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The Year of the Young

AN EDITORIAL

NAZARENE STATISTICS for 1982 report a total of 582,259 children and youth enrolled in our Sunday Schools, which represents 53.60 percent of the total enrollment of 1,084,258. When one considers the mighty potential of more than a half-million children and youth to the future of the church, they are our greatest asset.

The majority of these children are from our Nazarene families and thus form a part of our Nazarene heritage. We have a basis for genuine rejoicing in this wonderful army of potential leaders.

Our youth assure the church of its future. These are the college students of tomorrow who will become our future faculties and administrative officers, pastors and evangelists, general leaders and skilled laymen who supplement the ministry as well as the army of missionaries who girdle the earth with the saving message of our Lord.

In countries dominated by Communism, efforts to suppress the church have been more difficult than first supposed. Many of these areas have been allowed to hold their religious services. However, all Sunday School classes for children and youth, as well as any form of religious training, have been suspended. The authorities realize the church will die with the passing of the present generation.

In America several large denominations are reporting losses in church membership. It may be observed that their losses result in part from a decline in Sunday School enrollment during the past years.

The youth of our church are a present responsibility. The Division of Christian Life, through Children's and Youth Ministries, is producing the finest in literature and programs for our children and youth. People with special skills in these areas are dedicated to the writing and publication of the most adaptable and doctrinally sound literature to be found in any church.

All of this must be interpreted at the local level. We must continue training teachers and teaching children. We must continue the program of providing good facilities for

all age-groups. We must learn, at the local level, of all the program materials available for our use. There is much more available than many of our Sunday School workers realize. Our children have a right to a well-planned class period and to the best in program materials. They also have a right to have a teacher who can skillfully interpret the lesson to them.

Our children also have a right to a teacher with genuine Christian compassion. The one hour on Sunday spent in the classroom of the Sunday School becomes the total religious instruction period for many children and youth. They need our fullest compassion and care. We salute the great host of Nazarene workers throughout the world who are performing this important assignment. □

OUR GREATEST ASSET

CONSIDER "THE MIGHTY POTENTIAL OF MORE THAN A HALF-MILLION CHILDREN AND YOUTH . . ."



by General Superintendent Charles H. Strickland



H. Armstrong Roberts

Love, Too, Mommy!

by SUE PRENTICE

I HELD HER ON MY LAP and said, "Love." She smiled and repeated, "Love." I said, "One." She responded "Two!" I smiled at her childish association and said, "Another." She giggled, pointed her finger at me, and said, "Mommy!" I had a good laugh as I realized that "another" sounded to her like "mother."

I was teaching my baby daughter, just barely two, her first Bible verse—simple yet profound: "Love one another" (John 15:12). In her childish mind it came out, "Love two, Mommy!"

Now, years later, as I reflect upon her words, I want to change one letter, making it "too" instead of "two," for I realize that to be a successful Christian and mother I must learn to "love, too, Mommy."

What did Jesus mean when He said to His disciples, "Love one another"? Did He mean simply for them to love each other as friends and fellow laborers together? Or as family, since some of them were related? If so, that is not a very hard command to follow. It is easy to love those who love us.

But Jesus added, "As I have loved you." How did He love? If we are to love as Christ loved, we will also love those who are unlovely—those who are bound by sin and Satan. We must reach out to them with love and compassion as Jesus did. They are the ones for whom Christ died: "For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost" (Luke 19:10). This may include loving those who do not return our love. They may even be openly opposed to us, but remember the words of Jesus, "Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake" (Matthew 5:11).

The kind of love Jesus was talking about also reaches out to those who are hurting. People today, Christians as well as unbelievers, have many heart-

aches and deep sorrows. Illness, broken homes, wayward children, death, unfaithful mates are just a few of the causes of their grief. If we love as Christ loved, we will care, we will try to understand, we will endeavor to help bear one another's burdens instead of criticizing and condemning.

However, true Christian love must go a step further. This is the hardest love to achieve. Jesus also said, "Love your enemies" (Matthew 5:44). This means loving those who injure us, loving when we don't understand, loving when it hurts to do so. It may even mean loving someone in the church, or family, who is, perhaps unknowingly, hurting us. This kind of love takes prayer and the power of the Holy Spirit. Jesus didn't say, "Love your enemies," and stop there. He also gave instructions as to how we can do that when He said, "Pray for them . . . do good to them." For when we pray for them with a sincere heart, we learn to love them as Christ did. Our grief turns to joy; our hate, to love. Then, we receive power to "do good to them."

Jesus taught by words *and* example. The same Christ whose lips commanded, "Love one another," also said, "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do" (Luke 23:34). This was said as He suffered the greatest agony of all mankind—death on the cruel Cross. He truly practiced what He preached.

Just as Jesus taught by words *and* example, so must I. "Children learn what they live" is an anonymous yet popular quote today. Example is the greatest teacher our children have. If our children see love expressed in words, attitudes, and deeds, first at home and then reaching out to church and community, they are much more apt to become loving adults themselves.

How good it is to teach our little ones Bible verses. But it must be more than merely saying the words. If I want my daughter to follow the teaching of Jesus and "Love one another," I must truly, "love, too, Mommy!"

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ABORTION FIGHT URGED

The massive "baby hunt" brings to my mind something all Christian people should fight against—massive abortions. It's about time we tried to put a stop to this needless murder. If we don't, one day there may not be any babies to "hunt."

*Loretta Meadows
Greenville, West Virginia*

HAPPY HERITAGE

As I read the *Herald* today I bowed my head and thanked God for my Nazarene heritage and His goodness to me and my family. I do not claim to be the oldest or most mature Nazarene living today, but I feel fortunate to have been born into a Nazarene home and community.

My parents were not charter members of the church, but were

charter members of one of the early churches. Father, formerly a Methodist, and Mother, formerly a Baptist, joined as charter members of the Culleoka, Tex., Church of the Nazarene, just 20-odd miles from Pilot Point, in 1912. Many old-timers may remember this little church, though it has been gone since World War II. I was also privileged to be Sunday School superintendent of the Culleoka church in later years.

Being only 30 miles or so from the old Peniel Holiness campgrounds and the site of old Peniel College, where many of our early leaders attended school, I heard many of the pioneers speak as I grew up. I visited the Scottsville camp quite often until I moved out of the state. At that time there had been more than 75 annual holiness camp meetings con-

ducted there. A holy atmosphere hovered over the area. It made one want to remove his shoes as he entered the gate.

My wife was reared at Abilene, Tex., which also holds some fond memories of the early church. The college, which later burned, was at Hamlin. The Cisco camps were great. My wife was a neighbor to L. L. Hamric (known as the "Fiery Frenchman"). Since Buffalo Gap was only 16 miles away, my wife and I often slipped away from the Abilene church to attend a service at Buffalo Gap. We loved to hear Brother H. C. Cagle sing, though he never quite caught up with the piano. Sister Mary Lee Cagle was also a wonderful person. We had the privilege of visiting in their home, a

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CELEBRATING CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

by General Superintendent JERALD D. JOHNSON

ONE OF THE GREAT SHOCKERS of today is to learn that so many of yesterday's assumptions have fallen by the wayside. For example, when in 1976 the General Assembly voted to establish a separate ministry just for children, it did not first go into a debate on the subject of "pro-life period"; it was assumed. Although there are apparently many in today's society who have altered their stance on this issue, the church chooses to strengthen its position by positive and constructive means. This is underscored by the fact that Children's Ministries is now the largest single ministry functioning at Nazarene International Headquarters.

This reverence for life with special concern not only for the preservation of babies from the time of conception, but for their spiritual development beginning at the time of their birth, has now found expression in an all-out effort that is mobilizing the forces of the entire church. The massive hunt for babies has been priority for the Church of the Nazarene this spring. This is, however, only one part of a total year of activities that has been designated the "Year of the Young."

A concern for improving the quality of life for children is not new in the church. The very gospel we preach has this as an implied objective. Children may know about the Savior and His love for them. This in itself brings peace and contentment even to a child. But the same gospel is preached to the child's parents. And when its claims are accepted it becomes the antidote to division, abuse, and all the other evil influences that are prone to be destructive to the home.

The bottom line simply reads that when Mom and Dad are both committed Christians, life is better for the children.

A highly trained team of dedicated professionals heads up the Children's Ministries of the denominational Headquarters. Throughout the church, districts have likewise become highly selective in choosing leadership for their children's programs. This has resulted in a greater number of our local churches giving careful attention to securing the right leaders who can successfully carry on these ministries.

All of this adds up to the fact that our young people are not receiving secondary consideration in the Church of the Nazarene but that their needs are placed at the top of the list of priority concerns.

This is, of course, an investment with an assured dividend. "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it" (Proverbs 22:6). It is also following the example of our Lord Jesus himself who said, "Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 19:14).

How appropriate that in the middle of a quinquennial holiness celebration the church should take time out to also celebrate children's ministries. The two celebrations are compatible, and they are both scriptural. Our church of the future deserves special attention today. All of life is important. Concerned Christians can be no other than pro-life for the unborn and pro-spiritual-life for the young.

Our ministry to children and youth will continue to be an eloquent and clear expression of this firm conviction. □

Trust God and It Will Be a Good Day!

*I saw them in large letters,
the work of my eight-year-old daughter.
"TRUST GOD AND IT WILL BE A
GOOD DAY!"*

*She had written them on a school paper,
Simple! Bold! Childlike!*

*I needed them that morning—
for an uncertain day,
a dreaded appointment.*

*My wife needed them—
to lift the gloom of a week's illness;
to set life back in perspective.*

*A child's faith—
Nurtured at the altar of the church;
taught from the pages of God's Word;
encouraged to trust through prayer!*

*And now, it comes back
to minister to parents, to adult anxiety,
to etch itself upon our memory
to be drawn from ever and again.*

*Thank You, Lord, for children—
For their love,
their simple faith,
their trust.*

—C. NEIL STRAIT
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Let the Children Come...



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"Let the children come to Me."

Can children be saved? Should they be converted? If so, at what age? Is a childhood conversion ever real or lasting?

These questions have been hotly debated for decades by theologians, pastors, parents, and children's workers. Depending on the prevailing mood of the times, opinions have varied from "children are wicked sinners and must be converted at the earliest possible time" to "children have no understanding of spiritual truths and cannot make a meaningful commitment to the Lord."

The inspiring stories that follow clearly indicate that the Holy Spirit places few time limits on His work in human lives. He not only *can*, but *does* speak to the hearts and minds of children. At varying ages, in various situations, and with the support of concerned parents, pastors, and teachers who "guide" rather than "force" a decision, boys and girls can respond to God in a life-changing way.

I trust as you read these stories you will think about the children you know, and will determine to be one of those who—through your life and teaching—will let children come to Jesus.

Miriam J. Hall



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In the living room of the Nazarene parsonage at Durant, Okla., in 1920, my mother sat on the floor surrounded by cross-legged five-year-olds. She was telling us the importance of loving Jesus and having Him in our life.

When she completed her talk, she then prayed, paused, and asked if we wanted to speak. Immediately a little girl across from me spoke up and said she wanted to live for Jesus. The little boy next to me also expressed his desire to be happy with Jesus. By this time I was feeling an emotional surge that was a strange mixture of slight fear and ecstatic joy. I blurted out in my childish manner, "I love Jesus."

Later that morning, I was on the front porch and saw my father approaching. I jumped off the porch and ran to meet him, holding up my arms in joy. He picked me up, threw me in the air, and held me to him.

I remember so distinctly telling him that I had said, "I love Jesus." I also remember the thrill of recounting the incident and the question I asked him when I finished: "Daddy, am I saved now?" Having heard him preach of being saved, this was an experience my young heart also desired.

He was a very wise man. He did not tell me I was saved, nor did he tell me I was not saved. He simply told me that he loved me very much and that he knew Jesus loved me too.

This initial experience in my quest of salvation was profound and lasting.

Later, at the age of 12, I spent two weeks with my evangelist father in a summer revival meeting conducted at a tabernacle in Atwood, Okla. The first night of that revival I went to the altar and was genuinely converted.

In that rural area there were large watermelon fields and natural swimming holes for myself and about 100 boys, ages 11-14. Three nights later 40 of us were lined up on the front porch of four sections, 10 boys in each section. When my father gave the altar call, I started at one end of the line and, in succession, asked each boy if he wouldn't go to the altar to be saved. They "fell" at the altar almost like dominoes, one after the other, and went down the line speaking to each one. That is still a very vivid memory and one for which I am extremely grateful. One of the boys in that group was Lester Dunn, who later served many years as head of the Department of Fine Arts at Bethany Nazarene College, and who, to this day, is one of my closest friends and Christian brothers.



Mark R. Moore
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My father, J. Erben Moore, was pastor of Houston First Church at the time of my conversion. He had called Evangelists Jarrette and Dell Aycock for a two-week meeting. A special children's service was held during Sunday School hour in every revival conducted by the Aycocks. Along with other boys and girls, I sat on the front pew. Mrs. Aycock's stories held me spellbound. When she finished telling us what Jesus could do for us, her husband continued the message and offered an invitation for us to kneel at the altar and accept Christ as Savior. A number of us stepped the short distance to the altar and knelt in prayer. The parents and Sunday School

achers who sat behind us gathered around us. By instruction and prayer, they led us to a clear decision to accept Christ personally.

After the service, the evangelist invited our family for dinner. As Mother was completing the dinner preparations, she took time to talk with me about what God had done for me. I testified that I had a joyful feeling and my heart seemed bright with light. My chest seemed to swell with the fullness of love as I told her, "God saved me." I remember closing my eyes, but the light and joy of His presence was as bright as the sun. Mother gave me a quick hug and a word of encouragement to show her love and approval. Dr. Aycock suggested that I should express thanks to God for the food and for what He had done in my life. Never before did a prayer hold greater meaning for me.

In the home, Dad and Mother led us in daily devotions and involved us in scripture memorization. Their continual spiritual guidance, loving concern, and sound biblical teaching helped to guide my youthful steps. Their godly example and influence taught me that the Christian life was the happy and normal way to live.



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One of God's special gifts to me as a child was the privilege of growing up in a Christian home with parents who read the Bible and prayed with me and taught me Christian principles. I was so fortunate to have a kindergarten teacher who prayed with us in class each week.

When I was four-and-a-half, my parents attended a revival held at a very small church about six miles from my hometown. In one of the services, the Holy Spirit spoke to me and, during the invitation hymn, I asked Mother if I could go to the altar and pray. Instead of discouraging me and saying I was "too young," both she and my father went with me to pray.

I never got away from the impact of that incident. In the years to follow, there were times when I broke fellowship with the Lord. But this experience, along with the help of parents and Sunday School teachers who encouraged me to memorize scripture,

pray, and enjoy being in the church, helped me to remain sensitive to the Holy Spirit and His leadership in my life.



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In the small suburban community of Brookhaven near Atlanta, Ga., at the age of eight years, I attended special revival services. The preacher and singer was the famous Dr. Charles D. Tillman, an outstanding songwriter and evangelist in the Southern Methodist church in those days. He was a guest in our home during the meeting, and my mother was the sponsor of the special meetings.

On the second evening I listened with real interest and conviction as he sang his own famous composition, "Life's Railway to Heaven." I had already experienced a growing awareness of God through my mother who was a vital Christian. A graduate of Asbury College in Wilmore, Ky., she was part of the ministerial team that went out to organize prayer meetings for Dr. H. C. Morrison in some of his campaigns.

At the conclusion of his song and sermon, Mother whispered to me that this would be a good time for me to make the final decision to serve God. I went forward, and Dr. Tillman helped me tremendously. That evening I "got on board" the railway to heaven. Fifty years later, I am still on that way and intend to remain on board until we reach the heavenly station.



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My conversion was not a spectacular transformation from darkness to light. I grew up in a Christian home where serving God was a way of life. Regular attendance at Sunday School and worship services, prayer meeting, and revivals was taken for granted.

When I was a nine-year-old junior, First Church in Kansas City held a revival with Dr. Jarrette and Dell Aycock as evangelists. During the revival, I was convicted of sin and realized my need of a personal relationship

with Jesus Christ as Savior. During the Sunday School hour, Mrs. Aycock spoke to us in the opening exercises of the Junior Department and that is when I was actually saved.

For several years there were ups and downs, with many trips to the altar. But through it all, there was a sense of belonging and of fellowship in the family of God.

All of us little Lunnns learned early in life the values of fair play, of sharing, of economizing, of making do with limited resources, and (with seven of us children) to expect no pampering or favoritism.

There was a minimum of "do" and "don't," but there was an atmosphere of godliness that made us receptive when the Holy Spirit tapped us on the shoulder and indicated that it was time to take a stand as individuals. I shall never cease to be grateful for sanctified parents who taught by precept and example the reality of redemption in saving and keeping power. And what a tremendous debt I owe to the church, the family of God, to Sunday School teachers, pastors, and people, for support during the early years of my Christian life. Blessed heritage!



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Growing up in a Nazarene parsonage on the Northeastern Indiana District, I attended every revival service, regular service, and camp meeting, year after year. I don't remember the first time I gave my heart to Jesus, but I know I joined the church in Alexandria, Ind., when I was nine years old and that my decision to be a Christian was largely influenced by my parents and the faithful laymen in the churches my father pastored. They exhibited a relationship with Jesus Christ that was attractive and vital.

I came face-to-face as an emerging adult with the claims of Christ in a personal, deep way. At a girls' camp, I surrendered my life to Jesus. A few weeks later, I was sanctified at camp meeting.

Sanctification as a doctrine and a reality in my life seemed elusive. My spiritual yardstick, by which I measured my state of grace, was whether I loved—not hated—my sister. The

evangelists always said holiness had to work and for me that translated into whether or not I loved Marilyn at any given time.

At the age of 17, I found inner resistance to letting God plan my life. After debating internally the issue of God's will and my will, I surrendered again to His will to let Him plan what He wanted.

In my sophomore year at college, Dr. G. B. Williamson came as our revival speaker. I remember the morning I knelt in College Church and, with my mind and heart consecrated, received the Holy Spirit in a deepening way.

Looking back, I am eternally grateful to those who helped me find and follow God's will. I could never have planned a life half so interesting or varied as He has. I'm grateful to the scores of faithful laymen, ministers, evangelists, and missionaries who greatly influenced me, not only in finding the Lord in His reality, but in challenging me to follow Him to the uttermost.



Wilbur Brannon
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It was Mother's Day. Dr. J. B. Chapman, general superintendent of the Church of the Nazarene, was guest preacher that morning. I was six years old. Even at that young age, I was sensitive to God's presence.

I don't remember his sermon, but I remember his invitation: "If your mother is living and you would like to honor her by publicly declaring your love for her, come and stand at the altar." Dr. Chapman then asked those who *knew* they would meet their mothers in heaven to step back from the altar, and for those who *wished* to see their mothers in heaven to kneel.

For the first time I knelt at the altar with a desire to be saved. In that moment I experienced the relief of knowing God's forgiveness.

As Mother and I walked back to the parsonage that morning, she affirmed my commitment by saying, "Now you have Jesus in your heart to help you be a good boy."

I soon learned that His help must have my cooperation. Though I wandered from Him during my early teens, I never got away from the spiri-

tual impact of that moment. Its influence brought me to a point of decision at age 15 from which I have not since deterred.

Jesus is *all* the world to me. The memories of His early leadings continue as fresh reminders of His faithfulness in all of life's experiences.



Orville W. Jenkins
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The Church of the Nazarene conducted a revival in my hometown when I was eight years old. The evangelist was Dr. A. G. Jeffries, a small man with white hair who wore pinched-nose, rimless glasses secured by a black ribbon to his coat lapel. He attracted large audiences and many were converted and sanctified.

Dr. Jeffries had been a lawyer and judge before his conversion and entering the ministry. My parents spoke of his logical preaching and power of persuasion.

The night of my conversion is still very clear in my memory. I recall the preacher describing how Satan would be bound with chains and cast into the bottomless pit. I can still hear those chains rattling.

Later on, while in high school, I turned from following Christ, but the influence of my childhood conversion never left me and contributed to my coming back to the Savior as a young man.

The following article first appeared in the January 15, 1930, issue of the *Herald of Holiness*.

SAVING A LIFE

by Joseph M. Pierce

A few months ago, 12-year-old Reeford Chaney was just an ordinary boy, running up and down the streets of Loudon, like dozens of other little fellows. Loudon has so many boys she may well be pardoned for not paying particular attention to one. But God sees diamonds where others see only clay.

Reeford was early in life drawn to Sunday School and became a regular attendant. He frequently stayed for church services. One day something the preacher said touched his young

heart. When invited, he left his seat, came down to the altar, and gave his heart to God. Again he came to the altar for a complete consecration. Since that day, God has blessed him and his life in an unusual way.

Most boys would have been satisfied to wait for mature years before attempting church work. Not so with Reeford. He immediately joined the church and asked for a job. The only job then open was the secretaryship of our Sunday School. In this capacity he has served well, so well indeed that when (just recently) we organized our Nazarene Young People's Society, we could think of no one who would make us a better secretary of this organization. We gave him that job, and he is doing it with characteristic efficiency and faithfulness.

But the best of our story is yet to come. At the time Reeford was saved, there was not a Christian in his home. His mother and stepfather had known God at one time but for years had been backslidden, wandering farther and farther in sin. We heard the mother's contrite confession that she was farther from God than she had ever been before. Today this mother, with her husband and a daughter, are happy in their Savior's love. A year ago there were no Christians in this home; now there are four.

Parents, learn a lesson from Reeford Chaney, and do all you can to bring your children to Jesus while they are young and impressionable. "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth," is a scripture that needs to be stressed in this day of abounding wickedness. The devil has his traps set for our young people; let us do our utmost to save them before they are caught, remembering that when we bring the young to the Savior, we are not only saving souls for heaven, we are saving lives to shine on earth.

Little did the writer of the above, Joseph Pierce, dream that someday, 12-year-old Reeford Chaney would become Dr. Reeford Chaney, district superintendent of the Virginia District. No wonder that Jesus urges us to



"LET THE CHILDREN COME!"

Reeford Chaney

LOOKING OVER MY SHOULDER

by HAZEL C. LEE

A POET has put man's life span into a few words:
I;—
Thou;—
We;—
They;—

Small words, but mighty.

In their span

Are bound the life and hopes of man.

In our marriage and through the birth of our three children we have passed through the first three stages. Today we are in the fourth, especially as we experience the joy of being grandparents. This fourth stage is full of nostalgia. As our children marry, have their own families, and converse more and more freely, we realize the impact of the little phrase, "If only . . ." and the pathos of the fact we cannot say, "Next time. . . ." This article will be very personal as I think about our children's early years, many of which were in the land of India.

All of our major decisions regarding our children were made with much prayer and earnest seeking of God's will. We did what we felt was best at the time. There were mistakes, of course, but the intent was for their good. Even without the wealth of knowledge now available to young parents, we poured much love and hours of "quality time" into their impressionable minds and hearts.

In Deuteronomy 6:7 we are admonished to revere God's commandments and are given these instructions: "Thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up." So very much of a child's inclination toward God and his basic life-tone is instilled during his early, formative years.

As we read about the controversy over whether prayer—vocal or even silent—should be allowed in our public schools, we realize how very important it is to teach our little ones to pray and for them to hear us pray often. Nothing can take away the imprint of an example in the home. Hearing the Bible and Bible stories read, and having their many questions answered, give children a grip on truths that are indelible whether the creation theory is taught in school or not. Parents cannot expect even the Sunday School to do it all.

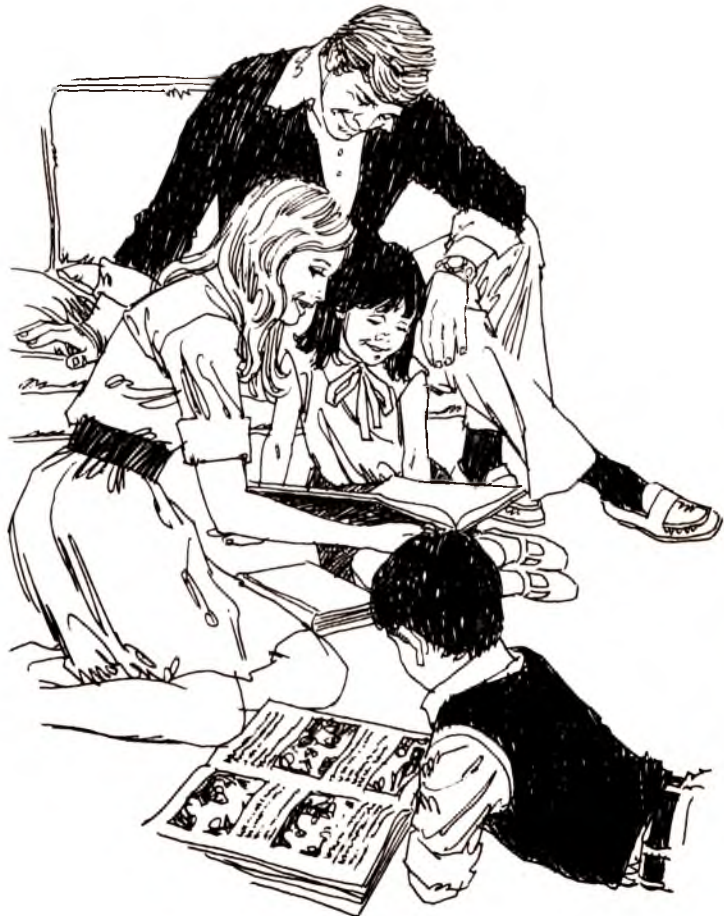
As missionaries we faced the dreaded parting from

our children because of boarding school, but the children in America are also separated from their parents because of the incredible demands placed on the family: peer pressure, the deadly inroads of poor TV programs, the influence of the occult, the brainwashing of rock music. Even the demands of chauffeuring the children to music lessons, ball games, and church-related activities can cause a fragmentation of family life. This is unfortunate, for the preschool child needs special nurturing during the years when he is being prepared, even in his subconscious, for life in this 20th century. Parents must have a feeling of "worthwhile-ness" as they train their little ones in the way they should go, so that when they are grown they will have good memories from which they can never fully depart.

Thank God, we taught our children to pray. We did not encourage them to pray only for specific answers, but helped them realize that a loving Lord cared about what happened to them, even if He did not always bring a special gift or heal a sick body. We tried to show them an example of unwavering faith no matter what the circumstances of life.

Each night when they were very little I sat by their beds and sang the old songs I used to hear my grandfather sing. As I rocked my babies, I hummed to them often. We read fairy tales and modern stories, such as "The Little Engine That Could," so often they could repeat them by heart. We told them long, continued stories. My husband told an elongated tale of "The Copper Kettle" that just about wrung his imagination dry!

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We had an old wind-up Victrola on which we played children's songs and many other types of music. Sometimes I would have the children paint or crayon a picture of what the music said to them. That was a fascinating activity. We played games together by the hour; we worked jigsaw puzzles; we played charades amid much laughter. Our dinner hour was regular (no place to go out on the mission field) and I always had candles and flowers on the table. We took them on special trips and out-touring in a tent. Birthdays meant a "compound celebration," with cake and ice cream for all those who lived near us. Christmas gifts were ordered from home far ahead of time, with relatives sending wonderful boxes to be stored away with anticipation. Each Christmas morning, we wrapped up in warm blankets and went out in the starlight to sing carols to the Indians on our compound. How we crammed love and laughter and "specialness" into those first six years! Our children were No. 1 . . . primary . . . doubly so as we looked ahead to future separation.

Our older son, Gary, reached out to the Bible in his desperate need during the 444 days of being imprisoned in Iran. Our lovely daughter, Gayle, touches the lives of others with a beautiful gift of hospitality. The other night, our younger son, Grant, thanked us for giving him a true sense of priorities in life.

Young parents, buy up all the opportunities you can, for time slips away as "silently as a field mouse through the grass." There will come the moment when childhood's toys will be put aside, the moment when the little toy soldier and the little toy dog will wonder what "has become of our Little Boy Blue since he kissed them and put them there."

Today, we try not to look back over our shoulder too often. Lovingly, we accept the joy of a growing relationship with our three children and the beautiful challenge of being grandparents to four fine grandchildren. We have learned that no price can be placed on the value of a hearing ear and a listening heart. □

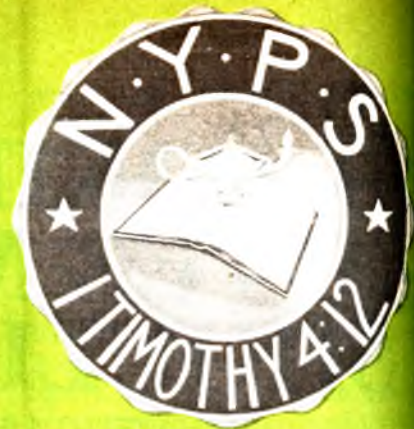
A Nuptial Prayer

*Give us love that will endure—
Patient, giving, strong, and sure.
Free us from selfish, fretful ways.
Bless Thou our home through all our
days.*

*Give us a love that will not fail
When pressures mount and foes assail,
Love that will bear the weight of care—
Sensitive, kind, alert, aware.*

*Direct us to the good and right.
We seek Thy will as our delight.
Grant us a faith and constancy
To live in hope and charity.*

—JACK M. SCHARN
San Diego, California



TUESDAY, September 17, 1923, Nazarenes began filing into First Church of the Nazarene in Kansas City, Mo. An air of expectancy pervaded the sanctuary as Dr. R. T. Williams, general superintendent, rose to begin the proceedings. History was being made. The Nazarene Young People's Society was born.

One by one, delegates responded to the district call. Seventeen districts were represented. Only 26 individuals voted in preliminary business matters pertaining to the convention organization. Yet, from these humble beginnings, from these dedicated Nazarenes interested in ministering to our youth, has come Nazarene Youth International, ministering to young people in 65 nations through 5,707 local organizations.

The spirit of that first convention, chaired by Rev. Howard Rowe of Brooklyn, N.Y., gave a special heritage and parentage to our youth organization that has not lost its impact. Between the lines of the formal record of business proceedings of that day runs a distinct witness to the presence of the Holy Spirit, and a unity and brotherhood among the participants. The critical moment of the election of the first general NYPS president had arrived. Rev. Donnell J. Smith of North California and Rev. H. B. Macrory of Pittsburgh were nominated for this strategic position. Now 48 delegates cast their ballots. Few were surprised at the close results: Rev. Smith received 25 votes, Rev. Macrory 13. Forestalling further balloting, in which he might have been elected himself, Rev. Macrory requested that they join together to make this initial indication of support for Rev. Smith firm, and elect him by a unanimous vote. The Holy Spirit made unity of purpose a reality.

Shortly afterwards, Rev. D. Shelby Corlett of Southern California was elected general NYPS secretary in identical fashion when his opponent, Willard Davison of Western Oklahoma, made a similar motion. Rev. Corlett held that office for a record 13 years.

The organization of a general NYPS was launched at the urging of many local and a few district youth societies. They sensed a need for incorporating their youth organization into a general branch of the church. This need had been a keen concern of the Board of General Superintendents who called for this convention. Early days were not always easy for the auxiliary. D. Shelby Corlett writes: "The approval

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A Heritage Unchanged

by LARRY LEONARD



The General Assembly was not unanimous. There remained in the church a strong and vocal group who continued to oppose its organization. The first four years were especially difficult, requiring strenuous effort and sacrifice to carry on." But prayers were prayed and sacrifice was made. By the convening of the second General Convention in 1928, the work had advanced tremendously with all districts in the United States being represented. Rev. Corlett's report was glowing: "God so signally blessed that convention with His presence and power that the opposition vanished." Since that first General NYPS Convention, God has continued to provide Spirit-filled leadership through the action of committed, unified delegates. A distinguished group has held the office of president of our youth auxiliary:

Donnell J. Smith	1923-32
G. B. Williamson	1932-40
M. Kimber Moulton	1940-48
Mendell Taylor	1948-52
Ponder Gilliland	1952-56
Eugene Stowe	1956-60
James Snow	1960-64
John Hancock	1964-68
Jim Bond	1968-72
Talmadge Johnson	1972-76
Holland Lewis	1976-80
Dan Ketchum	1980-85

Qualified, creative leaders have provided direction through their service as general NYPS secretary:

D. Shelby Corlett	1923-36
S. T. Ludwig	1936-42
John Peters	1942-48
L. J. Dubois	1944-56
Ponder Gilliland	1956-60
Paul Skiles	1960-68
Gordon Wetmore	1968-72
Gordon Olsen	1972-76
Jess Middendorf	1976-80
Bil Nielson	1980-85

Since its creation in 1968, the general office of Youth Ministries has been led by Paul Skiles, 1968-74; Mel McCullough, 1974-78; Gary Henecke, 1978-81; and Larry Leonard, 1982—.

The importance of the youth organization as a training ground for future church leadership has been evident in the makeup of General NYPS Councils. One council alone, serving from 1952-58, included current General Superintendents Eugene L. Stowe, William

M. Greathouse, and Jerald D. Johnson; one Nazarene college president, Dr. Homer Adams; and several district superintendents, pastors, college professors, and General Board members.

These 60 years of direction for NYPS/NYI on the general level have seen progressive and innovative action. The youth have played an important role in the internationalization of our church. The General Council of 1952-58, through great foresight, planned and implemented the first international gathering of teens—International Institute, July 15-21, 1958, Estes Park, Colo. This great gathering of 750 Nazarene young people and sponsors from around the world was a strategic step in bringing to our people an awareness of a unified, worldwide Church of the Nazarene. Since then, an international teen event has been held every four years. World Youth Congress, 1983, will disciple over 2,000 teens from around the globe through simultaneous Spanish/English translation in beautiful Oaxtepec, Mexico, this June 20-27.

The General NYPS Convention of 1976 highlighted the importance of the international church by a name change. Nazarene Young People's Society of 53 years became Nazarene Youth International.

Though the organization has a new name and new council members, the original basis for our purpose of existence remains the same. Amid all the changes, the 1939 editorial of S. T. Ludwig, former NYPS general secretary, still summarizes our mission perfectly: "We are conscious that fundamentally youth need God, as does every adult. Young people need to be gloriously saved and subsequently beautifully sanctified. Youth need to have a sense of adequacy and security amid the turbulent uncertainties of this day in which we live. Here, the church has tremendous opportunity. God help us not to fumble the ball. There is no substitute for faith in this realm. A greater consciousness of God is the one positive way to overcome the increased problems that come up for solution. Here the church needs to give positive direction and lay particular stress upon the crisis of salvation. Freedom from sin and the divine infilling of the Holy Ghost will give that sense of power and adequacy as nothing else will. But we need not stop here. We must go further. We must give to these Spirit-filled young people an atmosphere and fellowship within the church that will help them to build a life, to develop Christian personality, and enrich character. That is a process which will last as long as life itself." □



HARLAN HEINMILLER has set a high standard of excellence as a lay leader in the church as well as in business. In 1923 at the age of 13 he joined the First Church of the Nazarene in Detroit. In 1930 he was elected local NYPS president. This was the first of many elected positions to come, including district NYPS president, District Advisory Board member, and member of several commissions of the general church. He was a General Board member from 1952-72. He served on the board of Detroit First Church for 45 consecutive years.

Mr. Heinmiller was employed by General Motors from 1929 until his retirement in 1975, when he left the position of manager, Coordinating and Scheduling—Corporate Product Planning. Presently, Mr. Heinmiller is serving the general church in the office of Life Income Gifts Services. This is where John Denney, editorial director of Youth Ministries, found him to obtain this interview about his teen years in the church and the resulting influence on his life.

John: Harlan, when did you first become acquainted with the Church of the Nazarene?

Harlan: Our family joined the Nazarene church on Easter Sunday, 1923. So, it's been 60 years as of this past Easter.

John: At that time the Church of the Nazarene was new to you?

Harlan: We had moved from the east side of Detroit to the west side.

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“IT REALLY WORKS”

An Interview with Harlan Heinmiller

by JOHN DENNEY

My father's background was Evangelical Association. They were holiness people. My mother's background was Mennonite Brethren in Christ. They were holiness, too, but we were going to the Evangelical Association church at time. There were no Evangelical Association churches on the west side of Detroit in our general area, so we were looking around, and found a Nazarene church only a few blocks from our home.

John: You were a teen when you got involved in the Church of the Nazarene. What impressed you about the church?

Harlan: The NYPS* service at six o'clock every Sunday night.

John: Did you get involved in that immediately?

Harlan: Not immediately. But not long after I started attending NYPS, the president, Clayton Kidd, came to me and said, "I want you to speak next Sunday in NYPS." I said, "Me? I'd faint. Stand up before a group and say something? That's impossible!" Born on a farm, bashful as could be, I felt I could never do that. And I'll never forget. He walked up to me, put his long finger right underneath my nose and said, "How do you know you can't? You've never tried." I said, "Well, I'll have to admit you've got something there. But, next Sunday? Never! I'll let you know when I'm ready." So three Sundays after that I said, "Well, I'll try my best." Lo and behold, I gave a five-minute talk at NYPS.

John: What did you feel like when that talk was over?

Harlan: I couldn't believe that I had accomplished it. It showed that there was a potential there that I hadn't really given any attention to.

John: Other than family, and in addition to Mr. Kidd, who else was influential in your teen years?

Harlan: Elizabeth Rollins, who was my first Nazarene Sunday School teacher. In fact, it was in her home that the Detroit First Church was started.

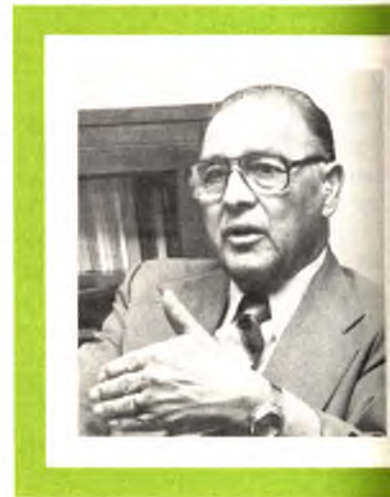
John: What was it about these peo-

ple, their qualities, that touched your life?

Harlan: Their dedication to the Lord's work. They were always available to do anything they could for the church, and gave it their best. As an example, Clayton Kidd, a young businessman, and a friend of his, another businessman, went up to Massena, Mich. They visited every home in the small town and started a church in a vacant store.

John: Let's find out a little more about your life as you got involved in NYPS. After that first public speech, did you get more involved?

Harlan: Yes. Once a month we had a mission service downtown. We gave our testimonies there and one of the older men would speak. We also had jail services, and street meetings downtown Detroit's Central Park. These were opportunities for



messing and I would give my testimony as I had done at NYPS.

John: Street meetings aren't common today like they once were. What happened in a street meeting?

Harlan: First we met at the church for a time of prayer, and then we went together to the place for the street meeting. We carried a portable organ with us and did a lot of singing. Singing attracted people in the area and they would gather to listen.

John: Did you see results?

Harlan: Yes, we often did. One young man stopped to listen who

is way home from a nearby the-
His curiosity was aroused by our
fying and singing. When we were
ugh he went on without a word to
ut we pointed out the new Naza-
church that we were starting
n the street—the Calvary Naza-
Church. Lo and behold, he vis-
the church and found Christ
e. His name is Drell Allen. He's
on staff at Trevecca Nazarene
ege.

John: Tell me how you became a
er in NYPS.

Harlan: The witnessing part really
ted the whole thing, and then in-
st in the many zone and district
ivities was part of it too. Winning
er young people to Christ and hav-
them take part in the many activ-
was a real challenge and blessing.
n, of course, we had a lot of other
ng people's activities at our Indian
e District Camp.

John: How did these opportunities
ministry and leadership in NYPS
to you in your adult years? In terms
our profession?

Harlan: I think the strongest bene-
ame from the emphasis on proving
others what Christ means in your
I think of Rev. E. E. Wordsworth,
spoke at one of our district young
ple's rallies. He said it's the chal-
ge of every Christian, every Naza-
e layman, *to prove by his daily life
t Christ is a reality*. I accepted that
a personal commitment.

John: Could you give us some exam-
s of how you did that in your daily
lk?

Harlan: Well, it really goes hand in
nd with Proverbs 3:5-6, which I
ked to early in my teen years. That
s the source, really, of my strength,
dealing with my challenging work-
d. I always bowed my head and
ed the blessing whenever we ate at
usiness session. And of course, oth-
always had their drinks before the
siness meetings, but they'd bring
ginger ale instead. That was a wit-
ss in itself.

John: Tell us a little about your
rk with General Motors.

Harlan: I started in the cost ac-
unting section at Fisher Body Di-
ision and moved from there to pro-
uction control, scheduling materials
ecessary to build the bodies. I worked
ere until 1960 when I got trans-
ered to the corporation central of-
ce, in production control. There it

was my duty every morning to have a
report by 10:00 to top management on
what every one of the assembly plants
had produced the day before. If a plant
didn't make its schedule, say one fin-
ished car a minute, they had to give
the reason why.

John: Sounds like a lot of pressure.

Harlan: Very definitely. One inci-
dent stands out as the biggest single
moment in my work life, as I recall



how the Lord guided, directed, and
prepared me for my future responsi-
bility. Three years after I was trans-
ferred to production control, they de-
cided to have preproduction planning
staff. I was appointed administrator
for coordination and scheduling of for-
ward planning. We had to determine
approximately three years ahead what
types of new cars we would have on
the dealer's floor. Part of my responsi-
bility was to report to the corporation
administration committee, which met
on the 14th floor of the General Mo-
tors Building. I will never forget my
first report. Seated at the head of the
committee was the chairman of the
Board and the president of the cor-
poration. Down each side of the table
were the executive vice-presidents and
the vice-presidents of every division of
General Motors. I was giving my first
report of where we stood in forward
planning and what decisions still had
to be made, to make sure that the new
cars would be in the dealer's hands on
announcement date. As I was waiting
to be called in for my report, I thanked
the Lord for the NYPS and my first
speech at an NYPS meeting. Because
I could never have made it before that
group, I'm sure, had it not been for my
early NYPS experiences.

John: Who would ever have thought

that the beginnings you had in NYPS,
as seemingly small as they were, would
lead to that kind of situation? And,
yet, who could compare the impor-
tance of leading someone to Jesus
Christ to reporting even to this impor-
tant group of executives of one of the
largest corporations in the world?

Harlan: That's right. I also felt that
it was part of my Christian witness to
be fair to people. If I were making any
remarks that would relate to the re-
sponsibility of any one of those men in
that meeting, I would let them know
ahead of time what I was going to say.
And, while they didn't always like
what I was reporting, they appreciated
the advance notice, which gave them
the opportunity to prepare explana-
tions and answer criticism. Working
fairly with people is vitally important.

John: What encouragement would
you give to the young people of the
church today?

Harlan: I have to go back to an ex-
perience that we had every noon. We
had a separate dining room where a
group of us involved in future plan-
ning met for lunch, out at the General
Motors Tech Center. The design stu-
dios for all General Motors cars and
trucks were there. That's where the
life-size clay models are built. The
manufacturing development building
was out there too. Constant research
in new products development was go-
ing on. So we ate together at noon and
would talk future plans. A man would
come in sometimes with a smile on his
face, and someone would say, "Hi, Joe,
what are you so happy about?" Joe
would say, "Well, you know this partic-
ular project that we've been working
on? Months and years have been put
into it, finally *it works!* We've tested it
up at Kapuskasing, Canada, in 40 de-
grees below zero and *it works*. We
tested it here in our own laboratories,
and we can say now that *it really
works.*" And that's what I want to say
to our young people. The Christian
life has been tested. *It really works*,
when we really give the Lord a chance
to work through our hearts and lives.

To the NYPS "I am debtor." Its
challenge and opportunity for active
service provided experience and train-
ing that enabled me to face better the
responsibilities of the business world,
and to prove by my daily life that
Christ is a reality. *It really works.* □

*Nazarene Young People's Society became Nazarene
Youth International in 1976.



THE NYI TODAY

WHAT HAS 410,000 LEGS, comes in a rainbow of colors, has tons of energy, and stretches around the world? It's not a giant centipede, though it does have a large body. It's not a newly discovered disease, though it is contagious. It's not a rare species, because you see it at work all around your church. It's Nazarene Youth International, alive and growing in the '80s.

Nazarene Youth International (NYI) exists to "build up youth in Christian faith and in holy character and to instruct them in the Word of God and in the doctrine of the church" (NYI Constitution). Young people from ages 12 to 29 make up NYI around the world and in your own local church. Since 1923, when Nazarene Young People's Society was established as our official youth auxiliary, the organization has worked to meet the needs of youth on spiritual, social, and educational levels. Its motto has been 1 Timothy 4:12: "Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity" (NIV). NYI has done much to strengthen youth who have benefited from its programs and ministries.

Yet NYI does more than serve youth; the organization equips youth to serve others. The stated purpose of NYI is "to bring others to Christ and to provide ways for equipping youth for the total mission of the church through worship, witness, ministry, and fellowship." Throughout its history, NYI had mobilized youth in evangelism, missions projects, and out-

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reach to all ages, as well as providing a structure of activities to attract and retain youth for the church continues to do so today.

Every teenager, college student, career youth, young adult under 30 is a member of this vital international organization of 205,000. NYI on the general level provides programs, like World Youth Congress and YOUTH IN MISSION, and resources for ministries like Bible study curriculum and youth books, through the General NYI Council and Youth Ministries at International Headquarters. Regional and district level activities include summer camp, Bible quiz tournaments, talent festivals, and other large-scale activities furnish youth with opportunities for fellowship and Christian growth. In the local church, NYI gives youth ministry a structure to build leadership and relationships that last.

How does NYI work? A good example can be found in Princeton, Fla., where Ted Underwood has the distinction of serving in NYI at all four levels—as local NYI president, the Southern Florida District NYI president, chairman of the Southeast Regional NYI Council, and representative to the General NYI Council. Ted and his wife, Sharon, have given the last 19 years of their lives to youth, opening their home and their hearts to many who are now doing the same as pastors or laymen in other local churches. They are laymen, dedicated to a vital youth ministry through NYI.

Something's always happening in youth ministries at Princeton Church of the Nazarene. From "afterglow" in homes once a month, to youth choir, to raising money for *Bread* and *One* subscriptions, there are a myriad of ways for youth to be involved. For example, there are the regular weekly activities: Sunday School classes, using the *Word-Action Series* curriculum, a midweek Bible study called "Wednesday Night Learning" currently featuring *Growth on the Vine* by Mike Pitts as the resource for the study. Many Friday nights find dozens of youth at the church for "Visitation Volleyball," where teens make home calls with Sunday School teachers, then reunite at the church for an hour of volleyball. Sharon teaches a Sunday School class for college and career youth, putting together her own resources. Bible quizzing is a big part of the Wednesday evening program, as well as teen involvement in children's ministries through the *Clayton* program. The puppet team and youth choir (Princeton Ambassadors for Christ) find opportunities to minister in Children's church and in Sunday School. Many of the career youth teach Sunday School classes for children. Many of the youth also sing in the Sunday adult choir.

And then there are the special events, like *Octoberfest*, an annual emphasis on youth during the Sunday of October. Funds for the annual youth retreat are raised through a spaghetti supper and auction. Items for auction are donated by church businesses and range from nursery shrubs to a front-end alignment and oil change. It's an activity that brings



Ted (l.) and retreat speaker Mike Estep (at end of table) enjoy prayer breakfast with teens.



a Christmas teen party at the Underwoods.



Princeton Ambassadors for Christ ready for tour.

whole church family together, and keeps the youth needs in front of the church. Traveling music groups from the regional college, Trevecca, always enjoy a fellowship meal with the youth of Princeton. Special speakers coming through the area often find themselves scheduled into a session with the group, as well as community leaders who keep current issues in front of NYI members, helping them form opinions and conclusions with a Christian perspective.

How does a lay couple do it? Both Ted and Sharon attribute their involvement to a real love for youth. They enjoy being with them. "We feel that if we can train our youth to be leaders, not only of tomorrow but today, we have accomplished something great for God," Ted affirms. "We do our best to just be ourselves."

A dedicated group of youth sponsors and teachers at Princeton surround the Underwoods in their work. Patience is stressed, as well as sensitivity to problems. Ted and Sharon provide the example for them, "with a sense of urgency as busy as that in the parsonage," Sharon asserts. "But we love listening to them. Every time I put a batch of brownies in the oven, our youngest son tells me the 'kids' are coming over. I spend a lot of time, too, writing letters to teens who have gone off to college or who have moved on. Ministry never stops."

The Underwoods also work to get the teens involved in leadership. Responsibilities are delegated, and youth learn how to plan activities. Their emphasis helps youth see that "God needs them as much as He needs adults." Ted's honest approach maintains a high level of accountability and trust. Having opportunities for God's strength to work through them has helped teen and young adult leaders to seek God's will in all their decision-making.

What about the district NYI? Ted lists a full schedule of exciting activities for Southern Florida youth—camps, a Regional Family Day at Disney World, a fall lock-in at a bowling alley (over 300 attended), a "VIP"

trip to Trevecca, and the March "District Teen Day," which features a "Mud Bowl" and the "Wacky Olympics." Quizzing has grown from 6 churches involved to 16 this year, primarily because of quizzing activities at camp. The District NYI Convention and Festival of Arts climaxes the year, with opportunities to excel in music, puppets, art, and speech. The convention, Ted emphasizes, is geared to the youth, providing fun activities and promotion along with the business involved. A district training workshop was begun this year, with tremendous response.

Visibility is the key to the district NYI's success, Ted asserts. "The people on the district realize how vital the youth are, and I have a chance to relate them to all district events. Our district superintendent is super supportive, and attends most of our activities himself. We're working on finding better ways to communicate with our churches, though, to make things even better. The teens and career youth look forward to getting together across the district and we want to be sure they get every chance."

What are their dreams for NYI at the general level? Ted points out his desire to help leaders and teachers with new resources, especially for college/career youth, and to get their input on what they need. He sees a need for more "big events" for youth, like WYC and GREENLAKE '82. Sharon is quick to affirm the great impact GREENLAKE '82 had on her as she and Ted served as family group leaders. "The college/career youth who did not attend are anxious for another holiness event like it!" Ted exclaims.

As long as there is an NYI, you'll probably see Ted and Sharon Underwood involved. "God has blessed us with a big home, and we want to use it for Him. Youth work has never been a chore for us." The goal of NYI is to duplicate and multiply leaders like the Underwoods among youth. They are just an example of NYI leaders across the church today.

"I've always said that any church that doesn't have something going on for teens is a dead church," Ted claims. As long as Ted—and Nazarene Youth International—has anything to say about it, the church—and youth ministry—will live on! □



Jim Postlewaite

Let the Homecoming Party Begin for My Prodigal

by a NAZARENE PASTOR

THE FAR COUNTRY makes counterfeit promises of adventure and charm to the late teenager. This call of the wild misdirects his natural need for independence and takes him to frightening places and produces strange conduct. Without the commitment of a personal relationship to Christ, his worldly, immature friends pressure him into sinful conduct that could forever ruin his life.

It happened to my son. At 17, like the prodigal of the Bible, he packed his belongings and asked me to help him move his meager possessions on Christmas Day. Sinful rebellion moved him to a nearby community, but it was more than a million miles away in my heart. His end was the pig pen with the noisy nights of rock-music, the marijuana joints, and the alcoholic drinks. Morning brought him to the realities of not enough food, no one to care, a drug-filled brain, and a wrecked clunker.

Let me tell you about his beginnings. He was a wanted baby. For months before his birth, the physician warned that this fetus had a blood problem so he could not survive; and if by some miracle he did live, he would not be normal. Six weeks before his birth, a

group of Nazarene pastors prayed that our child would live and be normal. And he was. He grew up in a Nazarene parsonage and heard from the first day of his birth that he was a wanted child. He was privileged to be loved by the congregation his parents served. Church people in every pastorate prayed for him. They taught him the Word of God in Sunday School and vacation Bible school, remembered him on his birthday, and cherished his family. In more than one place he had substitute grandparents who loved him as if they were their own flesh and blood. Though the family probably moved too often, it was a loving household always strengthened by the people of God in every congregation.

His teen years included the full range of youth activities like retreats, youth camps, district IMPACT groups, and helpful youth leaders. But then something happened. Emotional and spiritual distance came into the family. New acquaintances, often secret school friends, were cherished. And for him, those long-held home values turned into narrow restraints.

Let me tell you how this parent felt. My world crumbled. Early in the experience, I discovered that I must make my son more important to me than the opinions of my parishioners. I often asked God why I had been born. Every siren reminded me that I did not know where my wandering boy was. Long periods without communication reminded me that he could be dead, or that a family emergency could be over before we could contact him. When I prayed, the heavens seemed a brass, and the enemy reminded me of a thousand faults.

my parenting and pastoral assignments. Every time I met a committed Christian teenager, I felt a new depth of depression. My broken heart was worse than any pain I have ever known.

But I learned some important lessons.

Never give up. God has a thousand ways and about as many folks who can help your child home to God. Sometimes we pray, "Don't let him go." But in His wisdom, God may answer our prayers by letting him go the dead-end street in the far country. Remember, that awesome creation of a free will is chased by the love of God and the memories of home.

Count on the church. The people of God in your church are your partners in saving your children. Of course, some of them are a little strange; a few of God's family may even be judgmental and harsh. But the vast majority are taking every painful step with you, and they will surround your children with their prayers.

Evaluate your self-blame. It is only natural to ask, "Where did I miss it?" But there is nothing to gain with lengthy self-punishment that says, "I could have done better." If you were wrong in your parenting efforts, confess your sin to God and ask for the forgiveness of your child. That act in itself can be used by God to bring you closer to your child. But if you did the best you knew to do as a parent, leave your past in the hands of God and face the future in faith.

Share your hurt. Few people will want to hear all the details, but no pain can be carried all alone. In the prayer meetings at your church, request the people to help you bear your burden. Ask a chosen few to be your

prayer partners. Since we are a part of God's forever family, we know how to bear each other's burdens to the throne of God. You will be amazed at the strength you receive from your Christian brothers and sisters.

Expect a miracle. Of course, your young person is capable of spoiling his life. In fact, he may have already made destructive choices that will affect the remainder of his life. But God still lives; He has many ways of making new life out of brokenness, despair, and enslavement. Life is not over.

Let me tell you how it is now at our house. Five years have passed. A caring local church loved my son back to God. Our faithful God never let him go. Now our relationship has been healed and my son is a joy of my life. Christian friends across the denomination stood with us in our prayer vigil. Today a faculty, administration, and staff of a Nazarene college are nourishing my son in the faith. It could be possible that God is calling my son to a special work. My gratitude to God and to His church can never be measured.

Right now, through circumstances, conscience, and memory, God is calling your prodigal child home. Double your love. Hide the hurt from your child. In every way he will allow, keep up the communication. And believe in the power of the love of your church family to bring your son or daughter home to God.

Perhaps tomorrow, or the next day, you will be able to say, "Quick . . . we must celebrate with a feast, for this son [or daughter] of mine was dead and has returned to life. He was lost and is found" (Luke 15:22-24, TLB). *Let the party begin.* □

Book Brief

RUN AFTER PEACE



VIRGINIA VOLK THOMPSON
author



"MY ENTIRE LIFE was crippled due to stress," confesses this author, "but God has brought me a long way and has taught me some practical and simple truths about maintaining peace and living a happy life . . . Crippling stress will not remain where God's peace abounds."

Like so many women today, Mrs. Thompson had at least a triple load: a family, a job, and church activities that included either synchronizing the travel schedule to accommodate three teenagers and her husband, or acting as chauffeur, in some instances. Her job would

be classified as high stress: she's an elementary public school teacher. And by nature, she's an outgoing person, excited about life.

Sound like you or someone you know? Many busy Christian women can relate to what Virginia Thompson has to say, and her advice to slow down and plan time to relax and commune with God is something most of us in today's frantic-paced world need. Her emphasis that we are each responsible for *choosing* our activities appeals to me, since so often we—by not exercising self-management—allow other people, situations, or forces to decide our day for us. She touches on the expected matters: nutrition, devotions, exercise. And she meddles, getting into "time wasted going to the closet . . . and finally running out not knowing how I looked." Of course none of us ever come home to "the frustration of all those unworn clothes lying on the bed."

She is a member of Boise, Ida., First Church and her pastor, Jarrell Garsee, commends the author as "a joyful Christian, a triumphant traveler, and a unique and effective author." And I recommend the book! □

—Evelyn Stenbock
Beacon Hill Press of Kansas City
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the editor's STANDPOINT

THE CARRIER

A most encouraging passage of Scripture is found in Isaiah 46:3-4. There God says:

*"Listen to me, O house of Jacob,
all you who remain of the house of Israel,
you whom I have upheld since you were conceived,
and have carried since your birth.
Even to your old age and gray hairs
I am he, I am he who will sustain you.
I have made you and I will carry you;
I will sustain you and I will rescue you"* (NIV).

Think of it! God carries His people from the womb to the tomb. His invisible and powerful hands bear us through our entire lives. From the cradle to the grave, "The eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms" (NIV).

Some who cherish us in our youth and strength may forsake us in our age and infirmity. Some who value us when our assets abound may despise us if misfortune strips them away. Some who share our days of health

may desert us when sickness confines us to a bed or wheelchair. Not our God! From birth to death—and beyond—He is faithful to His people. He is a God for all seasons, a Lover whose goodwill abides through all changes.

That God bears us throughout our lives does not mean an easy passage. Birth is traumatic, with its own kind and degree of pain. Old age is difficult. Gray hairs mean more than a color change—they mean declining vision, hearing, balance, and strength. Diminishing vigor is often attended by increasing aches and pains. And between birth and old age, life is filled with hazards. Ours is a world where anything can happen to anyone at any time.

But we are promised unfailing resources and rescue for the journey! God will never let us go, never let us down. His mercies will be new each morning. He promises strength for the day. Along the loneliest, roughest stretches of life's road He is present with us to "carry," "sustain," and "rescue." Praise His name forever!

WHAT'S DOWN THE ROAD?

In my possession is a *Quadrennial Register of the Methodist Episcopal Church*, dated 1852. It contains a church directory, a synopsis of the General Conference that met in Boston that year, an abstract of the Discipline, and some statistical information about other denominations.

Listed among the preachers are some giants of the holiness movement in America—Asbury Lowery, Jesse Peck, John Inskip, Sheridan Baker, R. S. Foster, Benjamin Roberts, Daniel Steele, and J. A. Wood, to name a few.

A full-page advertisement offers for sale a book titled *Riches of Grace*, "a volume containing the experience of over 60 persons on the subject of BIBLE HOLINESS." The book contained 450 pages, was "neatly bound in cloth," and sold for one dollar.

Moses Hill, pastor of First M.E. Church, Hartford, Conn., in an endorsement of the book, wrote:

The moral integrity of all these witnesses is such that the positive testimony of any two of them would be sufficient to establish any fact in a court of justice. They have no personal interest in

the issue of the case; they are not swayed by the peculiarities of a sect, but are from different religious denominations, and many of them are possessed of highly cultivated minds, and all of them eminently qualified to testify. They not only announce the fact of having actually attained the blessing of Christian holiness, but give us the interesting details of the process by which they attained it; and though differently educated and surrounded by different classes of circumstances and influences, there is a surprising agreement in these details.

Can you imagine such a volume being offered in a Methodist register today? Is there not a salutary warning here for us? Are we in danger of quietly letting drop the fervent preaching, teaching, and witnessing of holiness in some of our churches? Will the day come when the advertisement of such a book in one of our official publications will be a rarity? Forbid it, Almighty God! We are called to preserve and propagate the doctrine of entire sanctification. May we not stammer on the subject!

Some who cherish us in our youth and strength may forsake us in our age and infirmity. Some who value us when our assets abound may despise us when misfortune strips them away. Some who share our days of health may desert us when sickness confines us to a bed or wheelchair. Not our God! From birth to death—and beyond—He is faithful to His people. He is God for all seasons, a Lover whose goodwill abides through all changes.

A HEARTENING LETTER

Without revealing the name of the writer, I want to share with you one of the most heartening letters I have received in all my years of ministry. It came from a friend with whom I have worshiped and worked in days gone by, and whose life and ministry were often a blessing to my soul.

... I want to tell you how much your ministry meant to me during our fall revival and also the fall revival in 1979 when you were here speaking. Both times I had significant encounters with God that have been life-changing.

Prior to 1979 I had struggled often, because of past failures, with the feeling that I never could be forgiven completely, that I had presumed upon God's grace too often in younger days. Your messages on "He is able to save to the uttermost" were a milestone. While praying at the altar, I realized that God had forgiven me completely, not because I deserved it but because of His love. I have had

struggles since, but there is that certainty of the fact of my redemption based on His Word.

Then in recent months I have been hungry to know with certainty that God has sanctified me. Many times I have committed and believed, but still there was hunger and uncertainty. On Sunday afternoon, this past November 14, I had to have an end to it. I went into the bathroom at home (of all places!) and suddenly I knew that I am His and His Spirit cleanses and fills my heart. What a glorious release!

Thanks so much, Bill, for your faithful ministry out of God's Word. . . .

That letter means more to me than thousands of dollars could. "Encounters with God that have been life-changing." Friends, that is what preaching is all about, and it makes the preacher's life worthwhile. And to think that it happened to one of the finest men I know excites me to praise the Lord with all my heart! □

FLUNG TO THE FISH

Jonathan Hawthorne and his wife, Sophia, were en route to England. On board ship with them was a certain transcendentalist named O. W. Wight, who proved to be a genuine pest as he incessantly aired his views. Biographer James Mellow writes that "even the usually patient Sophia wanted to 'fling him to the fishes, baptize him in realities.'"

That's what happened to Jonah. Desperate sailors tossed him overboard in an effort to escape the storm that threatened to capsize their ship. A "great fish" gulped the disobedient prophet down, and Jonah found himself baptized in realities.

The prophet had fled his assignment, only to learn that you can run from God but you can't outrun Him.

With seaweed wrapped about his head and hydrochloric acid threatening to engulf him, poor Jonah realized that the way of the transgressor is not only hard, it is dark and sour and lethal. From the belly of the fish he prayed. To his credit, he swallowed his stubborn pride much as the fish had swallowed the indigestible

prophet, and he begged for the mercy he was reluctant for Nineveh to receive.

"The wages of sin is death." That is the harsh reality into which every person is immersed who defies the will of God. Whatever one hopes to gain by fleeing God, or thinks he has gained while seas are calm and he is at rest, the storm and the whale are not far in the future. The cost of disobeying God's will is vastly greater than the cost of doing His will.

Well, if it was hard on the prophet, it wasn't easy for the fish either. How relieved the poor creature was to offload its unwanted cargo. "The Lord spoke to the fish, and it vomited out Jonah upon the dry land." How do you spell relief? U-p-c-h-u-c-k.

Then "the word of the Lord came unto Jonah the second time." That's the greatest line in the story. Jonah is now baptized in the reality of God's patient, fathomless mercy to sinners. The misery of sin, the glory of grace—those are the worst and best realities into which life can be immersed. □

big two-story ranch house. The Cagles came into the Nazarene church with the delegation from the Holiness Church of Christ in 1908.

At one time my work led me to New Mexico where we discovered the nearest Church of the Nazarene to be a home mission church 50 miles away. Many times we were tempted to seek a church of another denomination closer to home. Through God's prompting we chose to make the 100-mile round trip each Sunday, and sometimes twice, as I was on call at the hospital where I worked. One cold Sunday morning we drove the 50 miles to find only seven persons in Sunday School; six of them were members of our family and the other a visitor from Minnesota who chose to spend his winters in New Mexico.

Without being boastful, I feel that God has rewarded our faithfulness to the church. We have one son who is a youth minister in California; one son who is serving his second term as NYI president of the Alaska District; our only daughter is active in the music department of the second

largest church on our district; while our youngest son is assistant to the manager of a Christian Book and Supply store.

Yes, I am happy to be associated with such a great denomination. I think I'll remain a Nazarene!

James D. Bentley, Sr
Nampa, Idaho

STORM REGRETTE

Thank you for your fair, concise, and scholarly evaluation of the *Reader's Digest Bible*. It was so good that I clipped it and pasted it in my RD Bible for the benefit of "generations yet unborn." The storm of protest over this new translation or condensation is in line with what has greeted other attempts to depart from the KJV, which the Pilgrims referred to as "that instrument of Satan." Many described the GNB as one of "Satan's tools."

Out of my own resources I made copies of the GNB available to several people with this invitation, "Why not try this new version? I've found it interesting." I used the same method with the NASB. In both instances, several people read the Bible.

In the spirit of brotherly love, may

I ask the critics of the NIV and RDB, "Have your critical attitudes prompted anyone to read the Bible in its entirety?" (If anyone desires to contact me directly, all the address they need is listed at the end of this letter.)

A. Ralph Boxell
Clinton, Missouri

HELPING THE HUNGRY

With conditions as they are, I think it would be good if the members of our church would fast at least one meal a week and turn in the cost each Sunday into a fund for hungry and needy people, and distribute to the missionaries to help their needy people. Then, too, it would be good if we would refrain from evening snacks and turn that in to help needy people in our own community and city. With conditions like they are, it seems our only hope. With insecticides, bleaches, and preservatives, if something isn't done we will all die with cancer. If the farmers would do away with big machinery and insecticides, and employ people to do field work, it would solve the unemployment to a degree.

Mrs. Elvira Kent
Minneapolis, Minnesota

A CALL ON TIME

by IRMGARD L. WILLIAMS

A LOVELY, warm spring day brought the painters to our parsonage to paint the outside of the new home we had just completed. Among them, I noticed a middle-aged man who wanted to make conversation as I welcomed them. Before long, he related that he was glad to see our church doing well. I could detect some interest and as I inquired more, he unraveled this story.

He and his family were members of our denomination in a distant city and had just moved to this city. They had been Sunday School teachers, but had become slack, careless, and cold until bad habits entangled them, and here they were—apparently without a desire to get back into church.

But I detected a hunger and quickly extended an invitation to him and his family to visit our church.

IRMGARD WILLIAMS is the wife of the pastor of the Henderson, Kentucky, church. She is a first grade teacher and a free-lance writer.

**"By ALL MEANS...
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A few months passed. As we called upon the family, we still saw no results.

And then one day the painter's wife called. Her husband had had a heart attack, and he wanted the pastor to come. Immediately, my husband went. He dealt with him gently on this and succeeding visits, and soon he was well enough to be placed in a semi-private room, but without a decision for Christ. Soon he would be home on his way to recovery.

Later the pastor's phone rang and he quickly answered the painter's request. "Sure, I will come right away," and as the pastor arrived, he sensed a hungry soul who wanted the peace he had once known. They talked and prayed quietly, and the pastor left the painter with the assurance that peace with God had been made.

The happy pastor quickly made his way to a pay telephone in the hospital lobby. He phoned the painter's wife and relayed the joyful news that her husband had made peace with God.

The pastor returned to his office where a call was waiting for him. Could he come to the hospital to help a family facing death? The painter had just died. □

IN THE NEWS

PEOPLE AND PLACES



Yvonne Smitley Hatfield, editor of kindergarten curriculum in Children's Ministries at International Headquarters of the Church of the Nazarene, was recently inducted into *Pi Lambda Theta* at the University of Missouri in Kansas City.

Pi Lambda Theta is a national honor society for professional educators. Invitation for membership is based on scholastic achievement and leadership ability. Mrs. Hatfield recently completed Early Childhood certification and is pursuing a Ph.D. in curriculum and instruction with an emphasis in early childhood. □



Rev. Jim Palmer, pastor of the Manteno, Ill., church, has been selected as team leader for the Rotary Club Group Study Exchange to Santiago, Chile. Team members follow a study program designed to give understanding of the economic, cultural, and institutional life of the host country.

Rev. Palmer, his wife, Alice, and two daughters, Tara and Aimee, served as missionaries to Columbia, 1976-1979. They have served the Manteno church for the past three years. He is also chairman of the Manteno Youth Advisory Council, member of the Manteno Mental Health Center Human Rights Committee, and is vice-president of the local Rotary Club. □

Rev. George A. Small, Jr., pastor of Norristown, Pa., First Church, was awarded the 1983 Civic Achievement Award by the Greater Valley Forge Chamber of Commerce. George was one of five selected in recognition of his service to the community. The award was presented at the Chamber's Annual Awards Dinner on March 23, 1983.

A 1975 graduate of Eastern Nazarene College, he attended Ashland Theological Seminary in Ashland, Ohio, before coming to Norristown. He is currently the president of the Board

of Directors of the YMCA of Central Montgomery County and is treasurer of the Kiwanis Club of Norristown.

He serves on the Philadelphia District Ways and Means Committee and is publicity chairman for the District NWMS Council. □

William C. Miller, librarian and associate professor of theological bibliography at Nazarene Theological Seminary, received the doctor of philosophy degree in higher education administration from Kent State University on May 8, 1983. His dissertation is titled: "The Governance of Theological Education: a Case Study of Nazarene Theological Seminary, 1945-1976."

He also has earned a B.A. from Marion College and an M.L.S. from Kent State University. Prior to assuming his position with the seminary in 1978 he was catalog and acquisitions librarian at Mount Vernon Nazarene College. He, his wife, Brenda, and two children reside in Olathe, Kans., and are members of College Church. □



RODRIGUEZ SELECTED TO SPEAK AT WYC



The General NYI Council and the staff of Youth Ministries has announced the selection of Jose Rodriguez as one of the special speakers for WORLD YOUTH CONGRESS '83. The event is scheduled for June 20-27, 1983, in Oaxtepec, Mexico.

Rev. Rodriguez will be speaking during the Tuesday morning Bible study for teens from Central and South America who will be arriving on Monday. Throughout the week, he will work with Hal Perkins, author of *Leadership Multiplication*, in presenting the material in Spanish to the "family group" leaders. Rev. Rodriguez will also be heavily involved with other translation and Bible-sharing responsibilities.

A graduate of Pasadena College, with a master's degree from Trinity University and doctorate degrees from the University of Texas and Bethany Nazarene College, Rev. Rodriguez has been a minister in the Church of the Nazarene for 33 years. He has served as an evangelist in the U.S., Mexico, Puer-

to Rico, and Latin America. He served with the Spanish-American Nazarene Seminary in San Antonio for 25 years, as dean, professor, and president. He has written for the *Heraldo de Santidad*, as well as for Sunday School curriculum and various holiness books. He currently serves as professor of theology and philosophy and director of the Spanish Religious Studies program at Nazarene Bible College in Colorado Springs.

Nazarene Youth International is excited about the ministry opportunities that await Nazarene youth at WYC. For more information concerning WORLD YOUTH CONGRESS '83, contact Mike Estep, director of the event, at 6401 The Paseo, Kansas City, MO 64131, or your district NYI president. Watch for further WYC updates in future issues of the *Herald of Holiness*. □

CLENDENEN UNDERGOES HEART SURGERY



Dr. Carl Clendenen, superintendent of the Oregon Pacific District, had major heart surgery April 12, 1983, in the Good Samaritan Hospital in Portland, Ore. Bypasses were performed on four major blood vessels to the heart.

The doctors were pleased with his response to the surgery. His recovery from the operation is expected to be complete. □

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RETIRED MINISTERS ENJOY THE HERALD

In a recent mailing to some of the retired Nazarene ministers, Dr. Dean Wessels noted that complimentary subscriptions to the *Herald of Holiness* were provided by Nazarene Publishing House. Immediately, letters and cards of appreciation were received. Anyone inclined to take the *Herald of Holiness* for granted would have that idea expelled by these expressions.

• A retired evangelist wrote, "Having read the *Herald of Holiness* since 1924, it is a part of my life. It gets better and better."

• A former missionary wrote, "I want to express my appreciation. I am nearly 95 years old and on my way to heaven."

• Another writes, "My wife and I have enjoyed reading the *Herald of Holiness* for 50 years. We appreciate the gift."

• Still another, "It is so good to be able to keep up with the work of the church."

• From Brazil comes, "God bless your continual effort to get out the Good News."

NPH workers and the *Herald* staff are heartened by such expressions. □

OUR COLLEGES AND SEMINARIES



MANC CELEBRATES AGRICULTURE'S ROLE

The agriculture program at Mid-America Nazarene College recently established a new spring tradition. On March 31, the agriculture program sponsored a banquet to highlight its emphasis and commitment to use agriculture to combat world hunger. Agriculture's significant contribution to the campus, community, and country was also noted.

Farmland Industries Research Farm director, Gene Pope, was the keynote speaker. Special music was provided by a southern gospel quartet, the Mowery Four, which consisted of MANC agri-



Farmland Industries Research director, Gene Pope of Kansas City, addressed the banquet.

culture students. Mr. Pope challenged the 60 students and guests to be proud of their Christian commitment and beliefs and talked about the future of American agriculture.

According to Andy Jones, an Iowa junior agribusiness major and president of the student organization, "We wanted to establish a tradition for our club and campus in pointing out United States agriculture's contribution to the world and America in which one out of every five American jobs depend."

The club honored its graduating seniors who will enter the agricultural job market. Special activities centered around the week of March 28—April 3. A tour by the MANC agricultural students to various agricultural operations in Kansas and Missouri, a campus agriculture display, and other activities



Dr. Steve Forsythe, agriculture professor, presented graduating senior and outstanding Agriculture Club senior member Tami Jo Bonnell of Aztec, N.M., with a certificate of merit. Tami is the first woman agriculture graduate.



Pictured in the foreground are: (l. to r.) Mrs. Curtis Smith, wife of college president, R. Curtis Smith; Dr. Smith; and Dr. R. R. Osborne, who were among the special guests.

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promoting MANC agriculture were scheduled.

The agricultural faculty of Dr. Steve Forsythe, Prof. Lawrence Goodman, and Prof. Charles Morrow made presentations at the banquet honoring the outstanding agriculture club freshman and senior. Graduating agricultural seniors Tim Vogel (Minnesota), Tami Jo Bonnell (New Mexico), Terry Lawson (Missouri), Jeff Jakobitz (Minnesota), Kevin Driver (Minnesota), and Jeff Martin (Missouri) were elected into honorary life membership in the MANC Agriculture Club and were presented special plaques designating their status. □



Coordinators of Mount Vernon Nazarene College's local campaign for the "On the Road to Excellence" project include (from l.): Dr. William J. Prince, president of MVNC; Mr. William Stroud, president of First Knox National Bank; Mr. Don Steele, president of Cooper Energy Services; and Mr. Edward Mann, assistant to the president at MVNC for development.

MVNC LAUNCHES LOCAL FUND-RAISING CAMPAIGN

The community campaign for Mount Vernon Nazarene College's ambitious "On the Road to Excellence" program was launched at a kickoff breakfast meeting on April 19. The \$1.5 million fund-raising effort is to finance a much-needed classroom building on the MVNC campus.

Under the direction of cochairmen William Stroud, president of First Knox National Bank, and Don Steele, president of Cooper Energy Services, the local campaign will run for 30 days and seek to collect \$300,000 in pledges toward the overall goal of \$1.5 million.

Stroud and Steele will direct the efforts of four key division leaders who will help conduct the campaign. The division leaders are: James McElroy, industrial; Walter Rubin, commercial; Joseph Street, professional; and Richard Murray, individuals.

During the breakfast meeting Stroud stressed the important economic and educational contributions MVNC has made to the community since the college was founded in 1968. He told the campaign leaders that over 25 percent of MVNC's students come from Knox County and most stay and work in the area after graduation. He also mentioned that many people in the community who work full time are continuing their education by taking courses in such areas as computer science and business through MVNC's Evening School program.

Speaking to the campaigners, Dr. William J. Prince, president of MVNC, mentioned that the success of MVNC's Evening School program is one of the significant reasons why the new classroom building is essential.

Prince said courses are currently scheduled in all the classrooms from 8 a.m. through 5 p.m., and on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday evenings. He said the college is facing a classroom shortage because no new classroom buildings have been constructed since the twin-classroom buildings, Faculty and Founder's Hall, were completed in 1971. Since that time, he said, MVNC's enrollment, the number of courses taught at the college, and the number of faculty and staff have all more than doubled. Currently, the college has over 130 full-time faculty and staff and an enrollment of 1,023 students.

Over \$855,000 has already been pledged toward the new building, mostly by the Board of Trustees, faculty and staff of the college, along with the 552 churches on the college's edu-

cational region. The overall campaign was begun one year ago and current plans call for the groundbreaking for the new building to be held next fall after the funding has been secured. □


APPOINTMENTS AT TNC

At the recent meeting of the Board of Trustees of Trevecca Nazarene College, two administrative appointments were approved.

Don F. Irwin, a 1965 Trevecca mathematics graduate, was named director of Management Information Systems. Irwin will direct the current programs and develop new administrative uses for the computer. He has been manager of Systems Development at First American Bank in Nashville. A Florida native, he is a captain in the U.S. Army National Guard, and is a board member of the Nashville College Hill Church. He and his wife, Rena (Huggins), have two children, Chris and Cynthia. He began his duties April 1.

Richard E. Egnor, currently Title III coordinator, was named registrar and director of Institutional Research effective July 1. Egnor succeeds Dr. E. Drell Allen, who will retire and will be granted emeritus status.

A 1970 graduate of Trevecca, Egnor holds a master's degree from Scarritt. He is a member of Phi Beta Lambda Honor Society. Prior to joining the Trevecca staff in 1979, Egnor had been a pastor, youth pastor, and associate pastor as well as manager of an electronics firm. Mr. Egnor has played a major role in on-campus computer development. He and his wife, Brenda (Hartsfield), and their two children, Dianne and Brad, are active members of Nashville First Church. □



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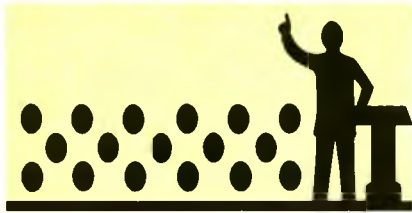
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EVANGELIST'S SLATES

ADAMS, MICHAEL D.: Reserved, June 7-27
ARMSTRONG, CHARLES, R.: Douglas, GA (Gaskin Springs Camp), June 9-19
ARMSTRONGS, LEON, LINDA & FAMILY: Greensboro, NC (Concord Friends), June 13-19; Wisconsin Dist. Boys' & Girls' Camp, June 20-24
ATKINSON, DEAN & PAT: N. Arkansas Dist. Boys' & Girls' Camp, June 6-10; Council Bluffs, IA (Community), June 14-19
BAKER, RICHARD C.: Parkersburg, WV (Martown), June 7-12; Winston-Salem, NC, June 14-19; Charleston, WV (Wes.), June 28—July 3
•BALLARD, DON: Memphis, TN (Whitehaven), June 8-12; Shelbyville, TN (1st), June 14-19
BEARDEN, LES: Broadtop, PA (1st), June 1-5; Dayton, OH (1st), June 19
BEATY, BRYAN; BEATY TRIO & RANDY: Dallas, TX (Casa View), June 7-12; Crowley, LA (Ebenezer Camp), June 24—July 3
BELIEVERS: Washington Court House, OH (Scioto County Crusade), June 13-19; Nebraska Dist. Camp, June 22-26
BELL, JAMES & JEAN: Lubbock, TX (1st), June 26
BLUE, DAVE & DANA: Intermountain Dist. Camp, June 19-26
BOCK, DON: Lawrenceburg, IN (Ludlow Hill), June 7-10
BOONE, FORD: Valley, AL (Langdale), June 14-19; Oxford, MS (Union), June 21-26
BROOKS, GERALD & JUNE: McAllen, TX (1st), June 5-12
BROWN, FRED: Jeffersonville, IN (1st), May 31—June 6
BROWN, ROGER: Albion, PA, June 5; Eldon, MO, June 7-12; Indianapolis, IN (Fall Creek), June 14-19; Charleston, WV (South Hills), June 28—July 3
BROWNE, CHARLES: Rochelle, IL, June 14-19
BUCKLES-BURKE EVANGELISTIC TEAM: Flint, MI (West), June 7-12; Alanson, MI (1st), June 14-19
CARROLL, LARRY & ROBERTA: Mount Vernon, IN (1st), June 26
CAYTON, JOHN: Arona, PA, June 14-19; Catskill, NY (Wes.), June 21-26
CHAMBERS, LEON: SW Oklahoma Dist. Camp, June 3-12; High Point, NC (Camp), June 30—July 10
CHRISTNER, JACK: Milliford, PA, June 7-12
COBB, BILL & TERRI: Brainerd, MN, May 31—June 5; Tennessee Dist. Camp, June 12-19; Dallas District Camp, June 21-26
COFFEY, RUSSELL: Temperance, MI (Wes.), June 7-12; Grand Rapids, MI (West), June 23—July 3
COY, JAMES & MARTHA: Hart, MI, June 7-12; Mainstee, MI, June 13-19; Owosso, MI, June 20-26; NE Indiana Dist. Junior Boys' Camp, June 27—July 1
CRABTREE, J. C.: Reserved, June 12-26
CRANDALL, VERNON & BARBARA: Saginaw, MI (Shields), June 7-12
DARNELL, H. E.: Caldwell, ID, June 9-17; Mount Vernon, IN (Camp), June 17-26; Cooperstown, PA (Summit Camp), June 30—July 10
DELL, JIMMY: Reserved, June 4-12; Moriarty, NM, June 16-19; Hereford, TX (First), June 20-26; Louisiana Dist. Youth Camp, June 27—July 2
DENNISON, MARVIN: Ottumwa, IA (Trinity), June 7-12; New Haven, IN, June 14-19; Sedalia, MO, June 21-26
DIXON, GEORGE & CHARLOTTE: Minford, OH, June 3-5; Gospel Concerts in Ohio, June 8-12; Pomeroy, OH, June 14-19; Olean, NY, June 22-26
DOROUGH, JIM & CAROL: Greenbrier, AR, June 18-26
DUNMIRE, RALPH & JOANN: Jena, LA (Louisiana Conf.), June 17-24
DUNN, DON: Delroy, OH (Sharon Camp), June 30—July 10
EASTMAN, RICK: Lewistown, IL (Waterford Union), June 7-12; Minnesota Dist. Youth Camp, June 27—July 2
•ECKLEY, LYLE: Euless, TX, June 1-5; West Texas Dist. Camp, June 13-19
ERICKSON, A. WILLIAM: Brentwood, TN (New Hope Community), June 14-19
FADER, WES & MARY: Indian Head, MD, June 1-5; Short Gap, WV (Independence), June 12; Millford, DE, June 26
FILES, GLORIA; & ADAMS, DOROTHY: Orbisonia, PA, June 1-5; Annapolis, MD, June 22-26
FISHER, C. WILLIAM: Reserved, Month of June
FRODGE, HAROLD: Sparta, TN, June 7-12
GAWTHORP WAYLAND: Greenville, IN, June 7-12
GORMANS, THE SINGING: Louisville, KY (Lynchurst), June 2-5

GRAY, BOB & BECKY: Dakota Dist. Camp, June 21-26
GRAY, DAVID & REBECCA: University Park, IA (Iowa State Holiness Camp), June 30—July 20
GREEN, JAMES & ROSEMARY: Louisiana Dist. Camp, June 7-12; Hendersonville, NC (Camp), June 30—July 10
GRINDLEY, GERALD & JANICE: Bannister, MI (United Meth.), June 12; Caro, MI, June 19-26
GROVES, C. WILLIAM: Mercer, PA, June 1-5; St. Clairsville, OH, June 7-12; Upper Sandusky, OH, June 14-19
HAINES, GARY: Des Moines, IA (Eastside), June 4-8; Houston, TX (Bel Aire), June 10-12; Fawn Grove, PA (1st), June 18-22; Dundalk, MD (1st), June 25-29
HALL, CARL: Tallahassee, FL (1st), June 14-19
HAYNES, CHARLES & MYRT: Carthage, TN, June 1-12
HOWARD, RICHARD: Uxbridge, MA (1st), June 10-12
JACKSON, CHUCK & MARY: Chickamauga, GA (1st), June 7-12; Illinois Dist. Camp, June 20-26
JACKSON, PAUL & TRISH: Concerts in Nevada & Colorado, June 1-5; Reserved, June 6-7; Concerts in California, June 8-10; Paradise, CA, June 11-16; Concerts in California and Arizona, June 19-28; Show Low, AZ (White Mountain), June 29—July 5
JAMES, RANDY: Crossett, AR, June 7-12; Sheffield, AL, June 14-19; Peru, IN, June 20-26; Selma, IN (New Burlington United Meth.), June 27—July 3
JOHNSON, RON: Concerts in Washington & Oregon, June 5-12; Concerts in Montana, June 25-29
JONES, TERRY: N. Arkansas Dist. Camp, June 7-11; Fayetteville, AR (1st), June 12; S. Arkansas Dist. Youth Camp, June 13-17; Pasadena, TX (1st), June 19 a.m.; Houston, TX (Springbranch), June 19 p.m.; Jonesboro, AR (Woodspings), June 22-26; Fort Smith, AR (Southside), June 28—July 3
JUSTICE, MEL & DONNA: Marysville, OH, June 7-12; Ashland, OH, June 14-19; Wadsworth, OH, June 21-26; Akron Dist. Girls' Camp, June 27—July 1
KEENA, EARL: Reserved, June 14-26
•KNIGHT, JOHN: West Texas Dist. Camp, June 13-19; Kirbyville, TX (1st), June 21-26
•LAKE, GEORGE: Reserved, Month of June
LASSELL, RAY & JAN: North Star, MI (Camp), June 16-26
LAWSON, WAYNE: Reserved, June 1-18
LAXSON, LALLY: Wrightsville, GA, June 8-12; Trenton, OH, June 17-19; Reserved, June 20-26
LECKRONE, LARRY: Seymour, IN (1st), June 1-5; Boyne City, MI (Holiness Camp), June 10-19; Bourbonnais, IL (College), June 21-26; Lima, OH (Community), June 28—July 3
LECRONE, JON & BETH: Kingman, AZ, June 4-15; Milwaukee, OR (1st), June 21-26; Concerts in Oregon, June 27—July 10
LEIDY, ARNOLD: Mount Pleasant, IA, June 7; Montrose, IA, June 8; Kokomo, IN (Forest Lawn), June 9; Timblin, PA, June 17-19
LIDDELL, P. L.: Peoria, IL, June 12-22
LOWN, ALBERT: Springfield, IL, June 2-12; Salem, OR (local services in area), June 13-30
MANLEY, STEPHEN: Mansfield, OH (1st), June 8-12; Tennessee Dist. Camp, June 13-19; World Youth Congress, Mexico, June 21-26; Charlotte, NC (1st), June 28—July 3
MANN, L. THURL & MARY KAY: Warsaw, IN, June 1-5; Huntingburg, IN, June 8-12; Winchester, IN (1st), June 15-19; Tell City, IN (1st), June 22-26
MATTER, DAN & ANN: Logan, OH (Christian Missionary Alliance), June 7-12; Fort Wayne, IN (Missionary), June 20-26
MC CUISTION, MARK & PATRICIA: Iowa Dist. Senior High Camp, June 6-10; Iowa Dist. Junior High Camp, June 13-17
MCWHIRTER, G. STUART: SW Oklahoma Dist. Camp, June 5-12; Dallas Dist. Camp, June 20-26
MEREDITH, DWIGHT & NORMA JEAN: Towanda, KS, June 5-12
MEYER, BOB & BARBARA: DYNAMICS OF SPIRITUAL GROWTH: Reserved, Month of June
MICKEY, BOB: Wray, CO, June 7-12
MILLER, PAULINE: Mount Gilead, OH, June 6-12
MILLHUFF, CHUCK: Grover City, CA, June 8-12
MOYER, BRANCE: Reserved, June 6-12; San Antonio, TX, June 13-19; Blackwell, OK (1st), June 27—July 3
MYERS, HAROLD: Sault Ste. Marie, MI, June 7-12; Sault Ste. Marie, MI (Free Meth.), June 14-19; Pickford, MI, June 21-26; Reserved, June 28—July 3
NEFF, LARRY & PAT: Bradford, PA, June 14-19
OVERTON, WILLIAM: Clovis, NM (Fairview), June 5; Indian Bible College, June 7-9; North American Indian Dist., June 14—July 3
PASSMORE EVANGELISTIC PARTY: New Matamoros, OH, June 1-5; Mecca, IN (Wes.), June 7-12; Fort Wayne, IN (Lake Ave.), June 14-19
PERDUE, NELSON: Charleston, WV (South Hills), June 7-12; Bradford, PA (1st), June 14-19; Bradford, PA (Wes.), June 21-26
PFEIFER, DON: Louisiana Dist. Camp, June 7-12; Washington Court House, OH (Scioto County Crusade), June 13-19; Nebraska Dist. Camp, June 22-26
PORTER, JOHN & PATSY: Fayetteville, TN (1st), June 3-5; Evansville, IN (Victory Chapel), June 7-12; Smithville, TN, June 14-19; Vance, AL (Wallace Chapel), June 21-26; Moundsville, AL, June 28—July 3
QUALLS, PAUL: Douglas, GA (Goskin Springs Camp), June 9-19; Excel, AL (Beulah Camp), June 23—July 3
•RAKER, W. C.: Maples Mill, IL, June 12-26

•READER, GEORGE, H. D.: Reserved, June 20-26
RICHARDS, LARRY & PHYLLIS: Winslow, IN, June 3-5; Evansville, IN (Diamond Valley), June 12; Bedford, IN (Englewood Baptist), June 26 p.m.
ROTH, RON: Eldon, MO (1st), June 7-12; Bowling Green, MO, June 14-19; Reserved, June 21—July 3
RUNYAN, DAVID: Wichita, KS (Westwide), June 3-5; Reserved, June 17-21; NW Illinois Dist. Boys' & Girls' Camp, June 27—July 1
SEMRAN, KIM & CINDY: Monroe, MI (1st), June 20-24
SHIREY, DWIGHT: Waynesburg, PA (1st), June 26
SMITH, DUANE: Mooresville, IN, June 1-5; Reserved, June 7-19; Arthur, NE (Sandhills Holiness Camp), June 24—July 4
SMITH, HAROLD & ORPHA: Hastings, MI, June 13-19; Lapeer, MI, June 20-26
STEVENSON, GEORGE: Hawthorn, PA, June 7-12; Caro, MI (Lapeer County Holiness Camp), June 19-26
STREET, DAVID: Wheeler, WI, June 7-12; Evansville, IN (Beacon), June 14-19; Syracuse, OH, June 21-26
SUTTON, VEL & ARLENE: Denver City, TX, June 6-11; El Dorado Springs, MO, June 14-19; Georgia Dist. Youth Camp, June 20-25
TAYLOR, CLIFF: Kenai, AK (Nikiski), June 6-12; Fairbanks, AK, June 13-19; Anchorage, AK, June 20-26
TAYLOR, DAVID: Cedar Springs, MI, June 14-19
•TAYLOR, MENDELL: Bloomington, IN (Broadview), June 21-26
TAYLOR, ROBERT: Clendenin, WV, June 7-12; Tennessee Dist. Camp, June 13-19; Charleston, WV, June 21-26
TRIPP, HOWARD: New Iberia, LA, June 9-12; Lake Charles, LA (College Park), June 14-19
TUCKER, BILL & JEANNETTE: Bruceton Mills, WV, June 10-12
VARIAN, BILL: Traverse City, MI, June 1-5; Louisiana Dist. Camp, June 7-12
WADE, E. BRUCE: Greenville, TX (Peniel), June 7-12
WALKER, LAWRENCE: Minford, OH, June 3-5; Pomeroy, OH, June 14-19
WELCH, DARLENE: Brazil, IN, June 5
WELLS, LINARD: Greenville, TX (Peniel), June 7-12; Blossom, TX, June 14-19; Kewanee, IL (Grace), June 24-26; NW Illinois Dist. Boys' Camp, June 27—July 1
WILLIAMS, NEVIN: Dawson, MN, May 31—June 5; Silvis, IL, June 8; Reserved, June 20-30
WILLIAMS, LAWRENCE: Enid, OK (Maine), June 6-10; Maple Grove, MN, June 13-19
WISEHART, LENNY & JOY: Kentucky Dist. Camp, June 13-19; Illinois Dist. Camp, June 20-26
WOODWARD, S. OREN & FAYE: Savannah, GA (1st), June 12-19; Savannah, GA (United Meth.), June 21-26; Riverdale, GA (Timberlake), June 28—July 3
WYLIE, CHARLES: Caddo, OK, June 7-12
NOTE: • Designates retired elders

NEWS OF EVANGELISM

GUYANA "POSSESSES THE PROMISE"

Guyana, the only English-speaking country in South America, lies along the northeast coast of the continent. It faces severe shortages of almost everything.

In Georgetown, District Superintendent Joseph Murugan set up a preachers' meeting where visiting evangelists served as resource persons. Many pastors came to the preachers' meeting ready to share and to learn, some at great cost. One pastor traveled all night and half of the next day to get to the meeting. Most of the pastors served two or more churches, some as many as five.

Dave Street, a visiting evangelist, served with Pastor Nolan Chutkhan, who pastors three churches in the New Amsterdam area. Rev. Chutkhan's Sundays are filled with services and traveling. In the evening he conducts three prayer meetings (Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday), plus makes

MAKING CONTACT IN FLORIDA AND OREGON

What has 7 heads, 14 legs, loads of songs and skits, a family of lovable puppets, and zillions of smiles? The "Sunshine Gang," of course! The "Sunshine Gang" is the name given to each of two teams who will be ministering to children in neighborhood backyards and church services across Florida and Oregon in the CONTACT program. CONTACT is a part of YOUTH IN MISSION, the summer ministries program for college students sponsored by Youth Ministries and NYI. YOUTH IN MISSION director Dale Fallon has announced the selection of 14 collegians and 2 adult sponsors to the program for the summer of '83.

CONTACT participants will be involved in the YOUTH IN MISSION training camp at Mid-America Nazarene College, June 29—July 6. During their training, they will work with Steve Pennington, creator of PRO-

















KIDS and a family-oriented ministry across the nation, on developing a week of "Sunshine Club" children's programs. From training camp, one team will travel to the Oregon Pacific District, to serve with local pastors and laymen in church planting and growth efforts. The other team will minister with the Central and Southern Florida districts.

Each day, the CONTACT team will invade a neighborhood, setting up stage and equipment in a backyard or park area. All the children in the area will be invited to come and participate, primarily through canvassing efforts of the local church. Each "Sunshine Club" lasts for one hour, and, before it's over, children will have heard songs, skits, and stories that emphasize Christian values and principles. The next day, most will return—bringing their friends. The week is topped off by a great "Sunshine Club" rally at the

church on Sunday morning. Through the efforts of the CONTACT team, the church gains hundreds of contacts of new families for the local church.

CONTACT is a program unit of YOUTH IN MISSION, sponsored by Youth Ministries/NYI and coordinated through district organizations. Gary Sivewright serves as staff coordinator of CONTACT.

YOUTH IN MISSION participants are chosen from hundreds of applicants from colleges across the United States and Canada, and involved in ministry in local churches, inner-city locations, personal evangelism training, children's ministries, music groups, and world mission efforts. They give their summer to serve others. For more information, contact Dale Fallon, director of YOUTH IN MISSION, 6401 The Paseo, Kansas City, MO 64131. □

OREGON				FLORIDA			
							
Scott Adkins TNC	Kathy Cotner ONC	Julie Finkbeiner BNC	Sherry Gieger CNC	Donna Ditto MANC	Karla Fitz NNC	Renee Funai Hawaii	Randy Lewis TNC
							
Cindy Holmes TNC	Scott Sharpes MVNC	Wendy Thomas ONC	Sponsor Bob Nooe	Jim Rosser MVNC	Beth Zevan ENC	Duane Armstrong PLNC	Sponsor Lori Bilderback

calls in all the church areas every week. Pastor Chutkhan arranged an open-air evangelistic campaign in a country area called Seawell Turn. He and some of his people put together a homemade podium, arranged some logs and a few crude benches, and called on the people in the area. Even though it was the rainy season, they trusted God to work in the hearts of people and "hold the rain back" during the service. God answered. People quickly filled the available logs and benches, about 150 seats, and still they came, willing to stand. The crowd swelled to over 300, and every night the altar call resulted in great response. At the last service over 100 stepped forward to accept Christ or to be sanctified.

The second evangelistic meeting was in New Amsterdam. The church, be-

cause of a split, struggled for growth. However, God worked again, and a sight the people longed to see happened. The church was full, extra seats brought out, and the altars lined with people seeking God. Some of the key people who had left the church were back, submitting their lives to the Lord Jesus. A Hindu mother, impressed by the life of her converted daughter, accepted Christ; a backslidden man traveled many miles to come to the services and go to the altar.

Yes, people in Guyana are "possessing the promise" and building the Church of the Nazarene in South America. □

GAINESVILLE EXPECTS GOD

The Gainesville, Fla., First Church prayed for revival and God answered

their prayers in a mighty way. Altars were filled every night, and many nights there were several altar calls. One night a person came to the altar before Evangelist Gary Haines began to preach. Rev. Haines was sensitive to the moving of the Spirit and opened the altar and others came. After the altar service, he preached. Another evening they had the regular order of service and God moved again and four altar calls were given. During a testimony time in another service, a man ran to the altar. His Christian wife and others had been praying for him for three years. That night he accepted Christ.

During the revival many decisions were made; people were saved, sanctified, families were reunited, and new people were added to the church. □



Pictured (l. to r.) are Mark R. Moore, Kenneth Pearsall, Stephen W. Nease, and John A. Knight standing on the Mount of Olives, with Jerusalem and the East Gate in the background.

EDUCATORS VISIT ISRAEL

Presidents of 11 Christian colleges participated in a tour of educational facilities in Israel on April 8-17, 1983. The tour, sponsored by the Christian College Coalition, included Dr. John A. Knight, Bethany Nazarene College; Dr. Stephen W. Nease, Eastern Nazarene College; Dr. Kenneth Pearsall, Northwest Nazarene College; and Dr. Mark R. Moore, Education Services secretary at Nazarene Headquarters.

The presidents met with educational

leaders from universities in Beersheba, Tel Aviv, and Jerusalem. They visited the American Institute of Holyland Studies at Mount Zion; the Jerusalem Center for Biblical Studies; Bar-Ilan University; Hebrew University at Mount Scopus in Jerusalem. They also visited Christian sites in Galilee, Golan, and the Jordan Valley area.

Highlights of the tour included breakfast with Mr. Yitzchak Rabin, member of the Knesset, former prime minister of Israel; and each member of

the group had dinner with an Israeli family.

The tour was designed to acquaint college presidents with the educational opportunities available in Israel, and the methods used as compared to those in the U.S. Various research projects carried on in educational institutions were noted as opportunities for Christian college professors and students to participate in as enrichment programs. □



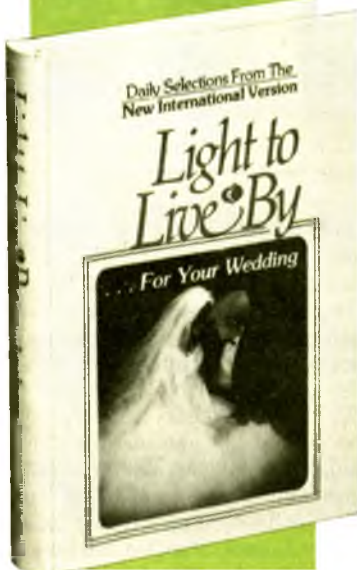
REFUGEE DIRECTOR VISITS CHURCH EXTENSION MINISTRIES

Mr. James N. Purcell, Jr., director of the Bureau for Refugee Programs, Department of State, visited the headquarters offices of Church Extension Ministries April 18. Mr. Purcell came to Kansas City from Washington, D.C., at the invitation of Jerry Appleby, coordinator of Ethnic/Urban Missions.

A reception was hosted by Church Extension Ministries for Mr. and Mrs. Purcell at which persons from the divisions of Communications, World Mission, and Christian Life and Sunday School were also guests.

Mr. Purcell's responsibilities call for administering programs for the U.S.

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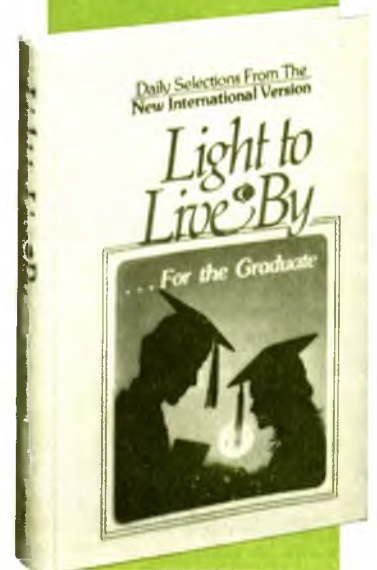
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Pictured (l. to r.) are: Jerry Appleby, Ethnic/Urban Missions coordinator, listening to James N. Purcell, director of the Bureau of Refugee Services for the United States government.

government that concern 7.5 million refugees worldwide. He pointed out that, while it is decreasing, the Southeast Asian refugee problem remains the biggest single problem. Other areas of the world contributing to the refugee situation include the Middle East with 1.9 million Palestinians, the Near East with 3 million in Pakistan, and Europe because of persecution of Jews and other religious groups in the Soviet Union and Poland. There are 27 African countries with problem refugee populations.

Purcell defines a refugee as a person who is in danger of political persecution—usually in danger of his life. Under this definition he does not officially view the Haitians as refugees. He does see them as in need of compassionate ministries.

The group was told that the church must learn to work with refugees as an ongoing situation. The problems of resettlement for refugees coming to the United States are great, but Mr. Purcell is convinced that with the outpouring of compassion by the Christian churches, great progress can be made. If volunteer organizations, especially churches, would take on refugees for at least six months of assistance when they first arrive in this country, they could be kept from the welfare rolls and would establish a beginning pattern of work. Since they often take jobs that no one else wants, Purcell does not see them as the threat to U.S. residents they are often perceived to be.

A major need for refugees in this country is to overcome the language barrier. English as a Second Language (ESL) programs are a major thrust of help directed toward these people.

Purcell was especially interested in the efforts of the Church of the Nazarene in developing ESL programs for its church ministries.

The Purcells are members of Baltimore First Church. □

—Church Extension Ministries

SOME VERY IMPORTANT PEOPLE

The highest award issued in our Caravan program is the Phineas F. Bresee award. We congratulate these award winners and all who worked with them in the program.

Patricia Adams, Kuna, Ida.
 Ada Argyle, Nampa, Ida.
 Stacie Armstrong, Lansing, Mich.
 Yvonne Arreola, Nampa, Ida.
 Danielle Bailey, Kuna, Ida.
 Brent Becker, Ontario, Ore.
 Linda Belisle, Nampa, Ida.
 Shelley Bingham, East Wareham, Mass.
 Heidi Blair, East Wareham, Mass.
 Keith Bolt, Nampa, Ida.
 Darrell Buttram, Ontario, Ore.
 Camille Clark, Caldwell, Ida.
 Amy Conklin, East Wareham, Mass.
 Sharon Conn, Lansing, Mich.
 Gloria Dunlop, Skowhegan, Me.
 Dale Edgerton, Nampa, Ida.
 Rodney E. Edinger, Mifflinburg, Pa.
 Dina Elliott, Seattle, Wash.
 Susan J. Evans, Mifflinburg, Pa.
 Tom Findley, Nyssa, Ore.
 Cayla Franklin, East Wareham, Mass.
 Julio Frye, East Wareham, Mass.
 Calvin Gould, Skowhegan, Me.
 Becky Green, Charleston, Ill.
 Elizabeth Griffith, Nampa, Ida.
 Patti Hankins, Nampa, Ida.
 Jason Hart, Nampa, Ida.
 Stacy Harwood, Boise, Ida.
 Jimmy Hayes, Caldwell, Ida.
 Sara Hildreth, Issaquah, Wash.

Sharon Hodges, Skowhegan, Me.
 Jimantha Hodnett, Hiram, Ga.
 James Hyons, Skowhegan, Me.
 Pam Johnson, Nampa, Ida.
 Sheila Joseph, Lansing, Mich.
 Heather Kinney, Skowhegan, Me.
 James Kinzler, Nampa, Ida.
 Kevin Koho, La Grande, Ore.
 Amy Koller, La Grande, Ore.
 Jim Mallea, Ontario, Ore.
 Bruce Mangum, Nampa, Ida.
 Michael E. Miller, Mifflinburg, Pa.
 Robert E. Miller, Mifflinburg, Pa.
 Kara Morris, Nampa, Ida.
 Vicki Mussell, Nampa, Ida.
 Jason Nichols, Ontario, Ore.
 Isabel Ortiz, Ontario, Ore.
 Tami Oswald, Nampa, Ida.
 Laurie Peck, La Grande, Ore.
 Andy Pfost, Nampa, Ida.
 Carrie Preston, Ontario, Ore.
 Kevin Price, Brunswick, Ga.
 Jeremy Reed, Nampa, Ida.
 Marci Seward, Ontario, Ore.
 Tren Sprengle, Selinsgrove, Pa.
 Christine Steelsmith, Nampa, Ida.
 Holly Verner, Nampa, Ida.
 Gayla Whitney, La Grande, Ore.
 Scott Windom, Nyssa, Ore.
 Julie Wynia, Kuna, Ida.

The list of winners will be continued in future issues.

In the listing in the *Herald of Holiness*, May 1, 1983, the name of Jeff Poole of Emmett, Ida., was incorrectly given as Jerr Poole.



CARAVAN'S NEW BRESEE AWARD

Mary Kathryn Hughes, the general Caravan director of the Church of the Nazarene, has recently announced the release of a new Phineas F. Bresee

Caravan medal in honor of the 75th anniversary of the Church of the Nazarene.

The new medal, which is part of the revised Caravan program that will be released over the next two years, replaces the current Esther Carson Winans and Phineas F. Bresee medals as the highest honor in the Nazarene Caravan program for both boys and girls.

In an effort to help Nazarene Caravaners learn more about their church's heritage, the general Caravan office will be replacing the current Caravan Honor Citations with the names of Nazarene men and women who have given of themselves in service to the Church of the Nazarene as laymen, ministers, and missionaries. Both boys and girls will be earning the same honor citations as they learn how both men and women have played a vital role in the history of the Church of the Nazarene. □

FOR THE RECORD

DISTRICT ASSEMBLY INFORMATION

NORTH ARKANSAS—July 6-7. First Church of the Nazarene, Corner of Faulkner and Scott Streets, Conway, AR 72032. Host Pastor: Lynn Casseday. General Superintendent: Dr. Eugene L. Stowe.

NORTH CENTRAL OHIO—July 6-7. First Church of the Nazarene, 807 Coshocton Ave., Mount Vernon, OH 43050. Host Pastor: Jack Archer. General Superintendent: Dr. V. H. Lewis.

CHICAGO CENTRAL—July 8-9. College Church of the Nazarene, 250 E. Olivet, Bourbonnais, IL 60914. Host Pastor: Melvin McCullough. General Superintendent: Dr. Charles H. Strickland.

SOUTHWESTERN OHIO—July 8-9. Towne Boulevard Church of God, 3722 Towne Blvd., Middleton, OH 45042. Host Pastor: Michael Hutchens. General Superintendent: Dr. Jerold D. Johnson.

CENTRAL OHIO—July 13-14. Central Ohio District Campground, 2708 Morse Rd., Columbus, OH 43229. Host Pastor: Elbert R. Speckien. General Superintendent: Dr. Orville W. Jenkins.

MICHIGAN—July 13-14. Indian Lake Camp, 7926 Central St., Vicksburg, MI 49097. Host Pastor: U. B. Godman. General Superintendent: Dr. Jerold D. Johnson.

HOUSTON—July 14-15. Church of the Nazarene, 211 S.E. Stallings Dr., Nacogdoches, TX 75961. Host Pastor: Clarence Spaulding. General Superintendent: Dr. Eugene L. Stowe.

COLORADO—July 14. Denver Columbine Hills Church, 9700 W. Coal Mine Rd., Littleton, CO 80123. Host Pastor: C. Howard Wade. General Superintendent: Dr. Charles H. Strickland.

EASTERN MICHIGAN—July 15-16. Central Church, 1261 W. Bristol Rd., Flint, MI 48507. Host Pastor: Allen Dace. General Superintendent: Dr. William M. Greathouse.

CORRECTION

This is the correct information for the Dakota District assembly and camp meeting: District Assembly—June 23-24. Jamestown, N.D.; First Church, 602 13th St. S.E., Jamestown, ND 58401. Host Pastor: Kyle Long. Camp Meeting—June 21-25, evenings (last service 5 p.m. Sunday). Jamestown, N.D., First Church.

NAZARENE CAMP MEETINGS

CENTRAL OHIO—July 15-24. District Campground, 2708 Morse Rd., Columbus, OH 43229. Special workers: evangelists, Chuck Millhuff, Don Pfeifer, and Lenny Wisehart; song evangelists, Lenny and Joy Wisehart and Jim and Rosemary Green. J. Wilmer Lambert, district superintendent.

MICHIGAN—July 16-24. Indian Lake Camp, 7926 Central St., Vicksburg, MI 49097. Special workers: evangelists, Reuben Welch, Rick Eastman, and Tom Hermiz; song evangelist, Mark Murphy. C. Neil Strait, district superintendent.

EASTERN KENTUCKY—July 18-24. Mount Hope Camp, Rte. 1, Flemingsburg, Ky 41041. Special workers: Bob Taylor and Chuck and Mary Jackson. John W. May, district superintendent.

HAWAII PACIFIC—July 24-31. First Church of the Nazarene, 408 N. Judd St., Honolulu, HI 96817. Special worker: Dr. Charles H. Strickland. Darrell B. Teare, district superintendent.

NORTHEASTERN INDIANA—July 24-31. District Center, 1950 S 350 E. Marion, IN 46952. Special workers: evangelists, Gary Bond and Chic Shaver; song evangelist, Larry Leckrone. Bruce T. Taylor, district superintendent.

PITTSBURGH—July 24-31. Mount Chestnut District Center, 177 North Rd., Butler, PA 16001. Special workers: evangelists, Stephen Manley and Terrell C. Sanders, Jr.; song evangelists, Thurl and Mary Kay Mann. Jerry D. Lambert, district superintendent.

INDIANAPOLIS—July 25-31. District Campground, P.O. Box 46. Camby, IN 46113. Special workers: evangelists, Curtis Smith and Richard Strickland; song evangelists, Bill and Terri Cobb. John F. Hay, district superintendent.

IOWA—July 25-31. District Campground, Fuller Road and Grand Ave., West Des Moines, IA 50310. Special workers: evangelists, Bill Varian and Bob Hoots; song evangelists, Dave and Dana Blue. Forrest E. Whitlatch, district superintendent.

SOUTHWESTERN OHIO—July 25-31. District Center, Rte. 3, Box 320-A, West Harrison, IN 47060. Special workers: Lenny Wisehart and Gary Hencke. Harold B. Graves, district superintendent.

CANADA ATLANTIC—July 26-31. Big Lake, Oxford, Nova Scotia. Special workers: evangelist, Roy Fuller; song evangelists, Rev. and Mrs. Don Quantz. William E. Stewart, district superintendent.

WASHINGTON—July 30—August 7. Nazarene Campground, 200 Nazarene Camp Rd., North East, MD 21901. Special workers: John Cayton, Oscar Reed, and Ronald Johnson. Roy E. Carnahan, district superintendent.

NORTHWESTERN OHIO—July 31—August 7. District Center, Rte. 703, St. Marys, Ohio. Special workers: P. L. Liddell and Chuck and Mary Jackson. M. V. Scutt, district superintendent.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lawton, Okla., First Church will celebrate its 50th anniversary July 2-3. Pastor Charles W. Smith and congregation invite all former pastors, members, and friends to attend or send greetings to be read. Dr. Bert Daniels, district superintendent, will bring the message for the day. An all-church dinner will follow the morning service on Sunday. There will be a social hour of fellowship and reunion before the evening service on Saturday. Write First Church of the Nazarene, 1402 Arlington, Lawton, OK 73501.

The Winona, Minn., church will celebrate its 50th anniversary on July 3. Pastor C. Philip Williams and congregation invite all former pastors, members, and friends to attend or send greetings to be read. District Superintendent Virgil K. Grover will be the special speaker.

Services for the day will be at 9:30 a.m., 10:40 a.m., and 2:30 p.m. An all-church dinner to be served following the 10:40 worship service.

Please address all correspondence to the church office, Hwy. 61 and Orrin St., Winona, MN 55987. Phone 507-452-4040.

San Angelo, Tex., Trinity Church will observe its 35th anniversary, July 17, 1983. There will be a fellowship dinner on the grounds after the morning worship service.

For further information, contact Rev. Larry D. Adams, Trinity Church of the Nazarene, 30 W. 24th, San Angelo, TX 76903.

The Manzanola, Colo., church was organized July 25, 1933, with 24 charter members, from a seven-week tent revival. Rev. James S. Barr was the pastor.

On July 24, 1983, under the leadership of Pastor Frank Visser, the church will celebrate 50 years. An invitation is extended to all former pastors, members, and friends. For more information, contact Doris L. Mills, Homecoming Secretary, 131 N. Park Ave., Manzanola, CO 81058.

The Glasgow, W.Va., church will celebrate its 50th anniversary July 29-31, 1983. Many of the former pastors and families will be participating in this event.

Pastor E. Guy Wright and congregation invite all former pastors, members, and friends to return to Glasgow for this celebration. For more information, contact the church at First St. and Second Ave., Glasgow, WV 25086. Phone 304-595-1763.

The Austin, Tex., Grace Church will celebrate 50 years (1933-83) of holiness ministry on September 4, 1983, Labor Day weekend. The anniversary is planned with speaker Harry Dickerson, president of Bryan Institute, Wichita, Kans.; and Rev. and Mrs. Danny Steele, former pastor, providing special music. A special time is expected with former pastors, district superintendents, and friends.

Announcements should reach us three months prior to the date of the event announced.

RECOMMENDATION

I am happy to recommend REV. G. W. WILLIAMS as an able and experienced evangelist. He has served successfully as pastor of the Roxanna, Ill., church, and will be available for revivals and special services after July 10. Brother Williams is a strong holiness preacher. His wife, Mary, is skilled in music. Brother Williams will be a help and a blessing to any church. Contact him at 721 E. 4th St., Seymour, IN 47274.—John J. Hancock, Illinois district superintendent.

Evangelists may be reached through Evangelism Ministries' toll-free number, 800-821-2154.

VITAL STATISTICS

DEATHS

REV. M. CLIFFORD CARLSON, 52, died Nov. 16 in Minneapolis, Minn. Services in Osseo, Minn., Church of the Nazarene were conducted by Rev. Edward J. Johnson and Rev. Henry Dreistadt. A memorial service was held the following week in Shell Lake. His ministry centered in Wisconsin and Minnesota. He is survived by his wife, Shirley (Hiller); a son, Bradley; two daughters, Linda and Colleen; and two sisters.

DR. JAMES L. CRAWFORD, 74 died Apr. 11 in Sulphur Springs, Tex. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Richard Dages. He is survived by his wife, Anna (Ragan); three daughters, Norma Ray, Margaret Hinton, and Ida Beaudin; eight grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; one brother; and two sisters.

EVELYN GANOUNG, 55, died Mar. 28 in Ithaca, N.Y., the result of an automobile accident. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Ronald Golden and Rev. Clair Fisher. Surviving are her husband, Bill; two daughters, Jill and Jan; three brothers; and one sister.

MRS. MATTIE LEOLA GIBSON, 86, died Mar. 25 in Saraland, Ala. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Jerry M. Barnes and Rev. T. P. Phipps. Surviving are 1 son, Gaither W.; 8 daughters, Minnie O'Gwynn, Dorothy Gregg, Audrey Newby, Betty Rolston, Patricia Horne, Gwen Davis, Jeannie Nichols, and Inez Harrell; 35 grandchildren; 53 great-grandchildren; 7 great-great-grandchildren; and 1 sister.

MARTIN GURIS, SR., 65, died Jan. 18 in Danville, Pa. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Rose Hoffman. Survivors include his wife, Martha (Noecker); one son, Martin, Jr.; two stepsons, Clifford and Roger Steffy; and one stepdaughter, Deborah Steffy.

JOE KIRKUS, 48, died Jan. 3 in Knoxville, Tenn. Funeral services were conducted by Revs. William Cope, Ed Nash, and Charles Patton. Survivors include his wife, Billie; three sons, Dewayne, Eddie, and Darrin; one daughter, Cherie; two grandchildren; his mother; and one sister.

RICKY DALE KNUTSON, 6 was hit by a car and died Feb. 22 in Phoenix, Ariz. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Lee Steele. Surviving are his parents, Douglas and Sharon Knutson; one brother, Justin; one sister, Misty; maternal and paternal grandparents; and four great-grandparents.

REV. ELLIS L. MARTIN died Mar. 1 in Nyssa, Ore. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. William Russell and Rev. Charles E. Hallin. Rev. Martin pastored churches in California, Nevada, Arizona, Idaho, and Oregon. Surviving are his wife, Elsie; two sons, Jon and David; one daughter, Laura; and six grandchildren.

LILLIE GIRTHA MAYHALL, 92, died Apr. 5 in Elk City, Okla. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Paul Garrett and Rev. Donald Konkle. Interment was

in Merkel, Tex. Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. C. W. Newberry and Mrs. Carl Gardner.

NORMAN AARON PRICE, 85, died Apr. 9 in Russellville, Ark. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Floyd Sheppard and Rev. James Edwards. He is survived by his wife, Margaret P.; 1 son, William L. Price, Sr.; 2 daughters, Norma J. Gilman and Sharon A. Purchis; 13 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

EDWARD L. RANGE, 59, died Mar. 19 in Minneapolis. Funeral services were conducted by District Superintendent Virgil Grover, Rev. Ramon Vanderpool, and Rev. Wesley Burns. He is survived by his wife, Ruth; one son, Steven; one daughter, Caryl; and one brother.

EVELYN SEDLACEK, 67, died Mar. 29 in East Hartford, Conn. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Neale McLain and Rev. George Emmitt. Interment was in Manchester, Conn. She is survived by her husband, Albert; two sons, Charles and Rev. Ellis; and five grandchildren.

LENARD SMITH, 94, died Apr. 7 in San Bernardino, Calif. Funeral services were conducted in Upland, Calif., by Rev. D. R. Peterman. Survivors include 2 sons, Bill L. and John H.; 3 daughters, Violet Stone, Allie Mae Urschel, and Leona Gollmer; 15 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; and 3 great-great-grandchildren.

MRS. GLADYS C. STETSON, 83, died Feb. 19 in Rockville Center, Long Island, N.Y. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Harold Lake, Jr. Interment was in Portland, Me. Surviving are three daughters, Barbara Brenner, Thelma Curtis, and Dorothy Cousins; 11 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Pfc. HARVEY E. TEAS, 20, died Apr. 9 in San Diego, Calif. Funeral services were conducted by



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Rev. Lee Rodda. Interment was in Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery, Point Loma, Calif. He is survived by his parents, Harvey L. and Lucille D. Teas; one sister, Julie Ann; and both paternal and maternal grandparents.

LOUISE ANNA UNDERWOOD, 54, died Jan. 16 in a bridge collapse in Antwerp, Ohio. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Ronald Bishop. Interment was in Payne, Ohio. Survivors include 2 sons, Kenneth and Robert, 1 stepson, George; 4 daughters, Mrs. Ruth Shoemaker, Mrs. Mary Jane Barnell, Betty Underwood, and Mrs. Janet Miles; 1 stepdaughter, Mrs. Dorothy Baker; 10 grandchildren; 1 great-grandchild; her mother; 1 brother; and 8 sisters.

REV. DAVID MacINTOSH WELLARD, 96, died Nov. 9 in Plant City, Fla. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. H. L. Wallace and Rev. J. Foy Johnson. He is survived by his wife.

MRS. J. G. WESTMORELAND, 69, died Apr. 18 in San Antonio, Tex. Funeral services were conducted in Corpus Christi, Tex., by Rev. Jay Bybee. Surviving are her husband, J. G.; 2 sons, Jerry G., Jr., and John; 4 daughters Juanona Tryon, Laura Smith, Peggy Hays, and Virginia Riley; 19 grandchildren; 9 great-grandchildren; and her mother.

BIRTHS

to DALE AND KATHY BLAKE, Fountain, Colo., a boy, Jeremy Ralph, Feb. 28

to J. HOWARD AND DIANE (WARD) BRIGGS, Shawnee, Kans., a boy, Justin Gregory, Apr. 27

to JAMES AND FAYE BURRELL, Jacksonville, Fla., a boy, Benjamin James, Mar. 3

to KURT AND LINDA (RUSHING) CANNATA, Catania, Sigonella, Sicily, a girl, Katherine Elaine, Mar. 10

to PHILIP AND MARGARET (GRAY) CARY, Chadron, Neb., a boy, Kiel Tate, Jan. 28

to REV. MICHAEL AND DEBBIE (BAKER) COFFMAN, Roanoke, Va., a boy, Jason Matthew, Mar. 17

to REV. RONALD E. AND SHELEENA (SMITH) COURTNEY, Chillicothe, Ill., a girl, Christina Marthell, Apr. 15

to RAY AND MARILYN (GLICK) CRAIGHEAD, Olathe, Kans., a girl, Emily Jane, Apr. 22

to REV. DONALD AND RAYLEEN (JACKSON) DYKE, Santa Clara, Calif., a boy, Daniel Ray, Dec. 23

to RANDALL C. AND NANCY K. (NULPH) GILMAN, Lansing, Mich., a boy, Andrew John, Apr. 11

to REV. BILL AND THERESA (MAYNARD) GREGORY, Olathe, Kans., a girl, Megan Renee, Mar. 12

to JIM AND CAROL (WHITAKER) HARRISON, Nacogdoches, Tex., a girl, Lori Anne, Jan. 10

to REV. DAVID AND TERRI (HERALD) JOHNSON, Aurora, Ill., twin girls, Stephanie Loraine and Jennifer Lynn, Jan. 27

to KENNETH AND MARTHA (CARPENTER) KIPER, Merrimack, N.H., a boy, Jonathan Adam, Dec. 22

to DAVID AND JENNIFER (LEE) KNIPPERS, Bethany, Okla., a boy, Allen Lee, Apr. 22

to GREG AND JANET (UNDERWOOD) MILES, Oklahoma City, Okla., a girl, Cassondra Tomika, Dec. 2

to REV. ART AND MELINDA (ADAMSON) PHILIPS, Chadron, Neb., a boy, Nathan Hal, Mar. 23

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NEWS OF RELIGION

MARIJUANA IN WORSHIP NOT A PROTECTED RIGHT. The U.S. Supreme Court has rejected an appeal from a member of a small sect that maintains the use of marijuana is indispensable to its faith. In refusing to hear the appeal of Clifton Ray Middleton, who belongs to the tiny Ethiopian Zion Coptic Church, the high court let stand a decision by a federal appeals panel last year that the government has a "compelling interest" in regulating and controlling the drug that outweighs the free exercise of religion claimed by Middleton.

Use of drugs such as marijuana and peyote, utilized by some native Americans in religious rites, has long been a point of contention in legal circles. But courts have consistently ruled that Congress and state legislatures may restrict or prohibit their use under the "compelling public interest" doctrine, a legal principle that has upheld bans on other religious practices such as snake handling and bigamy. □

SIBERIAN SIX LEAVE SANCTUARY AFTER FIVE YEARS IN U.S. EMBASSY. Six Pentecostal Christians left their sanctuary in the U.S. Embassy April 12 to return to their Siberian hometown after more than four years of trying to leave the Soviet Union. "Our hope is God. He never left us and He will never leave us," said Lyuba Vashchenko, 30, whose sister Lydia set a precedent by flying off to a new life in Israel last week.

Lydia, 32, was the first of the original "Siberian Seven" to leave the embassy, returning to their hometown of Chernogorsk in February 1982, after a 34-day hunger strike. "Lydia's departure is a good sign for us, for our family. We plan to go to Lydia," Lyuba said. She said her sister sent them an invitation by telex to join her in Israel.

The departure of Lydia Vashchenko brought the family under the provisions of the 1975 Helsinki Agreement, signed by the Soviet Union, for the reunification of families. The families had reservations made by the embassy on two planes for Siberia. A U.S. consular officer accompanied them to the airport. □

CORRIE TEN BOOM DIES ON BIRTHDAY. Corrie ten Boom, internationally known speaker and best-selling author who inspired millions around the world with her message of God's love and forgiveness, died April 15 at her Placentia, Calif., home. It was her 91st birthday. Miss ten Boom's 18 books have sold over 7 million copies. Her most famous, *The Hiding Place*, was made into a motion picture in 1975 and translated into several languages.

Born on April 15, 1892, Miss ten Boom spent the first 50 years of her life as a watchmaker in her father's shop in Haarlem, Holland. A devout Christian family, the ten Booms became active in the Dutch underground movement during the German occupation of Holland in World War II. They were involved in protecting Jews from the Nazis.

Their work came to an end when she and her family were betrayed and arrested. Miss ten Boom's father and sister both died during their imprisonment. Miss ten Boom was confined to the infamous concentration camp at Ravensbruck for almost a year after her arrest.

Upon release from Ravensbruck, Miss ten Boom established a refuge for war victims in Holland. From this house she began her mission as a "tramp for the Lord." In the over 30 years since, Miss ten Boom traveled to more than 60 countries around the world, telling her story of triumph through the horrors of concentration camps. □

NEW RELIGIOUS SURVEY. Latest reports indicate that religious preference in the U.S. stands at 59 percent Protestant, 28 percent Roman Catholic, 2 percent Jewish, and 11 percent uncommitted.

Forty-one percent go to church regularly, one out of three watches a weekly religious program on TV, and one out of six reads the Bible daily. Thirty-seven percent view the Bible as the literal Word of God (down from 65 percent in 1963). But 42 percent view it as divinely inspired but not to be taken literally (up from 18 percent in 1963). □

to JOE AND SUSAN (COPPLE) SHERMER, Texarkana, Tex., a boy, Mark Aaron, Mar. 11
 to DARYLL AND VERNA STANTON, Lusaka, Zambia, a girl, Rachel Elizabeth, Mar. 21
 to DOUG AND SALLY (HATTON) THOMPSON, Sterling, Ill., a girl, Katie Denise, Jan. 14
 to DON AND BEVERLY (FOREMAN) TOEPFER, Garfield, Ark., a girl, Sommer Chloe, Mar. 18
 to MICHAEL AND BETH (RUGGLES) TOMCZAK, Portage, Mich., a girl, Megan Danielle, Mar. 5

MARRIAGES

DOROTHY M. ETHELL and JOHN M. EBY, SR., at Leesburg, Ga., Dec. 17
 KIMBERLY OLSEN and DANIEL RUGGLES at Three Rivers, Mich., Mar. 5
 KATHRYN ANN BROWNING and DELBERT H. HENDRICKSON at Denver, Colo., Apr. 2
 PATRICIA ANN CARPENTER and DONALD STEPHEN LUTZ at Tulsa, Okla., Apr. 23

ANNIVERSARIES

REV. AND MRS. W. A. BURTON, of Camby, Ind., were honored Apr. 17 by a special Sunday morning service and an open house to celebrate their 50th

wedding anniversary. The event was hosted by their children and grandchildren together with the Indianapolis Bridgeport Church. Rev. T. W. Stofer conducted the ceremony to renew their vows. Rev. and Mrs. Burton have pastored, evangelized, and have been caretakers for 14 years of the Indianapolis District Camp Grounds at Camby, Ind.

ORVAL AND CLEO CLARK, of Summertown, Tenn., First Church, were honored Jan. 15 on their 50th wedding anniversary. Their seven children, along with their grandchildren, hosted a reception at the Henryville Community Center. Many friends and family came to pay tribute to this well-loved couple.

MR. AND MRS. HARVEY HANSEN were honored on Apr. 17 at an open house to celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary. They have been active in the Church of the Nazarene since their conversions in 1923. They became charter members of the Freeman, S.D., church. They now reside in Nampa, Ida.

REV. AND MRS. W. P. SMITHSON celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Mar. 25. The religious service for the reconsecration of their marriage vows was led by Rev. Hilton Gillespie on Palm Sunday afternoon at Albany, Ga., First Church. A reception

was given by their family and friends in the church fellowship hall. Greetings were sent to them by President and Mrs. Ronald Reagan and the general church, along with many other expressions of love by churches and friends. Rev. Smithson was ordained in 1952, and he pastored at Harrisburg, Dalton First, Mount Olive, Dublin First, Fort Valley, Augusta First, and Valdosta First. All 38 years of his pastoral ministry were in Georgia.

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THE ANSWER CORNER Conducted by W. E. McCumber, Editor

In connection with the rapture, who will the foolish virgins be that will be left behind?

The wise virgins are those prepared for Christ's return, who go out to meet and form His "escort" when He descends to earth.

The foolish virgins are those who are visibly and publicly identified with His people, but are not prepared to meet Him (Matthew 25:1-13). □

Who are God's anointed, and in what manner are they anointed? God says, "Touch not mine anointed."

The anointing of which you speak was a ritual of pouring oil upon a man's head to indicate that God had selected him and would empower him for a certain public office. Under the Old Covenant, kings, priests, and prophets were anointed (e.g., 1 Samuel 9:16; 10:1; Exodus 29:7; 1 Kings 19:16). A special oil was used and those who misused it came under judgment (Exodus 30:31-33).

This oil of consecration was also placed upon the Tabernacle and its equipment (Exodus 30:26; 40:9-11). It marked the person or object as set apart to a certain office or function ordained by God.

To "touch God's anointed" (1 Chronicles 16:22; Psalm 105:15) was to defy the authority of God in placing that person in his office. The background to these warnings seems to indicate that the patriarchs were also God's anointed (Genesis 12:17; 20:3).

Besides the ritual of consecration, anointing is also mentioned as personal grooming (2 Samuel 12:20; Matthew 6:17).

Anointing also was associated with healing (Luke 10:34; John 9:6; Revelation 3:18).

Jesus was called "Christ," literally, "the Anointed," because the Holy Spirit anointed Him for His ministry as the Messiah (Luke 4:16-21). Any opposition to Him, or rejection of Him, is a

most serious disregard of the warning you have cited.

There is a spiritual anointing that Paul claimed for himself and his fellow teachers (2 Corinthians 1:21), which sealed them as genuine messengers of God.

John speaks of an anointing that all his readers experienced, namely the indwelling Spirit, by which they were established in truth and guarded against heresy (1 John 2:20-27). □

We know the rapture is near. Some women left our church—they had been lifetime members—to join a church that teaches that anyone who does not speak in unknown tongues, as was experienced on the day of Pentecost, will not go up in the rapture. Please comment.

There is not a shred of evidence in the Bible for that idea.

So far as tongues at Pentecost are concerned, they were not "unknown." Those who spoke were understood clearly by the crowd and without interpretation. To argue that this tongues speaking, because it occurred at Pentecost, must occur whenever people are baptized with the Spirit, is poor logic. Tongues was one of three inaugural signs that accompanied the Spirit's coming to infill the disciples. With equal validity you could argue for the necessary repetition of the wind-sound and the fire.

The essential Pentecostal elements are identified as power for service (Acts 1:8) and purity of heart (Acts 15:8-9). And it is by holy living and faithful service that we prepare to meet Christ at His return, as many scriptures indicate, including Matthew 24:14-46; 1 Peter 1:13-21; 5:1-4; 2 Peter 1:2-11; 3:9-14; 2 Thessalonians 1:3-12; and 1 John 3:1-3.

Holiness is requisite for meeting Christ in peace and with joy, and the Holy Spirit is our source and power for holy living. It's easier to speak in tongues than to live a holy life, even if you have stiff jaws. □

YOUTH RESOURCES



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THE CHURCH SCENE



an answer to prayer when the goal of \$50,000 cash was realized. This was the result of a Week of Prayer that the congregation held. □

The Schuylkill Haven, Pa., church had a groundbreaking for the memorial annex on Easter Sunday morning at the close of the worship hour.

The congregation assembled in front of the church while singing "Onward Christian Soldiers." Participating in the ceremony were: Pastor Rose M. Hoffman; David Jones, Christian flag bearer; John W. Cresswell and Wilbert F. Cresswell, contractors; Walter V. Jones, building advisor; Earl G. Hoffman, Sr., the oldest member of the church, whose wife, the late Rev. Mildred Hoffman, founded and pastored the church for 31 years; Rev. Norman Hilbert, local preacher; Thomas Ricketts and Earl G. Hoffman, Jr., trustees; Rev. W. Vernon Jones, Chairman of the Board of Christian Life; and Roger Steffy, American flag bearer.

During Holy Week the church had



Rev. Mark E. Farris, pastor of the Nicholasville, Ky., church has been appointed chaplain in the Kentucky Army National Guard. He received his commission with the rank of first lieutenant on March 19, 1983. Pictured with Chaplain Farris (*center*) as they welcome him into the National Guard, are Chaplain Paul Pusey (LTC) (*l.*), Nazarene active duty chaplain; and Chaplain Roger Winsett (Capt.) (*r.*), State Chaplain of the Kentucky Army National Guard.



Pictured are the charter members of the newly organized San Mateo, Fla., First Church of the Nazarene. Rev. Curtis F. Cook is the pastor. Services started in September 1982, and the church was organized on January 9, 1983. It is on the North Florida District.



On Sunday, February 6, 1983, the Plymouth, Mich., church celebrated the 50th anniversary of the organization of the church, and kicked off a "Year of Jubilee" celebration. Rev. Robert North, founding pastor (1933-45) was elected and installed as pastor emeritus. Pictured (*l. to r.*) are: Pastor Emeritus and Mrs. North; District Superintendent Donald Gibson; and Pastor and Mrs. Carl Allen. The 50th year celebration will climax in a homecoming weekend, October 21-23, 1983, with General Superintendent Charles H. Strickland. All former members and friends are invited.

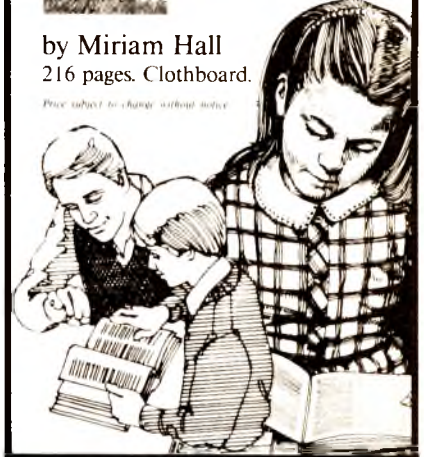
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The Church of the Nazarene, Collymore Rock, St. Michael (Barbados), burned early on April 10, 1983. The cause of the fire is unknown, but arson is suspected. The congregation has been meeting for worship in a government-owned school and has sought permission to use the buildings on a continuing basis. A total estimate of the loss has not yet been determined, but the structure must be completely replaced. Both the building and contents were insured. The church has had steady growth and for the past three years achieved the Evangelistic Honor Roll. Average Sunday School attendance for 1982 was 136 and the average morning worship attendance was 107. Pastor Wilvin I. Clarke is a member of the General NYI Council, representing Mexico, Central America, and the Caribbean.

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**DR. BILL DRAPER
SUCCUMBS TO CANCER**

Dr. Bill D. Draper, president of Point Loma Nazarene College, died May 3, 1983, in La Jolla, Calif.

Born in Queen City, Tex., on February 13, 1930, he lived his early life in Texas and Louisiana. After his conversion, he attended Bethany Nazarene College in Oklahoma, where he earned the bachelor of arts and the bachelor of theology degrees, graduating in 1952. In 1974 he earned a master of arts degree in religion and philosophy at the University of Kansas.

He began his ministry pastoring churches in Louisiana and Texas. In 1958 he moved to Oklahoma City First Church as associate pastor. He then took a fledgling congregation in the Lakeview Park area of Oklahoma City. He pastored there from 1959 to 1966. During this time of leadership at Lakeview Park, the membership grew from 76 to 454.

In 1966 Mid-America Nazarene College in Olathe, Kans., was founded, and Rev. Draper was invited to be the first assistant to the president. He saw the college grow in the next seven years to an enrollment of 855 students, the largest church-related college in the state of Kansas.

During his time at MANC, he made a significant impact for the college and for the Church of the Nazarene upon the city of Olathe. The business community of Olathe became solid supporters of the college, largely due to the influence of Rev. Bill Draper. He left

MANC to pastor the college church at Olivet Nazarene College in 1973.

He was elected president of Point Loma College in 1978, where he served until his death. In 1979 Mid-America Nazarene College conferred on him the honorary doctor of divinity degree for his outstanding service to the Church of the Nazarene, and especially for his leadership at MANC during its formative years. He was greatly loved and respected by Nazarenes who knew him, and especially by the constituents of Point Loma on the Southwest Region of the Church of the Nazarene.

Dr. Draper is survived by his wife, Frances, and four children: Robbin, Sheryl, Brad, and Russ.

Memorial services were held May 5, on the site for the proposed Chapel/Sanctuary on the PLNC campus. This Spiritual Life Center was one of Dr. Draper's dreams for the college. A graveside service was held May 7 at Memorial Gardens in Olathe, Kans. A Dr. Bill Draper memorial scholarship fund is being established at both PLNC and MANC. □

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ANNOUNCEMENT

With the unanimous approval of the Board of General Superintendents, and in consultation with the District Advisory Board of the Washington Pacific District, I have appointed Dr. Melvin McCullough (now pastor of Kankakee, Ill., College Church) as superintendent of the Washington Pacific District effective May 12, 1983.

EUGENE L. STOWE
General Superintendent.

VOGT RETIRES



Dr. Kenneth Vogt, superintendent of Washington Pacific District, retired after seven years of superintendency on that district at the 70th district assembly, April 28-29. During his term of service the district gained 2,000 members and total giving rose 1.5 million dollars.

Dr. Vogt served a total of 40 years in the Nazarene ministry. The first 20 of these were in pastoral ministry in Oklahoma and California. Since 1963 he has served in the district superintendency, the first 13 years on the Sacramento District. He and Mrs. Vogt were honored with a retirement reception during the district assembly. They

will make their home in Abbotsford, British Columbia. □

**TRAGEDY STRIKES TWO
PLNC PROFESSORS**

May 6, a car accident killed the wife of Point Loma Nazarene College professor, Dr. Vic Heasley, and Mrs. Jan McMillin and her 19-year-old-son, Matt, family of Dr. John G. McMillin, part-time PLNC professor. Mrs. McMillin and Matt were thrown from the car and killed instantly. Mrs. Lavona Heasley died 12 hours later in the hospital.

The collision occurred when four teenagers in two stolen cars, drag racing at 60 mph, ran a red light near the old Pasadena College campus, striking the car being driven by Dr. Heasley. Dr. Heasley suffered minor injuries. The youths were later apprehended by the police.

Survivors of those killed are Dr. John G. McMillin, who was out of the country on assignment for World Vision; and Dr. Vic Heasley, chairman of the Chemistry Department at PLNC, and two children, Vickie Heasley, 16, and Tommy Heasley, 14.

Services for Mrs. Heasley and Mrs. McMillin and Matt were held May 12 in the Greek Amphitheater on the Point Loma campus. □

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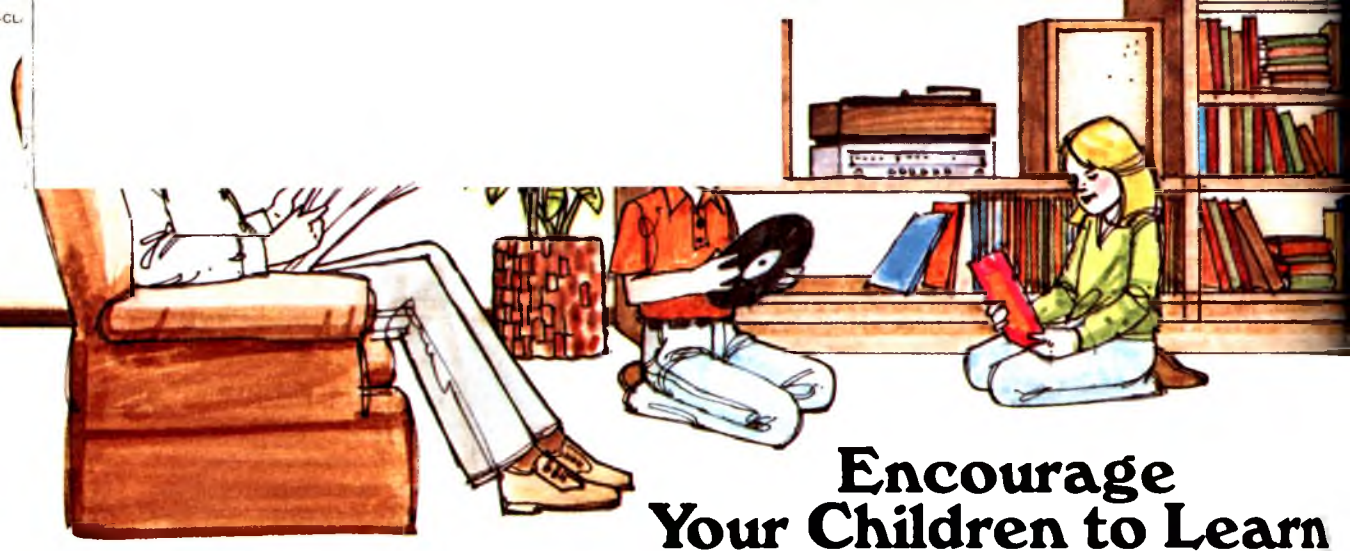
**EARTHQUAKE DAMAGE
MODERATE TO CALIFORNIA
NAZARENE CHURCH**

Damage to the Coalinga, Calif., church and to the parsonage was not extensive in the earthquake that leveled the town on May 2, according to a report by District Superintendent Wil Spaite. "However," he added, "three members' homes were totally destroyed, and the assistant pastor's new car was crushed when the chimney of their home collapsed and fell on it." Of the 7,000 residents of Coalinga, about one-half have had to abandon their homes, condemned for occupancy due to earthquake damage.

The church building did move four inches off of its foundation, and will need some reinforcement work. The chimney of the parsonage was damaged and will need to be replaced. There is no report of damage to the other Nazarene churches in the area.

To help those Nazarene families whose homes were destroyed, other Nazarenes on the Central California District have volunteered to loan them self-contained trailers and rv's until they can rebuild. □

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