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## Infinite Care

General Superintendent Young

**H**OW OFTEN our fears and attendant anxieties are born of our own misconceptions of God! Periodically, life brings disaster, reverses, and disappointments, and in their wake follow pain, bewilderment, and worry. In the dark hours of sorrow God himself seems to elude us. We seek for the meaning of it all, but it becomes only an incoherent jumble to our eyes. We ask for divine guidance or direction, but it does not come speedily. Even God seems slow to help us.

In our confusion we often hedge God about with our own human limitations. We put space and time measurements upon Him and estimate His grasp of things by our own dismay. We wonder if God is at His wit's end too.

In such an hour, how important it is to wait upon God for strength; to seek the quiet place of prayer! How needful to rely upon His Word and make the eternal promises personal! Soon His love shines through the

clouds when our faith becomes obedient, submissive. How reassuring then to hear Jesus say, "But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear ye not therefore, ye are of more value than many sparrows" (Matt. 10:30-31)! This assures us that our Heavenly Father has an infinite capacity for taking pains on our behalf. The vastness of His universe does not destroy His personal interest. He is not lost in material things; He puts infinite worth on every living soul.

Are you still in doubt or perplexity about your case? Then go to Calvary and see how God loves and cares. From that hill see the victory of God, for the empty tomb is not far away. Fall on your knees there. Make the great surrender and rise in newness of life. Then follow Him to the very end. Masterful knowledge concerning life's dilemmas is not the answer; but personal, obedient trust. He knows the present, and He holds the future. He will not fail one of His "little ones."

"Blessed is every one that feareth the Lord" (Ps. 128:1).

## TELEGRAMS

*Cypress, California*—Southern California District passed Easter Sunday-school attendance goal with 16,814. Forty-one of our 63 schools topped 200; six leading schools were: Hawthorne 630, San Diego University Avenue 560, San Bernardino First 551, Santa Ana 523, South Gate 517, Ontario 505. April average, 13,016; 41 per cent above previous year. Under the wise leadership of Dr. R. J. Plumb, the Southern California District closes another record-breaking year.—**WILLIAM D. HOWARD, District Chairman Church School Board.**

*Barberton, Ohio*—Having a great assembly with Dr. Hardy C. Powers, our general superintendent. Rev. C. D. Taylor received overwhelming vote of 274 yes and 3 no today (April 30) for district superintendent of the Akron District for the coming year. Akron District raised \$1,006,273.00 for all purposes this year, of which \$121,595.00 went for general interests, making us a 12 per cent district.—**R. P. IRELAND, Reporter.**

## NEWS IN BRIEF

Word has been received from Dr. George Frame, superintendent of the British Isles District, about the sudden death of Brother David Anderson:

"He went down to Ayr on Saturday afternoon (April 24) with Mrs. Anderson. On Sunday morning he preached a wonderful memorial sermon for Wm. Fahon in the Ayr church. Mrs. Anderson then went on to the Fahons for lunch. After shaking hands with the people he (Brother Anderson) left to join her—but collapsed in the street. . . . An ambulance was called and he was taken straight to the hospital. He never recovered and died within an hour of admission."

The funeral was held on Wednesday in the Parkhead Church. Brother Anderson was the manager of the British Isles Depository of the Nazarene Publishing House.

Pastor Lloyd W. Hail sends word from Muskegon, Michigan: "Two records fell at First Church: 514 in Sunday school; \$1,116.00 for missions on Easter. Church very co-operative and earnestly praying for a real forward-going program in the 'Crusade for Souls Now.'"

Pastor C. R. Lee sends word from Richmond, Indiana: "First Church closed a good revival on Easter Sunday. Rev. Guthrie Hughes, evangelist; and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Salvador, musicians. Sunday-school attendance

1,168; Sunday-school average for April, 739—highest monthly average in the history of the church."

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Essary celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on May 16, at their home, 713 Thomas Street, Bonham, Texas. Rev. Leon Martin is their pastor.

## "DON'T

### Let the Men See Me Fall"

By John T. Donnelly\*

ONLY Almighty God can know what tragic losses have been suffered by the Christian cause through people who parade as believers, but whose words and actions belie the blessed Christ and give offense to those outside the church!

At the Battle of Quebec, General Wolfe was urging his troops onward when he was mortally struck by a bullet. In order to prevent his soldiers from realizing that he was wounded, he ordered the officers that were near him: "Hold me up! Don't let the men see me fall!"

Likewise, you who have made a profession of faith, and have testified to the saving power of salvation through Christ, should realize that, as redeemed children of light, you should walk in the light and not in darkness. Your daily prayers should plead, "O God, don't let me fall." The example of your sin will lead others to spurn their Saviour. They will point to you and say, "Well, if that's all Christianity means, then I want nothing of it."

"Spirit of the living God, 'Hold me up! Don't let the men see me fall!'"

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## GLEANINGS

### From the Office Editor's Desk

"No one knows how much the HERALD OF HOLINESS means to me. Sometimes it seems they are printed especially for me. Keep up the good work . . ."—*A Subscriber in Tennessee.*

"I just wouldn't want to keep house without the HERALD OF HOLINESS. I still think the little sketch printed in September 9, 1953, issue, 'The Housewife's 23rd Psalm,' was one of the sweetest things I've ever read."—*A Subscriber in Kansas.*

"Enclosed find money order for \$1.50 for renewal of my subscription to the paper [HERALD OF HOLINESS]. I think it's a wonderful paper; I can't do without it."—*A Subscriber in California.*

"Have received the HERALD so far every week, and have enjoyed the good reading. I think it is a wonderful paper. The March 10 issue was really a blessing to me. Have received much courage from the paper too."—*A Subscriber in Indiana.*

"Please change my address . . . We have taken the HERALD for several years, and enjoy the many helpful articles it contains."—*A Subscriber in Oregon.*

"Congratulations on the special issue [March 10] of the HERALD. This is the best yet, I think. The work is superb."—*An Evangelist in California.*

"The special issue of the HERALD came . . . and what an issue! I do appreciate that excellent piece of literature. It is just what we need to give to hungry hearts. . . . We do appreciate it."—*A Nazarene District Superintendent.*

## GUIDANCE

By Nona Keen Duffy

*I would choose Thy way for mine;  
Not my will, dear Lord, but Thine.  
Father, I would know Thy will,  
Hear Thee saying, "Peace, be still!"*

*When I feel Thy presence near,  
There is nothing that I fear.  
When Thy hand is guiding me,  
I am strong and firm and free.*

*Wisdom and supply are mine  
When I lean on Love Divine.  
Health, success, and harmony  
Come when Thou art leading me.*

## Easter Sunday in Barbados

General Superintendent Vanderpool

HAVING held the district assembly Friday and Saturday, we came to the Easter Sunday morning with nothing to do but baptize converts, receive members, preach the gospel, and worship God in the beauty of holiness. Everyone seemed to be in the right spirit for a great day.

There were 940 inside the building by actual count. Many stood around the front door and windows along the sides of the building. With songs, shouts of praise, and earnest exhortation, 67 people were baptized and 84 received into full membership. The spiritual tide rose higher and higher and reached a tremendous climax as, a thousand strong, they sang "He Arose." Their faces reflected the clear understanding of what Easter means to Christians: *Life, LIFE, LIFE* through Christ! Both young and old caught the spirit.

Brother and Sister James Jones and Brother and Sister Lawrence Faul are to be highly commended for their splendid leadership. These missionaries understand and love their people. The Easter offering ran over \$3,000.00 from Barbados Nazarenes. Given from their limited means, this offering can scarcely be matched anywhere in our church.

In the morning preaching service waves of holy joy swept over the people. Though the whole morning program ran over three hours, no one left as far as we could tell. Pastor and people alike received a mighty lift from the Spirit.

The afternoon service was another season of spiritual blessing. Nearly a thousand people were present. The twenty-five pastors and about twenty other licensed preachers left the assembly Easter Sunday afternoon declaring their loyalty to Christ and the church and their determination to go after the lost with greater earnestness than ever before.

Certainly Easter Sunday marked a great day to Barbados Nazarenes. I thank God I have lived to see and have part in such a glorious day.



**Come, take up  
the cross, and  
follow me**

*Mark 10:21*

## PENTECOST SUNDAY—JUNE 6

### *Import of Christian Victory*

*By Oscar Hudson\**

IN Ps. 1:1 three states of action are mentioned: walking, standing, sitting. It is three steps from abounding victory to complete defeat; three stages from the heights of supernal glory to wallowing in the swine pit of criticism and unholy ridicule. "Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful."

God's plan is for His people to be blest, happy, and joyous. "God is a Spirit; and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth" (John 4:24). "Be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled [intoxicated] with the Spirit" (Eph. 5:18). "Out of his belly [soul] shall flow rivers of living water" (John 7:38).

A cold, spiritless, formal ecclesiasticism, though orthodox, is displeasing to the Lord. The Pentecostal blessing produces a joyous, enthusiastic worshiper. It was this spiritual intoxication that inured the early Christians to self-sacrifice, persecution, imprisonment, and martyrdom. It has been said that "orthodoxy is the jewel that truth has won in its conflict with error, but theology without experience is a highway that leads only to dead ecclesiasticism."

This joyous freedom in worship is obnoxious to the devil, and his chief strategy is utilized to throttle it. The first step on this road to ruin is walking "in the counsel of the ungodly." The counsel may not be in word only, but also in suggestions and satanic impressions. Fear of criticism and loss of popularity for outbursts of praise in worship may lead to quenching the Spirit, and may cause the preacher to tone down his message.

Plans for entertainment in the church were being discussed when one lady arose and spoke against it. Some criticized her and others ridiculed, but later one approached her and said: "I was so glad that you said what you did. I felt as you did, but said nothing. Some are prone to criticism and try to 'cut your head off,' so I just remained silent." "The righteous are bold as a lion" (Prov. 28:1). Nathan, Daniel, the three Hebrews, John the Baptist, Peter after Pentecost, Paul, and others stood firmly for what they felt was God's will and spoke out boldly when principle was involved, without regard to the wrath that they knew might follow. But the air is charged with compromise today. The couplet: "Am I a soldier of the Cross, a follower of the Lamb?" in many cases might be changed to: "I'm a coward of the Cross, a deserter of the Lamb."

Giving heed to these clamoring voices of evil arrests spiritual development and service, render-

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ing the worshiper a hindrance to the church in its main mission—the salvation of our generation. Such people become a block to the wheels of Zion, and they “stand in the way of sinners.” Jesus said, “Ye [disciples] are the salt of the earth,” then indicated that the salt may lose its saving strength and be trodden underfoot by the rushing masses on their way to the Judgment.

To the extent that any church loses Pentecostal enthusiasm and manifestations of spiritual power that destroys the love of sin and worldliness, it reverts to filling its roster with those who have no real change of heart, making them twofold more the children of hell than they were before. The only way that anyone can avoid hindering instead of helping souls is to close his eyes and ears to the voices from the world that clamor for attention and run with all his might for the celestial city. God’s plan for every church is that it shall be an evangelistic center, witnessing a constant stream of salvation at its altar; and such would be the case if it were not carrying so much dead weight. If a current with great power is turned on a body that has earthly attachments, death and destruction result; so, in mercy, the blessings of God may be withheld.

From this arrested state of spiritual development, it is only a step to the “seat of the scornful,” where religious enthusiasm seems to be out of place. Joyous demonstration at church is repugnant. It has been said that a locomotive left the rails and remained in the ditch until rust cemented the wheels to the axle. A modern mogul came roaring down the track, pulling a string of loaded cars, letting off steam, blowing the whistle, when the ditched engine looked over its shoulder and grumbled: “Be quiet up there. Too much noise indicates fanaticism.”

Paul said: “We are made a spectacle unto the world” (I Cor. 4:9). Dr. W. B. Godbey translates it, “We are a theater unto the world,” and comments that no church has Pentecostal normalcy until there is so much glory upon its services that the world crowds in to see the show. The unusual demonstrations that accompanied the outpouring of the Holy Ghost at Pentecost attracted the multitude; but many, sitting in the seat of the scornful, accused them of being drunk with new wine, while three thousand were born into the Kingdom.

The late Dr. J. W. Goodwin, addressing a district preachers’ meeting, said: “It is not what a preacher says, so much, that blesses the people, but what they see that he feels and cannot express. As long as he can express all that he feels, and more, he is not preaching much or blessing the people.”

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MY MOTTO—

I wish I might do something  
The world could see—  
But when they stop to look  
See only Christ, living in me!

—ANN DENORE

## The Price of Fire

By Marvin E. Powers\*

NO ONE who has lived a quarter of a century or more can be unaware of the tremendous hike in prices that has come to our economy during the more recent years. The housewife often returns from the super market with a justifiable comment concerning the doubled or trebled price of a certain article. However, I find that the price of fire is still negligible. Recently I purchased a box of matches of the size common to kitchen use and discovered that it contained 266 matches. Since the entire box cost me but seven pennies, I soon computed the price of a single match and found that each had cost me only slightly more than .026 of a cent. Then I concluded that there was one thing left that was not expensive and that was fire. With that inexpensive match I could kindle a million-dollar conflagration. What price fire? Very small, indeed.

But when we turn to think of matters in the spiritual realm, an entirely different picture presents itself. Fire, dancing and playing in the hearts of the saints, costs dearly. The price proves that there is no easy route to spirituality and that the Christian pathway is not entered upon by a mere stroke of enjoyable fate.

The story of Elijah on Mount Carmel would emphasize the price of fire from God. A passionate prayer and a dynamic, active faith brought a flame from the skies. But no easy thing is either passionate prayer or active faith. In both cases Satan chooses to enter the fray with his hellish cohorts and to resist in every way possible. *Fire from God is expensive!*

The thought may be emphasized again by the picture of Moses and the burning bush. Do bushes burn for every man? *No!* Bushes burn only for those who, in the providence of God, have submitted to a “backside of the desert” experience. This experience is often excruciating, since much hardship frequently attends it. *Fire comes here, but only at a price!*

Perhaps the classic illustration of the price of spiritual fire is the one concerning the giving of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost. Those in the Upper Room were not simply waiting for a “bolt from the blue” to strike them. They were paying a price—experiencing the crucifixion of self, submitting, obeying, consecrating. The tongue of fire descended, and the last vestige of the carnal self in each of them was utterly destroyed. *Fire came! But first a price!*

Fire is essential. The Church of the Nazarene cannot succeed without fire. Often we are prone to dig into the invisible matchbox and take out an item for which we have paid only a fraction of a spiritual penny with which we expect to set the world ablaze. But there is a price to pay for spiritual fire. That price is submission and cru-

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cifixion in each individual instance. And then, once the fire burns, there is but one way to keep it from flickering out—by paying a price! This involves maintaining daily a place of heart-searching prayer where the flame is fanned and where a soul passion can burn unhindered.

*Nazarenes everywhere, let us keep the fire burning!* Let us not be duped into thinking that spiritual fire is as costless as physical fire. The day will never arrive when there is not a price to be paid for fire from God, nor will the hour ever come when it does not cost something to maintain the inner flame of a holy heart.

## *Trail of a Mystery*

*By H. M. von Stein\**

**WE WERE** after the big cat, sometimes ambiguously called a mountain lion, though not by cougar hunters. The crest of the Siskiyou divide where the hounds were trailing is high. Over the north slope, patches of snow dripped contributions to icy trickles in a chuckling hurry to join the torrents rumbling in the forested canyon depths. Yet far across smoky blue gulches I could see tiny, dark specks pricked upon the velvet green of fields, specks that were bales of hay. Up here the earth smelled of April; down there it was July.

A rollicking breeze whispered among the lichened rocks at the mountaintop, like a youngster whistling softly through a vacancy in his front teeth. And not without reverence I thought of the words of Jesus to Nicodemus: "The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, nor whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit" (John 3:8).

I wonder if Nicodemus did not seek Jesus alone at night because he felt himself a bit superior to the common run of rabbis, and that Jesus might tell him some things ordinary people could not understand. He did!

This thing of feeling superior to other people runs over into contempt rather easily. Yet we do it every time we judge another man. Looking down from my mountaintop, I realized I was feeling a little superior to those men with the toy tractor, hauling hay. Perhaps, I thought, it is a persuasion that goes with cougar hunting.

I was introduced to one of the great cat hunters recently, but when he found out I never had actually killed a cougar he did not look in my direction again. A professional cat hunter cannot be bothered with the trivia of life, and this is not all senseless pride. Successful pursuit of the big predator takes all there is in a man. A good cat man is seldom good for anything else, either. With rare exceptions these men have a vast contempt for the rest of the human race.

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Now most church people would admit, with what we would probably call justifiable prejudice, that a man is foolish to consecrate himself, body and soul, to the destruction of a predator. But before you become too wholehearted in this, remember that contempt for one's fellow man is a first attribute of the "natural," or "carnal," man.

Even old Tom, the cougar, seems to have some of this contempt for men in his make-up. I have had him follow me for miles at night, on high mountain trails, leaving his broad pad marks in the dust for me to see the next day. I never was in any danger because, strangely enough, old Tom rather likes people.

And we like people! We set them up for what we think they are or ought to be. After meeting a man a time or two we are ready to declare he is a smart man. If he has painted a picture or written a book or flown the Atlantic, we are ready to vote for him for president of the United States. We do not really know the man, but we bestow judgment upon him out of all proportion to our knowledge.

In church where people should be wiser, considering the resources at our disposal, we are ready to brand a man a full-fledged saint upon his first confession of faith, and take it for granted that the older Christians never have any trouble at all living a Christian life. Because our inclination is toward good, we think it is right.

And it wouldn't be bad if the fortunate few who can contain such enthusiasms were not also prone, not only to cast overboard the whole reputation of one overtaken in a fault, but jump after it themselves!

There are men and women—not Nazarenes, of course—who keep their eyes upon certain others who, for some cause which does not seem to them trivial, have seemed untrustworthy, waiting down

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## IF

*By Frances B. Erickson*

*If you never were faced with the wild sea's  
embrace,*

*And the enemy's shout in your ears,  
Would you ever "stand still" to behold with a  
thrill*

*God's pathway that saves from your fears?*

*If you never were out in the dark den of doubt,  
With the lions tossing their manes,*

*How then could you guess God's angel could bless  
By using miraculous chains?*

*If you never were caught in that furnace white-  
hot*

*Of suffering beyond strength to bear,  
Could you quite understand how real is the  
hand*

*And the Presence that comforts you there?*

through the years until these others shall be shown in what they consider their true colors. Even a cougar hunter can sustain no such contempt!

We watched old Slick Rock Tom that way. He was a wise old cougar who returned about twice yearly to Slick Rock, killed a few deer, and vanished. The hounds often followed him a long way, but he didn't stop. He left the country.

Then one day we jumped old Tom when he was full and lazy. The dogs had learned the way up over the rocks, and when old Tom panted over the top, they were there. He shinned up a stunted knob-cone pine, and one of us put an end to his deer-killing career with a thirty-caliber bullet.

There are two chief hindrances to the growth of understanding of what God is and what grace means among Christians, both as individuals and as a group. They are (1) people, and (2) people—(1) those few Christians who are not as careful as they could be, and (2) those who look at them.

It is all right to look at people. We need to care a great deal that our brothers and sisters shall make it. But for what do we look? Are we like the cougar hunter, who looks always for the slips and faults in his quarry's habits?

Let us remember Nicodemus, who thought that because he was a church member in good standing he had everything. Jesus set him upon the trail of a mystery. Perhaps there is something we could, even yet, learn. *It could be!*

A farmer's son writes that—

## Chickens Come Home to Roost

By Spencer Johnson\*

A COMMON expression among farm folk was, "Chickens come home to roost." The Apostle Paul expressed this same truth when he wrote: "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting" (Gal. 6:7-8).

Providence, coupled with the dealings of men, the vicissitudes and circumstances of life, all seem bent on bringing back upon us that which we inflict upon others. The gossip gets gossiped about; the slanderer is slanderized; the stinger gets stung; the one who bites and devours gets devoured; the trapper gets caught in the trap he laid for others. "Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy" (Matt. 5:7). The converse is also true—the men and women who have no pity or mercy will find no mercy for themselves.

A preacher once made plans to put a fellow minister out of the ministry, but in less than two years he had fallen into gross immorality and was out of the ministry himself.

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The Bible tells us of David, who committed a dastardly sin against an innocent man and his family, only to have the same terrible sin break out in his own household. The sons of Jacob sold their brother, and in time were sold into bondage themselves. Ahab and Jezebel, who shed the blood of a good man as freely as they would have shed the blood of dogs, were killed and the dogs licked their blood.

Life is filled with illustrations of this kind. It is amazing the way some men will connive and undermine to get and keep position and place, only to fall prey to the treacherous plans of the same kind of men. The tide may not turn in a week or a month or sometimes for years, but the tide of God's eternal retribution comes in always. When anybody stoops to be little and unfair to any being created in the image of God, he can be sure that his day of reckoning will come; for the evil deeds of men, though often flung away with tremendous force, come back like boomerangs.

Sometimes preachers compromise with sin, only to find that in the end sin gets them. A pastor once refused to rebuke sin in his own family and eventually his family, like the sons of Eli, made it impossible for him to serve his church. Balaam compromised because he loved the wages of unrighteousness, and he died the death of the wicked.

When men cast off true friendships, the product of years of love and character, the result in the way of reaping is something sad to behold. True friends are hard to replace, and the independent individual often ends his days in loneliness and bitterness. "He who rejects a whole life of kindness and faithfulness because of some single defect or imperfection of a friend is not only guilty of consummate folly, but needs to get out of the universe to escape being treated the same way."

Again this law of sowing and reaping is seen in God's dealings with man. Men may laugh at God's warnings, spurn His mercy, deride His preachers, and reject His gospel; but the time is coming when God will laugh at them. Today God calls men to repent and believe the gospel, but they will not hearken. The Saviour seeks for the sinner, but he will not be found. God says one day the order will be reversed. "Because I have called, and ye refused; I have stretched out my hand, and no man regarded; but ye have set at nought all my counsel, and would none of my reproof: I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh; when your fear cometh as desolation, and your destruction cometh as a whirlwind; when distress and anguish cometh upon you. Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me: for that they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the Lord: they would none of my counsel: they despised all my reproof" (Prov. 1:24-30).

Was it not Jesus who said, "Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in

this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels" (Mark 8:38)?

To the man who says, "Go thy way," to God and His Spirit, the hour will come when God will say to him, "Depart from me." There is no escape from God's eternal law of retribution. May God help us to walk in perfect obedience to Him and in love and fairness to all mankind. "Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets" (Matt. 7:12).

## Ancestor Worship in Reverse

By Louis McCurdy\*

*Is it well with the child?* (II Kings 4:26.)

THE ORIENTAL pagan bows his head in reverence before the ashes of past generations. He has gone too far in his reverence of parents and grandparents. Although each one of them may have done something worth-while to merit some reverence, the custom is pagan because it leads to worship. It breaks the second commandment.

Yet the Occidental world worships its children with all of the fervor, devotion, and the costly sacrifices of both the idol worshiper and the ancestor worshiper. It has simply put ancestor worship into reverse. The Hindu gives India's holy cattle the run of the land, and requires nothing of them in return. They come to have no reverence for gardens or crops, and no responsibility whatever. That is the way in which some of the Western world treats children—and with the same results.

In a recent convention of temperance forces in eastern Canada, an assistant police commissioner for a large city told this story to show one of the main problems. A father allowed his teen-age son to take the family car on week ends. He drank quite freely and had several minor accidents, which his father had fixed for him. But finally, in a big accident, the car was completely smashed beyond repair. The boy himself faced many months of hospital treatment. That father wanted his boy to know that he still loved him, and so he bought a new car, presented it to his son, and had it parked outside the hospital window where he could look at it while he recuperated—more trouble for the police later!

We destroy our children by making costly sacrifices to them, just as surely as the Oriental mother destroys hers by throwing them to the crocodiles. There is one difference: that tiny babe of the Oriental mother is under the unconditional atonement and goes to heaven, while our Western children grow up to lose their eternal souls. They have been trained not to be responsible to men; they will not be responsible to God.

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Our child idolatry causes others to suffer, as well as ourselves. That self-centered lack of responsibility goes to school. These students do not obey rules, do not consider others, and will not co-operate. So we find a shortage in Canada of eleven thousand schoolteachers, with a predicted shortage of twenty-three thousand for the year of 1955. They are either not able or not willing to spend their lives handling our spoiled children.

We can find the reason for spoiled children in the home—even in some Christian homes. We witnessed a Christian mother serving breakfast to her junior boy one morning. She waited for nearly four minutes for him to decide what he wanted for his breakfast, then served him. He changed his mind and she brought him his second choice, after she had dumped his first choice into the garbage container. He tasted his second plateful, then complained that it didn't suit his stomach, which wasn't feeling well this morning. She dished him up his third choice, part of which he ate. The night before, he had had his weekly allowance, and had consumed too many soft drinks, which spoiled his appetite as well as his disposition. Incidents like these almost guarantee that the children will lose respect for parents and never develop any responsibility.

Some people will advise parents: "Never oppose a child's desires," and, "Let him develop self-expression." Following this foolish advice has led many a mother to refrain from using any restraint in the home. That leads to another mistake. When the child practices that self-expression and gets into trouble with playmates and neighbors, the parent takes the child's part. So the child gradually learns that he can get his own

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## MY SACRED ANTIQUES

By E. Wayne Stahl

*"Songs of the Blood-washed," "Canaan Melodies,"*

*And "Tears and Triumphs"—how I treasure these Worn, battered songbooks of the other days,*

*When holy lips were tuned to sacred praise!*

*My heart is tender as I think of them*

*Who used these books, who in "Jerusalem*

*Above" are singing now before the throne,*

*Amid a glory earth has never known.*

*They were the "Blood-washed" here, and there they sing*

*Their "songs" to Christ, their Sanctifier, King.*

*They lived in "Canaan" here; their "melodies"*

*In the heavenly "Canaan" ring through vast eternities.*

*They had their "tears" in darkened days of time;*

*They had their "triumphs" too, through grace sublime;*

*And now they triumph everlastingly.*

*Christ, may we follow them, as they have followed Thee!*



way, and get away with it—that's the moral germ from which crimes come. It isn't any wonder that we have spoiled children.

At least the ancestor worshiper created within his children a reverence for his forefathers. But the Western parents who set up their child as an idol destroy that child's respect for all ancestors. Parents and grandparents become simply the means by which a child can get his desires gratified.

Orientalists teach their children to respect ancestors after death; let's teach ours to respect us while we live.

## "Beware of the Concision"

(Phil. 3:2)

By J. J. Steele\*

THE "concision" were the Judaizing teachers and preachers—Jews who had been converted to Christ but who continued to practice and teach that Christians had to be circumcised and keep other rites and ceremonies of the Mosaic law. They were sincere, zealous men. They followed Paul and other pioneer missionaries to the Gentiles wherever they went, raising the issue of circumcision among the new converts, disturbing their consciences, bringing them into bondage to rites and ceremonies. Paul warned his converts against them again and again.

These raisers of false issues often found happy, fruitful, victorious churches who were prospering and progressing in grace, reaching multitudes for Christ, but they were not satisfied until they had brought these Spirit-filled Christians under their own rule of thumb. By their guile, winsomeness, pleasing personalities, and zeal they persuaded many to their view. Being often self-sacrificing, sincere men themselves, they were more able to bring other sincere people under their influence. Much harm was done. Divisions in the churches resulted. The grace of God was frustrated.

Any gifted preacher can raise an issue on anything under the sun and get good people to agree with him, if he is winsome, appealing, and claims God told him to "preach it."

Many years ago, before this writer learned better, he invited a stranger to his pulpit. This man raised issues on everything in sight and out of sight. He preached long and often against coffee, tea, oysters, pork, neckties, lace on women's dresses, silk hosiery, and other customs as to food and dress. He even criticized the pastor publicly for the way he had his hair combed. He was a dynamic personality. People liked him. He was winsome, and he was sincere to the core; but he was wrong—deadly wrong.

Many years afterward, while the writer was engaged in meetings in a certain city, this same man showed up. He was friendly and invited us

to his home for dinner. We were never treated with more courtesy and respect. He had a small congregation of not more than a dozen older people in that large city, and a little chapel which he owned himself.

Some time after the revival meetings closed, I received a copy of a little paper he printed on his own press. Much of that issue was used to point out all the things he didn't like about that revival and the church. He criticized the pastor, the evangelist, the song leader, the pianist, the people—everyone and everything. After all those years this man was still raising issues not commonly raised by God's people, dividing, criticizing, denouncing others; but he was sweet about it.

This man might have been a power for God and a great leader. He had natural ability, and he loved God. He died a short time after the revival mentioned above, but only a few really mourned his death. He felt himself a martyr to a great cause. Yet, undoubtedly he died in the faith. He was a good man. According to those near him, he died triumphantly. He was right in his heart, but wrong in his head—deadly wrong.

Pleasing personalities, powerful preachers have gone into churches that were on fire for God, aggressively missionary and evangelistic, and raised issues about things on which good people disagree. They have created a conscience on trivialities in the minds of good people who want to live right. Sincere preaching from a sincere

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## Their Hearts Were Stirred

By Margaret Bogart

*A large congregation gathered  
'Way back in Moses' day  
To hear what their mighty leader  
Was then about to say.  
He had just received instructions  
From God; and standing there  
In his voice there was a reverence,  
In his heart a fervent prayer.*

*"This is the thing which God commands.  
Are you willing and also wise?  
A tabernacle He would build  
And this He would advise—  
That an offering be taken  
Of time, of money and work.  
Each give because his heart is stirred  
And then no one will shirk."*

*So in God's Word we read about  
What offerings can do  
When given with a willing heart  
By just a godly few.  
They didn't give because of duty  
Nor did they give from fear.  
They gave because their hearts were stirred  
And God himself was near!*

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man can divide good people of equal piety, bringing the less informed under the personal influence of an adored preacher, causing them to conform to the preacher's peculiar convictions. They are not convinced by the Word; they are convinced by the preacher, if they like him. They conform to his mold.

In one instance a good lady traded her yellow gold watch case for a white gold case because her admired preacher made an issue out of wearing gold even in a watch. She conformed to his views, though her friends couldn't detect that she was transformed. She was just as Christlike with the yellow gold as the white.

Christ died to bring into being a person like unto himself—a Christlike person. Paul preached Christ crucified. Those who believed were transformed and made jubilantly victorious and fruitful. Judaizers followed along and worked just as sincerely to straighten the people out on certain points of conformity to the law, but left them not one whit more Christlike. Some were brought into bondage, and became bitter critics of others who would not conform.

A council (general assembly) was held at Jerusalem. Many Spirit-filled men debated, discussed, prayed, waited before God. The majority ruled. The Judaizers lost, but they were not hushed. They carried on their campaign as vigorously as usual, not accepting the judgment of the majority. Very much harm was done by these sincere but mistaken men in the first century of the Christian Church.

Since they would not trust the judgment of the majority of the sanctified disciples, Paul had but one recourse—he warned his followers to be on guard. "Beware of the concision."

Issues are raised sometimes to get followers for selfish reasons. Dummies are set up in order to have a sensational target to shoot at, and much excitement is created as we fire away. Great zeal is shown and people are deceived as to the source of the inspiration. Honest men are sometimes deceived as to the source of their inspiration, thinking it is heaven-born. In our cutting and slashing about we make a great show of getting God's work done. But the true test of Christlikeness is our willingness to accept the judgment of the sanctified majority, often more holy than ourselves, as well as to stand uncompromisingly for what is plainly written in His Word, refusing to make issues out of controversial matters among those of equal piety.

Whole denominations have been slowed down, weakened, and all but destroyed by sincere men who would not accept the judgment of holy men and women. Since the "concision" cannot, should not, be forced out of Christian fellowship, our only safeguard is a Spirit-filled, understanding church alive to vital and momentous issues that far outweigh the trivialities of the legalists, that march on to triumphant missionary and evangelistic work.



PENTECOST! What spiritual meaning that word conveys! A day long to be remembered in church history! It is the birth day of the Church of Jesus Christ. Since that time believing Christians have been challenged to unite in holy fellowship for one major purpose—the evangelization of the world.

So, for Nazarenes, Pentecost Sunday, June 6, has more than ordinary meaning. We stand in unique succession to those spiritual pioneers who obeyed the command to "tarry ye . . . until ye be endued with power from on high" (Luke 24:49)—then went out to dare, to do, and to die that Christ might be "preached every where" (Mark 16:20).

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## Help from the Sanctuary:

By B. V. Seals\*

### The Rectifying Influence Of the Sanctuary

I BELIEVE it would be about impossible to overestimate the importance of the sanctuary in helping men to stand upright and go straight. I believe babies are influenced by the church while still in their mothers' arms. They hear the good old hymns, and their lives are influenced by the early impressions.

I watched my little granddaughter the other day, only two years of age, playing, and she was singing one chorus after another. Her doll fell out of the buggy, and finally the buggy turned over, but she went on putting it all together again and never stopped singing. She changed choruses once or twice, but never did quit singing. The influence of the church was working in her little life already as it does for older people.

David said (in paraphrase): "I saw the wicked neighbor in an expensive house, driving a Cadillac, and enjoying plenty of money, while I lived in a rented house and drove an old jalopy that belonged mostly to the bank. He bought everything wholesale, or in large quantities, and I bought everything retail and often paid a penalty. I paid the high cost of low living. And when I

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saw the prosperity of the wicked, I well-nigh slipped." But the Lord took him into the sanctuary and revealed to him the end of the wicked; it took the *slip* out of him and put the *go* in him.

How many have gone to the sanctuary, tempted and leaning a little, only to be straightened up by the gospel message and the influence of the sanctuary? How many have gone there looking down and have come away looking up? How many have gone there looking for a hole in the ground and come away looking for a hole in the skies? How many have gone there looking for the undertaker and come away looking for the Up-taker? Many have gone feeling oppressed and come away singing. Many have gone to church feeling earthly-minded and have come away feeling heavenly-minded. Many have gone to church feeling burdened and heartbroken and have come away with a keen consciousness that earth has no sorrows that heaven cannot heal. How many have gone there feeling they were doomed to failure, and have come away feeling that they didn't dare fail?

I must close this right now and hurry to church where my good pastor and his people, with the help of the Lord, will give me what I need most today. My heart is troubled and too burdened for words to describe, but I have an appointment with God in His sanctuary, and I know that "he that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things? (Rom. 8:32.)

Today the sun may break through to me through sermon or song, and I'll be listening. I may hear the familiar voice of the Spirit whisper, "My grace is sufficient for thee." I will also be prepared; I have waited so long; may He come today. And where is He any more likely to come than in God's sanctuary at the appointed time and place? I must go now, for I dare not be late to such an important appointment as I have with God in His house. He has promised that in the day of trouble He will send me help from the sanctuary.

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## A PRAYER

### For Divine Enthusiasm

By F. W. Davis

*Dear Lord, today I humbly pray  
Thou wilt my heart inspire.  
Oh, let me feel Thy holy zeal,  
And keep my soul on fire!*

*I need Thy grace each test to face;  
Please help me not to be  
Lukewarm or cold within my soul,  
Nor cursed with lethargy.*

*O God, somehow come, stir me now,  
While earnestly I plead;  
And give me power, each day and hour—  
Supply this urgent need!*

## God Bless the Writers!

By Mrs. A. L. McElyea\*

I READ an article in the March issue of *Reader's Digest* today, "How the Bible Is Building Israel," by Blake Clark. I do not know the writer, and I do not know what moved him to write, but I'm glad he did. I felt a strange, yet not strange, stirring within as I saw unfolded before my eyes a vision of the power of the Word of God. "They are using it," he says, "to rediscover their land's forgotten wealth." He is speaking of Israel and tells of one being guided by I Kings 7:45-46 to the discovery of King Solomon's famous copper mines.

Other scripture miraculously leads to similar discoveries and victories. It seems to be a literal fulfilling of the thirty-fifth chapter of Isaiah: "The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose" (v. 1). The ever-upbuilding hand of our God is upon them who would honor and glorify His name.

This I read today has warmed my heart, strengthened my faith, and blessed my soul, for I realize once again that one who will follow the plan and course mapped out by God in His holy Word cannot fail. "There is a path," cried Job, ". . . which the vulture's eye hath not seen" (Job 28:7).

The voice of Isaiah echoes plainly, "And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for those: the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein" (Isa. 35:8). The wayfaring men are travelers on this beautiful road of holiness, standing on the promises of God, and walking in the light He sheds upon their pathway. In other words, they are the redeemed of the Lord. I am convinced that if we follow the Guide we shall come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Oh, but I must go back. I'm glad people write. What a privilege to be able to read in a few minutes what it may have taken days, months, or perhaps years to assemble and put into printed form! Many people do not think of writing as actual labor; they think only of the luxury of relaxing to read. That is life. But, writers, God is reading too. Anything that will glorify Him is not in vain. Neither will it be forgotten by Him. I was hungering and thirsting for—I knew not what—until I learned through the many enlightening articles in the *HERALD OF HOLINESS* about the second blessing. It was through the *HERALD* that I was led into the experience of entire sanctification. The Holy Ghost still moves men to write.

I'm sure that I speak for many today as I say thank you and thank God for Christian literature. I'm glad people write.

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## That Christian Shine

By Bertha Stephens\*

JESUS cannot shoulder our burdens so long as we hang on to them ourselves. We must leave them with Him, trusting Him fully to do what is best. Did He not say, "If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, . . . nothing shall be impossible unto you" (Matt. 17:20)? What right then do we have to doubt the precious promises that were never known to fail?

A woeful number of Christians today are not having the happy experience that they should have. They are going through life on a part-time basis, because they let their modern minds carelessly turn them away from the Truth. They have never fully accepted Christ as their constant Companion and Comforter. They are missing that deep and abiding "know so" faith in God. They believe the Bible. They believe that God can do wonderful things. They have just never thought of applying God's wonderful promises to their own everyday lives.

These Christians go to church regularly. They pray for all those for whom they should pray. They

ask God's blessing on their children and on themselves. Then, the prayer period over, they look just as worried as they did before, and they immediately begin to ponder on how best to meet the very problems that they have just asked God to solve.

I used to wonder what put that special shine on the faces of some Christians, while others looked all the time like "Gloomy Gus" in person. Now I know what puts it there, because I've found it too. It was bought with a price. Jesus paid that price on Calvary, and joyous Christianity is within the reach of every true believer. It comes freely and gloriously to all who accept Him as their own personal Saviour, and then trust Him wholly for little things—big things—all things.

*I know He walks beside me,  
For I feel His presence there.  
His hand rests on my shoulder  
When I kneel in earnest prayer.*

*He carries all my burdens  
And leaves me free to sing,  
As I go down life's pathway  
Beside our risen King.*

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## THE QUESTION BOX

Q. Please explain Matt. 12:43-45. Does this refer to a person who has been forgiven of his sins but failed to go on and get filled with the Holy Spirit?

A. I don't think this passage has any reference to the saved as over against those who are sanctified wholly, or filled with the Holy Spirit. It refers especially to the fact that Christian experience is not a negative something. It is not enough to get saved; we must go on at once and follow Christ. Christianity is a positive something, and we keep saved, not just by keeping sin out, but chiefly by keeping Christ within. If we try merely to keep sin out, we shall soon be filled with devils. The way to keep from sinning, let me say again, is by following Christ.

Q. Two people in my presence had a discussion about Jesus being in heaven before He came to earth. One of the two would not agree that Jesus had an existence before He came to this world. Will you please help us out on this question?

A. The New Testament undoubtedly teaches the pre-existence of Jesus Christ. He was the Son of God before He became the Son of Man. Then He was the God-Man, the Son of God and the Son of Man in one personal selfhood. The divine Son of God was

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united with a human nature through His birth of the Virgin Mary. He was conceived by the Holy Ghost and born of the Virgin Mary. The eternal Son of God became the Son of Man without ceasing to be the Son of God. He is now a divine-human Person, and has been a divine-human Person since He was born of the Virgin Mary. This is a miracle and not easily understood. However, there are plenty of scriptures which teach the pre-existence of the Son of God. Here are some of them: "Jesus said unto them, Verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am" (John 8:58); "And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was" (John 17:5); "Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world" (John 17:24). In these passages the Man of Galilee is speaking of himself. He was before Abraham was, had glory with God before the world was, and was loved by the Father before the world was. In other places in the New Testament the writers say things

about Jesus Christ which clearly imply that He existed before His life in this world. In Hebrews we are told that the worlds were made by Him and also that all things are upheld by the word of His power (Heb. 1:2-3). And in Colossians, Paul is undoubtedly talking about Jesus Christ when he declares that all things were created by and for Him and consist by Him who is before all things (Col. 1:16-17). Then in John 1:1-14 we are told these same truths even more emphatically, if possible, than anywhere else in the New Testament. Jesus Christ was the eternal Son of God, the second Person in the Trinity, before He began His walk on this earth.

Q. Just what is your opinion on this situation? Is it better to tell a falsehood if it will keep peace in a family and prevent a quarrel? A saved and sanctified person did this for that reason. What attitude does God take on this? Is this really a sin?

A. There has been much discussion in the field of religion and philosophy as to whether there is ever any reason for telling a lie. There are the so-called lies of necessity which are listed thus by one writer: lies of diplomacy, lies of the physician regarding the condition of the patient, lies of self-

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## The Omnipotence of Man

AS SOON as you see this subject, you probably will begin to question it. You will insist that I have no right to speak of the omnipotence of man, that this word can be used only with reference to God. He alone is all-powerful. Only He is able to do everything without limit. You are right, from the standpoint of the usual definition of that term. Man is not God and never will be able to do everything without limit.

Nevertheless, I used the subject, first, to get your attention; and second, to emphasize a certain truth about man. When I speak of the omnipotence of man, I mean that he has full and absolute power within one realm. From the moral standpoint, he can do as he pleases; he can choose either good or bad, either God or the devil, and nothing or no one can stop him. Through the power of free choice man can rise above nature and nurture, or heredity and environment. He can also resist God's purpose for him.

Adam was created by God, created good and hedged about with everything that was good. His heredity was the best, and his environment was beautiful beyond description. Only one restriction was placed on man, and that restriction symbolized the fact that man was a moral creature and must choose finally between right and wrong, between being holy or sinful. God did everything He could to make the holy desirable, but He could not make man a free moral agent and force him to choose holiness, however attractive it might be. In the last analysis, man must make his own decision as to whether he will go with God or the devil.

The Bible is full of illustrations showing the choices of men, outstanding men, men of power and influence, men who made their decisions in spite of or against their heredity or their environment. They rose above everything else and in the omnipotence of their free moral agency decided either against God or for Him. There is Judas Iscariot—what an environment he had! He walked in the shadow of the Master, and followed in His train. He associated with the very best, from the standpoint of religion. Besides, we have no reason to doubt that his heredity was of the very best; he came from the chosen people. In spite of every advantage that had been his, he exercised his omnipotence, his right to do as he pleased in the moral realm, and betrayed his Lord.

There is Saul of Tarsus. He had the best of heredity and environment, from a merely human standpoint, although that environment was such as to set him against Christ and the Christian movement. He became a radical, merciless enemy of Christ and Christianity. But he did not continue in this way. He met the lowly Nazarene on the road to Damascus, and there he said, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" He might have turned down the marvelous revelation of Jesus that day; he could have followed the lead of his heredity and his environment. But by the power,

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the omnipotence, of his will, he said, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" He was not disobedient to the heavenly vision. In the moral realm, Adam, Judas, and Paul were omnipotent. They acted without limit for the right or the wrong.

Joshua realized this omnipotence of man when he said, "Choose you this day whom ye will serve" (Josh. 24:15). Man's moral sovereignty, or kingship, is set forth in that verse. The same is brought out in Deuteronomy where life and death, blessing and cursing are set before the people, and they are called upon to make their choice. Things cannot make such a choice, and neither can animals; only a moral being has that power and man is a moral being. Behold the omnipotence of man!

On Mount Carmel, Elijah said to the people gathered there, "How long halt ye between two opinions? if the Lord be God, follow him: but if Baal, then follow him" (I Kings 18:21). This is the challenge that every mortal man must face. In this realm he is omnipotent; he can do as he pleases and no one can stop him.

Amos said, "Prepare to meet thy God." He said this to men, not to things or animals. Men can prepare to meet their God by deciding to go with Him, or they can refuse to prepare to meet Him by turning their backs on Him and His will. Man, with his free moral agency, can refuse to go with God, even though warned by one who has come back from the dead. He can choose against the prayers, tears, heartbreak, and pleadings of the saintliest mother or the holiest father. He can walk right out of the best environment, and despise it, and turn his face against everything that it stood for. Yes, still more, he can choose against the agony of God himself, and turn down the five bleeding wounds, the cross of Jesus Christ, and splash through His blood, and go his own way in sin. On the other hand, although he is born in sin, or with a sin nature—a bent in the wrong direction, man can by the power of his free will choose God and turn away from that heredity. He can also turn his back on wicked loved ones and friends and the temptations of the devil and go with God. Man is omnipotent in the moral world, from the standpoint of his own choice as to right and wrong.

There is a sequel, however, to this truth. Here it is: You can choose right or wrong and no one can keep you from it, but there is one thing you can't choose, and that is the consequences which will follow. The consequences which go with God and the good will be yours if you choose God and the good, in spite of everything. But in contrast, the consequences which go with sin and the devil will be yours if you choose sin and the devil, re-

ardless of what you do to escape them. Man is omnipotent as to his choices, but he is not omnipotent as to the consequences which follow them.

### "They Do Not Know How to Blush"

**T**H**ERE** is a very interesting verse in Jer. 8:12. It reads as follows, "Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? nay, they were not at all ashamed, neither could they blush: therefore shall they fall among them that fall: in the time of their visitation they shall be cast down, saith the Lord." A recent translation of a part of this verse has appeared several times in the religious press within the past few months. Instead of the words "neither could they blush," they give this verse thus: "They do not know how to blush." One writer has well said that this describes the people of the age in which we live, "They do not know how to blush."

I am not a crank on dress. I certainly say but little about it in my preaching. However, I am getting sick of half-dressed women on our streets in our cities. They used to keep themselves to the beaches, or to their own back yards, but this is not the case any longer. We find them prancing up and down our business streets with very little clothing on. They seem to be far less embarrassed when they do this than the people who have to look at them. Surely it could be said of them, "They do not know how to blush."

On the other side of the ledger, however, I would like to mention one fact. Mrs. White and I took one of the directed walks in Yellowstone Park last summer. We went two or three miles down to where we could see one of the beautiful falls in the Grand Canyon of the park. We were agreeably surprised to find that a number of the women in the party wore clothes that would not have dishonored their appearance anywhere. They, no doubt, came from different parts of our country, and represented many classes of people; still they took that "hike" wearing just ordinary women's clothing. Further, I don't remember that they embarrassed anybody, disgraced themselves, or called attention to themselves.

If we are not careful, as Nazarenes, we'll get to the place where we can excuse ourselves for doing almost anything and everything that the people do who profess little or nothing. I still hold that Christianity, especially of the high type we profess, will make a difference between us and the world. It will not allow us so to follow those about us that we'll get to the place where we do not know how to blush. Morals are not altogether unrelated to dress and behavior.

## Back into Hibernation

**E**ASTER is over. However, I have just run across a pre-Easter cartoon by Jack Hamm. It was printed on the church page of the *Kansas City Star* during March. Across the top it had, "It won't be long now." Then underneath that, in much larger letters, it had "HIBERNATION." Beneath the "hibernation" was a bearlike-looking animal with his paw on a crouching man. Across the bear was the word "indifference," and on the man was this statement: "Spasmodic Churchgoer." At the bottom of the cartoon and in the right-hand corner was a poster with this sentence: "Just awakens at Easter and Christmas." Of course Jack Hamm was thinking of Easter when he drew this cartoon. That's why he said at the top, "It won't be long now." In a little while those churchgoers who had gone into hibernation since Christmas were to come out to appear in church again on Easter; then they would go back into hibernation until Christmas. Thus we have the "Spasmodic Churchgoer," the person who doesn't go to church between Easter and Christmas.

The question that comes to my mind now is, How many of those who read these words went to Sunday school and church on Easter Sunday, and maybe even to Sunday night service, but haven't been there since? They've gone back into hibernation. God have mercy on the spasmodic churchgoer! Churches can't be built on such people, and nations can't be built without churches. If I didn't have enough religion to go to church regularly, I'd get somebody to start a prayer meeting for me at once.

Of course I am aware of the fact that there are a few people who, because of work or illness or other legitimate reasons, are prevented from attending church regularly, but Jack Hamm in his cartoon wasn't referring to that crowd. He was thinking of that vast army of people who never go to church except on Easter and Christmas. They wouldn't like to live in a country where there were no churches, where there was no Christianity. But they are not willing to do much themselves toward perpetuating the church and Christianity. They like to live off what the other people do. They enjoy living in a country where there are churches but make little contribution to them in time or money. I say again, God have mercy on such people! If we were to use just plain, common, ordinary, everyday language, we would say they are "dead beats." Have you gone back into hibernation?

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### A Christian . . .

Reads the Word of God,  
Prayerfully meditates on it,  
Glowingly lives it,  
Lovingly presents it to others.

—ILA R. MONDAY

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## South Arkansas District Crusade Conference

ROY F. SMEE, Secretary

**I**N OUR Crusade for Souls Conferences it has always been our policy to use as special speakers only those who have demonstrated their ability to promote and organize a program of personal soul winning. In the recent conference held at Little Rock First Church we had as associate speakers Rev. Ponder W. Gilliland, superintendent of San Antonio District; and Rev. Leslie Parrott, pastor of First Church in Flint, Michigan.

It was my privilege to be closely associated with both of these men in their pastorates of recent years. While they are both eloquent preachers they attribute the success achieved to the fact that they themselves were everlastingly knocking on doors and making personal contacts for God and the church. Their own leadership in this personal soul-winning program made it possible to enlist many of their church members to assist them and thus they organized the Crusade for Souls Now in their churches. Their messages were from hearts touched with a passion to reach the unsaved with the gospel message. They drew often from their own full experiences in reaching the down-and-out as well as the up-and-out. God has blessed them in reaching busy, worldly business men and women as well as those

to whom life has been rough and has left them stranded or shipwrecked. Their messages and holy enthusiasm generated faith and a new determination on the part of everyone to be more about the Master's business in this soul-saving enterprise.

Rev. Melza Brown and Little Rock First Church entertained the conference in royal fashion. The night services drew capacity crowds and the main auditorium was well filled for the day services.

Rev. W. L. French, the district superintendent, provided and marshaled his forces behind the conference with a fine sense of tact and leadership. Almost all of the pastors of the South Arkansas District were in continuous presence. Rev. J. W. Hendrickson, superintendent of North Arkansas District, was also present and took part in the program.

There was a new sense of personal responsibility for the salvation of the lost about us at the close of the conference.

## Georgia District Crusade Conference

April 12-14 marked the date of the Crusade for Souls Now conference held in Columbus First Church. Rev.

L. E. Humrich and his people entertained the conference in a splendid manner. Georgian hospitality cannot be excelled.

Rev. Mack Anderson, the much-loved district superintendent, had the pastors and people of his district looking forward to the conference and a high percentage were present with pronounced enthusiasm. The church was full every night and not less than 100 people attended the day services regularly. This was the second Crusade conference for the Georgia District and the group voted unanimously for another one next year.

My co-workers in this conference were Rev. Ralph Schurman, pastor of Grace Church in Nashville, Tennessee; and Rev. Robert I. Goslaw, superintendent of the New York District. I had been acquainted with their work along the line of personal evangelism in former pastorates, and knew that their messages would be freighted with fresh illustrations taken from their own experiences. In this I was not disappointed.

Georgia Nazarenes received an enlarged vision of personal responsibility for the salvation of others and left the conference with a new determination to take the message of full salvation "from house to house."



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These employees of the Ford Motor Company engineering department in Dearborn, Michigan, meet each Thursday in the department's conference room and take turns reading the Bible during their half-hour luncheon period. They started with only two men, but soon grew to fourteen regularly in the group. They say concerning their meetings, "They serve as an inspiration to us to live Christian lives at work as well as away from the job." All employees of the company's engineering division have been invited to attend the meetings of the organization.

This example is only one of many where Christians have an opportunity to express their testimony and help to point others to the Christian way of life. A vital Christian experience should be felt in the life of every Nazarene at his work, and opportunities sought to win others in the Crusade for Souls Now.

# FOREIGN MISSIONS

## REMISS REHFELDT, Secretary

### NEWS BRIEFS

Donald and Adeline Owens sailed for Korea, May 2.

Rev. and Mrs. Eric Courtney Smith arrived in Mobile, Alabama, April 27, 1954, from Africa, for a part of their furlough.

Rev. and Mrs. Harry G. Flinner are the proud parents of a baby daughter, Pamela Ann, born April 19, 1954. The Flinners are newly appointed missionaries to Peru.

### Hungry Hearts Find Christ

I hurried off to the Itabashi young people's society, where I was to speak. Among those present was the neighborhood oil delivery boy, Nakajima San, who has been attending my weekly English Bible class. Once before he had asked me, "Why did they kill such a great person as Jesus?" and I sensed that he was hungry. Tonight the illustrated message pictured a world sinking in sin. Only the never-failing hand of Christ could give salvation. Nakajima San received Christ into his heart, with a shining face. Yes, Christ is the Way.—MERRIL BENNETT, *Japan*.

### Progress In British Guiana

We set an Easter Day Sunday-school attendance goal of 1,800. We had a few showers, but on the whole had the nicest day in the past two weeks. All of our 26 Sunday schools have now reported and our total attendance was 2,092. Praise the Lord!

Last year it was 971, and the year before about 400.

Betty's strength does not build up as we would like to see it, but we are counting on the prayers of God's people.—DONALD AULT.

(Continue to pray for this faithful servant of God. He is abundantly able to restore her to health.)

### God Is Answering Prayer In India

You have prayed for Mary Harper, who has been ill. She writes on April 20—"I have the victory and a deep settled peace, and am gaining strength daily, for which I praise God!"

You have been praying for revival to reach all of our India field. Mary Anderson writes: "All through our district and in our institutions we are hearing the sound of a going in the tops of the mulberry trees, so we are trying to bestir ourselves, knowing the Lord shall go before us. We covet your prayers for India."

KEEP ON PRAYING FOR INDIA.

### Portuguese East Africa

Our quarterly meetings have just closed. The Lord was very present in these and several preachers came forward without an altar call being made. Difficulties had arisen and they felt they weren't at their best for God. They had allowed these things to hinder their work.

Yesterday we attended a W.M.S. convention about twenty miles from Manjacaze. Miss Youngblood is our

W.M.S. president on the Southern District, so was in charge. The Lord blessed abundantly. Four seekers became happy finders. This convention was on Rev. Timothy Mucavele's circuit and his circuit led the district in W.M.S., M.M.M., and church offerings this quarter. It was the first time since he has been leading the circuit, so of course that brought great enthusiasm to meeting. One woman said: "We were discouraged; we thought we couldn't do it, but we got the bone this time!"

That brought a laugh from the men, to think that their circuit had run off with the bone.—MARY COOPER.

### NOTICE

In checking our supplies we find we have about a thousand copies each of some old Children's Day Programs, printed several years ago. You may have these as long as they last, in whatever quantities you desire, if you will pay postal charges. Costs for mailing average about 30c per 10 copies.

Programs available are:

*All God's Children*

*His Word*

*His Lights*

*His Fruit Basket*

Write Department of Foreign Missions, stating how many copies you wish and enclosing postage for same.



# The Young People's Society

## L. J. DU BOIS, Secretary

### Smooth-running Machinery By Jerald Johnson\*

A SECOND-GENERATION Nazarene stepping into areas of responsibility with the N.Y.P.S. is no less than amazed at the intricate machinery of this organization. The operations are smooth-running and efficient to the last detail. The materials available from general headquarters are of the very finest. The co-operation between

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the general office and district offices is excellent. District offices are performing in a big way, providing year-round activities for youth. But a second generation then asks the question, "What are the results of all these labors abundant?"

That which has been done thus far is all-important. Nothing has been overlooked. With all of these tools at hand, the time has now come for the N.Y.P.S. to move into a greater area of service. The greatest potential for Sunday-school teachers, youth ad-

visers, and church officers is found in the N.Y.P.S. This being the case, let us then train our youth to be better Sunday-school teachers, youth leaders, and church officers. Do your young people know the Bible as they ought? What is their understanding of church doctrine? What is their knowledge of church history? Surely our youth want to know the answers. It is our responsibility to help them find them.

To this end the general N.Y.P.S. is devoting its interests. District presi-  
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# THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL LESSON



By J. GEORGE TAYLORSON

Topic for May 30: Elisha Reveals Spiritual Resources

Scripture: II Kings 4:8-37; 6:8-23 (Printed, II Kings 6:8-17)

**GOLDEN TEXT:** *If God be for us, who can be against us?* (Rom. 8:31.)

Courage is always a very difficult quality to define. We consider cowardice the direct opposite, yet the separating line is usually so thin that it is almost impossible to be sure. From mere observation of facts and actions it is not easy to make the distinction between courage and cowardice. We think the man who is bold and anxious to take his stand is being brave, when after all he may be merely compensating for a deep, inner uncertainty, born of a fear of being considered less than brave.

There was nothing blustering about Elisha; no desire on his part to manifest his strength and power; no disposition to shove people around. In fact the very calmness of the man in a difficult and trying situation is what draws us to him—the ability to sleep while surrounded by Syrian forces.

How well this reminds us of an incident in the early Christian Church when Peter had been imprisoned and awaited possible beheading! Then we read, "When Herod would have brought him forth, the same night

Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains; and the keepers before the door kept the prison" (Acts 12:6). The only one at rest was the one who had made his peace with God.

The courage of Elisha received its source of strength from a great, ever-flowing underground river of faith in God—too deep to be easily disturbed. Alone with his servant on a forbidding hill, with no army to protect, no trumpets to warn of forthcoming danger, nor a crowd to applaud when the battle was won, slept the man of God. Just a calm, God-fearing, humble soul, whose integrity of heart made his spirit strong and his conquests many! There is no strength like that of a pure heart.

Elisha was held secure by his ability to see the invisible. What Gehazi saw was both real and foreboding. They were surrounded by an armed host, horses and chariots, but the servant's difficulty rested in the fact that he did not see enough. There were other forces there, too! We live in such a prosaic age; only the tangible is real even in religion. We are commanded to "wake up and go to work"; no doubt

a needful admonition, but alone how pitifully inadequate!

You can usually tell a man's quality by observing what it is he sees and what he hears. It is good to be strenuous, but those who would do God's work must first see the invisible host. It is "not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord" (Zech. 4:6). It is this responsiveness to the unseen that provides the true spirit of courage.

There is something more in life than that which can be measured in test tubes or calculated on record boards. May God heal our eyes, that we too may see the invisible hosts of His powers surrounding and blessing our efforts. The true Church of Christ is made up of the fellowship of redeemed souls who have seen the invisible and now walk, with undaunted courage, in His divine fellowship. "Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them. . . . Lord, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see" (II Kings 6:16-17).

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## THE HOME CIRCLE

### "Don't Call 'Em Comics"

FOR SEVERAL years some folks have been concerned over the buying, selling, and reading of so-called comic books. One parent excused herself for allowing her child to read such trash by saying, "He is so quiet during the time he reads one of these comic books." Can you recall any book you read when you were six, seven, or ten? All I have to do to remember such books is to sit quietly by for a few moments and allow my imagination to get to work. Soon the characters from storybooks read before I was out of my teens come back into my mind.

There is another method whereby I can recall some characters I met in

### Conducted by GRACE RAMQUIST

books of long ago. While I was growing up, when school was out for the day or when it was vacation time, there was always someone playing the piano around our house. One spring my sister was preparing to give her piano graduation recital. She had learned all of her program, but two weeks before the recital was to take place she found, by timing her selections, that she lacked one number of having enough music to fill her hour. The teacher immediately assigned her "Spring Song." For the next two weeks, "Spring Song" was played over and over and over. I, at the same time, was reading some necessary

books for my grade in school. There was only one house and only one living room. So I read in the living room while my sister memorized "Spring Song." Now, more than thirty years later, when "Spring Song" is played, the book *The Children's Pilgrimage* unfolds before me. Those characters in the book struggle through the hard situations I read about so long ago. Today I relive the happenings of the book because I lived them while I first read them. Because of my own experience, I believe all reading makes definite impressions on the readers.

In the *San Francisco Chronicle* of April 26, 1954, there was an article printed by the editor entitled "Don't Call 'Em Comics." No doubt you are

aware of the fact that San Francisco is facing a terrific problem with its delinquent children. Perhaps the situation is more critical than in other sections of the country, although the problem is most serious in every state of the Union. I would like to give you some quotations from Editor George T. Cameron of the *San Francisco Chronicle*.

"The American comic book—usually a cheap and garish pulp publication that is anything but comic—has acquired such status and influence as to come under investigation by a subcommittee of the U.S. Senate.

"The investigation, members of the committee explained, was undertaken not as 'bluenosed censorship' but 'to find out what damage, if any, is being done to the children.'

"That today's flood of comic books needs investigation was apparent from the outset of the hearings. Testimony showed that a large percentage of the one billion 'comic books' published each year portray violence, horror, sex and sadism, and also carry advertisements for knives, dueling swords, pistols and rifles.

"It must be kept steadily in mind that these books are aimed directly at children. They are produced for and distributed among juveniles, and have largely escaped the notice of parents. Hence they are not subject to the automatic censorship that the taste and judgment of adults impose on

other publications—the effective censorship that makes the printing of offensive or preposterous or infantile works unprofitable.

"The publisher of one large group of comic books told the Senate subcommittee that in his belief his products 'don't do a bit of harm to young readers.' But Dr. Frederic Wertham, senior psychiatrist of the New York City Department of Hospitals, who has given long and careful study to the matter, flatly called the blood-and-thunder comic books 'an important contributing factor' to juvenile delinquency. He said: 'As long as these books exist, there is no secure home.'

"The point is, that some comic-book publishers are going to indefensible lengths in pursuit of juveniles' dimes, and are doing so in spite of some effort by fellow publishers to keep the business within some bounds of decency. How these mavericks are to be controlled, how their outpourings of horror and dirt are to be prevented from producing the great harm of which they are, on good authority, capable, is a question of extreme delicacy.

"We believe that if parents were to examine the publications that their children are reading in the guise of 'comic books' the immediate outcry might be loud enough and widespread enough to discourage their distribution and sale. That kind of censor-

ship—economic censorship—is both legal and effective."

I would like for you to remember that the above was not written by a group of churchmen. But what about us churchmen? Do we have comic books in our houses? Are our children reading such trash?

It is only fair to present a positive plan after the negative has been exposed. If there are comic books in your home, start a campaign against them. There is not a child who cannot become interested in good things—of course, that is, if the adult is willing to take the trouble to interest him. All children will not be interested in the same things. Perhaps a boy can be interested in repairing and remaking cars. If so, buy him books for reading on this type of work. Soon comic books will fade into insignificance because of the joy of learning something constructive.

Contests are good mediums. On and on I could go. Remember, above all things, if you want your child to have a clean mind, you must see that he has clean reading. You, as a parent, must take an active interest in his reading. Let us, as good churchmen, see that the comic book is not purchased nor read in our homes. Let us be examples. George T. Cameron and Dr. Frederic Wertham need help in cleaning out the trash which is being circulated by all our newsstands!

## NEWS of the Churches



Falls City, Nebraska—We have been pastoring the church in this lovely town of 6,000 people for two years. At the same time we have been attending Nazarene Theological Seminary and driving 200 miles each week end. We have had good revivals with Evangelists C. F. Byers and W. E. Carleton. God has blessed the church with new people and a growing Sunday school. All records were broken this month. We had 124 present on Easter Sunday; received 13 new members into the church, 11 by profession of faith; and had an Easter offering of \$155.00. We are looking forward to moving permanently to Falls City after graduation in May.—Glen Terry, Pastor.

Pastor C. B. McCaull reports from Granby, Missouri: "After two years in home-mission work in North Brownwood, Texas, we came here last July and found a wonderful group of loyal Nazarenes. Our Sunday school has increased substantially, and on Easter all previous records were broken with an attendance of 154. The church has had two revivals this last year: the first with Rev. Clemeth Madewell, and the second with Evangelists Clint and

Barbara Mitchell. Dr. Jarrette Aycock, our district superintendent, also held a service which was beneficial. We appreciate the labors of former pastors. With a unanimous recall, we are trusting for greater victories this coming year."

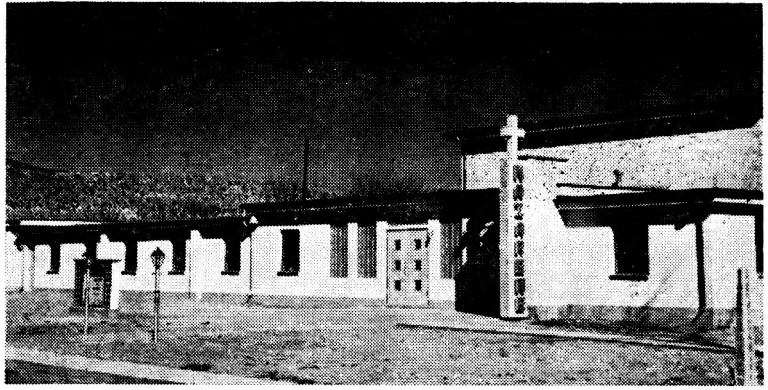
Dr. and Mrs. A. S. London report: "Another Sunday-school attendance record was broken—Pastor Earl Darden of Oak Avenue Church, Duncan, Oklahoma, saw 279 present in his church not yet three years old. The church membership is 85. They gave more than \$750.00 in the missionary offering. They have beautiful property at a cost of \$42,000.00. The Dardens are devout, aggressive, and loved by their people. It was a joy to be with them again. Pastors from over the zone came in for three services on Friday. Superintendent Johnson was in some of the meetings. Mrs. Johnson came and rendered excellent service in song on Sunday night. We have now seen more than 200 Sunday-school attendance records broken across the nation in our travels of more than three-quarters of a million

miles, in every state in the Union, Canada, and Mexico. We have been in about 2,000 local churches in 17 different denominations. Thanks to all who have made this possible."

Arcadia, Indiana—Salem Church is located about four miles southwest of Arcadia. When the building was purchased it was much in need of repair. We replaced all broken windows, refinished the floors, and put new carpet on the pulpit and aisles at a cost of \$1,480.00. We have seen some wonderful revivals and many souls led to Christ. Last year our Sunday school averaged 81. There is a full basement and furnace with six classrooms. The church was organized May 20, 1951, with 13 charter members. We pastored the church four years, and enjoyed working with the loyal Nazarenes and friends. The mortgage was burned on Sunday, March 28, and the church is now free of debt. We resigned on March 28 and are now doing home-mission work and holding revivals. Rev. Henry Terry is the new pastor. The record attendance for Sunday school is 141.—Everett Wainscott, Reporter.

## Canon City, Colorado

On May 3, 1953, construction was begun on the pictured church, a project which was much needed. The former location was being crowded by the business district, and the building was inadequate. A 7,300-square-foot floor area church was built at a cost of \$36,000.00. An additional \$4,000.00 was spent on furnishings. We now have three principal auditoriums, a church office, a pastor's study, a nursery, and accommodations for fifteen Sunday-school classes without crowding the facilities. The interior of the building includes many modern features. Construction was completed November 1, 1953. The people gave \$10,000.00 during the construction period in addition to their regular offerings. There were 400 in attendance at the union Thanksgiving service. Our Sunday-school



average for March, 1954, was 189.—Kenneth P. Smith, Pastor.

Evangelist Haley Messer writes: "I have an open date, August 4 to 15, and this date comes between two camp meetings in Georgia. I would be glad to slate all or any part of this time with some church in the South. Write me % Box 527, Kansas City 41, Missouri."

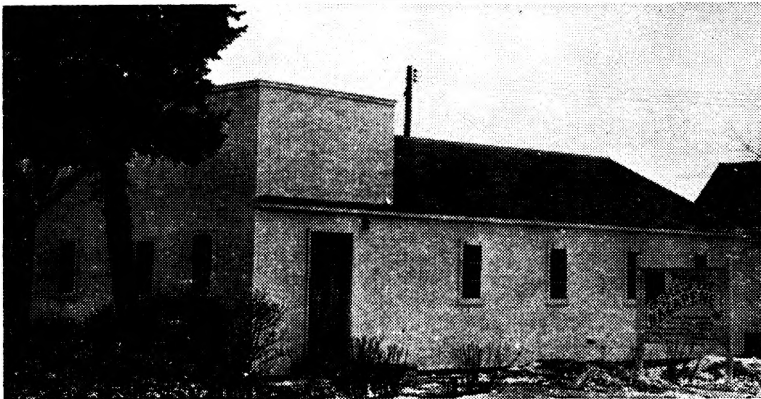
Georgetown, Kentucky—Our church has been blessed with a gracious refreshing from the presence of the Lord under the ministry of Rev. Mason Lee, evangelist. It was a time of deepening in spiritual things for the church and a time of conviction and repentance for those not walking in the light. We are thankful for the victories won. Over 100 people bowed at the altar of prayer and we believe everyone received help from the Lord. Our Sunday school has averaged 360 during April. Brother Lee will be with us again on Mother's Day for the one Sunday. On Easter Sunday night the choir gave a beautiful cantata, which was well received. Rev. Hugh Clark, pastor, believes there are better days ahead for the Georgetown church. God still answers prayer.—Grace Clark, Reporter.

Rev. Clarence W. Perry writes: "I was converted at the age of nine and received a definite call to preach at the age of fourteen. God has been good to me as I have endeavored to serve Him these years. I am closing twenty-seven years of pastoral service and will enter the field of evangelism. As God directs, I will be available for revivals, youth and holiness conventions after June 7. Until that date you may address me at 3425 D Street, Lincoln 10, Nebraska. After that my address will be P.O. Box 527, Kansas City 41, Missouri."

High Point, North Carolina—Calvary Church recently closed a good revival with Rev. W. Blanchard Horne as evangelist. Some new souls found God and some of our regular people were definitely helped. Brother Horne is a good, strong preacher with a message that Nazarenes need. Since coming to Calvary in the fall of 1951 we have seen increases in nearly every department of the church, and God has given us many souls at the altar. The finances have steadily increased each year until the giving is the highest in

the history of the church. The interior of the church has been painted throughout, including new sheet rock and celotex in three of the Sunday-school rooms. The church parking yard has been graded and graveled, a new retaining wall put at the front, and a concrete sidewalk put across the 100-foot lot. A new Sunday-school annex with five rooms plus vestibule, corridors, and rest rooms, is now under construction; the walls are up and the roof is on. We must yet pour the floors and trim the building, which will cost about \$1,200.00. We are paying as we go on with this project. This fine group of Nazarenes have given their pastor and his family the finest treatment possible—many gifts of clothing plus two salary increases. On Sunday, April 25, they gave us a unanimous recall for one year and then extended the call for two years with only 3 negative votes out of 56 ballots. We praise God for this fine group of people and for the opportunity of working in such a wonderful field. Our Sunday-school attendance has averaged 216 for the past two months.—A. H. Johnson, Pastor.

## Montevideo, Minnesota



In February, 1953, gratitude and praise filled the air as members and friends gathered here for the dedication service, conducted by Rev. Arthur Morgan, at that time Minnesota district superintendent. Rev. R. E. Henry came to Montevideo in 1949, when

there were only three or four members. Through the wonderful blessings of the Holy Spirit and the labors of Brother Henry, this beautiful edifice was erected. At the time of Brother Henry's arrival there was no church or property; the people worshiped in

the basement of the Episcopal church. After much prayer and meditation, property was purchased in the newest portion of the city, and work begun. The community was astounded at the rapidity of the building program. Soon the group was able to worship in the church and in a short time the chapel was completed. The church is surrounded with beautiful, towering pine trees. The interior is finished with knotty pine, including the pulpit, and the piano and the seats are painted buff. The church has been called the "Chapel in the Pines." It is a frame building and is heated with fuel oil. There are three good-sized Sunday-school rooms and a pastor's study in the church. The property is valued at \$8,000.00. The people are united in every respect and co-operating with the whole program of the church. Pray with us that God will enable us to meet the challenge that presents itself in the many new homes in our church area.—M. Dale Brown, Pastor.

Berry, Alabama—On Sunday night, April 18, we closed what all the church considers a very profitable revival, with Rev. Wilson Douglass as evangelist. There were several seekers at the altar, and three people united with the church. Brother Douglass is an old-time holiness preacher, who preaches with love for lost souls, but fights the devil and worldliness in the old-time way. The church recently completed a modern five-room parsonage of concrete block construction, with only \$2,700.00 indebtedness. Rev. and Mrs. Charles A. Hall have been our pastors for two and one-half years. The Lord is blessing the work here.—Reporter.

Evangelist Russel R. McCollom writes: "We have some open dates this fall. In addition to my preaching, my wife sings solos and we sing together. We will go wherever the Lord leads. Write us, 624 S. Knight, Wichita, Kansas."

Rev. Luther Grossman writes: "I am making up my evangelistic slate, and will go anywhere for freewill offerings. I have been a pastor for six years, and am an ordained elder on the Eastern Oklahoma District. Write me, 1610 W. Hull, Denison, Texas."

Mason City, Iowa—When we came here in August, 1953, we found a group of loyal working people and a church in the best of condition, thanks to our predecessor, Rev. Paul Madden, who pastored here four years. The church was in shape to go forward and God has continued to be with us. Every department is on the increase. Easter Sunday marked the close of a great revival with Professor Ron Lush as musician and singer. He is unsurpassed as a choir director and his trumpet playing was a great addition to the meeting. The evangelist was our own district superintendent, Rev. Gene E. Phillips. Never have I heard better preaching. God was present in every service. During the meeting the church gave us a unanimous three-year call and voted a ten-dollar-per-week increase in salary. New people are coming in nearly every service, the folks are working, and God is blessing. I thank God for the privilege of working for Him through the Church of the Nazarene.—Warren E. Burd, Pastor.

#### The Young People's Society

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dents must carry the torch to local officers. Local societies will then make their weekly meetings centers of training. They must not be moments of uninspiring drudgery; rather, the sessions should be saturated with the presence of the Divine, which will become a great motivating force in challenging our youth to become better Nazarenes, active soul winners, and efficient leaders in tomorrow's church. This cannot be done "by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord."

Montpelier, Ohio—On April 11 we closed a wonderful revival with Rev. James S. Fitch as evangelist. He is a true Nazarene, a good preacher, and carries a burden for souls. Several people were saved and sanctified. Our pastor is conducting a church membership class. A nice love offering was taken for the pastor, Rev. L. B. Miller. Our church is moving forward with a new zeal and a greater determination to do our best for the Lord.—Thelma Stemen, Secretary.

Covington, Kentucky—East Side Church recently closed one of the best revivals in recent years with Rev. James Fitch as evangelist. His messages were just what we needed; many souls were helped. On the closing Sunday many came to be saved or sanctified. On Sunday night the altar was filled from one end to the other with almost all getting good victory. We praise God for this outstanding revival.—E. Stanley Wagner, Pastor.

Pontiac, Michigan—Zion Church recently closed an outstanding two-week meeting with Rev. D. E. Patrone. Many seekers found help, and on the last Sunday 6 new members were received into the church. This makes a total of 14 new members this year, with all

but 2 by profession of faith. Under the leadership of Pastor Wm. E. Varian, our Sunday-school and church attendance is increasing. For the last two months we have averaged 212 in Sunday school. Brother Patrone has been called back for another meeting. A fine love offering was taken for Mrs. Varian. We thank God for His blessings.—Reporter.

Martinsville, Indiana—Coming to First Church last September, we found a great crowd of people with a desire to go forward for God. A wonderful work had been done by the former pastor, Rev. George Scutt. God has been blessing these past few months. Easter Sunday we closed what old-timers say was one of the greatest revivals in the history of the church. Rev. J. D. Stafford, the good evangelist, carries a real burden for souls and has an unusual way of getting the church under it. His messages were gripping and convicting, bringing forth real results. The Rushing Family furnished the music and special singing; we feel they added greatly to the success of the revival. Easter Sunday we broke all previous records in Sunday-school attendance with 826 present. Our average for the month of April was 500. Immediately after



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Eastern Nazarene College Wollaston, Mass.	June 12—Aug. 6
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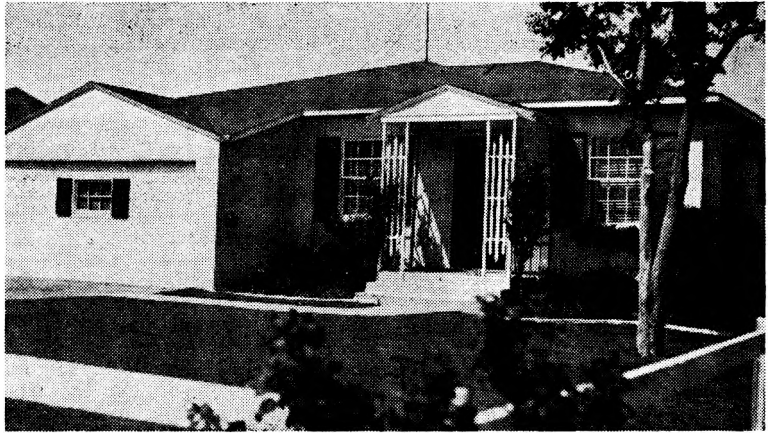
our missionary convention at Indianapolis First Church in March, our church adopted the 10-per-cent plan for missions. God has blessed us in a wonderful way and a fine spirit of unity prevails. Our district as a whole seems united under the leadership of our fine district superintendent, Rev. Luther Cantwell.—J. E. Childress, Pastor.

New Haven, Connecticut—Rev. Wm. H. Benson came to this church in September of 1945, and God's blessings have been upon his ministry here for the past eight years. He has preached with fervency of the Spirit, led us through difficult times, always putting God first, labored unceasingly, and touched many lives both inside and outside the church. He has been pastor, friend, and brother, sharing our joys and sorrows, giving his best as unto the Lord. Not only has he led us higher spiritually, but we have also made material gains. Largely through his efforts we have a new basement of seven classrooms, also a nursery and office, new cement porch and steps, the entire church redecorated, much new equipment purchased including a Hammond organ installed, and work done on the parsonage. He closed his ministry with us with a baptismal service with six young people being baptized. We also owe a debt of gratitude to Sister Benson for the work she did with the children as teacher and Junior supervisor. It was largely through her efforts that we were able to burn our mortgage in 1947, when we celebrated our "Silver Anniversary." We pray God's richest blessings upon Brother and Sister Benson in their new work in West Somerville, Massachusetts.—Evelina Dykes, Secretary.

Evangelist Jim Ashcraft reports: "On April 4, I closed a very fruitful revival at East Waco, Texas, with my pastor, Rev. M. S. Burkhart. We had seekers in most of the services, and some found definite help. One week before the meeting began and all through the revival there was a prayer meeting at the church each morning, which was a great contribution to the revival. Brother Burkhart is beginning his sixth year as pastor with a unanimous vote each year. On the closing day of the meeting fourteen members were received into the church. Write me at 515 Denver, Waco, Texas."

Scranton, Pennsylvania — Easter Sunday brought to a close what we term a good revival, with Rev. and Mrs. Russell Bush as evangelists. Several hundred people were contacted, and new people were in the services nightly. While it rained almost every night and an epidemic of measles cut down the attendance some, God still blessed with seekers. The evangelists were faithful workers in word, song, and musical talent. They worked with an undaunted zeal and optimism. The church is greatly encouraged to push on for greater things.—Mattie Mayer Silfes, Pastor.

## Parsonage, East San Bernardino, California



We are enjoying the signal blessings of God at East San Bernardino Church. We came here the first of June, 1953, following the fine ministry of Rev. Virgil Rayborn. We found a loyal people ready to do whatever God would lay on their hearts. We are coming to the end of the year with all budgets paid in full, an increase of more than 25 per cent in church membership, a Sunday school that has averaged 203 for the past seven Sundays, with a new record attendance of 308 on Easter Sunday. A revival re-

cently conducted by Evangelist H. T. Eastman and wife was blessed of God with many at the altar seeking the Lord for pardon or purity. Our church has adopted a forward-looking program and we feel that God will help us through. Here is shown a picture of the recently purchased parsonage. We have received and accepted a three-year call to continue here as pastor. My own ministry has been blessed by these contacts here and I am enjoying the best days of my life.—Raymond E. Dobie, Pastor.

East Charleston, Vermont—On April 11 we closed our revival with Rev. A. G. Weiss as our evangelist. The Holy Spirit was present and on the last evening the altar was lined with seekers who found victory over sin. It was a fitting climax to a series of meetings emphasized by the presence of the Holy Spirit. We saw a steady increase in attendance each evening with a record crowd in the closing service. Our church is more deeply spiritual because of these meetings. Brother Weiss is esteemed by all for his fine spirit, anointed musical program, and wise presentation of the gospel message. Plans are being made to have him return in the near future. We are encouraged as we draw near the close of our first year as pastor here. The Lord has blessed and we are rejoicing in His service.—John D. Scott, Pastor.

Jefferson, Texas—We recently closed a good revival with Rev. E. M. Walker, whose ministry was valuable to all our hearts. We think we have one of the finest groups of people that can be found anywhere. In December, 1953, we started our sixth year as pastor here. Three weeks ago the church gave us a unanimous call for another year; also a raise in salary. The church is in good spiritual condition and we are having a steady increase in Sunday-school attendance. The church and parsonage are free of debt. Besides pastoring the church we have held fifteen revivals in the past five years. We give God the praise for all that has been accomplished.—C. B. White, Pastor.

Redwood Falls, Minnesota—The revival which came to our church can be described as one of the most intensely soul-searching, spiritual awakenings ever to be experienced by the congregation. Rev. and Mrs. James Holman were the human instruments used of God night after night to convey His truth to our hearts. The Holy Spirit labored faithfully in conviction for sin and showing the need for all-out consecration. A new spirit of optimism and aggressiveness has gripped the church and we are expecting new advances to be made under God's divine leadership.—Ben D. Lemaster, Pastor.

### THE QUESTION BOX

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defense and protection of friends, lies of loyalty to secrets, and lies of common courtesy and manners. Then he adds his answer to this whole situation in these words: "Lies create a false world, while the truth aims to be loyal to the real world in so far as we know it. To lie is to assume that the real world is inferior to the imaginary world which the lie aims to create. This assumption is certainly not proved. Of course one's language should not be tactless, and truth-telling need not be brutal. It is best, however, to lie not at all, and to teach the oncoming generation the importance of honesty." I agree with these words, and, therefore, could not in the least encourage the kind of lie you describe in your question.

Jimmy and Fern Heasley write: "The past four years have been good years in the pastorate for us. In coming to Rogers, Arkansas, we found a faithful and loyal group of Nazarenes. With the united effort of church and pastor we have been able to make remarkable gains in building improvements and finances. We have a beautiful church and parsonage with a harmonious group of Nazarenes. We have enjoyed immensely our labors with them. Feeling that our work has been accomplished here, we are re-entering the evangelistic field this fall. We are making up our slate now for 1955-56. Anyone desiring our services may write us at 408 West Chestnut Street, Rogers, Arkansas, until September. We have spent nine years in the evangelistic field and are preachers, singers, and musicians."

Nashville, Tennessee — Vine Hill Church recently completed a successful revival with Rev. E. T. Cox, evangelist, with souls at the altar and a 12½ per cent gain in membership. We are expecting great results under the leadership of our new pastor, Rev. Oscar Smith.—Betty Bennett, Reporter.

Versailles, Kentucky—Our church will be four years old in July, and we have been blessed in every way. We bought a lot and built a basement church, which is free of debt. We are praying that God will open a way for us to build the main part of the church before this year is out. We want to see souls saved. We had one of our best revivals, March 22 to April 4, with Evangelist C. A. McCracken. There were wonderful crowds every night and on the closing Sunday we had 151 in Sunday school, with a number praying through at the altar. Thank God for the good results. We had been averaging from 50 to 65 in Sunday school. Pray for us.—Mrs. Fred Clark, Reporter.

Chattanooga, Tennessee—The East Lake Church recently closed a very good revival with Rev. and Mrs. Chester D. Plummer as evangelists. Brother Plummer is a Biblical and theological preacher of high caliber and Sister Plummer is song director and soloist. Due to the fire at our church in January, this was the second revival we have held jointly with the Wesleyan Methodists. The spirit was wonderful and both crowds blended as one. Quite a number found victory at the altar during the campaign. The good pastor of the Wesleyan church was recovering from a heart attack and was not able to be in the first week of the meeting, but attended all of the second week. Rev. A. W. McQueen, pastor at East Lake, is now in a meeting with Rev. Thomas Garrett at the Signal Mountain church, a comparatively new work. The church at East Lake is being rebuilt and we hope to have a better building than before the fire at not too high cost, as our own people are doing practically all of the labor.—Thomas G. Carson, Reporter.

Pastor J. Louis Emmert reports: "After serving for more than eight years as pastor at El Reno, Oklahoma, I have assumed my duties as pastor in Blytheville, Arkansas. While we were at El Reno, God gave us over 1,600 seekers, 152 members, and an increase of 61 in average Sunday-school attendance. Those were wonderful years with wonderful people; the church was in full harmony when we left. It was hard to break the ties of love, but God's will was clear. Since 1941, the Western Oklahoma and later the Southwest Oklahoma District honored me with election to various places of leadership on district boards and in district offices. I enjoyed working with Rev. W. T. Johnson, the faithful district superintendent. We have found in Blytheville a spiritual, enthusiastic group who received us with open arms. We are now making plans to build a new parsonage. Recently we closed one of the best revivals in years, ac-

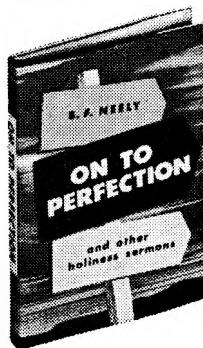
ording to the old-timers, with Rev. W. M. Tidwell as the evangelist. Everyone was blessed and strengthened by his rich preaching. He has a tender spirit and is faithful to preach the truth, so that visitors and members alike appreciated his ministry. God gave seekers every time an invitation was given, and many times the altar was filled. We reached several new families, including some men who were saved for the first time. Our Sunday school averaged 272 for March."

Peniel, Texas—We had a homecoming day on Sunday, April 4. Rev. Sam Nesmith, former pastor, spoke at the 10:45 a.m. service, and Rev. Paul H. Garrett, Dallas District superintendent, spoke at the 2:30 p.m. anniversary service. The church was organized on April 7, 1908, by Dr. P. F. Bresee, with 103 people. Peniel

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church was the first to bear the name "Church of the Nazarene" in the South. History of the camp meeting, "Texas Holiness University," and the church were given at the two-thirty service by the pastor. Many former members and students were present.

Pastors Leon Martin of Bonham, Chester A. Smith of Greenville, Lee Hillery of McKinney, First Church, Lawrence Gholson of North McKinney, and J. L. Mayhall of Shiloh, with some of their members, were present. The holiness work was

started here at Peniel by the late Rev. E. C. DeJernett. Rev. L. B. Jenkins, a former pastor, preached at the 7:00 p.m. service. The messages of our special speakers were enjoyed by everyone, and we are looking forward to another great home-coming day next year.—C. H. Wilson, Pastor.

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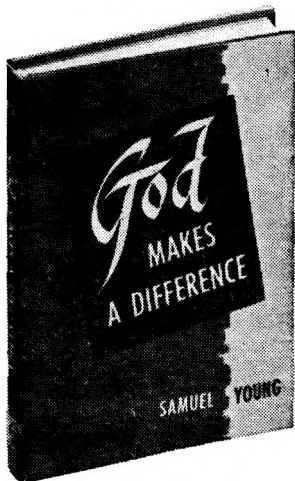
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Bussey, Iowa—We had a very good meeting with Rev. A. G. Weiss, evangelist and singer. Our church has never been the same since. We have been united in the effort to win souls. We have reached new families and have had some converted; also have received seven new members since then.—R. M. Brunner, Pastor.

Taft, California—We have had a good assembly year in Taft. Last November we had a fruitful revival meeting with Rev. Maridel Harding as evangelist. Her unique ministry was instrumental in winning some new people to the church, and a number of people sought and found God. In February we had another profitable meeting with Evangelist Joseph W. Selz. Our growing Sunday school is taxing the facilities to capacity; and the average attendance for March set an all-time record in the history of this twenty-five-year-old church. The pastor's wife has been the teacher of the married couples' class in which the attendance has more than doubled, and many new families have been contacted for the church. Budgets are all paid, and the church is in a good financial condition. This is a 10-per-cent church for world-wide missions. As we enter our twenty-fifth anniversary year, prospects look good for the future, with God's continued help.—J. E. McConnell, Pastor.

Bennettsville, South Carolina—Kollok Church recently closed a wonderful revival with Rev. Juett Cox, who is attending Trevecca Nazarene College. Brother Cox is a Spirit-filled, fearless gospel preacher, and a man of prayer. We deeply appreciate his ministry. We had sixty-four victories at the altar. The church is stirred to go forward in the Lord's work. We praise God for victory.—John Y. Todd, Pastor.

Evangelist H. J. Hart reports: "I recently completed three meetings on the Northwest District, where Rev. E. E. Zachary, superintendent, is really getting Kingdom work done. New churches are being organized and a general spirit of aggressiveness is evident everywhere. Pastors and people are pushing the battle. I was at Ellensburg, Washington, with Pastor Harvey Peterson. His Sunday school is coming up, and a wholesome growth is evident in all departments. New people were at the altar. Then I went to Goldendale, Washington, with Pastor E. E. Wordsworth, one of our senior ministers. His spirit is spiritual and aggressive, and the people are happy with their pastor. It was refreshing to be with the Wordsworths. We had a great revival with many



definite victories; new people were seekers. Then I was with Brother and Sister P. J. Bartram at Spokane First. The response to the gospel was heartening; our stay was profitable. The Bartrams are fine people. The contribution of First Church is large to the new churches being organized in Spokane. At present I am in a meeting at Bismarck, North Dakota—the second meeting within the year. Last night there was a good altar service. This is a needy field in a wonderful state. Expansion is everywhere. Rev. S. C. Taylor recently came here as pastor."

### Indianapolis District Sunday-School and Preachers' Convention

April 5 through 8 were glorious days on the Indianapolis District. Many have been heard to say that this was the greatest Sunday-School Convention and Preachers' Meeting they ever attended. It was informative, marked by a most gracious spirit, and seasoned with a most encouraging outlook. We are sure God made it so, and we are sure that the hearts of all who attended were more closely united in the onward march of our church under our God-given leadership than ever before.

Dr. Lyle Eckley was our efficient and anointed Sunday-School Convention speaker. Dr. Hugh C. Benner, who is much appreciated and revered, was the special Preachers' Meeting worker. Other guests on the program were Dr. Harvey S. Galloway, Dr. Paul Updike, Dr. Harold Reed, and Rev. John Swearingen. The contribution of each of these was of the highest order.

Encouraging, too, was the response of the pastors in connection with the assuming to pay by assembly time the entire remainder of the Seminary apportionment, and the hilarious response in pledges for the new Memorial Library for Olivet Nazarene College. The total pledges for the library for the district, as of then, was in excess of \$14,000.00.

Praise is certainly deserving for our district leaders. Particularly do we refer to Rev. C. A. Griffith, our Sunday-school chairman, and Rev. Luther Cantwell, our beloved district superintendent. For these men we are grateful.

Finally, our host, Richmond St. Paul Church, with Rev. Earl Marvel, pastor, together with the good assistance of Richmond First Church, with Rev. Ross Lee, pastor, treated all of us royally. Every feature this year seemed "tops."

REPORTER

### DEATHS

REV. J. A. WILLIAMS, retired elder in the Church of the Nazarene, died at his home in Olive Hill, Kentucky, March 20, 1954. He was born April 6, 1876, in Martin County. In 1898 he was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Mills. To this union were born three sons: Sherman, Herbert, and Jim. Sherman died in 1926, and Brother Williams' wife died in 1904. In 1905 he was united in marriage to Miss Ella Horn; to this union were born eight children. At the age of twenty-nine, Brother Williams was converted and sanctified, and ten years later united with the Church of the Nazarene. He served as pastor

for four years, as district superintendent for two years, and then engaged in evangelistic work until he retired in 1948. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Ella Horn Williams; Sadie, at home; Mrs. Irva Suttles, Luther, and Floyd, of Olive Hill; Herbert of Inez and James H. of Lexington, Kentucky; Carl of Cleveland, Ohio; Clyde of Chicago; Everett of Covington, Kentucky; and Mrs. Kathleen Mahann of Dayton, Ohio. Funeral service was conducted at First Church of the Nazarene, with Rev. Bennie Hulett, pastor, and Rev. D. S. Somerville, district superintendent, officiating, with burial in the family cemetery.

MRS. LEE BATES (nee Dorris Eileen McFadden) was born February 27, 1924. She was killed in an automobile accident, January 14, 1954, while en route home from the Superintendents' Conference in Kansas City. On June 18, 1943, she was united in marriage to Rev. Lee Bates; to this union was born a son, Timothy. She and Brother Bates worked together for God and the Church of the Nazarene for ten years, serving as pastors of four churches, and returning to Shirley, Indiana, (for a second term) as their fifth pastorate. The Shirley church loved and appreciated them, and we shall miss Eileen and her friendly smile. Through the providence of God, Brother Bates (who was seriously injured in the accident) is now recovering.

MRS. ZOIE MAY REES was born May 29, 1878, near Pinckneyville, Illinois, and died February 6, 1954. She was a charter member of the Church of the Nazarene at Tilden, Illinois. She was a devout Christian, and was faithful until death. She is survived by her husband, Charles Rees, and nine children: Lloyd, Mrs. Ross Stone, Mrs. Alma Bigham, Mrs. Flossie Wilson, Ardell, Harlan, Jewell, Violet, and Ruby Rees. Funeral service was conducted in the church with Rev. E. C. Hester of Kankakee in charge, assisted by Rev. E. P. Campbell of Mt. Vernon, and Rev. Frank Hawthorne of Tilden.

CHARLES DEE LANE, age sixty-six, died after attending both services on Sunday, January 18, 1954. He died peacefully in his sleep just a few minutes after retiring. He was converted about 1908 and served the Lord faithfully. He will be greatly missed by his friends and loved ones of Fremont Chapel Church of the Nazarene, at Stockton, California.

MRS. MINNIE LEMONS was born January 12, 1880, in Texas and died February 25, 1954, in Bonham, Texas. She was converted at an early age, sanctified in 1924, and united with the Church of the Nazarene in Bonham. She was a devoted Christian and a faithful member of the church. She is survived by one son, three daughters, two sisters, and three brothers. Funeral service was conducted by her pastor, Rev. Leon Martin, assisted by Rev. H. F. Crews.

MRS. BERTHA COMLEY CRAWFORD died January 1, 1954, at the age of eighty-four years. She died in her home in Indianapolis, Indiana, where she was cared for by her niece, Mrs. John Bliton, during her long illness. She was the wife of Rev. James W. Crawford deceased. She was converted early in life and, with her husband, organized the West Side Church of the Nazarene in 1915; they were serving as pastors in Richmond, Indiana, when Brother Crawford died. Their home was always open to missionaries, and anyone who needed their help. Sister Crawford was active in the work of the Lord as long as her health permitted. While on her bed of affliction she took the burden of intercession for missions around the world. She is survived by one sister, and nieces and nephews. Funeral was conducted by Rev. W. H. Johnson, pastor at West Side Church, assisted by Rev. Clyde Dawson and Rev. Gene Phillips. She was buried by the side of her husband.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECOMMENDATION—It has come to my attention that Rev. J. C. Henson of Bethany, Oklahoma, is available for Christian stewardship meetings and tours with a distinct holiness emphasis. Brother Henson has had many years' experience as pastor, district superintendent, and evangelist. He has made a special study of stewardship and tithing. His message will be a blessing to any church or district.—S. T. Ludwig, Stewardship Secretary.

### WEDDING BELLS

Miss Shirley Pratt of Kingsley and Mr. Royce Brown of Pierson, Iowa, were united in marriage on April 21, at Kingsley, with Rev. F. B. Bigelow of Yuma, Colorado, officiating.

Miss Phyllis Ellsworth of Joes and Mr. Dean Hill of Kirk, Colorado, were united in marriage on April 15, at the Church of the Nazarene in Yuma, Colorado, with Rev. F. B. Bigelow, pastor, officiating.



### SERVICEMEN'S CORNER

THE FOLLOWING letter was written by a serviceman in Korea to his pastor and congregation in Snoqualmie, Washington:

"Hello, all of you wonderful, God-loving people. I greet you from 'way over here in Korea. I hope you are well and living in the grace of God.

"I have a wonderful confession to tell you, one and all. I have received God into my soul and am living every day in His light. I feel so pure and clean since I confessed my sins to the Lord. Oh, how I wish all people could be as happy as I am! It took me a long while to realize just what I was missing by not being close to God.

"When I first started coming to your church, it was only to please Ella. It astonished me so to see everyone so happy and cheerful in the church. All my life I had known Sunday and church as a solemn day with no pleasures or laughter. Then, upon seeing all the people of the Church of the Nazarene so carefree and gay, I wondered what I was missing. With constant urging by my sweet wife (then my girl friend), I continued to attend your church. Then Ella and I got married and I realized what good people and wonderful friends you all are.

"When I arrived in Korea I was very downhearted, knowing that I would be away from my family and friends for a long while. Upon receiving a letter from the Nazarene Servicemen's Commission listing all the churches and their locations in Korea, I immediately contacted the nearest one, which is in Pusan, about ten miles from where I am now stationed.

"The reverend is a real swell person and when I told him that I wanted to confess all my sins and bring God into my heart, he was very glad for me. Now that I am pure in heart and am walking in the footsteps of our Lord, I want to express my deepest appreciation and thanks to you, one and all. When I get back to our cozy little valley I promise I will be the most faithful and co-operative member there. I have found the glorious path to righteousness and everlasting peace, and I pray that we all may walk in the light of the Lord forever."

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Miss Evelyn Woodcock of Candor and Mr. Wm. B. Ganoung of Interlaken, New York, were united in marriage on April 10, at the Church of the Nazarene in Owego, New York, with Rev. A. E. Woodcock, brother of the bride, officiating, assisted by Rev. John L. Moran, pastor at Owego.

Miss Carol Ann Kerns of Denver, Colorado, and Rev. Charles C. Powers of Red Oak, Iowa, were united in marriage on April 9, at the Green Acres Church of the Nazarene in Denver, with Rev. Thomas Hermon officiating.

Miss Sarah Steffan of Kansas City, and Rev. Harlan Shippy of Nazarene Theological Seminary in Kansas City, were united in marriage on April 7, at Minot, North Dakota, with Rev. Edwin Zimbelman, Nazarene pastor at Jamestown, officiating, assisted by District Superintendent Harry F. Taplin.

**BORN**—to Rev. and Mrs. George L. Wolf of Orbisonia, Pennsylvania, a son, Dale Brian, on April 25.

—to Rev. and Mrs. Harold R. Morgan of Prescott, Arkansas, a son, Stephen Harold, on April 14.

—to Rev. and Mrs. Paul R. Weaver of Boise, Idaho, a son, Stephen Douglas, on April 11.

**SPECIAL PRAYER IS REQUESTED** by a lady in California, "that my husband will find God soon; he has just had a car wreck";

by a lady in Kansas for a sister who has arthritis, that she may have faith in the Lord for healing, also for the salvation of several loved ones;

by a lady in Michigan for healing of her body—she has been sick and in the hospital—also for the salvation of her husband and two boys;

by a Nazarene brother in Pennsylvania for unspoken requests, very important and dear to his heart—for a revival in that place—for his people—for a friend who is going deep into sin, and for others;

by a Christian lady in Texas, that God will undertake in a special need and adjustment in their home; by a Nazarene in Oklahoma for the salvation of her granddaughter, and an unspoken request, and the salvation of her parents;

by a Christian lady in Illinois, that God will undertake in a reconciliation with another individual which will solve other problems she is facing—for the salvation of the husband of a Christian friend who is doing her best to make her home Christian;

by a friend in Michigan for the salvation of a man who has had a serious stroke—that God will touch and heal his body and that he may be drawn to God—they want God to be glorified in the entire situation;

by a brother in California, retired Nazarene preacher, who has been sick since last December; by a Nazarene preacher's widow in California, a shut-in, and sick;

by a lady in Maine for the salvation and healing of her son—she believes God is able;

by a brother in Ohio, that God will help him to find someone to help out with an invalid in the home.

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Canada West	July 6-9
Southwest Indiana	July 28-30
Kentucky	August 4-5
Wisconsin	August 11-13
Northwestern Illinois	August 18-19
Mississippi	September 1-3
Northeast Oklahoma	September 15-16
North Carolina	September 22-23
South Carolina	September 29-30

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Northwest	June 16-18
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Maritime	July 14-15
Pittsburgh	July 21-23

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Virginia	August 11-12
Dallas	August 18-20
Indianapolis	August 25-27
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Southern California	June 2-4
Alabama	June 30—July 1
Central Ohio	July 14-16
Minnesota	July 21-22
Eastern Kentucky	July 28-29
Illinois	August 4-6
Houston	August 25-27
South Arkansas	September 8-9
North Arkansas	September 15-16
Georgia	September 22-23

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**Assembly Schedule**

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Nebraska	June 2-3
Rocky Mountain	June 10-11
West Virginia	July 2-3
Colorado	July 7-8
Eastern Michigan	July 21-23
Western Ohio	July 28-30
Kansas	August 4-6
Iowa	August 11-13
Louisiana	September 1-3

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South	June 9-13
New England	June 22-25
New York	July 2-3
Michigan	July 14-16
Northwest Oklahoma	July 28-30
East Tennessee	August 4-5
Chicago Central	August 11-12
Northwest Indiana	August 18-20
Tennessee	August 25-27
Kansas City	September 8-10
Southwest Oklahoma	September 15-17

**District Assembly Information**

**NEVADA-UTAH**—Assembly, May 25 and 26, at First Church of the Nazarene, 231 East 6th Street, Reno, Nevada. Entertaining pastor: Rev. Wayne M. Butchart, 231 East 6th St., Reno. Dr. G. B. Williamson presiding.

**LOS ANGELES**—Assembly, May 26 to 28, at Bresee Avenue Church of the Nazarene, 1480 E. Washington St., Pasadena, California. Entertaining pastor: Rev. J. George Taylorson, 1480 Washington St., Pasadena. Dr. D. I. Vanderpool presiding.

**NEW MEXICO**—Assembly, May 26 to 28, at the Church of the Nazarene, 12th at Rencher, Clovis, New Mexico. Entertaining pastor: Rev. Ernest Armstrong, 313 West 12th, Clovis. Dr. Samuel Young presiding.

**FLORIDA**—Assembly, June 1 to 3, at the Calvary Baptist Church, West Cleveland and Osceola Streets, Clearwater, Florida. Entertaining pastor: Rev. Ben F. Marlin, 1103 Grove St., Clearwater. Dr. Hardy C. Powers presiding.

**NEBRASKA**—Assembly, June 2 and 3, at the Church of the Nazarene, Fifth and Saunders, Hastings, Nebraska. Entertaining pastor: Rev. Thomas Burton, 2009 W. Sixth St., Hastings. Dr. D. I. Vanderpool presiding.

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**—Assembly, June 2 to 4, at the Church of the Nazarene, 1602 N. Ross Street, Santa Ana, California. Entertaining pastor: Rev. Andrew Young, 1324 W. Ninth, Santa Ana. Dr. Samuel Young presiding.

**ROCKY MOUNTAIN**—Assembly, June 10 and 11, at First Church of the Nazarene, Third Avenue North at 33rd Street, Billings, Montana. Entertaining pastor: Rev. Murray J. Pallett, 444 Yellowstone Ave., Billings. Dr. D. I. Vanderpool presiding.

**ALASKA**—Assembly, June 16 and 17, at the Church of the Nazarene, Tenth and Noble Streets, Fairbanks, Alaska. Entertaining pastor: Rev. Robert W. Sheppard, 1006 Noble, Fairbanks, Alaska. Dr. Hardy C. Powers presiding.

**NORTHWEST**—Assembly, June 16 to 18, at First Church of the Nazarene, Nora and Wall Sts., Spokane, Washington. Rev. P. J. Bartram, entertaining pastor. Dr. G. B. Williamson presiding.

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