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by General Superintendent V. H. Lewis

The Power and Value of Discrimination

THE DICTIONARY tells us that the last big word in the above heading means “making a difference in treatment or favor.” This is a great benefit to every one of us. We have the power to make choices.

This becomes very important in the area of our mental or intellectual intake. I am referring to what we choose to see via the media and what we select to read. The entire system of education is built on the fact that the human mind can be educated, enlightened, trained, modified through study and learning.

The need and the right to be discriminating in what we see and read is a lifelong responsibility and power. Christianity stands at the apex of all religions in its revelation and truth and beauty and benefits to man. Because this is so, its Book, the Bible, is supreme in literature. When you read it, you are learning from the best.

- *It is a book complete in its truth.*
- *It achieves its object of revealing God to man.*

- *It consummates its purpose in the redeemed soul.*
- *It expresses its ethics in the righteous living of the Christian.*
- *It sheds its light across the dark pathways of the earth.*
- *It revels in the resources of God and offers them to men.*
- *It brings eternity into perspective and sobers the mind with its vastness.*
- *It shows its impact upon persons through their talented expressions of its meaning in music, art, and literature.*
- *It is the world's greatest work of art.*
- *Between Genesis 1 and Revelation last it brings to the reader all one really needs to know about life, death, sin, holiness, eternity.*

It is still the Book of all books. Choose it today. Read it every day. Favor it for your Source of truth. It is within your power to read it and from its power to live and really live! □

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The Face of the Clock



IT IS of interest to note that whereas the face of a clock is the only part not intrinsic to its operation, it is the one part which gives sense to the whole thing.

Consider, for instance, a clock *without* a face. To one unacquainted with a time-piece, he might well suppose the elaborate machine—with all its gears, springs, and well-regulated movement—existed for the sole purpose of rotating two strips of metal on a central axis, one at a speed of 12 times that of the other. That and nothing more!

It is the *face* of the clock—itsself separate from the mechanism—which clarifies the machine's purpose.

Follow that same thought into the intricate system that is the world . . . and our lives. *There is only one indicator which provides the clue to the purpose of it all.* Without its witness we are left to stumble along in Stygian darkness. And that indicator is not an integral part of it at all. It is the Bible!!!

Though penned by men, its authorship goes beyond mere man. Its own testimony to itself is that "All scripture is given by inspiration of God." Holy men of old spoke and wrote as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.

That book—in this world, but not stemming from this world—alone provides us the answers. Nothing else supplies a clue to the riddles of life.

But to his great loss man has *neglected* and *rejected* it. Since this interpretative "face of the clock" has been so set aside, it should come as no surprise that those who have sought to understand life without its guidance should end in futility. The pundits learned in man's wisdom, but ignorant in that "wisdom which cometh down from above," dolefully point out the absurdity of life, concluding it to be nothing but nonsense!

"You are an eddying speck of dust," said Bertrand

Russell, "a harassed, driven leaf." Or if asked for light on what follows when this life is over, "Nothing," they say with Sir Arthur Keith, "Nothing follows. Life goes out like a guttering candle." Or in the unforgettable words of Macbeth, "Life's but . . . a tale told by an idiot, full of sound and fury, signifying nothing."

Against such a dismal, black backdrop the Christian testimony stands out bright and clear. Should you ask him how he can be so confident that there is meaning to his life, he might answer, "How do I know? The Bible tells me so!"

It's that simple. Reject the one "face of the clock" and end up in the abyss of unbelief. Or accept its faithful witness and live a life of dignity, assured of endless future possibilities. □

DIRECTIONS

*If God can plan a universe
And spin earth's globe in place—
Direct its path, control its course
With regal rule and grace . . .*

*He's surely planned a path of life
So man won't be alone!
Yes. He directs and charts life's course
Across the vast unknown.*

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Spiritual Maturity Through Reading

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WILLIAM STIDGER authored a book entitled *Finding God in Books*. That title seems to be at least somewhat misleading. A good book may lead one in his search for God, but there is only one Book that can lead a reader to God. But it is true that a good book can have a tremendous influence in nourishing the spiritual life.

It is axiomatic that the spiritual life must be nourished. All life—physical, mental, spiritual—subsists only by being properly and adequately fed.

There are many sources of spiritual nourishment: the Word of God, the preached Word, prayer, meditation. But one never failing stimulus to Christian growth is found in good books that inspire and instruct, probe and admonish.

In this day of frenetic activity and crowded schedules, reading often becomes haphazard rather than habitual. Priorities become a problem. Too many options and too few imperatives.

John Wesley was an illustrious example of constant and wide reading. He emphasized its importance when he wrote, "The work of grace would die out if the Methodists were not a reading people."

Francis Bacon said, "Reading makes a full man." A full life is a balanced life. Such maturity levels out any lopsidedness, straightens any kinks, opens channels of productivity on neglected wastelands, erects barriers against an excess of emotionalism, intellectualism, superficiality.

Good reading develops seasoned judgment, rectitude of conduct, warmth of spirit, largeness of soul. The reading of good books rolls back the horizons of one's world. Read to keep your mental machinery sharply honed, your soul alert to the Holy Spirit's promptings, your will—your choices—fixed on eternal values.

Read! Read! Read! It will help you to "maintain the spiritual glow." □

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Seek Me Early

I love them that love me; and those that seek me early shall find me (Proverbs 8:17).

THE HANDS on the bedside clock pointed to 6:15. Mom lay asleep in the other bedroom of the beach cottage we'd rented for the weekend. What had awakened me so early? Was it the shaft of sunlight sneaking in between the drawn draperies, the pound of surf filtering through the slightly opened windows? Or was it the birds raising their song to announce a glorious Sabbath morning, punctuated with raucous cries of the gulls?

A feeling of peace and contentment surrounded me. I had come to the beach tired in body and spirit from hard work, pressure, and concern for others deliberately turning away from God.

The first day had been foggy, but in the night a stiff breeze had cleared the air until now in the early morning hush it was a blue and gold day. No alarm clock or church bell had been needed to awaken me—an inner sense had said, "It is time."

That Sabbath awakening is really the "last paragraph" of this particular chapter in my life. The story began many months ago when I first began to feel pressured by my job—challenging, but exacting. By the time I got home, I felt pretty much used up. Yet there was always lawn to cut, clothes to sew, and so on. I began to be frustrated, cranky, resentful.

The Scripture "Be not weary in well doing" mocked me—I was not only weary, I was worn out! God had given me a writing talent—I had no time to use it. God wanted me to study—when could I work it in? I served on the staff of youth retreats, prepared special services, music, drama, and worships—but there was no time to prepare. People came for comfort and guidance—I felt all given away with no reservoir of strength for them to draw on.

As I made it a matter of prayer, asking for strength to do all God wanted me to do, it seemed to relieve frustration. But . . . it didn't give me any more hours in the day! Then I decided that while asking God to bless me, I should also do whatever was in my power to clear the channels so He could. It all came down to one thing—lack of time. Yet, if I didn't have time to communicate with God and do His will, then I was just too busy!

Little by little my priorities fell into place. Some of the housework and yard chores got left for a day or two, or a week. Some of the fabric on hand is still

waiting until I need the clothes instead of just wanting something new. But it wasn't enough. What else could I do? I began to search the Scriptures and was amazed at how often early morning was mentioned. Was this a key?

"Dear God," I prayed, "I hate getting up early, but if this is my answer, I'll at least give it a try." I set the alarm an hour early the first few mornings—it didn't work. Groping my way from deep sleep, I'd reach over, shut it off, and either fall asleep again or be so groggy I couldn't study anyway. It was going to take more than an alarm to get me going!

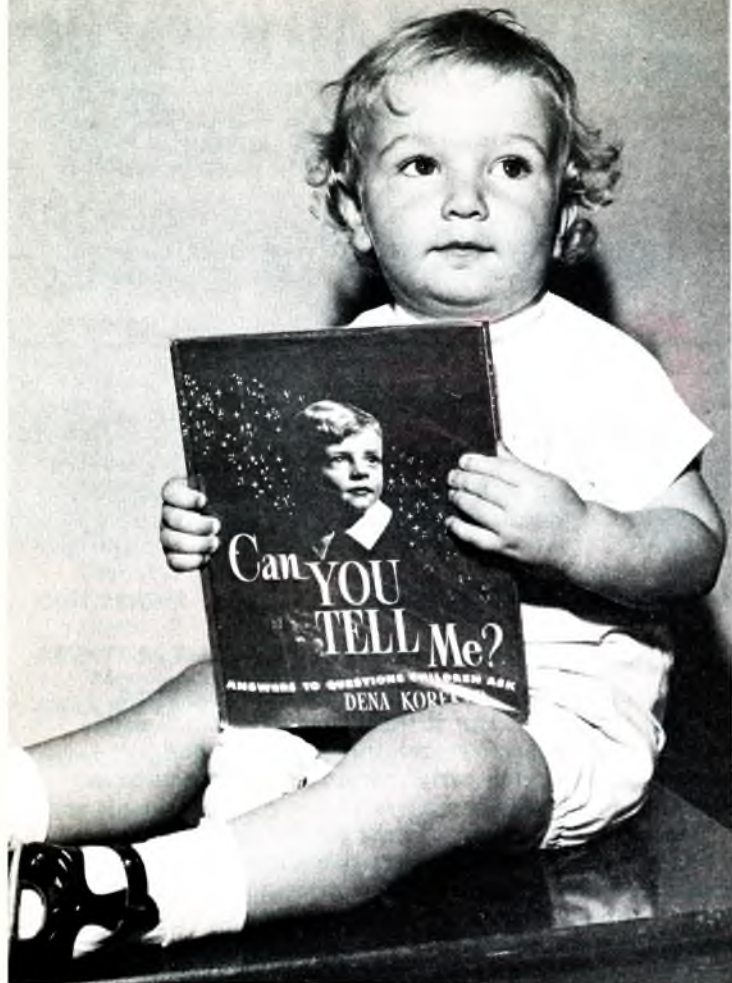
At last realization came. I had to decide just how much I wanted that extra time for God. I started cancelling some of my activities and began getting to bed at 9:00 or 9:30 instead of 10:30 or 11:00. In a few days my system adjusted and I was waking up between 5:00 and 6:00, refreshed, alert, *and without an alarm clock.*

My first book (sold on the first try out) was written chapter by chapter, early morning after early morning. Just before falling asleep the night before, I'd review in my mind what I wanted to present. The next morning it would all be there fresh and clear, waiting to be written before I got cluttered with all the daily pressures.

This pattern has continued over the months. Ninety percent of my writing is done this way, as are the special services, dramas, worships, and a 13-week senior high church school class that I recently taught and prepared the curriculum. I have gained new perception and understanding both of Scripture and the needs of those about me during those quiet morning hours. ". . . And those that seek me early shall find me." Yes, this schedule has cut down on other areas of my life. I rarely have time for TV. Old friends jokingly accuse me at times of being antisocial—letters often lay unanswered. Has it been a sacrifice? Not to me. While it's true I no longer have time for everything I once did, I do have time to keep my "appointments" with God. The rewards are great—for I have sought Him early—and I have found Him waiting there for me. □

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Honey for a Child's Heart

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SOMETIME AGO I borrowed a number of children's books from a friend whose family enjoys good books. When I returned them several days later, their three-year-old Jim welcomed back this familiar stack and carefully went through the books, his face lighting up with pleasure as he came upon his favorites. Finally he found the special one he was looking for and hugged it to himself and said, "I like this one!" He was greeting an old friend.

Books were important to Jim because they were to his parents. He hears his mother and father talk about books at the dinner table. They take time out to read to him. Books are always treated with respect and care.

None of the four children in this family have been permitted as babies to take old magazines and destroy the pages. It isn't proper respect for a book; books are handled with care and placed on the shelf. In turn, each of the children have looked forward to the day when they could read and enter into the private, special world of books on their own.

Parents unconsciously teach their children what is valuable by the way they spend their own time. If television is more important to the parent than books, the children will likely choose the same.

Families have to repeatedly make conscious decisions about what is valuable and then choose the best over the mediocre. If appreciation of beauty and the gift of articulation are meaningful to you, then I suggest that exposure to great writing is a necessity.

A busy schedule is the enemy of reading. Agreeing in principle with all the benefits of books, you may at this point simply sigh and say, "I wish we had more

time for reading." But the fact remains that we arrange time for what we think is truly important.

A Swiss friend visiting in the States remarked about the telephone as the great intruder into American life. "Wherever I go," he said, "no matter how important a conversation, a prayer, a Bible reading, a peaceful dinner gathering, Americans willingly let the telephone interrupt whatever they are doing. It is as if they think God is calling!"

An astute observation. We take the telephone off the hook or shut off the bell when we do not wish our family times trespassed. If the line is busy, important calls are dialed again at later intervals. For some things the world can wait!

Nowhere in the New Testament are we encouraged to follow each other like a herd of thoughtless animals, pushed about by life. We have freedom and capacity to choose. God's promise of wisdom to those who ask is given on the condition that the person open himself up to God's ideas and be ready to obey. I have a painful feeling that family life is often more obedient to a given subculture than to the Lord of Glory.

Each set of parents is charged with responsibility for their children. Each must *choose* goals which they deem valuable, and then make private decisions to implement them. Life seems full of choices between good, better, and best. Only lazy parents avoid making decisions. And remember, parents bend the twig long before it gets to the schoolteacher.

The plea I am making is simply this—make time for books! Don't let your children live in spiritual poverty when abundance is available!

Erich Fromm, in his book *The Art of Loving*, speaks of a child's basic need for *milk* and *honey* from his parents. *Milk* is the symbol of the care a child receives for his physical needs, for his person. *Honey* symbolizes the sweetness of life, that special quality that gives the sparkle within a person. To give honey, one must love honey and have it to give. Good books are rich in honey.

What kind of books are proper fare for a child's mind? Discovering these will lift your own heart and give you a taste for honey. Take care in your new eagerness not to push your child into books beyond his years. While he may love them, it simply means he'll miss the books tailored just for his present years. A good book is always an experience containing

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spiritual, emotional, and intellectual dimensions.

Picture books are a child's first introduction to the world of reading. He reads pictures. A little child expects the pictures to tell the story and to tell it accurately. Who can know all the impressions and data he stores up in his private world from a picture book? Such books provide the fun of looking, but they also give an experience. By sharing their own observations, parents teach their children how to look at pictures.

Many times children say, "Now I'll read you this story," and then proceed to read what the pictures are saying. Or, have you ever had your child say, "Don't read the writing, read the pictures"? Begin to notice illustrators you and your child like, and look for their work.

As Christians the most important message we have to communicate to our children is about God, who He is and what He has done. He loves us, listens to us, and cares about our lives. If God is important to you, this will become a most vital part of your sharing with your children, and you will use every helpful means to give instruction on this level.

But that's only the beginning. The whole world of

things God made or let man discover is waiting for a child in books.

Families grow a good deal by discovering the fun of words. Happy is the home that has one parent at least who says, "Let's look it up!" and helps children to see that a dictionary is a fascinating friend.

Should your child own books or just borrow them from a library? Probably some of each. Someone once said that a few well-chosen books all his own give a child a sense of value, companionship, and individuality and are more valuable than 50 volumes hastily read and returned to the library.

Some books, which have stood the test of time and classify as outstanding literature, should be one's own. We can use birthdays, Christmas, and special times to build a personal library.

Not all children take to books like ducks to puddles. Each child is a special person in his own way. Some are just poor readers and lack motivation. Reading comes hard for them. This is when family togetherness in books comes to the rescue, at least in part. Reading aloud and sharing a book demonstrates that stories are fun, that books are friends.

Honey is a special treat, not a medicinal treatment. □

One Hundred and Forty-four Thousand

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THE LATEST FIGURES available from the seventeenth edition of the *Demographic Yearbook*, published by the United Nations, indicates that the total deaths per year in our world is now 52,560,000 or approximately 144,000 per day.

Out of this number we are forced to face the fact that a great percentage are dying without any knowledge of Jesus as their Saviour. This challenges me as one who has heard and received the gospel to share it with as many as I possibly can before their leaving this world.

The term *Son of Man* means that Jesus is identified with all of mankind in His mission and message. He tells His followers in Acts 1:8, "Ye shall be witnesses unto me . . . unto the uttermost part of the earth."

To be witnesses does not mean that we must Americanize, Christianize, or convert the world. It means that we are to proclaim the gospel message so that every man who will can hear. We are not required to bring all men to Christ, but we are challenged to take Christ to all men.

In the light of time's swift passage I must not allow myself to be distracted from my part in world evangelism. The gospel to every creature is the goal which I must ever keep before me. Nothing must be allowed to divert me from this great task. Someone has rightly said, "When you accept Christ, you become a Christian. When you obey Him, you become a missionary."

What can I do personally about the 144,000 persons who are going to leave the world tomorrow? Action, of course, must begin with me. I must be willing to involve myself. Paul told Timothy to do the work of an evangelist. It is not child's play with which I am concerned but rather a willingness to spend and be spent. I must seek to inform myself about the needs of the dying. Information leads to inspiration. I will pray earnestly for their salvation and I will give to help spread the gospel everywhere.

As I pass on the gospel to those around me, I become a propagator. Christ alone can save lost men, but Christ cannot save them alone. I must carry concern in my heart, contributions in my hand, and the cause of Christ at the center of my life. □

IN GLAD and obedient response to Christ's command to "go and make disciples of all nations . . . teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you" (Matthew 28:19-20, NIV), the United Bible Societies are engaged in a massive global effort entitled "God's Word for a New Age."

The goal is to provide every person on earth with a copy of some part of the Word in words and forms they can understand. To see this imperative mission accomplished requires all possible resources of manpower, scholarship, money, and fervent prayer and firm commitment.

Today, when so many are disillusioned about the

basic morality of persons both on the street and in positions of leadership, there is hope as believers everywhere participate in Bible distribution. This provides the Word of God that shapes morality and gives the authentic basis for freedom, justice, equality, and brotherhood wherever it is read and obeyed.

The effort to saturate every global village with the Word is receiving worldwide coordination by the United Bible Societies. UBS, with its central office in Stuttgart, Germany, assists Bible Societies and their staffs in over 150 countries and territories in pooling their resources and developing a world strategy.

The American Bible Society underwrites about

GOD'S WORD

Good News for New Readers



Korean woman reading the Bible.



Adult African new readers receive Good News For New Readers Scripture Literacy Selections with joy.



Good News for New Readers

for a NEW AGE

by MELVIN McCULLOUGH
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A woman in central Guatemala receives her first Literacy Selection in a Guatemalan literacy training project.

half of the World Service Budget of the UBS. This budget, nearly \$11 million annually, supports Scripture translation, publication, and distribution programs in those parts of the world where the financial resources of the local Bible Society and Christian community are not sufficient to pay the full cost of meeting the Scripture needs of the people.

Churches of the Nazarene in the United States, through Nazarene Youth International, gave \$183,070, compared to \$147,300 last quadrennium (a 24 percent increase) to get the Word out through ABS. Religious News Service in New York, in a September 21 release, identified the Church of the Nazarene, out of 70 churches and agencies, as one of the major contributors to ABS.

In its 160-year history the Bible Society has distributed 2 billion copies of at least one book of the Bible. This includes 1,549 languages and dialects, which makes a portion of the Scripture available to 97 percent of the world's people.

Never before has there been a more strategic opportunity to reach the masses with the printed Word of God. All ages are learning to read by the millions. The crucial question is whether these new readers will have the opportunity to read for themselves the "wonderful works of God" recorded in Scripture.

"Good News for New Readers" was launched by ABS in 1973 to make special scripture selections the tool for literacy programs around the world. Translation work is being done in 247 languages to provide the resources for this endeavor.

After reading some ABS Scripture Literacy Selections, prepared for Eskimos, an Eskimo lady in Noorvik, Alaska, remarked, "That is the first time that I understand these stories, after reading them so many times in the English Bible." Her reactions demonstrates how "Good News for New Readers" is opening up the Word of God to millions of new readers who have never had access to the Word before.

When Guatemala was shaken up by the terrifying earthquake on February 4, before the sun was setting,

the Bible Society was distributing words of hope and reminding the people:

God is our shelter and strength, always ready to help in times of trouble. So we will not be afraid, even if the earth is shaken, and the mountains fall into the ocean depths; even if the seas roar and rage, and the hills are shaken by the violence . . . The Lord Almighty is with us; The God of Jacob is our refuge! (Psalm 46:1-3, 11, Today's English Version).

On that day more than 22,000 people died, 75,000 were injured, and more than 1 million were made homeless. Governments and relief agencies from around the world responded immediately by flying in emergency medical equipment and materials, food, and blankets.

Our church was involved in this massive effort to relieve suffering. The Bible Society in Guatemala had no medicine, food, or clothing but gave all it had—the love, hope, and compassion found only in the pages of God's Word. The church also helped in providing this means of relief to those who were stunned by tragedy. More than 500,000 Scriptures were printed on an emergency basis and distributed to the victims of the earthquake.

As we observe Bible Sunday on December 12, let us gratefully remember all that God has said to us through the Scripture. Recall those times of stress when you have found comfort and strength from the pages of the Word. But don't stop with thanksgiving . . . consider what you can do to relay the Word to the contemporary world by sharing copies of the Scripture with family and friends.

Every Christian can become involved by a life-witness and personal testimony, by the evangelization of his community through revivals, by a neighborhood Bible study in his home, or by support of para-church agencies involved in translation and distribution of Scripture. The imperative mission is to pass the Word on to reliable men who will be qualified to teach others (2 Timothy 2:2). □

THIS BEAUTIFUL BOOK

*Thank You, dear Lord,
For this beautiful Book!
This beautiful Book You've given—
Lighting my path,
Yes, all of the way
Of my journey on earth to heaven!*

*Thank You, dear Lord,
For Thy Spirit that shines
From its pages as daily I read
Of Thy promises true,
And claim them as mine—
Meeting my every need!*

*Thank You, dear Lord,
For the nuggets of gold
I have hid in my heart to keep,
And that never decrease
As I lovingly share
Their beauty with those I meet!*

—ALICE HANSCH MORTENSON
Racine, Wis.



SORROW

Enriches Us Spiritually

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SORROW HAS DONE MORE to trace Christlike lines in human character than success, power, and wealth have ever done singly or combined.

Sorrow carries its own special benefits. Though it is never a welcome visitor in any home, it can be a tremendous blessing. The one who handles it rightly will find it works an astonishing amount of good.

As Christians have looked back on an unwanted sorrow, many have found that it has meant more than they would have thought possible. God has used it for developing their Christian character.

Sorrow beset Job more than any other man on record. In a moment of insight he said triumphantly, "When he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold" (23:10).

This assertion does not imply that his sorrow was not felt deeply. Indeed it was a crushing blow, especially when it first struck him. The sufferer alone knows how severely an experience wounds.

Some people naturally show their feelings more than others. Certainly the person who shows his grief is not the only one who is hurt by his sorrow. More often than not, the one least inclined to reveal his emotion feels sorrow more deeply.

However, sorrow can powerfully contribute to our spiritual growth. It can encourage Christlike traits in our character that remind us of how He lived on earth.

Sympathy is one of the finest of these traits. It gives hope when all other expressions of concern fail. Yet true sympathy is possible only to the person who has passed through the same kind of sorrow. Words are not always necessary when one has suffered by a similar experience.

Sorrow has shown men the futility of setting a tremendous store on material value. Wealth can be lost, earthly hopes broken beyond repair, and ambitions put beyond the range of fulfillment. Tears clear the eyes to see the realities of heaven more clearly. Then men realize the necessity of obeying the inspired in-

junction to set their affections on things above, not on the earth where loss can come at any time.

When we are enjoying prosperity, it is easy to forget that some other people are not sharing this experience. We can be so absorbed in ourselves that we fail to show the kindness that Jesus Christ showed when He met sharp sorrow.

The assurance that God our Father is wise leads us to expect that every sorrow we feel has its own special purpose. In holiness and love God uses it to beautify our character. Our sorrows fulfill the divine plan when

they teach us patience and goodness, develop our sympathy for others, and bring out our courage instead of our self-pity.

When rightly handled, sorrow shows a man that God alone can be trusted. Through it, a person's faith is purified more thoroughly than gold that has lost its dross in the fire.

Sorrow can give us an insight into the wide range of God's resources and how completely they can meet any need we have. He can use not only His own creation and His own people for our benefit, He can also work through unbelievers even though earlier they were hostile to us. Nothing is too hard for the Lord.

Sorrow also shows us how fully He cares for us. We learn that there is nothing He will not do for the good of His people.

Disappointments may also bring sorrow. Our hopes and dreams may be shattered in the moment we learn that there is no hope of making a repair. The sorrow will be greater if the disappointment touches us on a vital spot. This may cause courage and hope to leave us.

Yet disappointments can be a real blessing. As we look at them from the perspective of time, we shall discover the guiding hand of our Father. We shall realize that He controls all events in love in a way that we had never thought possible. He thwarts our plans only when He has something far better for us.

When sorrow brings us loss and disappointment, we learn that our success, our wealth, our good health are not achievements based on our personal superiority. We discover that God is the Author of "every good gift and every perfect gift" (James 1:17). In every circumstance we are to look up to God for all we need. Such humility of spirit is another strand of that mature Christian character that delights God's heart.

All the learning we receive from sorrow adds up to a greater devotion to the Lord. This leads to a fuller trust, a more fervent love for Him, and a faithful witness to men that He is all He says He is.

Because spiritual development is derived from sorrow, strange as it sounds, we may yet count it among our blessings. We now understand how James could tell us to consider it sure joy when sorrow afflicts us (1:2-4).

We do not seek sorrow for its own sake. Yet when

it comes, we shall not let it crush us. Instead, we shall handle it prayerfully so that God uses it to build our Christian character. Then sorrow will produce in our lives those qualities that all sincere Christians covet. We shall have a finer Christian character and deeper insight into God's tender care for us. □



Something More Than BREAD

THERE'S NOTHING WRONG with bread. Jesus taught His disciples to pray, "Give us this day our daily bread" (Matthew 6:11). The Master knew the necessity of food. He knew what was essential to health and survival. He performed a miracle by the Sea of Galilee to feed the hungry multitude (John 6:1-14).

He knows our need today for *bread*—the word that symbolizes all our material necessities. Nowhere does the Bible condemn our efforts to obtain these resources to care for our personal needs.

While Jesus knew the importance of life's basic necessities, He knew also the temptation to give undue attention to the material things of life. He knew that things often become the *summum bonum*, the all-important value of life. That is the reason He stressed in His hour of temptation in the wilderness that "man shall not live by bread alone" (cf. Deuteronomy 8:3; Matthew 4:4).

So many in our affluent world live by bread *alone*. To help us avoid such a tragedy, the Scriptures warn against greed (Luke 12:15) and encourage unselfishness (Acts 20:33-35). Jesus urged investment in spiritual treasures (Matthew 6:19-21). John, the beloved apostle, reminds us that possessions are to be used (to serve God and our fellowmen) and not for our needs alone (1 John 3:17-20).

Bread is essential. We need to trust God for our personal needs. And we are to be partners with God in using our strength and abilities to help meet those needs. Furthermore, we should use the resources we

obtain in accordance with the principles of Christian stewardship.

By itself bread will not satisfy the deep spiritual yearnings of the human spirit. Let us seek bread—but more than bread. Let us keep on the stretch to learn more of the things of the Spirit.

We are involved in the struggle for life's necessities—and rightly so. But we need something more than bread. We need a freedom from the tyranny of this world and the strength and victory of faith.

The same Jesus who taught His disciples to pray, "Give us this day our daily bread," also urged them to trust God for their personal needs. He said, "Your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things" (Matthew 6:11, 32). We need to keep our sense of values current, asking ourselves whether our trust is in "things" or in God.

Let us trust Him each day for our temporal needs. But let us do more than that. Let us pray with the songwriter:

*Break Thou the bread of life,
Dear Lord, to me,
As Thou didst break the loaves
Beside the sea.
Beyond the sacred page
I seek Thee, Lord;
My spirit pants for Thee,
O living Word!*

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THE GLORY OF THE WORD MADE FLESH

IN THE BEGINNING was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God" (John 1:1). So, majestically, and to the modern mind somewhat mysteriously, John begins his Gospel.

The mystery is not lessened by the fact that, having used the title "the Word" in the Prologue (1:1-18), John forthwith dismisses it so that not only does it not occur again in that meaning in the remainder of his book, it only recurs twice in the rest of the New Testament—both times in Johannine works (1 John 1:1; Revelation 19:13).

But what seems mysterious to us was not so to John's first readers. Indeed, the title "the Word," so unmeaning to us, provided a ready and immediate point of contact for them. Why else would the author place it among the opening words of his book? The destination and recipients of John's Gospel have been much debated. It seems reasonably clear, however, that they included people of Jewish as well as Greek background. And we may seek to understand what the term says to us by inquiring what it conveyed to them.

When a reader of Jewish background opened the Gospel, he would feel perfectly at home. The idea of the Word as having existed from the beginning, as being the Fashioner of creation and Source of life and light, was entirely familiar to him. Did not the opening words of the Law affirm repeatedly that God created by His Word: "God said, Let there be . . . and there was . . ."? Did not the Psalmist say: "By the word of the Lord the heavens were made; and all their host by the breath of his mouth" (Psalm 33:6)?

The Proverbs picture God as being aided in all His work by a master-workman: "The Lord created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of old. Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. . . . When he established the heavens, I was there . . . when he marked out the foundations of the earth, then I was beside him, like a master workman" (Proverbs 8:22-23, 27, 29-30, RSV).

It was congenial to the Jewish mind to keep God at a respectful distance while not banishing Him altogether from the affairs of men, and the idea of God acting through an intermediary, His Word or (as in Proverbs 8) His Wisdom, served the purpose well. The pious Jew could likewise read with acceptance John's further description of God's Word or Wisdom being in the world but being either unrecognized for what He was or rejected when He was recognized (John 1:10-11). So far the Jew could follow without demur. The point at which he would be thrown into consternation would be the climax of the Prologue: the claim that "the Word became flesh" (v. 14).

Let us leave the Jew for a moment and read the Prologue through the lenses of a Greek reader. To begin with, like the Jew, he would have no difficulty. To him also the Word was a familiar notion. In Greek speculative thought it denoted primarily the expression of thought, and in the hands of the Stoics, the rational principle of the universe which made sense of everything, bound everything together, and was regarded as divine.

Allow one such Greek, a certain Augustine, to describe his own pilgrimage from Athens to Bethlehem. "Thou didst procure for me through a certain person . . . some books of the Platonists translated from Greek into Latin. There I read—not in so many words, but in substance, supported by many arguments of various kinds—that in the beginning was the Word . . . Again I read there that God the Word was born not of the flesh nor of blood, nor of the will of man, nor of the will of the flesh, but of God. But

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that the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us I did not read there" (*Confessions*, vii.9).

Thus both Jew and Greek may read the Gospel with agreement and acceptance. John has found a point of contact with their mentality and outlook. And significantly, both reach the parting of the ways at the same point and for the same reason. The great stumbling block is the central Christian affirmation of the Incarnation: "the Word became flesh." To the Jew who would concede that the Word is a personification, John declares: "The Word is a Person." To the Greek who would agree that the Word is a principle, John declares that the Word is personal. To both, who would shrink from such a suggestion, John drives the point home by claiming that it is in the Incarnation that God's glory is most fully disclosed: "The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father" (v. 14).

Such is the truth which lies at the heart of the Gos-

pel message. And to those who would wistfully inquire as to whether there is meaning in the universe; to those who would more daringly affirm that there is a mind at the heart of the universe, John would confidently declare that there is a heart at the heart of the universe. We know that it is so, for in the face and heart and hands of Jesus we have seen the face and heart and hands of God.

As Leon Morris finely expresses it: "John's Word does not show us a God who is serenely detached, but a God who is passionately involved. The Word speaks of God's coming where we are, taking our nature upon Himself, entering the world's struggle, and out of this agony winning men's salvation."

As Advent-tide comes again, well may we sing with Christians across the centuries:

*Word of the Father
Now in flesh appearing,
O, come let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord!*

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TELL GOD That You Love Him

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SEVERAL YEARS AGO a minister related a personal experience in his life that sharpened the vision of his own need of a closer fellowship with God. He said that in one of his pastorates he had a prayer room which he called the sky room. It was in the very top of the parsonage—a kind of attic.

It was a room used only for prayer and meditation. One day as he came home from his busy work, he felt very irritated and fretful. He had been hurrying all day from one appointment to another.

As he entered the home, he told his wife, "I am going up to the sky room, and please do not let anyone interrupt me." It was really not necessary to add the last part, since his wife was always glad to see him go up to the sky room.

He dragged his tired body up the steps, shut the door, and sat down by the little table. The only furniture in the room was a chair and a table with a Bible on it.

As the minister turned the leaves of the Bible, he heard footsteps on the stairway. Then there was a timid knock on the door. With a frown on his face, he opened the door and found his six-year-old girl standing there. "Daddy," she said, "you've been so busy these last few days that I haven't had time to love

you, and I want to love you for just a minute."

He dropped down on his knees by the door as she put her arms around his neck, gave him a big hug, and kissed him. She said, "Thank you, Daddy; I know that you love me," and she retreated down the stairs.

Still on his knees, he pushed the door shut and said, "O God, I have been so busy going to and fro, and up and down on the earth that I haven't had time to stop and tell You that I love You. Lord, I want to stay and just talk with You a while."

At times it may seem our days are engulfed in ceaseless and legitimate activity. But we must always remember amid the whirling confusions of the world to take time to be holy and speak oft with our Lord. What can dispel the gloom of a day, lift the burdens, brighten the depressions of the troubled soul, and draw the sincere believer closer to God, then quietly pausing and saying from the heart, "Yes, Lord, I do love You!"

How honestly in our days of busy confusion should we heed the command, "Be still, and know that I am God." How earnestly, amid our hurried pace of life, may we accept the promise given: "In quietness and confidence shall be your strength" (Isaiah 30:15).

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The Poverty of IMPATIENCE

IN AN AGE of instant foods and coffee and television sets that don't have to warm up, of Polaroid pictures that develop before our eyes, of deadlines and expiration dates, of cake mixes that require only one bowl, we are anxious to save time.

We talk of a three-year bachelor's degree, early high school graduation, no waiting periods for divorces, and instant credit through charge cards. Now we can't even wait for the votes to be counted but accept results with 2 percent of the precincts reporting. We often hear, "I can't wait that long; I need to know now!"

Could we be suffering from the "poverty of impatience"?

Have you ever lost a job or promotion you really wanted? Perhaps we thought a lesser qualified person received it; naturally you hurt. It may have been easy to make excuses or to claim "politics" or "it was who he knew." Indeed, there may have been no logical explanation.

The Psalmist talks about the "blessed" person who "brings forth fruit in his season" (Psalm 1:3). How many times have we experienced rejection or frustration for a time, only to receive later something which made the formerly desired position less appealing.

Since we believe in a God of order, who ordained cycles and seasons and days in divine perspective, should we not commit our days to Him?

In the story of Lazarus we see Jesus confronting impatience. Jesus had learned of His friend's death and chose not to hurry to the grieving family. That He knew and did not immediately respond seemed inconsiderate to the sisters, tortured by the immediacy of their need. Their brother was dead! Where was Jesus when they needed Him?

As Jesus entered Bethany, He perhaps detected that strained, accusing tone in Martha's voice, "If you had been here, my brother would not have died" (John 11:32, NEB). Martha perceived Jesus only in response to her own needs.

Although Jesus' crying has been interpreted to reflect His love for Lazarus, the tears may well have been an expression of frustration. Martha's real need was patience. Jesus must have felt limited by the attempts to confine Him to this world's time clock.

There are times of pain, suffering, loneliness, disappointment that are part of the human experience. Their immediacy frequently is so preponderous, our



view of anything or anyone else is obscured. We may long to be rid of the pain and yet not be able to predict its demise. As Paul noted, "We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials for we know that they are good for us—they help us learn to be patient. And patience develops strength of character in us and helps us trust God more each time we use it . . ." (Romans 5:3-4, *Living Bible*).

Painful experiences can prepare us for future tasks. Then, years later, if the normal mental and emotional processes have been allowed to work, the recall of the experience is a total and inclusive

one and not a recollection of isolated daily episodes.

Occasionally, the nos in our lives are part of God's preventative care. Nos spare us from failure or embarrassment in experiences for which we are not prepared or lack maturity to handle, and from which we might have to pray for deliverance.

There is a point at which we must surrender our temporal time clocks to the timing of the Holy Spirit. While this may require daily adjustments in a time-conscious society, it will pay dividends. Isaiah, writing generations before the "Instant Age," stated that those who choose to wait "shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary, and they shall walk and not faint" (Isaiah 40:31).

Perhaps some during the first 119 days in the Upper Room felt that the time could have been used more productively; but after the 120th day those thoughts were abandoned. The Psalmist reminds us that when the season comes, "his leaf . . . shall not wither; and whatsoever . . . [the righteous] doeth shall prosper" (Psalm 1:3).

Impatience makes waiting on the Lord difficult and delays the strengthening of the heart we may need (Psalm 28:14). Impatience and hasty action also may have long-term consequences, as Saul learned after thoughtlessly offering a burnt sacrifice when Samuel was not prompt (1 Samuel 13).

"Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning," (Psalm 30:5). This promise is the invitation to every believer to abandon the poverty of impatience. We must learn either to be patient or to suffer from the poverty of impatience. □

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SANCTIFICATION—

Instantaneous and Insistent

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SANCTIFICATION—the term and the experience—is sometimes misunderstood. This may occur because one is hesitant to face the personal standard of holy living the Scriptures proclaim. There can be no doubt as to God's command for man to be holy as He is holy (1 Peter 1:15-16).

The question immediately arises: "How can anyone accomplish such a lofty goal in this life, in this world of sin?"

Bible readers are familiar with the Apostle Paul's exhortation to the Thessalonians of the divine solution: "May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful and he will do it" (1 Thessalonians 5:23-24, NIV).

Thus the extent of Christ's sacrificial atonement for man's sin includes both the tendency to sin as well as rebellious acts. The practical experience of entire sanctification necessarily involves every area of one's life in relation to God's will for mankind.

Because Jesus died to make men holy, an individual response to that provision is required. The grace flowing from the salvation-event cannot be just partially appropriated or disregarded without fearful loss. Sin is apt to occur, condemning and overcoming the believer.

And the price divinely provided implies a further cost to be personally paid. As Oswald Chambers asked: "Are you prepared for what sanctification will cost?" "Are you prepared for God to do in you all that He separated you for?" "And after His work is done in you, are you prepared to separate yourself unto God as Jesus did?"

True, Jesus "paid it all" for man's redemption. But there is a personal price of commitment each individual must pay himself. When one, by faith and repentance, is born of the Spirit, that is a holy work begun. It occurs the moment a person turns from sin to God and receives the divine life unto righteousness.

But such a transformation of grace is not only instantaneous, it is also insistent. One is soon further led by the Holy Spirit to submit his redeemed life to be filled and controlled by the Spirit. This is how God

proposes to make and to keep His people holy. Thus the believer's sanctification anticipates entirety.

Individual decision and submission must be made to receive the promise and allow the Holy Spirit to abide in His fullness. It is not simply a matter of giving the Spirit privilege to direct a person's life. It is also receiving Him to cleanse and refine all that would resist the divine will.

The cost involves a "dying out" to selfish interests and a broadening of personal interest in God's way. So sanctification means an intense concentration on God's viewpoint from the human side. It means every power of body, soul, and spirit, committed and kept for God's purpose only.

There is a sense in which one must identify himself with the words of Jesus, "For their sakes I sanctify myself" (John 17:19). To be "truly sanctified" (NIV), one must be united with Jesus so that the disposition that ruled Him will rule the believer. The virtue of Christ's self-sacrifice is the base for the submission of every follower to the divine will.

In Christian experience, the operation of the Holy Spirit is both instantaneous and gradual; it is both decisive and conditional. Again, the question is not of God's ability to make man holy. The question is: Are you prepared to pray—"Lord, make me holy according to Your sin-cleansing purpose"?

There is an underlying insistence which accompanies the relationship. Jesus prayed that His followers might be one with Him as He is one with the Father. The purpose of being born of new life is both instantaneous and ongoing, for the continuing ministry of the Holy Spirit is to cleanse and fill and empower every Christian.

This further experience of abiding relationship is both a crisis and a process. The faith that receives the promise must continue to believe and allow the free reign of the Holy Spirit in every area throughout a person's life.

Thus entire sanctification is a second definite work of grace. It is instantaneous as faith claims and receives the infilling presence of the Holy Spirit. But it is also insistent—the same faith and commitment must characterize the daily personal relationship with God. It prompts every Christian to set himself apart for the progressive ministrations of the Holy Spirit in and through his life. □

helps to holy living

Editorially Speaking . . .

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THE INDISPENSABLE BOOK

When Sir Walter Scott was dying, according to an often told tale, he called for "the book."

His servant replied, "Which book, sir?" Scott had a large library.

"When one is dying," replied the man of letters, "there is just one Book." The servant brought the Bible to him.

John Wesley said, "Let me be a man of one Book." He read many books, but the one Book from which he learned the way to heaven was the Bible.

When I became a Christian at the age of 16, I had no Bible nor did I have the money to buy one. Since I had given up my old ways of living, I couldn't steal one, either. My chance for a Bible came in a revival campaign when our pastor promised to give a Bible to the person who got the most new people to attend the meeting. I made up my mind to have that prize. I didn't know, being a novice Christian, that everyone in the church wasn't hard at work for the Lord. Thinking that the competition would be stiff, I really hustled. I contacted all my friends, a lot of strangers, and a few kinfolk. Over 40 of them came to the services in our little church. I won the Bible by a large margin.

Since then I have never been without one. If it came to that, I would trade away every book in my library rather than forfeit the Bible. Indeed, if I had the time and money to be a collector, I would collect rare Bibles, ancient and modern, in all languages.

I would like to have a copy of the "Wicked Bible." A 1613 edition of the King James Version was given this nickname because a careless printer left out the word "not" in the seventh commandment. It read, "Thou shalt commit adultery." Archbishop Laud, convinced that English people needed no encouragement in that direction, fined the Cambridge printers 300 pounds.

Another interesting collector's item would be a copy of Bishop Becke's Bible. This old English edition incorporated some editorial notes, setting them in the same type as the text of Scripture. In

1 Peter 3:7, where men are exhorted to live with their wives "according to knowledge," the verse ran on like this: "And yf she be not obedient and healpful unto hym, endeavoureth to beat the feare of God into her heade, so that thereby she maye be compelled to learne her dutie, and to do it."

I do have a New Testament, more than a century old, that one of my ancestors carried in the Civil War. It is not elegantly bound nor handsomely printed. The original cost was probably quite small. But I value it because the first owner used it on bloody fields of battle to minister to hurt and dying soldiers. After all, this is why the Bible was given to us; not to be enshrined in archives, but to be read and shared with all who need its redeeming message.

My Bible is my most prized earthly possession. It tells me of the Christ who loved me and died for me when I was mean and worthless and hellbound. It tells me of personal forgiveness and cleansing and peace with God which I can enjoy by simply trusting His promises. It tells me that when I die, I will only then begin to live, live forever beyond pain, tears, grief, and death in God's better country. It tells me of One whose Kingdom is worth living and dying for 1,000 times over. No other book tells me this. No other book can instrument these wondrous benefits. My whole library is not worth what my Bible is worth when I consider the message that my Bible speaks forth to my questing heart.

Get a Bible if you don't have one of your own. Buy one for some friend whom you are trying to lead to Jesus Christ. And remember that just having one is not enough. The Bible is not a good luck charm. It is not a religious equivalent of a rabbit's foot or a horseshoe or a four-leaf clover! The Bible means nothing unless it is read, studied, believed, and practiced. Then it means everything, for it leads us into eternal life.

Many books are interesting and valuable. I am glad that I have a number of them. But one Book is indispensable. □

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into eternal life.*

THE JOY OF BOOKS

From earliest childhood I have been an avid reader. In those first years, however, my literary taste was poor. I read simply for entertainment, with rare exceptions. Quality was sacrificed for quantity, and escapism was my book diet.

What really jarred my brain awake and made me an incarnate bookworm was my conversion to Jesus Christ. The Bible, and every book I could get my hands on that would help me understand the Bible, became my obsession. During the first 20 years of my ministry I read over 100 books a year. I was not a rapid reader, just a constant one. I wanted to know all that I could about Jesus Christ.

How I loved books! I would go to the district assembly with a suitcase filled with clothes. Then I would hang around the bookstand like a bee drawn to clover. When I went home, I would have the suitcase filled with new books and my clothes stuffed into paper sacks. Several times I fasted throughout a district assembly in order to use all my money to buy books.

During my early ministry a Presbyterian pastor befriended me with a gift of over 100 books from his library, perhaps out of sympathy for my congregation. Among these books was a set of commentaries on the New Testament. I could tell that this was a choice addition to my meager library, but I had a problem. The commentaries were based on the Greek text and filled with Greek words. I didn't know a bit of Greek, and it was like trying to read a heavily censored letter with many words cut out. I wrote to our seminary and asked for a list of the books they used in the Greek classes. When they kindly sent me the list, I ordered the books from the Publishing House. The day they arrived, I was so excited that I spent the whole afternoon and night reading and writing the Greek alphabet and copying a few Greek words. When my wife got up to prepare breakfast, there I was still working away! Later on I taught Greek in college.

During World War II I was driving a truck for some high school kids who were competing in a scrap drive. We collected metal junk of all kinds from the basements, attics, and garages of people who volunteered these treasures. In one garage I spied a shelf of books on theology and other religious subjects. They were

covered with dust and moths were picnicking on them. Conversing with the owner of the house, I learned that these books had belonged to her father, who was the first Methodist bishop in Brazil. He was now in heaven and the books were obviously doing her no earthly good. I hinted to her that God might visit her house with a plague if she continued to abuse those books when one of His young preachers needed them badly. She gladly gave them to me, and I got my first education in Wesleyan-Arminian theology from that mini-library.

My favorite book, of course, is the Bible. But I deeply appreciate all the books that have helped me to dig into its mines with greater understanding. I firmly believe that every Christian home should have a growing library of books that will help those who live there to be intelligent, effective, and joyful Christians. We are missing the mark when newspapers and magazines clutter our homes, but Bibles and books are scarce. We are living on the surface when television dominates our leisure hours and reading becomes a lost art.

God made man a speech-partner. One of the noblest of His gifts to us is the faculty of language. Communication is never adequate without the word that interprets the deed. And when people have something really worthwhile to say, more of us need to hear it so that they can speak with us personally. That is why books are so valuable. Through them we can share the insights of the wisest and best men and women in history.

Education is but one benefit to be derived from the ministry of books. Sheer enjoyment is another. Few of life's pleasures excel that of participating in the artistry of words and inventory of ideas contained in good books.

Do yourself a kindness. Order a book today, and let it open a door to a richer future for you and your family. Let those who have marked trails of thought in all the forest of human experience lead you along to valleys of beauty and mountains of vision that otherwise you might miss. Best of all, let them share with you what they have discovered in fellowship with the Lord and in the exploration of His Word. □



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A Christian Woman's World

YOU ARE WHAT YOU THINK ABOUT

I take very seriously the scriptural statement that a person is what he thinks ("... as he thinketh in his heart, so is he" [Proverbs 23:7]).

Furthermore, I fully believe that a person begins to think like the literature he reads, like the television programs and movies he watches, and like the music he listens to. It's only logical. To listen to a song over and over and then to say that its words do not have any effect on the listeners' thinking is an insult to one's intelligence.

Recently I heard a member of a religious rock group say that the first attraction their group had to many teen-agers was the beat to their music. "But then," he said, "pretty soon the words start to get through to them." When it is possible to make out the words to some of the current popular rock songs and realize what they say, it is simply shocking that we allow such garbage over the airwaves of our "Christian" nation. And it is even more shocking that Christian parents let their kids delude themselves into believing they are just listening to the tune or enjoying the beat.

The same is true of TV and movies. One of the greatest dangers in Christians watching ungodly, unchristian programs is that we can become desensitized and what we know is wrong slowly becomes more tolerable and we are able to accept it.

A teenager in our church asked me if I had seen the movie *Helter-Skelter* when it was on TV. You may recall that *Helter-Skelter* is the story of the Manson tribe and the grotesque, awful things they did on their murdering escapades. I told her I hadn't seen it. Then she said, "Oh, it was just sickening at first. But then I got used to it."

How much sin do we "get used to" just because we expose ourselves to it? Then the obvious question is, When does "getting used to it" become "doing it"?

The same is true for what we read. The Scripture admonishes us to think about good and true things

(Philippians 4:8). To spend an hour or half an hour or even just 15 minutes reading about ungodly people living selfish lives in the search for pleasure and happiness has to have an effect on what we are. Remember the Bible says that "as he thinketh in his heart, so is he." It is inconceivable to read and not think.

Reading about sin can also have a desensitizing as well as a manipulative effect. In college I read a novel for a class assignment (it wasn't a Christian college) which incorporated adultery, lying, cheating, and various other sins. I was amazed when I found myself hoping the husband in the story would be able to conceal his affair from his wife. Through clever writing, the author of the novel had convinced me that it was all right for the husband to have sex with someone other than his wife because his wife really didn't understand him and she was a real shrew.

That experience was so shocking to me that it became a turning point. It made me realize how vulnerable I am to what I read and how I had been manipulated into **almost** excusing something I knew to be blatant sin.

Since that time I have made it a practice to fill my mind with the things of God and what is pleasing to Him. That means I make a conscious effort to read about God and the wholesome, uplifting aspects of His creation.

The books I have read most recently which have lifted me to higher levels of thinking and being are *Peace Child*, by Don Richardson; *A Father . . . a Son . . . and a Three Mile Run*, by Keith J. Leenhouts; *What Is a Family?* by Edith Schaeffer; and *How Do You Find the Time?* by Pat King. □

THE PROPER WAY

*I lived my life from day to day
And thought I knew the "proper way."
But "proper" was a word to hide
The longing that I felt inside.*

*Burdens that I thought were mine
I tried to pass and leave behind.
Instead, they filled my aching heart—
My "proper way" soon fell apart.*

*I went to God in earnest prayer
And left my burdens in His care.
His precious love has set me free—
A happy soul He gave to me.*

*His praises I will shout and sing;
My love for Him is everything.
The "Proper Way" is Christ my Lord!
His saving grace is my reward.*

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GENERAL CHURCH DAY FOR NEW SEMINARIANS

The church's sixty-eighth anniversary, October 18, 1976, was celebrated with an orientation tour by the new seminary junior class of all the general church facilities in Kansas City and climaxed with a noon luncheon at the Crown Center Centennial Room.

Chartered buses loaded with approximately 150 seminarians rolled out of the newly expanded parking lot of Nazarene Theological Seminary. At their first stop of the day they were greeted by Paul Spear, executive administrator of the General Board operation, and several employee guides for a tour of the Headquarters and General Board buildings. As they visited each department, they were given a brief description of the departmental work and its relationship to the total church program.

The buses then headed for the three-mile run to the Nazarene Publishing House complex, where they assembled in the Heritage Building for a briefing by M. A. (Bud) Lunn, manager, and were given the usual Practicum Workbook outlining the functions and services of the various departments of the general church organizations. It was a first for many of the new junior class to see the Publishing House in full operation.

The luncheon at Crown Center was a highlight of the day. Kansas City District Superintendent Milton Parrish led in a prayer of thanksgiving and praise. General Superintendent Charles Strickland, advisor to the Publishing House, brought greetings from the Board of General Superintendents. Special mention was made that this was a doubly significant occasion in that 68 years ago on October 13 in Pilot Point, Tex., the Church of the Nazarene was born.

Tony Valenti, song evangelist in the Church of the Nazarene, provided special music for luncheon guests.

Dr. Leslie Parrott, president of Olivet Nazarene College, encouraged the seminarians to find their individual places within the church structure and, under the direction of the Holy Spirit, fulfill their prescribed roles. He also figura-

tively took them on a "magic carpet" tour for an overview of the church work around the world.

For the benediction, Tony Valenti prayerfully sang "Where the Spirit of the Lord Is," which officially closed a meaningful day as the group was bussed back to the seminary parking lot.

Dr. Stephen Nease, president of Nazarene Theological Seminary, commented that he felt the General Church Day was a definite contribution to the lives and coming ministry of our students.

Sam Bowers, junior class president from Little Rock, Ark., wrote, "The tours at the Headquarters and General Board buildings and the Publishing House were an excellent introduction for incoming seminary students to internal workings of our church. The banquet at Crown Center was delightful and Dr. Leslie Parrott's admonitions were challenging to us as we prepare our lives for various phases of ministry in our church. We sincerely thank you for a memorable day." □



The Moscow, Ida., church recently had a special "Charles and Ruby Flatt Recognition Day." Charles Flatt resigned as church treasurer, after having served in that position since 1946. His wife, Ruby has served in responsible capacities including Sunday school superintendent from 1946 to 1958. When Mr. Flatt assumed the job of treasurer, the annual budget was \$12,000. This past year the annual budget was \$144,600. In recognition and appreciation for their dedicated service, the church presented them a Carousel slide projector, and other gifts, added their names to the new Memorial for the Living, through NWMS, and held a reception in their honor at the close of the Sunday evening service. Ruby and Charles Flatt are pictured receiving congratulations from Pastor Harold Stickney.



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Volunteers from Nashville Bethel Church pose alongside the Nazarene Indian Bible School staff after helping paint the buildings and landscape the grounds.

LOVE PROMPTS WORK MISSION AT INDIAN BIBLE SCHOOL

Thirty-seven young people and sponsors from the Nashville Bethel Church closed out their summer by undertaking a work mission at Nazarene Indian Bible School south of Albuquerque, N.M.

Pastor Bob Madison reports that the group raised \$2,500 to pay for their trip.

Rev. Henry Oplinger, minister of music and youth for Nashville Bethel Church, accompanied the group on the trip.

While on the Bible School campus, they painted the buildings, helped install a new sprinkler system, and did landscaping as well as attended some Indian services.

Rev. Madison says the trip helped make the Nashville youth aware of the great ministry that is possible to the North American Indians as well as the poverty that exists there. Since the trip, one young lady has felt called to full-time work among the Indians.

The Board of General Superintendents has declared approval for 10 percent missionary giving for refurbishing of living quarters for students

at Nazarene Indian Bible School. Fifteen thousand dollars is needed immediately for this purpose.

So urgent was the need that the work is already being done on faith that Nazarenes will respond again as they have in the past.

Volunteer groups of youth and adults have been of great value during visits to the North American Indian District. More are needed.

Be sure to contact the Department of Home Missions' director of cross-cultural ministries, Rev. Roger E. Bowman, in your planning.

He can give you advice about the kind of volunteer services needed at the particular time and the prerequisites for such volunteer service. □

NEWS OF CHURCHES

Groundbreaking ceremonies were conducted August 1, for an 18,500 sq. ft. multipurpose building at **Owego, N.Y., First Church**. The new addition will connect to the south education wing and will house a regulation size gym, a mini-hall, kitchen, chapel, lounge, restrooms with showers, and classrooms. Participating were District Superintendent J. Wilmer Lambert; Pastor Roland E. Dunlop; John Hyatt, town board member; Allen Bishop, county legislator; and William Bodine, building committee chairman. □

The **Ironton, Ohio, Ellison Street Church** recently had a mortgage-burning service.

Mrs. Anna Morris started the church in 1967. The mortgage burning was made possible through a donation of almost \$10,000 by Mrs. Morris' sister, Mrs. Ada Kuehne.

Participating in the ceremony were Pastor Robert L. Grubb; James C. Baker, first pastor; James C. Haynes, second pastor; Mrs. Anna Morris; and Dr. Terrell C. Sanders, Jr., district superintendent. □

Pastor Cecil H. Carroll reports ground-breaking services were held for **Salem, Ill., Grace Church** at their new building site located on Highway 37 North on Sunday afternoon, September 26, with over 100 people present from the church and community. Dr. James Hunton, district superintendent of the Illinois District, spoke and then led the prayer for God's continued blessing upon the church and its expansion program. Other guests included Mr. and Mrs. John R. Jones, mayor of Salem, who brought greetings to the congregation; Gerald Sinclair, executive vice-president of the Salem National Bank; and Rev. Billy Howell, president of the Salem Ministerial Alliance. □

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The Kenner, La., First Church recently honored pioneer home mission pastor M. M. Snyder on the occasion of his ninety-seventh birthday.



In 40 years of ministry on the Louisiana District, Rev. Snyder was the founding pastor of seven new churches including the Kenner Church.

Rev. Snyder celebrated his birthday having dinner with the church people, a large birthday cake, and receiving an engraved plaque and clock. Also a living memorial fund was started in his honor to help further the work of the seven churches he established in the New Orleans area.

Milton M. Snyder was saved at the age of 25, in the room where he was staying. His decision was that if the Lord would give him an "honorable possession," he would serve Him all his life.

Immediately a job opportunity opened for him as a janitor at the YMCA. He accepted it as his "honorable possession" from God.

Later he became a salesman for Jewel Tea Company and eventually to sales manager. From this position, God called M. M. Snyder into the ministry.

During his ministry, he was an influential man. A district assembly held in Shreveport, La., commissioned Rev. Snyder 40 years ago to the New

Orleans area to establish churches.

The first Nazarene cottage prayer meeting, held at the Blanchard residence with 18 in attendance, increased to a total of seven churches in the 40 years Rev. Snyder worked in this area.

These churches include Pearl River Church, Downtown Church, Calvary Church, First Church, West Bank Church, and the Bethel Church. They presently comprise the New Orleans Zone. □



Fifty persons heard the gospel, with 20 of them making a commitment to Christ, in the South Arkansas District Clinic on Personal Evangelism held in Little Rock Rosehill Church. District Superintendent Thomas Hermon and Rev. Bob Huffaker, coordinator, promoted and organized the clinic, along with Dr. Don Gibson of the Department of Evangelism. Pictured front row (l. to r.) are: Rev. Bob Huffaker, Mrs. June Brooks, Mrs. Christine Blankenship, Rev. and Mrs. Thomas Hermon, Mrs. Beverly Burgess, and Rev. Gary Powell.

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The 904 Nazarenes and friends who attended NIROGA 1976 at Glorieta, N.M., September 13-18.

NIROGA ROLLS ON

Nine hundred and four senior adults attended the fourth Nazarene International Retreat of Golden Agers at Glorieta, N.M., September 13-18. A month earlier 361 were enrolled in the first NIROGA at Green Lake, Wis., August 30 to September 3; and one month later, October 11-15, more than 300 attended the second NIROGA at Montreat, N.C.

These enthusiastic gatherings of Nazarene "older youngsters" are characterized by joyous singing, arts and crafts periods, workshops on how to organize senior adult ministries (SAM) in local churches, and separate sessions for men and women with doctors discussing physical problems of older adults.

Dr. George Coulter, who spoke at the Glorieta Retreat, described the SAM movement as a most significant activity for an increasing number of members of the church who have the time and interest. Each of the three retreats had a member of the Board of General Superintendents present.

Speakers at the three retreats included Dr. George Coulter, Dr. William M. Greathouse, and Dr. Orville W. Jenkins, general superintendents; Dr. Edward Lawlor, retired general superintendent; Dr. Leslie Parrott, president, Olivet Nazarene College; District Superintendents Dr. Bruce Taylor (Northeastern Indiana), Rev. Hoyle C. Thomas (Nebraska), and Dr. Jonathan Gassett (North Florida); Dr. Nicholas Hull, retired district super-

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Canada Central District Superintendent Neil Hightower and clinic coordinator Rev. J. Donald Nichols were hosts to 17 pastors and lay persons who took "on the job" personal evangelism training in Toronto. Host pastor was Rev. David Kline.



Thirty-seven trainees gathered at Lansing, Mich., First Church, September 20-22, for a Michigan District personal evangelism clinic. Seventy-six presentations of the gospel were given, with 30 persons making a commitment to Christ. Rev. Orville Maish, clinic coordinator; Dr. Don Gibson, director; and Rev. Wilbur Brannon, host pastor, are shown in the front row, far left.

NEWS OF REVIVAL

The Long Island, N.Y., Brentwood Church recently completed an outstanding Family Crusade with Rev. and Mrs. Bill Overton from Woodbury, N.J. All attendance records were broken and many seekers found help. Rev. Oliver Wirth is the pastor. □

Pastor Jesse C. Middendorf reports a successful revival at the Albuquerque, N.M., Los Altos Church with Evangelist Gary Haines. "Many people found God as Saviour and as Sanctifier, and the entire church was spiritually deepened through the ministry of Rev. Haines. His singing and preaching was God-anointed, and the response in both attendance and obedience to the leadership of the Spirit was remarkable." □

Pastor Charles Copley, Sr., of the Corbin, Ky., church reports "a truly Holy Ghost revival the week of October 12 with Evangelist Don Ballard of Memphis. There were around 80 people that knelt at the altar to be saved or sanctified, and many testified to being healed." □

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Nineteen persons were converted during the five-day Personal Evangelism Clinic, September 10-14, on the Oregon Pacific District. Fifty-seven attended the clinic, with a total of 18 churches involved. Rev. Kent Anderson of Beaverton, Ore., was the director of the clinic. The clinic was highlighted by a baptismal service with 23 giving verbal and visual expression of their faith in Jesus Christ.



A community-wide outdoor worship service, sponsored by Fullerton, Calif., First Church, was well attended in spite of inclement weather. The Singing ConCORDS brought a sound concert. At the conclusion of the concert, Pastor Dennis C. Smith entered a hot-air balloon and spoke on the subject "The Uniqueness of Christ." The message and method were well received by the crowd of approximately 400. There were 15 public decisions for Christ. The unique concept of worship brought many favorable comments from the community.

OF PEOPLE AND PLACES

The first Distinguished Service Award on Canada Atlantic District was presented to **Mr. Ross Schurman** on the occasion of his ninety-fifth birthday October 5. His home church at Oxford, Nova Scotia, made the presentation in honor of his outstanding service as a pioneer layman. He was present in the beginnings of the Church of the Nazarene in Oxford, Nova Scotia, in 1902; Toronto, Ontario, First Church; Calgary, Alberta, First Church; and Truro, Nova Scotia. When 80 years old, he traveled 100 miles a day for many weeks to help in the construction of buildings at Big Lake Camp, the new Canada Atlantic District campgrounds outside of Oxford, Nova Scotia. Pastor Bert Collins says he "faithfully attends church each Sunday morning with his daughter, Mrs. Rhoda Jones, a former missionary to China, with whom he resides." □

Dr. Lee C. Davis was recently presented a Distinguished Service Award in appreciation of outstanding service for 18 years as district superintendent, 27 years as pastor, and as a continuing evangelist and author. While Rev. Davis was district superintendent of the Southwest Indiana District, he organized 57 churches.

Eastside Church in Bedford, Ind., was organized by Dr. Davis. The name was changed later to Davis Memorial Church in honor and memory of Mr. Davis' first wife, Lela B. Davis. □

SIXTH CENTRAL OHIO MEN IN MISSIONS CRUSADE

On September 26, there were 24 Ohio volunteers representing nine churches who formed the sixth Central Ohio Men in Missions crusade to Cache, Okla., Indian Church.

The group of 14 men and 10 women, led by Dr. Paul Gamertsfelder (Central Ohio Men in Missions coordinator, and General NWMS Council member), departed the district campground on September 26 in a caravan of 12 vehicles. Eleven hundred miles later they arrived at the Cache, Okla., Indian Church. Pastor Owen Smith, his wife Dorothy, and the Comanche Indians met the crusaders with open arms and praise.

The projects were to double the size of the parsonage and build a tornado cellar under it, install bathrooms in the existing church, paint the exterior of the church, and to erect a new church sign.

In a nearby field, 12 campers and tents formed a circle around a central bonfire. The daily meals were prepared under the supervision of John Sergent. The Indian families opened



their homes for the purpose of washing and bathing.

The crusade was much more than a work project. Rev. Dale Bass from Syracuse, Ohio, conducted a six-day revival and a number of people accepted Christ or renewed their faith in Him. There were also daily group devotions, visitations and meals in the Indian homes, picnics prepared in the hills by the Indians, nightly Christian activities around bonfires, shopping

for authentic Indian souvenirs, and lasting Christian friendships. It was a special treat to hear the Indians sing hymns in the Comanche language.

The local television station in Lawton, Okla., heard of the Nazarene mission of love and concern, and taped the activities and televised them on two occasions. On October 10, the crusaders returned to their various homes in central Ohio with a new insight of missions. □

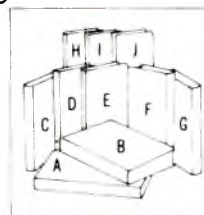


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Pastor David F. Nixon, of the Overland, Mo., church, recently presented a \$5,000 check to Rev. Terry Read, mission director of the Haiti District. It is to finance the construction of the A. R. Aldrich Memorial Chapel in Bleck, Haiti. Pledges were raised on a special day set aside to honor the memory of Rev. A. R. Aldrich, pastor of the Overland church for 34 years. This check represented the completion of a memorial project of \$7,000—\$5,000 for the mission chapel and \$2,000 for a memorial library and conference room.

"EXTERN" PROGRAM OFFERS HELP

1977 has been designated by the General Board of the Church of the Nazarene as the Year to Strengthen Weak Churches.

To implement this emphasis which was proposed by the Department of Home Missions last January, a new concept in church growth has been developed, called the "Extern Program."

Dr. Raymond W. Hurn, executive director of Nazarene Home Missions, says the goal is to "strengthen the weak churches of the Nazarene through sound church growth dynamics."

Preparation to initiate this program in 1977 has required two extensive programs of research now under way.

The two programs are aimed at finding and studying the "growingest" churches over the past 10 years and also the "weakest" churches.

In both cases, the major question for research has been: Why? Why did the growing churches grow? Why are the weak churches weak?

As these results are coordinated, they provide the basis of the extern program to apply specialized strength to areas of weakness.

Over 800 churches have either doubled in membership over the past 5 years or over the past 10 years.

One thousand of the weakest churches (sometimes erroneously called smallest) are also under study to determine how they can be strengthened.

The Department of Home Missions, in setting its quadrennial program, established the first year as the year to start new work.

The second year of the quadrennium, the program of the department is to strengthen weak churches. This

will be followed the third year (1978) with a denomination-wide study on church growth.

Finding and defining growth characteristics of the growingest churches will provide the basis for establishing models for an extern program and for classifying these growing churches demographically.

The following categories have been chosen: (1) rural communities to 9,999 population; (2) towns of 10,000 to 24,999 population; (3) small cities of 25,000 to 49,999 population; (4) metro-suburban (community contiguous to a large city); (5) metro-inner city (old central area); (6) "exurban" (community apart from the major city, inhabited by commuters); (7) language or ethnic minority (cultural grouping).

Churches that apply for the extern program to be initiated in 1977 will be led through a process of training which will include visitation to an extern church. The extern church will be a desirable model located in the same general demographic setting as the church seeking to be stronger.

In 1978 an all-out effort will be made to get every church to study church growth as it relates to their

own community. The text written by Dr. Paul Orjala is for everyone to read. But each church will study for its own size.

Training manuals are being developed for various sizes of churches and for different demographic areas.

Various church growth authorities have joined the process of developing the extern program. These include not only some Nazarene specialists, such as Dr. Paul Orjala and some successful pastors, but also specialists outside the Nazarene framework, such as Dr. Peter Wagner and Rev. John Wimber of the Fuller School of Church Growth.

The program is being related to the district structure. Those local churches who are interested in being a part of this program should contact their district superintendent. □

OF PEOPLE AND PLACES

The San Diego University Avenue Church presented Rev. and Mrs. Leon Wyss tickets for a trip to Israel, Greece, and Italy. The church is presenting this gift to Rev. and Mrs. Wyss to commemorate his 20 years in the ministry, with 5 years as senior pastor there. □



Summer ministries planning conference participants were: (front row, l. to r.) Dr. Ken Hendricks (ONC), Dr. Cliff Fisher (PLC), Dr. Lyle Flinner (BNC), Mrs. Betty Robertson (BNC), Rev. Harold Davis (Department of Church Schools), and Dr. Chester Galloway (NTS); (back row, l. to r.) Dr. Harper Cole (TNC), Rev. Gene Williams (pastor, Wichita, Kans.), Rev. Marselle Knight (Kansas district superintendent), Prof. Bill Youngman (MVNC), Prof. Dan Berg (NNC), Prof. Joe Rapalje (ENC), and Prof. Dean Baldwin (MANC).

PLANNING FOR SUMMER MINISTRIES

Christian education professors from most of the Nazarene colleges met recently at Nazarene Theological Seminary for four days to plan the curriculum for a course in summer ministries. Sponsored by the Department of Church Schools, the conferees planned a course in Christian education for college students who desire to participate in summer ministries under the auspices of NYI, Church Schools, Home Missions, and World Mission.

While in Kansas City the conferees

had opportunity to tour the seminary, International Headquarters, editorial services, and the Publishing House. They enjoyed special presentations informing them of opportunities, programs, and resources for ministry. Out of this conference, the professors have developed guidelines and accumulated resources for training college youth on each Nazarene college campus for summer ministries at the local and district levels and for special ministries in the United States and abroad. □



Miss Neva Flood, vice-rector of Central America Nazarene Seminary, San Jose, Costa Rica, is standing by her new green Toyota, in front of the administration wing of the seminary. The Toyota is a gift from the NWMS of the Southern California District, Miss Flood's home district. It is a welcome contribution to the Lord's work, for "Miss Neva's" 10½-year-old Volkswagen was about out of service.

INDIA INLAND MISSION COUNCIL MEETS

Eleven missionaries met in Washim, September 15-20, for the sixty-seventh India Inland Mission Council meeting.

After successful eye surgery in Canada, Rev. W. J. Pease and his family were welcomed back to India by Mission Director Dr. Alberto Ainscough.

Dr. Orpha Speicher mailed her final report after retiring with 40 years of service in Reynolds Memorial Hospital. Dr. K. J. Meshramkar, an Indian surgeon, brought his first report as medical superintendent of the hospital.

District Superintendent D. M. Kharat brought greetings from the national church. He reported a net increase of 165 members in the Indian church this year. Two new churches have been started, one in Nagpur and the other in Magegaon. A spirit of unity and love prevailed throughout the sessions. □



Mr. J. L. Bickerstaff of North Little Rock, Ark., First Church received the first Distinguished Service Award on the South Arkansas District for 50 years of church work in the NWMS and in bus ministry. Dr. William M. Greathouse assisted District NWMS President Kay Hermon in the presentation.

NEWS OF CHURCHES

The West Somerville, Mass., church celebrated its seventy-fifth anniversary Sunday, September 12.

The "kickoff" of the celebration began Saturday night with a banquet, and many displays and pictures were shown from past events. Tapes of congratulations from former pastors Rev. J. C. Albright, Rev. Byron Maybury, and Rev. Allen Keith, were played. Rev. John B. Nielson sent a substantial gift to the church with his best wishes.

Rev. William Benson and Rev. Adelard Everton, former pastors, participated in the Sunday observances. District Superintendent William Taylor brought the anniversary sermon during the afternoon service. □

May 2 was designated as Founder's Day for Greenville, Tex., Peniel Church.

The morning message was given by Dr. Sam Nesmith, who served the Peniel Church as pastor 1936-39. The afternoon program featured brief biographies and profiles honoring the founders of the church. District Superintendent W. M. Lynch brought a devotion, and the Founder's Day program concluded with a guided bus tour of "Old Peniel."

Founders and early pastors of Peniel included J. W. Benton, M.D., Prof. David S. Arnold, Uncle Bud Robinson, Rev. Mrs. Emily Ellyson, Rev. E. C. DeJernette, Dr. B. F. Neely, Rev. J. E. Gaar, Rev. J. E. Bates, Rev. Haldor Lillenas, Rev. B. F. Harris, and Rev. S. W. Hampton.

The present pastor is Rev. Marvin McDaniel. □

A new adult Sunday school class was started at the Grove City, Ohio, church. The class is called "Basic Bible Beliefs" and grew out of a need to get new Christians grounded in their faith.

The church has been using the Evangelism Explosion method of personal evangelism and has had exceptional growth. A year ago there were about 40 persons who were new Christians with little religious training. It was determined that these new Christians should have a Sunday school class of their own where they could express their feelings openly and ask questions. Thirty of these new Christians were not attending Sunday school at the time they were each individually asked to join this class. The first three months the class averaged 35 and had 27 visitors. The Sunday school teacher is Mrs. June Cole. Pastor Jerry Lambert teaches the class on entire sanctification and at the end of the six months on church membership. □



Sunday, August 22, General Superintendent William M. Greathouse preached the dedicatory message for the Henderson, Tex., church. Others participating in the service were Pastor Gaetano Franzese, former pastor E. J. Singletary, and District Superintendent W. M. Lynch.



Anderson, Ind., Parkview Church was dedicated August 15. District Superintendent Bruce Taylor delivered the message of dedication. The church was completed in December of 1975. After selling the old church, a sanctuary and educational unit has been built on seven acres valued at over \$215,000 with an indebtedness of \$116,000. Parkview was formerly Fairfax until being officially renamed by action of the Northeastern Indiana District Assembly, July 23.



The Oakes, N.D., church was dedicated September 26 by Dr. George Coulter, general superintendent. The church building, valued at \$150,000, was completed for a cost of \$90,000. Indebtedness is now \$75,000 as a result of much donated labor by three contractors who are members of the local congregation. Rev. Gene Bucklin is the pastor.



The Carrington, N.D., church was dedicated October 17 by District Superintendent Phil Riley. The church building seats 300 and is valued at \$200,000. It was completed at a cost of \$151,000 and now has a total indebtedness of \$90,000. It was built by much donated labor. Rev. Edgar Campbell II is the pastor.



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Dr. JoAnn Willis has a B.A. degree from NNC, an M.A. degree in counseling and guidance from the University of Missouri, and received her Ph.D. this summer from Oregon State University. Dr. Willis' dissertation was entitled "Trained Peer Counseling Effect on Freshman Students." Much of her research involved NNC students.



Dr. Willis has held several positions at NNC, beginning in 1968 as resident director of Dooley Hall, and then as dean of women. She left in 1974 to begin her doctoral studies.

Presently, Dr. Willis is assistant to the academic dean and teaches sociology, psychology, and home economics.

Dr. Marvin Stallcop completed his doctoral studies at Arizona State University. His Ed.D. was in music education with emphasis in choral music. Previously, Dr. Stallcop received his B.B. degree from NNC and his M.M. degree from the University of Montana. His master's work was concerned with a study of the history of music in Boise, Ida., from 1863 to 1890. His doctoral work, however, covered the work of a contemporary Norwegian composer: Knut Nystedt.



For the past nine years, Dr. Stallcop has been teaching music at NNC. Presently, he is concentrating on choral music, voice, and music history and education. □

NEWS OF REVIVAL

Pastor Alan R. Dicer reports that the **Westland, Mich., First Church** enjoyed a Spirit-filled revival with Evangelist/Singer Gary Bond. Sinners were saved, believers sanctified, and the entire church was edified. □

A Kiddie Crusade and Revival was recently held at the **Schuylkill Haven, Pa., church**. The workers were Rev. Gloria Files, Miss Dorothy Adams, and Rev. A. C. McKenzie. Pastor Miss Rose Hoffman reports that during the Crusade there were 22 denominations represented and 144 people who had never been in the church before. □

Pastor David A. Moore of the **Sinton, Tex., First Church** reports revival with Evangelist Howard Tripp of Indianapolis. "Under the Spirit-filled preaching of Rev. Tripp many lives were changed, and the church is experiencing a brighter day in the Lord." □

Pastor Milton Harrington reports: "Under the anointed leadership of Rev. Bert Daniels as evangelist, James and Rosemary Green as song evangelists, **Walla Walla, Wash., First Church** experienced a deep moving of the Spirit of God in each service of what was a miracle week during October." □



Evangelist Paul Martin was the first lecturer in the **H. N. Dickerson Pulpit Holiness Evangelism series** at Nazarene Bible College October 18-22. Also pictured seated is President L. S. Oliver. Present for a major part of the series were Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dickerson, members of the family who sponsored this event. This series has been endowed by the sons of Evangelist H. N. Dickerson in his honor. The revival was a time when many students found spiritual victory.



District Superintendent Norman Bloom reported that October 25 was the beginning of the total loss of the Mora, Minn., church due to an electrical short and resultant fire. The church was a landmark in the north central Minnesota community, having been erected in 1886 and dedicated as a Methodist church in 1889. The beautiful stained-glass windows were made in Germany in 1885. The 50-foot tower housed a huge 44-inch bell that still was in use. A self-contained pipe organ, still in use, was part of the antique furnishings. The Church of the Nazarene purchased the building about 1960. Rev. Earl Templeman is the pastor.



Akron District Superintendent Floyd O. Fleming was the dedication speaker for the new church building of the Leavittsburg, Ohio, church on Sunday afternoon, September 26. The 50- by 80-foot structure is of white split block with laminated arches and exposed decking ceiling. A full basement houses the educational department. The carpeted sanctuary will seat 300 persons and contains a baptistry. The building is air-conditioned and is valued at \$200,000. Construction was begun under the leadership of former pastor Rev. Richard C. King and was completed under Pastor Richard E. Phelps. Rev. Merrell Hawkins of Hubbard, Ohio, served as general contractor and supervisor of construction. The Sojourners of Weston, W. Va., provided special vocal music for the day, and several Warren Zone Nazarene ministers assisted in the dedication service.



The Cleveland, Ohio, First Church recently dedicated their new parsonage. It has a total living area of 2,400 square feet. The parsonage is valued at \$65,000 and has a mortgage of only \$19,000. Rev. Merrill Braymer has served as pastor for four years.



Pictured are the ordinands and their wives ordained at the Missouri district assembly. (First row): Rev. and Mrs. Wayne Bogue, Rev. and Mrs. Lawrence Grant III, Rev. and Mrs. Larry Scott. (Second row): Rev. and Mrs. Donald Davidson, Rev. and Mrs. Emery Good, Rev. and Mrs. Woody Wallingsford. (Third row): Rev. Authur E. Mottram, district superintendent, Rev. and Mrs. Lawrence Oelger, Rev. and Mrs. Terry Read, Rev. and Mrs. (Rev.) Eldon Kirks, and Dr. V. H. Lewis, general superintendent.

DISTRICT ASSEMBLY REPORTS

MISSOURI

The sixty-sixth annual assembly of the Missouri District was held at Cape Girardeau, Mo. District Superintendent Arthur E. Mottram, completing the third year of a four-year term, reported.

General Superintendent V. H. Lewis ordained Wayne Bogue, Donald Davidson, Lawrence Oelger, Terry Read, Emery Good, Lawrence Grant III, Woody Wallingsford, and Larry Scott. The elder's orders of Eldon Kirks and Voleta Kirks were recognized.

(Elders) Paul Aldrich, Udell Moss, Herbert Rogers and (laymen) Al Bain, Glen Bond, and Don Cork were reelected to the advisory board.

Reelected to their posts were Mrs. Arthur E. Mottram, NWMS president; Rev. C. Howard Wade, NYI president; and Rev. Herbert Rogers, chairman of the church schools board. □

SOUTHWEST OKLAHOMA

The twenty-eighth annual assembly of the Southwest Oklahoma District was held in Oklahoma City. Dr. W. T. Johnson retired after completing 28 years, serving as district superintendent of the Southwest Oklahoma District from its very beginning. (He also served as district superintendent for one year on the West Oklahoma District before its division.)

In the 28 years, 27 new churches were organized. This year there were two new home mission churches organized: in December the *Korean Church* in Oklahoma City, with 34 members; and in May, the *Amos Komah*

Memorial Church near Lawton, Okla., with 24 charter members.

Rev. Bert Daniels from the Washington Pacific District was elected district superintendent.

General Superintendent George Coulter ordained Thomas Dean Atkinson, Terry Clay Rowland, Edward Marion Trusty, Roy Irvin Berkley, Jr., Richard Lee Womack, and Thomas James McKinney.

Elected to the advisory board were (elders) Carl Summer and Bob Williams; (laymen) James E. Emmert and Ken Hughen.

Rev. Garland Wallace was elected NYI president and Rev. Bob Carroll was elected church schools board chairman. □

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WILLIAM CAMPBELL to Lawrenceville (Ill.) Faith

RICHARD CARLTON from associate, Spokane (Wash.) First, to Union Gap, Wash.

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ANNOUNCEMENT

The Cumberland, Md., First Church will observe their fiftieth anniversary with special services beginning Wednesday, November 24, through Sunday, November 28. Former pastors will speak and a patriotic cantata, *America Depends On You*, will be presented by the choir on Saturday night. All friends and former members are invited to attend. The present pastor is Rev. John Cramer. □

RECOMMENDATION

Rev. Gary Damron is entering the field of evangelism as a promising young evangelist. I heartily recommend him to our pastors and churches everywhere. Rev. Damron carries a burden for souls. He is a capable preacher, a good singer, and works well with young people. He may be contacted: Rev. Gary Damron, 9501

Grand, Kansas City, Mo. 64141; (816-361-8858. —Aleck G. Ulmet, Kentucky District superintendent. □

Rev. Benjamin F. Marlin is reentering the ministry of full-time evangelism. Rev. Marlin is a mature minister of the gospel with varied experience as pastor, district superintendent, and evangelist. He may be contacted at P.O. Box 6310, Hollywood, Fla. 33121. —Robert H. Spear, Jr., Southern Florida District superintendent. □

Mrs. Alberta Lewis, who spent many years teaching in public schools, has now retired from that work. She is a licensed minister and is available for evangelistic assignments. I recommend her to anyone who is looking for someone to serve. She may be reached at Rte. 3, Benton, Ill. 62812; (618) 435-4853. —James E. Hunton, Illinois District superintendent. □

Kenneth W. Gates has entered the field of evangelism as a song evangelist. Mr. Gates served as full-time minister of music at Shelbyville, Ind., First Church. I am pleased to recommend him for revivals and camps. —John F. Hay, Indianapolis District superintendent. □

VITAL STATISTICS

DEATHS

ROBERT O. CHURCHMAN, 65, died July 4 at Sacramento, Calif. Services were conducted by Rev. James S. Shaw in Concord, Calif. Surviving are his four sons, William, Ron, Virgil, and Mike; and six grandchildren.

MRS. MARY FOGELMAN, 79, died July 29 at Nampa, Ida. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Herbert Lilly. She is survived by her husband, Carl Fogelman; two sons, Elvin of Nampa, Ida., and Eldon of Lewiston, Ida.; and three daughters, Katherine Gilbert of Portland, Ore., Esther Bowen and Ilene Fogelman, both of Nampa.

MR. WILLIAM HOWARD HONEYCUTT, 73, died October 1 at Memphis, Tenn. Services were conducted by Rev. John Hadlock. He is survived by his wife, Ruth; 4 sons, Jack, Herbert, Bill, and Danny; 3 daughters, Mrs. Melvin L. (Dot) Thompson, Mrs. Bob (Mary Lois) Brown, and Mrs. Gerry (Joan) Seeman; 19 grandchildren; 3 great-grandchildren; 2 brothers; and 1 sister.

REV. MARVIN J. JONES, 85, died at Nampa, Ida., Aug. 26. Funeral services were held at Bethany, Okla. He is survived by his wife, Rev. Victoria (Roberts) Jones; one son, Melbourne of Monett, Mo.; and one daughter, Mrs. Dorothy Cornwell of Hays, Kans.

IRA LAMBERT, JR., 50, died Oct. 4 at Memphis, Tenn. Services were conducted by Rev. E. J. Steinert and Rev. C. H. Porter. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Opal Bess Lambert; two sons, Ira Gene Lambert and Clarence Wayne Lambert; two brothers, William L. Lambert and Rev. Bill F. Lambert; one sister, Mrs. Katie Lou Jacques; and three granddaughters.

LILLIAN R. LAWRENCE, 84, died Sept. 2 at San Bruno, Calif. Memorial services were conducted by Rev. Selden Nutt. She is survived by three sons, Melvin of Pasadena, Calif., Clifford of Costa Mesa, Calif., Perry of Conroe, Tex.; two daughters, Gertrude Berkshire of San Bruno, and Pauline Larson of Oroville, Calif.

REV. ALBERT R. NEESE, 92, died Oct. 21 at St. Joseph, Mo. He pastored in Kansas, Oklahoma, Colorado, and Missouri and started churches in Barbados and Cape Verde Islands. He is survived by his wife, Bessie Ness; one daughter, Ruth Beaver; and one son, Baynard E. Neese.

MRS. GENEVIEVE F. OLDENBURG, 67, died Oct. 9 at Salem, Ore. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. H. B. London, Jr., Lloyd Rice, and John Berggren. Survivors include her husband, Louis; one daughter, Marilyn Berggren; two sisters, Mrs. Mabel Sumpter and Mrs. Gladys Beckman; one brother, Lloyd Kuni; and two grandsons.

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REV. WILL SCHROEDER, 80, died at Nampa, Ida., Aug. 17. Services were conducted by Revs. Vernon Wilcox, Robert Miller, and Grady Cantrell. He is survived by his wife, Pansy; two sons, Donald and Robert; and one daughter, Barbara Palmer.

MINNIE E. TOONE, 84, died Oct. 13 at Evansville, Ind. Memorial services were conducted by Rev. Marcellus Crider and Rev. B. W. Downing. She is survived by 1 son, Rev. L. Edward Toone; 1 daughter, Mrs. Evelyn Hitt; 1 sister, Mrs. Julia McCoy; 13 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

RICHARD ZEHRT, 72, died Oct. 3 at Racine, Wis. Funeral services were conducted by Revs. C. Neil Strait and Carlton Zehrt. He is survived by his wife, Edna; two sisters; and two brothers.

BIRTHS

to ED AND NITA BAKER, Nampa, Ida. a boy, Sharadan Reed, Aug. 7
 to REV. WAYNE AND TEENA BELL, Blevins, Ark., a boy, Steven Allen, Oct. 16
 to ROBERT AND SANDY BOYD, Nampa, Ida., a boy, Matthew James, Sept. 8

NEWS

OF RELIGION

to JOE AND LINDA (CURRY) BULLOCK, Nashville, Tenn., a girl, Heather Lynn, Aug. 29
to REV. LEONARD AND JACKIE (KING) COLONEY, Ada, Okla., a boy, Andrew Scott, Sept. 7

to DWIGHT AND MARITA (HOWARD) DOUGLAS, Boise, Ida., a girl, Danna Marie, Aug. 22
to LARRY AND DEBORAH (BOW) ELMORE, Nampa, Ida., a boy, Jason Scott, June 22

to GARY AND JANET HENRICKSON, Nampa, Ida., a boy, Erik Levi, Oct. 15

to TOM AND MARY SUE (JONES) JACKSON, Muncie, Ind., a girl, Melinda Suzanne, Oct. 16
to JERRY AND JOLENE (HERBOLD) KNIGHT, Olathe, Kans., a boy, Jeremy Wayne, Oct. 3

to VERN AND JAN KORNSTAD, Nampa, Ida., twin girls, Angie Marie and Wende Joy, Aug. 24
to MIKE AND PENNY (HOFFMAN) LEMONT, Portland, Ore., a girl, Stephanie Michelle, Sept. 17

to DWAIN AND ELDONNA LOWRY, Nampa, Ida., a boy, Dane Adam, Aug. 5

to THOMAS AND DOTTIE LYNCH, Caldwell, Ida., a girl, Jana Andrea, Aug. 29

to BYRON AND MARVA (HOLSING) MINGLE-DORFF, Waco, Tex., a girl, Dawn Sheree, June 27

to REV. AND MRS. MIKE NORRIS, Dayton, Ohio, a boy, Mikel Aaron, Oct. 8

to MARK AND BETH (RICE) PENNINGTON, Morenci, Mich., a girl, Melinda Jean, Oct. 6

to MATT AND LINDA (TRACY) ROBERTS, Falls Church, Va., a girl, Melinda Michele

to JERRY AND DEBBIE SETLIFF, Sinton, Tex., a girl, Shaun Lanette, Sept. 25

to MICHAEL AND BRENDA SPAULDING, Nampa, Ida., a boy, James Michael, Sept. 2

to CLARK AND MARILY STRUEBING, Dawson Creek, B.C., Canada, a girl, Kristy Dawn, Oct. 2

to DANIEL AND DIXIE WEMPEN, Nampa, Ida., a boy, Matthew Michael, Aug. 5

MARRIAGES

BRENDA JOY THOMPSON and JOHN ALAN RICKARD at Nampa, Ida., Oct. 22

BETTY LOU ZURCHER and HECTOR AYUSO at Bethany, Okla., Oct. 23

LINDA THURLOW and DAN PARRENT at Nampa, Ida., July 31

MRS. GEORGINE BEER and JAMES CRANDALL at Nampa, Ida., July 31

MARY NELSON and GARY MILLER at Nampa, Ida., Aug. 6

JANELLE TATE and JORDON NELSON at Nampa, Ida., Aug. 13

MARTHA SHOOK and JERRY EKHOFF at Nampa, Ida., Aug. 21

JANEAN PARRET and ALFREDO LONGORIA at Nampa, Ida., Sept. 10

JONI DURR and DOUGLAS WILSON at Nampa, Ida., Sept. 10

DIANE MOLKO and JERRY GARMIRE at Nampa, Ida., Sept. 25

CHARLA CHAMBERS and LARRY BAYER at Nampa, Ida., Oct. 15

LINDA JEANNE JOHNSON and S. SGT. GARY E. CARLSON at Worth, Ill., Oct. 2

CHARMIAN LYN JONES and VAL G. SUITER at Broadview, Ill., Aug. 14

"Showers of Blessing"

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

By Dr. Ted E. Martin



"The Dream of a Fair Break"

December 5

"The Holy People"

December 12

CHURCH TAX EXEMPTION CRISIS LOOMS. "Abuses of tax privileges by religious and other organizations could well bring on a widespread tax rebellion and the collapse of existing tax exemption policies," according to Andrew Leigh Gunn, executive director of Americans United for Separation of Church and State.

The ordination into the so-called Universal Life Church of many hundreds of residents of the Catskill Mountain community of Liberty, N.Y., could be "the shot heard round the world," Gunn said.

The *Atlanta Journal* followed Gunn's report with a lengthy article citing the pros and cons of taxing church property.

Taxes on churches would relieve the burden on everyone else, wrote Frederick Allen. He quoted Sam Callaway, a member of Atlanta's Joint City-County Board of Tax Assessors, who warned of widespread abuses. "They put a few benches in," Callaway complained, "and a few pulpits. Somebody calls himself the preacher to get his home exempted. It's getting ridiculous."

On the other hand, taxing churches would destroy religious liberty in the U.S., violate the precious First Amendment guarantee of separation of church and state, and cripple the morals of the nation, Alice Murray wrote.

"Church leaders maintain," noted Dr. James E. Wood of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs in Washington, "it would open the doors to a rather frightening aspect of a totalitarian state, allowing the government to close up churches for not paying their taxes."

No one charges that people running churches are getting rich. They all must prove to the IRS that they are nonprofit.

U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice Warren Burger noted in a majority opinion upholding church property exemptions that nonsectarian charities have tax-exempt status for doing many of the things churches do. It wouldn't be fair, he said, to extend taxes to such groups. □

NATIONAL PTA TRAINS ITS GUNS ON TV VIOLENCE. In response to what it considers to be a mandate for action from its 6½ million members and the general public, the National PTA is launching a massive project to determine the effects of television violence on children and youth.

The PTA will kick off this first-of-its-kind campaign November 30 in Pittsburgh with public hearings on the subject.

Members will monitor TV programs and evaluate them, conduct local or national boycotts of products or programs, lead a national letter-writing campaign, and visit personally local stations, networks, sponsors, and legislators.

If these don't get results, stations will have their licenses challenged, officials of the National PTA declare. □

ABS SET FOR PUBLICATION OF "GOOD NEWS BIBLE." The American Bible Society has announced that the *Good News Bible*, a major new translation of the Bible in English, will be published December 1.

The *Good News Bible* completes a project which began with the publication in 1966 of the *Today's English New Testament: Good News for Modern Man*. More than 50 million copies of *Good News* has been circulated since 1966.

Good News Bible (the Bible in Today's English Version) is a common-language translation in modern English, according to the American Bible Society. The translation avoids both regional colloquialisms and slang and elevated literary expressions. □



THE ANSWER CORNER

Conducted by W. E. McCumber, Editor

■ In the time of the apostles and for the first three centuries the Bible was the only creed. Why not use the same creed today? Should we have a church manual? . . . should we not use the Bible only?

The Holy Spirit says that the Scriptures have been given to furnish us unto doctrine, reproof, correction, instruction in righteousness, and unto every good work (2 Timothy 3:16). Why then pledge allegiance to a human creed which was given for the same purpose God gave the Bible?

The following is a quotation from the works of Benjamin Franklin: "First, any creed containing more than the Bible is objectionable because it does contain more than the Bible. Second, any creed containing less than the Bible is objectionable because it does contain less than the Bible. Third, any creed differing from the Bible is objectionable because it does differ from the Bible. Fourth, any creed precisely like the Bible is useless because we have the Bible." With these thoughts in mind please explain to me why our church uses a creed or manual.

To begin with, the Bible was never a creed, not even in the first three centuries. The Bible supplies the raw materials for creeds and theologies. Or, to come at it from the opposite direction, creeds and theologies were formed in the Church's continuing efforts to understand and interpret the Bible.

No one uses "the Bible only." Those who claim to are merely deceiving themselves. They are offering, without formalizing it into a creed, their interpretation of the Bible. If you really want a ringside seat at a display of mental gymnastics and verbal fireworks, get two fellows, or two groups, together in discussion who both claim "the Bible only" as their creed, but who differ in their understanding of Scripture!

The creed of our church is an honest attempt to summarize our understanding of the teaching of Scripture about the essential doctrines of Christianity. Other parts of the *Manual* are concerned with ethical guidelines which we believe are consistent with the teaching of the Bible, and with matters of government and procedure necessary to organized and efficient

service to the kingdom of God.

The unity, discipline, and efficiency of the church depend upon agreement in essential beliefs and practices. The creed provides a basis for achieving that agreement. So we have a creed and a *Manual* in order to confess our faith, unite believers in fellowship, and promote Kingdom service as wisely and effectively as we can.

Incidentally, you bring a poor advocate to your argument when you quote Ben Franklin. With all due credit to him as a printer, inventor, and diplomat, his religious views were not Christian, and his moral life was far from commendable. It occurs to me that a man like Franklin, with his peculiar interpretation of Christ and the Bible, constitutes a cogent argument for the validity, if not the necessity, of creeds.

We do not place creed and *Manual* on the level of the Bible. We believe that all human opinions and judgments need to stand under the authority of the Bible. Kept in that place, however, they will help us to be what we ought and do what we should as a church. □

■ At our Church of the Nazarene the leader of our young people permits the young people to indulge in ballroom dancing in his home. Isn't this in direct violation of our "Manual," specifically paragraphs 25.1 and 704.6?

The *Manual* definitely frowns upon ballroom dancing, whether it is done in or out of the ballroom. The situation you describe should be handled as lovingly as it is firmly, however, or

greater damage will be inflicted. The redress of such situations is not undertaken to uphold the *Manual* but to secure the highest spiritual welfare of the persons involved. □

ANNIVERSARIES

MR. AND MRS. LEONARD HALE of Shawnee, Okla., celebrated their golden wedding anniversary September 5. A reception was given by their children and grandchildren in the Fellowship Hall of Shawnee, Okla., First Church. The Hales have been residents of Shawnee and members of the Church of the Nazarene for over 50 years. They have two daughters, Mildrene and her husband, Dr. Val Christensen, and sons, Mike, Jeff, and Steven, live in San Diego. Loveta and her husband, Don Moore, and daughters, Kim, Jill, Michele, and Robyn, live at Fountain Valley Calif.

REV. AND MRS. NELSON HENCK were honored on their fiftieth wedding anniversary with a reception given by the Muncy, Pa., Fairview Church. A money tree was given to them. Mrs. Henck also received an award for many years of service as the Philadelphia District NWMS president.

MR. AND MRS. JAKE HITT OF Cape Girardeau, Mo., celebrated their sixty-first wedding anniversary, September 25, with a reception and open house held in their honor at the Cape Girardeau, Mo., First Church. The couple have six children: Rev. Glenn Hitt, of Olathe, Kans.; Jake Hitt, Nampa, Ida.; Robert Hitt, Donald Hitt, and Billy Hitt, of St. Louis; and Mrs. Allene Dare of St. Charles, Mo. They also have 15 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

MR. AND MRS. ELMER JOHNSON of Manacelona, Mich., observed their sixtieth wedding anniversary September 19. All of the Johnsons' children were present but a daughter, Betty McClintock, who is a missionary in South Africa.

MR. AND MRS. LLOYD MOORE of Clearwater, Fla., celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary with an open house at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Bernice Lazar. They have two other children, Rev. C. Richard Moore of Lake Worth, Fla.; and Mrs. Dorothy McIntosh of Clearwater.

MR. AND MRS. FRANK PAYNE of Marietta, Ohio, First Church celebrated their golden wedding anniversary, October 1. They have three daughters, Mrs. Charles (Glenna) Hughes; Mrs. Ada Beha; Mrs. Raymond (Dorothy) Mahoney. There are 13 living grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

MR. AND MRS. T. E. WILSON recently celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary with a reception hosted by their children at Hutchinson, Kans., First Church. Their children are Mrs. Ronald Randles, Carpenterville, Ill.; Tom Wilson, Bakersfield, Calif.; Robert Wilson, Hutchinson, Kans.; and LeRoy Wilson, Lake Isabella, Calif. They have 12 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

REV. AND MRS. IRA WRIGHT of Swayzee, Ind., celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary October 16 with a reception at the Swayzee community house. The couple's children and grandchildren hosted the reception. The Wrights have seven children: Mrs. Georgia Rose of Flint, Mich.; Mrs. Ruth Johnson, Royalton, Ill.; Bruce and Richard of Flint, Mich.; David and Phillip of Grand Rapids, Mich.; and Byron of Charlevoix, Mich. They have 25 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren. Rev. Wright has pastored churches in Michigan, Illinois, and Indiana, and is presently supply pastor of the Swayzee, Ind., church.

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During Eastern Nazarene College Heritage Day ceremonies, President Don Irwin scheduled the dedication of the newly erected 56-unit Samuel Young Apartments for married students. The Young family, all graduates of Eastern Nazarene College, was photographed at the celebration. Pictured (l. to r.) are: Dr. Don Young, academic dean of ENC; Mrs. Samuel Young; Dr. Samuel Young, general superintendent emeritus and fifth president of ENC; and Gordon Young, ENC trustee from the Virginia District. The third member of the family, Mrs. Lois Parrish of Santa Cruz, Calif., also attended the dedication.



NEW ZEALAND PASTOR SPENDING YEAR AT NTS

Rev. Hillary Hansen of Whangarei, New Zealand, is attending the Nazarene Theological Seminary for one year after having pastored on the New Zealand District for almost 10 years. At the end of the school year the Hansen family will return to their church in Whangarei.

Pictured are Rev. Bill Coulter and his assistant, Rev. Bill Cochenour, pastors of the Nall Avenue Church, Shawnee Mission, Kans., welcoming Rev. and Mrs. Hillary Hansen and sons as they arrived in August at the Kansas City airport. Rev. Coulter and the Nall Avenue congregation are assisting the Hansens during their stay in the States and are providing them with a church home.

Rev. Darrell Teare, until recently the district superintendent of New Zealand, and presently area coordinator in the Department of World Mission, was also on hand to welcome the Hansens to Kansas City.

Rev. Hansen was born near Christchurch on New Zealand's South Island, living there until he left for Sydney, Australia, and Nazarene Bible College in 1963.

While at Bible College he met and married his wife, Noelene. After his graduation in 1966 the Hansens returned to New Zealand to start a Church of the Nazarene at Wellington on the North Island. They remained there until September of 1970, when they moved to their present church at Whangarei. In 1973 they built a new church building for their congregation.

Mrs. Hansen was born at Adelaide and raised in our church there. The Hansens are the parents of three boys, Mark, Richard, and Peter. The boys are enrolled in public school in Mission, Kans., for the year.

Rev. Hansen is attending the seminary to further his education as a pastor and to gain an insight into church growth and development of our denomination in America. Filling his pulpit in his absence are Rev. and Mrs. Bill Kitchen of Minneapolis. □

—Home Missions



Recently Moultrie, Ga., First Church received a check for \$21,250 from the estate of the late Mr. J. Strozier Harris, a local banker and Methodist layman. Pastor Doyle C. Smith (l.) is pictured presenting the check to the local church treasurer, Mr. E. L. Norman. The gift was tithed into the general and district church by a unanimous vote of the church board. Then a \$12,000 note was paid on property the church had purchased last year. The executor of the will told Pastor Smith that the church can expect approximately \$14,000 more as soon as the balance of the stock is sold.



Dr. Donald Gibson from the Department of Evangelism was present recently at the Grove City, Ohio, church to congratulate the new trainers of the personal evangelism class. The church has been using the Evangelism Explosion method for the past four years. Twenty-four persons have been trained to share their faith with others. The class was taught by Mrs. June Cole, the personal evangelism director. Pastor Jerry Lambert participated as a personal evangelism trainer. The class was trained in a 16-week course and on-the-job training in the homes of prospects. Pictured (front row, second from l. to r.) are: Mrs. June Cole, Dr. Donald Gibson, Pastor Jerry Lambert.



The Personal Evangelism Clinic at Vancouver, British Columbia, October 14-16, was the fourth such training conference held in Canada under the auspices of the Department of Evangelism. Rev. Daniel Derksen, with his wife, Joyce (l., front row), superintendent of the Canada Pacific District, were trainees who influenced 13 pastors and laymen to take the training. Three trainees from the Washington Pacific District also attended, including Rev. Walter Hubbard (second row, l.), new superintendent of the Sacramento District. Standing next to him are trainers Rev. and Mrs. Bill Coulter and Rev. Arthur Combs. In the front row, center, is Mrs. Christine Blankenship. Dr. and Mrs. Don Gibson (not shown) were also trainers, working with seven other trainers from the Canada Pacific District.

HOME MISSIONS ON THE MOVE

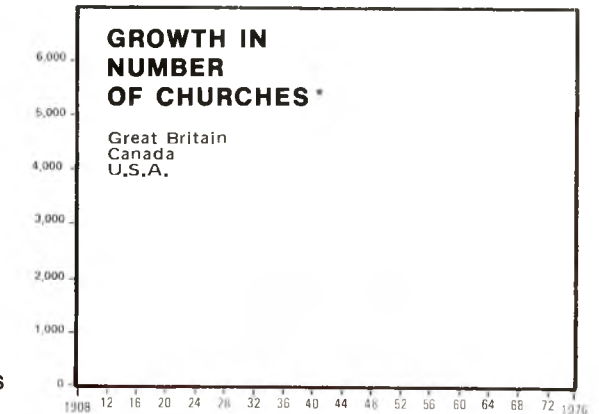
ANATOMY OF A GROWING DENOMINATION

In 68 years the Church of the Nazarene has shown a God-given genius for growth from a new union of 288 holiness churches in 1908 to an established international movement of 6,736 churches and 586,532 members worldwide in 1976.

This growth has been the more remarkable because it has taken place during a time of falling away from things religious or Christian. We are among a very few denominations now growing. Has God indeed raised up the Church of the Nazarene for such a time as this?

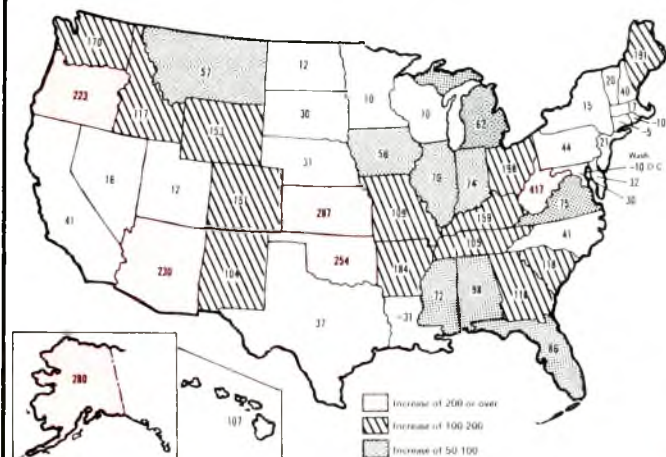
So that every local Nazarene church may participate fully in the great burst of growth required to reach the world in our time for Christ, God has led the Department of Home Missions to reexamine the record of our growth—to really find out why some churches have grown while others have not. The Goal has been to discover and share the dynamics of Nazarene church Growth.

Out of this study has come the Extern Program which will be launched by Nazarene Home Missions in September of 1977 as a follow-up program to the PALCON series of pastors leadership conferences.

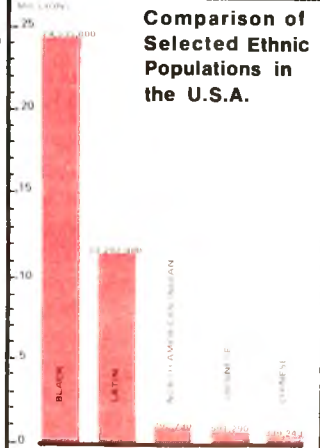
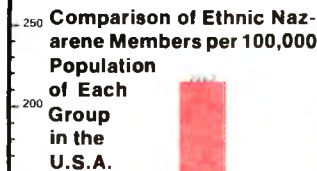


1977 OUR YEAR TO STRENGTHEN WEAK CHURCHES

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NAZARENE MEMBERSHIP AMONG DIFFERENT POPULATION GROUPS IN THE UNITED STATES



Praise God for Tennis

by DON ALEXANDER
Tipton, Ind.

WE WERE ENJOYING an evening at home with Steve and Sylvia Priser and their two children, Stacy and Shannon. Steve is the pharmacist at the local drugstore. I showed Steve my article "The Last Stop," which was published in the *Herald of Holiness*. Steve and Sylvia both read the article, and the conversation quickly moved to the church and the Lord. It did not take long to tell that Steve was seeking a meaningful relationship with his Lord. Both Steve and Sylvia expressed some displeasure concerning the church they were attending and the lives being lived by some of its members. Steve eventually told me that he was at the point of finding out whether there was anything to this religion or to get out of it altogether. He was a member of a church where salvation was not a requirement for membership.

I quickly told Steve about the Lord and how salvation came by repenting of sins and accepting Christ as Saviour—also that church membership would not get anyone into heaven. I gave them some tracts and a Gideon Testament; but about the time I wanted to lead them to the Lord, it was time for Steve to go down and close the drugstore. God was really saying, It is not yet time. Oh, how we need to let God prepare the way.

Steve and I continued to discuss the Lord and the Bible on the way to the store. Returning home, Steve expressed regret that he was not a Christian. I told Steve to continue seeking the Lord and he would get the assurance he wanted. When we reached my house, it was time for them to go home. Sandy and I began to pray for them.

A week went by and I had not heard from Steve, so I called him at the store. He

told me God had sent many people and signs his way. A preacher he had heard while visiting another church on vacation told him much the same thing I had—especially about finding a spiritual church.

Then an odd thing happened. Steve said he would like to play tennis Thursday morning at nine o'clock. I had known Steve for nearly four years; yet, though being the high school tennis coach, I had never been asked by him to play tennis with him before. I felt the Holy Spirit was at work. At the Saturday Gideon prayer breakfast and the Wednesday night prayer meeting at the church, I asked my Christian friends to pray for Steve and his family, and especially asked the church to remember our Thursday morning tennis match.

Steve was right on time Thursday morning. We drove to the high school courts; and before getting out to play, we struck up a conversation about how God was working in Steve's life. The Holy Spirit had prepared Steve's heart, and I once again went over the steps of salvation with him and asked him if he wanted to become a real Christian. He said yes. We prayed and Steve testified of his newfound faith. He signed and dated the Gideon Testament and then attended the next Gideon prayer breakfast with me.

I use to think that I had no talents because I cannot fix things when they break, or work on cars. I am sports-minded and coach varsity tennis and golf. But God used a tennis match and a sports-minded person to help build His kingdom. God can use each of our lives as we give them completely over to Him in loving service. It is a real thrill to be in Christ's service, using the talents He has given me.

Praise God for tennis. □

**"By All Means . . .
Save Some"**



LARGE CROWDS ATTEND DOLL RALLIES

The Thanksgiving tour of Rev. and Mrs. Armand Doll is attracting large crowds in the rallies. The largest attendance reported thus far is 3,500 in Nashville, where the rally was held in the new Opera House in Opry Land. The large marquee at the entrance blazed the words "Welcome, Armand Doll."

In the Pasadena, Calif., Civic Auditorium the attendance was near the 3,000 mark; in Bethany, Okla., First Church the attendance was 2,600; and in the Ingram High School, Seattle, more than 2,000 attended.

The Dolls are accompanied by Dr. and Mrs. William Vaughters from the Department of World Mission. Dr. Vaughters estimates that the total number of people attending the rallies up to and including Nashville (20 of the 29 rallies) is 20,000. The response in the offerings has been encouraging as well.

Rev. Doll urges Nazarenes in each of the rallies to allow their gratitude for answered prayer in his release to be expressed in their participation in the Thanksgiving Offering for world evangelism. He estimates that the goal of \$5.2 million set by the Board of General Superintendents will be easily reached and passed. He feels the \$6 million mark a very likely possibility, since everywhere the rallies have been held, people have expressed their determination to give generously and sacrificially.

The rallies recently moved to the eastern part of the United States and Canada and concluded with the rally November 23 in New Castle, Pa., near to Armand Doll's home. □

—NIS

SAMUEL OVANDO RELEASED FROM HOSPITAL

Rev. Samuel Ovando, who sustained serious skull fractures in an auto accident October 23, has been released from the hospital in Bogota, Colombia. His daughter, Cindi, who has improved rapidly, was released previously.

While considerable time will be required for recuperation, the Department of World Mission is grateful for the many prayers for the Ovandos. Hope has increased for his eventual complete recovery. □

—NIS

DR. NEES ELECTED FOR FOUR-YEAR TERM

November 5, the Board of Trustees of Mount Vernon Nazarene College, in their fall meeting, unanimously elected Dr. L. Guy Nees to a four-year term as president. First elected on March 6, 1975, Dr. Nees began his official duties as the third president of Mount Vernon Nazarene College on July 1, 1976.

MVNC had a sizable enrollment increase this year. □

—NIS

CHRISTIANS UNITE FOR PRAYER

More than 1,500 representatives of various evangelical denominations and groups met for three days of prayer in Dallas for the National Prayer Congress, October 26-29.

After major addresses by national leaders such as Dr. Bill Bright, Dr. Lloyd Ogilvie, and Corrie ten Boom, they broke up into small groups for prayer for the United States as it begins the third century.

Conferees claimed the biblical promise from 2 Chronicles 7:14, "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

Dr. Cecil Knippers, a Nazarene and full-time staff member of Campus Crusade, was a group leader. □

—NIS

PRESIDENT TELLS TRUSTEES HIS VISION FOR NTS

Dr. Stephen Nease, newly elected president of Nazarene Theological Seminary, reported to a joint meeting of the trustees and faculty Monday evening, November 8, following a dinner together.



After a complete picture of the seminary, with its increased student body and faculty, President Nease concluded, "The challenge facing us today is the challenge of expansion—of continually adjusting our facilities and offerings to meet the needs of a growing student body, that they may minister to a changing world that needs the changeless Christ. With God's help we intend to meet our challenge!

"Let me conclude with the final statement from our bylaws' statement of purpose:

"The primary purpose of the institution shall be to conserve, maintain, advocate, and promulgate the great Bible doctrine of 'Entire Sanctification' as a second distinct work of divine grace wrought in the heart of the believer subsequent to regeneration.

"With gratitude to God who through His Holy Spirit now witnesses to my heart that this grace is mine, and with confidence that His Spirit is working within my life that I may grow in perfect love, I thank my church and this board for the opportunity of sharing in the preparation of young lives for ministering the holiness message to contemporary society." □

—NIS

NAZARENE YOUTH ATTEND NATIONAL FFA CONVENTION

Gary Roberson, 18, and Devin Curfman, 17, members of the Centralia, Wash., church, attended the National Future Farmers of America Convention in Kansas City, November 9-13.

Roberson, a member of the Centralia FFA chapter, was named the state winner in sales and service achievement competition in Pullman, Wash., last June. He later won the same award in competition in the Pacific Region which includes the 13 western states.

Curfman, a senior at Oakville High School, is a state officer of the organization. His FFA projects have included raising dairy, beef, and veal calves. □

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