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Passion and Program

General Superintendent Lewis

Evangelism is more than a program. Organization and machinery alone cannot create evangelism. Promotion by itself does not cause Christians to want to win others to Christ and the Church. The motivation for evangelism with a passion for souls comes from the heart of a Christian. However, passion and promotion are not enemies. They are allies. It is not promotion or passion but promotion with passion that succeeds. Both are essential. A group can have a passion for the lost but without direction and leadership accomplish little. Promotion must direct the evangelistic spirit toward winning the lost to Christ.

God set the example as He directed His chosen leaders in organizing successful campaigns for conquest. Jesus organized the seventy and sent them out to spread the gospel. The success of such campaigns inspires us to give our attention to utilizing the total force of the Church in the great work of soul winning.

God planned and perfected a successful plan of redemption. Christ carried those plans through to completion. Redemption has succeeded in the case of everyone who has earnestly sought the forgiveness of Christ. It is still effective today. Neither time nor distance diminishes its power. Surely the God who could plan such a wonderful and uttermost salvation for all ages would have a successful method of reaching the needy souls of men with that salvation. He did just that. He has given unto redeemed men the privilege and obligation of winning others.

The Church, for which Christ gave himself, need not fail. It is an effective agent in promoting the gospel and reaching men for Christ. But that Church must face the particular demands of each generation. The Spirit-empowered and Spirit-led Church can be and is adequate for this day.

LATE NEWS

Telegram . . .

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma—*The five ministers of the Department of Philosophy and Religion, namely, Dr. Donald Metz, Dr. William King, Dr. Harold Hoyt, Dr. Robert Sawyer, Dr. Mel-Thomas Rothwell, served as evangelists for one of the greatest revivals ever experienced by Bethany Nazarene College and the College Church. During the meeting approximately four hundred individuals from the student body and the community sought the Lord at the altar. These are wonderful days in this Nazarene center. We rejoice in our great Thanksgiving Offering of over \$13,000; also in the fact that we will have our first service in our new sanctuary on Christmas Sunday morning, Dedication Sunday, January 15, with Dr. Hugh C. Benner.—E. S. Phillips, Pastor of Bethany First Church.*

Mrs. D. I. Vanderpool, wife of Dr. D. I. Vanderpool, general superintendent, successfully underwent major surgery at the San Jose, California, General Hospital on December 13. Attending physicians said the operation went well and no complications were encountered. Mrs. Vanderpool is recuperating, and both she and her husband are appreciative of the prayers and best wishes of Nazarenes and friends at this time.—N.I.S.

After pastoring the church at Boone for two and one-half years, Rev. G. A. (Jerry) Parker has accepted a call to the church in Montrose, Iowa.

Pastor Charles Byers of Falls City, Nebraska, writes: "Our deep appreciation to all the pastors and friends who remembered us in your prayers, with words of comfort, flowers, and telegrams at the time of Mother's death. She was a devoted Christian and our loss is Heaven's gain."

After serving for three and one-half years as pastor of the West Lebanon church, Rev. W. S. Muir has resigned to accept a call to pastor the Forest Lawn Church in Kokomo, Indiana.

Rev. Walter W. Smith writes that "After an enjoyable two years as pastor of our church at Pierson, I have accepted a call to the church at Farmington, Iowa."

"There is compulsion in compassion."—C. William Fisher.

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MOUNTAINS SHALL SING

(Isaiah 55:12)

By MARY H. AUGSBURY

"Mountains . . . shall break forth before you into singing."
Barriers no longer! Great orchestral aisles
Marking the triumphs of your upward climbing,
Shouting the glory of the conquered miles!

"Mountains . . . shall break forth before you into singing."
The craggy heights that challenged upward climb,
Tall and remote, fog-shrouded and forbidding,
Shall burst into a hymn of joy sublime.

"The hills" shall sing. This is no minor music
Such as beguiled the shadowed, valley way,
But mighty, surging chords of lifting music
Flung from the heights to greet a newborn day.

The hills of difficulty on which you stumbled,
Spent and despairing, striving in the night,
Shall greet the day with songs like glad bells pealing
And all their reaches shall be crowned with light.

"The trees . . . shall clap their hands" in exultation,
Wave upon wave, as surf beats on the shore.
For God has led you forth to joy eternal,
And mountains shall be barriers nevermore.

HAVE YOU HAD A PHYSICAL?

By AMANDA B. COVE, R.N.

We are told by the doctors and scientists who know, that the way to keep well is to have a complete physical checkup at least once a year.

Many people are fearful of this procedure. I had just had my yearly check-up, and while waiting for the report was reminded of an article I had read. It told how a woman dreamed that the town crier in her village announced that on a certain day at a certain hour Christ would measure every resident on the village green. Each one must be there.

The lady went with fear and trembling, and watched different ones go to the measuring standard. She listened to the remarks made by those waiting as

each one was called to be measured. She saw the indicator go down when some who watched thought it should go up, and she saw it go up when others thought it should go down.

I began to think of what might be found in a spiritual checkup. What would it reveal?

Eyes—would it show what I look at?
Ears—would it tell what I listen to?
My mouth—I have to open it so wide! Does it reveal all the words I've spoken, all the things I've said?

That stethoscope and cardiograph—such a detailed examination of my heart! Is my heart all right? What has been revealed?

Now a smear. In the physical examination, the smear is one of the tests taken for cancer, that dreaded, insidious disease. What about the spiritual smear? Does it reveal the hidden core of something we do not like to talk about, something hidden within?

The year is ending—time for a spiritual checkup.

The Forward Look

By MENDELL TAYLOR

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January is named for the Roman gate-god, Janus. He gained this distinction because he had two faces, and could look two ways at once. He observed what was going on in both directions.

As we come to the gateway of the new year, we should learn a lesson from Janus. We should look two ways—a look behind, to see how far we have come; and a look ahead, to see the unpossessed territory yet to be conquered. In fact, we will profit most by taking a three-dimensional glance—backward, inward, and forward.

I. THE RETROSPECTIVE LOOK

Our automobiles have rear-view mirrors that make a contribution to safe driving. A glance into this mirror aids in avoiding accidents. Occasionally we should take a look into the rear-view mirror of our lives. This gives us a chance to stroll through the memory lanes and review the experiences of the past.

Our capacity to remember can be a superlative asset or a dreadful liability. Some people try to drown their haunting memories. However, these memories can swim like a duck, so nothing is gained by trying to drown them. Other people fondle and cherish their memories as the depositum of life's rarest moments.

The Jewish nation practiced a special technique along this line. A part of the annual Passover meal was the eating of bitter herbs. This reminded them of the galling enslavement which plagued them while they were dominated by the Egyptians.

At this season we should take a backward look and remember what we were when the Lord found us. Also, we should picture where we might be if His grace had not rescued us. Before this excursion is finished, a rhapsody of praise will spring forth, fashioned in these words: "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits" (Psalms 103:2).

II. THE INTROSPECTIVE LOOK

The business world is in the process of taking inventory. The clerks are busy counting and assigning a value to each item in stock. The business personnel go through this laborious task to find how much profit has been made during the fiscal year.

This is the proper time for us to look inside our lives to see what we have acquired in the form of moral and spiritual gains during recent months. How many character-building blocks have been added to the edifice that is under construction in

our souls? How many life-building experiences have enhanced our inner beings?

There is a law in the spiritual realm that is unlike any other law. In the legal world, possession is nine points of the law. If you have title to an object, you have the right to do anything with it you please. You can hoard it, hide it, monopolize it. However, in the spiritual sphere, in order to keep what you have, you must add to it. If you cannot find areas of growth and development over the past year, you can be sure that you are losing spiritual ground. A spiritual check sheet should show that you have nobler ideals, richer love, and deeper understanding than ever before.

III. THE PROSPECTIVE LOOK

The ballast of the sailboat will determine how much the sails can be spread. If there is no ballast, the wind easily capsizes the vessel.

In the same way, the backward look and the inward look will measure the ballast which determines how far we can spread our sails for future progress. The brightness of the outlook will be determined by the luminous trail that has been traveled before.

The momentum of inspiration generated by the past should furnish the raw material for an enthralling tomorrow. A victorious present should vouchsafe to us the assurance of a glorious new year. Our hindsight should guarantee a foresight that unhesitatingly declares: "I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day" (II Timothy 1:12).

TODAY I GO OUT

(Hebrews 11:8)

*Today I go out into a new year
Not knowing whither I go . . .
But what does it matter? My Lord is ahead;
He knoweth the way, this I know!
And I do not know what I am to do,
Or what for His child He has planned;
But I know that He knows and that is
enough.
I go out with my hand in His hand!*

—JESSIE W. FINKS

Patterns for Personal Evangelism

By BRIAN L. FARMER, Pastor, Glasgow, Scotland

Every Nazarene is challenged by "Evangelism First." He knows that *he* is responsible personally to add to the church's effort to evangelize.

Not many of our people will ask, "Why?" about this particular emphasis.

They have been converted.

They are cleansed and commissioned.

And the world is sinful.

To a redeemed people the reason for "Evangelism First" is obvious. Any hesitation in personal evangelism will not be because of the question "Why?" but, rather, because of the question "How?" The difference between these two one-word questions is immense; it is the difference between a "couldn't care less" attitude to evangelism and a very great concern for the lost.

All of us want to ask some questions about the great and difficult task of soul winning.

Philip is recorded as being successful in personal evangelism in the case of Nathanael (John 1:45). We may, therefore, make Philip's method our pattern.

He began with a *sure assertion*. To Nathanael he said, "We have found him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth."

There was *no doubt in Philip's heart*, and no dubiety in his message. Nathanael would have paid little attention to a mere speculation, as there had been speculations before. But Philip was given a serious hearing because there was something he really believed and he told it convincingly. No doubt there were many things of which Philip was in ignorance, but this one thing he *knew!*

Before any person can succeed in evangelism he must be sure of his own salvation. People will not accept such a personally revolutionary way of life as the Christian faith unless they are utterly convinced of its reliability. To be as convincing as this it is necessary to be certain of the message in experience and in insight.

Today, even "unshakable" things are tottering. The Christian faith is likely to appear desirable only if it is presented as a definite experience.

But there is something else.

Philip continued with a *positive proof* of his statement.

It was to be expected that Nathanael would question what Philip said, and he did. "Can any good thing come out of Nazareth?" (John 1:46), he said. Philip's answer was not an argument; it was an invitation to examine the proof. He replied: "Come and see."

No Christian must expect a prospect merely to take his word on such an important matter as repentance and faith. A proof is required. It is necessary for the Christian to be able to say, "Come and see," in regard to the change in his own life.

In personal evangelism one is on the road to success if he makes a sure assertion and shows a positive proof of what he claims.

It is also clearly seen that the soul winner receives help and encouragement from Christ. We recall that Jesus said to His disciples at the time of the Great Commission. "I am with you always" (Matthew 28:20). Nathanael, before his interview with Philip, had been seen by Christ. We must remember that no person on earth is entirely without the influence of God, so we should thus be encouraged in our approach to unbelievers. Though a person appears hard of heart and indifferent to the things of God, there is often a pleasant surprise by his not being so hard as was thought. God has visited that person prior to our calling.

Though the world may not know it, in times of joy and times of sorrow, in times of success and times of failure, at the time of birth and the time of death, at the time of gain and the time of loss, God speaks through a "still small voice." The Lord is our Ally in evangelism.

Philip's pattern of evangelism, his procedure and encouragement, we do well to emulate.

It is possible, however, to know the pattern, believe it, understand it, and cut our cloth accordingly, but still be *unconcerned*.

Evangelism first?

With a yawn we ask: "Why?"

A *passion* is needed and this can be ours only as the Holy Ghost floods our lives and the coal from off God's altar touches our lips. It is then that casual interest becomes a yearning: "Here am I; send me" (Isaiah 6:8).

With a sob we ask: "How?"

BOMBS IN 1961!

By **MARK R. MOORE**

Superintendent, Chicago Central District

The year of 1961 confronts us with the menace of the nuclear bomb, the reality of the population bomb, and the scarcity of the "Balm of Gilead."

THE NUCLEAR BOMB

The constant threat of the nuclear bomb creates a spirit of unrest, uncertainty, suspicion, tension, and fear.

Within recent days an announcement was made relative to the launching of the "George Washington," a Polaris missile submarine. We were made aware of the mighty, potential explosive power of the nuclear missile. The "George Washington" carries sixteen missiles which are able to hit a target many miles away, though fired from beneath the surface of the ocean. Each missile explodes a force equal to all exploding forces of World War II.

When the total fleet of 45 submarines is complete and if all have the same capacity as the "George Washington," there will be 720 missiles all capable of hitting on target with an explosive force of that many World War II's. When one adds to this potential force all plane-borne missiles, self-propelled and other type missiles of our nation and of other nations, then Peter's statement about the elements melting with fervent heat looms as a possibility or probability.

It is against this background of tension, fear, defeatism, and destruction that we as holiness people have a great opportunity for service in 1961. God's Word and secular history record many occasions where hopelessness was the theme, but *faith* stepped in to bring the victory.

One such occasion was when David was surrounded by doubters and those who were fearful, but he said, "The Lord that delivered me out of the paw of the lion, and out of the paw of the bear, he will deliver me out of the hand of this Philistine" (I Samuel 17:37). Another time the three Hebrew captives, faced with dreadful consequences, revealed the faith in them by saying, "If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O king" (Daniel 3:17). When the ship was tossed to and fro in the storm, Paul received a message from God and expressed faith in ultimate victory when he encouraged others by saying, "Wherefore, sirs, be of good cheer: for I believe God, that it shall be even as it was told me" (Acts 27:25).

If we firmly believe God through Christ and stand upon the promises of His Word, the momentary darkness of the present will not defeat us but will offer us opportunity for faith, hope, and con-

fidence to be exemplified. In fact, the darker the outlook, the more effective the service of faith.

THE POPULATION BOMB

The exploding population bomb has caught the interest of businessmen, social workers, school authorities, politicians, and churchmen.

We are told by statisticians that the world's population is increasing at the rate of five thousand per hour. Within our lifetime the population of the earth is expected to reach three billion persons, then four, and shortly thereafter five billion. Already within the United States of America there is an annual increase of three million, and by 1970 the total population increase will be thirty million. Canada, England, and other countries where the Church of the Nazarene serves are confronted with the same "problem opportunities."

What will the Church of the Nazarene do to help earth's newcomers? In 1961 we can locate them by study, canvass, and visitation programs. We can step up the pace of building churches with adequate Sunday school facilities, organizing new churches, erecting college buildings, and equipping each to care for the various needs.

We can conduct revivals, prayer meetings, missionary services, conventions, youth camps, boys' and girls' programs, vacation Bible schools, and all other related activities to catch the interest of these newcomers as they grow up. We can by various methods and a varied program endeavor to evangelize them, and to teach them and train them for Christian service. We will make the most of our opportunities as we are true to our calling to live holiness, teach holiness, and preach holiness. If we do all these things with burning hearts, a glowing zeal, and a Christlike compassion, 1961 will be a rewardingly fruitful year.

THE BALM OF GILEAD

The scarcity of the Balm of Gilead challenges us to seize the opportunities for service in 1961.

There are several great world religions which will make themselves felt in 1961. Some of these religions ignore Christ, a few reject Him, and still others substitute idols, people, or things in His place.

There are strong political forces at work as we begin 1961. Some of these would do away with the Balm of Gilead, this "Jesus, who is called Christ." One such force is communism.

Within my lifetime communism has had its beginning and has enlisted a force greater in number than all of Christianity. This force is not merely those living under communism, but is made up of convinced party workers. Five million of these party workers are active "missionaries" either as admitted political advocates or "technical" advisers.

Communism is an irreligious religion which has its martyrs, "saints," a system of recruiting and

perpetuating itself around the world. The active Communist is a demonic, crusading, self-sacrificing, devoted person. He will deny himself to give to his "religion." He lives dangerously, disregarding his own welfare and security for the sake of the state.

Where did the Communist learn to sacrifice self for a cause? The earnest, sincere, devout Christian from the first century through the nineteenth century has taught him this. We, too, of the twentieth

century, especially in 1961, must be of the type of Christian who gives of himself, his talent, and his means to make known to all men the Balm of Gilead.

The world needs Christ. The world must hear about Him. The world can know Him through us. Let us grasp 1961 and its opportunities to spread the good news of the Balm of Gilead to the exploding population before the exploding nuclear bomb brings on the darkness of oblivion.



My Spiritual Silver Anniversary

By EVANGELIST HUGH SLATER

This year I am celebrating my spiritual silver anniversary. It was twenty-five years ago this year that I bowed at an old-fashioned altar of prayer and gave my heart and life to Jesus Christ. I do not recall any of the events that surrounded my first birth, except as it was given to me "second-hand," but I shall never forget that memorable night when I was born the second time.

The little tabernacle where I was converted was not very inviting nor pretentious. It was built mostly with donated labor and was a marvel of carpentering ingenuity, high at both ends and low in the middle. But a veritable camp meeting was always in progress there, and the shouts of "new-born babes" were the predominant music in that little sanctuary.

The night I walked into the church and sat down on the back seat, I had no intention of "gettin' religion," but a strange power settled over me during the altar service and at the invitation of my little stepmother, before I knew it, I had "hit the sawdust trail." I "prayed through" that night to victory.

Since then I have seen the lights of the great cities of America. I have seen the lights of Los Angeles as they pierce the darkness near the great Pacific, where the whitecaps come in finally to beat themselves out on the shores of Long Beach. I have seen the lights of San Francisco dispelling the darkness and revealing the Golden Gate Bridge that spans the bay. I have seen the lights of Chicago, Dallas, Fort Worth, Reno, Pittsburgh, and New York. But that night I got a glimpse of the New Jerusalem coming down from God out of heaven and landing in my heart. The Sun of Righteousness rose in meridian splendor to light up my benighted soul, dispelling my sins, fears,

and darkness, while my wailing "Miserere" was turned into a joyful "Te Deum." I believe it was O. Henry who said that life was made up of sobs, sniffles, and smiles—with sniffles predominant. But I can truthfully say, "The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places" (Psalms 16:6).

Infidels, agnostics, and higher critics tell us that conversion is a "spasmodic spell of one who has a weak will and cannot control his emotions." I do not know too much about that, but there is one thing I do know. In that hour the warm alto of the robin and the trilled cadenzas of the mockingbird began their reverberations in the corridors of my heart, and sweet honeysuckle vines began climbing all over the back yard of my soul, and flowers in profusion in all their variegated colors bloomed everywhere, revealing the seven prismatic colors of the rainbow. I could joyfully sing with my good Christian brother and song writer, Floyd Hawkins, when he wrote:

*Oh, I have found it, the crystal fountain,
Where all my soul's deep needs have been
supplied,
So freely flowing from Calvary's mountain,
And now my soul is fully satisfied.**

My emotions were not too evident that night, for I was as quiet as a turkey farm the day after Thanksgiving, but I have had my part in praising the Lord since that night. When I left the little church that night I "unloaded." I threw the humped-back Camels, Red Coon, Brown Mule, and Star Navy away forever. Glory to God! I forsook the old crowd and began exhorting everywhere. I shouted at home, in the streets, at the factory where I worked at the time. There was only one cloud in my life and that was the one I was walking on.

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I felt like the little colored woman down South that cried when the Lord blessed her. "O Lord," she said, "I can't hold very much, but I can overflow a whole lot!"

At the very revival in which I was converted I joined the Church of the Nazarene, and have not been sorry from that day till now. And although there are some who claim they can give many reasons why they leave the church, I think I can give many more why I plan to stay. I was not around the church very long until I heard about the "second blessing," and after much seeking, one day the Holy Spirit came in and crucified the "old man" and cleansed my heart of every vestige of sin and filled every crag and cranny of my soul with "joy unspeakable, and full of glory." Praise the Lord!

The future is as bright as the promises of God as I celebrate my spiritual silver anniversary, and I realize more than ever that it is "grace" that hath "brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home."

MY PRAYER FOR 1961:

By A. S. LONDON
Sunday School Evangelist

Our Heavenly Father, Thou hast brought us safe thus far; Thy grace will lead us on. We remember that "all sunshine makes the desert," so we will not expect our paths to be strewn with flowers all along the way.

We pray Thou wilt help us to love in 1961 as never before; for nothing is higher, nothing wider, nothing more pleasant, nothing better, because love is born of God. Love is watchful, and like a flaming torch forces its way upward. It undertakes things which seem impossible.

Help us this coming year to fix our attention upon the good points of those about us. Help us to forgive as we hope to be forgiven. Save us from magnifying the weakness of our fellow men. May we love whatever is lovable, so that life will be a pleasure rather than pain.

Save us from being unkind during the new year. We know that cold words freeze, hot words scorch, and bitter words make bitter. We know that kind words produce their own image on the souls of men. May our lives comfort and lift those with whom we come in contact.

Help us, our Father, to sail and not to drift during the coming year. Sometimes we must sail with the wind, and sometimes against it. But help us to keep sailing and not drift nor lie at anchor.

NEWS in PICTURE



Dr. G. B. Williamson, general superintendent, Rev. and Mrs. C. B. Armes, and Rev. Mark Moore, district superintendent of the Chicago Central District, join with members and friends of the Joliet (Illinois) Church of the Nazarene in a week-end observance of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Armeses' service in the Joliet pastorate. Rev. and Mrs. C. B. Armes came to Joliet in 1935, and have served continuously since. Dr. Williamson was the guest speaker for the occasion. The picture was taken at the fellowship hour on Saturday evening, October 8.

May we learn the lesson more and more that happiness is not in having or getting, but in giving.

Give us, we pray, good, kind dispositions. Save us from being grouches, faultfinders, complainers. It is not the positions we hold that determine our usefulness, but the dispositions we carry around with us.

May we be true followers of Christ whose words produced effects which lie beyond the reach of all philosophers, and shed more light on things human and divine than all the scholars of all ages.

We pray to help us to forget during the new year the hasty word, the quarrels, the misunderstandings, the storms, the sour face, the things that hurt us. May we remember the worth of character, the beauty of a holy life, the power of a kind deed, the influence of a good example, the virtue of patience, and the joy of living for others.

Help us to obliterate everything disagreeable from the yesterdays.

God grant that the Bible may be to us during the new year the Guide of our journey, the Inspiration of our thoughts, and our Comfort and Support. We ask in Christ's name. Amen!



By RUTH TEASDALE

Pastor's Wife, Shelby, Ohio

I was up at 5:00 a.m. today, after having spent a somewhat restless night. I am still pondering over our "Try Christ's Way" program.

I am afraid lest I present it to needy humanity in what I call a "Sominex" way! I watched and listened to a TV commercial last night as the announcer pleaded with folk with "tired blood" and "ragged nerves" to *try* his product. As it faded from the screen the word "try" still stood out in my mind in bold letters. The little wheels of my brain began to spin as I thought—*Try!* He means to swallow the medicine and see the results for myself.

I further pondered! Our church slogan came to my mind, "Try Christ's Way." I thought I knew the meaning of the word try, but to put into practice what I am continually counseling our fourth grade daughter to do, I went to the dictionary and found this definition: "To test or make trial of; put to proof; to treat experimentally; to prove something by experiment; to endeavor; to make an attempt."

As I read these definitions I decided all our efforts thus far as a local church had not been sufficient. I thought of our faithful calling group that had walked up and down every street in our town. They had distributed to every home a tract containing information about the Church of the Nazarene. Another tract explained in simple language the way of salvation. A third piece of literature had an invitation to our revival meeting, and the packet cover contained information about our local church.

In spite of the distribution of 18,500 pieces of literature, the great number of doorbells rung, the invitations to the revival and church services given, I feel we have still fallen short of the real meaning of the call of our general church and our Christ to get folk to "Try Christ's Way."

I am not satisfied to flash the slogan on the screen as the announcer did last night and merely say, "Try Christ's Way." I believe we must, this time, be as the nurse in the hospital who comes swishing down the hall into the private room, up close to the side of the bed, handing the patient the glass containing the medicine as she says, "Drink

it down; it is what the doctor ordered." Try: "prove by experiment."

We must tell men of what "Christ's Way" consists. We must press the claims of Christ until as we witness to them they will exercise their wills in the matter and decide they will prove Him by experiment, they will "make an attempt" to serve Him, they will "test or make trial of" His wondrous grace; they will "put to proof" the fact that He never fails!

The world is in a state of bewilderment. Voices from a thousand different ways echo out on to the highway of life, each saying, "This way, take this way." Each one may appeal to a different phase of man's needy life, but there is only one "way" to God and that is Jesus Christ, who will meet every need of his life.

Twentieth-century man lives in a world of changing machinery; his house is in the middle of what seems an endless row; families by the score, children by the hundred; lawn mowers clicking away by the dozens; beautiful flowers by the million; cars rushing by in an endless stream, and one or more standing in each driveway on the street. But there he stands *alone*, amidst the friendly atmosphere of people, homes, flowers, and cars, so bewildered that his soul cries out for direction, help, satisfaction, and salvation.

I may come along with my tracts and printed invitations to church and tell him how happy I am and that I hope to meet him in heaven. But as I rush on at what seems to me to be an endless task or mission of "covering the neighborhood," I may only leave him more confused and bewildered than before. If at all possible I must tell him that Christ can lift his burden of sin, forgive his every transgression, remove the sense of guilt, give him the peace his hungry heart craves, come into his heart to live, walk with him over every step of the Christian way, stand by his side through every trial and temptation. That Christ can be his guiding Light in hours of darkness, be to him a "friend that sticketh closer than a brother," put underneath him His everlasting arms, dress him in a protecting armor for warfare; and with the Sword of the Spirit and the breastplate of righteousness he can live a happy life, a satisfying life, a full life, a rewarding

Looking Ahead!

By ILA R. MONDAY

Swiftly the seconds of this life roll on,

The moment just here—vanished now and gone!

Could I have spoken comfort, given help,

Or prayed a simple prayer? Time has passed on ...

Lord, let me be farseeing, weighing time

In scales of worth—and balance rightly see

With testimony, prayer, and Thy sure grace;

Let moments count as precious coin for Thee.

life; and at the end of the Christ-way he will receive a crown of life.

We have not worked for a mere number to whom we witness. We are working for verdicts. The question must be pressed until a definite decision is made. Life's questions are complex. Will men let Christ answer them? Death and eternity are cer-

tain! Are men ready for them? Just as the lawyer plans, studies, writes, pleads, and exhausts his every effort so that the jury will bring back his desired verdict, so we must work, pray, plan, counsel, advise, and do everything within our power to get the right decision. The desired verdict is for men to choose "Christ's Way."



Conversion Did It!

By HARRY M. SAVACOOOL

Inherited religion is not enough. The great English preacher, Charles H. Spurgeon, was the son of a minister. He was minister of an independent church which put great stress upon conversion. Much of Spurgeon's childhood was spent in the home of his grandfather who was also minister of an independent church. Before he was fourteen he was planning to be a minister himself, and was trying to make himself believe that he was a converted Christian. At this time he wrote in a letter to his grandfather, "I rejoice in an assured knowledge by faith of my interest in Christ, and of the certainty of my eternal salvation."

All of this was repeating words and phrases young Spurgeon had culled from others about him. It was an attempt to make himself believe that he had an experience which deep in his heart he knew he did not have. He could not keep up this pretense, and when he was fifteen he fell under deep conviction of sin. Looking back at it later he wrote:

"I was miserable. I could do scarcely anything. My heart was broken in pieces. Six months did I pray; prayed agonizingly with all my heart, and never an answer. I resolved that, in the town where I lived, I would visit every place of worship in order to find out the way of salvation. I felt I was willing to do anything and be anything if God would only forgive me. I set off determined to go round to all the chapels and to all the places of worship. What I wanted to know was, how can I get my sins forgiven? And they never once told me that!"

How could this boy grow up in the homes of two devout independent ministers and still not know how to find salvation? There is always the danger that the most devout Christians will forget to show their own children the way of salvation. When William Taylor, the great American evangelist, was conducting services in the mission stations of South Africa he discovered that many of the teen-age children of the missionaries knew nothing of personal conversion. Mr. Taylor made it his business to seek them out at every station and try to lead them to a real experience of salvation. While laboring to convert the natives many

of these missionaries had failed to lead their own children to Christ.

For six months Spurgeon's search was fruitless. It was in an obscure chapel with a lay preacher that he found the way. He says of this crucial experience of his life:

"At last one snowy day [it was December 15, 1850], it snowed so much I could not go to the place I had determined to go to. I found rather an obscure street, and turned down a court and found a little chapel. No minister came. Finally a thin little man arose and read from the Bible, 'Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth' " (Isaiah 45:22).

Spurgeon relates that the little man then fixed his eyes on him and said, speaking directly to him, "Young man, you are in trouble. You will never get out of it unless you look to Christ." Then he lifted up both arms, looked upward, and cried, "Look, look, look! It is only look!"

Spurgeon said that he immediately felt that he was truly saved. All of his doubt and tension were gone. As he himself put it, "Then I began to be safe and happy; then I found the secret of living."

Burning with his new experience Spurgeon was filled with a passion to bring others to Christ. Although only sixteen he spoke in Sunday schools on Sundays and at cottage meetings almost every evening. Soon he was called to preach regularly at Waterbeach. It was a chapel made over from a barn. Under his work and preaching the membership increased from fifty to one hundred in a few weeks. The chapel was crowded with worshippers at every service. Everywhere he preached, people thronged to hear him and souls were saved.

The young preacher's fame spread. In 1854 came a call to New Park Church, London. It soon could not hold the crowds, and in 1859 they began building the great Metropolitan Tabernacle to seat fifty-five hundred. From then until his death in 1892, Spurgeon was the greatest and most effective preacher in the Christian world. Great things began in that obscure little chapel on a snowy day in Colchester on December 15, 1850, when a youth found a real, inner, saving experience of Christ.

MONTH OF WITNESSING (November, 1960)

DISTRICT	DIST. SUPT.	WITNESSES	DISTRICT	DIST. SUPT.	WITNESSES
Abilene	Raymond Hurn	23,087	New England	J. C. Albright	14,530
Akron	C. D. Taylor	36,525	New Mexico	R. C. Gunstream	12,195
Alabama	L. S. Oliver	35,000	New York	Robert Goslaw	10,116
Alaska	Bert Daniels	3,273	North Arkansas	J. W. Hendrickson	15,365
Albany	Renard D. Smith	13,984	North Carolina	Lloyd B. Byron	22,932
Arizona	M. L. Mann	16,469	North Dakota	Harry F. Taplin	3,454
British Isles North	George Frame	10,193	Northeastern Indiana	Paul Updike	46,236
British Isles South	J. B. Maclagan		Northeast Oklahoma	I. C. Mathis	19,991
Canada Atlantic	Bruce Taylor	2,348	Northern California	E. E. Zachary	48,557
Canada Central	H. Blair Ward	7,880	Northwest	Raymond Kratzer	18,407
Canada Pacific	Bert Daniels	4,309	Northwestern Illinois	Lyle E. Eckley	27,732
Canada West	H. L. G. Smith	12,527	Northwest Indiana	Arthur C. Morgan	20,449
Central Ohio	Harvey S. Galloway	54,269	Northwestern Ohio	Carl B. Clendenen	19,200
Chicago Central	Mark R. Moore	32,413	Northwest Oklahoma	Jonathan T. Gassett	24,938
Colorado	E. L. Cornelison	16,165	Oregon Pacific	W. D. McGraw	20,373
Dallas	Paul H. Garrett	*31,874	Philadelphia	William C. Allshouse	15,767
Eastern Kentucky	D. S. Somerville	24,100	Pittsburgh	R. B. Acheson	36,002
Eastern Michigan	W. M. McGuire	*12,401	Rocky Mountain	Alvin L. McQuay	5,586
East Tennessee	Victor E. Gray	26,331	San Antonio	James C. Hester	*15,383
Florida	John L. Knight	52,000	South Arkansas	A. Milton Smith	14,153
Georgia	Mack Anderson	27,324	South Carolina	Ben F. Marlin	16,973
Hawaii	W. S. Purinton	2,904	South Dakota	Albert O. Loeber	3,375
Houston	W. Raymond McClung	16,823	Southeast Oklahoma	Glen Jones	13,719
Idaho-Oregon	I. F. Younger	17,295	Southern California	Nicholas A. Hull	75,462
Illinois	Harold Daniels	36,442	Southwest Indiana	Leo C. Davis	32,009
Indianapolis	Luther Cantwell	*19,024	Southwestern Ohio	M. E. Clay	36,658
Iowa	Gene E. Phillips	23,308	Southwest Oklahoma	W. T. Johnson	23,777
Joplin	Dean Baldwin	26,149	Tennessee	C. E. Shumake	48,000
Kansas	Ray Hance	36,874	Virginia	V. W. Littrell	17,345
Kansas City	Jarrette Aycock	17,629	Washington Pacific	B. V. Seals	23,870
Kentucky	D. D. Lewis	34,170	Washington	Ernest E. Grosse	22,805
Los Angeles	W. Shelburne Brown	24,964	West Virginia	H. Harvey Hendershot	*50,229
Louisiana	T. T. McCord	* 8,000	Wisconsin	D. J. Gibson	6,500
Maine	Joshua Wagner	12,120			
Michigan	Orville L. Maish	29,850			
Minnesota	Roy Stevens	6,290			
Mississippi	Otto Stucki	13,200			
Missouri	E. D. Simpson	29,395			
Nebraska	Whitcomb Harding	4,408			
Nevada-Utah	Raymond B. Sherwood	4,109			

Above figures total 1,587,513. Thirteen foreign overseas districts report 94,399 witnesses. **GRAND TOTAL TO DATE—1,682,267.**

EDWARD LAWLOR, *Secretary*
Department of Evangelism

Boldface—those who made or exceeded goal
*Partial report.

EYEWITNESSES

By W. J. YOUNG, Jr.

Pastor, Grace Church, Yuma, Arizona

An earsplitting crash . . . the wail of a siren . . . the crumpled mass that once was two cars . . . question, "Did you see it?" "Did you see it?" "Did you see it?"

There is only one person that is being sought out on this occasion, the eyewitness. Those that heard it and those that surmised what happened are not in demand, for their information is considered only hearsay.

In all of life it is the story of the eyewitness which everyone wants to hear, whether it's a football game, a parade, an accident, or, yes, even religion.

It's wonderful if Grandfather was a Christian; it's a great heritage if Dad and Mom are Christians; but if you're going to tell someone about the

Saviour and lead that person to Him, you will have to have an eyewitness experience.

"For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses . . ." (II Peter 1:16). Here is the real test, not what someone else has said but what I know firsthand.

A rap on the door . . . a cordial hello . . . an invitation in . . . a question, "Have you tried Christ's way?"

To the surprise of the questioner his words bounced right back, "Have YOU tried Christ's way?"

A thoughtful look . . . a smile . . . then, "I'm glad you asked that. At one time I might have had to answer, 'My mother is a Christian,' or, 'Our church teaches that a person can be saved,' but today I can tell you that I have experienced the saving and keeping power of Jesus Christ and His willingness to do the same for you. I am an *eyewitness*."

GENERAL STATISTICS FOR 1960 Church of the Nazarene

CHURCHES

United States	4,458	
British Commonwealth	279	
Overseas Home Missions*	3	
Total (Domestic)		4,740
Net Gain	44	
Churches on Foreign Mission Fields ..	892	
Main Stations and Outstations on Foreign Mission Fields	1,059	

CHURCH MEMBERS

United States	307,629	
British Commonwealth	10,858	
Overseas Home Missions*	110	
Total (Domestic)		318,597
Net Gain (2.34 Per Cent)	7,298	
Foreign Mission Fields (Full and Probationary)		53,581

MINISTERS

Ordained Ministers	6,013
Licensed Ministers	1,759
Missionaries (Under Department of Foreign Missions)	408
Native Workers on Foreign Mission Fields	1,568

CHURCH PROPERTY

Value of Church Property (Local) ..	\$156,165,396
Value of Parsonages (Local)	33,587,662
Total (Local)	\$189,753,058
Value of Parsonages (District)	1,305,215
Value of District Centers	5,179,190
Value Other District Property	1,361,883
Total (District)	\$ 7,846,288
Value of Headquarters Property	550,000
Value of Nazarene Publishing House ..	856,237
Total (General)	\$ 1,406,237
Value of Educational Institutions ..	12,466,466
Value of Property on Foreign Mission Fields	7,306,425
Grand Total (All Property)	\$218,778,474
Indebtedness on Church and Parsonage Property (Local)	40,845,058
Indebtedness on All Property (District)	1,656,207
Indebtedness on Educational Institutions	2,451,650
Total Indebtedness on All Property ..	\$ 44,952,915

CHURCH FINANCES

Paid Local Interests	\$ 37,064,787
Increase	\$2,816,005
Paid District Interests	\$ 3,506,027
Increase	\$ 86,300
Paid General Interests	\$ 4,776,151
Increase	\$ 261,106
Total Paid All Purposes	\$ 45,346,965
Increase	\$3,163,411

PER CAPITA GIVING

Local Interests	\$ 116.34
District Interests	11.00
General Interests	14.99
All Purposes	\$ 142.33

ANALYSIS OF GRAND TOTAL

Paid by the Church	\$ 39,004,890
Paid by the Church School	\$ 2,987,914
Paid by the Junior Society	\$ 71,763
Paid by the N.Y.P.S.	\$ 543,529
Paid by the N.F.M.S.	\$ 2,738,869

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Number of Sunday Schools	4,653
Increase	22
Number of Branch Sunday Schools ..	100
Decrease	24
Enrollment:	
Active Members	561,702
Officers and Teachers	59,104
Cradle Roll Members	63,612
Home Department Members	12,908
Branch Schools	3,890
Total (Domestic)	701,216
Increase	723
Average Weekly Attendance (Including Branch)	416,636
Increase	2,423
Number on Foreign Mission Fields ..	1,479
Enrollment on Foreign Mission Fields	89,739
Attendance on Foreign Mission Fields	63,995

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Number of V.B.S.'s	2,533
Decrease	109
Membership (Incl. Off. & Teach.) ...	242,311
Decrease	11,591
Number on Foreign Mission Fields ..	468
Membership on Foreign Mission Fields	28,039

JUNIOR SOCIETY

Number of Societies	2,501
Increase	43
Membership	41,381
Increase	813
Number on Foreign Mission Fields ..	129
Membership on Foreign Mission Fields	4,024

NAZARENE YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY

Number of Societies	3,671
Increase	57
Membership:	
Active	82,571
Associate	15,573
Total	98,144
Increase	1,064
Number on Foreign Mission Fields ..	471
Membership on Foreign Mission Fields	12,423

NAZARENE FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Number of Societies	4,302
Increase	42
Membership:	
Active	151,231
Associate	36,943
Total	188,174
Increase	14,349
Number on Foreign Mission Fields ..	942
Membership on Foreign Mission Fields	24,854
Members Prayer and Fasting League:	
Domestic	130,057
Foreign Mission Fields	13,510

S. T. LUDWIG, General Secretary

*Canal Zone and West Germany.

EDITORIALS

By W. T. PURKISER

Happy New Year?

If you had a dollar for every time within the next few days you hear, say, or see the phrase, "Happy New Year!" you could do something really big. I suppose, in many cases, this greeting is little more than an empty sentiment, like "Good morning" when it's a rugged day or "How are you?" when that's about the last thing the inquirer really wants to know.

Yet what is in this gracious wish? Happiness is a word on every tongue, and a word which seems to mean many different things to many different people. Generally, a sort of surface happiness is what is in mind—usually expressed in such terms as, "If I had this . . . or that . . . or some other thing, then I'd be happy." It is closely related to "happenings," to circumstances, to conditions.

Such happiness as this is apt to be very brittle. It is transient and changeable, the sort of thing expressed in the bit of doggerel:

*I wish I had a ticket for Siam;
I'm getting pretty bored with where I am.
But when I'm in Siam, why, all I'll do
Is wish I had a ticket for Peru . . .*

and so they go, from New York to Timbuctoo, and from Timbuctoo to Goshen Center, always looking for something better. The cartoonist had it right who pictured the two dogs, each with his head through a hole in the fence eating out of the bowl belonging to the other, each convinced he was getting much the better meal.

But such is not what happiness ought to mean. Real happiness is well-being, soundness and health of spirit and soul. It is integrity, uprightness, and wholeness of person. This kind of happiness, expressed by the Apostle Paul in the words, "I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content" (Philippians 4:11), does not depend on "happenings" or circumstances for its substance.

I

A modern writer has listed four factors important in human happiness. The first is a *worth-while work into which one can put his best*. Among the most miserable people in the world are the idle folk who claim that the world owes them a living. To the contrary, we all owe the world a life.

Second is a *great loyalty, devotion to something greater than oneself*. A great loyalty makes small men big, and those who would otherwise be medi-

ocre become outstanding. The subversive, the undercutter, the fifth columnist, or the betrayer is never happy.

Third is an *escape from self-centeredness, an expanding interest in other persons*. The self-centered person easily falls prey to self-pity, vanity, desire for admiration, touchiness, and irritability. Life becomes worthwhile only when we find something bigger than ourselves to which to give it.

Fourth is *character and a well-integrated self*. This is the cultivation of a rich inner life. Happiness, like beauty, is more than skin-deep. It comes from within. It flourishes on the resources of a well-stocked interior life.

II

But greater than human wisdom is the definite guidance of the Word of God toward a truly happy new year.

Read it, for example, in Proverbs 3:13: *Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding*. It is never aniss to point out the difference between knowledge and wisdom, facts and understanding. Wisdom is the ability to use knowledge for right ends. The tragedy of secular education is that it is long on facts and short on understanding, strong on knowledge and weak on wisdom. Always, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; and the knowledge of the holy is understanding" (Proverbs 9:10).

Or again, turn to John 13:17, *If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them*. Along with wisdom must go obedience. Jesus consistently taught that it is not information about the Word and will of God that counts, but obedience to that Word and will. Knowledge without obedience only brings the greater misery; "but he that keepeth the law, happy is he" (Proverbs 29:18).

Another Biblical clue to a happy new year is found in Psalms 146:5: *Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the Lord his God; and: Whoso trusteth in the Lord, happy is he* (Proverbs 16:20). Confidence in the face of an unknown future is essential to happiness. Such confidence can be found only in a genuine trust in a God great enough to meet every condition which may come.

Most of us would like to draw aside the veil and see what the future holds. But this is not given to us, and it is undoubtedly better that it is not. If we saw all the labors, the problems, the

disappointments, and the hardships of the future at once, they would frighten us to despair. But they come only one at a time, and much that we fear never comes. An older Christian said, "I have faced and feared many disappointments, hardships, sorrows, and losses—but most of them never came!"

We need to remember that faith and worry cannot exist together in the same heart. Either faith triumphs over worry, or worry chokes out faith. Faith may not be able to understand all that comes or goes, but it still rests in the assurance that

He knows, and loves, and cares;

Nothing this truth can dim.

God gives His very best to those

Who leave the choice with Him.

Finally, in Romans 14:22 we read: *Happy is he that condemneth not himself in that thing which he alloweth*, or in other words, "Happy is the Christian who keeps free from the questionable and the doubtful in his life." This is a heart uncondemned, clear of self-reproach. There is nothing but grief in a conscience crushed, hardened, and made silent by compromise and rationalization.

III

In both the Old Testament and the New, the words translated "happy" in these verses are the same words which elsewhere in the Bible are translated "blessed." This adds a new dimension. Human happiness is never complete until it becomes divine blessedness.

Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered (Psalms 32:1). No human life marred by unconfessed and unforgiven sin can know a true and abiding happiness.

Oh, the joy of sins forgiven!

Oh, the bliss the Blood-washed know!

Oh, the peace akin to heaven,

Where the healing waters flow!

Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God (Matthew 5:8). The abiding presence of the sanctifying Spirit of God, cleansing the heart from all its inner sin and empowering the life for service—this too is essential to full happiness.

The motive for holiness must go deeper than a desire for personal happiness, to be sure. Supremely, it is: "Ye shall be holy: for I the Lord your God am holy" (Leviticus 19:2; see I Peter 1:15-16). But one of its great by-products is the inner integrity, the wholeness, the uniting of the heart in purpose to serve the Lord, which is so essential to abiding happiness.

A happy new year? It will be if with all the other ingredients is combined in liberal quantity the blessedness of sins forgiven and a pure heart.

"If we are duly certain about God's holiness our own will follow. It is only the certainty of the Cross that can give us the sanctity of the Spirit. For the fountainhead of the Spirit is the Cross."—P. T. FORSYTH.

Editorial Notes

Those who like statistics will enjoy looking through the information compiled by Dr. S. T. Ludwig, general secretary, on page 11 of this *Herald*. This is an annual feature of the General Secretary's office, and gives us something of an inventory of a year's work, so far as figures can reveal it.

What the report does not show is the fact that our net gain of 7,298 in membership for the year came about by the adding of 20,387 by profession of faith and 1,832 from other denominations; and the loss of 2,675 by death and 12,246 by removal and in process of transfer.

A new record in per capita giving is reflected in the report, \$142.33, an increase of almost \$7.00 for the year. Forty-four new churches, almost one a week, were organized.

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Nazarene scholars will be interested in a new ten-year project just announced to publish a complete and carefully edited edition of John Wesley's works. Dr. Frank Baker, secretary of the Wesley Historical Society of England, has been named editor of the expected thirty-five volumes. The project will be sponsored by five Methodist seminaries in the United States.

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A new study of oath-bound secret orders has just been published by the Nazarene Publishing House. It is entitled *The Secret Is Out*, and is written by Charles D. Mosher. Dealing with a matter about which it is admittedly hard to get reliable information, this book is carefully documented, and draws on sources published by the "secretists" themselves.

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MY CONTRIBUTION

By CHRISTINE WHITE

What can I do for God today?

*He has not called me to preach;
Nor have I the knowledge, wisdom, or skill
To train, to lead, or to teach.*

*God did not give me the power to heal,
But He'll grant me the will to obey;
And I can help others to preach the Word
If I share what I have and pray.*

What can I do for God today?

*My part is small, that is true;
But one day in glory some soul I may meet
Because I did ALL I COULD DO.*

Home Missions



ROY F. SMEE, *Secretary*

Trespassers Forgiven

Almost from the inception of our First Church in Christchurch, New Zealand, the people were enthusiastically envisioning churches in other sections of their city. Less than nine months after the organization of their church, they sponsored the opening of a family Sunday school and youth recreation hall. (See picture.) This building was purchased for just under \$1,000 and was

moved onto property previously acquired.

The sign used while the building was in progress carried the catchy words, "Trespassers Will Be Forgiven," and gave the project and our church some good publicity, for this picture was published in the daily newspaper.

May the Lord richly bless District Superintendent Palmquist and his people as they work for the extension of God's kingdom in the lovely land of New Zealand.



Photo by New Zealand Newspapers Ltd.

a lot more to the city than the "strip"—that long street of bright lights, back of which are the casinos and night clubs. They receive the publicity, but Las Vegas is also a city of lovely homes, thriving business enterprises, churches, and schools. It is fast becoming a great desert metropolis. Many new developments are springing up in every direction. Thousands of new homes are being built, yet every new home has a waiting list of buyers. People are attracted here by the high, mild, dry climate and good wages.

This has become a challenge to Brother Friesen and his people, who envision for the future a number of Nazarene churches from which the gospel of full salvation will sound forth. The city now has a population of 100,000 and it is predicted that in the next ten years the number will be doubled. Already Brother Friesen has been checking lots for new locations. I pray that God will bless the vision of this fine pastor and his people.

A Disciple's Prayer

By CHRISTINE WHITE

*Teach me, O my Father,
What is Thy will for me;
Point the path that I should go,
Shadowed though it be.*

*If I serve and witness, Lord,
In some lowly place,
Help me ever to reflect
The glory of Thy face.*

*Teach me, O my Father,
To trust Thy plan divine;
And though the way be bright or dark,
To know no will but Thine.*

Revival at Las Vegas

I have just closed a revival meeting at Las Vegas, Nevada. It was a good meeting with a number of seekers at the altar. It was my privilege to organize the church in Las Vegas several years ago, while Nevada was a part of the Northern California District, of which I was then district superintendent. Since that time the church has passed through many experiences, some of which, for a time, it seemed would destroy the church. But there was always a hard core of sanctified Nazarenes that held on, and God blessed until they were able to build a beautiful church on a strategic corner near the "downtown" section of the city.

The church was finding a large place of influence in the area when, a few years ago, the forces of evil fell upon the group and destroyed years of influence for God and holiness. The affair received nationwide publicity, and many who did not know the background of the

trouble were considerably disturbed. But again there were those loyal Nazarenes in the church who held steady and believed God for the future.

Shortly thereafter Rev. Carl J. Friesen was appointed pastor, and from the beginning of his ministry until the present time God has blessed the church. The attendance is now averaging four times what it was when Brother Friesen took the church, and the financial income has doubled since his arrival. They are a praying group and the spirit in the services was most refreshing. God has undertaken!

We were blessed during the meeting by having Rev. Neal Kamp in charge of the music. His enthusiastic leadership in this field, together with his own vocal renditions, added greatly to the success of the meeting.

Las Vegas is thought of, throughout the world, as the gambling center of the nation. This may be true, but there is

"Christians who allow any other standard of living beside holiness and righteousness before God all the days of their life soon find themselves adrift without any worthy rule of conduct."—J. B. Chapman.

"SHOWERS of BLESSING"

Program Schedule

Jan. 1—"Shut the Door"—by J. E. Williams

Jan. 8—"Great Men Pray"—by R. V. DeLong

Jan. 15—"The Question That Persists in Living"—by J. E. Williams

Jan. 22—"Heaven"—by J. E. Williams

FOREIGN MISSIONS



GEORGE COULTER, *Secretary*

Prayer Request for Nelsons

Rev. Elmer Nelson, now in language study in Mexico, writes that Mrs. Nelson is seriously ill with typhoid fever, and his baby girl, DeLight, three years old, is also ill with bronchial pneumonia. Please pray for these ill missionaries.

Open Door in Okinawa

Last Saturday we went to a nearby island of four thousand people. It was an hour's ride by bus, and another half hour in an amphibious "duck," though we were able to ride on wheels most of the way out because the tide was out.

As we walked up the road from the landing we saw a large crowd gathered. Two red and two white banners went by just in front of the crowd. We crowded in closer to see what it was all about. Then the symbol of a snake's head on a pole passed us. There was a large group of people following it. After them came a red-painted, wooden palanquin followed by wailing women. We could not tell exactly what they were saying but we caught the sound of a name with the diminutive or affectionate ending *chan*, which suggested that it was a child who had died. Among the group that followed was a woman nearly hysterical with grief, with two friends holding her up. Others followed this group, many of them weeping.

The procession wound its way up the quaint, narrow streets to the tomb on the mountain. When they had all passed, we asked the crowd if it was all right if we went by, for we wanted to find the mayor's house. They directed us and we found the mayor at home.

Merril explained that we were Christians and wanted to give literature to the people telling them about God. The mayor consented, saying that he wanted to protect his people from false religions that deceived them. Evidently whatever he knew about Christianity was good, for he gave permission to us without hesitating.

He told us that there were no Christian services being held by anyone on the island.

We thanked him, and began giving out our tracts. We felt like the Pied Piper of Hamelin, for great droves of children followed us wherever we went. During our picnic supper that evening, at one of the boat landings, we found

that our slightest move was a source of great interest.

We called the children to us and Mr. Miwa, one of our Okinawan workers who was with us, told them the story of Jesus. We taught them the song "Jesus Loves Me," and then it was time to make our way back to our own landing, for the boat was to leave soon. We gave out more tracts on our way, regretting that there was not time to hold a service before the boat would leave.

The name of the island was Henja, or *Heianza* in Japanese, meaning "place of peace." It was indeed a quaint, peaceful place—no motorcars, no raucous noises. But how we wished we could teach the people the real meaning of peace with God! We want to go back. There are so many places that the people want services! They are very friendly. There just aren't enough workers to go around. Pray that God will call more Okinawan young men and women into

His service, that we may be able to enter these open doors.—MYRTLEBELLE BENNETT, *Okinawa*.

Haiti

You will be thrilled to know that the Lord graciously answered prayer with one of our most outstanding Bible school revivals last week. A large number of the students gave testimony to entire sanctification. The revival spread to the local church, where there were a number of great spiritual victories.—PAUL ORJALA.

Greetings from Barbados

Together we praise the Lord for the heritage which is ours in "Holiness unto the Lord." The Lord has given us a good year and we say, "To God be the glory; great things He hath done." From our reports at our recent district assembly in Barbados, we see that our district is alive and on the march.

Our hearts were challenged with a message from the Lord brought to us by our superintendent, Rev. Lawrence Faul, on the subject "Is Christ Revealed to You?" from Luke 24:31.

With the new year before us, and "Evangelism First" our banner, we are geared to work harder for the salvation of precious souls for whom Christ died.

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Reactions to "Action Packet"

"I am very satisfied with the new

Junior Topics Action Packet. The younger group felt neglected before but now seem to be happy, and interest is increasing. I highly recommend this material to all societies."

—MRS. K. WHISNANT

"We enjoyed the *Action Packet* very much and it gave the children something to look forward to, as well as very educational."

—MRS. JACK L. BLACK

"We do receive such a blessing out of our *Junior Topics*, and now with the *Action Packet* we are thrilled to utmost."

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"You asked our opinion of the new *Junior Topics Action Packet*. It's the answer to my prayers, as I wanted to give my boys and girls the best that God has for them, and I didn't always have the right things for them. I would struggle to find something for my programs, in the way of activity. As for me, the *Action Packet* 'hits the spot.'"

—VELMA M. DOUGLAS

the *A*nswer corner

Conducted by W. T. PURKISER, Editor

Did the heart of Jesus, whom the Father had sanctified and sent into the world, need cleansing (John 17:19)?

No, it certainly did not. John 17:19 clearly shows the two basic meanings of the term "sanctify" in the Bible. This verse reads, "And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth." This follows the prayer of verse 17, "Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth."

By the definition of every standard dictionary or lexicon I have examined, "to sanctify" means two things: (1) to set apart, or devote to sacred purposes; (2) to free from sin or defilement, to make holy, to purify. The first sense is most prominent in the Old Testament, where "to sanctify" is often spoken of

as the work of men. The second sense is most prominent in the New Testament, where "to sanctify" is almost always spoken of as the work of God.

Jesus combines both of these meanings in verse 19. The use of the verb clearly shows the difference. "I sanctify myself," a setting apart or consecration to the death of the Cross; in order "that they also might be sanctified," that is, have something done in and for them which they cannot do for themselves. This is the full scope of New Testament holiness or sanctification. There can be no doubt that the prayer was answered at Pentecost when the hearts of these men were purified by faith (Acts 15:8-9).

Just how far should our church go in using non-Christians in the church, in our church music, ushering, etc.?

This is a difficult question to answer in a blanket fashion. So much depends upon the attitudes of the people involved, the reason why they are not Christians, the extent of their participation, and other factors. I can see little value in inviting some talented non-Christian into the church to put on a performance for the saints, only to have him depart and be seen no more until the next time.

On the other hand, I can see some value in tying a new person into the situation by some minor responsibility while working and praying to encompass his salvation. In fact, Joseph F.

Ransom, for years one of our leading evangelistic singers, had his first contact with our church when he was invited to sing for a revival service. He sang, stayed for preaching, got under conviction, and was saved. He was later sanctified, called to the ministry, and faithfully served the church for many years until his retirement.

Here, there would seem to be no substitute for good sense and sanctified judgment. The church by all means ought to labor and pray for a revival in which such persons would be won to the Lord.

We had quite a discussion in class two weeks ago. I made the statement that man was God's greatest creation above the angels. Some disagreed, but I still believe I was right. Our discussion was on the phrase, "Thou hast made him [man] a little lower than the angels." Some writers say that it should read a little lower than God. What do you think about it?

This is an invitation to join an argument I don't think I can settle, or perhaps even add much light to. The verse in question is Psalms 8:5. It is quoted in Hebrews 2:7. The reason some writers say the original psalm should be translated "a little lower than God" (as it is in all three of the revisions) is because the Psalmist used the word *Elohim*, a Hebrew term which can mean God, angels, or supernatural beings, dependent on the context. Here the context doesn't help much.

However, following the lead of the writer to the Hebrews, I would prefer the translation "angels." This seems

clearly to be what he understood to be meant. But this still doesn't settle the argument, for the writer to the Hebrews used a Greek phrase for "little lower" which may mean "for a little while lower." So I haven't been much help. If you want some real authority on your side, I cite you to John Wesley's *Explanatory Notes upon the New Testament* on Hebrews 2:7, where he says, "The Hebrew is, a little lower than (that is, next to) God. Such was man as he came out of the hands of his Creator: it seems, the highest of all created beings."

The only time some people are in the middle of the road is while they are on the way from one side to the other.

Foreign Missions

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We feel God is working through the Church of the Nazarene in Barbados. We will appreciate your prayers in the year ahead.—CLYDE GREENIDGE, Secretary.

Mozambique Camp Meetings

Our camp meetings are just over and the Lord gave us some very precious services. Many souls sought the Lord at an altar of prayer. Around one hundred seventy were received into full membership here in Gaza camps. Our Limpopo camp closed with a wedding at midnight. The young man had been the first at the altar and was a seeker in each service until God met his soul. In the testimony meeting Sunday night at the close of the altar service he and many others were greatly blessed. He was the last to testify and told how God had met his heart in this meeting, and now he wanted to be married to his wife, whom he had taken while in sin. Chairs were arranged and soon the wedding ceremony was being read. We praise God for the victories He gave us.—MARY COOPER, Mozambique.



By J. W. ELLIS

Topic for
January 8:

Jesus in Cana of Galilee

SCRIPTURE: John 2 (Printed: John 2:1-11)

GOLDEN TEXT: *This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and manifested forth his glory; and his disciples believed on him (John 2:11).*

Look at Him! Right where you would expect Him to be. Among the people. At a wedding feast. Chances are there were laughter and joviality all over the place. Have you ever attended a wedding reception? Then, face it, friend, face it—a joyful occasion it was!

Jesus Christ was no wallflower! Neither was He a hermit. Nor did He rain sorrow and sadness upon the gatherings

He attended. With natural grace He moved among the people He came to save. 'Tis true, He was accused of being too much with the crowd. But those who accused choked themselves to death on gnats after swallowing many camels, hump and hoof.

Jesus in Cana of Galilee. Sounds good, doesn't it? Jesus in Portland, Maine. Jesus in San Diego, California. Jesus in Yakima, Washington. Jesus in Key West, Florida. Jesus in Dodge City, Kansas. Sounds good, doesn't it? This is for certain: Jesus being there, they would be brighter and happier places.

Some questions, please: Is Christ neatly stacked on library shelves in volumes of print? Or cloistered within sanctuary walls guarded by ecclesiastical

cliches? Or folded between dusty covers of an unused Bible? Or standing cold and erect in marble?

The Jesus who was in Cana was a Man among men. And Jesus, if He is in your city and mine, is a Man among men dwelling in the hearts of believers.

Look at Him again; in Cana, I mean. And what do you see? If thou lookest well, thou seest a miracle. Now don't get excited about it. Miracles go extremely well with Him. It is not extraordinary at all for Him to perform a miracle. The fact is, He himself is a miracle. From our viewpoint, that is. But from His viewpoint He is God. And God is no miracle to himself. He is God.

Perhaps one should not mention it, but man is in desperate need of mira-

cles. Your town and my town. Your church and my church. Your life and my life. The miracle of His presence!—yes, that would make everything wonderful! Fullness for emptiness! Direction for frustration! Purposefulness for aimlessness! Salvation for lostness!

Miracles. Do we want them? Yes! cries the heart. Yes! cries the mind. Yes! cries the total person. To have God break into our lives is our whole desire.

Then let us do whatsoever He commands! Do it instantly! Do it completely!

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LOCAL PASTOR-IN-UNIFORM

In times of national emergency, every civilian is thoroughly convinced that the sons and daughters in uniform are of vital importance. However, during "peacetime," there is often a question as to what our soldiers, sailors, and airmen are doing.

The "peacetime" military post is exactly like any small city with police force, fire department, telephone system, dempsy-dumpster company, post office, schools, libraries, churches, etc. Military people do the same jobs as civilians do from baking bread and cutting meat to building bridges and repairing roads. The only basic difference is that the majority of military people are occupied in the hazardous training required to help our nation in a state of preparedness.

The world of the chaplain is just like that of the local pastor. He co-ordinates and plans a chapel program just like the program of the local church. There are regular services every Sunday to include Sunday school, morning worship, Christian Youth Fellowship, and even an evening evangelistic service. Throughout the week there are Bible classes, choir practices, missionary meetings, women's organizations; there are families to visit, men to see in hospitals and jails,

and people to help who are facing all sorts of personal problems. The most rewarding work of the chaplain is in leading men, women, boys, and girls to Christ.

So the chaplain is just a local minister-in-uniform.

CAPTAIN CLIFFORD E. KEYS, JR.
Chaplain, 101st Airborne Division

A WORD OF THANKS

I received my first copy of the *Other Sheep*. I enjoyed it immensely. It seems as though it brings home so much closer to me. May God bless you all.

—MERYL LINDSEY

I would like to thank you for your wonderful magazines, *Conquest* and the *Other Sheep*. Both have been a great blessing while serving in Korea.

I leave to come home the nineteenth of this month. Again I would like to say, "Thank you."

—WILLIAM M. COX

Address Correction

The address of Lt. Wm. Wyland Huffman should be:

Lt. Wm. Wyland Huffman, CHC USN
Regimental Chaplain
First Marine Regiment, First Marine Division
Camp Pendleton, California

NAZARENE SERVICEMEN'S COMMISSION

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Department of Ministerial Benevolence
DEAN WESSELS, Secretary

It is a joy for the Department of Ministerial Benevolence to share with you the following letter of appreciation from a widow. This widow, with her husband, served the Church of the Nazarene for nearly twenty-five years.

It is truly with deep appreciation that I say, "Thank you," for the check at Christmas time.

It is so wonderful and heart-warming to feel that, while I cannot do all that I would like to do, yet the church still remembers and helps to make the way brighter.

By your faithful support of the Ministerial Benevolence budget you are making the way "brighter" for nearly five hundred retired elders and widows on our benevolence roll. In addition to the regular monthly checks which are sent to these individuals, you are making it possible for them to receive a Christmas gift check each year, to make their Christmas "brighter."

YOU

By LAURA FORINASH

*In your Heavenly Father's eyes
You can never be replaced.
Search this earth, and search the skies
Till each mortal you have traced—
There is only one of you,
Take it any way you will.
God has not created two—
Only you your place can fill.
In God's love and in His care,
In His service or His praise,
If you're gone, if you're not there,
There is only empty space.
Let your thoughts to Him arise;
Let your fears be all erased.
In your Heavenly Father's eyes
You can never be replaced.*

It is better to be deceived once in a while through confidence in an unworthy person than it is to hold all men in doubt. It is better to have trusted a man who did not make good than to have doubted one who was pure gold.—J. B. Chapman.



News of the Churches

Evangelist Martin Stepp, Jr., writes: "I still have one or two dates open for the spring, and will be glad to go as the Lord may direct. This has been one of the best years of my ministry. I have worked with some wonderful pastors, and the Lord is still giving revivals. I have seen many souls saved and believers sanctified. Write me, Robinson Terrace, Apt. 4-C, Richmond, Kentucky."

Pastor V. J. Shetler writes from Roanoke, Virginia: "We have been privileged to serve our East Gate Church here for four fruitful years. Thirty new Nazarenes have been added to our church membership. All departments are fully organized with efficient leadership, and signs of progress are evident. God has given gracious revivals with Evangelists H. G. Purkhiser, C. B. Fugett, W. E. Boggs, Rev. E. G. Lusk, Dr. V. W. Littrell, Rev. V. B. Curless, Rev. Curtis Withrow, and Dr. Mack Anderson as special workers. Each year the church has taken substantial increases in all budgets, proving their loyalty to the general, district, and local programs. Additional land has now been purchased, to expand and improve our present property. We thank God for all the progress made. We are now serving on our second three-year call. If you have friends in the city you'd like to have us contact, write the pastor, 2420 Kessler Road, N.E."

Columbus, Georgia—Grace Church recently had a wonderful revival with Rev. J. C. Kelley as the evangelist. On the closing night the altar was lined with seekers. Four fine members have been received into the church as a result of this revival.—R. L. PIRTS, *Pastor.*

Roanoke, Virginia—First Church is rejoicing in our "Evangelism First" advance here. Thus far (Dec. 2) we have recorded 2,156 witnesses for Christ, 80 seekers at our altars, and a fine class of 13 new members received into the church on confession of faith. On November 20 we concluded a blessed eight-day revival with Rev. and Mrs. Robert Goslaw of New York as the special workers, and our people filling family pews with friends from night to night. Both the effective preaching and the heart-warming singing of our evangelistic workers resulted in souls seeking the Lord in the regular services, and in their visits to our youth Sunday school departments. We give God the glory.—RALPH SCHURMAN, *Pastor.*

Evangelist Dave Erickson writes: "I have an open week end, April 14 to 16, which I would like to slate between Denver, Colorado, and St. Louis, Missouri; also I have a few open dates in June and August of 1961. Write me, 3972 Christopher Street, Charleston Heights, South Carolina."

St. Paul, Minnesota—November was one of the best months in the history of First Church. It began with an all-out attendance drive to be concluded on Sunday, November 20, the closing day of our revival. As a result of the faithful labors of our laymen, we saw November close with one of the highest Sunday school averages the church has had. On the closing Sunday of the meeting we had ninety-nine in church, with the majority of the visitors being prospects that can be won to Christ and the church. The revival services were well attended, with a good number of definite victories at the altar. The preaching of Rev. Harry Grimshaw, our pastor at Litchfield, was of the best, and Song Evangelist Leland R. Davis did an excellent job with the music. These workers were used of God as they ministered to us. First Church marches on under the blessings of the Lord.—GLENN I. LORD, *Pastor.*

Lowell, Michigan—Recently our church had a wonderful revival meeting with Evangelist D. C. Van Slyke. The entire church was lifted to a higher spiritual plane, and God gave seventy-five seekers at the altar. Brother Van Slyke is a man of God, and we are thankful for the God-given results of his ministry with us. He is a rugged, old-fashioned revival preacher.—KENNETH F. CULVER, *Pastor.*

Mt. Greenwood Church, Chicago, Illinois



Sunday, November 13, was a red-letter day in the history of Mt. Greenwood Church, as we dedicated the new sanctuary pictured here. Our fine district superintendent, Rev. Mark R. Moore, was the special dedication speaker, with Dr. Howard H. Hamlin offering the dedicatory prayer. Words of welcome were given by the president of the Ministerial Alliance. Value of the church building has been estimated at \$80,000. This church was organized on April 1, 1934, with thirty charter members; the congregation first worshiped in a tent and later in a rented store building. In 1950 the congregation bought property for a building site and began construction of a basement church. Pastor John Jarnigan had paid off the debt on the basement before we came. When we came in 1958, the people had been worshiping in the basement about nine years. In April of this year we

were able to borrow \$20,000 on the property; then with the Lord's help raised another \$10,000 among members and friends. With the pastor as general contractor, everybody pushed and worked until the church was completed in October. The building is a direct answer to the prayers of God's people. The church is 88 x 50 feet, of brick veneer, an oak-bark pattern, with about six shades of brick. New pews are of red oak, finished in natural wood, with the walls of the church pink; roof composed of five laminated arches covered with four-inch decking. Recently we have purchased an organ and baby grand piano. The first Sunday services were held in the new sanctuary on October 30, and three fine young men baptized our new altar rail with penitential tears as they prayed through to victory while the saints shouted.—O. F. ZACHARY, *Pastor*.

Howell, Michigan—Several weeks ago we started a regular visitation program in our church, and through this method we have witnessed to hundreds of people. Nearly one hundred of our people have actively engaged in this program. In the midst of cold Michigan fall and winter months we have averaged 332 the last three Sundays—54 per Sunday ahead of one year ago. The visitation program, coupled with the special-emphases Sundays, has helped our attendance, and we are averaging 316 for the assembly year (this includes the summer attendance).—W. E. VARIAN, *Pastor*.

Mowcaqua, Illinois—Wife and I came here in August of 1957 and found some very fine, loyal people, who stand by the work with a desire to see the Kingdom grow. During our pastorate here we have been privileged to go to the assembly each year with all budgets paid in full. Recently we closed an excellent revival with Evangelist and Mrs. Elvin Leichty and children, Donna and Donnie, as special workers. Over one hundred fifty different people attended the services, and the people were helped and blessed by the fine ministry in word, song, and instrumental music of the Leichtys. Our people are encouraged.—C. K. DILLMAN, *Pastor*.

Ocala, Florida—In November, First Church had one of its best revival meetings to date, with the services better attended than any revival in the church's history. Evangelist Dave Erickson preached as God's man for the hour, and people for whom the church had been praying for years prayed through to victory. Don and Wanda Ratliff sang with glory and grace. The closing service was especially marked with Holy Ghost power. Backsliders were reclaimed, the unsanctified filled with the Spirit, the unsaved found God, and the sick were healed. We give God the praise. The church is wonderfully united for the coming building program, under the leadership of Pastor Paul Bickes.—*Reporter*.

Evangelist William Thompson reports: "We are enjoying a good year, with six wonderful revivals since September 11. We have seen 242 people at our altars, with many of them praying through in the old-fashioned way, shouting and praising God. At this writing we are in a meeting in Roachdale, Indiana. We have some spring dates open, and we will go any place the Lord may lead. Wife travels with me and we sing together. Write us, 3223 Foltz Street, Indianapolis, Indiana."

Wister, Oklahoma—On Sunday, November 27, the Wister church celebrated its golden anniversary with all-day services. A number of friends and former members were present for the occasion, also four former pastors, and two ministers who have gone out from this local congregation. Many beautiful flowers were sent by friends, as well as letters of congratulations and best wishes. Through the years there have gone out from this local church nine ministers, now engaged in preaching the gospel. In the morning service Rev. Charles Baldwin, a former pastor, brought an inspiring message. In the afternoon service Rev. Glen Jones, superintendent of the Southeast Oklahoma District, brought a challenging and inspiring message. Brother Jones is loved and appreciated by all of us on the district. In the evening service Rev. Charley Johnson (one of the ministers who went out from this church) brought another inspiring message. Good singing throughout the day was a blessing to all present. Basket lunches were served in the local school cafeteria. The Wister church is on the move for Christ, working in the "Try Christ's Way" program; our people truly love the Lord.—A. H. COSTON, *Pastor*.

Oxford, Nova Scotia, Canada—God's presence was especially evident in the Sunday morning missionary service on November 27, with Rev. Clifford Church of Portuguese East Africa. Our people were blessed as the melting Spirit of God filled the sanctuary. Oxford Nazarenes love the missionary cause of our Zion. The expense and equipment offering for Brother Church was \$63.55. A spirit of blessing and optimism prevails in our church.—R. R. CRIBBS, *Pastor*.

Evangelists C. W. and Florence Davis report: "Recent revival meetings have been with our Westside Church, Decatur, Illinois, where it was a pleasure again to be associated with Pastor and Mrs. James Barr. The meeting was a blessing to the church and fruitful in the altar services. At First Church, Lawton, Oklahoma, Pastor L. W. Livingston had been there only a few months and God was blessing his labors. God was faithful and gave a blessed revival. At Batesville, Arkansas, the Lord met with us in a most gracious revival. Pastor A. D. Martell and wife are much loved and appreciated by their people. Our last meeting at Kingman, Kansas, was a hard-fought battle, but we saw gracious victories won for the Lord. We found Pastor E. S. Neuschwander in bed with a heart attack; he was in bed all during the meeting, but is improving some. Sister Neuschwander and the church stood by us and the meeting in a wonderful way. Our churches are pushing the 'Evangelism First' campaign, and we enjoyed our labors with these pastors and their faithful people. They stood by us and co-operated in every way. We praise the Lord for the victories given in the salvation of sinners, the sanctifying of believers, and in the healing of a number of sick people. We thank God for His wonderful blessings to us through another year."

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Hamilton, Ohio—In 1944 the Tuley Road Church was organized with twenty-five charter members. A temporary building was bought and lots purchased for future building. During the pastorate of Rev. V. E. Gambill the basement unit of the church was started and completed. In 1959, through the goodness of God, the help of sacrificial laymen, the vision and determination of our pastor, Rev. Gail Moorman, we were able to dedicate our new sanctuary. Truly God is blessing, and we have good gains in all departments. During a recent revival meeting with Evangelist Earl Blair the church was enriched and enlightened by his inspiring messages on the prayer life. He presented a great challenge to the church, a good spirit prevailed, and God met with us.—DEMA MARCUM, *Reporter*.

Cleveland, Ohio—In a unique series of week-end services, October 7 through 9, Cleveland First Church celebrated *forty years* of service to the Greater Cleveland area. One of the oldest churches in our denomination, with a glorious history of ministerial leadership and laity, she has given to the Christian world missionaries, ministers, and outstanding lay leaders. All of the services were planned for the purpose of lay participation, and over one hundred fifty persons had an active part in some phase of the activities. On Friday evening there was a program of sacred instrumental and vocal music given by an ensemble from Columbus First Church under the direction of Professor James Cook. A large number of people enjoyed the outstandingly beautiful music. On display throughout the week end were five booths depicting the work of the various departments of the church; all were unique and colorful, and clear and concise in their message portrayal. October 9 was the Sunday school rally with children and youth participating in the program. Rev. William P. Wilhoite, pastor, led the morning worship service, which included inspiring music by our sanctuary choir, the Carolier (junior) choir, and the Lyons' Trio, guests for the day. The service included an infant dedication ceremony. The pastor's sermon was a tribute to the local church and to the general church as a whole. The walls of First Church literally rang in the Sunday afternoon "Festival of Choirs." Choirs of other Nazarene churches in the city joined our sanctuary and Carolier choirs in a joyous time of singing. Our young people provided the Sunday evening service, with the theme of the award-winning N.Y.P.S. booth, "Fishers of Men," reflected in a quite informal musical program. Together with the meditation by our pastor, the celebration was brought to a close with the challenge of evangelism on our hearts.—*Reporter*.

Evangelists Everett and Irene Kimball write: "We will be closing a meeting in our Broadview Church, East Moline, Illinois, on January 15, and due to an unavoidable change in our slate, we have an open date, January 18 to 29. We'd like very much to slate this time in Illinois, Indiana, or Michigan. We carry the full program—music, singing, and preaching. Write us, P.O. Box 408, Pottsville, Michigan."

Winfield, Kansas—During the last two weeks in October we had an outstanding revival, which was truly a blessing and inspiration to pastor and people. Evangelist Haven Goodall's messages from the Word were used to convict and bless, and Mrs. Goodall's Scene-o-felt pictures and stories, as well as their musical numbers, were responsible for the good interest and attendance throughout the meeting. Fifty-two people sought God at the altar of prayer, and on the closing Sunday night eleven members were added to the church, including an entire family of five, and two young adult couples—nine of them on profession of faith. This is our fourth year pastoring these wonderful people, who last year gave 22 per cent of the church income for missions. On Sunday morning, December 4, the Troubadour Quartet from Bethany Nazarene College was present in a unified morning service, and there were shouts of victory in the camp. We give God the praise.—RALPH E. SHAFER, *Pastor*.

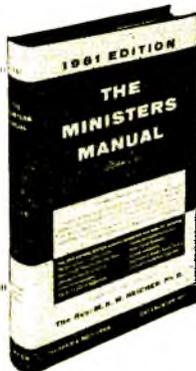
Evangelist H. E. Darnell writes: "Due to a change of pastors, I have an open date, March 16 to 26; also have open February 2 to 12. Shall be glad to slate these dates as the Lord may lead. Write me, Box 929, Vivian, Louisiana."

Rev. Munroe Burkhart reports: "After serving as pastor for twenty-three years I am now entering the full-time evangelistic work, having felt for some time that this was the Lord's will for me. I am willing to go anywhere the Lord may lead, and am now making up my slate for 1961. God has blessed and given us souls praying through for pardon and heart purity. Write me at my new address, 2726 Mount View, Dallas 34, Texas."

Evangelist R. E. Pickering (of the Pickering Musicalaires) reports: "At the conclusion of our first year since re-entering full-time evangelism we are happy to report that God has blessed and given us a busy year. We conducted twenty-one revivals, supervised one vacation Bible school, worked in a youth camp, presented twenty-five sacred concerts, and conducted several other services. We have seen several hundred people seeking God for pardon and heart purity, with a number of folk seeking and finding Christ for the first time in their lives. New members were added to the church, as we held meetings on thirteen different districts. Traveling in a mobile-home, teaching the children, training them to sing as well as to play the cornets, along with carrying the full program in most of our meetings, is a great task, but God has given us the needed strength. We do it because we love the Lord and He has called us to this field. 'Evangelism First' truly is our theme. We have a full slate for 1961 with much of '62 already booked. We give God all praise. Our mailing address is 41st & Linden Streets, Allentown, Pennsylvania."

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Rev. Howard W. Sweeten spent over forty years in holiness evangelism and was a popular camp meeting preacher. He had a unique Biblical approach to the doctrine of holiness and was known as a strong holiness preacher. Also he was a clear writer on the doctrine and wrote frequently for holiness papers. He is best known as a writer of two books, *Must We Sin?* and *Sinning Saints*. He and his wife were desirous of continuing their influence in a holiness ministry and have perpetuated this goal by bequeathing their entire estate to the Nazarene Theological Seminary to assist in the training of young people for a ministry of preaching second-blessing holiness.

Many other holiness people should consider this means of continuing their interest and influence in the preaching of holiness by either making an annuity to the Seminary or including the Seminary in their wills. Through this avenue a portion of the material wealth which they have accumulated will be given to the cause of God and the church they love, and thus after going to their eternal reward, they will continue to help in the proclamation of the doctrine which has meant so much to them.

For detailed information on this means of proclaiming the gospel of Christ, write: LEWIS T. CORLETT, President, Nazarene Theological Seminary, Box 6076, Kansas City 10, Missouri.

The worst of all lost souls is the soul that is lost without knowing that it is lost—PAUL S. REES.

Canada Atlantic District Preachers' Meeting

In October the pastors on the Canada Atlantic District, together with their wives, the district superintendent, and his wife, met at the Lutes Mountain church for the annual preachers' meeting.

Rev. Bruce Taylor, district superintendent, presided with his usual efficiency and enthusiasm. With charts he had prepared he showed the progress of the district in the past few years and challenged our hearts to greater progress in the future.

The special speaker was Rev. Alpin Bowes, from the Department of Home Missions at our Kansas City headquarters. The messages centered around the "Evangelism First" emphasis. Brother Bowes also spoke to the pastors from his wealth of experience as to the important steps to be taken in building a new church. Colored slides were shown of the type of church buildings which would best suit the needs of the Church of the Nazarene.

Mrs. Bruce Taylor, district missionary president, spoke of ways the missionary society could participate in the program of "Evangelism First." Rev. Ralph Montemuro, chairman of the district church school board, challenged the pastors to a definite evangelistic emphasis in the Sunday school. Rev. Owen Underwood, district N.Y.P.S. president, urged that the youth of the district be given every opportunity to share in the responsibility of witnessing and winning souls to Christ.

The preachers' meeting closed with the pastors and their wives gathering around the altar to partake of the communion of the Lord's Supper.—OWEN UNDERWOOD, Reporter.

Idaho-Oregon District Preachers' Meeting

The Idaho-Oregon District preachers' meeting met November 28 and 29 at La Grande, Oregon, with Rev. I. F. Younger, our beloved district superintendent, in charge. God's blessing was evidenced from the very first service.

Dr. Hardy C. Powers, general superintendent, was the special speaker. His practical, helpful messages along with his deep personal concern stirred the hearts of all who heard him.

Rev. Eugene Stowe, member of the General Evangelism Committee, and district church schools chairman, brought a message on "Evangelism First," followed by discussion led by Rev. Mel Laws. Other topics discussed throughout the convention were: "The Prayer Program of the Church," led by Rev. Earl Lee; "What Constitutes a Successful Pastor?" led by Rev. Harold Thon; and "What Constitutes a Successful Pastor's Wife?" led by Mrs. Mel Laws. The discussions were very profitable and well received.

Rev. L. Wesley Johnson, business manager, with the assistance of Dr. Percival A. Wesche and Dr. Eric E. Jorden, presented the work and progress at our Northwest Nazarene College.

Rev. Lawrence Abla, host pastor, did a splendid job of entertaining the convention in the beautiful new church at La Grande. Special guests included Superintendents W. Shelburne Brown of Los Angeles District and Raymond C. Kratzer of the Northwest District.—MEL LAWS, Reporter.

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The kind lady opened wide the door and insisted that he would come in, and when he complied, she set before him a bountiful meal. Her sympathy and kind interest put him at ease, and after he had dined she discreetly inquired concerning his life and his scars.

Drawn out by her kindness, in one of the few times in his life, the wanderer broke the silence of the years. He related how, as a young man, handsome, ambitious, and successful, he was attracted to a burning home. The excited crowd that had gathered told him there was a baby in the nursery room. Completely abandoning all thought of himself, by superhuman effort he forced his way through smoke and flame to the nursery, and found the child in her crib. He wrapped her in a woolen blanket, and making his way out of the inferno, staggered into the arms of the waiting crowd.

He remembered nothing else, but when he came to himself days later he was in the hospital, swathed in bandages. His life was spared, but only to failure and loneliness. He had but one regret, namely, that he had not died in the flames.

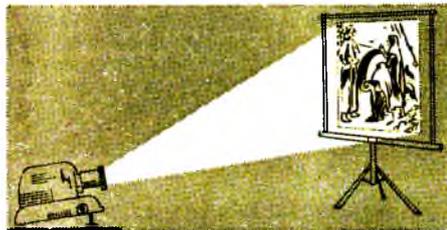
The good woman answered, "Sir, you will never leave my home. The best room in the house will be your room; my home will be your home; whatever I possess I gladly share it with you—for I am the one whose life you saved. I long sought you, and now that I have found you, I'll try in some way to make up to you all that it has cost you to save me."

He hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him. He is despised and rejected of men: a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him: and with his stripes we are healed (Isaiah 53:2-5).

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*Help souls to know more fully
God's Son was sacrificed
And suffered so that all might know
The saviourhood of Christ.*

*May Christians tell to all the world
God's loving care of man,
That all may know the cure for woe—
The great redemption plan!*

*Let your failures teach you, but do not
let them terrorize you.—PAUL S. REES.*

Deaths

JESTUS C. EDWARDS was born July 27, 1901, in Athens, Georgia, and died September 2, 1960, in Miami, Florida. He served in the navy during World War II. He joined Central Church of the Nazarene, Miami, in 1932, and was active in all areas of the church work. He was a faithful witness for Christ everywhere he went. He is survived by his wife; three daughters: Mrs. Billie Eby, Mrs. Marian Jewell, and Mrs. Nona Owensby; also three sisters and one brother. Funeral service was held in Miami Central Church, with the pastor, Rev. D. W. Thaxton, in charge.

MRS. ALMA NAOMI STEVENS was born August 2, 1915, and died September 22, 1960, in Oil City, Pennsylvania. She was the daughter of the now deceased Mr. and Mrs. George C. Akins. She is survived by her husband, W. Clayton Stevens, and two daughters, Naomi Diane and Judith Nanette. She was a member of the Church of the Nazarene in Oil City. One of her brothers is Rev. Kenneth L. Akins, Nazarene pastor at Salisbury, Maryland. Mrs. Stevens was much loved by those who knew her.

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JAMES L. CHAMBERS was born near McGirk, Missouri, September 28, 1874, and died in a hospital in Council Bluffs, Iowa, June 1, 1960. In 1901 he was married to Minnie Hayter. To this union seven children were born; one daughter, Maxine, preceded him in death in 1922, and his wife died in 1941. In 1958 he married Pearl Harold, who survives; along with his daughters: Mrs. Lona Wiles, Mrs. Velma Mintle, Mrs. Geraldine Peppers, Mrs. Lillie Hatcher, Mrs. Hazel White; and a son, Forrest. The family moved to Iowa in 1910, and he united with the Glenwood Church of the Nazarene in 1930; was an active member until his death. Funeral service was held in the Glenwood church with Rev. E. O. Davis officiating, and interment was in the Glenwood cemetery.

ALBERT MARVIN PAYLOR was born in Yanceyville, North Carolina, May 28, 1876, and died in a hospital in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, October 3, 1960. He had been a member of the Church of the Nazarene since its organization at Pilot Point, Texas, in 1908. He was much loved for his beautiful, Christlike spirit; he was a true friend and lover of young people, always carrying a burden for their salvation. For twenty-one years he taught music in the Nazarene colleges at Hamlin, Texas; Bethany, Oklahoma; and Nampa, Idaho. He is survived by his widow, Sallie Hayhurst Paylor; one son; and three daughters. Funeral service was conducted by his pastor, Dr. E. S. Phillips, with interment in the Bethany, Oklahoma, cemetery.

MRS. FLORENCE BLEDSOE YARBROUGH was born March 4, 1880, in Noxubee County, Mississippi, and died in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, October 24, 1960. In 1904 she was united in marriage to James Foster Yarbrough. To this union were born twelve children, six boys and six girls; two girls died in infancy. In 1919 the family moved to Vilonia, Arkansas; one year later to Kingswood, Kentucky; and in 1929 to Bethany, Oklahoma, where they have resided for the past thirty-one years. From early youth Mrs. Yarbrough was a devout Christian. Three of her sons are ministers; one daughter is a minister's wife; and four of the others are actively engaged in the field of education. She is survived by her husband; six sons: Rev. F. Beeson, Rev. Jabez M., Dwight A., Rev. John F., Dr. Joseph W., and Daniel J.; four daughters: Mary Margaret Davis, Mattie Florence Killiam, Esther Lois Ferry, Guyon B. Durbin; and also one brother, James F. Bledsoe. Funeral was held in the Williams Memorial Church of the Nazarene by her pastor, Dr. E. S. Phillips, of Bethany First Church. He was assisted by Rev. Floyd Rowe and Rev. J. T. Gassett. Interment was made in the Bethany cemetery.

MRS. LORETTA HIEFTJE, lifelong resident of western Michigan and an active church and civic worker all her life, died at her home in Muskegon, Michigan, in November of '60, after an illness of four months. She was sixty-four years old. She was born in Grand Haven, July 21, 1896. She was married to John Hieftje in 1917, and the couple have made their home in Muskegon since. She was a member of First Church of the Nazarene, active in the missionary work, and taught in the Sunday school for more than twenty years. Besides her husband, she is survived by two sons: Rev. John R., Nazarene pastor at Bay City; and James L.; also four daughters: Rev. Ruth E. (Nazarene minister), Mrs. Howard Cooper, Mrs. Frank Christmas, and Mrs. Gerald Smith; six brothers: Richard Cleveringa, Lawrence, Kenneth, David, Maurice, and George; and two sisters, Mrs. Frank Sherman and Avice Cleveringa. Funeral service was conducted by her pastor, Rev. Herbert Thomas, assisted by Rev. Charles Pearce, with interment in the Lakeside Cemetery.

Announcements

RECOMMENDATION—After pastoring more than twenty years, Rev. Munroe Burkhart has resigned his church at Pine Bluff, Arkansas, to enter the evangelistic work. His experience in building churches, both the building and the congregation, has prepared him for a helpful ministry. Address him, 2726 Mount View, Dallas 34, Texas.—A. Milton Smith, Superintendent of South Arkansas District.

WEDDING BELLS

Sandra Kay Nixon and Robert L. Mitchener, both of Winfield, Kansas, were united in marriage on December 1 at the home of the groom's mother in Winfield with Rev. Ralph E. Shafer, pastor of First Church of the Nazarene, officiating.

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—to Corkey and Velma (Wright) McCreery of Hutchinson, Kansas, a daughter, Melanie Ruth, on November 16.

—to George and Margaret (Miller) Agar of Butte, Montana, a daughter, Cherilynn Rae, on November 10.

—to Louis and Leila (Jones) Johnson of St. Petersburg, Florida, a son, Karl Milton, on November 2.

SPECIAL PRAYER IS REQUESTED by a Christian mother in Ohio for lost souls on her heart, also for better victory in their local church;

by a Christian in California for the healing of her daughter-in-law of a serious back ailment—facing surgery and doctors do not promise it will help;

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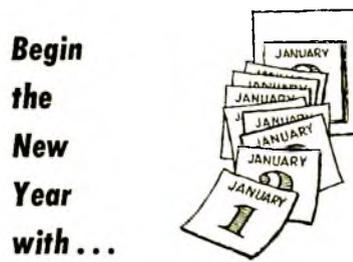
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