

# Herald of Holiness

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## Beginning with God

General Superintendent Young

OUR Heavenly Father, we would begin this new week with Thee in Thy house. Help us to make this day Thine by the spontaneity of our praise and the devotion of our service. Go with us as we study Thy Word in the Sunday school. Make this first hour significant and helpful.

Bless our Sunday-school superintendent and all the officers. May none slight his duties today by careless absenteeism or halfhearted service. Most of all, bless our teachers, that they may rightly divide the Word of Truth. With all their preparation and studies, they need the help of Thy Holy Spirit. Enable them to make the way of life plain and shining. Especially be near those who instruct and lead our little ones, for they must guide their emotions as well as their thoughts. Give to all of our teachers a gentleness and understanding like unto that of the Master himself. May their words carry the certainty of faith and the power of a pure life.

Give them an orthodoxy of spirit as well as of the letter.

Let all who labor in our Sunday school strive for that verdict that turns the tide of evil in men's lives. May we not wait for the deep sins of earth to demonstrate humanity's need. Save our boys and girls while they are yet tender and unmarred. May no uncertain sound be heard in our classes today. Let the call be to righteousness and true holiness. Make Thy Word a bulwark against the prevailing evils that surround our daily lives. Teach all of us again the value of one immortal soul, and help us to be willing to wait for the final verdict of the years upon our service. Remind us once more that size does not always connote significance or human praise influence.

Let the name of Jesus, the world's Saviour, be written in letters of love upon the hearts of all who attend our Sunday school today.

*In His name. Amen!*

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

## TELEGRAMS

*Lexington, Kentucky*—Organized new church Friday, August 20, at Elizabethtown, Kentucky, with eighteen charter members; Rev. Warren Hayes called as pastor; \$40.00 per week set as salary. Good opportunity for great church.—D. D. LEWIS, *Superintendent of Kentucky District*.

*Jackson, Mississippi*—Mississippi District Assembly now in session (Sept. 1) with Dr. Hardy C. Powers presiding. Dr. Otto Stucki given unanimous vote of confidence for superintendent, and a liberal love offering toward purchase of new car. Mrs. Stucki elected district N.F.M.S. president. District report shows substantial gain along all lines.—L. B. FRIEND, *Reporter*.

*St. Paul, Minnesota*—Minnesota District Camp at Mission Farm closed with greatest victories in history; 319 at altars, 2,500 in attendance on closing Sunday. Dr. Paul Rees, Dr. Mel-Thomas Rothwell, Rev. Bernie Smith, and Warnie Tippitt were marvelously used. Thousands were reached by the three daily radio broadcasts of public services. A new home-mission church at Mankato launched. God is blessing, the people are co-operating; the future is bright.—ROY F. STEVENS, *District Superintendent*.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

Rev. John W. May has resigned as pastor of the church in Marmet to accept the work of the Elk River Church, Charleston, West Virginia.

Mrs. Swalwell, wife of Evangelist C. C. Swalwell of Farmington, Iowa, suffered a sudden heart attack at the Kirksville, Missouri, hospital on August 27 and in a few minutes passed to be with her Lord.

Revs. E. E. and Ora J. Turner, retired Nazarene elders, celebrated their forty-fourth anniversary of happy married life on August 3. They have been elders in the Church of the Nazarene for thirty-eight years. Brother Turner is in very poor health, and they ask to be remembered in prayer. Their address is 3201 Broadway, Indianapolis, Indiana.

After pastoring the church in Victoria for seven years, Rev. James V. Roberts has resigned to become pastor of the Portlock Church, Norfolk, Virginia.

After serving for almost three years as pastor in Covington, Virginia, and

receiving a three-year unanimous recall, Rev. E. G. Wright has resigned, feeling the leading of the Lord to enter into full-time evangelistic work.

Rev. Paul William Seymore, pastor of the church at Konawa, has accepted a call to pastor the church at Davenport, Oklahoma. He would be glad to hear from those having friends in and near Davenport, that he may contact them for the church.

Rev. H. T. Roddy, retired elder in the Church of the Nazarene, celebrated his eighty-first birthday on August 31, at his home on Robinson Circle, Charlotte, North Carolina. He wishes to thank the many friends who remembered him with cards and gifts.

## School Bells Ring Again

By Clarence C. Brown\*

ONCE more millions of boys and girls have answered the call of our public schools. How privileged we are to have them! They are the product of the Christian faith. Our forefathers, realizing the importance of education in the strengthening of our democratic ideals, insisted upon the establishment of the free public school.

The church, while separate in organization and support from the public school, has a stake in its development. Both the clergy and laymen should insist upon high standards of morality in our schools. When opportunity presents itself, Christians should accept responsible positions in the management of our public schools. The influence of god-

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ly school board members, principals, and teachers can be far-reaching.

There is much that is wrong with our public schools today. Much of what the critics say is right. However, there is nothing so wrong that an increased application of Christian principles will not correct it. Let us as Nazarenes not be guilty of unwarranted criticism of our public schools, but rather do our best to revive and uphold Christian ideals in them.

## Be on Guard!

By Dolores S. Douglas\*

I WAS reading an article in the paper one day which covered the saying that familiarity breeds contempt. It went on to say that gas station attendants, or anyone in an occupation that requires firm adherence to the danger rules, can be guilty of this.

It would be easy to see how constant working around gas pumps could become so commonplace that a person could relax on the rules. We all know that anything inflammable is an ever-present danger and must be treated with respect and not contempt.

It is human nature for people to become careless with the things most familiar to them. We make mistakes, but so much through ignorance, but because we underestimate the hazards of ignoring the safety rules.

God realized that people are subject to this complacency. We are told that we must take heed, lest we fall. We can become so sure of our Christian experience that we become careless in the things we should do.

If we fail to watch and pray and read the Bible, our experience is in jeopardy. If we ignore the plea for the needs of the mission fields, we cannot profess to be burdened for souls. If we no longer take time for God's work, the danger is great that we will lose our experience entirely. It is dangerous to become careless, as it could result in damnation and eternal death.

We should take stock of ourselves very often to see if we are observing the rules for a successful Christian life. Let's make sure we are on our toes, ever conscious of the dangers that beset us on every side. Let's not get so familiar with the evils of this life that we become careless and look upon its dangers with contempt. Be on guard!

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Lord, help me to live today as humbly as a little child, that I may be a true follower of the "lowly Nazarene."—JAMES A. WEEKS.

# The "Top of the World" Nazarenes

## General Superintendent Powers

OUR Alaska District has been operating as a district for only four years. The first district assembly was held in 1951, and, hence, the recent assembly held in the month of June is their fourth district assembly. They have made splendid progress; the spiritual tide is high; and I have never met a more devoted, loyal group of Nazarenes than we have in Alaska. They have come from the early days of their history, when they were completely dependent upon the general church for support, to this present time, when they have taken their place as a substantial supporter of the program of world-wide evangelism.

In 1951 they gave a grand total for all purposes of \$33,000.00. In 1954 they gave a grand total for all purposes of \$88,000.00 or a per capita of \$348.00, this compared with the denominational average of \$126.00 per capita. In addition to that over-all financial picture in 1951, they gave \$3,300.00 to the general interests of the church. This past year they gave over \$9,000.00 for the same cause. Someone indicated to me recently that the explanation of their wonderful, financial record was due wholly to the fact that money is more plentiful in Alaska than elsewhere, but I do not think that this is an adequate explanation of their record.

Some indication of this is to be seen in the fact that they had approximately 26 per cent gain in church membership. They are very conscious of the Crusade for Souls, and they have had some most inspiring revivals. A burden for the lost characterizes all of their meetings. They have shown a net gain in Sunday-school enrollment last year of 210 and a net gain in weekly average attendance of 152.

In addition to these things, I think their attitude is revealed in the fact that recently a branch Sunday school was organized into a church. This Sunday school was sponsored by Fairbanks First Church and its fine pastor, Rev. Robert Sheppard. Some of their finest members united with this new organization, and substantial financial aid was given by the mother church. Their new pastor at Totem Park is now on the job, and the district has underwritten his support for a year. Three new churches were organized on the district this year, and others are in process.

The record of the work in Alaska which was made possible by the General Budget of the church should encourage every local church to give generously to the General Budget. The Alaskan Nazarenes have proved to be a good investment and are certainly no longer a liability to us financially or otherwise, but rather they are an inspiring asset to the denominational program of spreading scriptural holiness over these lands.

The hearty response of our Nazarenes everywhere in the approaching Thanksgiving offering would encourage the opening of similar works.

## The Beauty of Holiness

By L. A. Ogden\*

THE Psalmist wrote, "Holiness becometh thine house, O Lord, for ever" (Ps. 93:5). It is marvelous what God desires to do for us and how wonderfully His workings fit into what is best for us.

*Holiness is beautiful, for it is the central theme of divine revelation.* From Eden to Calvary, from Joseph's open tomb to the New Jerusalem, God's design has been that men's hearts be holy and perfected in love. Abram was called from idol worship to walk perfectly before God (Gen. 17:1). Paul, the great apostle, urged all who had experienced newness of life to press on into abounding holiness (II Cor. 7:1). John, the revelator, hears a great crowd singing of the holiness of God and then hears the climactic words, "He that is holy, let him be holy still" (Rev. 22:11). Throughout the pages of Scripture the call, "Be ye holy; for I am holy," is the challenge of our God.

*But holiness is beautiful, for it is sociologically desirable.* Holiness is soul health, and wherever it is enjoyed, living conditions and personal decorum are lifted. John Wesley once wrote, "Cleanliness is next to godliness," and there are many living examples of how the grace of God has made respectable citizens out of folk who have spent years on "Skid Row" and of others who have lived in unfavorable circumstances. This grace also assists in making the best approach to men. In business, in social life, at home and abroad its basic element is love "shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost," and with this drive human relations are not strained.

*The beauty of holiness is seen again in that it is psychologically sound.* Human behavior is much the same in all ages and places. Men react to environment and respond to evil stimuli. It is difficult to understand why humans will live and act as they do. Psychiatrists probe into the inner life endeavoring to find an answer for life's mix-up. We have the answer—man is naturally sinful and needs inner cleansing. Holiness is the answer to life where it matters most. It works! It does what no human can do. Holiness purifies the moral center of the being through the power of the Holy Spirit. It realigns affections and emotions. It clarifies ambitions and purifies motives. It places Christ at life's controls and crystallizes the whole of life into

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# TEN MORE IN '54

By A. F. Harper\*

**WE** ARE about to do it! Do what? Why, report the largest annual increase in Sunday-school enrollment



and average attendance in the history of the Church of the Nazarene. Which proves once again that God helps His people when they have a mind to work.

## THE NEED

A year ago the figures were disturbing. We had a good enrollment increase, but not good enough. Sixteen thousand new pupils in Nazarene Sunday schools made the equivalent of a nice-sized little city added to our ranks. But divided among 4,000 schools it meant that the average Sunday school gained only 4 new members during the year of 1953. That wasn't enough. It seemed that any alert group of Nazarenes in an average community should be able to find 10 new people within a year's time.

## THE CHALLENGE

Our churches were challenged to *Enroll Ten More in '54*. Pledge cards were mailed to all pastors in the denomination. Each pastor was asked to mail the card to his district church schools chairman, pledging his school to try to enroll ten new pupils during the year. The challenge was accepted. District superintendents encouraged the effort, district church school boards promoted it, pastors pledged their churches to do it, our lay people worked at the job—and God gave the increase.

## THE RECORD

It is too early to record the final results but as of August 20, 43 districts have reported enrollment gains of 24,992. This is nearly 9,000 more than were reported by all 70 districts in 1953. Last year 19 districts showed losses in enrollment. Of the 43 so far reported this year, only 2 districts fail to show increases, and one of these is a rural area hard hit by drought for three consecutive years. Thirteen districts which reported total losses of 2,445 in 1953 made gains of 7,124 this year. One district that had a net loss of 2 in 1953 reports gains

of 1,004 in '54. Another lost 97 last year but gained 1,443 this year.

The same 43 districts which have showed gains of nearly 25,000 this year accounted for a gain of only 9,500 last year—a little more than one-half of the total gain for 1953. If the remaining districts do proportionately as well this year, our total Sunday-school enrollment gain will push close to the 40,000 mark. The largest previous enrollment gain was 30,581, made in 1949.



# Christian Teaching or Chaos

By A. S. London\*

**T**HE late Theodore Roosevelt once said, "A person trained in mind but not in morals is a menace to society." Former president Calvin Coolidge added, "Education without character is dangerous."



Nicholas Butler once declared, "We are turning out intellectual giants and moral pygmies."

Roger Babson says: "Trying to educate without religion is like putting a pistol into the hands of a child. Reason and experience forbid us to expect that national morality can prevail in the exclusion of religious principles."

George Washington said in his farewell address: "Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to prosperity,

**THE FOUNDATION**  
Enrollment gains are the foundation upon which we build growing Sunday schools. I recently saw a survey of Sunday-school statistics for a ten-year period on the West Virginia District. In 1949 they reported their largest enrollment gain in the history of the district—13 per cent. This was followed in 1950 by their largest gain in average attendance, a gain of 10 per cent.

The 43 districts reported thus far this year also show gains in average attendance almost equal to the gains for all 70 districts last year. If the remaining districts do as well, our average attendance figure bids fair to equal the all-time record increase of 22,608 established in 1950. When enrollment leads, average attendance follows. Revivals and church membership additions will not be far behind.

## THE FUTURE

Has your Sunday-school enrolled its *ten more* during this calendar year? If not there are yet three good Sunday-school months ahead. Why not set for yourselves the goal and ask God to help you reach it? You will be glad to join thousands of others who set out to enroll ten more in '54.

And if we could do it this year, why not next year? Why not every year? We reached ten more in '54. Let's show God that we are also alive in '55.

religion and morality are indispensable supports. Where is the security of property, for reputation, for life, if the sense of religious obligation is deserted?

"If education goes wrong, what else is likely to go right? If the battle of civilization is lost in our educational circles, who will win it back afterwards?"

Good character should be the aim of all education. But our Christian teaching must be Christ-centered. The only safety for our Sunday schools is Christ in the church houses. The right training of youth is the spiritual reproduction of the race, the flower of our nation's civilization.

Unless secularism is destroyed our nation cannot survive. No nation ever has stood without religion. If a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without God's knowledge of it, a nation cannot stand without His help. And God cannot honor any type of education that ignores Him.

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# Sunday-School Literature FOR A GROWING CHURCH

By Erwin G. Benson\*

ONE PROBLEM of a growing denomination is to develop its own literature as rapidly as possible.



Much of this responsibility has been assigned to the Department of Church Schools, which has sought to keep alert to the needs of the church for Sunday-school literature. The Church of the Nazarene

also has a publishing house which has kept abreast of modern developments for producing attractive periodicals. These two agencies have worked together closely to offer new items as rapidly as the needs have developed and as soon as the church has been financially able.

The department leaders realized early that because of the needs of children and young people the church would be called on for graded lessons. Consequently, outlines were developed and writers secured during the late thirties. Nazarene Graded Bible lessons for Juniors were introduced first. These were followed rapidly by lessons for Primaries and Beginners; and a few years later by specialized courses for Intermediates.

The value of these materials is shown by the fact that close to three-fourths of our Sunday schools are now using them. During the past nine years the use of *Junior Bible School Workbook* has increased by 281 per cent, *Primary Handwork* by 490 per cent, *Beginner Handwork* by 412 per cent. *Intermediate Pupil* was introduced in the fall of 1952 with a circulation of 32,000, which was increased to 36,000 in fifteen months. These increases in graded materials are outstanding when compared to a 54 per cent increase in enrollment and a 66 per cent increase in average attendance in the same length of time.

Our Sunday-school story papers have undergone changes in format and color has been added. They, too, have shown a good increase in circulation, keeping well ahead of our Sunday-school growth during the past nine years. *Standard* has a circulation of 124,000, *Youth's Comrade*

61,000, *Junior Joys* 69,000, and *Sunshine* 66,000.

The need for a promotional magazine was felt in the early forties. But the war with its paper shortage delayed the introduction of such a periodical until 1946. Then came the *Church School Builder*. The circulation that year was 14,500, which has increased in eight years to 32,000—a gain of 120 per cent.

One of the more recent additions to our Sunday-school literature is the Nazarene Cradle Roll Packet "First Steps Toward God." It is intended to supply a long-felt need for our own program material in this department, and is timed to be used with this year's achievement project, "Meet the Needs of Little People." Our responsibility in the Cradle Roll Department goes far beyond merely making a roll of names—it includes the task of helping to get members started toward God. Also our responsibility goes beyond the families within the church membership. There are many families outside the church

who can be reached. The packet with its complete set of Cradle Roll materials for three years of service to the home is intended to help get as many little people started toward God as possible.

The most recent development in our Sunday-school literature is the addition of new visual aid materials. There has been a growing need for such helps which would be correlated with our own Nazarene Graded Bible lessons. Once again the Department of Church Schools and the Nazarene Publishing House co-operated to supply the need. As a result the New-View (NU-VU) Bible Stories are now ready for use. This material consists of full-color backgrounds and cutouts for build-up pictures to be used with our graded lessons. No felt or flannel is necessary, since adhesion is secured through a new process using plastics. There is a packet for the teachers of each age group below twelve—Beginner, Primary, and Junior. Each packet is good for an entire year, with not less than a scene a month which can be made from various combinations of backgrounds and cutouts—at least one scene for each unit of study. Instructions and stories to be used with

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# TEN YEARS OF GROWTH

AT THE request of one of the general superintendents, the executive secretary of the Department of Church Schools recently prepared for the Board of General Superintendents a report of the department's work covering the past ten years. Some items of general interest are here lifted from that report.

## GROWTH OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS

	1943	1953
Number of schools	2,912	3,979
Enrollment	332,753	537,065
Average attendance	194,038	354,317

## NEW PERIODICALS

Eleven new periodicals have been launched to better serve the needs of the church. Two more are planned for 1955. All have been well received, are self-supporting, and have shown steady circulation increases.

1946	Present circulation
Church School Builder	32,000
Junior Teacher	8,000
Primary Teacher	6,800
Beginner Teacher	4,600
Beginner Handwork	41,000
Guide's Compass	3,500
1952	
Intermediate Teacher	6,000
Intermediate Pupil	36,000
1954	
First Steps Toward God (Cradle Roll Packet)	10,000
Beginner Nu-Vu	3,500
Primary Nu-Vu	4,000
Junior Nu-Vu	5,000
1955 (Now in preparation)	
Nursery Teacher	
Nursery Leaflets	

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL GROWTH

	1943	1953
Number of schools	373	1,961
Enrollment	27,200	143,300

In 1948 we prepared for the first time a full line of our own denominational V.B.S. materials. The first year we sold 65,121 teachers' manuals and pupils' books. Last year circulation had jumped to 164,369.

## CHRISTIAN SERVICE TRAINING INCREASES

Since 1952 Christian Service Training has operated as an autonomous interdepartmental agency under the Christian Service Training Commission, but it remains administratively related to the Department of Church Schools. Its service to the church has grown steadily as reflected by the increase of courses offered and by the list of nineteen new textbooks published.

	1943	1953
Districts reporting classes	50	64
Classes reported	340	1,297
Credits issued	3,987	24,132

### THIRD-YEAR ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM 1954-55 Growth

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## TOWARD

### Sunday-School Improvement

THE Sunday-school program for this quadrennium is designed to enlarge and improve our schools. Each year there are three recommended projects intended to help in one of these two areas. Information on the annual projects is sent to local workers just before the district assemblies.

Along with these annual programs there are two continuing projects which may be used regularly as tools to help local schools to improve.

The first of these is the *Achievement Guide*. Its purpose is to enable workers in each school to find the weak places in their program, so that they may be strengthened. The Guide is built around ten divisions, each of which contains several sections. In order that a school may score itself, points are given to each of these items in accordance with their relative importance. But the score is not so important as the effort put forth to analyze and improve the work of the school. The Guide can best be used by pastors, superintendents, and supervisors in workers' conferences and cabinet meetings.

The second tool is the *Church Schools Reading League*. This is a league of church school workers who agree to read the *Church School Builder* regularly and at least two books a year selected from a list

CARAVAN GROWTH			
	1947	1953	
Districts	17	54	
Churches	76	490	
Caravan groups	142	1,091	
Enrollment	1,520	11,412	
Total sales of eight manuals		35,346	
INCREASE OF BOYS' AND GIRLS' CAMPS			
	1946	1953	
Districts	13	49	
Camps	30	101	
Campers	2,850	9,600	
PROGRAM TO STRENGTHEN THE CHRISTIAN HOME			
1946	"Christian Home" section started in <i>Church School Builder</i>		
1952	Published three volumes in "Christian Home Series" <i>Together with God</i> , Elizabeth B. Jones <i>In Favor with God and Man</i> , Kathryn B. Peck <i>Your Teen-Ager and You</i> , Audrey J. Williamson		
1953	Published fourth volume in "Christian Home Series" <i>Opening Doors of Faith</i> , Mildred S. Edwards		

—A. F. H.

recommended by the Department of Church Schools. These books are recommended annually from five different fields of interest and are intended to help our workers secure a better understanding of those principles which make larger and better Sunday schools.

Anyone interested in the Achievement Guide or the Church Schools Reading League may secure additional information by writing the Department of Church Schools, 2923 Troost Avenue, Box 527, Kansas City 41, Missouri.—E. G. B.

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# "We Reached New Families!"

By Mary E. Latham\*

"We reached more new families through one vacation Bible school than through any other project so far," confided the pastor of a new church. Then he went on to tell enthusiastically the many merits of his school. He concluded with, "No church can afford to miss this opportunity to reach new people."

Of course I heartily agree with him—and so do many others, judging from the reports that are pouring into the office of the Division of Vacation Bible Schools. The outstanding results mentioned in the reports so far are these, "We reached many new families"—"Boys and girls were converted."

Others spoke of new teachers discovered for the Sunday school.

This summer, more than ever, churches are using the added hours for Christian teaching through vacation Bible school. It is too early to know the total enrollment as yet, but the figures from 43 districts show a vacation Bible school enrollment to date of 113,443. This is an increase of 22,984 over last year. Naturally we are eager to see the final report from all the districts.

These outstanding figures are a tribute to our people who are willing to sacrifice and to devote hours of hard work to train leaders for tomorrow's church. This enrollment of 113,443 represents at least 11,000 workers—and probably more. Of course the final number will be much higher. I lift to God a prayer of thanksgiving for these faithful workers. Someone expressed this thought in a prayer which I would like to pass on to the many workers who have helped this year in vacation Bible schools throughout our church.

*Monday Morning Thanks  
for Vacation Church  
School Teacher\*\**

Heavenly Father, it's hot and I can work quietly in my cool home. Mrs. Brown just went by with her car full of children

for vacation church school. Humbly I thank Thee for her and all other leaders who serve our children in Thy name.

I'm grateful for teachers who spend humid days preparing countless plans, detailed projects, carefully selected worship helps. Open our minds to discern that they labor in front-line barricades against juvenile delinquency and crime. Give me the grace to express my thanks and encouragement.

Let me remember that many mothers will do their laundry this afternoon because they were helpers in vacation church school this morning. As I rest, haunt me with the thought of those who have given their precious leisure to prepare study materials or struggle with a diorama. Help them to recognize their own growth in this self-giving. And don't let me forget to prepare lunch for Mrs. Brown.

May their patience be as endless as Thy supply; quicken their perception to find the cause in the unruly youngster; inspire them to make Thy truth interesting and attractive.

When the going is hard and problems oppress, remind them that the yoke is borne by two, and Thou art there.

Never, never let me forget my debt to them, nor fail to help as I have opportunity. Then I, too, can pray, "Thy kingdom come!"

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Join with me in a prayer that those churches which did not have a vacation Bible school this year will begin now to plan to use some of the sum-

mer to win children and their parents through a vacation Bible school!

\*Director of Vacation Bible Schools

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## Christian Teaching or Chaos

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The kaiser of Germany ordered his principles taught from kindergarten to university. In twenty-six years World War I broke upon the world.

Education without Christ is "fraught with danger." It will shake our nation to its foundations. It will imperil the future of our youth and destroy the inner citadel of our civilization. It has already brought us to profligacy, licentiousness, drunkenness, crime, and degeneracy.

The doctrines which Christianity commits to its teachers are mighty engines for good. The perfect character of God, the saving grace of Christ, His intimate union with His followers, His sufferings and His cross, His resurrection, ascension, and intercession, the promised aid of the Holy Spirit, and the immortality of man—these Christian teachings are the controlling elements of our civilization. If this generation grows up with no greater fear than fear of the policemen, we are headed for the breakers. Any individual or nation that forgets God will perish.

Thomas Jefferson said: "The Bible is the cornerstone of our civilization." Andrew Jackson said: "The Bible is the rock on which our civilization rests." Ulysses S. Grant said: "To Christian teaching we must look as our guide in the future."

Moses, in the first six chapters of the Book of Deuteronomy, pleads with the people to be true to God and His law. Twenty-four times he urges



them to love God, obey God, keep the law of God, be faithful to God, and walk in the ways of God. Moses assures his people that if they will do this the nation will prosper and become great. He warns them that if they forget God the nation will perish.

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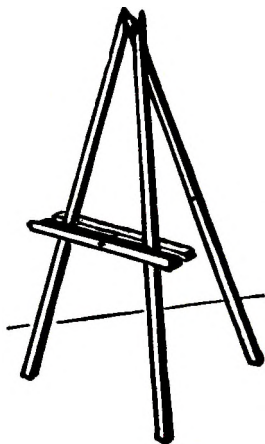
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## Caravans at Home and Abroad

By Ralph L. Moulton\*

**T**HERE is a rising tide of realization in the Church of the Nazarene regarding our responsibility to the youth of today. In order to discharge this responsibility, local church leaders must spend more time with their boys and girls than one short hour on Sunday morning.

To meet this need representatives from various districts throughout the church met in 1946 with the Commission on Boys' and Girls' Work in Kansas City to prepare guidance for what we now know as the Nazarene Caravan program.

It took a number of years to write the handbooks to be used by each age-group, obtain necessary Caravan items, and otherwise perfect the program that we now have for our boys and girls. We thank God for the vision of our church leaders, for the Christian forethought and interest shown by these pioneers who planned the work.

Boys and girls are about the same in any country; they all like enthusiastic activity, are easily influenced and led by adults who show sincere interest in them. In most cases an activity which will interest and satisfy the innate yearning of a boy and girl in America will do the same for the boy and girl elsewhere. This has been proved by the development of our Caravan program in other countries as well as in the United States and Canada.

Since 1946 this younger division of the Church Schools Department has grown tremendously. It is now active in Africa, Alaska, Australia, Canada, England, and the United States. Also the possibilities are being explored to translate the manuals into Spanish, in order to promote the program on our Latin-American districts. To date our Caravan program can boast of a membership of 11,412. Three hundred and nine new groups have registered since January, 1954.

Over one thousand of these boys and girls are members of Caravans in countries other than the United States. Recently we received word from one of our foreign Caravan organizations telling us of a group of girls who walk a six days' journey through dangerous jungles in order to attend an occasional Caravan meeting. And after their meeting they make the journey back home. When young folk are so hungry for this kind of help, it should prove a great challenge

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to all adult church leaders and help us to realize our responsibility to our youth.

There are many boys and girls in Nazarene Sunday schools today who do not have the opportunity to join the Caravan program because there are no Caravans in their local churches. These boys and girls are missing one of the greatest influences planned by the denomination to help win them to Christ and the church. It is of utmost importance that local church leaders keep in contact with their boys and girls during the week. The Caravan program offers this opportunity.

We all like to think about what could be done if someone else would try, but we don't like to think that I am the one who should be trying. None of us should sit complacently and point a finger at another for not trying when we ourselves are inactive.

If there is need in your church and community for the Caravan program, why not encourage its organization? For complete information write to the Division of Caravans and Camps, 2923 Troost Ave., Box 527, Kansas City 41, Missouri.

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this new material are found in *Beginner Teacher*, *Primary Teacher*, and *Junior Teacher*.

Thus Sunday-school literature for a growing church keeps rolling from the presses of your Nazarene Publishing House as planned and developed by your Department of Church Schools.



# Go! Teach! Win! Through the Cradle Roll

By Joy Latham\*

PERHAPS no other department in the church has more far-reaching results than the Nursery Department of the Sunday school. This department which includes all children under four years of age has three divisions:



The Cradle Roll—home visitation  
The Nursery room or rooms in the church for children under three

The Nursery Class—a Sunday-school class for three-year-old children

The third year of the Quadrennial Program of Achievement gives special attention to the work of the Cradle Roll. It provides three items:

1. Reach New People
2. Get More People
3. Meet Needs of Little People

Organization or enlargement of the Cradle Roll will help to achieve all of these goals.

Our goal as a church is a Cradle Roll enrollment equal to 15 per cent of the Sunday-school enrollment. A conservative total goal is 75,000 Cradle Roll members by the end of the 1954-55 year. A consideration of the factors in the work of the Cradle Roll will clarify the reasons for this goal.

*The Cradle Roll and the Church.* The Cradle Roll organization offers the church opportunity as well as responsibility. It opens the door into new homes and provides regular contact between the church and the home. It enables the church to work with parents for the training of young children. It wins new people for the church and strengthens all departments of the church. Many whole families are won to the church through the ministry of the Cradle Roll. The results are immediate as well as far-reaching, for while the church of today is being strengthened, the foundation for the church of tomorrow is being laid. The babies on the Cradle Roll today will be leaders in the church of tomorrow, if the church of today provides adequately for them. *Our future is in their hands.* Any church can have a Cradle Roll.

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Wherever there is a church organization there are babies and young children.

*The Cradle Roll and the Home.* Every baby on the Cradle Roll represents a home. Every child is entitled to a Christian home. Through the ministry of home visitation, the Cradle Roll visitor helps to win parents to Christ and to provide Christian homes. In the already Christian homes, the visitation program gives opportunity to strengthen faith, to guide and encourage parents during the home problems incident to early childhood.

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It is the purpose of the Department of Church Schools to plan an adequate program and to provide all materials necessary to the organization and maintenance of the Nursery Department in the local church. Available now is a Cradle Roll packet, "First Steps Toward God," which is a complete three-year kit of materials for the Cradle Roll worker. It is designed to help make initial contact and quarterly visits during the child's first three years. Each item is planned with the purpose of bringing the parents and baby into closer fellowship with the church. The plan is for the Cradle Roll superintendent to secure a packet for each baby enrolled. Free materials containing helps on how to organize and enlarge a Cradle Roll may be had for the asking. Nazarene graded Bible lessons for the three-year-old class are planned for distribution in the fall of 1955.

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## ENOUGH FOR ME!

By Enola Chamberlin

*I do not know how a tree that blows  
In the wind, all brown and dead,  
Can wake to green when winter goes  
And spring has visited*

*Its probing roots, its sap that lies  
In sleep deep in its heart.  
I do not know how it can rise  
To life when the warm rains start.*

*But God must know; He made the  
earth,  
The winter, the spring, and the tree.  
He gave the gift of growth and birth,  
And that is enough for me.*

# The Christ of Love

By J. W. Clark\*

*God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us (Rom. 5:8).*

How shall wayward, wandering man be convinced and persuaded of God's love toward him? The enemy of our soul points to the fact that if we follow God's way and call we shall have a hard time of it. But God does love us and has a way of life that is superior to that life of frustration, fear, doubt, agony of heart and soul. How shall man be taught that God loves him?

Observe the love of God. It is real; it is practical; it is effective. If I love a person on this earth I naturally desire the well-being of that person; and the Bible tells me that God loves me. He reaches out His hand and lets me know by several ways that His love reaches me.

First, He proves that He loves me by the fact that a plan is provided for my escape from sin—a plan that works every time and in every place; a plan so costly to Him that His only begotten Son was the One to bring it to me; a plan that will exist for eternity; a plan that includes the whole scope of my being; a righteous and holy plan . . . called the plan of salvation. God proves His love for me in that He gave His Son to die for my sins. He provided a cross to eternity, a bridge of outstretched arms of love over the chasm called death, a gate through which I might escape, a way over which I shall walk with Him—the way of holiness, an eternity to spend in His presence! Oh, yes, He loves me because He provided a plan whereby I might be saved from sin and the curse of sin.

Second, He loves me because He has prepared for me a resting place in a light greater than any sun—the light of His blessed face: a place of perfect joy and happiness and peace, a place void

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## ASSURANCE

By W. Everett Henry

*The way lies open, child of Mine,  
The way marked out by thought divine:  
Its course runs straight o'er hill and vale,  
Where changing scenes and times prevail.*

*Ten thousand sights will greet your eyes,  
Ten thousand thoughts within you rise,  
And some will lift your praise on high,  
And others make your soul to sigh.*

*But through the night of things that are  
There shines an ever-steadfast Star;  
It points the way your soul should go  
To reach the prize the faithful know!*

of trouble and sorrow, a land flowing with milk and honey. Oh, they tell me of a land of an unclouded day. Only because of His great love for me did He provide a place of constant rest.

Then He shows His love in that He gives me access to His bountiful storehouse of supplies. Only a father in love with a son or daughter would give the key to a storehouse. God gives to me a key—prayer, asking permission, taking—to the greatest possessions He owns. I am entitled to all that He has or will ever have. All I must do is to make my needs and desires known to Him, and out of His great love my needs are met, my supplies are forwarded, my victories assured. He shows His love because He supplies my every need.

Again He shows His love to me in that He has made me an ambassador for His kingdom—one who has correct credentials, one who is ordained to go, one who has the unlimited power of His kingdom behind him—pledging success. Through His great love for me He has staked all His success or failure. I can make or break His cause by the way I represent Him in this world below. He, through love, has confidence in my ability to represent His cause and His purpose for mankind. Not only does He have confidence, but He supplies equipment for the task.

Through His love He sent the Holy Spirit, that I may have the cleansing, penetrating, energizing, the achieving, mighty power to claim the victory for Him. Everywhere I place my foot I have the power to conquer for Christ and His cause. I know He loves me, because He has allowed me to be His ambassador in this pilgrim world.

And finally He shows that He loves me by presenting to me every promise in His Word. It is mine and mine alone. He guarantees my right to own and He gives permission to conquer and lean upon that precious promise of His. No age, no man, no history, no storm, no cloud, no water, no fire, no enemy—yea, nothing can break His promise to me.

He shows His love to me by being the great I Am, the Truth, the Way, the Life. His promises never fail. He promises to be Master in every circumstance; He is the Chief of every detail, the Power of every atom, the Joy of every song, the Mountain Peak of every newborn day, the Victor in every battle, the Bread for every hungry soul, the Water of life for the thirsty, the Way to every adventure.

He is the Road to heaven, the Bridge across the river of death, the Light of the new day, the Lily of every valley, the beautiful Rose of Sharon, the Purifier of every heart and life, the Fire of every soul. He is the Hope of every man, the Counselor of every twisted, weary mind, the Liberator of the prisoners, the Redeemer of the sinful, the Eternal Holiness of all creation, the Ruler of every household, the Bright and Morning Star in every journey. He is the Glory of every history, the Author of eternal life, the Poet of every thought, the Maestro of every

symphony of praise—the mighty, everlasting, ever-present, all-powerful God; the Prince of Peace; the Saviour of the lost, dying, damned soul of man. Praise His glorious name forever and forever! “O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together” (Ps. 34:3).

He is love! He proves that He loves me through His plan of salvation, His preparation for a land of rest; He supplies my needs; He commissioned me as His ambassador, and then gives to me every promise of His Word. Hallelujah, praise His name forever!

## Running to Place—or to Win?

By Helen Grace Wilson\*

WE SAT with hundreds of other people in the beautiful stadium prepared for the British Empire games. Thanks to the generosity and foresight of Dr. and Mrs. Glenn D. Fraser, our hosts while we were in Vancouver, British Columbia, we had tickets to this great event.

The carpet of turf before us was dotted with the greatest athletes of an empire. Men and women trained to the peak of fitness were participating in numerous events—broad jumping, pole vaulting, high hurdles.

High in the spectators' stands vendors of sundry kinds of merchandise were also performing feats of athletic prowess, but without benefit of medals. Ice cream cones were dripping their way from aisle to aisle; orangeade raced precariously in paper cups; hot dogs breathed their union with strong mustard to all within a reasonable radius. The scene was so typical that I mused for a moment on the similarity of this group of Canadian sports fans to a like audience in the States.

My musings were forgotten, however, when a lithe figure appeared on the track below us and the whispered name “Landy” swept through the crowd. I thrilled with the rest of the spectators as I watched the pride of Australia jaunting easily up and down.

Then, suddenly, a cry from someone behind me: “There he is! There's Bannister!” I strained eagerly again and soon spotted the tall, lean-faced Englishman who first smashed the record of the four-minute mile.

“This will be quite the race!” I observed to the man sitting next to me.

“Not so,” was his reply. “You see, today they're only running to place. In fact, they'll be in different heats. Saturday will be a different story. Then they'll be running to win—and that will be a race!”

I soon found that he was right. The heats were called and Bannister and Landy ran easily and to place. Each came in third in his heat, but that was sufficient to place him in the finals.

Then it was Saturday. Same stadium . . . same spectators . . . same track . . . same runners. But how different a race! From the moment the gun sounded until Roger Bannister broke the tape, there was a different tone to the entire event. The runners were poised more tensely in their starting positions. The spectators sat on the edges of their seats. Even the vendors were motionless.

Why? Because on that day Landy and Bannister were *running to win*. There would be no complacent acceptance of a third place. *Only first place would do!*

None of us who saw it will ever forget that magnificent final stretch when Dr. Bannister summoned what seemed to be superhuman strength to pass the brilliant Australian. To those who have questioned him about his great competitive spirit, the London doctor has described it as the “joy of running.” Thirty-five thousand onlookers shared his “joy” on the day when he ran to win. Nor will the gallant Landy be forgotten, for he too ran to win—and it was glorious!

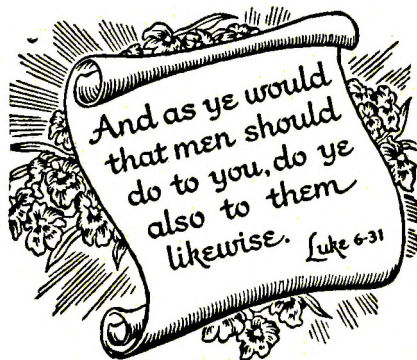
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I am back in Idaho now and happily immersed in all the joy of seeing a great Nazarene college come to life for a new year. Applications for the freshman class already number 180, and I am thinking about my freshman Sunday-school class at College Church.

What can I give to these eager-eyed “frosh” as a theme for successful living? I think I know what I'll tell them: Run to *win* and not to place. The world has plenty of Christians who are willing to come in third as long as they are thus included in the main events. They'll pray enough and give enough and even do enough—to rate third place. But with that they feel that their duty is ended.

We need some winners! We need Christians who are willing to train and pray and give of themselves until they, too, can run a “miracle mile” for the Lord Jesus Christ. We need men filled with the “joy of running” the Christian race.

Yes, I found my motto for the year at the British Empire games. With God's help I mean to run to *win*.



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## To Sunday-School Attendance??

1. Make up your mind that Sunday school is an unnecessary evil, an appendix to the work of the church.

2. Decide that Sunday school is all right for children, but has no value for young people or adults.

3. Persuade yourself that Sunday is primarily a day of rest, and start it off as such by sleeping as late as you want to.

4. Hold to the theory that quality, and not quantity, is of chief importance in the Sunday school. This being the case, the fewer that attend, the better—then there will be more opportunity for those who are there to get individual attention.

5. Convince yourself that the teachers, supervisors, Sunday-school superintendent, pastor, literature, and/or age schemes are not satisfactory, and thus you do not feel inclined to attend Sunday school.

6. Opening exercises are dull. I might be able to stand the remainder of the hour if it were not for them.

7. If I go to Sunday school, they will expect me to stay for the morning church service. But I can't stand a crowd for that long a time. Two services in succession are too much for a nervous, sensitive nature like mine.

8. Rationalize yourself into believing that, since you as a Christian worker or layman engage in so much religious activity from Monday through Saturday, you must be free from it somewhat on Sunday. Then conclude that the best place to begin this elimination is with the Sunday school. In other words, make yourself believe that you are so active for Christ during the week that you do not need to exert yourself much for Him on Sunday. Your philosophy is that religion is fine if not served too regularly.

9. Work yourself nearly to death on Friday, and especially on Saturday. As a result, you will feel too tired to go to Sunday school on Sunday. When you wake up on Sunday morning you'll think that you are coming down with typhoid fever or some other terrible disease.

10. Stay up so late on Saturday night that you can't wake yourself up early enough on Sunday morning to get to Sunday school.

*Where there's a will not to go to Sunday school, there are at least ten ways.*

## God's Directional Lights

**I**N THE two articles which have already appeared under the title, "God's Directional Lights," I presented two preliminary considerations: absolute readiness to follow God's will, and the fact that God doesn't hurry us with our major de-

isions. Then I continued with a discussion of the following directional lights: the Bible; the inner voice, or the direct communication of the Holy Spirit; divine providences; and the church. In this third article I shall deal with two more of God's directional lights—Christian friends and one's reason, or judgment, as God directs it; and in concluding I shall consider briefly three points, as follows: decisions must finally be made, the call to preach must be imperative, and God doesn't keep you in doubt.

Now as to *Christian friends*: There is also the leadership from God which sometimes comes through Christian friends, especially as their advice may confirm the divine providences. I'd hesitate a long time to enter any calling or make a major decision or move if my best Christian friends counseled against it. I appreciate my Christian friends, and believe that God has sometimes used their recommendations to help me know what I should do. This type of divine leadership is not only closely associated with divine providences, but also with the church and its decisions. Those who gave me my license to preach were friends of mine, and those who ordained me were also friends; and if they had honestly felt, after considering my case carefully, that I was not fitted to enter the ministry I would have thought a long time before entering it. Certainly, I could not have treated lightly their appraisal of my situation.

Then it seems to me there is *your own reason, or better perhaps, judgment*, as God directs it from time to time. Of course it must always be undergirded by prayer, and the kind of consecration that I emphasized in the beginning of this discussion. We must be absolutely willing always to do anything that God wants us to do and, as we pray, truly realize that fact in our hearts. At times God so directs our reason, or judgment, that we make the right choices.

I remember hearing a rather startling thing about a man who has been an outstanding pastor and evangelist in the holiness movement. He is also thought of as being rather radical from the standpoint of his dependence on God for specific leadership. Nevertheless, he was asked one day what he did if as a pastor he came up to Thursday or Friday without any message for Sunday—if God hadn't given him any leadership by then as to what he was to preach on for the next Sunday. He answered quickly, "I would decide for myself what I would preach on." He meant that, after praying about it honestly and sincerely, he would choose his subjects for the next Sunday on the basis of his knowledge of the needs of the people and other pertinent factors. In other

words, he would use his own judgment and expect God to direct it. I believe he was exactly right in the position which he took.

As a young preacher I allowed the devil to defeat me at this point. Too often I permitted myself to come up to Sunday without the proper preparation for my messages because I depended upon a definite and spectacular word from within. Occasionally I got this type of leading but many times I did not. That was of the devil, who was defeating me. Finally, I learned to do what the man referred to above did. If by a certain time in the week I didn't have any impression or feeling in the matter that I could count on as coming from God, I used my own judgment. After praying about it, I chose my subjects and began to prepare my messages. Sometimes in an evangelistic meeting I also have to follow that procedure. There are times when a subject for a certain service comes into my mind and I'm perfectly satisfied with it and use it. But this is not always the case. In such instances, I pray about it earnestly and then make my own decision, hoping that God will direct my judgment. This doesn't mean that God never breaks in right at the last minute and changes my subject, but such cases of divine leadership as to what I should preach are exceptional. I believe that if a person depends too much on that kind of divine leadership as to what he should preach on, he'll soon get into trouble. The devil will defeat him and his preaching will not have the preparation back of it that it should. God has given us our minds, and sometimes He leads us through them—some people perhaps more often than others.

How may I know what God's will is for me? What are God's directional lights? In concluding this discussion, I would say that you'll finally have to make the decision as to your beliefs and your life's work. A person who is always uncertain about what he is going to do, or what he is going to believe, will be a failure in life. If you can't seem to get the kind of divine leadership that some other people get, or the kind you have been wanting, then use your judgment, plus prayer, divine providences, and the advice of your church and good Christian friends. Above everything else, don't wait too long to decide what you are going to believe and do in life.

I have in mind some brilliant young people whose lives have been a failure because they never could make up their minds. They couldn't come to any decision as to what they should believe or what their life's work should be. The result is they have never accomplished anything. If you are a Christian and are twenty-five or thirty years of age, you ought to know what you are going to believe, have a philosophy of life

that you are willing to risk everything on, and you ought to know what your life's calling is. God have mercy on you if you are past thirty and are still in the dark about these matters!

Another thing I would mention about preaching is: I feel much like my professor in the theological seminary felt when he said that he agreed with the Apostle Paul who said, "*Woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel!*" I don't think you should decide to be a minister of the gospel unless you feel that that is the one thing you must do. I am inclined to say what some others have said, "If you feel that you can get to heaven without preaching the gospel, then you'd better not preach it." Or if you can keep spiritually alive in your heart, and keep darkness out of it without preaching, then you'd better not preach. God help us to know what His will is not only as to the major decisions of our lives but also as to those which may not hold such an important place.

Another question should be mentioned here, one which someone asked me not long ago. It was stated thus: "*Why does God let people remain in doubt about what they should do in life? Why doesn't He just tell them right off what His will is for them?*" Personally, I don't believe that God does let people remain in doubt. I think where there is trouble in finding out the will of God in one's life, the blame should not be placed on God, but on the individual. If a person really wants to know the will of God, and is sure that he is ready to do it whatever it may be, he can within a reasonable length of time interpret God's directional lights. Study God's directional lights and find your place in His over-all plan.

## A Significant World Gathering— **EVANSTON!**

**E**VANSTON, Illinois, has been in the headlines for weeks. The press, both religious and secular, has bombarded us with this name. Why? Because the Second Assembly of the World Council of Churches has been meeting there. It began August fifteenth and continued through the thirty-first. Fifteen hundred delegates were present, representing more than 150 communions and 50 nations. Some of the members were from behind the iron curtain. This gathering is reported to have received the most extensive news coverage ever given a meeting of any kind, with the exception of the last Republican National Convention. The Festival of Faith was held the first Sunday afternoon in Chicago's Soldiers' Field. One hundred and forty thousand attended that service and more than thirty thousand were turned away.

However much a person may differ with the World Council of Churches and the proceedings of its Second Assembly, he cannot altogether ignore it. The eyes of the world have been centered upon it.

As some who believe in the World Council of Churches have declared, it is not a church.

much less a super-church. Furthermore, they say that it is never intended to be either. On the other hand, there are, no doubt, those who are now very enthusiastic about the World Council chiefly because of what they believe it will become—a church in which all denominations will be united. Passing by other features of the World Council of Churches with which I do not agree, I must insist that I cannot sanction the idea of a single church, or denomination. I believe in Christian, but not church, unity. Denominationalism has its weaknesses, but a super-church (that is what any one church would become) would have more.

Nevertheless, the Evanston assembly was a significant world gathering. Those who participated in this meeting all made Christ central, at least in name. Their theme was "Christ, the Hope of the World," and in their final pronouncement they recognized the need of His second coming as well as of His activity in the world today.

Some weeks before the convening of this Second Assembly, I listened to an address concerning it by one of America's outstanding church leaders. Among other things, he emphasized the fact that the discussions of this body of churchmen would be Biblical, doctrinal, and eschatological. What he said then has been realized. Whatever else may have happened there, the Bible, Christian beliefs, and eschatology—the second coming of Christ—were not excluded. For this rather unusual emphasis on the part of such a gathering, I give thanks to God.

## Take Time for God

By Katherine Bevis\*

**I**N Ps. 119:59 we read: "I thought on my ways, and turned my feet unto thy testimonies."

The following question appears on a poster in a porch of a church in Switzerland: "There are 1,440 minutes in each day. Can you not spare five minutes to think of God, eternity, and your own soul?"

You say you do not have time for secret prayer, time to read the Word of God, time to think on eternal things. You have time for the things that you consider of the most importance. Then, how high a value do you set on "time for God"?

Dr. A. B. Simpson once said: "God has hidden every precious thing in such a way that it is a reward to the diligent, a prize to the earnest, a disappointment to the slothful soul. All nature is arrayed against the loungers and the idlers. The nut is hidden in its thorny case; the pearl is buried beneath the ocean wave; the gold is imprisoned in the rocky bosom of the mountain; the gem is found only after you crush the rock that encloses it; the very soil gives its harvests as the reward of industry to the laboring husbandman." So truth and God must be earnestly sought. "He that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened" (Matt. 7:8).

Remember, in these 1,440 minutes in each day that God allows us to live, there are hidden nuggets of gold if we will only turn our thoughts "unto thy testimonies."

\*Houston, Texas

## I May Go Home Today

By George H. Talbert

*I may go home today, and be in paradise,  
And see the glorious wonders, hid from my  
searching eyes.*

*I may go home today, and meet my Lord and  
King,  
And help the angel chorus make the courts of  
heaven ring.*

*I may go home today, and hear Him say, "Well  
done."*

*How glad I am to know today I am my Father's  
son!*

*I may go home today; the journey isn't long—  
The angels may be gathering now to sing my  
welcome song.*

*I may go home today. I do not doubt or fear;  
For here, or death, or heav'n above, my blessed  
Lord is near.*

*I may go home today, so I shall faithful be,  
For Christ my Lord is waiting at a home pre-  
pared for me.*

## The Beauty of Holiness

(Continued from page 3)

"This one thing I do," and this brings adjustment to God, self, and others.

Finally, *holiness is beautiful, for it is experientially possible*. God declares, "No good thing will he [I] withhold." It is a good thing to live at peace and in harmonious relations. It is good to be clean and live a clean life. This is the challenge of the Scriptures, "Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it" (I Thess. 5:24). That which is needed, God is able to perform, in that full provision has been made, and the statement, "Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate," (Heb. 13:12) is sufficient to spur us on to attainment. The personal procedure is simple. Hear the Word, yield yourself, obey the instructions of the Spirit, and then trust the power of the blood of Christ. Thousands testify to the efficacy of this wonderful way!

I love the beauty of nature, the symmetry of paintings, the harmony of good music; but the most lovely sight to my eyes is a sanctified personality all aglow with love to God and man, and radiant with the fullness of the Spirit's indwelling. Why not claim your inheritance today?



# DISCIPLINE

By W. Shelburne Brown\*

**N**OTHING worth-while was ever accomplished in life without discipline. Whether it be writing a book, preaching a sermon, or climbing a mountain, every area of effort has its requirements of discipline to produce success. Fanaticism is expecting results without due attention to the causes that produce those results. One need not expect Christian character without attention first of all to the spiritual disciplines that produce such character.

Holman Hunt, the great artist, was giving a lecture on art forms and as an illustration stepped to the blackboard and drew a perfect circle free-hand. A woman in the group said ingratiatingly, "O Mr. Hunt, teach me to draw circles like that." To which the artist replied, "It's really very simple, lady. All that is necessary is to practice eight hours a day for forty years as I have."

Many people would like to play the piano well; few are willing to undergo the discipline of practice that makes the master craftsman. Many would like to preach well, but few take the time in study and preparation. Many would like to be spiritual giants, but few take the time in prayer, meditation, and daily discipline to produce sainthood.

It is well for us to remind ourselves constantly that God does not give character at the altar of prayer. It is not unusual for parents to blame the preacher or the church for the lack of stability that their children manifest in spiritual living. The fault often lies, not in the preacher or the church or the young people's group, but in the home, where the disciplines have not been

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enforced that would help those children to develop character. All too often an experience of regeneration or sanctification is expected to take the place of what the individual or the parents did not do in the preceding years. God's grace in the forgiveness of sins and cleansing of the moral nature provides the proper background and seedbed for the flowering of Christian character. God expects us to do something about the commands to "study to shew thyself approved unto God," to "pray without ceasing," to be "diligent" in business, to "work out your own salvation," to "keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a cast-away" (I Cor. 9:27).

No one ever yet learned to pray by wishing for the ability nor by reading books about prayer. Neither did anyone learn to pray by a sort of marathon attempt to outdistance all competitors in the length of one prayer. Those who learn real prayer are those who consistently practice the habit of going alone with God daily.

Spiritual power is not gained by intensity of emotion or fervency of conviction. The way of power is the way of disciplines, bringing every thought into subjection—and it isn't accomplished overnight. One is seldom tempted to call the convert of last week a saint.

The great saints from the days of Abraham until now have been those who voluntarily disciplined their living in order that God might be all. In dark days when a Mount Moriah threatened, they walked by faith. In sunny days they were as careful in living, rejoicing in the blessings of God. Those items in life that proved harmful to spiritual gain were eliminated, even to the cutting off of the right hand. Those practices that proved strengthening in effect were continued at whatever cost. So the saints have grown through spiritual discipline from strength to strength.

## HOME MISSIONS and EVANGELISM

### ROY F. SMEE, Secretary

**NEW CHURCHES**  
**O**N THE Chicago Central District, Superintendent Mark R. Moore has organized two new churches. Rev. Woodrow Leezer is the pastor of the new church at Braidwood. Rev. Robert B. Hardy is pastor of the church organized at Libertyville. There are seven new churches on the Chicago Central District this quadrennium.

The newly elected district superintendent of the Kentucky District, Rev. D. D. Lewis, has organized a new church at Elizabethtown with twenty-five charter members. Rev.

E. Warren Hayes has been appointed pastor. The congregation is worshipping in the courthouse auditorium, but plans to purchase or build soon. This is the ninth new church on the Kentucky District since the General Assembly.

District Superintendent I. C. Mathis recently organized a new church at Picher, on the Northeast Oklahoma District.

A new church has been organized at Crossett, Arkansas, at the conclusion of a tent revival conducted by Rev. and Mrs. Bob Nye of El Do-

rado Central Church, assisted by District Superintendent W. L. French. This is one of the fastest growing towns in South Arkansas. It is the fifth new church on the South Arkansas District this quadrennium.

There are three new churches on the West Virginia District, organized by District Superintendent Edward C. Oney. At Wiley Ford, just across the line from Cumberland, Maryland, there is a fine group and a good building has been purchased for their services. They are fully supporting their pastor and making progress. The new church at Gassaway is getting a good start in a rented

building. At Woodland, a small community, a building has been purchased and the Sunday school is already averaging nearly 100. There are fourteen new churches on the West Virginia District this quadrennium.

### CORRECTION

In our column of the August 25 issue, it was stated that the new Wheeler Community Church on the Louisiana District is near Montgomery, Alabama. Wheeler is located near Montgomery, Louisiana.

### The Thrill

#### Of This Home-Mission Pastor

By John R. Ferguson\*

To drive down long, winding streets that are lined with new homes, to drive farther and find many more being constructed, to be told

that hundreds more are to be built, and to have a beautiful, well located ranch-style building that the community refers to as "the pretty new church" is the thrill of this home-mission pastor.

To be reminded that the church was organized a brief three months ago with fifteen members who voted to assume all financial obligations from the beginning (April 11) and be a 10 per cent church, and that to date \$124.00 has been sent to general interests, and that the membership has more than doubled, is the thrill of this home-mission pastor.

To be reminded that the Sunday school is averaging sixty-five and will undoubtedly reach an average of a hundred or more within a few months, and to be able to spend an entire day calling on unchurched peo-

ple and to see many of these attend the Church of the Nazarene for the first time, and to see some of these kneel at the altar of prayer and rise as newborn babes in Christ, is the thrill of this home-mission pastor.

To enjoy the enthusiasm that is characteristic of the new convert, to watch him take part in the calling group and other activities of the church, and to hear him say, "If the 10 per cent program is right, that is what we want," is the thrill of this home-mission pastor.

To be reminded that I have a part in a church that has wonderful prospects for growth, and that it will be a lighthouse for holiness until Jesus returns, and that the work I am doing will outlast time, is the thrill of this home-mission pastor.

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# THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL LESSON



By J. GEORGE TAYLORSON

## Topic for October 3: The Church and Its Purpose

Scripture: Matt. 16:18-19; Acts 16:4-5; Acts 2:42, 44, 46-47; Heb. 13:17-21 (Printed: same)

**GOLDEN TEXT:** *Only let your conversation [conduct] be as it becometh the gospel of Christ: that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel (Phil. 1:27).*

In order for any institution, religious or otherwise, to preserve its usefulness, it must continually review its purpose. What is the real mission of the Church? Just what is our purpose? Are we fulfilling our mission? Is the end clear, or has it been submerged by the over-attention to the means?

In simple terms, the Church has been called to witness to the eternal in the midst of time; to proclaim the good tidings of the timeless gospel to all mankind; to offer spiritual leadership in a world of diminishing moral standards. We are to live above and beyond the world, for no church that is subworldly in its behavior can preserve its respect. The Church of Christ is timeless and follows truth as revealed through the Word of God and provided through the revelation of the Holy Spirit, ever avoiding the daily pitfalls of merely following the

trends of time or of taking its cue from either its environment or the fashions of man.

The purpose of the Church is, not to condemn, but to release the light. It is the humble and repentant Church, standing in the midst of life's failures and sins, that offers to all mankind full redemption through her living Lord. The strength and effectiveness of the Church are not measured statistically, but rather in terms of service and loyalty to truth, even as her Founder and Lord came both to minister and to give His life a ransom for many.

The effective church will move into infected areas, not away from them. The trend is evil that suggests that a good location is determined by the high economic level of the community. The Church of the Nazarene could well review her call and heritage at this point. Our purpose is to minister to all in all walks of life. Every individual soul is of as much value as another in the sight of God. Christ lived and died for the truth that all men are of equal value in the sight of God, regardless of the "take-home pay" or the color of skin that clothes the soul. The purpose of the Church

of the Nazarene is to evangelize—to proclaim and live the message of perfect love made effective by the Holy Spirit! We cannot fulfill this call if we are forever thinking of our rights and seldom of our responsibilities.

Before it is too late, and no one knows what time it is, it would be wise for us to review our individual dedication and the total assets of the church. All of our energies must be passionately directed to the salvation of the lost and the healing of the nations. To build on anything less secure in this tottering world will only bring upon us the wrath of disappointed men as they rise to laugh "like fiends at our little parochial religion and our little parochial God." The hour is too late to rest in prideful contentment with the past, or to attempt to continue in the momentum of our fathers' faith. Now is the hour for an explosive, militant proclamation of the message of redemption—here alone lies our only purpose for existence!

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# The Young People's Society

## The Nazarene Young People's Society

**T**HE average N.Y.P.S. meeting in our denomination is a quite small gathering, and viewed from the standpoint of numbers alone is not likely to cause much excitement. But who are these persons in this youth meeting? Why are they here rather than at the movies? What do they believe? To what are they committed? In what direction are they going? What is their potential? To see even the smallest N.Y.P.S. in such a light stirs the imagination.

The members of the society themselves (usually the large majority of the meeting) are committed by their pledge of membership to loyalty to the church's spiritual and moral standards, to Christian living, and to the aims and purposes of the society. They say, in effect, when they come

to the society meeting: "We are here because in Christ we have found a high purpose for life and a Christian fellowship which we enjoy and prize. We would like to interpret our Christian experience thoughtfully and in terms of our life. We would like to use our energies and our talents to do something worth-while."

The N.Y.P.S. is presented with a splendid opportunity and a serious responsibility. No other agency is so well equipped to give proper and full expression and guidance to the Christian life of the church's youth. To meet the real needs of youth, to help them to a place of effective service, to train them for that service by serious thinking, but as well by spirited and Spirit-inspired doing—that is the challenging mission of the N.Y.P.S.

It must be obvious that this kind of youth activity within the church

is vital to the church's future. It should also be plain that the N.Y.P.S. is the logical agency of the church to take the lead in carrying it on.

ARNOLD AIRHART  
General N.Y.P.S.  
Council Member

## NEWS OF YOUTH

The following have recently been elected or re-elected as district N.Y.P.S. presidents: Rev. J. Donald Freese, Akron District; Raymond F. Williams, Eastern Michigan District; Forrest E. Whitlatch, Iowa District; Rev. Marion Holloway, Missouri District; Hugh E. Russell, New Mexico District; Robert M. Inland, Jr., Pittsburgh District; Rev. H. W. Meadows, Virginia District; Rev. Howard S. Sylvia, Western Ohio District; and Rev. R. Fletcher Tink, British Isles-South District.

# THE QUESTION BOX

## Conducted by STEPHEN S. WHITE

*Q. Does Ps. 37:24 substantiate the teaching "once saved, always saved"?*

A. No. One commentator heads his discussion of Ps. 37:21-31 thus: "Jehovah's Considerate Care of the Faithful." These verses have to do with God's faithful, not those who are unfaithful to Him. I know that this interpretation is right because of what is found in the two concluding verses of this section—"The mouth of the righteous speaketh wisdom, and his tongue talketh of judgment. The law of his God is in his heart; none of his steps shall slide." This last verse especially indicates that the passage deals with those who live above sin because the law of God is written within their hearts. But my reader may still insist on knowing exactly what verse 24 really means. If interpreted in the light of the whole passage, or for that matter the whole psalm, it can only refer to failures in achievement—temporary backsets in the battle against sin, discouragements, or mistakes. If a person will keep his heart right, God will see to it that he will not be utterly cast down, overcome by what has overtaken him.

*Q. Between His resurrection and ascension did Jesus make only the ten appearances mentioned in the Bible, or did He appear daily?*

A. There are only the ten appearances of the risen Lord recorded in the New Testament. However, I agree with those who believe that there were other appearances of the risen Christ which were not recorded. Still we do not have any sure proof of this, but it is at least suggested by Acts 1:3, which reads as follows: "To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God." The chances are, nevertheless, that He did not continue with His disciples as constantly as He did before the Resurrection.

*Q. If two persons are sanctified, are free from the carnal nature, and have a child, how can that child have a carnal nature?*

A. One answer which has been given to this question is biological, and may be explained thus: I was

not just the descendant of my father and mother; I was the descendant of a long line of ancestors. My father and my mother, my immediate progenitors, according to biology passed on to me a stream of life which had its origin, not just in them, but in many who preceded them. From this standpoint, all of my ancestors would have had to be free from the carnal mind before I could have been without it.

*Q. How is the carnal nature transmitted from parent to child?*

A. The broader question here is, How is it that the sinful nature which all of us have, or are born into the world with, has been handed on to us from Adam? How does our depravity have its origin in Adam's sin? That somehow we are all born with a bent to sinning, and that that bent is very definitely connected with Adam's sin, it seems to me no one can deny if he will read Rom. 5:12-21 with a fair and unprejudiced mind. But the question before us is how this condition has been handed down to us from Adam. Three answers have been given to it by theologians: the realistic, the representative, and the



genetic. The first, or realistic, theory holds that somehow we all sinned when Adam sinned and, therefore, our depraved condition really results from our own sin just as his did. The second, or representative, view rather arbitrarily passes Adam's sin on to all of us on the ground that Adam was legally constituted the head of the race. Adam fell and became sinful in nature and, since he was the legal head of the race, we have all had his sinful condition imputed to us. Finally, the genetic explanation holds that we are born in sin, or with a carnal nature, because we have inherited Adam's sinful nature according to the regular

laws of heredity. This last theory is the one accepted by Arminian theologians. It has its difficulties but not as many as the other two answers. I might add that we must not permit the "how" of the transmission of our fallen condition to blind us to the fact of our fallen state. There are many "hows" connected with the physical man as well as with the spiritual which we cannot explain very satisfactorily. We accept the fact even though we do not understand the "how." Most men, whatever their other beliefs may be, accept the universality of sin, that is, that all men sin when they come to the time of moral responsibility. Different

explanations have been given of this, but no one of the others is as reasonable as the Bible teaching that man is born in sin—with a predisposition, or bent, toward sinning. And since the Bible emphasizes the truth that this condition comes from Adam and because of his sin, we must, if we think at all, adopt some view as to how this sin nature has been handed down to us. Why not, then, accept the genetic, or inheritance, theory as to "how" this sin-nature has come to us? Thus we not only explain the existence of the carnal nature in us but also through that carnal nature account in the most rational way for the universality of sinning.

## FOREIGN MISSIONS

### It Pays to Pray!

*Special cable from India:*

Great outpouring of Spirit in revival above all asking or thinking comes to Indian preachers, Basim church, and missionaries. Revival sweeps to Chikhli school and on to village. Keep holding ropes.—SAMUEL BHUJBAL, EARL LEE.

### Prayer Request

REV. W. A. Jordan, Panama Canal Zone, writes: "Remember my wife in prayer. She needs help for her body so much. The doctors as yet have not been able to help her very much. They say the dampness here is one of the greatest hindrances to her getting well."

### SOS from Japan

No doubt you are fully aware of the tension and the critical situation in the Far East. We would not attempt to prophesy future events except to say that we must have a real Holy Ghost revival in our Japanese churches. The sense of urgency for the moving of the Holy Spirit is upon us until we feel that God will have to come now in a soul-reviving and soul-saving revival. Already we are seeing some evidences of answered prayer and the way being prepared for this revival. For this we praise God, but with it comes a greater sense of urgency. Please put this crucial need before the folk at home, for at this time we must have the impact of the united prayers of our American Nazarenes.—CATHERINE ECKEL, Japan.

### Ten per Cent for God!

We're paying our 10 per cent regularly and the Lord is blessing us for

### REMISS REHFELDT, Secretary

it. A few weeks ago my treasurer called me and said that we had \$52.00 in the treasury and our 10 per cent due at that time was \$50.00. We sent it to headquarters, and that night we received \$124.00 in the offering! We are having a real spirit of revival. Six at the altar last Sunday night.—VIRGIL HUTCHINSON, pastor, San Anselmo, California, Church of the Nazarene.

### Letter to the Editor

Several months ago you published my address in Korea, suggesting that welfare goods for our churches there could be sent to me for distribution. The response was heart-warming and met a very vital need among these poor people.

At the time I offered to make distribution there was no missionary of our church in Korea to receive the goods through American mails. Now we have:

Rev. Donald D. Owens  
Church of the Nazarene Mission  
APO 301, Postmaster  
San Francisco, California

He is so situated that he can make distribution to all our churches, whereas I can reach only the Pusan church. For that reason I suggest that in the future packages be sent to Brother Owens.

Welfare goods are very badly needed. You in America cannot imagine the difficult living of these poor people in a country largely destroyed by struggling armies which passed over their farms and villages, not once, but twice and three or even four times in some places. Refugee families live in ten-by-ten-foot cardboard shacks, without electricity, washing clothes without soap in the

ditch at the side of the road, carrying drinking water several blocks. About 5 per cent of these refugees are Christians. For our Nazarenes in Pusan I say thank you sincerely for what you have sent. And I repeat, send all future parcels to Rev. Donald Owens at the above address.—BOB SHAW.

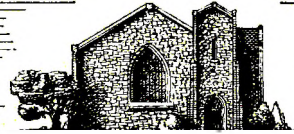
### To Tete at Last!

On May 22, Norman Salmons and W. C. Esselstyn left Discovery in the pickup, loaded high with the Salmonses' goods en route for Tete. The journey of approximately 1,100 miles was a good but slow one and it was Saturday, the twenty-ninth, when they finally reached the mission station at Furancungo. After a ten-day stay at the mission, Brothers Pope, Salmons, and Esselstyn, in company with Evangelist Jerry Ngozo, who had come over from Nyasaland, set out again in the pickup for a tour of the surrounding country.

After visiting the outpost work between Furancungo and Tete, they proceeded to Blantyre in Nyasaland, and from there up through Nyasaland to Fort Jameson in Northern Rhodesia, and then to Lusaka and down to Salisbury in Southern Rhodesia. From there Mr. Pope and Mr. Salmons returned to Furancungo by road, while Mr. Esselstyn took the train back to Discovery.

Several missionaries and government officials were interviewed during this tour. It seems that there are real need and opportunity for us to do missionary work in the Central African Federation and that the government will welcome us. (The first Church of the Nazarene in Rhodesia has recently been organized in Lusaka.—Ed.)

# NEWS of the Churches



Taft, California—On August 29 our church celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary. In this arid San Joaquin Valley, it was said that a summer rally was out of the question; but in spite of this fact, 189 people attended the anniversary Sunday-school rally. It was our privilege to have 3 former pastors attend the celebration. Rev. James H. Sturgis, who was instrumental in the organization of the church in the summer of 1929, was the special guest and speaker for the morning service. He served the church as pastor from 1938 to 1942, and built the present sanctuary. Rev. Chester Osner, who had helped hold the struggling church together in the early days, was present and brought the evening message. Rev. R. R. Richey, who served as pastor from 1946 to 1949, was present for part of the celebration. A two-week vacation Bible school was successfully completed and the demonstration program was presented during the Sunday-school hour on the anniversary Sunday. The school enrolled 108 and had an average attendance of 75. The church is now making plans for a Sunday-school revival, with the pastor's father, Rev. Frank McConnell, of Bethany, Oklahoma.—J. E. McConnell, Pastor.

Matthews, Missouri—Our church recently closed a good revival with Evangelist E. J. Miller. A number of souls sought God at our altar. Brother Miller's heart-searching messages were greatly appreciated. God's blessings were on the services from the very beginning.—Raymond Cotten, Pastor.

Tuscumbia, Alabama—This new church recently had a very successful revival with Evangelist T. A. Shirley. There were record-breaking crowds several nights, and souls prayed through at the altar. A fine group of new Nazarenes were received into the membership of the Church. The messages brought by Brother Shirley inspired our people and challenged the church to work in the Crusade for Souls. Our church can never be the same after these godly, inspired messages. We had our first service in the new church on Easter Sunday, 1954. There were only thirteen people present in the first service; we now have an enrollment of forty-two and we broke the record on the last Sunday of the revival with fifty present. Our Sunday school is growing each month. New contacts are being made each week and a good number of people are looking our way. Six new Sunday-school rooms are being constructed and will soon be ready for use. Brighter days are ahead for our church in Tuscumbia. We love God and the cause of holiness. Pray for us as we move on in this crusade.—J. F. Dunlap, Pastor.

## A LOVE OFFERING

The Board of General Superintendents wishes to thank the entire church for the enthusiastic and generous offering received for opening up the new work in New Guinea. The total now stands at \$93,699.96 (September 7). We believe that this is an appropriate tribute to the fortieth anniversary year of the N.F.M.S. We can give assurance to the entire church that the above money will be spent carefully as authorized by the General Board and the Department of Foreign Missions.

Our sincere thanks to our people everywhere for this love offering.

SAMUEL YOUNG, *Secretary*  
BOARD OF GENERAL  
SUPERINTENDENTS

Evangelist H. N. Dickerson writes: "Through a mistake I have two dates to reslate, namely, October 13 to 24, and November 24 to December 5. I would like to schedule this time somewhere in the Middle West, as I will be in that part of the country this fall. Write me, 2235 N. Alabama, Indianapolis 5, Indiana."

Rev. V. J. Shetler is closing his pastorate at Pineville, North Carolina, Sunday, September 19, and is entering the evangelistic field, being available for meetings after October 1. He has spent twenty-one years in the ministry of the church, laboring on fifteen different districts as pastor or evangelist. Pastors or churches interested in his services may contact him at Box 98, Pineville, North Carolina.

Caruthersville, Missouri—On August 29 we closed a good revival with Evangelist W. E. Carlton, a wonderful evangelist whose Spirit-filled life and ministry were a blessing to our church. The Caruthersville church is being blessed of the Lord, for which we are thankful. During the revival our church made 3,019 contacts for the meeting; on the closing night we received 9 new members into the church, 8 of them adults. Sixty-two people pledged to do personal evangelism each week, 10 new tithers were added to the church, and we baptized a good group on Sunday afternoon. Year before last we were able to set a new record in average attendance in our Sunday school, and last year we beat that record and made a new one. This year we have the best start of the seven years we have been pastor here.—Curtis F. Cook, Pastor.

Evangelist R. O. Parry reports: "I served as pastor of the Birdsboro, Pennsylvania, church for three and one-half years and had a successful ministry there. I felt I would like to return to the field of evangelism, and so last assembly I resigned the church to go out for souls. I have been busy on week ends since the assembly. I go to Milton, Pennsylvania, October 10 to 24. Write me at 2046 Oaklane, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania."

Wakeeney, Kansas—Early in the summer this church had a good revival with twenty seekers, and a love offering of forty-five dollars was given to our pastor and family. On the closing day of the revival (May 9) we broke our Sunday-school record with an attendance of forty-four. On May 16, District Superintendent Ray Hance dedicated our new church with about one hundred people present. Nearly \$1,100.00 was pledged on the indebtedness, above the \$2,000.00 loan, on which the church is paying \$22.00 per month. Rev. Floyd Everhart and family served as our pastors for eighteen months, and we surely appreciated their fine work. We pray God's richest blessings upon them in their new field of labor in Ness City.—Mrs. Raymond A. Lynd, Reporter.

The Long Island Holiness Camp Meeting Association held its annual camp at Freeport, New York, July 28 to August 8. Dr. Wayne Lamb delivered some masterful sermons, and Dr. Stanley Magil brought some splendid expository and evangelistic messages. Mrs. James Boughton led the singing; Mrs. Ruth Patton directed the youth of the camp; Mrs. Willard Ortlip, with her assistants, led the children's meetings; and Rev. Willard Ortlip gave challenging messages to the youth, as well as illustrated art pictures preceding the evening messages. Missionary day was challenging and informative. Rev. Charles F. Binger, a lay preacher, ably served as chairman.—Clifton T. Matthews, Reporter.

Evangelist W. M. Hodge reports: "We had a good meeting, closing July 11, with the New Liberty Holiness Church, New Liberty, Kentucky. The church was blessed under the old-fashioned gospel preaching and singing. Rev. Ernest Sullivan was the evangelist, and Mr. Robert Grant and I served as singers and musicians. A number of souls sought and found God as their personal Saviour. Following this we had a good meeting at Kirksey, Kentucky, with Rev. Arlie D. Goodwin, and Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Rile as our co-workers. God came and blessed in both the day and evening services and souls prayed through to victory."

# "Showers of Blessing" Stations

## In Northwest Educational Zone

Pastor Dale Sidle reports: "After going to Marinette, Wisconsin, in April, 1952, it was our privilege to meet and to preach to many fine folk. The Lord helped us to win several folk to Him and the church, a few of these being older people, who got saved for the first time in their lives. Thank God for this. During our ministry at Marinette, it was our privilege to have with us in our revival meetings such men of God as Rev. Frank Roddy, Song Evangelist Walter Schultz, Rev. John Harold, and Rev. Chester Sidle. Each of these men was faithful to his calling and his ministry was much appreciated. We resigned the church at Marinette to accept the call to pastor our Forest Center church near Menomonie, Wisconsin. We find here a loyal people and a wonderful spirit prevails. God has been blessing in every service and we accept the challenge to press the battle for the Lord."

Camp Sychar meeting at Mt. Vernon, Ohio, had a gracious time this year. Special workers were Dr. Morton Dorsey, Dr. C. E. Hardy, Dr. Delbert Rose, Dr. Paul S. Rees, and Dr. John R. Church, evangelists, with the youth leaders being Mrs. H. V. Falor, Mrs. William Douce, Misses Eva Clausen and Celeste Richardson. Thirty-two different denominations and nineteen states were represented, also five foreign countries. Thousands of people attended the camp, and the accommodations were strained. The high point was reached on Thursday night, at the close of the message by Dr. Church, when there was a great turning to the Lord—chairs were removed from the platform for the altar service. Sychar has a large youth program, and results at the altar were good this year. Camp Sychar next year will be August 11 to 21.—Jerome Shiltz, Reporter.

Homer City, Pennsylvania—On August 29 we had a wonderful homecoming day. In the morning Rev. O. F. Ring, former pastor who erected the church building, brought a marvelous message. The Spirit of the Lord fell upon us from the very beginning while one of the former members, Mr. Arlington Moore, was singing. At 2:30 p.m. God again blessed us with His Spirit and shouts of victory filled the church as one of the pioneer members, Brother Hail, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, brought the message. In the evening Rev. Leroy Hastie, pastor of the LaCroft Church in East Liverpool, Ohio, and former member of the church, spoke and the service was crowned with two seekers. It was a privilege to have the four Hastie brothers with us; they are all active in the pastorates today—a wonderful tribute to their Christian mother, who had ten sons. God is blessing our church; we have a wonderful group of old-fashioned, praying, loyal Nazarenes. We are looking to Him for gracious victories in the tomorrows.—F. Franklyn Wise, Pastor.

		<i>Idaho</i>		
KRPL	Moscow	1400 kc.	1:30 p.m.	Tuesday
KFXD	Nampa	580 kc.	9:45 p.m.	Sunday
KFXD-FM	Nampa	101.9 meg.	9:45 p.m.	Sunday
KROK	Nampa		7:00 p.m.	Thursday
KPST	Preston	1340 kc.	1:00 p.m.	Sunday
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KSPT	Sandpoint	1400 kc.	9:00 a.m.	Sunday
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		<i>Minnesota</i>		
KTIS	Minneapolis	900 kc.	11:15 a.m.	Saturday
KTRF	Thief River Falls	1230 kc.	8:30 p.m.	Sunday
KWLM	Willmar	1340 kc.	1:30 p.m.	Sunday
		<i>Montana</i>		
KBMN	Bozeman	1230 kc.	9:45 a.m.	Sunday
KXLK	Great Falls	1400 kc.	8:30 a.m.	Sunday
KGEZ	Kalispell	600 kc.	2:15 p.m.	Sunday
KATL	Miles City	1340 kc.	10:30 a.m.	Sunday
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		<i>Nevada</i>		
KELK	Elko	1340 kc.	8:30 a.m.	Sunday
KELY	Ely	1230 kc.	9:15 a.m.	Sunday
		<i>North Dakota</i>		
KLPM	Minot	1390 kc.	6:15 p.m.	Sunday
KBMW	Wahpeton	1450 kc.	8:00 a.m.	Sunday
		<i>Oregon</i>		
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KBKR	Baker	1490 kc.	9:15 a.m.	Sunday
KWJJ	Portland	1080 kc.	8:45 a.m.	Sunday
		<i>Utah</i>		
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		<i>Washington</i>		
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KENE	Toppenish		7:30 a.m.	Sunday
KTEL	Walla Walla	1490 kc.	3:30 p.m.	Sunday
KIMA	Yakima	1460 kc.	8:30 a.m.	Sunday
		<i>Wyoming</i>		
KVVO	Cheyenne	1370 kc.	9:30 a.m.	Saturday
KOVE	Lander	1230 kc.	8:45 a.m.	Sunday
KOWB	Laramie	1340 kc.	12:45 p.m.	Sunday
KWRL	Riverton	1450 kc.	5:00 p.m.	Sunday
		<i>New Stations</i>		
KRAI	Craig, Colo.	1230 kc.	8:45 a.m.	Sunday
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WPTX	Lexington Park, Md.	1570 kc.	8:45 a.m.	Sunday
KLEA	Lovington, N.M.	1050 kc.	9:05 a.m.	Sunday
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KAYE	Puyallup, Wash.	1450 kc.	8:15 a.m.	Sunday
WHAW	Weston, W.Va.	1450 kc.	8:15 a.m.	Sunday
WDLB-FM	Marshfield, Wisc.	103.9 meg.	*Morning Devotions	
WDLB	Marshfield, Wisc.	1450 kc.	*	

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La Voz de Nicaragua HOXO	Managua, Nicaragua Panama	*	760 kc.	6:00 p.m.	Friday
<i>South America</i>					
La Libertad Radio Cruz	Bolivia		1520 kc.	9:00 a.m.	Sunday
Del Sur Radio Cruz	La Paz, Bolivia		730 kc.	9:00 p.m.	Thursday
Del Sur HCJB	La Paz, Bolivia		31.56 mtrs.	9:00 p.m.	Thursday
HCJB	Quito, Ecuador		700 kc.	6:45 p.m.	Saturday
HCJB	Quito, Ecuador		9.75 meg.	6:45 p.m.	Saturday
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			6.5 meg.		
Radio Del Car	Chiclayo, Peru	*		7:15 p.m.	Friday
	Piura, Peru	*		8:15 p.m.	Friday
El Espectador	Montevideo, Uruguay		80 kc.	9:00 a.m.	Sunday
<i>United States</i>					
KCOR	San Antonio, Texas		1350 kc.	* a.m.	Sunday
<i>West Indies</i>					
4VEH	Cap Haitien, Haiti		9885 kc.	7:00 a.m.	Sunday
4VEH	Cap Haitien, Haiti		9885 kc.	7:30 a.m.	Friday
4VEH	Cap Haitien, Haiti		9885 kc.	6:45 p.m.	Monday
WXRF	Guayama, Puerto Rico		1590 kc.	1:45 p.m.	Saturday
WORA	Mayaguez, Puerto Rico		1150 kc.	7:45 a.m.	Sunday
WKVM	San Juan, Puerto Rico		810 kc.	10:30 a.m.	Sunday
WITA	San Juan, Puerto Rico		1400 kc.	8:30 a.m.	Sunday

\*Information not yet received.

Bamberg, South Carolina—We recently closed a very profitable revival with an addition of fifteen members. The church was blessed due to the prayer and fasting example of Evangelist Joel Danner. The church year closed with an 85 per cent Sunday-school increase and a 75 per cent membership increase. God has been with us this year.—J. D. Peacock, Pastor.

Evangelist W. Frank Wiggs reports: "A little over one year ago God led me into the evangelistic field, and I want to testify to His faithfulness. During the past year I have conducted revivals, holiness conventions, and Bible study courses in three Canadian provinces and seven states. I have endeavored to preach second-blessing holiness with no uncertain sound. God has honored His Word, souls have been saved and sanctified, and the church has been blessed. I am beginning my third series of meetings on the Canada West District. I am grateful to Superintendent Lawlor and his good pastors who have stood by me so loyally during this past year. As I enter the second year in this field, I feel that the experiences I have had, the people I have worked with, and the testing of my faith have enriched my life until I am better prepared than ever before to serve God and my church. I have a full slate until Christmas and am slating meetings for 1955. I am willing to go anywhere that the Lord may lead and do my best for God and souls. I wish to express my appreciation for my own district superintendent, Rev. J. W. Hendrickson, who has stood by me so faithfully during the past summer months. His efforts to help me slate meetings and words of appreciation for my work have helped me far

more than he may have realized. I still have some open dates for 1955; anyone desiring to contact me during the next three months, write me in care of Rev. Stewart Abel, P.O. Box 624, Melfort, Saskatchewan, Canada."

Brooksville, Florida—On July 16 a mission was organized at Brooksville, with the Hernando church as sponsor. Since then young people from the mission have attended the district youth camp and the district camp meeting. A building has been rented and ground has been offered for a permanent location. The Sunday school is doing nicely with an average of about thirty. A profitable revival was conducted by Rev. W. D. Croft, pastor at Hernando church, with fifteen saved during the two-week campaign, closing August 22. A very fine spirit prevails throughout. We were assisted very ably by the Groves Sisters. It is hoped that soon this work may be organized as a church.—Reporter.

Evangelist T. A. Shirley writes: "God gave us some wonderful people to pastor on the Alabama District the past eleven years. Our first pastorate was a circuit of two churches, Manchester and Saragossa. Then we accepted the church in Montgomery, and later First Church in Sylacauga. Our last church was the Birmingham Ensley Church. God helped us to make progress at each church, and during these pastorates we received a good number of new Nazarenes into membership. It was a real joy to serve as district young people's president and to be a member of various district boards. The district superintendents we have served under have been men of the highest caliber: Dr. Otto

Stucki, Dr. E. D. Simpson, and Rev. C. E. Shumake. At the close of our district assembly in July we entered the evangelistic field, and God is helping us in this great work. We have conducted revivals at Manchester, where Mrs. Pearl Claborn is pastor; Wilson's Chapel, with Rev. Stewart McWhirter; Himesville Church at Shelbyville, Tennessee, with Rev. C. B. Smith. At this writing we are in a meeting with Rev. J. F. Dunlap at the new church in Tuscumbia, Alabama. God is giving us a good, old-fashioned revival. We have seen a number of souls bow at an altar of prayer in each of these meetings. God is honoring our ministry, for which we give Him praise. We love the Church of the Nazarene, and thank God for the privilege of working in His great vineyard. We are now slating meetings for 1955, and have some time in December, 1954. Write us at 204 E. 9th Street, Sylacauga, Alabama."

Claremore, Oklahoma—Seven years ago Rev. and Mrs. S. Moody Campbell came to Claremore, when we were worshipping in a basement. The next year Brother Campbell negotiated for church property from another denomination, which included a fine lot on which a beautiful six-room parsonage was later built. The year before they came, there was an average Sunday-school attendance of 37. Last year it was 87. The church membership has been doubled. Previous to this no pastor had stayed more than two years. During these seven years the church has been able to gain the confidence of the businessmen of the town and the Campbells have made many friends among the townspeople. They live lives above reproach. Their many friends in and out of the church regret to see them leave, but our loss is the gain of the church in Terrell, Texas, where their pastorate began September 1. Brother Campbell's farewell message was a very fine sermon preached to a good audience. There were 103 in Sunday school. May God bless their faithful labors.—Mrs. Frana Best, Secretary.

#### East Tennessee District Assembly and Camp Meeting

The East Tennessee District assembly convened for the seventh time on August 4, with Dr. Hugh C. Benner in the chair. His masterful direction guided the assembly through its business and fostered the greatest spirit ever felt in such a gathering. Everyone present could sense the evidence of God's approval upon all the proceedings. A spirit of harmony, fellowship, and brotherhood prevailed among the pastors.

On Wednesday evening, Dr. Benner conducted an impressive ordination service and, by the laying on of hands, the three candidates—Lawrence Adams, Verlie Campbell, and Frank L. Ryall—were ordained as elders.

Rev. Victor E. Gray, district superintendent, gave his fifth annual report on Thursday; it showed continued

## IDEAS FOR SUNDAY-SCHOOL GROWTH

By E. G. Benson

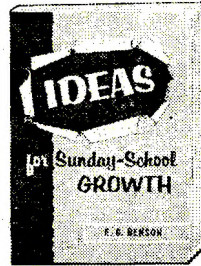
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progress along all lines. Membership gains revealed a 6.8 per cent increase, twice the national average over the church. Thirteen church buildings and four parsonages were built during the year. These pushed the property valuation almost to the \$1,000,000.00 mark. This was a gain in the last five years of \$409,845.00. Four new churches and one mission were organized. This brings the total for this quadrennium to ten, with the four-year goal being twenty. Only eight other districts have organized ten or more churches in the first half of the quadrennium. In closing the report, Brother Gray gave a challenge which the assembly enthusiastically adopted: 1,000 net gain in church membership; 1,000 net gain in N.F.M.S. membership; 500 net gain in N.Y.P.S. membership; 7,000 average attendance in Sunday school; 100 per cent gain in prayer and fasting members; 100 per cent gain in Home Department members; 1,000 members in Home-Mission Reserve Army; and 10 per cent giving to missions.

Brother Gray was re-elected with the finest vote he has ever received on the district and was presented with a fine love offering

The camp meeting began immediately after the close of the assembly. Rev. Lawrence B. Hicks, Rev. Harvey Hendershot, and Dr. John L. Knight were the evangelists. Brother Hendershot was the afternoon youth speaker, and his messages challenged the young people to a greater devotion. Those who helped found the Louisville camp some forty years ago testified that this was the greatest encampment ever held on that site. The preaching was the best, the spirit the greatest, and the altar services the most fruitful. Night after night the altar was lined with souls seeking to be saved or sanctified and surprisingly few left the altar without victory. Many good victories were won and the churches caught the vision of how great is the value of the camp meeting to their local situation.

Too much cannot be said about the high caliber of the preaching of Brother Hicks and Dr. Knight. They worked with a spirit of harmony; a better matched team could not have been found. Their messages emphasizing the life of holiness after sanctification added to the lasting effect of

the evening evangelistic efforts. Dr. Knight's practical exhortations along the line of growing in grace and Brother Hick's sound, Spirit-anointed, doctrinal Bible readings complemented each other in building up the saints in the faith.

Churches and individuals pledged and paid \$7,000.00 toward camp expansion and, by next year, there will be a new kitchen, dining hall, and tabernacle. On certain days the dining hall fed twice as many people as the year before. Many nights there was not even standing room left in the tabernacle and people sat out under the stars all around the camp shed. Every dormitory room was taken.

RAY DUNNING, Reporter

### Nevada-Utah District N.Y.P.S. Convention and Institute

Nevada-Utah District N.Y.P.S. convention and institute was held in Ogden Canyon, at Camp Utaba, Ogden, Utah, August 16 to 22.

For the first time on our district the N.Y.P.S. institute and convention were held at the same time. Everyone was much in favor of continuing in the same way next year.

The messages of our institute speaker, Rev. Jimmy Jackson, professor at Pasadena College, fit the needs of our young people. The young people appreciated the plainness with which he spoke. Many were saved and sanctified.

There were ninety-three persons registered and visitors came in from surrounding cities for evening services and on the week end. God is blessing our young people; they are catching the vision and are enthusiastic about the N.Y.P.S. on the district.

One of the profitable parts of our institute was a class on "Sanctification." Several of the young people spoke of how clear it seemed after taking that class. Rev. R. B. Sherwood, district superintendent, was the teacher.

The tenth annual N.Y.P.S. convention was held Saturday, August 21. Rev. Winston R. Ketchum, district N.Y.P.S. president, presided. Since it was held the same time as institute, the larger part of the convention was teen-agers. Rev. Jimmy Jackson brought a challenging message to the

convention on "Are Ye Able?" bringing in the theme for this quadrennium, "By My Spirit—Share."

The district N.Y.P.S. has made progress this year, especially among the teen-age group.

Miss Ruth Baker, of Reno Home Gardens, was honored as "Miss Nazarene" for the year; and Edward L. Potter, of Sparks, as "Mr. Nazarene." Qualifications for this honor were ability to get along with others, personality, and spirituality.

Brother Ketchum was re-elected for the coming year. We are looking forward this coming year to advancing spiritually, financially, and numerically. Young people need Christ, and it was the earnest desire of the young people to go back to their various churches to win souls to the Lord.

DOROTHY DICKEY, Secretary

### Northeastern Indiana District Camp

The twelfth district camp meeting in Northeastern Indiana was held at Marion campgrounds. God met with us in a most unusual way. The workers were Rev. J. A. McNatt, Rev. Ponder Gilliland, Dr. J. Russell Gardner, Professor Paul, Mae, and David Qualls, Rev. C. E. Lykins, and Mrs. Margaret Niccum. Each one was especially anointed and did us a great service in getting God on the camp.

Unusual features were: prayer lists cleared; demonstrations of God's redeeming grace on bystanding "hard" cases; manifestations of marvelous healing victories; Pentecostal outpouring upon seekers and saints (twice the speaker scheduled for that hour didn't get to speak); attendance on the whole above average, perhaps the best ever, considering the night services; marvelous ministrations of gospel light and heavenly nearness seemed everywhere present.

We shall long remember and profit by this outstanding camp meeting. We appreciate the faithfulness of God and our people to the burden of souls and a district-wide revival.

PAUL UDIKE  
District Superintendent

### Dallas District N.Y.P.S. Institute and Convention

The thirty-first annual convention of the Dallas District N.Y.P.S. was held in conjunction with the institute at Scottsville Camp, Scottsville, Texas, August 2 to 6.

Rev. Harold C. Davis, of Tyler, Texas, who filled the unexpired term of Rev. Corbie Grimes, presided very acceptably and was elected to serve as our president for the ensuing year. Other officers elected were Rev. Robert G. Nielson, vice-president; Rev. Lawrence Gholson, secretary-treasurer; Rev. Leon Martin, teen-age supervisor; and Dwayne Davenport and Karen Watson, teen-age representatives on the council.

There were 175 young people from across the district registered for the institute. Rev. Milton Poole, pastor of First Church, Lubbock, Texas,



spoke to the youth twice daily. Many of our young people responded to the challenge to live dedicated lives for the Lord Jesus Christ. "The Life and Labors of St. Paul" was offered as a class by Rev. Fred Fike, and Dr. Paul H. Garrett taught a class for the ministers and wives, "Workmen Unashamed."

The young people of the Dallas District are united behind their president with renewed courage and devotion.  
REPORTER

### Indianapolis District Assembly

The twenty-ninth Indianapolis District assembly was opened Wednesday morning, August 25, at the district campgrounds at Camby, Indiana. Dr. G. B. Williamson presided in a most efficient manner and his messages were both uplifting and enlightening.

Special order of the day was set at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, as suggested by Dr. Williamson, to give the elected superintendent more time to set up his program for the new year. Our good district superintendent, Rev. Luther Cantwell, gave a wonderful report of his first year of service in this capacity, of which the following are some of the high lights. The mortgage was burned on the campground and \$25,000.00 pledged for a new tabernacle; Seminary apportionment paid in full; two outstanding new churches organized, one in Lawrenceburg and one in the Broadripple section of Indianapolis; much building and improvements in church buildings and parsonages; a gain in membership of 158; a gain in Sunday-school attendance of 701; a gain in the N.Y.P.S. of 181 and in the N.F.M.S. of 172; the General Budget was overpaid by \$12,503.00 for a total of \$49,491.00, and the total giving of the district reached an all-time high of \$743,740.00, a gain over last year of \$76,000.00.

The report of the fine vote of 255 out of 266 ballots cast was received with shouts of victory; and a love offering of over \$500.00 was given to our beloved superintendent.

Rev. Walter Eichenberger presented the publishing house interests and our own Nazarene literature very effectively throughout the assembly. In the interests of Olivet College, President Reed gave us some interesting statistics, and Rev. John Swaengen spoke on some of the needs of the college and commended the district for increased college giving. All enjoyed the Aeolian Trio from the college.

Wednesday evening Dr. Williamson challenged us with a great home-mission message. Churches and people rallied to the challenge by pledging over \$6,000.00 for home missions in addition to nearly \$4,000.00 in the district budget for home missions.

Thursday was highlighted by Rev. Gene Phillips, Iowa District superintendent, preaching in the evening service. Seekers found victory at the altar.

Friday morning five men were ordained to the ministry in a most touching service. They were Walter Griffith, Leon Davis, Donald Bland,

### NOTICE

I am hereby announcing the appointment of Rev. W. H. Davis as district superintendent of the San Antonio District. This appointment is approved by the Board of General Superintendents.

D. I. VANDERPOOL  
General Superintendent

Kenneth Jewell, and Harry Salsbury.

The assembly closed on Friday noon with a beautiful memorial service in honor of Dr. Grover Van Duyn, Rev. Calvin Wheeldon, Rev. Harvey Bettcher, Mrs. Lee Bates, Rev. Mrs. Pearl Rich, and some faithful laymen of the church. Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Short were home for all the assembly and it was good to have them with us again.

The messages of Dr. Williamson and the well-planned program and goals of our district superintendent, Rev. Luther Cantwell, inspired us all to return to our separate fields of labor to support all interests of our wonderful church, and by the help of God to have the greatest year in the history of the Indianapolis District.

EARL MARVEL, Reporter

### Illinois District Assembly and Camp Meeting

The assembly and camp meeting of the Illinois District convened at Nazarene Acres, August 2 through 8. The combination of conventions, assembly, and camp meeting was a time of great blessing and salvation.

The N.F.M.S. convention met Monday evening and Tuesday. Miss Mary Scott, our special speaker, was a great blessing to the convention. Mrs. Helen Britton was re-elected president.

The assembly convened Wednesday through Friday, with Dr. Samuel Young efficiently presiding. His messages, blessed of God, were an inspiration to our hearts.

Dr. W. S. Purinton gave an excellent report showing advances in the work of the district, including three new churches organized and many building programs in progress. He was re-elected district superintendent by an excellent vote, which lacked only one of being unanimous. Dr. Purinton challenged us with the slogan, "More of God—more prayer, more faith, more soul passion," and challenged us also to put God first in all our living. He and Mrs. Purinton were given a \$500.00 love offering and a month's vacation. They are loved and appreciated by the district. A survey of the reports shows a good year on the district with increases in almost every line.

In a sacred ordination service conducted by Dr. Young the following were ordained: John Barrick, Loren Anderson, Sam McKay, Glenn Hitt, Keith Kelly, and Harold Flesham.

The publishing house was represented by Rev. Walter Eichenberger, who sold a number of books and took

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## SERVICEMEN'S CORNER

"Just a line to tell you how much I have appreciated and enjoyed receiving all of your literature. I have been receiving the *HERALD OF HOLINESS, Other Sheep, Conquest, and Come Ye Apart*. I must say the *Other Sheep* has been a wonderful blessing to me since my stay in Germany. I enjoy reading the *HERALD OF HOLINESS* because it keeps me up with the news of the church, and most of all encourages, blesses, and helps me to keep in touch with God. I am wonderfully happy to report victory in my heart just now. It was in the army that I finally turned my life over to Him, and God has never let me down to this day. I am looking forward to the time when I can get back into a Nazarene college and prepare myself for His work.

"I have been privileged to find some fine Christian men to run around with and go to the services here in Frankfurt. We have a fine Youth for Christ service every Saturday night, Bible study on Monday, prayer meeting on Wednesday, and Thursday is the time spent worshipping with the Russian folk in a Russian refugee camp here in Frankfurt. All in all I want to thank the Church of the Nazarene, my wonderful Christian parents, and all those who have prayed for me. There is only one direction that I want to travel and that is forward with Christ. I thank you again for the inspiring literature. May God continue to bless the Church of the Nazarene and its leaders."

CPL. JACK IMEL

"I want to thank you, in Christ's name, for the blessing your publications have been to me while I've been in the service. The *HERALD OF HOLINESS* has been particularly welcome, though it has not come recently, for its weekly articles have always seemed so timely. The little magazine is so handy to pass around for reading during dull hours of duty. *Come Ye Apart* is a real blessing, as it aids me in keeping regular in my daily devotions, the most blessed part of every day. How the Lord does grant deeper understanding as we meditate regularly upon His wondrous Word! Bless His name forever!"

STEPHEN STEPHENS

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orders for 22,000 copies of the special issue of the HERALD OF HOLINESS.

Olivet Nazarene College was represented by Dr. Harold W. Reed, Rev. John Swearingen, and the Aeolian Trio. Rest Cottage was represented by Sister Roberts, for whom an offering was taken.

The Sunday-school convention on Saturday was our second one, and was very successful. Attendance was good, with interest growing. Dr. Young, our special speaker, brought a helpful and inspiring message.

The camp-meeting services, held every night and all day Sunday, were times of rich blessing and salvation. Dr. R. V. DeLong, evangelist, preached under the anointing of the Holy Spirit. Professor Warnie Tippitt, song evangelist, rendered excellent service in song, with the choir that brought heaven very near. The altar was lined with seekers, and God blessed with victory. We thank God for the spirit of unity and fellowship that characterizes our district.

GEORGE H. D. READER, Reporter

### Church Schools Convention East Tennessee District

The seventh annual church schools convention of the East Tennessee District convened at Louisville, at the District Center, on August 3, with Chairman W. L. Elkins presiding. This year's convention saw the largest attendance for some time. Rev. James L. Neal brought the morning devotional message, and all were greatly blessed and inspired.

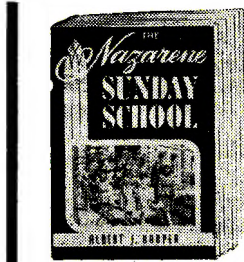
The outstanding event of the day was an address by Mr. Dave Proffit, an outstanding Presbyterian layman, who is also a prominent businessman of Maryville. His message was exceptional, and the convention voted to have it put into print.

The convention closed with a great message by Dr. Hugh C. Benner. As a part of this convention, during the camp meeting which followed, a huge framed picture of Sallman's "Head of Christ" was presented to the Greenville church for leading the district with a 96 per cent increase in Sunday-school attendance during the past year. The Church Schools Department accepted a challenge to average 7,000 in Sunday school for the coming year.

RAY DUNNING, Reporter

### DEATHS

PHIL NORMAN HULL, born August 9, 1928, died August 26, 1954. He was entering his junior year as a ministerial student at Olivet Nazarene College. While visiting relatives in and around Columbia City, Indiana, Phil suffered a fatal shock while repairing a power mower with an electric drill. On Sunday, August 29, he was to fill the pulpit of the Columbia City church in the absence of the pastor. He was united in marriage to Miss Neva Rose Billson on January 9, 1949. He is survived by his wife; two sons, Stephen Phil, age five, and Arden Eugene, age three; one daughter, Patricia Joan, age two; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Russel Phillip Hull; three brothers; and two sisters. Phil was saved and sanctified and called to preach in the Columbia City church, of which he became



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a member. He was a great blessing to the church and immediately began to witness and win his family to the Lord. Proof of his wonderful life was the great number of people who attended the funeral and the many prayers prayed for his good wife and family. He transferred his membership to the College Church in 1952. Funeral service was in charge of Rev. William Brace, of North Manchester, former pastor of the local church, and Rev. Merle Bright, pastor. Burial was in the Stough Cemetery, Throncreek Township, Whitley County, Indiana.

MRS. MARTHA SASSAMAN (nee Hackbarth) was born in Pomman, Germany, on September 2, 1880, and died August 10, while visiting her sister, Mrs. Fred Lehman, of Monticello, Iowa. She came to this country in 1883, locating in Earville, Iowa, and later moving to Delaware. On September 27, 1904, she was united in marriage to Ralph G. Sassaman and to this union were born four sons and one daughter. She made her home in Waterloo, Iowa, for forty-three years and moved to Cedar Falls in 1944. She was preceded in death by one son, Robert, and one daughter, Evelyn, six sisters, and five brothers. Surviving are her husband, R. G. Sassaman, of Cedar Falls; and three sons, Keith, Paul, and Ralph; one brother, Paul Hackbarth; two sisters, Mrs. Minnie Baish and Mrs. Fred Lehman. She was saved in August, 1929, a little later was sanctified and joined the Church of the Nazarene. She was a charter member of the North Cedar Church. She was a wonderful and exemplary Christian, a very faithful and loyal member of the church, serving God, loved ones, and friends to the very last of her life. She was a wonderful prayer warrior and soul winner and worked hard at many tasks in the church as long as health permitted. She attended all the services the last Sunday of her life on earth. When her sister was very low several weeks ago, she was called to be at her side. During that time, she helped care for her physically, and also helped her to find Jesus as her personal Saviour.

SGT. HUGH S. CLARK, JR., born December 27, 1929, in Louisa, Kentucky, eldest son of Rev. and Mrs. Hugh Clark, pastors of our church in Georgetown, Kentucky, was killed instantly when his car ran into a diesel engine at Greensburg, Indiana, on August 20. He had received his honorable discharge on August 6, at Fort Benning, Georgia, having spent four years in the service of his country, spending nearly two years in Korea and in Japan. He had preached to the boys on ship, train, and at the front, and they loved to hear him. He loved the army and really wanted to re-enlist but felt the hand of God upon his life, and the first thing he told his parents when he arrived home was that he was going to school to prepare for the ministry. Arrangements were made and government permit in hand to spend the next three years in Trevecca College. He had filled his father's pulpit several times while on furlough and God had greatly blessed his efforts. Besides his father and mother, he is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Mary Alice Dalton and Jane, at home; also three brothers, Joe E., in the U.S. Navy, Paul T. and Robert Daniel, at home. Funeral was conducted at the Georgetown Church of the Nazarene, with Rev. L. T. Wells in charge, assisted by Rev. Ralph Ahlemann. Burial was in the Camp Nelson National Cemetery with the V.F.W. Thoroughbred Post in charge of military rites, and Rev. George Jacobs, former chaplain of the navy, offering the last prayer.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOTICE—Mrs. Wright, widow of the late Evangelist C. F. Wright, would like to contact anyone who may have any tape recordings of any of her husband's messages. Write her, 904 E. Main Street, Cherryville, North Carolina.

BORN—to Rev. and Mrs. Herbert Grimm of Mannington, West Virginia, a daughter, Linda Maxine, on August 30.

—to Rev. and Mrs. Dale Sidle of Menomonie, Wisconsin, a daughter, Ruth Ellen, on August 25.

—to Rev. and Mrs. Clement Parr of Greenville, Illinois, a son, Clifford Eugene, on August 22.

### WEDDING BELLS

Miss Naomi Newton of Wollaston, Massachusetts, and Kermit Clingerman of Poland, Ohio, were united in marriage on August 21, at the Church of the Nazarene in Endicott, New York, with Rev. Homer Smith, pastor, officiating.

Miss Daisy Marie Cook of Killeen, Texas, and Mr. Galen Howard of Mt. Gilead, Ohio, were united in marriage on August 20, in the Killeen Church of the Nazarene, with the pastor, Rev. Ivy Bohannon, officiating.

Miss Wilma Ruth Fields and Mr. Jack Callahan, both of Brownstown, Indiana, were united in marriage on June 26, with the bride's father, Rev. William R. Fields, officiating, assisted by Rev. Marcellus Crider.

SPECIAL PRAYER IS REQUESTED by a Christian lady in New York for her eyes, the return of a stronger vision, and a spot on the right side of her face—a mole increasing in size—she believes God is able to heal without the surgeon's knife; by a Christian lady in Michigan that God will touch and heal her body—doctors do not seem able to help; also that God will help her spiritually in this time of physical weakness;

by a lady in Oregon that God will help her in the midst of some very hard and difficult places in life;

by a friend in Idaho who has had a nervous condition for years that God will help her to conquer this condition and give her relief.

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