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—General Superintendent Orville W. Jenkins



Pentecost Today!

THE DAY OF PENTECOST of Acts, following the resurrection and ascension of Jesus, witnessed an unusual event. It witnessed the outpouring the Holy Spirit upon the hearts and lives of a small company of Christ's followers who were gathered in an Upper Room in the city of Jerusalem.

The Holy Spirit was in the world prior to that Pentecost Sunday but not in His baptismal power. John 7:39 declares, "The Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified."

Twentieth-century man has discovered and harnessed the power of nuclear energy. Yet that power existed all the time in the structure of the world; it had to be discovered and directed. The Holy Spirit was in the world; but Jesus, when He returned to heaven, sent Him in this cleansing, sanctifying, empowering baptism upon the disciples in the Upper Room in Jerusalem at Pentecost. The floodgates of the Holy Spirit's power and presence were opened!

To describe what happened to those people gathered in the Upper Room at Pentecost is not reducible to words. Luke uses analogies and pictures. It was not literal fire or wind, but a power and presence like the strength of wind and the purifying of fire.

With the coming of the Holy Spirit the

disciples entered into a newfound courage and daring. With complete fearlessness Peter preached. Pentecost marked a revolution, a spiritual uprising. Voltaire said, "If God did not exist, it would be necessary to invent Him." If the Resurrection and Pentecost did not occur, it would be necessary to invent them to account for the tremendous spiritual power which possessed those early Christians.

Those Spirit-filled Christians received the power to communicate the good news of the gospel of Christ. "The multitude came together and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language" (Acts 2:6). Dr. Wm. Barclay says, "The disciples were empowered by the Spirit to speak the message of the Gospel in such a way that it found a road straight to the heart of men and women of every origin and background."

The Spirit's presence and power of that original Pentecost so long ago is repeated again and again where hearts are prepared and lives surrendered to receive Him.

*It is for us all today,
If we trust and truly pray;
Consecrate to Christ your all,
And upon the Saviour call;
Bless God, it is for us all today.* □

LAST SUNDAY evening I sat on the platform enjoying the singing and waiting the moment when I would read my text, "And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh . . ." (Acts 2: 17-18).

Just before I was to speak, Lois was going to sing, "Fill My Cup, Lord." Our concern was that God would fill many cups with His Holy Spirit during the service. We had come to this church for a one-day "Conference on the Holy Spirit." In the morning God gave wonderful liberty in the presentation of the abundant life (*Steps to Being Filled with the Spirit*, prepared by the Department of Evangelism).

The previous week the pastor told me the concern of his heart was to see every member of the church sanctified wholly. There were some fine people in the membership who seemingly had made no real deep commitment. They appeared lukewarm, attended only Sunday mornings, and did not seem to be really concerned about the salvation of the lost.

The pastor had arranged a 24-hour chain of prayer which closed at the altar Sunday morning. Many in the prayer chain had never prayed for a consecutive 30 minutes in their lives. They were reminded that this is what the Early Church did just before God poured out His Spirit on the Day of Pentecost . . . and that He was ready and anxious to pour out His Spirit in a similar way in 1976.

Those who prayed were assigned a portion of the Book of Acts to read, and the entire book was read through during the 24-hour vigil. This created a real spirit of expectancy.

Choruses were sung . . . "He Is Real to Me," "There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit in This Place." The choir sang, "Come, Holy Spirit." Then more choruses, "God Is So Good," "Spirit of the Living God, Fall Fresh on Me."

During the choir number and as each chorus was sung, it seemed that the presence of the Lord became more and more real. Tears of joy began to flow, hands were lifted in praise, and faces beamed with the light of heaven.

The Spirit in '76



by LYLE POTTER
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A young married lady moved from the choir to the altar weeping. Three or four gathered to pray with her. Another young lady came from the congregation and knelt at the other end of the altar. Several went to help her pray through. Another came weeping from the choir. An unsaved couple, for whom the church had been praying for years, came from the back of the sanctuary and fell sobbing at the altar. Many in the congregation sat or stood with their hands lifted toward heaven welcoming the Holy Spirit in His fullness.

It was a scene one cannot describe. Soon the praying was over and praise began. From the congregation and choir, people (teens, young adults, grandparents) one by one stood to praise God for what He had done for them in the last few minutes.

As I looked from face to face, I saw countenances bathed with tears of joy—people with various backgrounds . . . one a truck driver, another a contractor, a nurse, a housewife, a clerk at the post office. I could not help but think about another similar assembly described in the Book of Acts. There were about 120 people present on that occasion. They were from all walks of life—several were fishermen, one was a tax collector.

In that service, not unlike the one I was in, they were all filled with the Holy Spirit. But on that day, the promise given in my text (Acts 2:17-18) was only partially fulfilled. For now in my day, 2,000 years later, it is still being fulfilled. The same wonderful Holy Spirit is still coming in sanctifying power, bringing cleansing, release, assurance, love, joy, peace, the ability to live a victorious Christian life.

The fullness of the Spirit is a personal crisis experience and daily walk with the Lord, not only for fishermen and tax collectors in Judaea years ago, but also for fishermen and IRS representatives in California in 1976.

Then it came time for Lois to sing, "Fill My Cup, Lord," and for me to preach, "In the last days . . . I will pour out of my Spirit." But the promise was already given, and every cup was full. □



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Converted to Christ in a nondenominational mission at the age of 19 in Toronto, Ontario, I heard the message of holiness at the St. Clair Church of the Nazarene through the ministry of Rev. Robert F. Woods.

The Holy Spirit witnessed to the work of entire sanctification in my life as I obeyed 1 John 1:7.

Now in my twenty-seventh year of pastoral ministry (including five churches on two Canadian districts), the words of Psalm 40:3 express most fittingly what God has done: "He hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God."

—Rev. S. Roy G. Hall, Langley, B.C.



I am deeply indebted to the Church of the Nazarene. Through the faithfulness of one of its messengers proclaiming salvation from all sin, my wife Dorothy and I accepted Christ some 26 years ago. I am a Mohawk Indian with a burden that the Church of the Nazarene take the message of holiness to the Indian people of Canada.

—Hugh Maracle



I was saved in 1959 in Barbados at the age of 20. One year later I left home for England. Worshiping irregularly, I found myself losing interest in the church and developing more concern for things of the world.

In 1970 I arrived in Canada and was introduced to the Hamilton First Church of the Nazarene. I attended this church, but in a lukewarm condition spiritually.

The turning point in my life came when the pastor, Rev. Ronald Fry, visited me in my home. Rev. Fry showed a deep concern for my spiritual welfare, and I dedicated my life completely to God.

The Lord has done and is doing great things for me. I love Him from the depth of my heart.

—Rixford Springer

FATHERS— Phoney or Real?

UNIMPORTANT FATHER'S DAY. Almost forgotten after the excitement of Mother's Day. Why give special prominence to Father's Day?

Why not? when from experience and from the Scriptures it is clear that family destiny is determined by the father, the family head.

Father's Day is meant to be a voice calling men from the pursuit of values which fluctuate to the consideration of a value which is eternal—the welfare of his child and home.

"Like father, like family." Set this down as a philosophical principle. Occasional exceptions do not undermine the rule; it is an organic one. The father impresses himself upon his children just as undesignedly, but as surely, as I impress my shadow on the ground when I walk into the sunshine. The father cannot help it, if he would.

The lack of strong parental influence is being blamed today for many of the social problems of our times. A noted theologian, in a national news magazine, declares that our society is now reaping the harvest of excessive permissiveness in its homes. Many of those who become involved in violence and anti-social behavior, he says, come from family situations where there is either an irresponsible father or no father at all.

In an eastern city a prominent man became greatly concerned about his boy. He went to the boy's school principal and asked for suggestions. The principal gave this significant reply: "Resign from the presidency of the Chamber of Commerce. Leave that position to someone whose family has grown up and is not in such a great need of fatherly attention as is your boy. Your first duty during the next five years, after providing the necessities of life for your family, is at home with your boy.

"You should help him with his lessons; you should interest him in your business; and you should become his comrade and chum. By giving the same amount of time and attention to your boy that you now give to the Chamber of Commerce, you will save your boy and also probably be the means of doing just as much good for your city."

No father need regret that he cannot leave his son a large estate of material things—things which have no abiding value. He can leave an honorable name, a willingness to work, a profound love for God.

The father in the home on the edge of the city may have a battered car, and his pants may be patched and shiny; but if his children stand at the window with anticipation

in their faces and their noses flattened against the windowpane when he is due home, he is a creator of ideals which will live long after he has answered the summons.

R. A. Torrey, prominent minister and writer, received a letter one day asking him to call on the woman principal of a school. He went to see her. During the conversation she said, "I don't believe anything. I don't even read the Bible because it seems wrong for me to read and disbelieve in it as I do."

After she had talked for some time about her disbelief, tears came to her eyes. Dr. Torrey asked her why she was weeping. She replied, "Oh, there is one thing that I can't get over, and that is my father's life. He was a minister of the gospel, and whenever I think of the holy life he lived, I feel there must be something in Christianity. I can't get over his life." Dr. Torrey later led her to Christ.

Fathers, your children will be influenced all during life by their memories of you. What kind of memories are you giving them?

Strange thing about Father's Day each June. It often ends up as Inventory Day for many dads. The sincere father asks himself, "How am I doing as an example?"

Today's world has no room for phoney fathers. The real kind is needed. As the Apostle Paul wrote to young Timothy, "Be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity" (1 Timothy 4:12).

No more heartening words can come to any father than "I wanna be like my dad." Spiritually speaking, too.

A certain Christian upon being asked, "How is your son, John?" answered proudly, "Oh, John is making a name for himself in the world." His friend boldly asked, "Which world?"

Are we bringing up our children in the "fear and admonition of the Lord"? Are they being prepared for the next world?

*Father, may we our children lead
In paths of peace to Thy sweet fold;
May ne'er our sin or sad neglect
E'er make them hard, perverse, or cold. □*



by MORRIS CHALFANT

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PAPA Was a PIONEER

by MARY LATHAM
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ALL THE SALUTES to our founding fathers in this Bicentennial year raise my patriotic temperature. Such celebration helps us to see at what cost we enjoy our freedoms. It reminds me too of later pioneers—those spiritual giants who courageously preached scriptural holiness. Their efforts led to revival which brought the beginnings of the Church of the Nazarene—the only church of which I have ever been a member.

My father was among those sturdy souls who dared to preach holiness when it was extremely unpopular. In fact, the denomination which he called “my church” took action on a district level to try to stamp out the preaching of the doctrine. It was then my dad knew he would need to find other channels through which he could proclaim the miracle God had wrought in his life.

He had been a church member since a child—had grown up in the church. But he did not hear of the new birth or entire sanctification until he was a grown man.

The story of his conversion is a dramatic one. Then he consecrated his life to the Lord and was sanctified wholly. So complete was the transformation in my dad’s pattern of living that he started out to tell the world.

He was called, trained, and ordained into the ministry. And preach holiness he did. I have heard him tell of the rugged pioneer days. As a young man he preached in tents, brush arbors, camp meetings, and wherever he could find an open door.

Not only was such preaching unpopular, but it raised strong opposition from the established church community. Spiritually hungry Christians who sought the experience of entire sanctification were snubbed and ridiculed. Families were angered at the preacher.

My father could understand, for such had been his attitude before he surrendered to the convicting power of the Holy Spirit. He had even moved his young wife out of a town where holiness was being preached. Then one day in the new location he saw the despised evangelist getting off the train—presumably to hold a meeting in that town. Dad said it made him so angry

that he ran as hard as he could in the opposite direction. But God stopped him in his tracks. And it was in that very revival that he made peace with God.

So my father could understand the feelings of those who opposed him. But he kept right on preaching God’s power to forgive sins and to cleanse from inbred sin.

There would not be space enough here to tell of the hardships he endured. His life was threatened. As an evangelist there was little remuneration. But always God provided and blessed. And Dad never backed down no matter what the situation.

Through the years he started Nazarene churches, helped to build many, pastored some already established, evangelized—and won many to the Lord. As the family grew and were converted, we tried to help.

One revival stands out vividly in my memory. It was after I was in high school. Our father had been called to conduct a revival meeting for a congregation of the denomination in which he grew up. The whole family went. We helped with the special singing.

It was a beautiful community. The people were substantial suburban and rural families. The pastor was not young but seemingly well-liked by his flock.

As a teen-ager I couldn’t quite understand why that minister had asked my dad, a holiness preacher, to conduct the meeting. I had misgivings about the whole thing. What would my father do? Would he go ahead and preach the same rugged truth as always? Would he back down on his testimony to the “second blessing”?

Well, my father never faltered. He preached repentance, the new birth, and entire sanctification—the entrance to a life of joy and victory. And guess what? Among the first seekers was the pastor himself.

I will never forget that pastor’s public confession to his congregation. He told them he had known about this blessing for years—as a young man had experienced it. But he had been afraid to preach it—was afraid he would lose support—was afraid of his superiors—just afraid. And he had lost out with the Lord. He asked his people to forgive him. He asked God’s forgiveness.

Of course the pastor's move brought the people closer to God—and to each other. The minister was reclaimed—and afterward sanctified. In short, the church experienced a revival.

There would be no way to count how many people have been won to the Lord down through the years. But this I know—the passion of my father's life was to bring people of all ages to the place of surrender to Jesus Christ.

He was one of many to whom we owe much. It is a lot easier now. Our church is accepted around the world. Holiness is preached with power and polish. Sometimes I wonder if we are getting a bit soft—not that there is merit in opposition just for the sake of conflict.

But I do earnestly pray that God will give us a fresh anointing of His Spirit that we may live in the beauty of holiness and preach with power the second work of grace which gives access to such life. To this my father was dedicated, regardless of personal cost. That's why I say, "Papa was a pioneer." □

WHAT IS A FATHER?

*To a son you're the image
Of what makes a man,
And he'll copy your actions
As close as he can.*

*Like father, like son,
Is more true than we know.
The way that you lead him
Is the way he will go.*

*To a daughter her father
Is more than her dad;
You're the hero of the daydreams
That all of us had.*

*You're the man we look up to;
The one we adore.
You make us feel special
And precious and more.*

*We all have two fathers—
One here, one above;
And you as a father
Must teach us God's love.
As our earthly father,
God's image you'll be.
When your child thinks of God,
Your image he'll see.*

*So, fathers, remember
In whose shoes you stand
As you and your child
Go through life hand in hand.*

—BARBARA HOLLYWOOD
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Letter to Jerry — From Father

by JERRY N. SPARKS

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I wrote the letter out of a desire to aim my words, though he would never understand them. Write a message. Throw it away. I have done it dozens of times. I suppose like any other father, I longed to communicate with my child.

Dearest Jerry,

Though you're only in the next room, writing is one of the countless ways I will keep on trying to say that I love you. Maybe I'm just reminding myself of all the special blessings of having you for our son. However, just as the sweetness flows across my mind, so does the disappointment. There is a sadness so deep I have no emotion to touch it. You are our mentally retarded son.

You are very special to your family. Others love you too. But some would tease and provoke you, and we want to absorb your hurt and protect you. We have seen you try to fight back with argument and raised voice; but usually, you lose. I have wanted to lash out. They should know better! Have their parents not ever told them about unkindness?

Jerry, you couldn't have understood the parent who withdrew their child when you reached out to say, "I love you."

I felt more pity for them that I have ever felt for you. They cheated themselves of a little boy's love. You had more love to give in a moment than most of this old world offers in a month.

Thankfully the educational systems of our land are waking up. I read the other day of one of our churches which had a special ministry to kids like you. They realize that you're not some oddity to be tucked away in an institutional dungeon. You are one of God's children too. Perhaps someday the whole world will know it and understand. I'll do my best to help them.

Meantime, Son, go on loving in the same way you do now . . . everyone and everything. Don't ever get infected with the poison of prejudice. You're God's little boy, and our little boy, and we love you—even as God loves all of us.

Should Mommy put this letter away with other keepsakes and you should see it, I have no fear that it will embarrass you in any way. There will be a time when you will be able to read fully. If someone reads it to you, you won't understand completely.

So I have written it, and I'll read it over again and again, adding here and there a smile and a heart-break. Until we meet at the breakfast table, or I wave good-bye to you as your school bus pulls away, I'll close, loving you always and thanking God for our very special little boy, so full of love.

Love,
Daddy

THE DATE was September 9, 1943; the place was Bethany Medical Center in Kansas City; the occasion was the birth of our first son. He was not really very attractive (except to us); he did not know anything and was dependent and helpless.

Today he is a strong, educated young man with a family and a responsible position in a large corporation. Of course, this did not come about all at once, nor altogether by his own ability and strength. In addition to other influences he had parents whose great love and deep concern for his well-being helped to guide him in the right paths.

When we are born into the kingdom of God, we are not much to look at as a Christian. We are uninformed in spiritual things, and we are so weak and helpless. Yet the Lord sees what we can become, so He gives to us His Holy Spirit to help us along the way.

The Spirit shows us in the very beginning that there is a direct ratio between obedience to God and blessings from God. Through the Word He leads us step by step to understand that there is a spiritual blockage within our heart that must be removed if we are to receive His fullness into our lives.

He helps us in our consecration and brings cleansing and the fullness of himself when consecration is complete. As we go along life's way, we have problems within and without to solve and many things to overcome. The Spirit is so gracious and helpful as He guides us.

He makes His Word come alive and worship meaningful as we feed our souls day by day. He makes us sensitive to the spiritual needs of others and points out the opportunities to witness and lead others to Christ. He creates the desire to share Him with others.

The Spirit helps our infirmities. When we struggle with our fears, complexes, guilts, scared feelings—and even if we sin—He is ever so gentle to counsel us, forgive us, and point us to the way of help and restoration.



The

Spirit

Helps Us

helps to holy living

He never criticizes nor accuses but always encourages us to continue onward. He reasons with us by our conscience and divine impressions. He is ever faithful to us all along the journey.

When we have misunderstandings with others—in the home, on the job, or in any other relationship in life—the Spirit is there to help us to heal the breach and bring about reconciliation. He helps us to maintain a full supply of divine love which provides forgiveness, compassion, kindness, and understanding toward others. He points out to us where we are wrong and gives us compassion and understanding toward others when they are wrong.

In life's bright hours, when everything is so right, He leads us to others who are not so fortunate and uses us to lift them up and encourage them.

In life's dark hours, when everything comes apart and there seems to be no way to continue on, when we even are losing the desire to try, He is there with His strength, comfort, power, and concern to lift us up, to bring strength inside, and to assure us that things will be better in the future. It is then we can hide ourselves with Christ in God away from everyone and everything and commune with Him in a way we have never known before.

The Holy Spirit is God's greatest Gift to His children. He makes His Word come alive in our hearts and minds. He inspires fellowship with confidence in, and concern for, others. He is our Counselor, Guide, and dearest Friend along life's way.

Step by step He leads us ever onward and upward until someday we shall reach that city whose builder and maker is God. Then, as we look back across the way of life, we will see clearly that everything which happened to us was made to work together for our good and His glory.

The Spirit is our most faithful Companion and strongest Ally. He fulfills the promises of Jesus, "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee . . . I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." □

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Destructive Desires

THERE ARE VALUES every man has a right to earnestly desire. For instance, one may properly pursue his own personal welfare, both in the physical and in the spiritual sense. Indeed, the impulse of desire generates righteous action on each level of life.

As God created man in His own image, He also related human responsibility to the control of "natural" desires. Hence, covetousness is manifested primarily as an inclination of the mind craving to attain fulfillment. But unchecked passion will soon spur one into lawless action.

The tenth commandment calls mankind to account on this score. It indicates the necessary base for fellowship with others. God specified: "You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife or his male servant or his female servant or his ox or his donkey or anything that belongs to your neighbor" (Exodus 20:17, NASB).

Contrary to some of the commandments, such as those regarding murder, adultery, stealing, and bearing false witness, the violation of this precept is not a punishable offense in civil law. "Thou shalt not covet" does not bring us into immediate conflict with human legal concepts.

However, breaking the commandment instigates the violation of both the laws of man and of God. Originally it forbade the coveting of things a neighbor possessed, because a person is entitled to private ownership. God in His wisdom knew an individual identity of possessions must be maintained to develop peaceful harmony in a neighborhood. Covetousness soon generates disaster, and the community becomes torn with strife and dissension.

Across the centuries, from Bible times till the present, there has been a great struggle between the "haves" and the "have nots." While it may seem natural for the "have nots" to desire that which other people have, God forbids coveting things to which we have no right.

However, the commandment is not a denial of one ever bettering himself. Rather, it explicitly rejects the wrong desire which causes one to take his neighbor's possessions and add them to his own. One has no right to his neighbor's possessions—they are dear to him; it is personal peril to covet them.

Portions of the commandment may seem outdated—the servant, the maid, and the ox are unusual present-day possessions. But these were the ones that eased the burden of labor from the householder. In modern language, the

command could say, "You shall not covet your neighbor's labor-saving devices."

Again, the Word was "You shall not covet . . . his donkey." This was the mode of transportation. Today we should regard it, "You shall not covet your neighbor's automobile, his travel trailer, or his boat, even if you have an older model or none at all."

The first part of the commandment still directly applies—"You shall not covet your neighbor's house, or his apartment, although it is more spacious than yours." "You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, though she is attractive to you."

Some may say, "It is just human nature to desire such things." Yet God's Word forbids us to desire that which belongs to our neighbor; we have no right to them. If we become covetous, the sinful nature assumes control, and we are robbed of our peace of mind.

Thus, when we desire our neighbor's possessions, we are likely to become discontented. This is also the appeal of modern advertising. It impels us to think if we only had this or that thing, we would find satisfaction. But to wrongfully obtain that which belongs to another does not bring happiness.

The materialistic and permissive society in which we live applies pressure on us from every side to break this commandment. Many face bankruptcy because their desires have carried them beyond their means to pay. Crimes and criminals are multiplied daily by covetousness. Homes are often wrecked because a husband or wife has a roving and lustful eye.

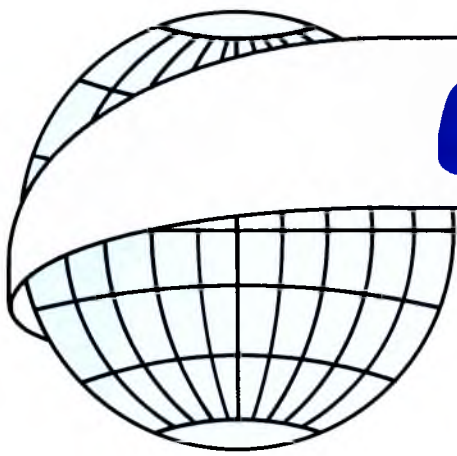
Thus, uncontrolled desire within the heart of man will prod him to use any means to take his neighbor's house, his wife, his labor-saving devices, or his car. He will lie, cheat, steal, commit adultery, or murder to snatch whatever he wants.

Destructive desire? Yes! It not only robs the rights and property of others, but it destroys the individual who covets. His relationship with God is broken. His standing in the community is jeopardized, for fellowship with his neighbor is gone. He is isolated by his selfishness.

It is far better to desire truth, honesty, justice, and purity, so we might have peace of mind and heart before God and man. They are priceless possessions money cannot buy. When we seek them, they become our own; a ruined life is redeemed. □

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ONWARD

Via Yesterday

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY SUNDAY, June 20, will be celebrated by 30,000 Nazarenes meeting in Dallas, Tex., and congregations meeting in 60 countries. The hearts and eyes of a worldwide church will recall Pilot Point, Tex., where in October, 1908, the union of the Pentecostal Church of the Nazarene and the Holiness Church of Christ gave birth to the Church of the Nazarene.

"Those things which are behind" (to use Paul's phrase) in almost 70 years of progress will thrill pastors and people meeting for the Quadrennial Assembly. Looking back is perilous if it leads to patronage or idolatry. But in this case

OUR HERITAGE INSPIRES A DOXOLOGY

Early days may provoke in retrospect a proud, but pitying, attitude. "They," our founding fathers, lived in "the bad old days." We know they possessed little of this world's goods, suffered much, invited persecution by their radiant testimony and radical terminology; and some almost equated separation with isolation. But they laid wonderful foundations in spite of, or perhaps because of, negatives and limitations. We admit and marvel.

Or we may idolize our fathers who begat us in God. There were giants in those "good old days" of revival and riots. We see their works but not their warts; and in this, "the century of the common man," bemoan our pigmy stature and sigh for bygone personalities—for *characters*, too. Facing our Jordans, we cry for translated Elijahs, instead of encouraging trembling Elishas to exercise the same power and spirit.

Between these extremes there is a sensible looking back that stimulates and safeguards the amazing progress the puritan pioneers would have rejoiced to see and share. Dallas '76 would be to them a millennium of miracle. "What hath God wrought" would be the doxology of Bresee, Chapman, and Williams, as it is ours.

THE FIRST AND VALID PRINCIPLES OF EARLY DAYS

can never be out-of-date, as they must never be out of mind. The wheels of cars, planes, trains, and coaches that speed Nazarenes to Dallas are marvels of mass production and precision engineering. But the principle and design involved is as old as the first cross section of a tree used by early man to ease his transport burdens.

Who would return to solid wheels, iron tires, and chariotlike "behemoths"? (Apology to Job.) Progress has perfected design and use. It has not banished or betrayed the first primitive wheel. The old-fashioned may be antique. It is never really antiquated.

Looking back to Pilot Point of yesterday should mean onward from the Dallas of today. Times, things, means, methods, people, and environment have changed. The megaphone has become radio and recorders. Magic lanterns have given way to slide projectors, to the marvellous film productions of the

THE SPIRIT OF GOD

*The Spirit of light,
To illumine the way;
The Spirit of love,
Bringing peace for each day;
The Spirit of cleansing
From carnal dismay;
All mine, in the Spirit of God.*

*The Spirit of wisdom,
Divine in its span;
The Spirit eternal
From creation's plan;
Compassionate Spirit,
With love for each man;
All mine, in the Spirit of God.*

*The power of the Spirit
By grace to possess;
The Spirit of truth,
Every problem to bless;
The days of the Spirit,
Too sweet to express;
All mine, in the Spirit of God.*

—PEARL BURNSIDE MCKINNEY
Phoenix, Ariz.

Department of Communications, and to the fascinating 3D presentations of Dallas. Nazarene publications, colleges, seminaries, missionary fields, Sunday schools, music, medical work, growth, and giving are phenomenal.

A church upon which the sun never sets is *the* tribute to the sure foundations laid by early generations of Nazarenes. Our debt is great to the leaders and lessons of yesteryear.

THE MESSAGE OF THE CHURCH WAS CLEAR

Amazingly, the Articles of Faith and basis of membership formulated in earliest days and perpetuated in succeeding *Manuals* have needed only minor, even miniscule revision. Reviewing the varied tributaries of experience that have joined the mainstream of church life and its onward flow into lands of the east and west, north and south, into contrasting cultures, the concise declarations of faith and doctrine command admiration and allegiance.

Salvation by faith was scripturally and passionately proclaimed. New birth meant a new life. Easy believism, permitting a confession of faith without experience and expression, was anathema. The witness of the Spirit was as prominent and definite as in the Methodist revival.

Despite objections and misconceptions entire sanctification by faith was fearlessly preached. Christians, whether saved from the depths of sin or tumbled from the heights of proud, self-sufficient morality, were urged to go on to the full life of holiness. A believer's repentance for indwelling sin, a dying out to self-will and worldliness, and a longing for heart cleansing preceded the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Christ was the Altar; body, soul, and spirit the sacrifice; and the Spirit the burning, cleansing Flame. Mount Calvary and Mount Zion were inseparably linked in full salvation grace.

Crisis was distinguished from progress; carnality, from humanity; God's working in, from a believer's working out; purity, from maturity; essentials, from incidentals; and perfection of grace, from perfection of glory.

Our founding fathers built well, lived well, taught well in their generation. Ours is different, for better and worse; but the temple of truth and the treasure of Nazarene experience are unchanged. Pilot Point and Dallas are—as the Declaration of Independence and the Bicentenary—poles apart; as the acorn to the oak. Yet as 1976 looks back to 1776, we, looking back to “the founding of a church under God,” move onward via yesterday. The message, the ministry, and the Master are the same yesterday, today, and forever. □

IN THE BOOKSTALL

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Barefoot Days of the Soul

Maxie Dunnam

Word Books, 1976, 133 pp., \$4.95

Maxie Dunnam, editor of the *Upper Room*, has given us a refreshing book in *Barefoot Days of the Soul*. In an easy-to-read fashion, Mr. Dunnam examines some basic themes of the Christian life in an overall theme of freedom. His interpretations, illustrations, and insights hold the reader's attention and take the mind and heart down some exciting avenues of thought. Here is a book for everyone—the young, the old; layman, preacher; new Christian, the seasoned soldier.

As I read this book, I began realizing that some great themes of the Bible and of our past experiences are taken for granted. They are not necessarily ignored, but they gather dust in our journey to other things. Maxie Dunnam would have us know that the journey to new things is not necessarily good if along the way the old—but important—are forsaken. But when the two are combined, then the soul experiences the freshness and exhilaration that he describes as barefoot days of the soul.

One of the strengths of the book, I feel, is the way Mr. Dunnam surveys the experiences of daily living and is able to turn the possibilities of God upon them and raise the banner of hope.

This book contains a tremendous chapter on whole-

ness. In this chapter, Dunnam has some pertinent thoughts on the work of the Holy Spirit. His thoughts give insight and inspiration. The theme of the book is freedom, and it is experienced best in the wholeness that is ours through the Holy Spirit. That's what this book is all about. □

The Divine Yes

E. Stanley Jones

Abingdon Press, \$5.95

This is the last book from the great heart and mind of the late E. Stanley Jones. Written in the midst of his struggle with a crippling stroke, it gives us a personal glimpse of what faith means in the midst of trying circumstances.

The strength of this book is its interpretation of Jesus—so practical, so positive, so personal. Jones has the ability to lift up Jesus in all that he contemplates.

This final book from a man known and respected around the world, is a clear call—and response to—the claims of Jesus for all of life.

There are some issues handled in this book that make the book worth its price.

This book will give you a rich reading adventure and allow you to feel, one last time, the heartbeat of a man who allowed Jesus to be Lord of all. □



PERFECT BUT NOT PERFECTED BUT BEING PERFECTED

“Isn’t she a perfect baby?” “No human being is perfect.”

These two statements, which all of us say and hear from time to time, are formally contradictory. If a philosopher wanted to be awkward, he could make life difficult for us because of them.

On the one hand he could point out the mountainous evidence of human faults and failings—though his efforts would be largely misplaced, for on that score most of us need no convincing. The point is somewhat cynically made by the “Morning Smile” in my seat-partner’s newspaper (at which I happen to have made an imperfect glance) as I sit writing in a plane at Montreal Airport: “The closest most of us come to perfection is when we’re filling out a job application.”

Having got that admission out of us easily, our philosopher would then move in for the kill. “Now,” he would say, “you must make your choice. Either the baby you have been adoring is human and not perfect; or she is perfect and not human. You can’t have it both ways. You must make your choice.”

Of course we see the point. We saw it coming. But it will make no difference to us. We shall still go on talking about perfect babies and admiring perfect sunsets, just as we shall go on buying chocolate bars in wrappers which guarantee that it should reach us in perfect condition and household appliances whose warranties give us the same assurance.

And the reason we shall not drop the word *perfect* is not because we are stubborn; it is because we believe deeply that there is a functional dimension to human life in which perfection is attainable.

In absolute terms only God is perfect. But that is not what we mean when we speak of a perfect baby, any more than that is what the chocolate manufacturer means by his guarantee. We mean that the baby is free of disease, free of blemishes, free of deformities: an active, functioning specimen of the species “baby”; just as the chocolate manufacturer

means, not that his chocolate, if examined microscopically, would be a perfect rectangle (or whatever shape it was intended to be), but that it will function perfectly as chocolate should: be free from impurities injurious to health, and taste good.

So, not out of any attempt to “out-awkward” our philosopher, but out of the conviction that we are talking about something in the real world, we shall stick to our contradiction.

Now it is interesting that one finds this same contradiction in the New Testament. Writing to the Philippians about his own spiritual life, Paul expresses it quite startlingly, contradicting himself almost within the same breath. “Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect,” he writes in chapter 3, verse 12. “Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded,” he concludes in verse 15.

It makes little difference to substitute “mature” for “perfect” in verse 15, as some translations do; for maturity itself denotes a state of fruition, fulfillment, or completeness, and the essential contradiction remains. Yet, as we ourselves do, so also Paul stuck to his contradiction.

What did he mean?

He seems to have had three kinds of perfection in mind. First, he speaks of the perfection that is to come. This is the perfection of the resurrected state, and Paul expressly disclaims to have reached it: “I have not yet attained the resurrection of the dead,” he says, “nor am I yet made perfect” (see vv. 11-12).

The goal of God’s saving activity is the full redemption of the whole man, body and spirit. These constituent elements of man have been thrown out of harmony by sin, and bodily decay and imperfect understanding have resulted as the two, which ought to function in agreement, have fought against each other for mastery. But in the resurrection, God’s perfect design for man will be restored. There will be

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a "resurrection body" (1 Corinthians 15:40), a "spiritual body" (1 Corinthians 15:44), which means, not a body made of spirit, but a body which is wholly responsive to spirit.

Now it may have been that in Paul's time some were claiming to have arrived at that state (see 2 Timothy 2:18); and it may have been such a claim to resurrection perfection that prompted Paul to deny its present attainability. No perfection of understanding or performance is possible before the return of Christ and the resurrection of the dead.

At the same time Paul proceeds to speak of the perfection that has already come (v. 15). He does not define it for us here, though he implies certain things about it. He implies, for example, that such a thing as a present perfection is possible in the Christian life ("as many as be perfect"—v. 15a).

He implies further that not all Christians have attained it, though some have, including himself ("Let us . . . as many as be perfect, be thus minded"—v. 15a); and he regards it as a level open to all ("if in any thing ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you"—v. 15c).

With regard to what he means by it, all he tells us in Philippians 3 is that it is characterized by strong and persistent spiritual aspiration (vv. 11-15). However, from references in his other Epistles, we know that he regarded present perfection as full devotion to the will of God (Colossians 4:12) and the blamelessness of heart which makes man spiritually fit for the presence of God (Colossians 1:22, cf. v. 29); and it is probable that this is what he means here.

If so, then he would appear to be speaking of a spiritual perfection similar in kind to the functional perfection of which we speak in common parlance. It is not possible for the Christian to be perfect in judgment and performance here and now, but it is possible to have a perfect heart, wholly devoted to the will of God.

As R. P. Martin puts it: "Final perfection cannot be expected in this life and there will always be room for progress while the Church is God's pilgrim people . . . But there is a relative perfection appropriate to our state as redeemed and sanctified believers, which Paul himself knew and expected of his converts."

Finally, Paul speaks of the perfection which is in process of coming. While in these verses he mentions the perfection that is still to come and the perfection that has already come, yet the emphasis does not lie on either of these.

Rather it is placed on Paul's striving toward the perfection that is yet to be. "I count not myself to have apprehended . . . forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark . . . Let . . . as many as be perfect, be thus minded."

The perfection attainable in the present is a living and growing thing and retains its perfection only so long as it grows.

What does that mean in practice? Paul tells us what it meant for him (vv. 8-11). It means following after Christ so as to know Him better, not in the sense of accumulating information about Him, but in the sense of becoming an outlet for His life.

In Paul's life the resurrection power of Jesus will be increasingly manifested; in Paul's life the sufferings of Jesus will overflow as he bears in his own flesh the suffering Jesus would feel were He in the world today (see Colossians 1:24). In this way he will become fully conformed to the death of Jesus—the kind of death which is the prelude to resurrection.

There is thus a triple emphasis in Paul's teaching about perfection. Already perfect in heart, we await the full perfection of the resurrected state. But our waiting is not passive or inert. Rather is it an active striving towards the full perfection which we eagerly await: "Perfect, but Not Perfected, but Being Perfected." □

PEN POINTS

"I WANT TO BE JUST LIKE YOU, DAD"

Michael, age five, sat across the supper table from his father, a dentist and also an exemplary Christian. For some unknown reason Michael kept staring at his father, making the dentist quite uncomfortable. The silent scrutiny caused Dr. Christie to wipe his chin, then his mouth, then his nose, hoping to remove the object which brought about this puerile research.

Finally Michael spoke. "Daddy, when you outgrow that shirt, can I have it?"

"Certainly, Michael," responded the father, somewhat relieved that the silent investigation was ended.

Then came more quiet study and another admiring compliment. "Dad, I sure like your glasses. I hope I can have glasses just like yours when I get big."

"Michael, I'm glad you have good eyes, and I hope you won't have to wear glasses when you get my age," responded the father.

Then Michael sat up straight, smiled, cocked his head to the side, and shared the most magnificent treasure of all. "Dad, when I grow up, I want to be JUST LIKE YOU."

One microscopic question was answered, but it gave birth to a dozen elephantine more. With an investigator like this within my castle, how am I living as a Christian before my children? Am I spiritually mature? Do I display moral and spiritual strength? Am I really working in the areas of being emotionally stable and dispositionally pleasant?

What kind of parent am I? What moods do I reflect? What do we permit into our home by means of television programs, magazines, and books? What attitudes do members of my family see in our home that exert positive or negative influences?

These are questions which every parent needs to ask. The injunction given to young Timothy is appropriate for every father: "Be thou an EXAMPLE OF THE BELIEVERS, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity" (1 Timothy 4:12). □

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THE NAMES on the doorbells give a clue: the Merritt Nielsons and Gary Moores are *not* Dutchmen, but there they are residents of a large apartment complex in suburban Hoogvlift on the edge of Rotterdam.

Too, the identical Fiats parked out front give other clues: a *Worship in Song* hymnal in a back window and a Bugs Bunny comic book on the front seat of the other.

The final giveaway that the tenants in Apartments 49 and 55 are not Dutchmen is the observation made by a neighbor about the Nielsons' and Moores' habit of pulling the window shades at night: "It isn't very Dutch!"

These two "not-so-Dutch" American couples are the two support teams sent by the Department of Home Missions to work with Pastor Cor Holleman in these beginning days of the Rotterdam Church of the Nazarene.

It will be one year in September since Gary, LaVonna, and Todd Moore joined just-married Merritt and Linda Nielson in this two-year mission that has taken them to the great seaport city of Rotterdam.

Their assignment is to give support and training in the area of music, youth work, and public relations. The general church has provided each couple with an apartment, a car, and salary.

The Nielsons and Moores, besides developing a ministry with the young, organizing a music program, giving piano lessons, and compiling a Nazarene Dutch hymnal, have been expected to complete 30 hours of a basic course in conversational Dutch.

Cor and Miep Holleman, with their children Antonie, Nellamarie, and Joost, have relocated their first Nazarene work in the Netherlands. Their task was to refurbish a large, red brick Dutch Reformed church building for the Nazarene mode of worship, to begin a full schedule of services, and to start an outreach ministry.

The construction work began at once. The arriving support teams no sooner moved into the apartments than they pitched in to the sanctuary remodeling: a glass wall was installed to provide a large, cheerful meeting room in back of the auditorium. The traditional high chancel platform was lowered to accommodate a pulpit closer to the congregation, and a bell tower room was revamped into an attractive youth center.

An initial outreach ministry consisted of a door-to-door canvass in the block of apartments across from the church. Individuals and full families responded to well-designed brochures. The long-silent pipe organ was made ready and, through the efforts of Linda Nielson, became a feature of morning worship.

Sunday school classes, midweek services, youth nights, choir practices, trombone-trumpet duets and piano solos by the Holleman children, Sunday morning coffee after the service, new people in every service, seekers at the altar, and much more are the components that are making the old Peniel Reformed Church building truly a Church of the Nazarene.

The Rotterdam Team has strong feelings about its assignments. In a recent interview the questions and answers went like this:

Miller: How's your Dutch, Merritt?

Merritt: My verbs are pretty limited, but I feel comfortable enough when I'm out shopping or something like that.

Linda: I don't have a lot of opportunity to use any of the Dutch I know. When someone finds out I speak English, then they want to practice *their* English on me.

Miller: How about you, Gary and LaVonna?

LaVonna: Gary is much better than I am.



(1) Gary and Lavonna Moore, and Michael age six. (2) Dutch lessons demanded 30 team members' time. (3) the glass-walled ship-classroom is a beautiful background Rotterdam congregation. (4) The Holleman family: Miep, Pastor Cor, Joost, Nellamarie.



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ie. (5) The Nielsons working over the Holle-
brothers' brass duet. (6) Merritt and Gary
Mr. Jan van der Slius, who with his family
discovered the Church of the Nazarene and its
page of full salvation.

Gary: If that's true, it's only because I've got motivation—I want to see some of these young people saved. If I'm going to be an instrument that God can use, I'm going to have to master the language.

Miller: Here's a question for any of you: What do you think should be your number one priority?

Merritt: Let me express myself about that. If we are going to see the Church of the Nazarene established in the Netherlands, we have to make what we are doing distinctive. We can't conduct warmed-over Dutch Reformed Services. From my point of view, we must have distinctive Nazarene music. We cannot limit our music choices to the old hymns in the traditional Dutch hymnal. Our music needs to identify us as a distinctive denomination.

Linda: Merritt is just starting to work on collecting as much translated gospel music as he can find.

Miller: Cor, allow me to pull you into this conversation. How do you see your relationship to the support team?

Pastor Cor: First and foremost, they are not my assistants. Merritt and Gary and their wives are offering talents that complement mine. We are not in competition. There is so much to do, we must all pitch in and give the project all of our God-given strength.

Miller: Are you reaching your community, Cor?

Pastor Cor: Almost every service sees visitors in our service from the flats [apartments] in this neighborhood.

Miller: How do you follow up on them?

Pastor Cor: The Dutch people are not impressed by what they might consider "pushy" or super sales techniques. We do best by friendly, genuine interest. We seldom go immediately to their homes. We want them to realize that we aren't merely trying to build up another church; we are genuinely interested in them, but not pushy.

Miller: Is it paying off?

Pastor Cor: As I said, we have visitors regularly and most return.

Miller: What about your youth ministry, Gary; what's going on?

Gary: Well, we have a beautiful, carpeted youth center upstairs in the tower. We are working on the best way to use it. The church that was in this building previously allowed their young people to carry on any way they wished. Naturally we don't want this; but if we indiscriminately open our doors, we'll have the same problems they had.

Miller: What do Dutch young people think of the church?

Gary: The word *church* turns them off. All they have known is a church that is dead. But they are receptive to the gospel message.

Miller: So what's your plan?

Gary: I'm going to build up our core group. They must become strong disciples. They will make better soul winners than I'll ever be. This language situation . . . As I said, thinking of winning teens to the Lord drives me back to language study.

Miller: Wives, what do you most miss besides family?

Both: Convenience foods!

LaVonna: Like Bisquick! Seriously, though, we miss seeing young adults and couples in church. No church has them.

Linda: Merritt and I have talked about what we miss . . .

Merritt: All four of us miss the worship encounter—the authority of hearing and understanding the Word of God as it is preached.

The Rotterdam Support Team is not yet halfway through the assignment. There are other areas of the world, including North America, that would benefit from such a team. Be prayerful in your concern, generous and faithful in your General Budget giving. This is but a part of what God and the Church of the Nazarene has for our world.

editorially SPEAKING

By JOHN A. KNIGHT

Dr. Edward Lawlor and "The Covenant Supreme"

When the final gavel falls and the words "*sine die*" are spoken at the close of the Nineteenth General Assembly of the church in Dallas, Dr. Edward Lawlor will be officially retired from the general superintendency.

Though his administrative responsibilities will be laid aside, the fire in his bones that has compelled him to do the work of an evangelist will continue to burn.

My first introduction to Dr. Lawlor was the reading of his book *The Covenant Supreme*, printed in 1952. It was written upon the assignment of the Commission on the Mid-Century Crusade for Souls and stressed the importance of personal soul winning.

As a young pastor I read the book with appreciation and marked carefully passages which spoke to me personally. Here are excerpts from Dr. Lawlor's pen marked with ink in my copy:

THE BIBLE IS A BOOK OF COVENANTS. . . . But, of all the covenants mentioned in the Scriptures, the one that has the promise of Christ regarding the coming of the Holy Spirit stands supreme. 'But ye shall receive power, . . . and ye shall be witnesses . . .'

"The Covenant Supreme is Christ's contract to give us the power to witness.

"The Covenant Supreme is what led the founders of our church out under the stars. . . .

"The acceptance of our heritage, the Covenant Supreme, will bring honor to God and permanent results to our church. If we are not careful, we will pass on nothing more than the smoldering embers of the Covenant Supreme. We must not rest content until our hearts are literally on fire with the power of Pentecost.

"We are in debt to all men—not because they have given us something for which we have to pay, but because God has given us something that is for them. And if, in this second half of the twentieth century, we who have received the heritage of this glorious covenant do nothing more than sing our songs and fulfill our churchly tasks, we miss the great purpose of the covenant. . . ."

SHORTLY AFTER BEING CHALLENGED BY HIS WORDS, I met Dr. Lawlor at the assembly and camp where I was ordained and he was the evangelist. His messages and spirit moved me as his book had done. All who have come under his ministry across the years have been similarly stirred.

Dr. Lawlor was born in Yorkshire, England, and came to Canada as a youth with his parents. It is appropriate that we honor him in this issue of the *Herald* which points to the Canadian branch of the church.

He was converted through the witness of a Salvation Army member. From that living encounter with Christ, his steps have been divinely directed.

He was chosen for the highest elective office in the church at the Seventeenth Quadrennial General Assembly, held in Kansas City in 1968, after eight years of service as executive secretary of evangelism.

Prior to that, from 1946 until 1960, he was superintendent of the Canada West District in the denomination. For seven years Dr. Lawlor pastored Calgary First Church where his evangelistic ministry drew large audiences.

In 1949, Canadian Nazarene College conferred upon him an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree.

Dr. Lawlor recalls in his book the first little home mission church on the prairies of western Canada to which he went from college. At the beginning of the cold winter, a friend was describing to him the necessity of properly taking care of the fire in the heater that was to keep the small parsonage warm.

His friend said: "It is always the nature of a fire like this to go out. Keep it stirred, keep it fed, and keep the ashes removed, and you will have enough heat even on the coldest day."

Then Dr. Lawlor adds, "So it is with this fire of divine love that burns within the hearts of those who have participated in the Covenant Supreme. The fire must be stirred, . . . cultivated, . . . fed. We must guard it with diligence and make sure that the fire of love for lost humanity does not go out."

This could well be his finest message for the church.

Dr. Lawlor, Nazarenes around the world are grateful for your significant contributions to the church. For you and Mrs. Lawlor we pray for many more years of joy and service.

We will strive to follow both your words and your example; to keep the fire burning and the "Covenant Supreme." □

The truth of the Holy Spirit is the most neglected article of the creed. It is the undiscovered country of Christianity, the dark continent of the Christian life, the land where our spiritual resources lie undeveloped.

The Neglected Article

The late Dr. E. Stanley Jones, longtime Methodist missionary, once observed, "The truth of the Holy Spirit is the most neglected article of the creed. It is the undiscovered country of Christianity, the dark continent of the Christian life, the land where our spiritual resources lie undeveloped."

One can be grateful for the emphasis on the person and work of the Holy Spirit during the past two decades. But even amid this renewed interest it is possible for believers to remain strangers to the promised fullness of the Spirit in their lives.

June 6 is Pentecost Sunday, also called Whitsunday. Advent, Good Friday, Easter—their significance is well known both inside and outside the Church.

But what of Pentecost?

AMONG THE HEBREWS, PENTECOST WAS ONE OF SEVERAL annual feasts. It celebrated the ingathering of the grain harvest and the giving of the Law on tables of stone seven weeks after Passover.

For the Christian, Pentecost is observed on the seventh Sunday after Easter, commemorating the bestowal of the Holy Spirit upon the Church in Jerusalem.

One may observe the day without knowing the Spirit's work. Many are quite willing, as Donald Joy has said, to tip "the hat as an act of courtesy to the church calendar. Once a year . . . listen to a sermon on the Holy Spirit, read a responsive selection from Acts 2, sing 'Holy Ghost, with Light Divine,' [and] recite the creed, 'I believe in the Holy Ghost.'"

But obedience is better than observance.

AFTER HIS RESURRECTION Jesus commanded His disciples to stay in Jerusalem "until you have been clothed with power from on high. . . . I am going to send you what the Father has promised. . . . You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you: and you will be my witnesses . . ." (Luke 24:49; Acts 1:8, NIV).

Ten days of prayer and soul-preparation ended in the fulfillment of the promise for the approximately 120 obedient followers of Jesus. The Holy Spirit was given on the Day of Pentecost, establishing and empowering Christ's Church.

In Old Testament days the Spirit of the Lord came upon selected individuals, such as the judges and writing prophets, equipping them for a special assignment or task. Yet the Spirit did not make them righteous or holy. Neither did He come to them as perma-

nent Indweller. This is why John said, "The Holy Ghost [that is, as the Sanctifier of men] was not yet given" (John 7:39).

BUT PENTECOST USHERED IN THE day of the Spirit. No longer is the Spirit the occasional bestowal upon a few choice souls; He now is the permanent Gift of the Father to the Church. No longer is the Law to be written solely on tablets of stone; now it is to be inscribed on the fleshly tables of men's hearts.

The abiding aspects of Pentecost—that promise which is "for you and your children and for all who are far off" (Acts 2:39, NIV)—are clearly delineated by the New Testament writers, some of whom were present on that first Christian Pentecost.

Peter, writing some years after the fact, compared his experience in the house of Cornelius (Acts 10) to that of the disciples in the Upper Room (Acts 2): "God, who knows the heart, showed that he accepted them by giving the Holy Spirit to them, just as he did to us. He made no distinction between us and them, for he *purified* their hearts by faith" (Acts 15:8-9, NIV).

John identified the abiding element of Pentecost as a *personal knowledge* that one is a child of God. He even gave the means by which one knows: "because we love the brethren" and "we keep his commandments" (1 John 3:14; 2:3).

Paul, who laid the foundation of the Church in the Gentile world, spoke of the *indwelling and witness of the Spirit*. "Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us, set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come" (2 Corinthians 1:21-22, NIV).

Heart purity, perfect love, the personal witness of the Spirit—these are the enduring evidences of the Holy Spirit in one's life.

Wherever these are, wherever He is, there is power. The power of the Spirit-filled Christian is not so much power *to do*, but power *to be*—the divine enabling to live a life acceptable to God. It is the effectual inner working of the Holy Spirit, reinforcing the believer, like the apostle, to give "witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus" (Acts 4:33).

The disciples at Pentecost were yielded, cleansed, and possessed—surrendered, sanctified, strengthened. Until these conditions and characteristics distinguish those who make up the body of Christ, the truth of the Holy Spirit will remain, in the profoundest sense, "the most neglected article of the creed." □



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A Christian Woman's World

GOD'S PLAN: SEX IN MARRIAGE

Statistics at a conference on teen-age sexuality indicated that there were 1 million teen-age pregnancies in America last year with 400,000 ending in abortion.

In an article in a recent issue of the *Journal of the American Medical Association*, Dr. Robert J. Collins of New York's Upstate Medical Center wrote about the "new" morality of sexual permissiveness and promiscuity. He said, "urged on by a loud minority, many young people have accepted a pattern of sexual activity that has **NO VALID SUPPORT.**"

This seems to support what God has been saying all along.

Dr. Collins believes that the basic flaw in the new morality is the assumption that male and female sexuality are the same. The simplicity of the male anatomy and its operation makes it possible for sex to be for him an activity apart from his whole being. However, "in women, the complex internal organization, correlated with her other hormonal systems, indicates a diffuse total role for her sexuality."

To a woman, sexual relationships are engulfed in romanticisms and are an expression of her total feelings for her partner. She loves only in depth and with commitment to the future. To be happy she must trust her partner. A good and fulfilling sexual adjustment for women is realized by an adequate period of adjustment based on nonphysical values.

The differences in the sexuality of men and women are painfully apparent to counselors like Dr. Collins in the follow-through period of the relation-

ship. The man's most urgent needs are met, but the woman becomes aware of what it means to be a "sex object," has all the worries related to the affair, and may be trapped in a relationship she cannot easily change.

"Although social workers talk about the plight of the out-of-wedlock father, this is a myth and will be until men become pregnant," declares Dr. Collins. "There are no men in the morning-after clinic."

Dr. Sol Gordon, director of the marriage and family counseling program at Syracuse University, told the conference on teen-age sexuality that young women must learn to recognize sexual exploitation and to realize that love is important in a sexual relationship. "We need to show young people that life is worthwhile," he said. "People who know that life is worthwhile are not available for exploitation."

Based on 10 years of listening to young women at a large eastern university, Dr. Collins has come to believe that the pill increases rather than relieves the problems of premarital sexual relations. Though it removes the fear of pregnancy, the harm lies in the bypass it creates as far as the progressive emotional maturity of the individual is concerned. The price is higher in the woman because her emotional and physical needs require longer to mature.

Dr. Mary Calderone says: "No one knows what effect sex, precociously experienced, will have on the immature mind. Sex experiences before confidentiality, empathy, and trust have been established can hinder and may destroy the possibility of a solid permanent relationship."

Sex just "for kicks" isn't real and resembles animal behavior because it ignores a basic characteristic of human beings—the need for love—the need to care and to be cared for. "Sexuality and its physical expression must be a part of the whole personality. To develop these is a major life goal and needs a climate of patience, understanding, and more important, time," writes Dr. Collins.

"The new morality is a fad—it ignores history, it denies the physical and mental composition of human beings, it is intolerant, exploitive, and is oriented toward intercourse, not love. The unity and community that couples seek cannot be accomplished at the pelvic level."

As Christians we have an even higher and more convincing reason to limit our sexual experience to marriage. William Barclay said, "While it is right to stress the dangers of the permissive society, the argument from danger is not in itself a good argument, because it seems to imply that if the danger could be removed, if there were no risk, then the objection would be removed too. It tends to imply that the objection is to the attendant dangers and not to the thing itself. But, if sexual intercourse before and outside of marriage is against the teaching of Jesus, then the thing is not only dangerous, it is wrong in itself."

What God has been saying all along. □



CANADIAN NAZARENES

These pages are dedicated to approximately 8,000 Canadian Nazarenes whose spirit and dedication to Christ are evident in efforts to reach their vast nation with the gospel.

Canadian Nazarenes currently serve through 132 churches. In the last assembly reporting period, 398 persons were brought into membership by profession of faith.

To God be the glory!

Photos

Above: Banff National Park in Alberta (H. Armstrong Roberts)

Left: Canadian National Tower (C. R. Film Production)

The Church of the Nazarene in Canada

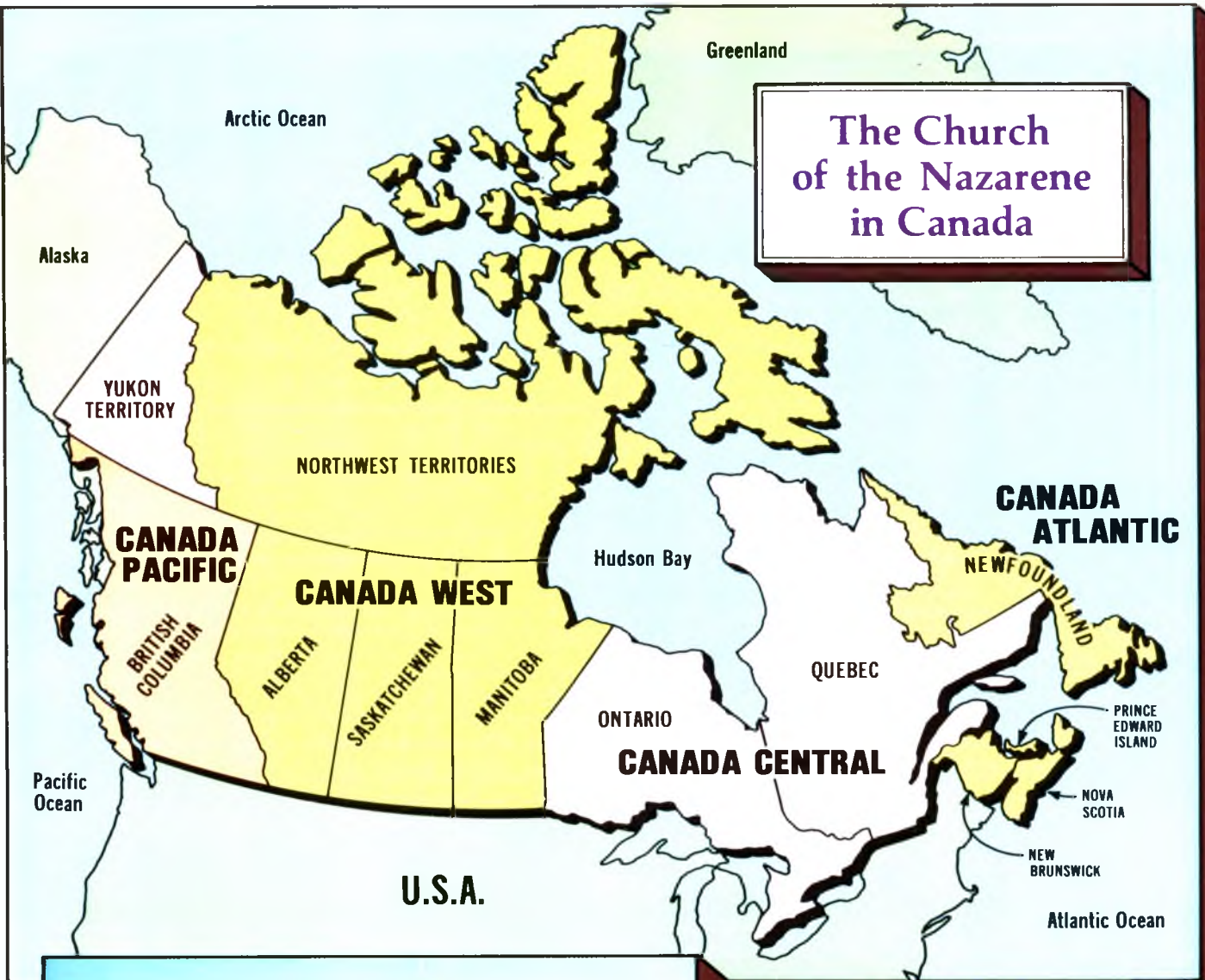


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Parliament

Overlooking the Ottawa River are the magnificent Parliament Buildings, known as the finest gothic structures on the North American continent. Since 1969, Canada has been officially bilingual, with English and French being the official languages of the state.

Canadian Nazarenes on the Move

The four districts of the Church of the Nazarene in Canada have signaled their faith by listing 26 Target Cities where new churches will be started in the next four years.

Playing a key role in accomplishing this goal will be Canadian Nazarene College, Winnipeg, Manitoba, which serves the entire Canadian Education Zone.



Canada Central

Evangelical witness to French Canada is like a jetliner, poised on the runway, ready to launch into the air. The 6 million-plus French-speaking Canadians are ready to respond to the gospel, and we believe it is the responsibility of the Church of the Nazarene to present it to them.

The missionary potential for witnessing at the 1976 Olympics in Montreal is being exploited by 40 evangelical groups under the "umbrella" of Aide Olympique.

With the theme "Montreal Mandate," the Church of the Nazarene is enlisting high school seniors and college students to participate in many forms of witness to the 3 million visitors expected in Montreal from July 17 to August 1.

If you should visit the Olympics this summer, make an opportunity to visit any of the three Churches of the Nazarene in Quebec: Montreal First (located in Dollard des Ormeaux), Huntingdon, and Franklin Centre.

—REV. NEIL HIGHTOWER
District Superintendent

Canada Atlantic

Canada Atlantic is a district on the move.

A new spirit of optimism has come to the people. There is a new urgency to reach out and do more for God by starting new churches in new places.

Older churches like Lutes Mountain in Moncton, N.B., and Oxford, N.S., have reached out through bus ministries and home Bible studies. New churches like Charlottetown, P.E.I., and St. John's, Nfld., have reached out through Caravans and junior work.

In the past assembly year outreach ministries have resulted in four new churches—West Saint John, N.B.; Fredericton, N.B.; Newcastle, N.B.; and New Minas, N.S.; and one is beginning in Corner Brook, Nfld.

The deplorable state of our world, so sin-sick and war-torn, calls for action and outreach. Ours is the task of giving the message of full salvation to this part of the world. We have many opportunities; we have much to do.

—REV. WILLIAM F. BAHAN
District Superintendent



Canada West



Canada West is one of the most economically progressive areas in the world. In this affluent age our citizens are preoccupied with materialism. The spiritual needs are great and the masses of people are searching. It is time for us to reach out with an emergency program of home missions.

Many hours have been spent in planning by laymen across the Canada West District working out short- and long-range plans for outreach. Our program is threefold: (1) start new churches; (2) strengthen the small and weak churches; and (3) secure land for future church locations.

The distances in this northern country are staggering. Separating Yellowknife in the Northwest Territories and the southern border of the district are over 1,000 miles. From east to west on the district are also 1,000 miles with the great expanse of prairies in between.

Larger churches are now helping smaller ones. There is a growing interest in Bible study and prayer groups. Our people are getting excited about starting new churches as we seek to fulfill our mission of holiness evangelism.

—REV. ALEXANDER ARDREY
District Superintendent



Canada Pacific

The Canada Pacific District is comprised of 17 churches and one mission. Four churches are located on Vancouver Island, five in Greater Vancouver, four in the Fraser Valley, one in the Okanagan Valley, and three in northern British Columbia. There is a distance of 750 miles to the churches in the north.

Through the missionary department an active missionary interest is demonstrated all across the district. Our youth have an annual convention plus various zone activities. Our church schools supply new contacts, especially in those churches which have a bus ministry.

Another method of outreach that has been effective here is that of summer camps. Beautiful British Columbia attracts many people to the out-of-doors. We now have summer camps for girls and boys, youth, and family in three different areas. These camps provide people with an opportunity to camp with a spiritual emphasis.

My personal prayer—and hundreds join me in it—is for a heaven-sent revival in which God will hear, forgive, and heal our land.

—REV. DANIEL J. DERKSEN
District Superintendent

NIELSON ELECTED DANFORTH SCHOLAR

Niel Nielson, son of Dr. and Mrs. Robert G. Nielson, pastor of Dallas First Church, has been elected a 1976 Danforth Scholar.



From a select group of 1,700 seniors of all the major colleges and universities of the country, the Danforth Foundation selected Niel as 1 of 61 college seniors in the nation who will receive tuition and living expenses for four years of graduate study.

According to a Danforth release, candidates are selected on the basis of solid academic achievement, evidence of intellectual range and flexibility, the ability to communicate effectively, and the desire to "find meaning in the questions with which religious expressions attempt to deal."

Nielson, a 4-point student, completed his studies at Wheaton College, Wheaton, Ill., in just over three years

and plans to pursue doctoral studies in philosophy.

Involved in local and district church work in his youth, Niel was chosen to represent the Dallas District at the International Youth Institute at Estes Park in 1970.

Active in music as a teen-ager, he won a number of first-place awards in piano competition. As the youngest winner of the Dallas Symphonic Festival, he performed as soloist with the Dallas Symphony Orchestra at the age of 12, playing the Mendelssohn Concerto in G. He won first place in the nation in the National Piano Guild

with the highest total score for 10 years of auditions.

While in college, Nielson held three assistantships, including directing a French studies course in France last summer.

For several years, Niel laid his plans for a career in law. But he began to feel that God was redirecting the course of his life. In his own words he explains, "I have found myself both intellectually and spiritually, and I can think of no better use of my life than to give it helping other young people also find their place in God's will." □



Chaplain L. A. Bevan reports that the Protestant Chapel Council at the Naval Air Station at Barbers Point, Hawaii, sponsored a series of Renewal Services March 17-21. Dr. W. Shelburne Brown was the speaker for these services. The average attendance was 191. Many individuals stated that they had received definite spiritual help. There was a desire to make this an annual event.



Mr. and Mrs. Harold E. Westlund of Phoenix recently celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary. They were married in Sioux City, Ia., where they lived for 25 years and have lived the past 25 years in Phoenix. They are active members of the Phoenix Biltmore Church. The Westlunds are the parents of two children: Rev. Harold J. of Joliet, Ill., and Alona Jordan of Phoenix. They also have six grandchildren.

OF PEOPLE AND PLACES

Ninety-five presentations of the gospel were given in Orlando during the three-day personal evangelism clinic sponsored by the (Central) Florida District. Thirty-five people professed Christ with 14 others giving assurance of their faith! Rev. James Morsch, district superintendent; Rev. Thomas Ream, coordinator; and 20 trainers worked with Dr. Don J. Gibson, executive secretary of the Department of Evangelism. □

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BENSON GIVES ANNIVERSARY LECTURES AT TNC



Rev. Robert Benson, Sr., of Nashville, author of *Laughter in the Walls* and *Come Share the Being*, was the featured speaker at the Benson Lecture Series at Trevecca Nazarene College, April 13-15.

Rev. Benson is widely known as a speaker and lecturer. In addition to his two latest books he has authored a compilation of poems, *Words to Live By*. Here he displays the talent of capturing the philosophical insights of mundane events.

Benson's humor and philosophical observances were delivered in matter-of-fact tone which communicated with the students. He is a TNC alumnus, and he delivered the lecture series this season in honor of Trevecca's seventy-fifth anniversary.

Robert Benson's father, John T. Benson, Jr., started the lecture series 29 years ago as an enrichment experience for TNC students. His grandfather, John T. Benson, Sr., who was founder of the John T. Benson Publishing Company which is now co-owned by Benson and his brother, John T. Benson III, was president of Trevecca in 1925-26. John T. Benson, Jr., founder of the lecture series and formerly president of the publishing company, another Nashvillian, is now retired. □



Randall Ridgley, 16, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ridgley, Flora, Ill., First Church, was honored January 25. He was presented the Eagle Scout award, which is the highest rank received in Boy Scouting. Randall was also one of five boys ever to earn the God and Country award in Clay County, Ill. He is an active junior in Flora High School, serving as one of the photographers for the school paper, as the manager of the wrestling team, and also as a good student. Pastor William Shotts says Randall Ridgley's greatest honor is to be known as a Christian.

ONC CHOIR SINGS IN ROTTERDAM CHURCH

The Olivet Nazarene College Choir sang at the Rotterdam and Haarlem Nazarene churches in Holland on Easter Sunday.

Netherlands District Superintendent Murray J. Pallett reports attendance at Rotterdam Sunday morning was 120, and at Haarlem there were 110 present—both figures include the choir. □



January 11 was declared Gladys Emmons Day by the young adults of the West Lafayette, Ind., church. To show their appreciation for her exemplary life and years of faithful service, the group presented Mrs. Emmons with the New Testament and Psalms on cassette tapes. Pictured are Mrs. Emmons (l.) receiving the gift from Barb Day, secretary of the project; and Sam Stockwell, group leader. William L. Selvidge is the pastor.

BNC LIBRARIAN NAMED OLA PRESIDENT

Mrs. Alfreda H. Hanna, technical services librarian and associate professor of library sciences at Bethany Nazarene College, has been named as the president of the Oklahoma Library Association for its 1976-77 term.

Mrs. Hanna has served in the field of library science since 1961, and has been associated with BNC since 1966. In addition to participating in library workshops and serving on various OLA committees, she was president of the Oklahoma Library Services Construction Act Advisory Council.

"The Oklahoma Library Association is the general library organization of Oklahoma with over 800 members representing 2,400 library trustees and librarians. The OLA promotes library service and leadership in the state by sponsoring legislative activities favorable to library development; updating library techniques through continuing education; and seeks the development of greater interest for reading among the Oklahoma public and children."

A graduate of Bethany Nazarene College, Mrs. Hanna received her M.A. in library science from the University of Oklahoma, and has additional postgraduate credits from O.U. and O.S.U. □



Oklahoma City Britton Church recently dedicated their new sanctuary, activity building, educational building, and office complex. General Superintendent Eugene L. Stowe gave the dedicatory message; District Superintendent Jerald R. Locke offered the prayer of dedication; and Rev. and Mrs. Jack Sutherland and daughter were in charge of special music. Pastor D. F. Hall served as general contractor with Mr. David Roberts, job superintendent. The total project consists of: 2,014 square feet for the office space and Sunday school facilities; and the new sanctuary of 6,840 square feet, with a balcony of 1,380 square feet, for a total seating capacity of 800. The church buildings and equipment have been appraised for a total of \$875,000, with a total debt of \$305,000.



Alief, Tex., church on the Houston District was dedicated February 29, with District Superintendent W. Raymond McClung bringing the dedicatory message. Pastor Carlos H. Sparks is shown above reading messages from well-wishers on the occasion. Also pictured (l. to r.) are Dr. W. Raymond McClung; Rev. Lewis Knack; Rev. Robert Britt. The church was constructed mainly by the membership at a cost of \$59,000 including land. The property is valued at approximately \$80,000.



Taking part in the special mortgage-burning ceremony at the Banning, Calif., church, March 7, were (l. to r.) Mrs. Esther Daniel, widow of the late Leroy Daniel, who was the first pastor of the church; Mrs. Ruby Davis, treasurer; Pastor Norm Moore; Don Scriven, head trustee; and Banning Mayor Robert Kohagen.



Midwest City, Okla., Bresee Church, on the Southeast Oklahoma District, completed a new sanctuary. Dr. George Coulter dedicated the building February 8, with District Superintendent Wendell Paris, Pastor Emmett Taylor, and advisory board member Rev. Harold C. Harcourt participating. Layman contractor N. C. Duncan built the building with an indebtedness of only \$50,000. The new sanctuary has brick exterior, and it seats 350.



Ardmore, Okla., First Church held a mortgage-burning service April 11. The property was purchased in 1964 and the building erected in 1969, at a cost of \$123,000, of which \$85,000 was financed at that time. The total property is now valued at \$250,000. Pictured (l. to r.) are: Pastor Daniel Wheelock; Ed Marler, Howard Ross, E. L. McArthur, Quincy Morrison, and Dr. Lloyd G. McArthur, trustees; and Iwannah Ross, treasurer.



The La Moure, N.D., church recently burned the mortgage on their church parsonage. District Superintendent Phil Riley was the special speaker. Pictured are: (l. to r.) Mr. Darrell Brademeyer, builder; Pastor Ken Heller; Mr. Robert Potts, Mr. Wayne Comfort, Mr. Norman Heyd, and Mr. Larry Crooks, all members of the Building Committee. The parsonage is valued at \$40,000 and was built for \$18,000. The mortgage was paid off in four and a half years.

MINISTERIAL RETIREES DINING IN DALLAS

The Department of Pensions is sponsoring a quadrennial recognition dinner for ministerial retirees. It will be held in Dallas, June 18. ALL retired ministers, spouses, and widows of ministers are invited to make reservations. This is the second public announcement.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ray Perkins celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary and Mr. Perkins' eighty-seventh birthday on January 1 at the Senior Citizens Center, Hewitt, Minn. Relatives and friends gathered to honor the couple. Mr. and Mrs. Perkins are members of the Hewitt, Minn., church. The Perkinses have 4 children: Clifton, Mayville, N.D.; Dr. Floyd, missionary for 25 years in Africa, now in Portland, Ore.; Eleanor (Mrs. Ray Waller), Nampa, Ida.; and Mary Evelyn (Mrs. Robert Zimmerman), Hewitt, Minn.; and 18 grandchildren.



Mr. and Mrs. Don H. Young recently celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. They are members of Bradenton, Fla., First Church. They were married December 12, 1925, in Ohio. They have a son, David E. Young of Winter Park, Fla. They also have four grandchildren and one great-grandchild. They were honored with a family dinner and gathering at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Carol Hutchison of Palmetto, Fla., where the Youngs live.



Mr. and Mrs. Ray B. Clapp celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary January 13, at a reception with 150 guests, in the Fireside Room of the Bakersfield, Calif., Olive Knolls Church. Ray and Ruby (Lindsey) Clapp were married at Novinger, Mo., January 13, 1926. They were converted in May, 1931, at the Church of the Nazarene in Ames, Ia. They have served God and the church as Sunday school superintendent, NWMS president, and as teachers in the Sunday school. Mr. and Mrs. Clapp have five daughters: Mrs. Cleo (Elva Rae) Elsberry, pastor's wife in Burlington, Colo.; Mrs. James (Dorothy) Proffit of Stockton, Calif.; Mrs. Fred (Alma) Headrick of Bakersfield; Mrs. Coral (Barbara) Collette of Arcadia, Calif.; and Ms. Ruth Peterson of Ontario, Calif. They have 16 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

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Mr. and Mrs. Raymond H. Clapp of Orlando, Fla., celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary, January 27. They were received into the Church of the Nazarene in 1914 by Pastor Alfred B. Carey. They were married in Syracuse, N.Y., First Church, January 27, 1916. They were members of Syracuse, N.Y., First Church for 50 years. They are now members of Orlando, Fla., Central Church. The Clapps have 3 children: Raymond, Jr., of Houston; Mary Ten Eyck and Ruth Chambers, of Orlando, Fla.; and 12 grandchildren—all in the church.



Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Fulmer of Kearney, Neb., were honored at a reception for their fiftieth wedding anniversary given by their children: Lamoine Fulmer, of Smith Center, Kans.; Phyllis Ronnberg, of Fort Collins, Colo.; Kenney Fulmer, of Kearney, Neb.; Wanda McKean, of Kearney, Neb.; Karen Smith, of Denver; and 13 grandchildren and 2 stepgrandchildren. The reception was held in the Kearney, Neb., church.

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Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Smith, Sr., Hamilton, Ohio, recently celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary. They were married February 4, 1926, in Nicholasville, Ky. In special services on February 8, Pastor David Benson, of the Oxford, Ohio, church, presented them a special Golden Anniversary Bible in recognition of their Christian service. The Smiths joined Hamilton, Ohio, First Church in its early days (1928). Now in their retirement years, the Smiths are part of the district's "Lending Laymen Program." As members of the Fairfield, Ohio, church, they are helping in the organizing of the home mission work in Oxford, Ohio. The Smiths have five children: Robert, of Brevard, N.C.; Ruth Prather, of Trenton, Ohio; Art, Jr., of Fairfield, Ohio; Joseph, of Dayton, Ky.; and Edward, of Springfield, Ohio.



Rev. and Mrs. Ernest Armstrong celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary February 8, at Clovis, N.M., First Church. District Superintendent Harold W. Morris read the golden anniversary wedding vows to the couple at the close of the morning service. They were joined at the altar by their children, grandchildren, and a sister of Mrs. Armstrong. The couple is pictured with their children: Kenneth, Vestal, and Ernestine Allen. Rev. Armstrong served as president of Canadian Nazarene College and pastored in Stillwater, Enid, and Tulsa, Okla.; and Albuquerque and Clovis, N.M.

PLC CHAIRMAN ELECTED PRESIDENT OF CALIFORNIA BOARD OF REGISTERED NURSING

Mrs. Laura Mae Douglass, chairman of the Division of Nursing at Point Loma College, has been elected president of the California Board of Registered Nursing under the Department of Consumer Affairs. Mrs. Douglass is serving a four-year term on the board by appointment of Governor Reagan in 1974.



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graduates from 20 baccalaureate programs, 5 diploma schools, and 60 associate degree programs.

Prior to coming to San Diego, Mrs. Douglass worked in nursing service at Santa Clara Valley Medical Center in San Jose, and for 16 years served as nurse educator and administrator at San Jose State University.

In 1971 Mrs. Douglass initiated the baccalaureate degree nursing program at Point Loma College (formerly Pasadena College). Under her guidance, the School of Nursing has become fully accredited by the State Board of Registered Nursing and the National League for Nursing. □



Melvin McCullough (*front row, third from l.*) recently represented the Church of the Nazarene at the meeting of the General Commission on Chaplains and Armed Forces Personnel as well as the Armed Forces Chaplains Board in Washington, D.C. He was elected a member of the Executive Committee of the General Commission on Chaplains. As executive secretary of the Department of Youth, he processes ecclesiastical endorsements and coordinates ministries to Nazarene military personnel. The above picture of ecclesiastical endorsing executives was taken in front of the U.S. Naval Academy chapel where the general sessions were held.

SLONECKER GIVES LECTURE AT TNC

Dr. William T. Slonecker, founder and funder of the Slonecker lecture series at Trevecca Nazarene College, delivered the series in person this year in honor of Trevecca's seventy-fifth anniversary. There were two lectures, April 4 and 5.



Slonecker started the lectureship "for the purpose of bringing distinguished business leaders, professionals, and teachers to TNC. These guests would present lectures and lead seminars in their vocational fields."

A 1953 Trevecca graduate, Slonecker received the M.D. degree from the University of Tennessee in 1958 and began practicing pediatric medicine in Nashville in 1961. He has taught various health education classes at TNC since 1962. He is a past

president of the TNC Alumni Association and serves on the President's Advisory Council.

Dr. Slonecker also serves as a teacher of a Sunday school class at Nashville First Church, where he is a member. He was instrumental in developing infant care guidelines for day-care centers in Tennessee and was a key organizer of an exemplar day-care center sponsored by his own local church congregation.

Christian Counseling Services, a social service and family counseling agency, is a result of Dr. Slonecker's efforts. The idea became reality in July, 1973, when the CCS received its child-care approval. Dr. Slonecker is the current president of the CCS board of directors.

He and his wife, the former Betty Jewell, live in West Nashville with their three children, Gregg, Lynn, and Chris. □



On March 8, pastors and associates of the Northwest Oklahoma District Church of the Nazarene gathered at the Oklahoma City Britton Church for a three-day seminar on soul winning. Serving as trainers were Dr. and Mrs. Don Gibson and Rev. Charles Crow of the Evangelism Department; Rev. Lyle Pointer, Mr. Bob Wallace, Mr. Bob Segard, Miss Leola Floren, and Mrs. Bethel Keeton from Bethany First Church; and Rev. Frank Kelley and Rev. Ralph Woods from Bethany Calvary Church. Local churches supplied contact persons for the calling sessions. Pictured are the trainees and leaders. First row (*l. to r.*) are: Dr. Don Gibson, executive secretary, Department of Evangelism; Mrs. Don Gibson; Dr. Jerald R. Locke, district superintendent; Rev. Glendle Rains; and Rev. D. F. Hail, host pastor and coordinator for the clinic.

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"The proof is in the doing"; so said Rev. Robert Sheppard, superintendent of the Alaska District. Eight out of 11 Alaskan pastors trained in an Evangelism Clinic last fall reported that they were making personal gospel presentations on a regular basis. The photo taken at the time of the clinic shows the clinic trainers at Portage Glacier outside of Anchorage. Pictured (*l. to r.*) are: (*back row*) Lyle Pointer, Don Gibson, Al Haines, Jim Blankenship, Robert Sheppard; (*front row*) Paula Pointer, Brett Eshelman, Chris Blankenship, and Eva Sheppard.



Dr. Gordon T. Olsen, of Eugene, Ore., member of the General Board of the Church of the Nazarene and a regent of Northwest Nazarene College, is shown (*r.*) being congratulated by President Kenneth H. Pearsall of NNC for his gift of \$100,000 to the college's endowment fund. This is the second \$100,000 gift from Olsen in the past four years. Olsen enrolled at NNC as a freshman in 1930 with \$25.00 in his pockets.

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NEWS OF CHURCHES

Bethany, Okla., Lake Overholser Church held dedication services for their new education-activity building on Sunday, January 4. Included in the program was Dr. Jerald R. Locke, district superintendent; Dr. Stephen Nease, president of Bethany Nazarene College; Rev. Jerry Johnson of the Ministerial Alliance; Mr. Paul Rice, Bethany city manager. Pastor John Calhoun brought the dedication message and his farewell message. The new facility is valued at \$147,500 with an indebtedness of \$110,000 at its completion. The structure adds 6,000 square feet to the church, which includes additional classrooms, a kitchen, and a gymnasium. □

"Saturday Nights in Lakeland" was successfully launched with a Patriotic Concert at the new Civic Center in Lakeland, Fla., with more than 2,000 people attending. Pastor Jackson D. Phillips of the South Florida Heights Church reports this was the first of a series of concerts presenting nationally known singers and speakers.

The concert, which featured the Bicentennial Cavalcade under the direction of Mr. Don Newman, was co-sponsored by the South Florida Heights Church and the Lakeland Zone. Nazarenes from across the Central Florida District attended the concert. □

Groundbreaking ceremonies were conducted February 22 for a new sanctuary of the Stuart, Okla., Friendship Church. The new building will include a pastor's study, church office, and additional classrooms. The seating capacity of the new sanctuary will be 250.

Participating were Rev. Wendell Paris, district superintendent of the Southwest Oklahoma District; Rev. Wayne Strong, former pastor; State Rep. Bill Robinson; Pastor Irwin Harris, and the Building Committee. □

OF PEOPLE AND PLACES

Rev. and Mrs. H. J. Eason were recently honored at a reception given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. O. Smith. The occasion was their sixtieth wedding anniversary. Sponsoring the reception were the Smiths; members of the Savannah, Ga., Central Church; and the couple's children. The Easons have two children, Mrs. Harvey (Wynell) Petersen of Spokane, Wash.; and H. J., Jr., of Augusta. Rev. Eason organized the Central Church in 1940 and served as its pastor for 18 years. Although retired, Rev. Eason is still active in interim and supply service. □



Chicago Hickory Hills Church was the scene of the first clinic on personal evangelism held on the Chicago Central District. District Superintendent Forrest Nash, clinic coordinator, and Rev. Donald Ault, Jr., arranged this event. One pastor in training said, "I wish that I could have had this training years ago. It is one of the finest practical tools I have had placed in my hands."



Tributes to Retiring General Superintendent Edward Lawlor

ZEAL WITH A PURPOSE

by DR. SAMUEL YOUNG
General Superintendent Emeritus

NEARLY 28 years ago I came close for the first time to the wholehearted ministry and district administration of Dr. Edward Lawlor. He was then superintendent of our Canada West District, and I was the "green" general superintendent from the east.

Dr. Lawlor and I toured that vast territory from one end to the other and did it for the most part on a one-day-stop schedule. We traveled by plane, train, and automobile, according to the district superintendent's best routing. Most of our trains were "midnight specials"—for the long haul.

From the very outset, I recognized that here was a superintendent who was well organized and enthused about his assignment. He reminded me a bit of my favorite eighteenth-century revivalist, John Wesley. Both were English by birth, and both were zealous for the work of God. I recalled also that someone had identified Wesley as "a man out of breath for God."

Dr. Lawlor faced every day with a fresh look and always with advance planning. I saw readily that he kept in touch with the total district, for he knew what mails and phones were for. Also, he

anticipated my personal needs as his guest speaker without any promptings on my part.

It was not difficult for me to discern the true source of his zeal. John Wesley had taught me earlier. "But it [zeal] is, properly, love. True Christian zeal is no other than the flame of love." This is true of Dr. Edward Lawlor as I have known him at some depth through all these years.

After he was elected as the second secretary to the Department of Evangelism, I presided at his last district assembly in Canada West. I had to "nudge"



*Rev. & Mrs. Edward Lawlor,
First Church Of The Nazarene,
Calgary, Alberta*

him a bit to get him to move to Kansas City, for I almost feared he might commute from Alberta, Canada! His service in this department for eight years is well known throughout our church, for he taught by example, too.

Then followed his eight years as general superintendent. Here again, the same thoroughness prevailed throughout this period. But he did not work for himself or his reputation. He was a true servant of God—first, last, and always.

The Kingdom demanded his time and strength. He followed his Master's life-style without murmuring. John records it: "I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work" (9:4).

For Dr. Lawlor this meant no time for trifles, and lukewarmness to him was identified as a disease from the devil himself. Even when Dr. Lawlor was secretary of the Board of General Superintendents, he

invariably dictated the minutes of the meeting each night before he retired. He said he slept better when his work for that day was done.

June 27, 1976, will mark a new day in Dr. Lawlor's day-by-day book, for the field of evangelism will open up to him without territorial limitations. Already he has a full slate for the near future. His dearest friends and those who know him best trust he will take some time off periodically and spend some of it on God's man and his dear wife, Margaret.

We love you as you are, "Dr. Ed," and we are sure you will always be a contagious Christian, a faithful preacher of God's Word, and an undaunted evangelist in our church. But stay with us a while longer; *we need you.*

Also, listen some to that "Scottish lass" who has brought songs to your heart and home through all these years of unstinting service. She has been a true helper in all of your undertakings. □

TRIBUTES BY COLLEAGUES

As Dr. Lawlor retires from the general superintendency, I have vivid memories of the years I have known and worked with him while he was secretary of the Department of Evangelism and later in the highest elective office of the church.

Our association has been one of delightful fellowship and, for me personally, one of enrichment of my spiritual life. The warmth of his personality is infectious. Discouragement and pessimism quickly evaporated in the glow of his faith and optimism.

His administrative responsibilities never shrouded his evangelistic fervor. He was first, last, and always a preacher of the gospel—an evangelist. With him evangelism wasn't a program to promote or a technique to learn. It was a response to our Lord's command, "Go . . . and preach the kingdom of God."

Dr. Lawlor isn't retiring to a life of inactivity. May it please God to spare him for many years of preaching the gospel, at which task he is so significantly gifted.

—M. A. (Bud) Lunn

Manager, Nazarene Publishing House

As the church seeks to recognize the life and leadership of General Superintendent Edward Lawlor, it needs no more appropriate classification than the word "evangelist."

Dr. Lawlor's clear, biblical, dynamic preaching is a trademark in holiness evangelism. To laymen and ministers alike he is "everyone's evangelist." His life and ministry remind us that "the evangelist" and public service evangelism must continue as an essential part of our growing, evangelistic church!

—C. William Ellwanger, Evangelist
President, General Board

As a pastor and church leader, Dr. Edward Lawlor has shown great interest in every phase of evangelism. He has sought to minister to all age-groups, from children to the senior citizen. He is a friend to the song evangelist. During his years of service, all kinds of singers and musicians have had the privilege of working with him. All have loved him and held him in high esteem. His immaculate appearance and dynamic qualities before a crowd are an inspiration.



Dr. Lawlor has that something extra as a person that challenges his co-workers to be at their best.

When Dr. Lawlor was elected general superintendent in 1968, evangelists—after the Wednesday night session of the General Assembly—invaded the Lawlor home to express their love and appreciation.

Dr. Lawlor has been the friend and champion of all who are called to do "the work of an evangelist."

—Jim and Rosemary Green
Song Evangelists



TRIBUTES BY THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENTS

For the past 16 years I have been closely associated with Dr. Edward Lawlor—as church member, fellow executive secretary, colleague on the Board of General Superintendents, and preacher. At all times and under every situation he has manifested the spirit of Christ. It has been a privilege to have been associated with him in this enriching fellowship.

In the midst of his varied and many administrative duties, he has maintained an evangelistic fervor and passion to win others to Jesus. His strong evangelistic preaching has always characterized his ministry, and coupled with this has been his persuasive ability to lead believers into holiness of heart and life.

He has made a significant contribution to the Church of the Nazarene. My prayer and wish is that he may be owned and used of God for many years to come.

—Orville W. Jenkins
General Superintendent

My personal acquaintance with Dr. Edward Lawlor dates from the year 1943, when I first heard him preach in a district NYPS convention. Across these more than 30 years my appreciation for him as a devout Christian, dedicated churchman, and outstanding evangelist has continued to grow.

His has always been the voice of a prophet, and my heart has never failed to be stirred by the clarion call to salvation and service which has characterized his ministry. With her inimitable Scotch brogue and spirited singing, Mrs. Lawlor has added a vibrant complement to her husband's preaching.

Dr. Lawlor has always demonstrated a genuine love for people. Mrs. Stowe and I have sincerely appreciated the personal interest which he has shown in our children and in those of many others. I shall especially treasure the memories of the two quadrennia which I have been privileged to share with him on the Board of General Superintendents. He is a living example of the Pauline ideal—"fervent in spirit; serving the Lord" (Romans 12:11).

—Eugene L. Stowe
General Superintendent

England and Canada gave to the Church of the Nazarene a splendid churchman in the person of Edward Lawlor. He directed efficiently the Department of Evangelism from 1960 to 1968. The church acted wisely in electing him general superintendent.

He brought strength and good judgment to the Board of General Superintendents. He has given his very utmost to his assignments. The church has been blessed and has profited through his leadership.

He has excelled as a pulpiteer, a preacher of the gospel. This excellence of ministry he carries with him in his continued service to the church.

Dr. Lawlor, we salute, honor, and respect you.
—V. H. Lewis
General Superintendent

Dr. Edward Lawlor will be remembered most in my judgment in the Church of the Nazarene throughout the world as one of our greatest biblical preachers. In his unique way his forceful evangelistic emphasis has moved thousands toward a new life in Christ. The clear doctrinal exposition of the Word of God has consistently held the church to its historic Wesleyan position, and his conservative, ethical emphasis has kept the light on our highest holiness ideals.

Nor has this great quality lessened his ability as an administrator. Both as an executive and as a general superintendent, Dr. Lawlor has provided an example of the high standard maintained in his ministry of the Word. His biblical preaching has enhanced and enriched his administrative ministry.

I shall always be glad that I had the privilege of being a colleague of Dr. Edward Lawlor.

—Charles H. Strickland
General Superintendent

In the providence of God the Lawlors and the Coulter have had a close and enduring friendship for many years. As members of Calgary First Church, members of my family had the privilege of enjoying the inspiring pastoral ministry of Dr. Edward Lawlor.

There has always been a quality of "intensity" in Dr. Lawlor. It has characterized his life-style, his preaching, his administration, and his personal relationships.

His fervent evangelistic ministry is the product of his intense love for Christ and lost souls. As an administrator his consuming passion has been to serve, to save, and to advance the cause of Christ and the church. In every capacity in which he has served, he has given the full measure of his strength and dedication.

Through these eight years as a general superintendent, he has made a significant contribution to the international church. His fervent spirit and example will continue to challenge the church he has served so faithfully to a constant and aggressive program of holiness evangelism.

—George Coulter
General Superintendent

DISTRICT ASSEMBLY INFORMATION

MAINE—June 1-3. South Portland (Me.) Church of the Nazarene, 525 Highland Ave., South Portland, Me. 04106. Host Pastor: George W. Whetstone. General Superintendent: Dr. Charles Strickland.

NORTHEAST OKLAHOMA—June 2-3. Central Church of the Nazarene, 3355 S. Jamestown, Tulsa, Okla. 74135. Host Pastor: Eugene Sanders. General Superintendent: Dr. Orville Jenkins.

CANADA WEST—June 3-4. University of Regina, Regina, Saskatchewan S4S 0A2, Canada. Host Pastor: J. Mark Caldwell. General Superintendent: Dr. George Coulter.

NEVADA-UTAH—June 3-4. Sparks First Church, 1315 Prater Way, Sparks, Nev. 89431. Host Pastor: Wilson Barber. General Superintendent: Dr. V. H. Lewis.

CANADA PACIFIC—June 4-5. Penticton church, 523 Jermyn Ave., Penticton, B.C., Canada. Host Pastor: Henry Houseman. General Superintendent: Dr. Eugene Stowe.

DISTRICT ASSEMBLY REPORTS

SACRAMENTO

The fourteenth annual assembly of the Sacramento District was held at Redding, Calif., First Church. District Superintendent Kenneth Vogt, completing the first year of an extended term, reported.

General Superintendent George Coulter ordained Harold Osborne, Robert Hargrave, and Willis Zumwalt, missionary to Taiwan, who was home on furlough.

(Elders) Gerald Manker and C. E. Riddle and (laymen) John A. Biggers and L. Milton Durby were elected to the advisory board.

Mrs. John A. Biggers was reelected NWMS president; Rev. James Jones was elected NYPS president; and Rev. Raymond Morrison was elected chairman of the church schools board. □

NAZARENE CAMP MEETINGS

June 25—July 4—**NORTHWESTERN ILLINOIS**. District Center, Manville, Ill. Special workers: Bob Hoots, Richard Strickland, Jim and Rose Green. Floyd Pounds, district superintendent.



The Oil City, Pa., church dedicated a new addition February 1, with District Superintendent Robert I. Goslaw officiating. The new addition has 7,800 square feet of floor space on two floors and a street-level foyer with double entranceway, accented by 300 square feet of bronzed glass. The new addition is highlighted with a Texas stone decorative front to match the opposite side of the church. Rev. Mayne Minich has been the pastor since August, 1970. He acted as general contractor. The new facility allows the sanctuary to accommodate a congregation of 500 and the church to hold 650 in Sunday school.

June 28—July 4—**ALABAMA**. Rolling Hills Camp. Special workers: Les Parrott, Paul Martin, Wally Laxsons. Reeford Chaney, district superintendent.

June 28—July 4—**LOUISIANA**. District Campgrounds, Pineville, La. Special workers: G. B. Williamson, Paul Martin, Wally and Ginger Laxson. Ralph E. West, district superintendent.

June 28—July 4—**SOUTH CAROLINA**. Camp Batesburg, S.C. Special workers: John A. Knight, Elmer Schmelzenbach, and the Barry Duttons. Otto Stucki, district superintendent.

MOVING MINISTERS

MYRON ALLISON from Muncy (Pa.) Twin Hills to Stow, Ohio

BUDDY BAKER from Fort Smith (Ark.) Southside to Meridian (Miss.) Central

RONALD BENNETT to South Carroll, Md.

E. W. BROWN from Brownfield, Tex., to Uvalde, Tex.

JOEY BRUMMETT to Eaton, Ohio

HAROLD BUGHMAN to evangelism

PAUL L. DANNER from Frankclay, Mo., to Thaxton (Miss.) Union

W. C. DISHON from South Africa to Kansas City Central

J. D. DOROUGH from Wichita Falls (Tex.) First to Lamesa, Tex.

BILLY G. DUNCAN from Abernathy, Tex., to Borger (Tex.) First

BILLY L. FELAND to Houston, Miss.

WILLARD GESELLE to Gladwin, Mich.

JAMES O. GORDON from Coquille, Ore., to Salem (Ore.) South

ZANE HOLLAND from Marshall, Mo., to Craig, Mo.

PHILLIP C. JONES from Sunflower, Miss., to Hattiesburg, Miss.

HAROLD LAKE, JR., from Terre Haute (Ind.) Southside to Salem, Ind.

SPURGEON LYNN from Temple (Tex.) Trinity to Temple (Tex.) Grace

LLOYD McCLARG to Dayton (Ohio) Pleasant Valley

WILLIAM E. McCUMBER to Quincy (Mass.) Wollaston

ERNEST F. MACHIA from Nazarene Bible College, Colorado Springs, to Waterford, Pa.

KERRY MILLS from Nazarene Theological Seminary, Kansas City, to Gardner, Kans.

WALTER MIRACLE from Orlando (Fla.) Lancaster to Pensacola (Fla.) Ensley

DON MOORE from Silverton, Ore., to Lincoln City (Ore.) Oceanlake

FRANK MOORE to Sardinia, Ohio

ROBERT C. SIMMONS from Decatur (Ill.) Faries Parkway to Sacramento (Calif.) First

WILLARD SIMPSON from Mobile (Ala.) Riverside to Beeville, Tex.

DANIEL SMITH to Pixley, Calif.

WARREN SMITH to associate, Rossville, Ill.

LARRY W. SPRAKER from Columbia (S.C.) Grace to Lawrenceville (Ga.) First

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lima, Ohio, First Church of the Nazarene, Elm and West Streets, will celebrate its fiftieth golden anniversary on August 14-15. The first service will begin at 7 p.m. on Saturday, August 14. All former pastors, members, and friends are invited to attend. Rev. M. E. Clay, former pastor, and presently superintendent of the West Virginia District, will be the principal speaker. The Mowerys will give a gospel concert from 7 to 7:30 p.m. on Saturday. □

Alma, Ark., Maple Shade Church will celebrate their sixty-fifth anniversary on Sunday, August 8. All former pastors and members are invited to attend. □

The Chicago Oak Lawn Church of the Nazarene (formerly Argo), 6343 W. 90th Pl., Oak Lawn, Ill., will celebrate their fiftieth anniversary, Labor Day Weekend, September 3, 4, and 5, with a Homecoming Celebration on Sunday. Dr. G. B. Williamson, general superintendent emeritus, will be the speaker for the homecoming services. □

RECOMMENDATIONS

I recommend **REV. AND MRS. DARRELL DENNIS** who are reentering the field of evangelism. They have pastored for the past four years at Danville, Ind. They carry the full program in preaching and singing.—*Rev. Ross Lee, district superintendent, Indianapolis District.*

VITAL STATISTICS

DEATHS

MRS. OLLIE ALFORD, 89, died March 17 at Spokane, Wash. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Craker. She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Stella Noggles.

MRS. HILDA BOWMAN, 68, died April 9 at Streator, Ill. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Paul Snellenberger. Survivors are: stepdaughter, Mrs. Don Gibson; and sister, Mrs. Clara Albertson.

MR. CLARENCE A. BROWN, 82, died March 27 at Antioch, Calif. Funeral services were conducted by Revs. Seldon Nutt, Irvin Moore, and Glenn W. Schafer. He is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Mary Dayen; a son, Clarence E.; and three grandchildren.

MARGARET DERKSEN, 80, died March 16 at Abbotsford, B.C. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Raymond Friberg. Surviving are her husband; two daughters and two sons; seven grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

CLAYTON FAUST, 54, died April 13 at Many, La. Funeral services were conducted by Revs. W. P. Lowe, J. M. Stewart, and W. M. Crouch. Survivors are: his wife, Doris; three children, Mrs. Francis Hopkins, Odis C., and Shelby; three brothers; and four grandchildren.

DR. EDWIN E. HALE, 81, died March 30 at Houston, Tex. A memorial service was conducted by Rev. Bob Britt. He is survived by his wife, Evangeline; three daughters, Mrs. Mary Orr, Mrs. Evangeline Vickers, and Mrs. Elizabeth Cross; and nine grandchildren.

DONALD L. KARNES, 48, died Dec. 30 at Canton, Ohio. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. L. McClung. Surviving are: his wife, Doris; a daughter, Mrs. Bonnie Swartz; two sons, Jeffrey and Gregory; a sister, Mrs. Jerry Slabaugh; a brother, Charles; and a grandchild.

JOHN HENRY McFILLIN SR., 84, died March 30 at Lake Charles, La. Funeral services were

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conducted by Rev. Darwin Enick and Rene Colaw. His survivors include: four sons, John H., E. G., Wyman E., Herman L.; and one daughter, Mrs. E. W. Whittaker.

MRS. MARY McGUIRE, 80, died April 16 at Sacramento, Calif. Funeral services were conducted by Dr. Kenneth Vogt, Rev. Paul McBride, and Rev. Marshall Pryor. Surviving are: 2 sons, E. Francis and Dale A.; 2 daughters, Pauline McNaught and Angie Moyers; 1 sister, Jessie Hollingsworth; 15 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and 2 great-great-grandchildren.

WAYNE G. OGLE died Feb. 19 at Springfield, Mo. Funeral services were conducted by Revs. David Moore, Bud Garber, and James C. Hester. He is survived by his wife, Gladys; two daughters, Martha Vincente and Miriam Burlison; one son, Mark W.; one grandson; three sisters; and one brother.

REV. EDW. WOOTON died March 30 at Portland, Ore. Funeral services were conducted by Dr. Alan Rodda, Rev. Walter Watson, and Rev. Dale Galloway. He is survived by his wife, Gladys; one daughter, Carolyn Crist; two sisters, Irma Blyseth and Oma Wooton; two brothers, James and B. H.; and three grandchildren.

JAMES E. ROE, 44, died April 2 at Las Vegas, Nev. Memorial services were conducted by Rev. Bill Gann. Survivors are his wife, Sarah; four sons, James, Jr., Dennis, Tony, and David; three daughters, Jane Ann, Rhea, and Debra.

BIRTHS

to REV. RAYMOND E. AND SHARON (SPRAGUE) COSNER, Danville, Ill., a girl, Karena Rae, Mar. 24

to ROBERT AND JUDY (WHEELER) FOYLE, San Jose, Calif., a girl, Rebekah Ann, Jan. 12

to EVERETT AND ESTHER (FARMER) HANNER, Goodlettsville, Tenn., a girl, Brittany Lorraine, Apr. 12

to REV. JAMES E. AND FRED A. (STEVENS) HUGGINS, Craigsville, Va., a boy, Steven Paul, Mar. 18

to REV. DERL AND KARNE (HODGES) KEEFER, Seymour, Ind., a girl, Julie MaLinda, Apr. 16

to PAUL AND FAITH (HUNT) OWENS, Montgomery, Ill., a boy, David Anthony, Apr. 11

to LESLIE AND CORALIE (HESS) RICE, Spring Arbor, Mich., a boy, Mark David, Mar. 2

to KENNETH AND PHYLLIS (PANNECOUK) SCHALL, Kankakee, Ill., a girl, Kelli Lynn, Feb. 24

to DENNIS M. AND LINDA (NEASE) SCOTT, Kansas City, Mo., a boy, Jeffrey Stephen, Apr. 2

ADOPTED

by LEBRON AND ANNE (JAMES) FAIRBANKS, West Grove, Pa., a boy, Stephen LeBron, on Mar. 24

MARRIAGES

JULIA A. SMITH and DAROLD W. NESTOR at Logan, W. Va., Mar. 27

DIANA L. SMITH and EDWIN GABEL at Parkersburg, W. Va., May 1

DEBRA CUNNINGHAM and TIMOTHY HICKEL at Parkersburg, W. Va., May 22

RUTH VERNA LANE and JOHN WALLACE AMES at Decatur, Ill., Apr. 22

SUSAN KAY THREADGILL and CHARLES SAMUEL SHREFFLER at Waco, Tex., Feb. 27

DR. GEORGE SCUTT and MRS. KAY WILTON at Highland, Ind., Jan. 24

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OLYMPIC CHRISTIANS GEAR FOR 6 MILLION AT MONTREAL.

Between July 17 and August 1, an estimated 6 million people will invade this Canadian city in 1976, target for evangelism by Aide Olympics—an umbrella agency coordinating Christian witness efforts during the 1976 Games.

"Montreal, 1976, may be the closest thing yet to the Tower of Babel," says Barrie Doyle, press agent for the evangelistic thrust. "It is a God-given opportunity to serve others in Christ's name."

Six commissions have been established to minister to various needs of athletes, of youth, the distribution of literature, discipleship programs, and cultural cooperation.

Peter Foggin, bilingual university professor heading the Aide Olympic program, has invited Christians from all parts of North America to assist in the special thrust. □

SCHOOL PRAYER CRUSADER SUGGESTS CHRISTIAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION.

Rita Warren, the school prayer crusader from Brockton, Mass., has called on Christians across the nation to organize a Christian Civil Liberties Union to counteract the "threat" posed by the American Civil Liberties Union.

Mrs. Warren, 46, who has sometimes been described as a "Christian answer" to avowed atheist Madalyn Murray O'Hair, said in an interview that Mrs. O'Hair is not a threat, "the big threat today is the ACLU."

She said the Massachusetts Civil Liberties Union is challenging the Massachusetts law which allows silent prayer in public schools, and the case very likely will go to the U.S. Supreme Court.

"I definitely feel we will get a positive answer," she said. "The Supreme Court gave Madalyn O'Hair her right not to pray; now they have to give us the right to pray." □

CRIME IN THE U.S. ROSE BY 9 PERCENT IN 1975. Major crime in the U.S. increased by 9 percent in 1975, compared with a record increase of 18 percent in 1974, according to the preliminary annual report of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

"While the present increase in reported serious crime in the nation was only half as great as it was in 1974, the levels of crime remain much too high," said Attorney General Edward H. Levi, in announcing the FBI's Uniform Crime Reports.

He said, "All segments of the criminal justice system must continue to improve their efforts to reduce crime." □

CHURCHES IN FORMER SOUTH VIETNAM FUNCTION UNDER SEVERAL RESTRICTIONS.

Scattered reports from South Vietnam indicate that one year after the takeover by Communists, some churches are still functioning, but under varying degrees of restrictions.

Pressures imposed by the new government have restricted church attendance considerably, according to reports received by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

"Religious freedom is assured but Christians are often not able to use it," said Samuel M. James, former missionary to Vietnam, now serving temporarily as research assistant to the overseas director for the mission board. "In some areas, they are undergoing rather severe pressure."

He said they are subjected to a variety of "subtle pressures." Often, the government finds things for church people to do during church hours. □



the answer corner

Conducted by John A. Knight, Editor

■ What do you think of the counsel of those who say we should praise God for everything?

"Praising God for everything" may be nothing more than a trained response with little or no understanding. I see no reason to praise God for broken homes, disrupted fellowship, or even for physical illness. Should God be praised for the devil's work?

It is good to praise God for the Cross and the Resurrection, for example; but not for the sin that made them neces-

sary. To praise Him for sin itself is to obliterate moral distinctions and to ignore the holy character of God.

There is a vast difference between praising God *for* everything (which seems to assume that God predetermines everything) and praising God *in* (in the midst of) everything. I doubt if we give Him the praise He is due if we thank Him for that which He did not

send and may even oppose.

Having said that, most of us are far behind in offering our praises to God. Every good and perfect gift comes from Him. And in all things—even the difficult and hurtful things—He works for our good and for His glory (Romans 8:28). So we ought to give praise for the activity of His Spirit in the world and in our lives. □

■ What is the meaning of 1 Peter 4:1: "Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin."

The Epistle was written to encourage Christians who were undergoing persecution because of their faith. In preparation for suffering they are admonished to equip themselves with the mind of Christ, who also suffered.

Christians are to take the same view of their sufferings as Jesus did of His. This thought is expressed in 2:21: "Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps."

The latter part of the verse is the most difficult: "He that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin." It is capable of several interpretations.

The idea that suffering has moral value, or that it serves to mature the believer, may be inferred. Hebrews 12:6 says, "Whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth." While suffering in itself has no merit, when accepted

with the spirit of Christ, it can strengthen—as well as reveal—the moral fiber of the soul.

It has been suggested also that the verse means that because of suffering, temptation cannot touch an individual. He has been tested and proven under pressure and is no longer vulnerable.

Neither interpretation seems adequate. Peter refers to our death to sin by his phrase "he that hath suffered in the flesh." For him, "suffered" is the equivalent of "death." He is saying that the Christian so identifies with Christ's death that he ceases from sin.

This view is reasonable because Peter has been talking about baptism; and Paul, in his classic chapter on baptism in Romans 6, develops the same idea (see Romans 6:2-4, 7). There Paul speaks of being buried with Christ in death and raised with

Him to newness of life.

William Barclay puts the meaning this way: "Peter has spoken of baptism; and now he says, 'He who in baptism has shared the sufferings and the death of Christ, is risen to such newness of life with Him that sin has no more dominion over him'" (see Romans 6:14).

If one has freely accepted his place of death with Christ on the Cross, he has also accepted the fact that sin and sinning no longer have power over him. He is delivered from sin's bondage—"ceased from sin."

Whatever view one may take, the main themes of the Epistle are present here: the reality of Christ's sufferings, their atoning significance, His meekness in bearing them, and the Christian's duty to follow Him in patient suffering. □

■ Romans 11:29 raises questions for me. To what do the "gifts and calling of God" refer? Also would you clarify the expression "without repentance"?

The reference is not to the gifts of the Spirit. The apostle is talking about God's promises made to the fathers of Israel and the benefits available to their descendants. These "gifts," blessings, or privileges, are enumerated in 9:4-5.

The word "calling" is *klesis*, and is used in the New Testament technically to describe the divine invitation to salvation. Here it refers to God's

call of Israel. It does not mean a calling in the sense of a vocation or career.

When "repentance" in the Scriptures is applied to God, it signifies a change of purpose with regard to some declaration made subject to certain conditions. See, for example, Jeremiah 18:7-10.

Paul is saying that God's choice was not made on the basis of Israel's merit, and the attendant promises are

grounded on God's fidelity to His Word. God will not "repent," or go back on what He has said. He will not change His mind or revoke His calling. He is absolutely consistent and faithful.

Goodspeed's translation expresses the meaning clearly: "God does not change his mind about those to whom he gives his blessings or sends his call." □

■ Does the 1972 "Manual" contain the following provisions: "The attendance count shall be closed not later than midpoint of the Sunday school hour . . ." "All Sunday school sessions shall be used in determining the average attendance for the year"? Some say yes; others say no. Which is correct?

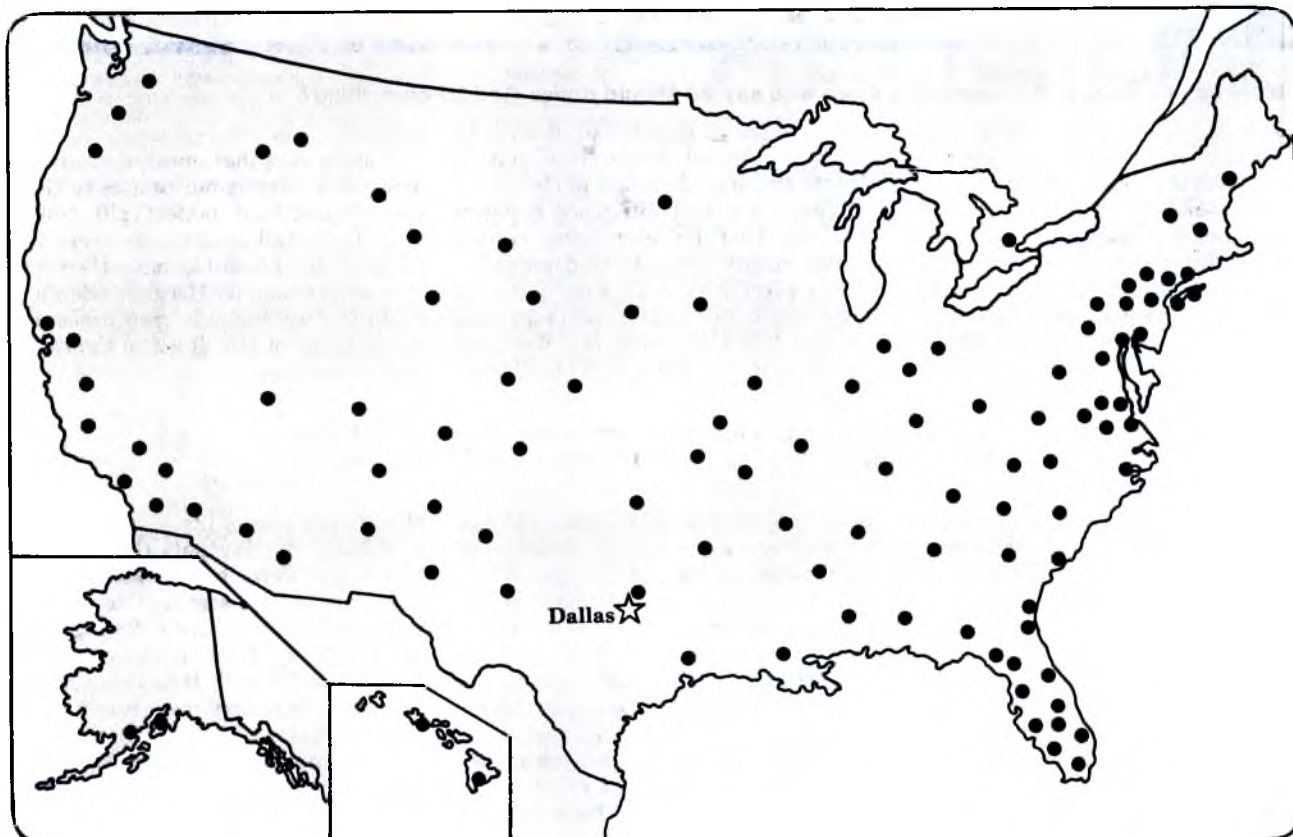
The first statement is there. See page 358. The second was in the 1968 *Manual* but was inadvertently omit-

ted from the 1972 edition. There was no General Assembly action which deleted it. The omission will be cor-

rected with the 1976 *Manual*, unless, of course, some legislative action should remove it or alter it. □

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The Albany, Ky., Highway Church, which was organized in 1908, recently dedicated their new church building debt free. The new church with a seating capacity of about 225, stands approximately in the same place as the old church. A capacity crowd was present for the dedication and dinner that was served on the parsonage grounds. A mortgage-burning ceremony was held prior to the dedication of the church. Pictured (l. to r.) are: Keith Radford, representing Citizens Bank of Albany; Curt Abston, Sunday school superintendent; Rev. Aleck Ulmet, district superintendent; and Pastor Robert Carter.

Dear Christian Friends:

I most certainly do not want to miss a single issue of "Come Ye Apart." I use it every morning in my daily devotions and am greatly blest by reading it. Sometimes I write little excerpts from it to my friends.

I appreciate the pictures of those who contribute to the work. It adds a touch of warmth to see the person who is responsible for the blessing.

I am not of the Nazarene faith, but those of us who have been born again are all brothers and sisters in Christ.

Excerpt from letter of
Mrs. Marguerite Hutchins
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Mrs. Hutchins

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**"BY ALL MEANS...
SAVE SOME"**

For Such Is the Kingdom

WHEN, LORD?" I prayed as I sat in church on a warm fall evening. "When will I ever again be able to enjoy a sermon?"

Our interim pastor from the Philippine Islands was an outstanding speaker, and I longed to digest his every word. But this is not the privilege of a young mother. The tiny bundle on my lap was restless, and keeping him quiet was a full-time job.

At my side sat an equally restless preschooler. "When will she be able to listen and understand?" I wondered. At that moment, Wynda's age of comprehension seemed far in the future.

What a shock I received as we drove home! "Daddy, why did the priest send the goat into the woods?" Somehow, despite her constant wiggling, Wynda had listened and now was ready to learn more.

Dennis explained the Jewish ritual of sending a goat, bearing the sins of the people, into the wilderness. Then he continued to tell our daughter that goats are no longer necessary. Jesus had borne the sins of the entire world on the Cross.

"Daddy, can I ask Jesus to come into my heart?"

There it was, the question we had been waiting for. We should have rejoiced. Instead, we stared at each other, bewildered. What should we do?

Our daughter had just celebrated her fourth birthday. Did she really understand what she was asking? If not, would a premature decision hinder her spiritual progress later on? What if we ignored her request? Would Wynda later feel hesitant to ask us for help? "Wait until you say your prayers at bedtime. Then, if you still want to become a Christian, Daddy will help you." That answer seemed to be the best we had at the moment.

As Wynda went about the house in her usual carefree manner, we breathed a sigh of relief. She had forgotten her earlier request. We would have more time to prepare both her and ourselves for this important decision.

Again I was wrong. Dennis ended our family devotional period and started to leave the room. Wynda stopped him with "Daddy, did you forget? You promised to help me ask Jesus to come into my heart."

Dennis sat on the side of the bed and carefully reviewed the plan of salvation. "Now you pray. Ask Jesus to forgive you and to come into your heart."

I listened in amazement. Wynda's simple words showed a sincerity and depth of understanding I had reserved to much older children. She ended with the statement "Jesus did come into my heart" and fell asleep, a smile on her face.

The next days and weeks found me even more amazed. Wynda began witnessing immediately, not only to church friends. Neighbors, playmates, unsaved relatives were all included.

If her biblical terminology puzzled them, she explained again, using different, more easily understood words. She wanted everyone to know exactly what had happened to her.

"O ye of little faith!" How often have I pondered these words of Jesus since that evening. What if Dennis and I had denied Wynda the privilege of salvation and in turn prevented her testimony?

Forgive us, Lord, and never again let us forget Thy command, "Suffer little children . . . to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven." □

—ANN OGDEN
Bourbonnais, Ill.



Pictured (l. to r.) are: Hugh Friberg, Nazarene missionary to Mozambique; Dr. Jerald D. Johnson, executive secretary of the Department of World Missions; and Don Milam, independent missionary to Mozambique, as the two missionaries are greeted by their wives and friends in the John Fitzgerald Kennedy International Airport, New York, April 29.

RELEASED MISSIONARIES ARRIVE HOME

Hugh Friberg and Don Milam walked from the customs room of the John Fitzgerald Kennedy International Airport to family and friends and freedom at 2 p.m. (EDT), Thursday, April 29. It meant the end of 8 months for Friberg and 10 months for Milam of imprisonment in Mozambique.

Just two days before, in the midst of ordinary prison life, an official confronted the two of them in the presence of other prisoners, among whom was Missionary Armand Doll, and asked, "Would you like to go?" They could hardly believe he was serious.

A few hours and they were on the plane for Johannesburg and a tumultuous reunion with a host of missionaries who had rushed to be there to greet them and rejoice—and then back on the plane to family and homes and their native land.



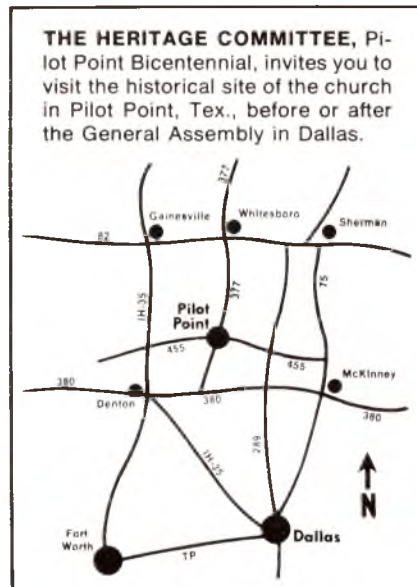
Shown (l. to r.) are: Ted Martin, director of news and information, Nazarene Communications; Doug Alexander, missionary on furlough from Mozambique, meeting Hugh Friberg for the first time since Friberg's imprisonment; and Evelyn Friberg.

The executive secretary of the Department of World Missions, Dr. and Mrs. Jerald Johnson; the missionaries'

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Ted Martin, director of news and information, Nazarene Communications, holding tape recorder as Hugh Friberg, Nazarene missionary to Mozambique, says thank you to the church for her prayers.



DEASLEY TO PREACH ON OVERSEAS "SHOWERS OF BLESSING"

During the month of July, "Showers of Blessing," the English-language broadcast, will be beamed to the Bicentennial year in the United States.

For all of the stations who air "Showers of Blessing" outside the United States, the sermons for the month will be prepared by Dr. Alex Deasley of Canadian Nazarene College, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Brian Perry, a student from England at Nazarene Theological Seminary, will be the announcer for these special broadcasts.



wives; and Milam's parents and brother and his wife greeted them.

Hugh Friberg, when he had caught his breath, said to the church: "Thanks for all the prayers, that's the thing! We thought of it constantly that the church was praying, and we could constantly feel the effects of the prayers. It made the whole experience bearable. We all, including the church, are praying that Mr. Doll will be out as soon as possible."

Rev. Douglas Alexander, who was a missionary with them and who escaped arrest by a matter of hours, greeted them and asked about the national church. Friberg's reply was an emphatic "It is holding together very, very well."

The U.S. State Department has patiently negotiated from the beginning of the missionaries' imprisonment and has pledged to continue until Rev. Doll is released. The church, too, while rejoicing in answered prayer, will continue supplication for the safety and release of Armand Doll.



The Holleman family is pictured: front (l. to r.), Mrs. Meip (Maria) Holleman; Joost (age 11); Nellamarie (age 13); standing are Rev. Cor Holleman; and Antonie (age 15).

HOLLEMAN APPOINTED SUPERINTENDENT

General Superintendent Edward Lawlor announced at the Netherlands District assembly, May 10, that with the approval of the Board of General Superintendents, he was appointing Rev. Cor Holleman as district superintendent. He will succeed Rev. Murray Pallett, who returns to the United States in June.

Rev. Holleman spent the school year 1974-75 in study at Nazarene Theological Seminary in Kansas City, after which he returned to his native country to launch a new church in Rotterdam.

He was accepted by the Church of the Nazarene as a lay preacher and since 1967 has been in the full-time service of the church. He was ordained in 1969.

FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICE

General Convention, Dallas
June 18—7:30 p.m.

The Friday night **Family Service** in Dallas will conclude with Evangelist Paul Martin leading a family celebration. All families are urged to sit together for this service.

NEW BOOKS

FOR GREAT READING

A GLAD REUNION DAY, by Gene Van Nöte. This is an excellent treatment on the subject of heaven, of which not much is written these days. It is not a theological analysis of the subject but an inspirational treatment. It puts death in the proper perspective and makes the hope of heaven meaningful. The book is full of pertinent, thrilling illustrations right out of the pages of life. It is "warm but not syrupy," as one reviewer put it. A book for enjoyable reading and eager sharing. Paper. **\$1.50**

THE GAP, by Hal Perkins. The purpose of this book is to help all who want to be Christlike to discover how to narrow the gap between their potential and their performance . . . between their ideal and their practice. The gap is the distance between what we are for Christ and what we could be. The book is written in the mod free prose style which appeals to youth. Paper. **\$1.75**

NOW THAT I'M A BELIEVER, by Roy Lynn and Dan Ketchum. The basic core of this book is an interpretation of the *Manual*, doctrines, rules, and organization and polity. The material is organized around the encounter Dave has with Christ and with the church and incorporates considerable dialog. Readers will readily identify with him and will be able to follow his spiritual development. Paper. **\$2.50**

WHO'S FIRST? by Emily Bushey Moore. The book has a story line involving a boy named Mike whose parents set a fine example of stewardship. His pastor also enters the story often, giving helpful thoughts to strengthen the message. All phases of stewardship are covered. Paper. **\$1.95**

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