. V. Rensberry, pastor

Bozeman, Mont.: The church had an unusual revival with *Evangelist Jimmy Dell*. Sixty-three people sought Christ during the four-day revival. It was one of the finest revivals for the church in its history. Every age-group was touched. □

—Fred Maurice, pastor

Dallas, Tex.: **The Casa View Church** received a boost by a concerned group of Christian ladies who met for prayer regularly preceding revival. *Evangelists Larry and Lynne Williams* were used of God to help Christians draw nearer to the Master. The Sunday evening service was highlighted by a group of seven Christians making a public confession of their faith by being baptized. The sacrament of Communion was adminis-

tered to those that worshiped during this meaningful service. □

—Gaetano Franzese, pastor

Parsons, W.Va.: The church witnessed one of the best revivals in recent years with *Evangelist Robert Taylor*. Thirty-nine seekers knelt at the altar. Backsliders were reclaimed, believers were sanctified, and church members received a deeper experience with God. □

—Tom Fowler, Jr., pastor

Colorado Springs: Trinity Church had a revival October 17-21 designated as a "Celebration of Faith." *Dr. Don Gibson* was engaged as evangelist while he was in the Department of Evangelism at Kansas City. The Holy Spirit came in a beautiful way under the preaching of Dr. Gibson. The al-

tars were filled from end to end on the Lord's Day. Many families knelt together in the celebration of their faith. □

—J. Donald Freese, pastor

Pittsburgh, Pa.: **First Church** had a week of revival with *Evangelist Chris Sutherland*. There were seekers throughout the entire week, with a spiritual breakthrough on the final Sunday night service, when the altar was lined with seekers. □

—Dennis L. Hancock, pastor


Mayfield, Ky.: **The New Liberty Church** had a revival with *District Superintendent Aleck Ulmet* as the evangelist, and the *Calvary Quartet* as special singers. There were good crowds each service with eight seekers praying through at the altar. □

—Wayne Gordan, pastor

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The International Church of the Nazarene completed its 18th quadrennium with a membership of 661,114, according to information received from Dr. B. Edgar Johnson, general secretary.

The largest gains were made by churches and missions outside the United States, which now represents one-third of the denomination's total membership. While the church in the

United States made a 6.5 percent gain in the four-year period 1975-79, the churches in Canada were posting a 10.8 percent gain; Central and South America gained 27.4 percent, and mission churches, 65 percent.

The increase in attendance in Sunday school overseas overcame the American losses and enabled the church to record a gain of 404, or a total attendance of 638,170 per Sunday.

During the 70s the church's membership increased by 189,268, while

the Sunday school average attendance gained 105,837.

Nazarenes around the world raised for all purposes \$220,524,788, or a gain of 11 percent. The per capita giving for the year was \$384.42.

Through its Hunger and Disaster Fund, the denomination responded to requests for help in the Caribbean where tragedy struck in two devastating hurricanes; for the famine in Haiti; and to the starving people of Cambodia.

Church leaders have visited mainland China this year, and are preparing to lend assistance when asked.

Through a committee of laymen called 20/20 VISION, a television ministry has been launched. It is conceived as a cooperative program with local church leaders in each market area where the program is aired. Initial responses indicate a commendable acceptance on the part of local sponsors and viewers.

Plans are progressing for the 20th General Assembly of the denomination which will convene in Kansas City, June 19-27, 1980. Legislation which will enable the church to adjust to its rapid international growth will dominate the business of this decision-making conclave. A sixth general superintendent will be elected to replace Dr. George Coulter who completes 16 years in office and will not be eligible for reelection because of age. □

—NCN



Dr. and Mrs. L. S. Oliver

**DR. AND MRS. OLIVER
MINISTER IN GUATEMALA**

President and Mrs. L. S. Oliver of Nazarene Bible College spent 12 days (September 14-26) in Guatemala, the third fastest growing mission field in the church.

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Wives' Retreat. Dr. Oliver lectured on holiness and Mrs. Oliver, who is president of the NWMS International, spoke on world missions in the afternoon sessions.

Cities that had been damaged three years ago by the earthquake were visited. One city experienced the death of 14,000 people. Through the Hunger and Disaster Fund of the Church of the Nazarene, money was sent for medical needs and for material to rebuild churches. A number of Work and Witness teams went to Guatemala at their own expense to aid in the construction of churches, parsonages, and schools.

The Church of the Nazarene in Guatemala is through its disaster crisis and is working to fill new church buildings with people who need to hear about Christ. The people constantly expressed their thanks to the church in America who responded to their need with compassionate action.

The Olivers returned praising God for the Nazarenes of Guatemala who model Christian holiness in the midst of difficulty. □

—reported by
George Privett
NBC Public Relations



The southwestern Ohio District ordinals with their wives are shown (l. to r.): Larry D. and Janice Hamilton; General Superintendent Orville W. Jenkins; Judy and Danny R. Brady.

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OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Christian Holiness Association National Convention will convene at the Ridgecrest Conference Center in Ridgecrest, N.C., for its 112th annual convention, April 22-24, 1980. The Church of the Nazarene may send 50 official representatives to that convention.

I am authorized to issue a call for volunteer ministers and laymen at large who wish to be delegates for the Church of the Nazarene to this convention and attend without expense to the General Board.

If you are interested, please submit your name, address, and the local church of which you are a member, to the General Secretary, Church of the Nazarene, 6401 The Paseo, Kansas City, MO 64131. From the names submitted, the delegate committee will select and notify our delegation on or about March 15, 1980.

—B. Edgar Johnson
General Secretary

VITAL STATISTICS

DR. CLIFFORD KEYS DIES

Dr. Clifford E. Keys, Sr., 77, died of a heart attack November 26 in Heidelberg, Germany.

"Pop" Keys, as he was known, had been an ordained minister for 52 years. He had served as pastor at Pomona, Calif.; Ephrata and West Chester, Pa.; Washington, D.C.; First Church; San Antonio, Tex.; and Albertsville and Tuscaloosa, Ala. He retired in 1968 and had been living at Trevecca Towers in Nashville.

Funeral services were held December 3, in Ephrata, Pa., with a memorial service in Nashville College Hill Church December 5.

Dr. Keys is survived by his wife, Minnie, Nashville; and two sons: Col. Clifford Keys of the United States Army, Heidelberg, Germany; and Professor Glenn D. Keys, head of the biology department of Eastern Nazarene College, Wollaston, Mass.

E. STEENBERGEN DIES

E. Steenbergen, 87, died November 25 in Ironton, Ohio. He had been a member of the Church of the Nazarene for 65 years. During that time he had the privilege of hearing all of the general superintendents, including Dr. Bresee.



He was a Sunday school superintendent for 34 years, and a member of the Advisory Board of the Central Ohio District for 9 years. He was a member of Ironton Ellison Street Church.

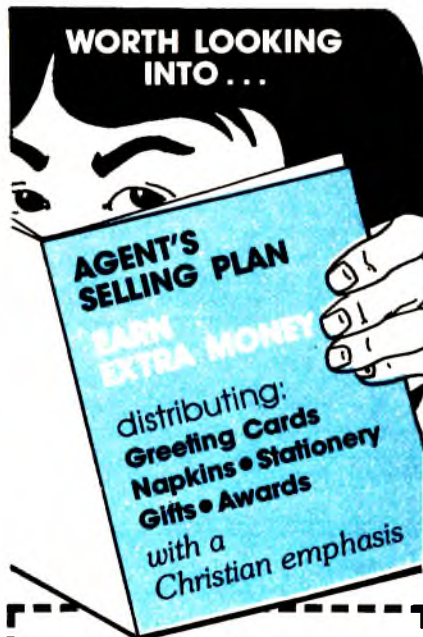
He formerly owned Ironton Auto Parts, and was partner with his son, Bob, in Steenbergen Oldsmobile. He was owner of the Steenbergen Turkey Farm.

He is survived by his wife, Moncy, of Ironton; two sons: Jack of Columbia, S.C., and E. H. "Bob," of Ashland, Ky.; and two daughters: Mary (Mrs. Ted Balof) of Russell, Ky., and Betty (Mrs. J. G. Haufler) of Ocala, Fla.

FOR THE RECORD

MOVING MINISTERS

LARRY T. ALLEN from Clinton, Mo., to Jeffersonville, (Ind.) First
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P. LINDSAY FARIS from Elkton, Ky., to Rochester, Ind.
ED FELTER from Arnold, Mo., to Placentia, Calif.
LEO GUFFNETT from Anadarko, Okla., to Shelton, Wash.
DALLAS W. JOHNSON from Lafayette, Colo., to Wheeling (W. Va.) Mar-Win
THOMAS McCLAIN from Council Bluffs (Ia.) Community to Artesia, N.M.
RONALD E. PERSYN from Clatskanie, Ore., to North Pole, Alaska
ERSEL P. POTTS from Crown Point, Ind., to evangelism
RICK L. SAVAGE from Napa, Calif., to Vista, Calif.
DONALD C. SMITH from Bethel, Me., to Leeds, Me.
CARL J. SWANSON to Sandwich, Ill.
RALPH D. TEAGARDIN, JR., from Fontana (Calif.) First to Lake Havasu City, Ariz.
DONALD L. WILSON from associate, South Portland, Me., to Bangor, Me.
KENNETH WILSON from Placentia, Calif., to Pomona (Calif.) First
OLIVER WIRTH from associate, Fishkill, N.Y., to New Windsor (N.Y.) Community
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DEATHS

REV. ELMER LEE DUBY died Nov. 1 in Sumter, S.C. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Bruce McDuffie and Chuck and Mary Jackson. Rev. DUBY was an ordained minister on the Kansas District for 49 years and served at Bethany, Okla., for the past 12 years. He is survived by his wife, Lillie; one son, Robert L.; one daughter, Ruth Ann Craddock; and several grandchildren.

HARRY RAYMOND GILL, 87, died Nov. 13 in Arnold, Neb. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. B. D. Hunn and Rev. Mill Simonds. He is survived by his wife, Nancy; one son, Norris; one stepson, Kenneth Yanken; one daughter, Waunetta; five grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and one sister.

KENNETH E. HORNE, 46, died Dec. 3 in Keene, N.H. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. James M. Kelley. He is survived by his wife, Arlayne; one son, Stephen M.; two grandchildren; one brother; and two sisters.

GERTRUDE LIKENS, 71, died Dec. 6 in Yakima, Wash. Funeral services were conducted by District Superintendent Walter E. Lanman. She is survived by her husband, Cecil; 2 sons, Walter F. and Dr. Wayne E.; 1 daughter, Faye Bell; 10 grandchildren; 9 great-grandchildren; 1 brother; and 3 sisters.

DELMA L. MEEKS, 56, died Nov. 18 in Fort Meyers, Fla. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. David Rutherford. She is survived by her husband, Clark C.; four daughters; and four grandchildren.

ROY E. MURPHY, 80, died Dec. 8 in Pasadena, Calif. Funeral services were conducted by Pastor James H. Ingalls and Gary Moore at Pasadena Bresee. Interment was in Kansas City with Rev. Richard Neiderhiser. Rev. Murphy worked with the Kansas City Rescue Mission for 25 years. He is survived by his wife, Grace; one daughter, Mrs. George (Trudy) Cargill; three grandsons; one granddaughter; one great-grandson; and one sister.

MR. CECIL E. RENCH, 81, died Oct. 11 in Montrose, Calif. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Don C. Farnsworth and Rev. Paul Benefiel, Los Angeles district superintendent. Interment was in Monrovia, Calif. He is survived by his wife, Mae; one son, George; two daughters, LaVon Haynes and Shirley Hughes; eight grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; three brothers; and one sister.

NELL M. RICHARDSON, 78, died Oct. 15 in Bethany, Okla. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Ponder Gilliland and Rev. Sam Stearman. She is survived by her husband, Rev. L. A. Richardson; 1 son, L. A., Jr.; 1 daughter, Peggy Worley; 6 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; her stepmother; 1 sister; and 1 half sister.

PAUL F. WERKHEISER, 77, died Nov. 5 in Quakertown, Pa. Funeral services were conducted in Nazareth, Pa., by Rev. Charles H.

NEWS OF RELIGION

EVANGELICALS WARNED AGAINST POLITICS NOT BASED ON BIBLE. An organization formed to promote evangelical social concern has asserted that "the resurgence of evangelical concern for public policy is not sufficiently biblical." In a statement, the 40-member board of Evangelicals for Social Action accused American Christians of too often mixing "zeal for building the Kingdom of God with a narrow and uncritical allegiance to partisan political goals, either liberal or conservative. Politicians in turn have used evangelical leaders for their own ends."

The group warned that "there is a danger that evangelicals will be preoccupied with a selective list of concerns that does not reflect truly biblical priorities and emphasis. There is a danger that evangelicals will identify America's interests with the Kingdom of God. There is a danger that some ministers and lobbyists will exploit genuine Christian concern for narrow political ends."

It affirmed that "the Gospel of Jesus Christ must not be bound to any single political philosophy, program, party, or leader," and urged evangelists "who are zealous to stem corruption in our nation to discuss their concerns with other Christians before they act prematurely, for in a multitude of concerns there is safety." □

ELEVEN FORMER HARE KRISHNA MEMBERS INDICTED BY U.S. JURY. Eleven men, all former members of the Hare Krishna movement in California, have been indicted on federal narcotics smuggling and income-tax evasion charges, according to the U.S. attorney's office in Los Angeles.

The men allegedly imported and distributed large quantities of hashish oil in the Laguna Beach-Newport Beach area during 1976-77, and used Krishna-related businesses set up as fronts to launder proceeds from drug sales. The indictment doesn't mention the International Society of Krishna Consciousness, but 10 of the 11 men indicted were named by both their given names and their adopted Krishna names. □

FIVE BRITISH CHURCHES MOVE CLOSER TO UNITY. England's most ambitious and imaginative scheme of church unity took another step forward with the announcement in London that the Churches' Council for Covenanting (CCC) had drawn up a draft covenant for unity among five major British churches.

It was announced that the CCC would increase its meetings in order to have a final draft ready by next May, in time for the summer sessions of the member-churches' governing bodies. The churches involved are the Church of England, the Methodist Church, the Churches of Christ, the United Reform Church, and the Moravian Church. □

CHRISTIANS BEATEN BY SOVIET POLICE. A sharp increase in persecution in the Soviet Socialist Republic of Moldavia is reported by East/West News Service. On October 21, two Christians, Misha Prutyanyov and Veniamin Naprienko, went to visit a friend in Kishinev and were followed and beaten by secret police.

The militia was under the impression that a secret meeting of Soviet believers had been uncovered. Several objects such as a cassette recorder, a camera, religious literature, and other items were confiscated. Misha Prutyanyov was arrested. A home was also searched in nearby Strasheni, where religious books from the underground press Christianin were being bound, according to the news service. Several homemade binding machines and some religious literature were seized. □



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Melton. Interment was in Bethlehem, Pa. He is survived by his wife, Mildred; two daughters, Mrs. John (Betty) Weiss and Mrs. Marshall (Lorraine) Miller; five grandchildren; and 2 great-grandchildren.

MRS. DOROTHY YEOMAN, 74, died Dec. 2 in Hennessey, Okla. Funeral services were conducted by Revs. Noble Hathaway, Vida Robinson, and Warren Clason. Survivors include her husband, George H.; one son, George Lee; one daughter, Mrs. Mary Ann Minton; two brothers; and two sisters.

BIRTHS

to FRELON AND MARGIE ABBOTT, Bessemer, Ala., a boy, Frelon Abbott III, Nov. 19
to DOUG AND DEBORAH (SCOTT) BERRY-HILL, Chicago, Ill., a boy, James Kyle, Aug. 18
to RANDALL AND LEAH (MULLER) BUTTS, Kansas City, Mo., a boy, Marcus Randall, Oct. 12
to RICK AND SALLY (BROWNING) COLLING, Lawrence, Kans., a boy, Landon James, Nov. 1
to DAN AND KAY CROY, Colorado Springs, a boy, Nathan Daniel, Nov. 13
to REV. DONALD R. AND RAYLEEN (JACKSON) DYKE, Arlington, Ore., a girl, Deborah Marcella, Oct. 20
to REV. CLINT AND APRIL FISK, Dayton, Wash., a girl, Spring Joy, Nov. 24
to EUGENE AND BETH (EAGLE) HILL, Nash-

ville, Tenn., a girl, Kelly Elizabeth, Nov. 28
to REV. ALVIN AND CELIA JOLLEY, Weaver-ville, Calif., a boy, Jay Meredith, June 9
to LANE AND JANET LOMAN, Nashville, Tenn., a boy, Wesley Landon, July 22
to SAMUEL A. AND CAROL (WRIGHT) LUCERO, San Leandro, Calif., a girl, Amoreena Ophelia, Nov. 21
to REV. GENE AND JAN (FA AN) MYERS, Independence, Mo., a girl, Kristie Noelle, Dec. 12
to VAN AND MIRIAM (STONE) OWEN, Denver, Colo., a boy, Kyle David, Aug. 2
to BOB AND TWYLA (GARRISON) PERRY, Kuna, Ida., a boy, Lee Robert, Oct. 22
to FRANK AND MERRY (WRIGHT) SICKEL, Prairie Village, Kans., a girl, Lori Marie, Dec. 7
to REV. WAYNE M. AND CATHY (SIMMONS) Thomas, Miami, Fla., a boy, Stephen Douglas, Nov. 29

ADOPTIONS

by MICHAEL AND DEBBIE (DAVIS) CURRY, Bethany, Okla., a girl, Alyson Elizabeth, born Oct. 4; adopted Oct. 22

MARRIAGES

ANNETTE MARIE SIMPKINS and RONALD EDWARD WARD, JR., at Huntington, W. Va., Aug. 3

LISA BUCHANAN and RONNIE HOPPER at Memphis, Tenn., Aug. 24

MICHELE JANE SMITH and JEFFREY ALLEN DAVIDSON at Nazareth, Pa., Sept. 22

JUDY K. BROWN and MACK D. HEWITT II at Lewisville, Tex., Nov. 2

MARTHA BAILEY and WINSTON WILSON at Vincennes, Ind., Nov. 24

ANNIVERSARIES

REV. AND MRS. LEWIE L. WATTERS of Ottumwa, Ia., were honored at a 50th anniversary celebration December 29, 1979, at the Ottumwa Trinity Church.

The Watterses have pastored many congregations throughout southern Iowa in the past 51 years. They returned to Ottumwa in 1975 and are currently working in the Trinity Church.

The Watters children—Joseph of Moundville, W. Va.; Obed of Bethany, Okla.; Miriam of Kalamazoo, Mich.—and 10 grandchildren hosted the event.

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THE ANSWER

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by W. E.
McCumber,
Editor

I couldn't find a definition of sin in our "Manual." Do Nazarenes believe sin is simply every transgression of God's laws (1 John 3:4)? Or do we believe that this definition is qualified by Hebrews 10:26, willful and deliberate sin, and James 4:17, known sin?

If the first, then can we sin and not know it? Or if the second, then can we break God's laws and not be held accountable because we don't know His laws?

Sin is indeed "every transgression of God's laws." The word "transgression" (Greek *parabasis*) means "a willful violation of a specific, known law."

There are many words used for sin in the New Testament. As the authors of *God, Man, and Salvation* point out, the specific activities and attitudes condemned as sin share four common elements: (1) violation; sin violates a standard of righteousness (the law of God), "generally through a *wilfully wrong act*"; (2) self-centeredness; sin is man's attempt at sovereignty over his own life; (3) rebellion; sin asserts the person's will in defiance of God; (4) blameworthiness; sin incurs guilt, for sin is ethical in character, which distinguishes sin from mistakes and infirmities. Insofar as God's law is an objective standard, we can violate it through *ignorance* as well as by *intention*.

Accountability begins at the point where ignorance becomes informed. Under the law which governed Israel, for instance, a person who was guilty of breaking the law, but did so ignorantly, had to bring the prescribed offerings for atonement "if the sin which he has committed is made known to him" (Leviticus 4:14, 23, 28, etc.).

All sin, known and unknown, requires atonement and can be forgiven only on the basis of Christ's sin-bearing death. God's love never means that sin is not serious. The Cross is evidence of its seriousness to God. Apart from the Cross, people can only "perish" as a result of sin (John 3:16). □

Please explain Acts 13:48. It seems to teach predestination.

It does teach biblical predestination. It makes it clear that God has "ordained" or "appointed" people to eternal life.

The vital questions are who and how?

Examine the context. Two groups of people heard "the word of God." One group rejected it, and by so doing they judged themselves unworthy of eternal life. Life was offered to them in the preaching of the apostles and it was refused. The other group heard the word and "glorified" it and "believed." These were appointed to eternal life. To glorify (honor) God's word is to believe it.

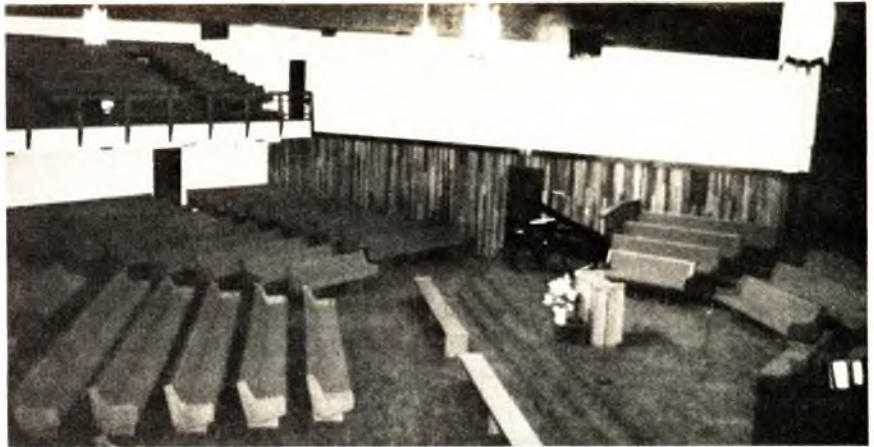
Those who hear the word of God are personally responsible for their belief or unbelief. Those who rejected the word could have believed it. Nothing but their own sin kept them from believing it (compare 1 Timothy 2:3-7: God desires the salvation of all through the belief of His truth in Christ). On the other hand, those who glorified and believed the word of God could have rejected it. Faith is given but not coerced (compare 2 Thessalonians 2:9-12: Those who believe a lie and are damned have first refused to believe the truth that they might be saved).

It boils down to this, God has ordained that all who believe the gospel should have eternal life, and all who do not believe should perish (John 3:36). □

THE CHURCH SCENE



The Midland, Mich., Nease Memorial Church joined in a homecoming celebration with former pastors and their families November 9-11. The former pastors in attendance were Rev. and Mrs. Floyd Kanipe, Rev. and Mrs. Erwin Self, Rev. and Mrs. Jerry Ulrich, and Pastor and Mrs. Richard Forsythe. A picture of Dr. Orville Nease, general superintendent, was given to be hung in the church. The church was named in his memory because he was born in the area and had a lasting influence. The evening concluded with an inspirational message from Dr. H. T. Stanley, district superintendent. □



The Newport, Ore., church has recently completed the third and final stage of its construction in its present location. Under Pastor Jerald L. Lavy, the new sanctuary, seating 825, was added to the already existing activity center and education wing. The completed facility is valued at over \$1,000,000. Dedication ceremonies were held on September 17, 1979, with Dr. Kenneth Shelby Armstrong giving the dedicatory address.

The Madera, Calif., church honored its former pastor on August 19, 1979. It was Rev. Philip H. Hampsten's 50th year in the ministry and his 80th birthday. He preached in the morning worship service to an overflow crowd. Besides evangelistic work, he pastored churches in Kansas, Arkansas, Texas, and California.

The church presented him with a memory book, a plaque for 50 years of ministry, and a gift certificate for a suit. □

Royalton, Ill., church recently dedicated an addition to the educational unit. Special singing was by the Grammer Sisters of the Royalton church. Pastor Watkins gave words of welcome. Dr. James Hunton, district superintendent, delivered the dedication message. The benediction was given by Rev. Jim Ebbs of the Royalton Baptist Church. Mrs. Elta Mason,

the only remaining charter member of the church, cut the ribbon. □

Mr. Alexander Cubie was recently honored by the Manchester, Conn., church. A dinner was given in his honor and he and Mrs. Cubie were presented with a love offering which was designated to be used for a vaca-



On October 28, 1979, the Royalton, Ill., First Church dedicated a new educational wing. Dr. James E. Hunton (r.), district superintendent, was the speaker. Mrs. Elta Mason, the only remaining charter member of the 54-year-old congregation, cut the ribbon dedicating the 30 ft. by 38 ft. structure which contains three classrooms and a fellowship hall. Pastor Charles R. Watkins (l.) looks on. The unit was 60 percent paid for by the time of dedication and 99 percent of the labor was volunteered.



Bronx, N.Y., Bethany Church, recently dedicated a new sanctuary seating 300. General Superintendent Dr. Charles H. Strickland was the special speaker. The old chapel which adjoins the sanctuary has been refurbished and converted into office and Sunday school quarters. Indebtedness is \$200,000. The property is valued at \$750,000. Rev. V. Seymour Cole is pastor.

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tion trip. For the past approximately nine years. Mr. Cubie has served the Manchester church as a lay director of youth. Under his leadership the teen department has grown from 20 to a present Sunday school attendance of near 70. The church has recently engaged a full-time minister of youth. Rev. Neal McLain is pastor. □



Rolla, Mo., First Church dedicated its new sanctuary and education facilities on Sunday afternoon, September 16, as the climax of a weekend of dedication activities including a gospel concert and a banquet. General Superintendent Dr. Orville W. Jenkins was the special speaker with music provided by "The New Horizons" from Lebanon, Mo. Greetings were brought by Mayor Lou McFarland, and Dr. Wesley Schlottz-hauer, Jr., past president of the ministerial association. The total value of the property, which includes 10 acres of land, is over \$300,000, with an indebtedness of less than \$140,000. The sanctuary will seat 325. L. Dean Thompson is the pastor.

The Willoughby, Ohio, church had Rally Day, October 7. All records were broken, filling two different buildings. There were 332 in Sunday school and church, with 200 coming on buses. Sixty new people accepted Christ in the morning service. Sunday, October 21, 21 seekers found spiritual help, with 164 in services. The present church is a pre-fab Sears and Roebuck building built to hold 80 people. The church has purchased three acres to relocate. The people gave \$17,500 in 45 days to purchase the land. Rev. Phil Batten is the pastor. □

PERSPECTIVE FOR CHURCH BOARDS

Your pastor doesn't work just a nine-to-five job. After spending all day in administrative tasks, sermon preparation, counseling, and pastoral calls, he may spend his evenings counseling and conducting committee meetings.

Often he is so keenly aware of the needs in your congregation and his responsibility of ministry that he may fail to rest properly or spend meaningful time with his family.

Do you insist that your pastor take at least one day off each week? He will serve you more effectively when he has a time each week for rest and recreation with his family. □

—Department of Pensions



Sunday, August 26, Chicago First Church celebrated their 75th anniversary. The celebration started on Wednesday with an old-fashioned praise and prayer service. On Thursday, The Speer Family gave a concert. On Friday, Dr. Dale Mitchell, former pastor, held the services. Saturday night there was a musicale with former members singing. Sunday morning Dr. Mitchell taught a sanctuary Sunday school class. Dr. Dick Gross, president of Gordon College, preached. Dr. Eugene L. Stowe, general superintendent, is shown dedicating the new facilities. Dr. Howard Hamlin spoke to a capacity evening crowd to conclude the celebration.

WILMINGTON CHURCH HAS CROSS-CULTURAL MINISTRY

Sunday, November 11, 1979, Pastor Leonard D. Suhr, of the Wilmington, N.Y. church, took 83-year-old Senora Dionisia Acosta into church membership. This event is unique because this lady is a native of Cuba and does not speak any English—nor does Rev. Suhr speak any Spanish.

It is the first time the church or the pastor has had the opportunity of ministering to and receiving as a member anyone who does not speak or read English.

Rev. Suhr first met Senora Acosta shortly after coming to pastor the church five years ago. When he vis-



Kankakee, Ill., First Church celebrated its 40th anniversary during a weekend celebration September 28-30 with former pastors speaking and the dedication of the church's new multipurpose center. The new activity and educational center was named Culver Center in honor of Aaron and Bertha Culver, charter members, in whose home the early services of the church were held. First Church was organized with 23 charter members on November 19, 1939. Present membership is 575 and the church averages over 700 in worship attendance. District Superintendent Forrest Nash dedicated the new facilities during an all-church banquet attended by more than 300 people. Pictured (l. to r., front row) are Mrs. Ernest Rice, Rev. Sylvester Smith (pastor, 1948-56), Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Aaron Culver, Aaron Culver, and Rev. John J. Hancock (pastor since 1974). Back row, (l. to r.) are: Rev. Ernest Rice (pastor, 1946-48), Dr. Forrest Nash, Rev. Jack Lee (pastor, 1964-69), Mrs. Lee, Mrs. Nash, and Mrs. Hancock. The portrait held by Mr. and Mrs. Culver will hang in the foyer of the new facility.



Pastor Leonard D. Suhr, of the Wilmington, N.Y., church welcomes Senora Dionisia Acosta into the membership of the church as her daughter, Clara Moody, and granddaughter, Valerie, look on.

ited Mr. and Mrs. Howard E. Moody and daughter Valerie, of Upper Jay, N.Y., he discovered that Mrs. Moody's mother, Senora Acosta, lived with them. Because she did not speak English, no one had ever ministered to her during her 13 years in America.

Pastor Suhr contacted the Spanish Department of the church and made arrangements for her to receive the Spanish radio tapes from "La Hora Nazarena" and a subscription to *El Heraldo de Santidad* (Spanish *Herald of Holiness*). Then, with Mrs. Moody

interpreting, he ministered to Senora Acosta.

Now, after five years, she has joined her daughter and 13-year-old granddaughter as a member of the Church of the Nazarene, thus becoming a third-generation Nazarene. □

IT WAS NINE O'CLOCK on a cold, dark, lonely night as Paul and I drove around the town of Soldotna, Alaska. We had been in town only a few days. We knew very few people and I was beginning to get lonely. Paul had his job as an optician to keep him busy, but I was wondering what I was going to do.

As we drove down Main Street, I noticed a light on in a small donut shop. I asked Paul to see if it was open. Lee and Sandy Taylor were there but they were out of donuts. They told us to come back in the morning. The next morning we were greeted by warm smiles and words of welcome as we entered the shop. They invited us for coffee; we accepted gladly. It was not long before the discussion turned to Lee and Sandy's Special Friend. They talked about their Lord in a warm and loving way. I had never heard of a personal relationship with Jesus and

I was fascinated as they told of what the Lord was doing in their life.

We were introduced to "Ken," the pastor of Soldotna Church of the Nazarene. Ken was unlike any preacher we had ever met and we were beginning to like these people called Nazarenes. As we became better acquainted with our new friends we became more curious about their church and its beliefs. Somewhere in my childhood I had heard that Nazarenes were "holy rollers." Paul and I decided to put fear aside and attend their services.

We went to both church and Sunday school. The people in the Sunday school were very friendly and the lesson was easy to understand. We found the service a relaxed worship of their Savior Jesus. If this was a holy roller church, I certainly had nothing to fear.

Paul and I began to attend regularly, but there was something about the church service that made me uncomfortable. Ken kept talking about being saved and accepting Christ as your personal Savior. I sat in the back thinking, I'm okay, I've never killed anyone and I try to be nice, but the truth of God's Word was beginning to speak to me.

Not long after we began attending church they began a revival with Rev. Roy Yeider. Paul and I talked about his smiling eyes and how radiant he looked. We knew these Nazarenes had something special. For some reason, Paul and I sat closer to the front one evening of the revival. We found ourselves next to Mrs. Yeider. The message was really speaking to me.

I looked at Mrs. Yeider and there were tears coming down her face. I thought to myself, "These people are kind of old and if she is touched listening to her husband preach after all these years, then there really must be something to this message." As the altar call was given I knew what I had to do. As I got up to go to the altar Paul got up at the same time, and we went to accept Christ's forgiveness. Our church family rejoiced with us in our new life and they supported us as we learned to grow in the Lord. Praise God for Christians who love their Lord and want to share Him with others. □

Coffee Cup Evangelism

by SHARON BRILLA
Gilroy, California



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LARGEST CONGREGATION OUTSIDE U.S. DEDICATES NEW BUILDING

The new Bel Air church building in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, seating 2,000 people, was dedicated Sunday, December 9. General Superintendent Charles Strickland spoke and conducted the dedication. Rev. Florentin Alvarez is the pastor.

Dr. Jerald Johnson, executive director of the Department of World Mission, presented a number of people who had been instrumental in the completion of the building. Among them were: Dr. H. B. London, Jr., pastor of Salem, Ore., First Church which gave \$60,000 and worked on the project; Elmer Trimble, who gave \$25,000; Ken Keyes, a businessman from Alabama who gave the pews; and Rev. Dewey Williams of Henderson, Ky., who led a Work and Witness Team which worked on the building.

The building was filled in the morning worship service, at the dedication in the afternoon, and crowded out in the evening service. □

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McGAVRAN CHALLENGES CHURCH SCHOLARS

Dr. Donald McGavran of Fuller Theological Institute was the featured lecturer at a colloquium of the Nazarene Scholars Symposium and the Northwest Nazarene College Division of Religion and Philosophy in Boise, Ida., December 8 and 9.



The subject of Dr. McGavran's lectures was, "The Connectional Foundation of Church Growth." He encouraged Nazarene scholars to textualize in Arminian-Wesleyan theological language, Church Growth principles which are now largely stated in Calvinistic and Reformed terms.

Several members of the Nazarene Scholars Symposium read papers. Dr. Paul Bassett of Nazarene Theological Seminary was chosen to be editor of a book containing these position papers. □

—NCN

YOUTH PLAN CARIBBEAN EVANGELISTIC CRUSADE

Gary Henecke, executive director of the Department of Youth Ministries, and Dr. Jerald Johnson, executive director of the Department of World Mission, jointly announced a major evangelistic crusade in the Caribbean, to be conducted in the summer of 1980.

Six national districts will host the team of evangelists, which will include

two district superintendents, two commissioned evangelists, and two members of the staff of the Department of Youth. The crusade will be a part of the International Student Mission program directed by Norm Shoemaker and Mike Estep. It will involve 36 young people from colleges in the United States and Canada.

The speakers will be as follows:

Guyana—Talmadge Johnson, district superintendent, Mississippi District;

Antigua—Steve Manley, full-time evangelist, Department of Evangelism;

Barbados—Mike Estep, director of campus ministries, Department of Youth Ministries;

Trinidad—Lenny Wisehart, full-time evangelist, Department of Evangelism;

Bahamas—Gary Henecke, executive director, Department of Youth Ministries;

Jamaica—M. V. Scutt, district superintendent, New York District. □

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TREVECCA HOPEFUL ACCREDITATION CLEARING

Dr. Homer Adams, president, and Dr. Bill Strickland, dean of Trevecca Nazarene College, Nashville, Tenn., reported to the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools regarding the "private probation" which had been placed on its accreditation because of concern for its financial crisis and administration.

They reported that East Campus (the cause of concern) had been brought into the academic and fiscal mainstream. They further reported the million dollar short-term debt has been reduced; \$631,126 in cash has been received and \$384,243 additional pledges. The college had advanced some money so that the debt has been reduced by \$700,000.

They were not given official word as to the decision of the committee on Standards and Reports. They were hopeful for a favorable resolution, however. Members of the committee expressed appreciation and surprise at the progress of the college. □

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ANN BUILDS GYM FOR BOSTON CHILDREN

Ann Kiemel was reported by the Associated Press to have spent \$57,000 of earnings from her writings to build a gymnasium in the basement of a tenement in Boston for the use of underprivileged children.

She says, "This is my Christmas gift to the neighborhood. I thought

that if I built a gym in this building, kids would have a place to play."

Ann, a Nazarene minister's daughter, and former dean of women at Eastern Nazarene College, now devotes full time to her speaking engagements and writing. □

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HOSTAGES REMEMBERED

Dana Lee (granddaughter of Rev. Earl Lee), whose father, Gary, is held with 49 other Americans in Iran, was one of three children of the hostages to place a placard at the feet of a statue of Abraham Lincoln in Washington, D.C., Sunday, December 16. Previously, two sons of hostages had placed a wreath there. These were expressions of their hope that their parents would be home for Christmas.

The placard which Dana and the others placed by the wreath, read:

"Those who deny freedom to others deserve it not for themselves, and under a just God cannot long retain it." □

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TELEVISION MINISTRY GROWS

Nazarene Television has finished 1979 with an encouraging report. It is that "FAMILY: HANDLE WITH CARE" has been aired 22 times this year, mostly on major market stations in prime time; 20,738 calls have been received.

All of this means that Nazarene church members have distributed more than 20,000 books, at least 17,000 of which were to non-Nazarenes. There are new Christians and new Nazarenes because of this ministry. □

—NCN

MRS. SHELBY CORLETT DIES

Lyda Flora Corlett, 85, died in Duarte, Calif., December 24. Her husband, Dr. Shelby Corlett, preceded her in death on December 4.

Mrs. Corlett had been ill for several years, having suffered a stroke in May of 1975.

A graveside funeral service was held Thursday, December 27, at 2:30 p.m. in Pasadena, Calif.

She is survived by a son, David, of Las Vegas, Nev., and a daughter, Marian (Mrs. Paul Chapman) of LaVerne, Calif. Other survivors are two brothers, Charles and William; four sisters, Mrs. Sarah Eckbeth of Washington, D.C., Mrs. Ruth Crane of Pittsburgh, Pa., Mrs. Marge Shreve of Florida, and Mrs. C. B. Strang of Florida. □

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