

## Reality in Religion

### General Superintendent Powers

**A**LFRED COOKMAN was a man of great spiritual charm. At the time of his funeral Bishop Foster said that he was the most sacred man he had ever known. At ten years of age he was clearly converted, and under the direction of Bishop and Mrs. Hamline he was led to seek the experience of entire sanctification. After he had sought for two days, God gave him the Holy Spirit in sanctifying power. He testified: "The great work of sanctification that I had so often prayed and hoped for was wrought in me—even in me. I could not doubt it. The evidence in my case was as direct and indubitable as the witness of sonship received at the time of my adoption into the family of heaven. Oh, it was glorious, divinely glorious.

"Need I say that the experience of sanctification inaugurated a new epoch in my religious life? Oh, what blessed rest in Jesus, what an abiding experience of purity through the blood of the Lamb, what a conscious union and constant communion with God, what increased power to do or suffer the will of my Father in heaven, what delight in the Master's service, what fear to grieve the infinitely holy Spirit, what love for, and desire to be with, the entirely sanctified, what confidence in prayer, what illumination in the perusal of the sacred Word, what increased unction in the performance of public duties!"

This was his testimony until he went sweeping through the gates, washed in the blood of the Lamb.

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**"If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above" (Col. 3:1).**

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## TELEGRAM

*Bowling Green, Kentucky*—On March 9 we organized the North Albany Church of the Nazarene with twenty-six charter members. This is the fifth church to be organized this year. Rev. Aubrey Souder was called as pastor, at salary set at \$40.00 per week with parsonage and utilities furnished. They have purchased a nice, large lot and expect to have their new building ready to move into by assembly time.—D. D. LEWIS, Superintendent of Kentucky District.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

Word has been received from the office of the Nazarene Theological Seminary: "To date (March 21) we have received 2,037 envelopes, with a total of \$10,199.00 for the Landscape Fund."

Rev. Dwight F. Steinger has resigned as pastor of the church at Clarksville, Indiana, effective Easter Sunday, April 10, after which he will re-enter the evangelistic field with his original ministry of preaching and chalk artistry.

Mr. and Mrs. William M. Marzolf, members of the Church of the Nazarene of Fayette, Ohio, observed their golden wedding anniversary on March 30.

Pleasant Hill Church of the Nazarene, four miles north of Sylvia, Kansas, will celebrate their 45th anniversary on Sunday, April 17, with three services; Dr. S. T. Ludwig, general church secretary, and District Superintendent Ray Hance, special speakers.

First Church of the Nazarene, Lansing, Michigan, Rev. Fred J. Hawk, pastor, had their special dedication service on Sunday afternoon of March 27, with message by Rev. O. L. Maish, district superintendent, and Mr. Raleigh Isaacs, soloist.

## PRAYER

By Anna M. Gilleland

*Prayer is the greatest privilege  
That mortal man may know;  
It brings the power of heaven down  
And conquers every foe.  
Prayer brings comfort to the heart,  
Gives vision to the eyes;  
From darkness and despondency  
It helps the soul to rise.  
Prayer reveals the Father's will  
And makes our troubles cease;  
Then silently as drifting snow  
Brings courage, hope, and peace.*

## GOD HAS A PLAN

By R. T. Kendall\*

**I**N UNCERTAINTY, obscurity, and adversity there are relief and hope in the very thought that *God has a plan*. When we come up to a blank wall, and it seems there is no way through, there is hope which keeps us optimistic when we know that *God has a plan*.

God does have a plan for everyone. If we forget this, hope will die and our faith is inevitably shattered. When there is no immediate evidence of God's plan, it is a favorite trick of the devil to tempt us with the suggestion that God has no plan. But that is the time when we should hold steady and believe. God's plan will be revealed if we are faithful.

*God has a plan* for us even in matters which may later seem insignificant. It is good to know that the small things which concern us are of vital concern to God. We come up to difficult obstacles which seem to be very important and God invariably helps us through. Sometimes we observe later that the obstacle was not so big after all, but maybe that is because of the workings of God. God has a plan for us in every circumstance.

Frequently God does not reveal His plan to us as soon as we would like. But we must not become impatient, for there is *always* a reason why God waits. "Therefore will the Lord wait, that he may be gracious unto you, and therefore will he be exalted, that he may have mercy upon you: for the Lord is a God of judgment: blessed are all they that wait for him" (Isa. 30:18).

*God has a plan!*

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**DEEPENING**  
*The* **CHURCH**  
Through Prayer Groups  
*"Prayer Changes Things"*

"Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them" (Matt. 18:20).

There are many blessings to be received by group praying. Perhaps some suggestions on how to start a prayer group would be helpful.

1. For a prayer group that is to continue weekly, best attendance and results will usually be obtained if there is some natural tie among the members of the group. Thus, it may be housewives in a neighborhood, a Sunday-school class, businessmen on the way to work, a factory or office group at noon, a missionary society, Christian young people in a high school or college, Sunday-school teachers, the men of a church, the pastors in a city, elderly members, or a young people's society.

2. The group may meet in homes, the church, or a shop or office, as may be most convenient.

3. Meetings should be held weekly, at any suitable time. For example, housewives would probably meet about nine-thirty or ten in the morning, a high school group after school, a young people's society on Sunday afternoon, a group of men on Saturday night, Sunday-school teachers early Sunday morning, a group of pastors on Monday morning.

4. Prayer groups should be kept small. Usually it is best to divide the group whenever there are more than twelve. Of course there may be more than twelve in some groups, but an attendance of ten or twelve each week. However, if at all possible, nearly all members of the group should be present each meeting.

*(To be concluded next week)*

*The fire shall ever be burning upon the altar; it shall never go out (Lev. 6:13).*

How wonderful it would be personally, and how much it would glorify our God, if the presence of God's Holy Spirit could be maintained continually in our hearts!—EARLE F. WILDE.

# The Sound in the Mulberry Trees

By Mrs. G. B. Williamson\*

**T**ODAY'S world presents a dark picture! Drunkenness, reveling, moral degeneration, broken homes, juvenile delinquency, disregard for life and property, and heinous crime are in our land. Fear, distrust, hatred, and greed spawn their blight in the councils of nations. Godless communism seeks to submerge the world, and the threat of total annihilation faces civilization.

And yet, notwithstanding all this, there is more to encourage the people of God now than there has been in two generations.

*First, mass evangelism is reappearing in our own and other countries, with a forceful impact.* Furthermore, strong efforts are being made to integrate the converts of such great campaigns with the established churches in their areas. Notable among such revivals was the Billy Graham campaign of 1954 in London. A year later, statistics indicate that a gratifying percentage of those who went forward in this meeting are still professing Christians, active in their own religious groups. It is well to remind ourselves that Jesus himself employed this method, getting the gospel, on one occasion, to five thousand men, beside women and children, in a single service.

*Second, church attendance and membership is on the increase.* In the United States, church membership is near eighty-five million, with six out of every ten persons a church member; and this revived interest in God and the church is found among people of every occupation and social standing.

*Third, this increased interest in churchgoing has launched a large-scale church-building program.* It is particularly heartening that hundreds of these new churches are going up in or near housing developments. Along with the shopping center and the modern grade school, the church is taking its place in these new communities. It is also encouraging to note that the type of architecture generally employed is inviting. Instead of extravagant and repelling edifices, the new church building seems to extend its welcome to the entire family unit, offering Sabbath worship and wholesome weekday activity for all.

*Fourth, it follows logically that the enrollment in divinity schools and preacher-training institutions is the highest in our national history.*

*Fifth, close on the heels of these advances has been the greatest emphasis upon house-to-house visitation and personal witnessing that evangelical Christianity has had since the days of the apostles.* This, together with an intensive religious education program, aims not only to reach the unchurched, but to give individual attention, particularly to children and young adults, seek-

ing to establish them in the essentials of the Christian faith.

*Sixth, secular education is feeling the upsurge of religious interest.* On college and university campuses spontaneous groups are gathering for prayer and Bible study and the asking and answering of religious questions. Furthermore, the trend, particularly as regards the truth of God's Word, shows a wholesome reversal from the position assumed by educators a quarter of a century ago. The daily press related recently that, at a "Religious Focus" week in one of our Midwestern colleges, a visiting professor of science stated that several years ago science was willing to dispute events in the Bible story. "Now," he was quoted as saying, "the Bible has become a remarkable book of science. And as for the miracles," he continued, "it seems likely that a miracle is an event happening in perfect accord with physical laws, but governed by laws we do not understand. If we are to accept God as the Creator," he added, "we must admit that He not only understands these laws, but governs them." For some of us who struggled up through an educational system permeated with evolutionistic materialism, this sounds like a hopeful word from a present-day scientist.

*Seventh, as always is the case at times of spiritual awakening, strong laymen's movements are being felt.* On February 2 in our nation's capital, nine hundred persons attended a "Prayer Breakfast," the third in an annual series at which Conrad Hilton, the hotel operator, picks up the check. Vice-President Nixon read the scriptures, and members of Congress, among other notables, were in attendance. On Wednesday morning of each week, approximately seventeen senators attend a prayer service in the capital; while approximately sixty-five representatives hold a similar prayer session on Thursday mornings.

The laymen's group known as "Alcoholics Anonymous" is making a heroic effort to combat chronic drunkenness. The steps in their creed—confession, repentance, public testimony, group fellowship, and prayer—sound like orthodox Nazarene doctrine.

Other examples of a religious upsurging are the American Legion's "Back to God" program, and "Operation Pray," sponsored by the Junior Chamber of Commerce, and responsible for the suggested prayers to be offered before meals, found in numerous public eating places.

*Eighth, no greater indication of a new interest in things spiritual and religious can be found than that evidenced by the press, in the books,*

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**Going back? "Of course." Play safe? "That isn't in the picture." A missionary's devotion rebukes complacency. Give on April 10!**

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periodicals, and newspapers of today. Many large newspapers and magazines feature a regular religious column or section. More is being written about prayer in these sources than has appeared in a lifetime. A recent advertisement for a current magazine was captioned "Our Prayers Could Change the World." Such basis for appeal by circulation managers is heartening! In *Time* magazine's recent listing of six nonfiction best-sellers, five were religious books. The sale of the Bible itself, and of devotional handbooks, is at an all-time high.

*Ninth, deeply significant is the position taken toward religion by the President of the United States.* Ever since, on the day of his inauguration, he hushed waiting millions by "my little prayer," there has been a growing sense of the leadership of God in our nation. The President's regular attendance at church has witnessed to the power and meaning of spiritual values to him; every cabinet meeting opens with a time of prayer, silent or expressed.

Now, religious scholars are taking a serious and sometimes a dubious look at these signs of a "religious revival" in America. Some of it, they say, is spurious, that it is primarily motivated by individual selfishness, that it will not accomplish its purpose unless it be based upon genuine repentance and self-dedication.

It is timely to remind ourselves that when Paul in his day received the complaint that some were preaching Christ not sincerely, he replied, "What then? notwithstanding, *every* way, whether in pretence, or in truth, Christ is preached; and I therein do rejoice, yea, and will rejoice." And, furthermore,

*Tenth, in the very fear and warning being sounded by the churchmen of our day there is tangible evidence that God is trying to get to us.* For, too many times in recent decades, recognized religionists have been blind leaders of the

**Renew your sense of mission with a self-denial offering for missions on Sunday, April 10.**

blind, having a form of godliness but denying the power thereof. Because the leaders of this people caused them to err; because, in too many instances they offered an anemic, devitalized, compromising substitute for genuine salvation and a change of heart and life, and did not point to "the old paths, where is the good way," men turned from religion and became lost in the maze of their own goddess wanderings.

Now the age-old hunger of the heart for God is again asserting itself. Is it not encouraging that from pulpit and theological school, in the press and over the air, from leaders of all faiths, is sounding a new and a rugged note of warning that religion be not merely a vogue? Churchmen are proclaiming that Christianity means a *cross*, that Christ's theme was not "Relax, have confidence"; it was "*Repent!*" They are declaring that "getting things from God" is not the ultimate purpose of prayer, but rather, self-dedication; that the "In God We Trust" postage stamps and the addition "under God" to the flag salute should not make us smug, but humble. When religious leaders are crying out against superficiality, are reviving the Biblical standards of obedience to God's commandments and salvation from sin, it is a token of good.

Now, what should be our attitude as Nazarenes toward these things? Some, in viewing the sin and wickedness of our day, have answered the question, "If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?" with the lugubrious assertion (by their actions, if not by their lips), "Very little, very little can we do!"

But this was not David's reply when "the wicked bend their bow, they make ready their arrow upon the string, that they may privily shoot at the upright in heart." No! Then he cried, This is no time to shirk responsibility—"In the Lord put I my trust: how say ye to my soul, Flee as a bird to your mountain? . . . Upon the wicked he shall rain snares, fire and brimstone, and an horrible tempest: . . . For the righteous Lord loveth righteousness; his countenance doth behold the upright."

It is a time for faith, and a time for action. Never in our lifetime was it so easy to approach men and women on the matter of their personal salvation. All about us are hungry, searching hearts, acknowledging their hunger and confessing their need.

When the hosts of wickedness were arrayed against King David, and came up again and yet again, God's word to him was: "Fetch a compass behind them, and come upon them over against the mulberry trees. And . . . when thou hearest the sound of a going in the tops of the mulberry trees, that then thou shalt bestir thyself."

Nazarenes, do you not hear and see in the mulberry trees a going? God grant we may bestir ourselves and take advantage of this, our day of opportunity.

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## THE PARADISE OF GOD

By F. W. Davis

*There is a land of endless joy,  
A place of constant rest;  
Where all the saved and sanctified  
Eternally are blest.  
Here all the saints of ages past  
Have found that sweet release  
They long anticipated here,  
Plus heaven's joy and peace.*

*Here God himself shall be their God,  
The Lamb shall be the Light;  
The day shall never know an end,  
For there will be no night.  
How holy we should strive to live  
While on this earth we trod,  
If we would dwell forevermore  
In the paradise of God!*



What is our greatest need today? If we were to try to express it in just one word, the answer might well be, "Pentecost." Whether the church is engaged in saving the lost or in building up believers in the faith, we cannot succeed without the Holy Spirit.

Pentecost comes only by prayer. Let us pray, singly and unitedly, for Pentecost in our own hearts, in our local churches, in our general church, on our mission fields, and throughout the world. April 11-17 has been designated as a week of special prayer. Let every Nazarene spend more time in prayer this week and, if possible, join or form a prayer group. "And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness" (Acts 4: 31).

## IT COSTS SOMETHING

### To Save the Lost!

By L. S. Boardman\*

UTTERLY inseparable are the spirit of Easter morning and the challenge of the Great Commission. Oh, the urgency of world evangelism! Reaching the unreached, touching the untouched—that was the passion on the heart of Jesus. That passion drove Him to the cross. That passion drove the best of our youth through the centuries to deny themselves of the comforts of home and the luxuries of normal life to go forth to duty, sickness, pain, discomfort, and premature death. That is the passion that must grip us or we are not Christian.

*It costs something to save the lost.* And if more Christians had been more desperate and more missionary-hearted, millions would have been saved that were never saved. If more penitential tears would have flowed, more knees would have bent; more black, brown, yellow faces would this day be turned skyward in adoration and

praise to Jesus. We must fast and pray until the Holy Ghost drives us into more devotion and self-denial. We must be more missionary-minded!

It costs something to save the lost. It is not an easy, rocking-chair, effortless, jellyfish job to save lost men from sin and hell. Somebody has to pay a price. *Lord, let it be I!* I want to do something. I want to give something. I want to let go of something, so I can cling to lost souls and pull them out of the fire. Lord, empty both my hands, so I can snatch them. Tear these cumbrances from my feet, so I can run to them. Unload this tongue of its weary burden of non-essentials and let it be free to warn them. I must cry and call and shout and plead. I must get their attention. O God, give me a passion for the lost.

It costs something to save the lost. *The missionaries have made their willing sacrifice.* They were young. They were intelligent. They were highly trained. They could have settled down here in the homeland, earned good money, held responsible positions, owned beautiful cars, homes, and appliances. They could have had luxuries and comforts and could have taken their "ease in Zion," but they did not do that.

They went out. They took the trails, forded the streams, climbed the mountains in the burning sun. They rode oxcarts, donkey backs, climbed rough trails on foot, waded the rivers, dragging their weary loads behind them. They piled up medicines and Bibles and carried them on their shoulders. They made no money; they feathered no nest in the world for their comfort, but they carved the name of Jesus down through the heavy timbers and left trails for others to follow. They endured sickness, fever, deprivations, exposure, persecution, and many of them broke prematurely in health and dropped into silent graves, but their converts picked up the banner of self-denial and pressed on. They paid a price magnificent and convinced the world that it costs something to save the heathen.

*The children of the missionaries also have paid a price to save the heathen.* Those little children began paying the price as soon as they were brought into the world. They are exposed to diseases, dangers, and deprivations from which our children in America are protected. Many times at the tender age of eleven they have to go hundreds of miles away from their parents to boarding schools. Don't think those little children do not soak the pillows through the dreary midnights. Do not think it is the easy thing to be snatched out of home and thrown among strangers. Yes, these little swollen eyes and breaking hearts will cry out of the darkness if you will listen. They will tell you that it costs something to save men and women for heaven.

It costs something to save the lost. *It cost Jesus something.* Look, if you can bear it—see yonder dusty mountain—three crosses there against the stormy sky line. Ah, there is my Jesus, hanging limp and naked. The crown of thorns is rammed

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upon His brow. Those thorns have torn their way through the flesh of His forehead and the blood streaks down across His lovely face and drips off the end of His beard. Listen—you will hear strange words, “Father, forgive them.” Take off thy shoes and draw near this spot so hallowed. Make bare—smite on thy breast—fall in the dust at His feet, and then agree with me that it has cost something to save the heathen.

But this is Easter morning. History, ancient and medieval, is in the dim yesterdays. We live in a new world, facing a new generation of lost humanity. We might as well face it; it is going to cost us something to save the masses. The nations are hungry; the message is ready to give them; young people, trained, talented, consecrated, wait in long lines, restless. Hours, days, weeks, months, and years slip by so quickly. Dare we admit having one Nazarene yet on earth whose heart is not crushed for the heathen? Calvary is looking for something from you, my brother.

Here is what you can do to strike a light in yonder gross darkness this Easter morning—this is the Easter morning challenge of the Church of the Nazarene: *Let every one of us do his best.* He must present a worthy Easter love offering to the Master. Do not bring cold money; pray over your offering; cry over it; consecrate it; deny yourself. *I challenge you.* We are not Christian until the spirit of self-denial has gripped us.

Remember, it costs something to save the lost. Every Nazarene in the world is asked to make a sacrifice this Easter morning. This is my plea, my earnest challenge, and one of my several reasons for many days of fasting and prayer.

Alaska, Hawaii, Australia, European South Africa, New Zealand, the Canal Zone—these overseas home-mission fields are carried on because of our world-mission program. That’s why a generous EASTER OFFERING on April 10 is imperative!

## MISSIONARY

By Lucille Clark

M—ministers unto those in need;  
 I—inspires others to spread holy seed;  
 S—stands up for righteousness and peace;  
 S—supplies lost faith if men’s should cease;  
 I—impressed with all from God’s own hands;  
 O—obeys and teaches His commands;  
 N—not his will but God’s, his daily song;  
 A—applauds the good; resents the wrong;  
 R—right willing to walk the path Christ trod—  
 Y—yields up his all to serve his God!

## SANCTIFICATION—

### An Imitation or an Impartation?

By J. E. Hanson\*

ACCORDING to the words of the Master, sanctification is for a select group. In John 14: 15-17 we read: “If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.”

In this scripture the Holy Spirit is referred to as the Comforter, and as a gift from the Father. Jesus stated that the world was not eligible for this gift, but He told the disciples that they knew Him; “for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.”

The gift of the Holy Spirit came on the Day of Pentecost as recorded in Acts 2. It is true that there is a needed preparation of hearts for His coming. Jesus said, “Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst . . . for they shall be filled” (Matt. 5:6). Christ is waiting today to fill every hungry and thirsty soul with the Holy Spirit. The conditions are ever the same. There must be a complete surrender of self, and faith must be exercised to believe and receive.

The provision for our sanctification was made at Calvary, where Jesus suffered without the gate of Jerusalem to sanctify the people with His own blood. Not only has the provision been made for our cleansing, but also the will of God has been expressed in the matter. In I Thess. 4:3 we read, “This is the will of God, even your sanctification.”

Every believer who has accepted Christ as his personal Saviour is encouraged and exhorted in the Scriptures to go on to perfection. The mystery of sanctification is that the perfections of Jesus Christ are imparted to us, not gradually, but instantly, when by faith we enter into the realization that Jesus Christ is made unto us sanctification.

The marvelous secret of a holy life lies, not in striving to imitate the life of Jesus, but in letting the perfections of the Master manifest themselves in our mortal bodies. The Apostle Paul declares in I Cor. 1:30, “Of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us . . . sanctification.”

Sanctification means the impartation of the Holy Spirit into our hearts, and when He has come to take up His abode in us, our lives will manifest the holy qualities of Jesus. We will not be striving and struggling to imitate the virtues of the Master, but by a divine act of God the heart will be cleansed from all impurity; and the Holy Spirit will manifest the love, the faith, and the holiness of Jesus through our lives. Then can we say it is not our own righteousness, but it is Christ within, “living and reigning, and saving from sin.”

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Missionaries have what it takes of courage and devotion. We have what it takes to support them. The Easter Offering (April 10) challenges you!

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## The Perpetual Flame

By Richard S. Taylor\*

THE FIRE on the altar of the ancient temple signified the devotion and faithfulness of the Israelites to God. This, God said, must never go out. It must be a perpetual living thing. We, as Christians, are the temple of the living God, and there is an altar of devotion within our hearts. God desires that the fire of divine love shall ever be burning intensely; it must never be permitted to go out.

Since the tendency of fire is to go out, this becomes a serious warning to every believer. Fire will not keep itself; it must be kept. There is no flame which can be kindled in either conversion or sanctification which need die; but there is no flame not in danger of dying. And there is no greater disappointment to God and man than a fireless altar in the heart of a professed Christian.

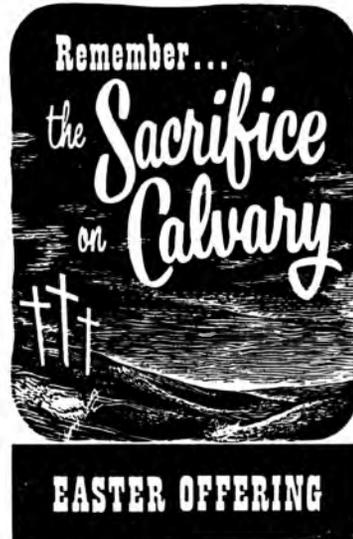
There are two ways fires go out: some are *put out*, others *die of neglect*. These different ways point to two serious dangers in the Christian life. The first is that we will be tricked by Satan into *doing* something—making a decision, taking a stand, embracing an attitude, cherishing a thought—that tends to put the fire out. The inspired apostle saw this danger, for he said, “Quench not the Spirit” (I Thess. 5:19). Don’t put out the fire of the Holy Spirit’s life within you. Don’t dash water on it. Don’t smother it.

That burning desire within you to testify, to speak to a friend about his soul—don’t let fear or timidity squelch it. Better to speak, even if you do it poorly, than to be silenced by too much caution, and lose the fire that prompts you to speak. The fervent joy that would burn in your heart with praise and song, maybe a glad *Amen* or *Praise the Lord*—let it out! Don’t smother it, lest you put out the fire. To do so is really to resist the Holy Spirit, for it is He who prompts us to pray and praise. He desires to use us and burn through us; we must let Him.

But while there is danger of putting out the fire, the greater danger is just *letting it die of neglect*. God not only told the Hebrews that the fire must not go out on His ancient altar; He told them how to prevent it: “and the priest shall burn wood on it every morning” (Lev. 6:12). That is a divine word for us this day. As individual priests we must replenish the wood on the altar of our hearts every morning, remembering the words of the wise man, “Where no wood is, there the fire goeth out.”

What is the wood? What is the fuel that keeps our spiritual fires bright and hot? In answer, one need only ask what it was that caused the burning hearts of the two disciples on the road to Emmaus. It was communion with their risen Lord. They poured out their hearts to Him; then they listened to Him talk to them. And their hearts that had been chilled by fear and despair and unbelief began to warm again. The fire was rekindled. Afterward they exclaimed: “Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures?” (Luke 24:32.)

If we will take time every day to let the Master talk to us too, and open to us the Scriptures, our hearts also will burn. They will burn all through the day—and the flames of love and joy will break out of our finger tips in deeds of helpfulness, out of our tongues in words of praise, out of our eyes in happiness and peace. And ours will be the steady usefulness, and God’s the undimmed glory, of the perpetual flame.



Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee. Take my hands, and let them move At the impulse of Thy love.

Frances Havergal's hymn of consecration speaks for all sanctified Christians. For all they have is laid in tribute before the Master. That includes time and talents and treasures. The Early Church became the flaming evangel

of the first century because of such all-out commitment of her followers. The Church of the twentieth century must have the same unhesitating devotion and loyalty if she is to fulfill her mission in today's world.

Yes, Easter Sunday symbolizes the day of triumph for the Christian Church. But it is also a rallying point for Nazarenes to bring their gifts for *world evangelism*. Let us take a look at the *sacrifice on Calvary* and then ask the personal question, “Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do on April 10?”—G.S.C.

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God says: “There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty” (Prov. 11:24). God grant that we Nazarenes will “scatter to increase,” not “withhold to poverty” in our Easter Offering on April 10.

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# The Golden Age

Fifth article in a series of six on "The Second Coming of Christ"

By E. E. WORDSWORTH\*

*And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years (Rev. 20:1-2).*

**T**HE WORD millennium simply means one thousand years. It could be properly applied to any ten centuries, but by common consent the term is applied to that thousand-year period set forth in the twentieth chapter of the Apocalypse as referred to above. The first ten verses of this chapter present a full description.

Through the centuries of time men have dreamed, sighed, longed, and talked of a Golden Age. Many leaders even to this day think they can bring in the Kingdom age by education, legislation, better social conditions, the United Nations, or other human agencies. Some think the Church will usher in the millennium. Certainly these are all wrong. Human hands and human plans cannot accomplish this supreme task. But the King of Kings and Lord of Lords can do it.

It would appear from the Scriptures that the millennium will not be a perfect age, as some have thought. It will be a transition period, a time of reconstruction and renovation, and an emergence into the eternal state. It takes time to re-establish Edenic conditions and blessedness. Says Rev. W. M. Tidwell: "The perfect state will not be attained during the millennium. This will come after the final purification of the heavens and the earth, but great strides will be made toward it."

The first act of Christ upon His return with His saints will be the dethronement of Satan. The world has tried all types of government and all of them have failed. Absolute monarchies, limited monarchies, republics, empires, dynasties, democracies, and dictatorships have failed. Man has never found a perfect form of government, nor the perfect ruler. Now, the rule of Christ, a theocracy, even though it be a forced one—"the rod of iron"—will be a perfect one, a period in which there will be no graft, political schemes, and demagoguery. The people on the earth will still be human and have sin in their hearts; they will render ~~feigned~~ obedience to Christ, not obedience based on faith and love—but of fear, for Christ will put down all evil. If men were allowed absolute freedom there would still be murders, wars, troubles, and awful outbreakings of sin.

The devil will be chained, seized, and cast into the bottomless pit for a thousand years. This is

not his final abode, but his prison until the close of the millennial age, when he is permitted to be loosed for "a little season." After this he will be cast into the lake of fire and for ever and ever suffer torment. It was a great day when Jesse James, the most noted outlaw of his day, was killed; it was a great day when John Dillinger, the notorious gangster, was captured by the police in Chicago; it was a great day when Al Capone, another leader and organizer of gangsterism, was confined in the federal penitentiary at Alcatraz; but the truly great jubilee hour is coming when Satan, the archenemy of God, His Son, and the whole race, is put in chains; he who for six millenniums has filled the earth with sorrow, bloodshed, heartache, distress, pain, and infinite suffering. Hail the day when he is sent to the bottomless abyss for a thousand years!

After Satan's dethronement Christ sets up His kingdom. He will rule from Jerusalem, the seat of His capital. John said: "A Lamb stood on the mount Zion." Yes, His feet will again press the very spot so sacred to history where He wept over Jerusalem. The saints will assist in the administration of His government, and righteousness and peace shall be supreme. "They shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years" (Rev. 20:6). There will be the coronation day and the public honoring of God's Son. Alvin York was a "hillbilly" from Tennessee. In World War I he went overseas and came back a national hero. General Pershing acclaimed him the greatest hero of World War I. When Alvin came back to America his name was on every lip. Great parades and banquets were held in his honor. Rich gifts were bestowed upon him. His picture was in every magazine and newspaper. This was a great change for the mountain lad of Tennessee, but it is nothing compared with the change given to Christ from the suffering Lamb to the Lion of the tribe of Judah as He ascends His throne while an assembled universe, angels, and re-deemed saints crown Him Lord of all.

Furthermore, when Christ returns to reign, paradise will be regained; the curse will be lifted from the animal world, vegetation, and man. Isaiah told us about those days: "The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den. They shall not hurt nor destroy

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# The Triumphant Christ

By Grace Noll Crowell

*"All the city was moved"—Jerusalem*

*Amazed at the loud Hosannas, the shrill cry  
Of little children, questioning: "Who is this?"*

*Who is He—this meek One riding by?"  
And the multitude made answer: "This is He,  
Jesus, the Prophet of Nazareth of Galilee."*

*Not only a city, but the whole wide world  
Will be shaken when this same Christ comes  
again.*

*No doubt that day the cables under the sea  
Will tense with the news from a far-off land  
to men,*

*And the announcers will shout from each tuned  
radio set:*

*"Christ comes again! He has landed on Olivet!"*

*Shaken, indeed, and many with failing hearts  
Will fall on their faces, stricken with awesome  
fear,*

*But countless will be the ones who will rejoice  
And shout His praises. He has made it clear  
That He will come again. O men, prepare!  
He will return triumphant in the air!*

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in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea" (Isa. 11:6-9). Amos and other prophets foretold the same restored conditions.

Today we have to fight scale, blight, boll-weevil, rust, insects, caterpillars, moths, cutworms, army worms, flies, bugs, weeds, rodents, hail, droughts, tornadoes, hurricanes, lightning, as well as ferocious beasts and terrible pests of all descriptions; but someday the curse on the soil, the animal kingdom, and mankind will be taken from our midst. The diseases that prey upon beasts, birds, and fish; the parasites, germs, and sicknesses that attack cattle, horses, sheep, and poultry; the curse that abounds everywhere, will be removed at the coming of the Lord. "The whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain" (Rom. 8:22) now, but His coming will redeem all nature and His glory will be manifest.

Also when Christ returns, human life will be greatly extended. It would be wrong to say that there will be no sickness and death in the millennium. We have a word from the prophet on this line. "There shall be no more thence an infant of days, nor an old man that hath not filled his days: for the child shall die an hundred years old; but the sinner being an hundred years old shall be accursed" (Isa. 65:20). Jamieson, Fausset, and Brown's commentary gives an illuminating comment: "This passage proves that the better age to come to earth, though much

superior to the present, will not be a perfect state; sin and death shall have place in it, (Rev. 20:7-8) but much less frequently than now."

However, life will be the length of a tree. "For as the days of a tree are the days of my people, and mine elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands" (Isa. 65:22). Think of the redwoods, the sequoias, the Douglas firs that live for centuries! They can be seen in our national parks. They have defied the storms of the centuries and have stood there in all their majesty and glory like solid granite and God-appointed sentinels. Today man's generation seems to be seventy years. "The days of our years are threescore years and ten" (Ps. 90:10). But with the coming of Christ there will be a return in longevity like the days before the Deluge.

Today death stalks on every breeze; every pond and swamp is a charnel house, exuding deadly germs; the air and water literally abound with instruments of destruction. The mosquito stings, and injects his hypodermic needle of cholera, yellow fever, malaria, and meningitis; the rat gnaws into the granary and larder and leaves behind bacilli of black plague; the filthy housefly goes from stable and garbage can to man's table, and on each foot carries deadly germs, a sufficient number to inoculate a whole family with typhoid and tuberculosis, besides poison in his bite to infect every baby in town with infantile paralysis. From cradle to grave we must wage a constant warfare against contagious diseases, germs, bacilli, poisonous plants, and body enemies of all kinds.

Science has done much to help suffering mankind; but when it conquers one disease, another manifests its ugly self to slay innocent humanity and the curse continues on. It is in evidence everywhere. But the glad day hastens when the Christ of Calvary, the Christ of the Mount of Ascension, the Christ of Mount Zion, shall reign in righteousness, glory, and power over all the earth; when thorns and thistles shall be no more; when the physical earth shall enjoy gracious blessings.

"The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose. It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice even with joy and singing: the glory of Lebanon shall be given unto it, the excellency of Carmel and Sharon, they shall see the glory of the Lord, and the excellency of our God. . . . for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert. And the parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water. . . . No lion shall be there, nor any ravenous beast shall go up thereon, it shall not be found there; but the redeemed shall walk there: and the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away" (Isaiah 35).

An artist told a class of art students: "When you paint a picture of the woods or forest, always

paint a path leading out. If you do not have this path, anyone who looks at the picture will have a feeling of suffocation." Christ and the millennial reign furnish us a wonderful path that leads out from the present world conditions, the "suffocation" of our times, and into the paradise of God.

## CATERPILLARS

By Eva V. Beets\*

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Would you like to know about June 5?

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### Our Finest Hour!

By B. V. Seals\*

JESUS lifted up His eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour is come." And what an hour! He was approaching the Cross; and before there could be an Easter, there had to be a Calvary. The hour that Christ referred to, and the hour that He was approaching, marked the culmination of the moral conflict. All the storms that had been brewing had finally united and reached their greatest fury around the Cross. Hell and hate had never risen so high as when they claimed the life of Christ. So many things seemed to climax at the Cross. It was the extremity of Deity, when God gave His Son, His *only* Son. If He had had two sons, He would have been giving only one-half as much as He could. The real measure of our giving is indicated by how little we have left. Since God had only one Son and gave Him, that was as much as even God could do.

Christ had reached the end of His vicarious sufferings. He did not cry out, "I have failed," but He whispered, "I have finished." Let the world hear it and rejoice! Let hell hear it and be warned! This is the message we must give to the lost around the world.

However, the final and most glorious chapter is yet to be written when Christ returns with the holy angels in resurrection power. That hour will transcend all others. When He comes back and says, "Come, children, the night is past; eternal morning is here," His heavenly glory will be enriched because of His earthly conquest. He will have forever established His throne on the merits of His suffering.

Our church has had some fine hours in the past, but we are still making history; and as we stack up our Easter Offering higher and higher, year after year, it increases the candle power of our light to the lost around the world. With this thought in mind, we will all give devotedly, sacrificially, cheerfully—until in our giving to the great cause of missions this year, it will be *our finest hour!*

\*Member, the General Board

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*Hearken unto me, ye that know righteousness, the people in whose heart is my law; fear ye not the reproach of men, neither be ye afraid of their revilings (Isa. 51:7).*

I HAVE always been a great lover of trees and perhaps that is the reason I have such a loathing for caterpillars.

To watch a tree grow into maturity with its giant trunk and spreading branches, undaunted by the storms, the cold, and the blistering sun, ever ready to bud out again in all its beauty each spring, gives the soul of man new hope to begin each new year with the same zeal and courage.

Well do I remember the wild persimmon that grew at the edge of the woodland of my childhood home. Each fall the trunk was a little larger, the tree a little taller, until at last its branches were perfected with an abundance of yellow, juicy fruit.

In later years through curiosity I went back to see what had become of the persimmon tree. Leafless branches wrapped in silken cocoons, clinging to a gnarled and crooked body, were all that was left of its earlier beauty. The caterpillar had taken the life's blood out of my tree.

But this is not half so heartbreaking as to watch a church grow into the beautiful thing over which Christ himself would rejoice and then watch it dwindle into nothingness. Many a church has been harmed by the *gossip caterpillar*—a careless word, dropped from the lips of a church member, which soon spun into a web of lies. Hearts were broken, suspicion taking the place of faith, a reputation ruined, the rending of each other, and thus the empty pews.

It is only natural for human beings to question one another's true love, for didn't Christ question His disciples, "Lovest thou me?" He wanted the assurance. To be loved and the proof of it were what our Saviour wanted more than anything else when He shed His life's blood for us.

So let us be sure to seek those things which are above, as St. Paul commanded. Let's learn, each of us, to possess our own vessels, to study to be quiet, and attend to our own business, loving our brethren as Christ loves us.

And, in putting on the new man with his bowels of mercy, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, and long-suffering, forbearing one another, there will be no room for the caterpillars filled with anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, who are ever ready to eat away at our church structures.

\*Columbia, Mississippi

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Has anyone told you about June 5?

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*Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear (Isa. 59:1).*

## Sarasota, Florida, and Berne, Indiana:

I PREACHED eight days in Sarasota, Florida, in January; and six in Berne, Indiana, in February. The former is in a famous winter resort region, while the latter is in a prosperous agricultural section. The Sarasota Church of the Nazarene is only about three years old. On the other hand, the Church of the Nazarene at Berne has had several years of service. It has made an enviable record for itself in the quantity and quality of the young people who have gone from it into ministerial or missionary work. Berne is largely populated with church members, many of whom are genuine Christians. The largest Mennonite church in the world is located here. Our church in Berne has excellent church and parsonage facilities. Rev. Ray Tucker is its pastor. He and Mrs. Tucker and their three children took wonderful care of me in the parsonage.

Our church at Sarasota, while newer and fewer in number, has some A-1 Nazarenes in it. They are standing by with their interest, time, and means. The pastor, Rev. Paul R. O'Brien, Mrs. O'Brien, and their three children were always ready to meet our every need and to make our stay in Sarasota a pleasant one. One of the mem-

bers, Mr. T. G. Sharp, turned a beautiful trailer over to Mrs. White and me, and we lived in plenty while in Sarasota. The attendance during this meeting was supplemented by the church at Bradenton, of which Rev. Charles D. Ide is the pastor, other nearby churches, and some vacationists who were there at that time.

The pastor led the singing at Sarasota. He introduced us to many different songs in our new hymnal. Special music was provided by the pastor, others in the local church, and the Bradenton church. At Berne the evangelistic singers, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Jenkins, had charge of the music. With their song leading, special songs, and readings they made an unusual contribution to the meeting.

The pastors at Sarasota and Berne are both former students of mine. They carefully prepared the way for the services. At Berne the meeting had been going on for more than a week with the pastor doing the preaching and Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins in charge of the music. Already there had been definite results at the altar. On the last Sunday morning at Sarasota and the last Sunday evening at Berne, God manifested His power in a special way and several were definitely saved or sanctified.—THE EDITOR.

# FOREIGN MISSIONS

### Changes of Address

Rev. and Mrs. Flinger:  
General Carnevaro 1424  
Lince  
Lima, Peru, South America

Miss Lois Santo:  
Crooked Tree  
British Honduras  
Central America

Rev. and Mrs. Bronell Greer:  
Buldana  
Berar, M.P., India

### AFTER MAY 1:

Rev. and Mrs. C. Hapgood Strickland will be retired and will be living at:

"Dawnings"  
P.O. Umtwalumi  
South Coast, Natal, South Africa

Miss A. Joan Bradshaw is now on furlough in England. We do not have her furlough address yet.

### New Arrival

Sally Kay Browning arrived at ten o'clock, March 13, 1955. She is a healthy little girl, and Elizabeth seems to be doing just fine.—DAVID BROWNING, missionary now on furlough.

### Prayer Request

Please pray for Mrs. Carl Mischke, Africa, who is recuperating from a

serious operation; and for Della Boggs, who is still battling a deep-seated infection which doesn't seem to respond to treatment.

### African Coloured Work

We are happy to be able to report that God has been blessing the work among the coloured people. We had fifty young people out to our first young people's camp the first week of January. It was a time of real spiritual blessing as God came upon the scene. Brother Jenkins was our special speaker and was used of the Lord. All four of our new Bible school students settled their calls at the camp. Everyone at camp went home a better Christian and is still on fire for God.

On Sunday afternoon, the twentieth of February, we had a baptismal service in our New Clare church. There were eight men and twelve women baptized. We praise the Lord for these.—PHILIP STEIGLEDER, *Transvaal, Africa*.

We are greatly encouraged at the progress which the Bible students are making spiritually and scholastically. There were five students all last year. This year we have the same five back again with four more, making a total of nine. There are several others who

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are planning to come next year. As a matter of fact, the whole work among the coloured people seems to be much more promising, and the whole attitude among this people is more and more encouraging.

At our youth camp, held early in January, God spoke very definitely, and as far as I know, every young person between the ages of fifteen and forty found real spiritual victory. Some answered the call to the ministry. One of the burdens concerning this people is that of opening work in the Cape Province, which we hope to do as soon as possible.—JOSEPH F. PENN, *Transvaal, Africa*.

### Nagoya Church of the Nazarene—Japan

After holding four continuous weeks of tent meetings around the vicinity of the Nagoya church, we prayed that, if it were God's will, He would open a way to use this same tent, which we had borrowed from another mission, a bit longer. After about a three-week break, we received word that we could have the tent and all the equipment and two consecrated

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## CONGRATULATIONS to New York—

### Central Ohio, Dallas, and Albany Districts

I HAVE before me *Ink Links*, the monthly paper of the New York District. On the N.Y.P.S. page it has this headline: "New York District Leads the Denomination, 1954 *Herald of Holiness* Campaigns." And in the first paragraph of the article we have these words: "Yes, the New York District was second to none in the 1954 campaigns for *Herald of Holiness* subscriptions. Not only did we take top honors for our group, but we also took top honors for all groups." (This was true from the standpoint of percentage.) The New York District has a right to rejoice over this accomplishment. The editor congratulates Rev. Robert Goslaw, superintendent; Rev. Samuel Smith, campaign manager; all the Nazarenes and others of that district who co-operated with them. When the article to which I am referring was written, the HERALD OF HOLINESS campaign for 1955 was on. New York Nazarenes are taking up this year's campaign with unusual enthusiasm, determined to hold for themselves the place which they won during 1954. Anyone who beats them will have to set a pretty fast pace.

As editor, I want to congratulate the other winners in the 1954 HERALD OF HOLINESS campaigns. Already the names of the winners have been published in the HERALD OF HOLINESS, and I want to join those in our publishing house who supervise these campaigns in congratulating all the winners for 1954. They were: Central Ohio District, Dr. Harvey S. Galloway, superintendent, and Rev. Jay Keiser, campaign manager; Dallas District, Dr. Paul H. Garrett, superintendent, and Rev. Harold Davis, campaign manager; and the Albany District, Rev. Renard D. Smith, superintendent, and Rev. Glenn Tyner, campaign manager. Certainly, the editor appreciates what these districts have done. They did not easily win the honors which have been accorded them.

Three other districts, Northwestern Illinois, North Dakota, and the Maritimes, reached the 60 per cent goal which has been set by our church for HERALD OF HOLINESS subscriptions. Ten more districts showed increases in 1954 over their totals for the previous year. They are as follows: Indianapolis, Southwest Indiana, Illinois, Georgia, Missouri, Washington-Philadelphia, Northern California, South Arkansas, Washington Pacific, and Northwest Oklahoma. Added to all these significant steps forward are the facts that for the first time every district in our church had a HERALD OF HOLINESS subscription campaign in 1954, and the enthusiasm for the 1955 campaigns is running high.

I appreciate the way the HERALD is being received and the response, not only from these districts which have been mentioned, but also from all of our districts. I am grateful for what was accomplished in 1954 and for what I believe is

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going to be accomplished in 1955. Congratulations also to Dr. M. Lunn, Mr. "Bud" Lunn, and to their corps of efficient workers who have general supervision over all HERALD OF HOLINESS subscription campaigns.

Remember, the editor not only wants you to subscribe for the HERALD OF HOLINESS for yourself and others, but also to pray that God may continue to bless it in the work of His kingdom and the Church of the Nazarene.

## He Went Home!

THE Parable of the Prodigal Son is perhaps the best known of all the parables. Nevertheless, I am afraid that many of us fail to get its main point. We get so taken up with other emphases that we forget the central fact, which is that this young man "went home." He decided to repent, and more than that, he put his decision into action.

We talk about how the young man demanded his share of the goods, got them all together and went into a far country, and there spent everything. At this critical moment a famine struck the land. He became so hungry that he was willing to perform the most menial tasks in order to get something to eat. He hired himself to a citizen of that country to feed hogs, but even that job didn't provide him with enough cash to satisfy his hunger. "And he would fain have filled his belly with the husks that the swine did eat"—he was still so desperately hungry.

Those are all interesting facts and a part of the parable, but no one of them is its central truth. I must move on to that stage where the young man "came to himself," and said, "How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger!" Yes, he reached the place where he saw his terrible plight as over against what he might have in his father's home. But that was not enough. I have known people who were under Holy Ghost conviction, and yet never yielded. They saw their sinfulness in all of its horribleness in contrast to the beauty and wonder of what God had for them, and still they stubbornly refused to turn from sin. They were awakened, convicted of sin, of righteousness, and even of judgment, and still did not repent.

The next verse doesn't bring us to the climax. In this the Prodigal Son says, "I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee, . . ." But it is not enough to decide that you are going to the altar. It is not sufficient for you to make up your mind that you are going back to Father's

house. No, it is not enough even for you to have a certain spirit of repentance. Above everything else, if you would get anywhere with God, you must act on your decision. After you have said, "I will arise and go to my father," you must actually go.

The climax of this parable is reached in verse twenty, "And he arose, and came to his father." You can't even stop with starting; you must start and then go until you get "home." That's what it takes to be saved. The Prodigal Son went home! In that fact we have the climactic point of the Parable of the Prodigal Son.

There are those who have much to say about the father, in that while the son was yet a great way off, he had compassion on his son, "and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him." That is a beautiful description of the Heavenly Father's love for the sinner; but even the Father's love for the sinner isn't the important thing in salvation. Nothing that you can say about salvation can take precedence over a free moral agent's choice and his action on the basis of that choice. There will be people in hell in spite of the Father's love. The Father's love for the prodigal son is a universal truth. God loved me just as the father loved this son, and He loves you; He loves all sinners in that way, yet not all sinners are coming to Him. We live in a world where there are human beings who are free moral agents. Nothing that other men nor God can do will determine for them where they will spend eternity. Only their decision can do this. Finally, everything hinges on that.

## A Full Food Locker

**W**HILE traveling across one of our states some time ago, I had to stop over for a little while. During that delay I phoned a friend who lived in a community not far away. In the course of the conversation, he told me that I needed a rest and begged me to come to his place for at least a month. He explained that he had plenty of room. Also, he informed me that he had two food lockers full of food. Besides, he gave me to understand that he and his wife had plenty of time, so he would see that I had anything I wanted to eat, and absolutely nothing to do. It is needless to say that was a temptation to this preacher, but I knew very well that I couldn't possibly take that much time out from my work. I certainly would have enjoyed being with my friend and in his home. He had been kind to me many times in the past. But now I could

not even visit him for a few hours; I had to continue my journey immediately.

As I think of this offer of my friend, the twenty-third psalm comes to my mind. It seems that the inspired writer was drawing the same picture for me spiritually that my friend had placed before me physically. David is saying that the Lord's spiritual food locker is brimful, ready to meet my every need, yea, my every want. Listen to what he says: "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake." These three verses tell me that God has everything ready to meet my need in the ordinary experiences of life. He is prepared to take care of my everyday needs; yea, even my wants. He can fully supply my appetite for spiritual food. His spiritual food locker is full! "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake."

Another fact is that I can avail myself of those supplies, even though I had to turn down my friend's invitation. But this is not the whole story, for the Psalmist goes on to say, "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over." Those two verses tell me that God's provisions are at hand for my extraordinary needs. When the emergencies arise, or "I walk through the valley of the shadow of death," God is able then to meet my need. Or, when my enemies press in upon me, He will prepare a table before me even while they are still at hand. My friend emphasized the abundance of his provisions for me, physically; food and rest to satisfy all my desires were offered. God goes him one better from the spiritual standpoint. In the first part of this twenty-third psalm He lets me know that He has spiritual food lockers which are full to the limit. By them He guarantees to supply, not only my regular, but also my unexpected, needs. When the cataclysm comes, when I am faced with seemingly insurmountable problems and difficulties, His provisions will be more than adequate. Are you weary and needy, my friend? Read the twenty-third psalm, and revel in its promises. As you do this, remember that they are God's promises, and they never fail.

No wonder David, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, closes this beautiful psalm with these words, "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever." Again, superabundance for the needy is emphasized, with reference to the extraordinary as well as the commonplace affairs of life.

# THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL LESSON



By J. GEORGE TAYLORSON

Topic for April 17: Rehoboam, King of Judah

Scripture: II Chronicles 10—13 (Printed: II Chron. 10:6-17)

**GOLDEN TEXT:** *If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him (Jas. 1:5).*

The estimate of Rehoboam's life and influence, according to the writer of the Chronicles, is certainly not high. "And he did evil, because he prepared not his heart to seek the Lord" (II Chron. 12:14). Here indeed, graphically, the grandson of David and the son of Solomon is revealed in all his weakness.

Even native weakness can be supported by the sound judgment of good advisers, but Rehoboam represents the man who seeks advice freely only until he finds support for his own designs. He did what he desired, rather than what he knew, down deep in his heart, he ought to do. It is a common temptation to take of life what we enjoy rather than what we ought. Human nature has not undergone any basic change. Real honesty is still at a high premium. God is more willing to guide us into all truth than we are to be led.

Jeroboam represented a troublesome minority that could have been

profitable. In line of attack and methods, he left much to be desired. His whole carriage was a personal affront to Rehoboam. It is not the part of wisdom to take advantage of our position in meeting disagreement. In fact any truth, policy, or dogma that cannot allow for question has already defeated itself and purpose. Rehoboam does not stand alone in history as a man who was defeated because he was too proud to be held in question.

Rehoboam's ambition was to equal, if not surpass, the rule of his autocratic father. Rather than give sympathetic understanding and consideration to the human needs, he haughtily acted upon the advice of his weak counselors to rule with a rod of iron. "My little finger is thicker than my father's loins. And now, whereas my father laid upon you a heavy yoke, I will add to your yoke. My father chastise you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions" (II Chron. 10:10-11, R.S.V.). As a result, the record tells us, "There were wars between Rehoboam and Jeroboam continually." Here was a typical despot who cared nothing for the welfare of his people; hence, because

of his unbending decision, the kingdom was divided, never again to be united—a people lost forever.

Many a nation, institution, home, and cause has been divided and destroyed because of a stupid, stubborn, ruthless leader who refused to acknowledge the needs and opinions of others. May God save us from the attempt to build our little kingdoms upon narrow selfishness, personal pride, or lust for position while giving no real consideration to human needs. Sickened, we turn from history's sad picture to realize our brightest hope in the words of One who was compassionate enough to listen to the cry of the oppressed and willing to forfeit His own position to lift others—"Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many" (Matt. 20:28). Rehoboam saved his life, only to lose his kingdom—Jesus gave His life and saved His kingdom. Each of us must make the choice.

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## THE QUESTION BOX

*Q. We speak of conversion, or being saved, as the forgiveness of our sins. We speak of entire sanctification as the eradication of inbred sin, or the sin-nature with which a person is born, and the consecration of ourselves to the will of God, whatever that will might demand. But when a person is saved, isn't there a consecration involved? If so, is this consecration of the same degree, or intensity, as that which comes with the experience of entire sanctification? If it is of the same degree, could we not then say that conversion and entire sanctification are simultaneously obtained? Personally, I believe that a person cannot consecrate*

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*until his sins are first forgiven. Thus the experiences of conversion and entire sanctification would have to be separate.*

A. You are right in your conclusion. Wesley and the holiness movement have always taught that conversion and entire sanctification are not simultaneous. Further, none of the great creeds of the Christian Church teach that a person is saved and sanctified wholly at the same time. Some of them hold that the latter can't be obtained in this life, or before death, but none of them

claim that it is received when one's sins are forgiven. Moreover, when a sinner comes to Christ, he comes with the condemnation of everlasting death upon him. He presents himself with repentance and faith, and his whole mind is filled with the thought of getting out from under the condemnation of everlasting death. This is the sinner's attitude, and God responds with forgiveness and a new life, or regeneration. When this has been accomplished, the sinner is on consecrating ground, and not one minute before. It may also be said that we do not consecrate our sins to God. They separate between us and God. Our sins are trash. God

wants our valuables, not that which is worthless. Finally, Paul says in Rom. 12:1, "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies [a part for the whole—your whole selves] a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." Paul is talking to brethren, Christians, there, and not sinners.

*Q. While discussing the experience of conversion and entire sanctification with an older friend, this question came up: If a person is saved and sanctified wholly and then backslides, does he have to have original sin, or carnality, cleansed from the heart? We have carnality because of inheritance from Adam. After it has been removed it seems to me that a person couldn't have carnality. Then if this is the case, the only reason for entire sanctification would be that the individual might be filled with the Holy Ghost. Maybe he wouldn't even need to be sanctified wholly because entire sanctification is being made holy, and after his sins have been forgiven, he would be holy.*

A. First, we must remember that Adam's sin polluted his nature. After he sinned, he was not only a sinner, he was also sinful. Adam's nature must have been corrupted when he sinned or else we could not have inherited a sinful nature from him. If, then, Adam's sin polluted his nature, it is not illogical to believe that my sin will do the same for me. Thus, like Adam, we have acts to be forgiven and a state of nature to be cleansed. Another answer to your question is that the sinful nature which is inherited from Adam may come back upon us when we fall from holiness. As something racial, it returns to my heart when, as a part of the race, I sin again. In other words, I put myself back under the law of sin which holds for a sinful race when I backslide. When I sin, as a part of a fallen race, I forfeit my right to be free from the sinful nature which belonged to that sinful race. Third, my experience with people as a preacher for many years points to the fact that when people backslide they find themselves in the same state they were before they came to Christ the first time. This doesn't mean that I argue with any person at the altar as to what state of grace he seeks. I leave that matter with him and the Holy Spirit. If the seeker is mistaken as to what he is asking God for, the Holy Spirit will reveal that fact to him and do it far better than I could.

*Q. Please explain John 19:38-43. Does the wonderful act of Nicodemus recorded in these verses indicate that he was a secret disciple of Jesus?*

A. I believe that what Nicodemus did here points in the direction of his discipleship, but I don't think that it necessarily places it beyond question.

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## A Thought for the Day

By Bertha Munro

### Thoughts on "Winning"

*Monday:*

Be sure it is winning you are doing and not merely adjusting. Keep free in spirit and adjusted to heaven, serving the Lord and not men; essentially, though not obtrusively, separate.

The beginning is love and the end is love; and your goal is getting God and men together. Keep goal and means distinct. (II Cor. 5:20.)

*Tuesday:*

Be sure you are winning to Christ and not merely to yourself. Risky even to think, Win to myself, that I may win to God. It is too easy to stop at a halfway house. (John 12:24.)

*Wednesday:*

Be sure you *live* so as to be an introducer to Christ. Let them see Him through you as Transformer of lives and Strength of days. Don't let the Saviour down with your life while you recommend Him with your lips. "The world today is saying, 'Show me.'" (John 12:21.)

*Thursday:*

Be sure that your "winning" doesn't become professional. Keep always so close to Christ by prayer, by reading His Word, by careful obedience to the Spirit, that you share His concern for the lost, His compassion, His insight into human needs and human suffering. Learn to forget yourself. "No tears shed except in intercession." (Mark 6:34; Exod. 32:32.)

*Friday:*

Keep your eyes turned outward. Get acquainted with people. Learn to talk with people; better still, learn to listen. Learn—if you have to—to love people, and discover the way to let them know you care about them. Learn to be approachable. Find out how to be "different" without building a wall. The secret is love in action. (I Cor. 9:19-22.)

*Saturday:*

You won't win them "in bunches" or in vague generality. You will win him, then him, then him; her and her and her. Take each one individually to God in prayer and keep the prayer warm in your heart for each—before, while, and after he is won. (Matt. 4:19.)

*Sunday:*

Learn all you can about people by psychology, by literature, by contact; study the most approved "methods"; follow organized visitation programs. Absorb Jesus' ways of winning. Then follow the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Trust Him to help you find the opportunity and put the right words in your mouth at the right time. He was given to help.

And keep loving. (Acts 8:26.)

("Not as though I had already attained . . . but I follow after.")

### FOREIGN MISSIONS

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young Japanese men to help us. God had answered our prayer.

The weather was warm and nearly all the missionaries had left the area, but we felt that this was God's doings and we must stay on and use the tent.

Thousands heard the gospel for the first time and scores found God in real, old-time salvation. So great were the crowds in the night services that we had to ask the children to stay away from those services, and attend only the special children's services every afternoon.

Being in a densely populated area, we needed to move the tent only about eight blocks and we would have an entirely new crowd of listeners. Pastor Haroda, two Bible students from our school in Tokyo, and I did the preaching.

Our Nagoya church is certainly growing rapidly. When it was only seven months old we had forty members, a Sunday school of over one hundred, and about sixty to ninety people in our morning worship services.—HUBERT HELLING.

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### OUR PRAYER

By Edna Hamilton

*Help us to live, dear Lord,  
So our light will shine far  
Like the glistening glow  
Of a radiant star.  
And may we never covet  
Things of friend or neighbor.  
May we always praise Thee—  
And Sunday, rest from labor.*

# CRUSADE

# for SOULS



## GRASS-ROOTS CRUSADE CONFERENCES

NORTHWEST INDIANA DISTRICT  
April 5-7

Lafayette First Church  
Dr. D. I. Vanderpool, Dr. Roy F. Smee,  
Dr. S. T. Ludwig

GEORGIA DISTRICT  
April 11-13

Gainesville, Georgia  
Dr. G. B. Williamson, Rev. A. C. McKenzie, Rev. Leslie Parrott

MISSOURI DISTRICT  
April 11-13

St. Louis First Church  
Dr. Samuel Young, Rev. W. A. Strong,  
Rev. Alpin P. Bowes

SOUTHEAST OKLAHOMA DISTRICT  
April 12-14

Seminole, Oklahoma  
Dr. Roy F. Smee, Rev. Ponder W. Gilliland, Rev. Paul Martin

TENNESSEE DISTRICT

Nashville College Church, May 2-4  
Memphis First Church, May 4-6  
Dr. Hardy C. Powers, Dr. Roy F. Smee,  
Rev. W. A. Strong

Attend the Conference on  
Your District

### Chicago Central Crusade Conferences

In co-operation with the Department of Home Missions and Evangelism, the Chicago Central District sponsored three Grass-Roots Crusade for Souls

Conferences: at Chicago First Church, Kankakee College Church, and Danville First Church, respectively. The workers were Dr. Samuel Young, Dr. S. T. Ludwig, Revs. E. W. Martin, Andrew Young, R. T. Williams, Jr., and Alpin P. Bowes. These men, each in his own way, made a genuine contribution to the Crusade for Souls emphasis on our district.

The attendance was outstanding in that most of the pastors and hundreds of our laymen were in the services, even though a severe cold wave and snowstorm hit during the last section of the conferences. At Kankakee the students and faculty of Olivet Nazarene College had the benefit of the meetings by the planning of the schedule to include chapel services and coincide with the daily class periods. Pastors, laymen, and college students received technical information, enlarged vision, and increased motivation to carry out personal soul winning and organized house-to-house visitation evangelism.

Reports indicate good results in the local churches. A number of persons have prayed through in their homes with the help of the pastor or a lay crusader.—REV. MARK R. MOORE, *Chicago Central District superintendent.*

### Some Good Reports

I am writing to tell you about the lasting effects that the Crusade for Souls Conference had with our people. I really think that our church received an impetus that is continuing to inspire. Our people are working as

### ROY F. SMEE, Secretary

never before, for every interest of the church, and a spirit of revival is with us.—REV. WILSON R. LANPHER, *pastor, Hutchinson First Church.*

Following the conference, we organized our Crusade for Souls commission and studied thoroughly the situation and possibilities here. I am happy to say that our people responded very well and are now organized for Sunday afternoon visitation. The first Sunday we had fourteen adults and last Sunday we had twelve adults and eight teen-agers. We plan to extend this work in other areas, including industrial chaplaincy, etc. The conference was a great blessing to us.—REV. L. GUY NEES, *pastor, Kankakee College Church.*

Another Crusade for Souls Conference is now history, but I wanted to tell you that the workers were all simply "tops," and our people are still talking of the wonderful spirit of the conference sessions. Reports from our pastors reveal a good, healthy trend on the district. Over 16,000 pastoral calls resulted in 1,597 seekers. We have received so far 358 members, 182 on profession of faith, and should show an all-time high in gains. It would certainly seem to indicate that the emphasis on the Crusade for Souls is paying off. Even our smaller churches are catching fire and are showing some fine gains.—REV. M. L. MANN, *district superintendent, Arizona.*

## Religious News and Comments

By A. K. BRACKEN

### FBI Agent Turned Minister

Several years ago, while Dr. Joseph Sizoo was pastor of Epiphany Episcopal Church, Merrill Drennan, an FBI agent, dropped into the Lenten services. Dr. Sizoo's message so gripped him that he went to his boss, J. Edgar Hoover, and turned in his resignation to enter the ministry. Hoover is said to have told him that if it were for any other purpose than to enter the ministry he would not let him go. Hoover is said to have told Drennan

that he himself once struggled over the question of whether to enter law or to go into the ministry. Mr. Hoover is now active in the National Presbyterian Church, where the Eisenhowers worship. Mr. Drennan is now pastor of a Methodist church in Ashton, Maryland (*Washington Religious Report*).

### Religious-Emphasis Week

Addressing students of Richmond University during Religious-Emphasis

Week, Professor Eric Rust, of the Southern Baptist Seminary, said, "The Christian ministry needs preachers, not promoters. Preachers must preach the gospel before promoting buildings." Every Christian church should give serious thought to what he said in spite of the fact that promotion is vital. Also during Religious-Emphasis Week it is reported that Stuart Grizzard told the First Baptist Church of Norfolk that many are obsessed with "peace of mind." This

quote, whatever the original source, has been passed around rather widely of late. I wonder if the sentiment of the quote is necessarily an "obsession" or is it a natural outcropping, in times like these, of a genuine reaction to an earlier emphasis on the part of Christ, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you"; or Paul, "... justified by faith, we have peace with God"; or Peter, "... Peace be with you all"? If the idea of "peace of mind" is in any sense unhealthy, the New Testament did not seem to fear it.

## MOVED

Recently the Church of the Nazarene moved its Headquarters from its old location at 2940 Troost Avenue to a new, commodious, and adequate quarters at 6401 The Paseo, in Kansas City, Missouri. On an adjoining tract is their new and imposing Seminary building. Eventually the Nazarenes expect to move their publishing house to a nearby tract.

## "Baby Boom!"

The current issue of *Current Events* makes the announcement, and it is to be considered wholesome for the nation! A baby is born in the United States every 12 seconds. There is prospect of a total population in the nation of 220 million in 1975. The same authority predicts a prospect of 4 million students enrolled in college by 1965. Life expectancy has increased in the last forty years from age 51.4 to age 68.4. Modern medicine, sanitation, health laws, and higher standard of living are given the credit. It continues: "The old get older, the poor get richer, and more people share the 357 billion national income. More security, better food, more necessities, more comforts, more fun, more opportunities—these alone do not add up to the good life." The truly good life grows out of "self-surrender to God."

## Epworth Rectory Purchased

Rev. W. Russell Shearer, president of British Methodism, has confirmed the purchase of Epworth Rectory, seventeen-room house near Doncaster, Yorkshire. Methodists paid \$14,000.00 for it and are raising funds to make it a home for retired preachers. John and Charles Wesley lived in it as boys" (*Christian Century*).

## BRIEFS:

*Christian Point IV.* The Lutheran church of Iceland has sent four tons of cod liver oil to the Lutheran World Federation for distribution to the Arab refugees in Syria.

*Resolution.* The Georgia Council of Church Women has adopted a resolution condemning capital punishment for minors. This action was taken after the execution by the state of an eighteen-year-old boy. It is presumed that the boy was duly convicted by a court of law. With only the highest respect for the elect ladies

of the Council, in view of the distressing crime record of America, and on behalf of law enforcement officers who need our backing, and, too, on behalf of prospective victims of the depraved robbers, rapists, and murderers, let us ask if perchance some pass their minority at an earlier age than others.

# NEWS OF THE CHURCHES

Johnstown, Pennsylvania—First Church recently closed a wonderful youth revival with Rev. Clarence (Tiz) Jones, evangelist, and Lloyd and Adelaide Mitchell, musicians and singers. Everyone was blessed by the music and singing of these fine workers. God honored the ministry of Brother Jones as he preached old-time repentance and holiness. The altar was lined from night to night with 128 souls seeking God to be saved or sanctified. We received 10 new members into the church. Brother Jones was called to return for a revival in April of 1956. This was one of the best revivals the church has had in the nineteen months we have been here. We found a wonderful people and have enjoyed laboring in this good field. Rev. R. F. Heinlein, our fine district superintendent, conducted our recall at the close of the revival and the church has extended to us a three-year call, which we have accepted. We give God the praise for all that has been accomplished.—L. J. Dunham, Pastor.

Clintonville, Kentucky—Our church recently closed one of the greatest youth revivals of its history. Rev. Juett Cox was the evangelist, and he did as fine preaching as I ever heard. God came on the scene the first night. People were greatly helped and we had forty-six at the altar, with definite victory.—Charles Hatfield, Pastor.

Stanford, Kentucky—Our church has had a gracious revival with Rev. Earl Coopridge, pastor at the Lancaster church, who was at his best in the messages. Brother Curt Macmillian and his wife, Jean, were the song evangelists. Sister Macmillian played the piano and Curt led the singing. Sister Macmillian played the accordion and their small son and daughter sang with them. They were a great blessing to us all. This was one of the very best short meetings we have ever been in. The whole community was stirred and people came in from surrounding churches and neighborhoods to share and work in the meeting. There were seekers at the altar—confessing, praying; some were reclaimed, some converted, and others made a consecration and received heart cleansing. Some of the finest people in the community prayed through to definite victory—Esther Coldiron, Pastor.

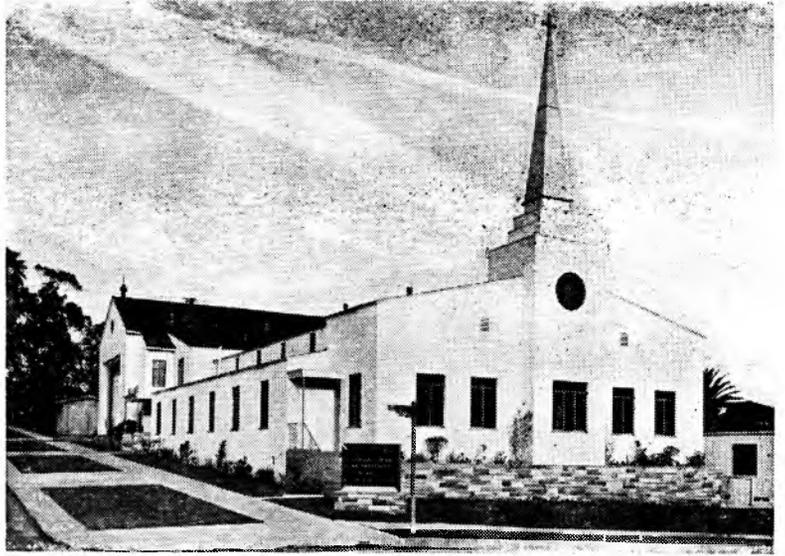
Orangeburg, South Carolina—Our church closed a great revival on February 13; said to have been the greatest revival in the history of our young church. Each night of the one-week meeting good crowds were in attendance. Rev. L. E. Latham, a Spirit-filled man of God, preached under the power of the Holy Ghost. Many souls found Christ as their Saviour and the Christians were revived. The revival was sponsored by the N.Y.P.S. and they occupied the choir each night and officiated at each service. Ten were added to our church roll on the last Sunday night. Brother Latham is a soul-stirring evangelist with a message of interest to both young and old. Our church has been greatly blessed through the ministry of our good pastor, Rev. N. J. Lewis, and his wonderful wife. They have been with us about a year and a half, and our church is on the way up. We recently completed a new addition to our Sunday school, which is to house our Junior Department.—Mrs. John S. Love, Jr., Reporter.

Albuquerque, New Mexico—Our good pastor, Rev. C. F. Sanders, is completing his fifth year of service at Southside Church, and a unanimous recall with only one negative vote for a three-year call was recently extended him. The work continues to grow under his consecrated leadership and there is wonderful unity and cooperation among our people. The Lord is blessing and new people are looking our way in this community.—Sadie L. Kanzelmeyer, Secretary.

Petersburg, Pennsylvania—In January this town saw one of its most thrilling revivals, with Rev. John C. Foltz as special worker. The church had prevailed in prayer for five months, and a real spiritual hunger had gripped the area. As a result the entire community was greatly moved upon, and under the Spirit-anointed preaching of Brother Foltz, 22 adults, 10 teen-agers, and 14 children were converted, and 6 adults were sanctified. The church's prayer list has been greatly reduced. We were all greatly blessed by Brother Foltz's fine singing and anointed preaching; we want him to return next year. Fine crowds attended the services, with as many as 155 present in some services. This is a home-mission church, one year old on February 14.—Clair H. Fisher, Pastor.

## Santa Monica, California

Dedication services were held at our church in Santa Monica on Sunday, January 30. Dr. Hugh C. Benner brought the dedicatory address. He was assisted in the service by Dr. G. B. Williamson and District Superintendent W. Shelburne Brown. Others participating were Dr. A. E. Sanner, Dr. H. Orton Wiley, Rev. R. W. Hertenstein, Rev. E. C. Martin, Rev. Hugh Glass, and B. E. Iler. This church was organized in 1926 by Rev. H. R. Beegle and has had as successive pastors: Rev. R. J. Dixon, Rev. T. E. Beebe, Rev. Hugh C. Benner, Rev. E. C. Martin, Rev. R. W. Hertenstein, Rev. J. M. Calderon, associate, and Rev. A. J. Edwards. Albert Dorrance, building contractor and member of our church, supervised the building. Members of the church donated many hours of labor, keeping construction costs to a minimum. Our church has increased consistently across the years. Church membership at present is 233. Best of all, God's Spirit has been in our services in a remarkable way. During the past several months some real miracles of grace have been wrought in our midst. For all of this we give



God all the praise and glory.—Reporter.

Morrow, Ohio—Recently we closed a revival for Youth Week with some very good preaching by Brother Herb Bargo and Brother Joseph Holstein. Music was furnished by local talent and singers from visiting churches. Several people prayed through to definite victory and others received help.—Donna M. Walsh, Secretary.

Evangelist William and June Schmidt write: "Since entering the full-time evangelistic field last September, the Lord has given us good meetings in each church we have served, with a number of recalls for

future campaigns. We have some open time in the fall of '55 and winter of '56. We travel with houstrailer: preach, sing, and have scene-o-felt pictures with colored lights. Anyone desiring our services for revivals may contact us, Unionville, Michigan."

Bakersfield, California—East Bakersfield Church recently concluded a very fine church revival with Rev. C. J. Friesen and the Lacy Gospel Singers as the special workers. This was one of the best attended revivals we have had. The music was well received and the preaching was of the best. The

church was encouraged, some found the Lord, and we received several new members. Brother Friesen and the Lacys are always fine for music.—Ervin R. Klassen, Pastor.

Rev. E. E. Lewis writes: "Three and one-half years ago we left the field due to our health. Now we are much better and feel that the Lord would have us go back in the field. I am willing to go anywhere the Lord opens the way. Write me, 305 North Shepherd, Ironton, Missouri."

## Killeen, Texas



Sunday, January 23, marked the beginning of our fourth year as pastor of the good people of the Killeen church. God has blessed in a marvelous way and good progress has been made. The building pictured here was completed and occupied two years ago last fall, and already the chapel is too small to accommodate comfortably our

congregation. We have started a building fund for the purpose of building the sanctuary on the corner in the left foreground as soon as possible. Our average Sunday-school attendance last year was 89 and to date for this year it is 121, with an average of 138 for January. The spiritual tide has been good and altar

services have been the usual order rather than the unusual. The church has given us a unanimous recall for another year, and only one negative vote on the three-year call. It has also given us a nice increase in salary. It is a real joy to serve a group of people like these Killeen Nazarenes. We have had the privilege of ministering to our army servicemen, as Killeen is the home of Fort Hood, one of the largest military posts in the nation. Many of the servicemen and their families attend our services and quite a number of them have been among our fine workers in the church. It has been our happy privilege to pray around the altar with many of them as they sought the Lord to meet the needs of their hearts and lives. If you have loved ones or friends who are stationed at Fort Hood, we would be glad to have their names and addresses, together with any information regarding their spiritual condition and their qualifications for service, and we will be glad to contact them and render any assistance to them we can. Address us at 1210 North Second Street, Killeen, Texas.—Ivy Bohannon, Pastor.

Calgary, Alberta—The four churches of Calgary combined to enjoy an outstanding Youth Week with Rev. C. A. McClain, of Alhambra, California; 280 attended the opening banquet and fine attendance throughout the week characterized the emphasis. The closing rally saw a great capacity crowd of Canadians in an enthusiastic service of successful evangelism.—Oscar F. Reed, Reporter.

Ft. Myers, Florida—Our church recently closed one of the most successful revivals in its history with Rev. Alva and Gladys Estep as the evangelists. Night after night the altar was filled with seekers. Counting as they came, there were 81 who sought God either for pardon and purity or for help of some kind. Problems were ironed out in the lives of many and especially the young people. Brother and Sister Estep are old-fashioned in their messages and songs and have a wonderful way of getting it over to the people. Finances came easy as the people gave willingly and sacrificially. On the last night of the revival we were able to receive 8 new members into our fellowship. A love offering of \$126.00 was subscribed to by members and friends for the pastor and wife. All past Sunday-school records were broken with 198 in attendance the last Sunday, and \$90.00 in the Sunday-school offering.—James O. Deal, Pastor.

A new day has dawned for Gary First Church. God has answered prayer in marvelous ways. Every move for growth and building has been blessed immeasurably. We now have room in our beautiful new church to seat 350 people. There are light, efficient facilities for each Sunday-school class. The three new spacious auditoriums for the opening Sunday-school exercises will be conducive to growth in each department. The Sunday-school department on the first floor is finished in varying shades of green, and is divided when necessary by large modern-fold doors. To the south of this auditorium is a beautiful lounge finished in knotty cypress with a large floor-to-ceiling fireplace. The sanctuary has a high vaulted ceiling with massive scissor trusses, Gothic grilles for the organ-tone chambers on either side of the pulpit, and cathedral-glass lanterns in Swedish iron. In the large chancel window above the choir is a life-size picture of Christ with hands extended in loving invitation. The beige plastered walls, the rich cathedral red carpet, and the new light bronzed oak furniture all blend together to complete the beauty of God's house. Today our building is valued at \$125,000.00 and the furnishings at \$15,000.00. We also have a beautiful parsonage valued at \$23,500.00. Our architects feel that the church is one of the most beautiful in the city. God's anointing, thousands

*Make a Note of This... Pastors*



The fiscal year for the general church closes April 30. Therefore it is important that the **EASTER OFFERING** funds be received by that time. Will you see to it that the offering from your church is sent to:

**Mr. John Stockton**  
**6401 The Paseo**  
**Kansas City 10, Mo.**

not later than April 30?  
**Thank you!**

Albany, Oregon—First Church recently closed a wonderful Youth Week revival with Rev. Don Coonrod, pastor of Vancouver, Washington, Central Church. More than thirty seekers prayed through for either pardon or purity in the last three days of the meeting. As a result, the attendance at the young people's service has almost doubled. The church is praising God for answering prayer in sending us fine pastors, Rev. and Mrs. Forrest Hill. Since their arrival last June, the Sunday-school attendance has increased approximately 35 per cent. The young people's class alone, with Mrs. Hill as its teacher, has increased from

about three to seventeen. To keep up with the increase we have added fourteen feet to our church building and are praying and trusting God for a new building, which is desperately needed. A Junior Society has been organized with ten to fifteen boys and girls attending each Sunday evening. God has blessed in the financial program and funds have been available for several necessary improvements. Due to prayer, a wonderful spiritual tide, and an active visitation program, God is sending in new people every week. We thank God for the good spirit and the friendly atmosphere of the church.—Lyle Houser, Reporter.

### First Church, Gary, Indiana



of hours of donated labor, and many gifts of love have made possible this glorious achievement. Dedication day services were last January 30, with Dr. Hardy C. Powers preaching the dedicatory messages. His ministry was a source of blessing and inspira-

tion, and gave new motivation to all who heard him. The day closed with a note of victory around the altar following a convicting and fruitful message by our district superintendent, Rev. Arthur C. Morgan.—Robert E. Ross, Pastor.

Dr. and Mrs. A. S. London report: "The Shawnee County Convention of Kansas was held in the Covenant Church of Topeka with more than a dozen churches co-operating. Pastor Forrest Nash, of our First Church, presided. He is in his eighth year in Topeka, has erected a beautiful church edifice, the crowds are at a high peak, and finances have tripled during his pastorate. Our colaborer was Rev. Clarence Fast, of Enid, Oklahoma. It was a time of inspiration, fellowship, information, and agitation. It was a pleasure to be in the Iowa Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist church. There were around forty preachers present. Dr. S. I. McMillin, of Houghton, New York, was the other speaker. He is a fine Christian physician, and for many years was a medical missionary. Pastors and laymen were appreciative, co-operative, and responsive. Into Minneapolis, Minnesota, for a convention in the Holiness Methodist church with several churches uniting. It was a joy to speak in our First Church with Pastor Geren Roberts, whom we have known since we heard him preach when only six years of age. The church has purchased five acres of land, and will locate in a strategic place for growth. There were 267 present for the Sunday-school hour. The temperature dropped to twenty below zero, but the people were warmhearted with Sunday-school vision, visitation, preparation, aspiration for going forward, and a zeal for reaching the unchurched."

Evangelist Emmett E. Taylor reports: "Since the Beebe, Arkansas, camp meeting in August of last year, in which Mrs. Taylor and I were the singers, I have been traveling alone. I have conducted meetings in Oklahoma—at Wister, with Pastor Fred Hinkel; at Panama, a new church

which at that time was under the direction of Rev. H. M. Curtis, pastor at Poteau; at Broken Arrow, with Rev. Clay Bunch; at Tishomingo, where Rev. Fred Hinkel had only recently accepted the pastorate; at Ryan, with Rev. J. W. Thomas, which was my last meeting in '54, due to a temporary injury received in an automobile accident. God blessed in all these meetings and it was a privilege to work with these fine men and their people. The year of '55 began with Rev. T. J. Giddens and the Malory Memorial Church in Jacksonville, Florida; then to Cabot, Arkansas, with Rev. Bill Rough and Russel's Chapel Church. At this writing I am with Rev. Charles Spicer and the Augusta, Kansas, church, with Rev. Lee Steel and wife in charge of the music. I thank God for His blessings."

Evangelist Marvin S. Cooper writes: "Due to sickness in the home that required our personal attention, we have not been able to carry our regular evangelistic slate. The pastors have been kind and very considerate, for which we are grateful. We will now resume our work of evangelism, and at present have open dates to offer pastors who might be in need of our service. Write me, 1514 North Wakefield Street, Arlington, Virginia."

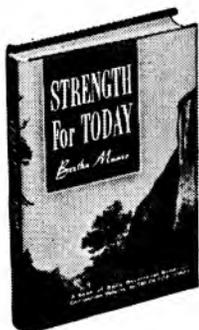
Jacksonville, Florida—During the revival in Central Church we saw the moving of the Holy Ghost in a mighty way. One evening the evangelist called on an old saint to testify, which was followed by many others. Suddenly a teen-age girl came running and weeping to the altar. The evangelist quietly said if others needed help they should respond. It seemed as if a current of divine glory filled the house, the altar was lined, and the next half-hour was a time of prayer and glorious victory. Many said they had never seen anything like it before.

As a result, the young people organized a prayer band—sixteen of them in the first service, held about eight miles from the church; on the following Sunday, ten miles in another direction, thirty-one met for prayer. Again the Holy Spirit came in a great deluge of fire and power—they spent nearly three hours in praise and prayer. The revival was on! At the evening service (the evangelist had been gone a week), the young choir sang, then began to testify, and others slipped out in the congregation inviting friends to come and be saved. Again the altar was lined, and these Spirit-filled young people stood and shouted as souls were born into the Kingdom. It is now three weeks since the revival with the evangelist closed—the prayer meetings are growing and more people are being saved. Another week-end service without any preaching. This is something I never witnessed before. We thank God for His blessed presence with us.—C. M. Kelley, Pastor.

Pastor Paul Darulla of the Wheeling, West Virginia, church reports: "Our church is on the move for God. Our Sunday school is averaging 100 or more for the last five months, new people are coming each week, and souls are being added to the church. For the second year 'Showers of Blessing' will be aired as a public service feature over the powerful local radio station on Palm Sunday and Easter. We are showing an increase in membership for the fourth straight year. Recently closed a good revival with Rev. Russell Bowman as evangelist. He was at his best, souls found God, and the church was helped. This is the fifth time we have used Brother Bowman in our ministry and we appreciate this man and his message. The Lord has given us some wonderful people in this steel metropolis and we are pressing on to greater victories."

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Joelton, Tennessee—God is still blessing the country churches, for the last week of February saw one of the greatest outpourings of God's wonderful Spirit we have ever seen. Rev. W. Ray Duncan, although still suffering from a bad case of the flu, brought soul-stirring messages to capacity crowds each night. A. C. Wakefield visited one night of the revival and, after he had sung the glory down, the altar was lined with seekers. Our people prayed and, trusting God, were blessed and inspired to go deeper into the good things of God. Our regular singing was done by Larry Finger and Delorus Brown, both from Trevecca College. We praise the Lord for the eleven victories and are trusting Him for more.—Dave Erickson, Pastor.

Evangelists J. W. and Frances Short report: "We started the new assembly year last September with eight blessed days with Pastor William Masters at Muncie, Indiana. Then at First Church, New Castle, with Pastor George Scutt, where God met with us and gave us splendid attendance and interest in this five-day holiness convention; following with Pastor Wilson in their new church in Rochester, New York. October found us with Superintendent J. C. Albright in a home-mission tour on the New England District. Night after night the Lord met with us, and good attendance and interest were shown as we endeavored to advance our work and carry forward a spiritual program. God is with Brother Albright in this great field of service. In Augusta, Maine, with Pastor Wright at First Church, God came with victory at the altar in this holiness convention. Then with Pastor Sampson at the historic church at Malden, Massachusetts, where God met with us and gave an altar well filled on the closing night. We praise God for this month of service in New England. At Madison, Indiana, with Pastor Robert Boyles and his splendid new church, God poured out His Spirit, with souls praying through to victory. November 24 to 28 found us in a holiness Thanksgiving convention with Pastor Aldrich in a beautiful new church at Overland, Missouri. Then with Brother Carroll at Kennett, Missouri, and on to Brunswick with Pastor Lucille Riggs, where we preached holiness about every service with a few at the altar. We enjoyed the Superintendents' Conference in January very much. The program and fellowship were wonderful. We hurried to Blytheville, Arkansas, where we were slated for a holiness convention. Revival broke out and we continued for eleven days—with souls praying through to God in about every service. The last night was the best. Pastor Lewis Emmert had the revival tide on this good church, where they have recently finished a splendid parsonage. Several found God in their homes. At Jacksonville, Arkansas, where Pastor J. S. Emmert recently finished a new church, we labored over two Sundays with God's blessings and some victories at the altar. We

are in Florida for several holiness conventions; closed Sunday night with Pastor Don Newell at Winter Haven, where they are erecting a new parsonage. On Sunday night about twelve were at the altar praying through to God. We are now at Sebring with Pastor Vincent Gennaro, who has recently finished a new parsonage. We are praying for great times and a profitable holiness convention. The year of 1954 was one filled with service and God's blessings and care over us in much traveling. We preached 243 times last year, conducted 16 holiness conventions, 6 district tours, also 4 revivals of over two Sundays. We supplied First Church, Colorado Springs, four Sundays and labored in 16 states. Since entering the field of evangelism we have seen God's rich blessings come on the people and the glory break in on the services. We are very thankful that Mrs. Short can be with us in all our travels and work, where she always takes part and God uses her in every convention."

Hood River, Oregon—We recently closed a fine revival with Rev. Kenneth and Evelyn Ball as the evangelists. There were some very definite victories won, and God is still answering prayer for revival in our midst. Our people testify to fine spiritual growth under the ministry of Brother Ball. For Youth Week we invited the Parkdale, Oregon, and Carson and Bingen, Washington, churches to join us for a chow mein dinner, which was cooked for us by the Japanese Methodist people here in our valley. A few over one hundred attended. A Christian film was shown following the dinner and three were at the altar after the film. August will mark the end of six years as pastors here, and we have accepted a call to pastor for another year. Dr. D. I. Vanderpool dedicated our remodeled sanctuary last March. This improvement gave us more adequate Sunday-school rooms also, and with this has come a consistent gain in attendance. God is blessing our people financially and our Alabaster offering was \$123.45, which triples the highest previous offering. We appreciate our faithful people here in Hood River.—Walter I. Watson, Pastor.

Sikeston, Missouri—In the first two weeks of the year the Lord gave us an old-fashioned, Holy Ghost revival with Evangelist W. E. Carlton and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Salvador as musicians and singers. In February we had a very good Youth Week with Rev. Murrell Duffie and Mr. Gene Henze as special workers. A very fine class of new members has been received into the church since our assembly. Just recently the church folk honored us with another three-year recall. We are in our fifteenth year as pastor of these fine people and enjoy serving them. These seem to be some of the very best days the Sikeston church has ever had.—J. W. Hofert, Pastor.

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17 Prov. 16.19 from Judæa, and from beyond Jordan,  
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Luke 6. 21  
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2 Cor. 1. 7  
Rev. 21. 4

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### Arizona District Crusade for Souls Conference

The Arizona District Crusade for Souls Conference was held February 14 to 16 in the new church at Chandler, where Rev. Leo Baldwin is the pastor. You would be thrilled to see the beautiful new church that Brother Baldwin and his fine people are building in Chandler. When completed, it will favorably compare with our best.

The messages by Dr. Hugh C. Benner, Dr. S. T. Ludwig, and Rev. Alpin Bowes were of the highest order; they blessed and stirred our hearts to do more to win the lost in this great and growing area.

The Arizona District has made some outstanding gains under the godly, capable, and aggressive leadership of our district superintendent, Rev. M. L. Mann. He is loved and appreciated by the Arizona Nazarenes.

A beautiful pen and pencil set was presented to Rev. J. E. Moore, Jr., in recognition of the fact that his church, Tucson First, has been on the Evangelistic Honor Roll for five consecutive years.

With the wonderful leadership, the devoted pastors, and the faithful laymen such as characterize the Arizona District, there is no limit to what can be done for Christ and the church.

HAROLD DANIELS, Reporter

### Northwest Indiana District Preachers' Meeting

The Northwest Indiana District preachers' meeting convened at Plymouth, Indiana, February 22 to 24. Rev. F. C. Savage, the host pastor, and his church gave a fellowship dinner for the pastors and their wives on the opening evening of the preachers' meeting. A wonderful spirit of fellowship prevailed among the pastors as they more or less renewed their acquaintances, talked over plans, and visited in general.

Our district superintendent, Rev. Arthur C. Morgan, had a good program arranged which was helpful and inspirational. We appreciate the leadership of Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Morgan. The district is moving along smoothly and we feel great things are ahead for the Northwest Indiana District.

Rev. O. L. Maish, superintendent of the Michigan District, presented a very good paper on "Pastoral Success." He also brought a good message in the Thursday morning service. A number of good papers were presented by the pastors of the district. Professor R. L. Lunsford, of Olivet



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Nazarene College, brought a paper on "Building Sermons."

Rev. Chester Morgan, brother of our district superintendent, brought a stirring message on the subject of prayer in our Thursday morning devotions.

Dr. Hugh C. Benner was our special speaker. He preached (as he can) some very good messages. They were down-to-earth, inspirational, and helpful. They were geared to our day and time and delivered with unction and power that blessed as well as challenged the heart of everyone present.

**KENNETH V. BATEMAN**, District Secretary

**Don't forget June 5.**

## DEATHS

JOHNIE DALE COOK was born October 2, 1934, in Cisco, Texas, and died January 1, 1955, in an auto accident that claimed the lives of three other youth. Dale was converted early in life and joined the Church of the Nazarene in Cisco. He was loved by all who knew him, and his death is a great loss. Survivors are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Cook of Cisco, and grandmother, Mrs. J. E. Foy, also of Cisco, and one brother and four sisters: J. W. Cook, Mrs. J. C. Butcher, Mrs. Charles White, Mrs. Robert Sterling, and Mrs. Alvin King. Funeral services were conducted at the Church of the Nazarene by Rev. D. M. Duke and Chief Warden. Burial was in Oakwood Cemetery.

JERRY D. THOMAS was born on May 7, 1939, and died in an automobile accident January 15, 1955. Jerry loved his God, church, and family. He attended the Church of the Nazarene faithfully since he was one year old and mentioned several times the probability of a call to preach. The car in which he was riding was hit by two other cars that were racing. Funeral services in the Raleigh Church of the Nazarene were in charge of Rev. Albert O. Loeber with Rev. Howard T. Wall, Jr., assisting. Surviving are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver A. Thomas; three brothers, Oliver A., Jr., Jimmy, and Harry Thomas; and three sisters, Mrs. Jack Wall and Betsy and Sue Thomas, all of Raleigh, North Carolina.

D. HERMAN HAZLIP was born in Rockingham County, North Carolina, and died at Memorial Hospital in Reidsville, North Carolina, December 8, 1954, at the age of sixty-three years. He joined the Church of the Nazarene at Spray, North Carolina, in 1950 and was a local minister. He was faithful to his church as long as his health permitted. When his health failed so that he could not drive to Spray, Brother Hazlip joined the Friends church in Reidsville in August, 1953. Funeral services were held in Reidsville with Rev. Fuchsia Parrish officiating, assisted by Rev. J. W. Covington and Rev. Tucker Humphries. Surviving in addition to his second wife, the former Sallie Walker, who is a Nazarene elder, are three daughters by his former marriage: Miss Edna Earl Hazlip of Miami, Florida; Mrs. Hortense Gentle, of Greensboro, North Carolina; Mrs. John A. Delapp, of Reidsville; one stepdaughter, Mrs. P. M. Ware, of Reidsville; his stepmother, Mrs. B. F. Hazlip, of Alberta, Virginia; three half brothers and four half sisters.

CHARLES MAON HOUGER was born in Minnesota on March 4, 1882, and died in Grangeville, Idaho, following a stroke, on January 1, 1955. He was united in marriage to Miss Edith Foster at Montevideo, Minnesota, on March 8, 1905. In 1928 they moved to the Fruitland area of Idaho, where they lived until they moved to Grangeville in 1951. He had been a member of the Church of the Nazarene for many years, transferring his membership to the Grangeville church in May, 1954. He always had a clear, definite testimony of his love for God and his interest in spiritual things. He is survived by his wife, Edith, at the home; two brothers: Harvey, of Spokane, Washington; and Alvin, of Minneapolis; and one sister, Mrs. Rena Johnson, of Puyallup, Washington. Funeral services were held in Grangeville with Rev. Arthur J. Stott, pastor, in charge. Burial was held the next day in Payette, Idaho, with his former pastor, Rev. Herbert E. Lilly, of the Payette church, in charge.

MRS. PHOEBE B. LINFOOT was born October 13, 1884, at Coburn, Pennsylvania, and died of a heart disease December 30, 1954, in the Conneaut, Ohio, hospital after a three-day illness. She was converted as a girl and later sanctified. Her earlier Christian life was spent in the Salvation Army, where she met Warren W. Linfoot. They were united in marriage July 28, 1906. To this union were born two daughters, who now survive: Rozelia Linfoot, at home; and Leonora Owens, also of Conneaut. Her Christian life was a faithful, consistent one. She joined the Church of the Nazarene, Ashtabula, Ohio, soon after its organization and served as a faithful Sunday-school teacher to the various age groups throughout her entire membership. Beside her two daughters she leaves to mourn her loss two granddaughters, Bonnie and Darlene Owens, and a host of friends. Her husband preceded her in death February 1, 1953. Funeral service was conducted by her pastor, Rev. George Carrier, assisted by Rev. Ronald Tovey, pastor of the Free Methodist church, Conneaut.

MARTIN E. HAMPTON was born in Fremont County, Iowa, November 28, 1875, and died in a hospital at Iowa City, Iowa, January 12, 1955, at the age of seventy-nine years. We conducted the funeral for his wife a little over three months ago. He had undergone three major operations and the last one took six hours on the operating table, and another operation faced him should he live. Prayers went up in his behalf, but God saw best to let him cross over, which was his desire since his wife had gone on. He was at our altar during the revival with Rev. A. K. Jones. Funeral was conducted by Rev. Lewie L. Watters, pastor of the Leon Church of the Nazarene, with burial in the Leon cemetery.

LEVI EDGAR LISK, age seventy-one, died in Yakima, Washington, on January 3, 1955. He was born at Fairmont, North Dakota, and had lived in Yakima for twenty years, where he was a member of the Bethel Church of the Nazarene, and recently transferred to the First Church of the Nazarene. He was also a member of the N.F.M.S. He is survived by his wife, Alvina, of Yakima; five sons: Derwin, Nolan, and James, all of Yakima; Nerle, of Wapato, Washington; and Ivan, of Seattle; one daughter, Mrs. Dorothy Wilson, of Auburn, Washington; and two sisters, Mrs. May Eklund and Mrs. Ruth Black. Funeral service was held in the First Church of the Nazarene, conducted by the writer, assisted by Rev. Don R. Peterman, pastor of Bethel Church of the Nazarene of Yakima.—J. Paul Downey.

CLYDE MARTIN was born at Chickasaw Nation, Oklahoma, on August 24, 1897. He died suddenly while at work, November 29, 1954. He spent his youth at Wetumpka and Paul's Valley, Oklahoma, and moved to Montrose, Colorado, in 1918. He was converted in a revival meeting at the Montrose Church of the Nazarene in the spring of 1919, sanctified in the same revival, and joined the church soon afterward. He was married to Cecilia Cormey, August 30 of the same year. He was faithful and conscientious in his labors in the church and helped to carry the load through the thirty-five years he was a member of the church. He carried a burden for the lost and was loved by all who knew him. Funeral service was conducted by Rev. Romaine D. Wood, pastor of the Grand Junction Church of the Nazarene, where he had been a member for the past eleven years. Burial was in the Orchard Mesa Cemetery.

MRS. NEOMI RHOADS was born September 2, 1903, in Wyoming and died December 20, 1954, in Bandon, Oregon. For the past twenty-five years Mrs. Rhoads was a member of the Church of the Nazarene, having held membership at Kelso, Washington; Vallejo, California; Klamath Falls, Medford, Newport, and Coquille, Oregon. Coquille was the nearest Church of the Nazarene to Mrs. Rhoads the last few years of her life, and it was there she held her membership at the time of her passing. She is survived by her husband, Mr. Thornton J. Rhoads, and one daughter, Betty, age five. Mrs. Rhoads was a faithful and active member of the church until her illness a few months ago.

WILLIAM H. FRUEHLING was born February 12, 1869, and died at the hospital at Keokuk, Iowa, December 6, 1954. He made his home with his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Christenson, near Montrose, after his wife died nine years ago. Rev. C. C. Keyes, present pastor, and Rev. L. L. Watters, a former pastor, had the funeral at the Montrose Church of the Nazarene; burial in the Montrose cemetery. During Brother Watters' pastorate Mr. Fruehling and his wife both served on the church board and though up in years no one was more faithful to the services than they. They will be missed by their many friends.



## SERVICEMEN'S CORNER

Cpl. Jack Imel writes:

"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*, the *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 in finding 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."

Chaplain Verl L. Churchill writes:

"Upon returning from Alabama to Ellsworth AFB, Rapid City, South Dakota, my wife and I were overjoyed at finding a splendid company of new Nazarenes. I discovered three Nazarene servicemen in this area last week. The church in Rapid City, only six months old, meets in the Reverend Mr. Hoeckle's home and is expanding rapidly. Last Sunday thirty-six people were present. Recognition must be given to the Hoeckles, our pastor and his wife, for their ceaseless service, both spiritual and physical. Soon we will be in our new chapel. The church is meeting the needs of our servicemen here. The prospects for this young church are bright."

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**ANNOUNCEMENT**

Rev. T. E. Martin having resigned the district superintendency of the Canada Central District to accept a pastorate, the Board of General Superintendents has appointed Rev. Robert Woods to succeed him, effective April 1, 1955.

**HARDY C. POWERS, Chairman**  
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I am happy to announce that Rev. E. E. Lewis is re-entering the field of evangelism, after August 1. He is a fine man and a good preacher; he will be a blessing to any church that will extend him a call. I have known him for more than eight years and have found him to be genuine and sincere. He is a member of this district, and an excellent brother. Address him, 305 N. Shepherd St., Ironton, Missouri.—E. D. Simpson, Superintendent of Missouri District.

This is to recommend to our people Rev. L. L. Van Houten as evangelist. He is a strong preacher, and has good meetings wherever he goes. Address him, 237 Columbia Street, Shreveport, Louisiana.—Elbert Dodd, Superintendent of Louisiana District.

**BORN**—to Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Bartole of Vancouver, Washington, identical twin girls, on March 16.

—to Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Miller of Anchorage, Alaska, a son, Roger Charles, on March 8.

—to Rev. and Mrs. David R. Owen of Tempe, Arizona, a daughter, on February 28.

—to Rev. and Mrs. Louis W. (Bill) Cobb of Clarksville, Michigan, a daughter, Susan Lynette, on February 27.

—to Mr. and Mrs. Ben Howard of Jackson, Mississippi, a daughter, Rebecca Sue, on February 21.

—to A/3 C and Mrs. Kenneth Dale Shadley of Glendale, Arizona, a son, Terry Lee, on January 2.

—to Mr. and Mrs. Jim Young of Glendale, Arizona, a daughter, Debra Darlene, on February 19.

**SPECIAL PRAYER IS REQUESTED** by a lady in Wisconsin for God's will and power to overrule in a broken home in such a way that souls will be saved and the glory will come to God through it;  
by a reader in Nebraska "for my friends, mother, sister, and two brothers-in-law—even though they have many heartaches, they still ignore God";  
by a brother in West Virginia who has been out of work for some time, and his wife has been sick a long time, that God may undertake for them;  
by a lady in Arizona who suffered a stroke some time ago and has high blood pressure, but feels God still has work for her to do, that His will may be done in her life and that she may not murmur nor complain;  
by a friend in Texas that God may touch and heal her, and undertake for her needs, also help in some special requests.

**Watch for June 5.**

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Kansas City . . . . . September 7 to 9  
Northeast Oklahoma . . . . . September 28 and 29

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**Assembly Schedule**

Akron . . . . . May 4 to 6  
Idaho-Oregon . . . . . May 11 to 13  
Northwest . . . . . May 18 and 19  
British Isles  
Southern District . . . . . May 28 to 31  
Northern District . . . . . June 1 to 5  
West Virginia . . . . . July 7 to 9  
Michigan . . . . . July 13 to 15  
Southwest Indiana . . . . . July 28 and 29  
Kansas . . . . . August 3 to 5  
Wisconsin . . . . . August 10 to 12  
Dallas . . . . . August 17 and 18

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Albany . . . . . May 11 and 12  
Washington-Philadelphia . . . . . May 19 to 21  
Florida . . . . . May 25 and 26  
Canada Central . . . . . June 15 and 16  
New England . . . . . June 22 to 24  
New York . . . . . July 1 and 2  
Maritime . . . . . July 13 and 14  
Pittsburgh . . . . . July 21 to 23  
Northwest Oklahoma . . . . . July 28 and 29  
East Tennessee . . . . . August 3 and 4  
Chicago Central . . . . . August 10 to 12  
Southwest Oklahoma . . . . . September 14 to 16  
North Carolina . . . . . September 21 and 22  
South Carolina . . . . . September 28 and 29

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**Assembly Schedule**

San Antonio . . . . . May 4 and 5  
Abilene . . . . . May 11 to 13  
Los Angeles . . . . . May 25 to 27  
Rocky Mountain . . . . . June 2 and 3  
North Dakota . . . . . June 29 and 30  
Colorado . . . . . July 13 and 14  
Central Ohio . . . . . July 20 to 22  
Kentucky . . . . . August 3 and 4  
Virginia . . . . . August 10 and 11  
Northwestern Illinois . . . . . August 17 and 18  
Indianapolis . . . . . August 24 to 26  
South Arkansas . . . . . September 7 and 8  
North Arkansas . . . . . September 14 and 15

**Everybody is interested in June 5.**

**District Assembly Information**

**ALASKA**—Assembly, May 4 and 5, at Church of the Nazarene, 1220 "E" Street, Anchorage, Alaska. Entertaining pastor: Rev. M. R. Korody, 1905 Eastway, Rogers Park, Anchorage, Alaska. Dr. G. B. Williamson presiding.

**SAN ANTONIO**—Assembly, May 4 and 5, at San Antonio First Church of the Nazarene, 1418 W. Woodlawn, San Antonio. Entertaining pastor: Rev. R. W. Kornegay, 1737 Mistletoe. (Send mail and other items relating to the assembly % Rev. W. H. Davis, 434 Furr Drive, San Antonio.) Dr. Hugh C. Benner presiding.

**AKRON**—Assembly, May 4 to 6, at the Christian Church, Cleveland Avenue (Route 8) and Fourth Street, S.W. Canton, Ohio. Entertaining pastor: Rev. D. D. Palmer, 1301 N.W. Tenth Street. (Send mail and items relating to the assembly % Rev. D. D. Palmer, P.O. Box 125, Canton.) Dr. Samuel Young presiding.

**ALBANY**—Assembly, May 11 and 12, at Niagara Falls First Church of the Nazarene, 91st at Read, Niagara Falls, N.Y. Entertaining pastor: Rev. Paul S. Gilmore, 1013 91st Street, Niagara Falls, N.Y. Dr. D. I. Vanderpool presiding.

**WASHINGTON PACIFIC**—Assembly, May 11 and 12, at First Church of the Nazarene, 4401 N.E. Second Avenue, Seattle, Washington. Entertaining pastor: Rev. Roy J. Yeider, 8010 N.E. 23rd Avenue. (Send mail and other items relating to the assembly % Rev. Arthur B. Cook, 7024 N.E. 36th Avenue, Seattle.) Dr. Hardy C. Powers presiding.

**IDAHO-OREGON**—Assembly, May 11 to 13, at College Church of the Nazarene, 504 Dewey Avenue, Nampa, Idaho. Entertaining pastor: Rev. Eugene Stowe, 411 Ivy Street. (Send mail and items relating to the assembly % College Church of the Nazarene, 504 Dewey Avenue, Nampa.) Dr. Samuel Young presiding.