

The Immediacy of Faith

**General Superintendent Young** 

The Biblical message of redemption emphasizes the immediacy of its power. "Now is the day of salvation" is the keynote throughout. But it also underscores the divine adequacy for our dilemma. "Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them."

Today is the day of our need, and this carth is the arena of our spiritual defeat. And today can also be the day of our redemption. God's grace is both realistic and resourceful. It finds us in our sin and despair. "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." His mercy is not conditioned by our poor attempts at self-improvement; rather, it is available as we return to His government at the point of His grace. As faith lays hold of the divine promise, redemptive power flows into our lives. Then the miracle of grace is reinacted in us. Before this takes place it is folly to deny our helplessness and frustration. In our own strength we could, at best, only view the land afar off from the shaggy mountain of earnest longing and desire. But now the distant goal has become reality through faith in God's own Son.

This God-Man brings us out of the land of spiritual bondage that He might bring us into the experience of spiritual freedom and delight. Condemnation is gone and the radiance of the Spirit-filled life is become our heritage. In this sense Jesus is become both our Moses and our Joshua. His call to holy living is backed up by a divine provision. Here, as always, faith must be present tense in order to be practical and operative. Our prayer ascends, "The Holy Spirit for me, now!" Again the crisis of fulfillment, for God proves himself both adequate and available.

The gospel call continues to go out to all the world: "To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts." It is the believing heart that receives—even now.



# Telegram . . .

Bethany, Oklahoma—Last Sunday morning (December 6), Bethany First Church overwhelmingly and enthusiastically gave an offering of approximately \$33,000 to the expansion program of Bethany Nazarene College. This was an amazing response to Dr. Cantrell's and our appeal, in view of the fact that just two weeks ago this same congregation gave a cash offering of over \$11,000 for the Thanksgiving Offering, and just a few months ago gave \$55,000 for their own local building program. In all respects, Bethany Nazarene College is enjoying the best year of her history.—Curtis Smith, Director of Public Relations.

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Rev. Elwood J. Dodge, pastor of the First Church in Mansfield since August of 1955, has resigned to accept the pastorate of the church in Sandusky, Ohio.

Rev. Paul Herrell has resigned as pastor of the church in Elkton to accept the work of the church in Mayfield, Kentucky.

Rev. H. F. Tate, Nazarene elder, died of a heart attack on October 5, after a few days' illness. Funeral service was conducted in the Church of the Nazarene at Sparta, Tennessee, by District Superintendent Victor E. Gray, with interment in the Highland Cemetery, Sparta.

# How Could I Live Without Jesus?

How could I live without Jesus? For He's such a wonderful Friend! No matter how hard are life's trials, Our Lord will be true to the end. He'll never forget us in sorrow;

He knows every heartache and pain-He will send His sweet Spirit from glory To bless us again and again!

I never could live here without Him, For what in this world would I do When the devil attacks in his fury

And tries all my faith to undo? I am glad I am anchored in Jesus, The One who has rescued my soul; In Him with my trust so implicit,

I expect to reach heaven, my goal!

By F. W. DAVIS

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# SUPERINTENDENTS' CONFERENCE

The 1960 Superintendents' Conference will be held at Kansas City First Church Wednesday and Thursday, January 13 and 14.

This Conference will open with the Wednesday afternoon meeting at 2:00 for superintendents and denominational executives. The first public service will be held Wednesday evening, followed by three public meetings on Thursday.

> HUGH C. BENNER, Sccretary Board of General Superintendents

# **Mid-air Refueling**

#### By K. BOYLE

Not long ago a Navy Cougar fighter was about to set down on an aircraft carrier far out to sea, but was waved off because of a damaged plane sprawling on deck.

"Circle until damage is clear," the carrier radioed the pilot. The pilot radioed back frantically, "Only a few minutes' fuel remaining—I'll have to ditch."

The carrier radioed a tanker plane in the vicinity instructing the aircraft to fly to the Cougar's aid. The flying tanker refueled the jet as they flew high above the carrier.

An hour later, when the flat top's flight deck was cleared for landing, the fighter pilot brought his jet in safely. The mid-air refueling system had saved the pilot from dangerous ocean landing.

God has provided a mid-air refueling system for each one of us. "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble," we read in Psalms 46:1. But if we are to receive the needed "fuel" for this time, we must just "circle until the damage is clear"; we must believe that God is a present help, that He will supply the "fuel for the circling."

If Peter is to walk on the water, he must walk, not swim. If the bird is going to fly, it must keep away from the fence and the trees, and trust to its buoyant wings. But if it tries to keep within casy reach of the ground, it will make poor work of flying.

In Galatians 3:23 we read these words: "Shut up unto the faith." God still shuts us up to faith. Our natures, our circumstances, trials, disappointments, all serve to shut us up and keep us in ward till we see that the only way out is God—"circling until the damage is clear."

When in doubt or difficulty, when many voices urge this course or the other, then let us be still, hushing each intruder, calming ourselves in the sacred hush of His presence. Let us study His Word in an attitude of devout attention; let us lift up our natures into the pure light of His face, eager only to know what He shall determine-and ere long a very distinct message will come, the forthtelling of His secret counsel, as He tells us to "circle until damage is clear."

His mid-air refueling system will protect us from all danger and harm until all "damage is clear."

His system has saved many souls that might otherwise have crashed due to "damaged wheels or wings." Instead of trying a "death-inviting landing" we shall be brought in safely, cradled in the great love of God.



The prophet Jeremiah stood on a hill overlooking his beloved city, Jerusalem, and his anguished heart cried out: *Is it nothing to you?* (Lamentations 1:12)

There he was, the last pre-Exile prophet. So often he had warned Jerusalem what would happen in the future if her people did not return and repent. Jehovah God had cried out, "Return, ye backsliding children, and I will heal your backslidings" (Jeremiah 3:22). But they had refused to repent. They laughed at the prophet's warnings. Why, Jerusalem had existed for centuries! She had suffered at the hands of men and of nature. There had been sieges, blockades, times of reconstruction, There had been two eras of desolation. Many times already her people had been slain, or exiled, or taken captive, but Jerusalem had always made a comeback. This man Jeremiah was a fanatic with his cry, Is it nothing to you, all ye that pass by?

Thus, centuries ago the warning of the prophet went unheeded. Jerusalem had money; had commerce; had trade. She was still the city where East and West met. Large and many were the caravans that made their way to and from Jerusalem. Why worry? Why change? Jerusalem is eternal; she will survive.

Nineteen hundred sixty is the second year in the second half-century of the life of the Church of the Nazarene. Like Jerusalem of old, during the first fifty years of our church's history, she was beset externally by wars, dictators, and economic disturbances. But she has survived them all! The Church of the Nazarene has grown in stature and world outreach. In all parts of the world today people have heard of the Church of the Nazarene. We have found our place among other churches in taking the "whole gospel" to the "whole world." Today we are indeed an international church, committed to take the gospel to every man in the same measure as we have received it. This ideal of an international church comes right out of the heart of the gospel. For the heart of the gospel is Christ, in whom "there is neither Greek nor Jew,

circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free: but Christ is all, and in all" (Colossians 3:11).

On the threshold of 1960, by every law of gratitude we, as a church, should pause to witness to the divine grace and strength that have overshadowed our past. We should join our voices with those who, through the Blood, have shouted triumph over circumstances and conditions in the yesteryears. We, as a people, have proved God. How often the storm clouds have become the chariot on which He has ridden to our aid! How often He has shown His ability to help them that put their trust in Him; and His power to prove that the impossible to men is the possible with God!

The year 1960 is upon us. I wonder if we, as a church and as holiness people, are not lapsing into apathy and indifference. Do we need, in 1960, a Jeremiah to cry out, *Is it nothing to you*?

Is it nothing to you that we seem so busy building a church, so busy maintaining our activities and statistics, that the principal purpose of our existence-to save a world-is being relegated into the background?

Is it nothing to you that our message of secondblessing holiness, that should be turning the world upside down for Christ, has become so routine because of our busy activity of building a church?

Is it nothing to you that we seem satisfied with ourselves as a local church if we just report an increase in the statistical or financial quota? And that the task of evangelism is forgotten in the busy ups and downs of our local church merry-goround? The beginning of the Church of the Nazarene was revolutionary! Dr. Bresee was not really a founder. He did not plan to start a new denomination when he went out under the stars. It was that call from the North, South, East, and West by holiness people for a church home that brought into being the Church of the Nazarene. The success of our church in the yesteryears was due to our catching the vision that *it was worth losing lives to save the perishing lost of humanity.*  Is it nothing to you that far too many of us today are content, curled up and sheltered within our lovely churches, while the sons and daughters of men are lost in the muck and mire of sin? What shall it profit us, me-you-our church, if we build a great denomination and lose our passion for souls? Was it of such a development that the late Dr. J. B. Chapman was thinking when, from out of a burdened heart, he cried years ago, All Out for Souls?

Is it nothing to you that in these days of such great scientific and international achievements we, as a people, too often worship and talk of the "good old days," sighing for those glories but experiencing little "glory" today? Have we clothed the "good old days" with such coloring that we are led to believe that our days could not possibly produce anything worthy of comparison? Is it nothing to you if, in this second half-century, the Church of the Nazarene gains a great name, great efficiency in organization and promotion, but loses "the glory" that is our incomparable heritage from the first half-century of our history? Let us enter 1960 remembering "the impossible is still possible—with God!" Let us thank Him for every victory and for every advance of this past year; maintain what we have gained; frankly face our failures, profiting by the lessons they teach; and remember that, in 1960, God has not changed. We must know Him better; we must serve Him well.

Is it nothing to you that there is good fighting ahead; there are victories to be won; souls to be sought and saved; new land to be possessed? In His almighty strength we are able in 1960 to see and say, This is that.

**By ROBERT HARDING\*** 



It is not *what* we face but *how* we face it which determines our physical, mental, and spiritual wellbeing. More than disease or accidents, more than social or working conditions or almost anything we can think of, we are the product of our attitudes.

With what attitude do you face 1960? Your happiness, the happiness of your loved ones, and the eternal salvation of your soul and the souls of those about you may hinge upon your attitude.

#### FEAR

Will you face the future with fear? If so, what kind? There is a fear which is natural with every man. It arises in the presence or anticipation of danger and causes him to move to avoid it, but to many it loses its beneficence and becomes a terror, a specter that haunts them day and night as they face the known or the unknown.

Fear itself was the natural consequence of sin in the beginning and it is the natural result of sin now. It has been said that fear is man's greatest adversary, but the Psalmist said, "I sought the Lord, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears" (Psalms 34:4).

When Jesus was born, the message of the angels to the shepherds was, "Fear not." Years before, David, the sweet singer of Israel, had sung, "I

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will fear no evil: for thou art with me" (Psalms 23:4).

THE NEW YEAR?

Peculiarly enough, freedom from fear that comes from God actually has its source in a fear of God. The Bible tells us, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom" (Psalms 111:10). In Hebrews we are admonished, "Let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with revcrence and godly fear" (12:28). There is a fear that has a feeling of reverent regard for God, tempered with awe and the fear of the punishment of disobedience. Such a sentiment is to be cherished.

This fear of the Lord is manifested in keeping His commandments, walking in His ways, doing His will, and avoiding sin of any kind; in fact, it leads into a fellowship with Him which takes care of "fear" as we think of it.

If we are tempted to fear at the beginning of this new year, let us remember that "perfect love casteth out fear" (I John 4:18).

## FATALISM

In the desire to escape from personal responsibility or individual action, men through the ages have been tempted and often yielded to the doctrine of *fatalism*. In the realm of theology, it is known as predestination. In our desire to excuse ourselves when things go wrong because of our sin or lack of good judgment, we want to say, "It was fate," or as the Mohammedans would say, "It is kismet." In other words, it is fated or decreed by fate.

Let's face it. This is rationalizing. If it be true in the realm of eternal salvation as well as in other phases of our lives, then as individuals we are no longer responsible for our actions either to God or to our fellow man. The words duty, responsibility, obligation, and remorse lose their meaning. Take the last word for instance. Why should there be remorse for any action of mind if I am not a creature of free will but only a machine driven by the laws of nature or directed by an autonomous God?

Deep within our own consciousness is the conviction that we have a self-determining power. Men have a sense of blame when they do wrong. They have the realization that under the very same circumstances they might have done otherwise--might have done right. When I am honest with myself, I say, "I can be better: I can do better."

The laws of all the nation are based on the fact that men are free in their acts and they are not excused for crimes committed.

The sinner's repentance proves his freedom. In genuine repentance there is no philosophical excusing of sin. The sinner says, "I have sinned against Thee." The very convicting power of the Holy Spirit arraigns me as guilty. I am responsible for my sins.

This next year I can walk with God. Through faith in Christ I can be the person I ought to be, the person God wants me to be, and the person that I desire to be. "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me" (Philippians 4: 13). "In all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us" (Romans 8: 37). Let us resolve that "by God's grace, 1960 will be the most victorious year of my life."

## FRUSTRATION

Many people will not be happy this coming year because of an inner frustration. The dictionary tells us that a frustrated person "may be considered to be defeated, disappointed, balked, baffled."

Behind this frustration is a life that is dominated by self: self-interest, self-desire, self-glory. If this egocentric person is not given the consideration he desires, the credit, the glory, his own way, the things he desires, then he is frustrated.

Paul gives us the solution for this problem, the spiritual antidote for this mental poison, and he writes, "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me" (Galatians 2:20). Later he says, "They that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts" (5:24). They no

longer live for self, for the gratification of the flesh, or for the materialism of this age. But this is not a picture of the world we live in.

Frustration seems to be on the increase. More books are being written along the line, both from a psychological and from a theological viewpoint, and there are not nearly enough psychiatrists and psychologists to go around—and behind the trouble lurks "frustration"—someone who wants to have his own way whether it is for his good or the good of his loved ones or the good of society. Call it "carnality," "the old man," the "root of bitterness," or what you will; it makes for frustration.

A life that is built upon faith in Christ is a life free from frustration. The true Christian life, although it has its physical and human side, is preeminently a life of faith. The former is on the surface and the latter is central. The seaweed that floats on the surface has its roots deep, deep below the waves and the storms, anchored upon a hidden rock that can never be moved. And so it is with my life. It has its changing surface in the things of this life, but its roots are in the silent eternities of the center of all things, which is Christ in God.

If I am "crucified with Christ," then He becomes the controlling force of my life. One's life from the human standpoint may be poor or limited, may meet with misunderstanding and sorrow. It may become dark at times and dreary often, but if it be grounded in a life of faith in Christ himself, that life will be triumphant, quiet, patient, inspiring, noble, hopeful, gentle, strong, and Godlike. It will be the life of Christ himself within us.

In the year to come may we be dead to self but



By MAGGIE CULVER FRY

I cross the borderland and thrill to know Each bolting crunch of footfall in the snow Breaks a new trail.

And if awaiting me is shade or snare,

As under this new sky today I dare

The New Year's gale,

- Let me but trust in Him, with love so true And unafraid, who broke the white path new And eased my way.
- It is enough for me to tread this road,
- This trackless world with Him who shares my load . . .

Today!

alive to Christ and His will. There is no place for frustration in this life.

## FAITH

Every one of us feels that He has a future, whatever our future may hold. The final results rest in our attitudes. Will we face this future with fear, fatalism, frustration, or faith?

In a day when there is much superficial and often confusing talk about faith, we are referring to our confidence in God. It is only through faith that we receive any of the blessings of God's grace. By faith are we justified; by faith do we live; by faith we live victoriously.

Those who speak of faith who have never taken the initial step of "justification by faith" make a mockery of faith. How can they have the faith in One they do not know? "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ" (Romans 5:1).

God's Word tells us "the just shall *live* by faith" (Romans 1:17). In other words, the same faith

used to bring about our justification is needed to keep us. The old state will come back if we are negligent. As James H. Yates wrote:

> Against the foe in vales below Let all our strength be hurled. Faith is the victory, we know, That overcomes the world.

This faith gives victory, "For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith" (I John 5:4). Not only does the Lord want us to be victorious, but praise God, He has a faith for us that gives victory. As Bertha Munro has said, "Not somehow but triumphantly." Born again through faith in Christ, we are to be overcomers. We are not supposed to be defeated but victorious.

As you face the future, will you face it with *fear*, *fatalism*, *frustration*, or with a *deep faith* in God?

# MUSIC MEMOETTES By OVELLA SATRE SHAFER

# "Hold to God's Unchanging Hand"

When we attended John Fletcher College in University Park, Iowa, Dr. C. W. Butler ("Daddy Butler" to many) would at times start his favorite song-"Hold to God's Unchanging Hand," by Jennie Wilson and F. L. Eiland, (No. 82 in Songs of the Sanctuary). Now in the evening time of his life and ministry, this rugged holiness warrior, this "Martin Luther of the Holiness Movement," has recently written a book-A Holiness Manifesto, mentioned in the December issue of the Preacher's Magazine. It wasn't his outstanding voice that makes me recall this song so many times. It was his unwavering faith as he held up his hand and caused us college students in chapel to hold up our hands-and hearts-and grasp the unchanging hand of our God. We would sing:

# Time is filled with swift transition; Naught of earth unmoved can stand; Build your hope on things eternal; Hold to God's unchanging hand!

This last summer was one of special testing physically for both my husband and myself. I learned to understand, more than in college days, that without the help of the Lord I would not have had the strength to stand these testings. During hospital confinements, prayers, telegrams, cards, long-distance calls all helped tremendously, but we learned to grasp harder the unchanging hand of God and sang anew the second stanza:

Trust in Him who will not leave you, Whatsoever years may bring. If by earthly friends forsaken, Still more closely to Him cling.

With surgery and medicine, hospital bills and doctor statements that mounted higher and higher, did we think of stopping our tithes and offerings to "get caught up"? Certainly not! We prayed more and then were able to pay more. We agreed with this song's third stanza:

> Covet not this world's vain riches, That so rapidly decay. Seek to gain the heav'nly treasures; They will never pass away.

Are you a discouraged soul today? Are you, like Peter, casting fearful glances at the engulfing waves, thereby taking your eyes off Jesus? Dear fainting, troubled friend—look to Jesus, the God-Man, who died for you and lives today to make intercession for you. The world today is not finding a refuge in the jumbled jargon of the musically intoxicated "rock and roll" rhythms—indeed not! For your fortitude, find this song. sing it, memorize it, and we believe it will help you take a stronger grip on God's unchanging hand! It did for us, and so we recommend to you, today and through the year 1960, "Hold to God's unchanging hand!"



The ending of the old year and the dawning of the new remind us of two salient features of our world, its *predictability* and its *precariousness*. With the striking of the clock at midnight on December 31, the old year will end and the new begin; this we can predict. But what the new year will bring we cannot know.

### PREDICTABILITY

"While the earth remaineth, scedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease" (Genesis 8:22). God has created a dependable world.

Because the world is predictable, we can set our alarm clocks at night with the assurance they will awaken us the next morning in time to get ready for work. We can be sure that when we get out of bed we will walk on the floor and not the ceiling, and that when we pull back the curtains we will see the light of a new day.

# PRECARIOUSNESS

"Go to now, ye that say, To day or to morrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain: whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away" (James 4:13-14).

"There is but a step between me and death." One day I am well and happy; the next day I am killed in an accident. One day my home is serene and secure; the next my child is dead. Here we have no continuing city.

## PROVIDENCE

God has created this kind of world for a purpose. He has made it relatively predictable, so that we may be happy and useful members of the human family. He has created a system of impersonal law because He wants us to love Him apart from any ulterior motive. He does not go about revoking the laws of nature in order to save His children from pain and trouble! His providence is impersonal in order to frustrate all calculating love. What kind of children would we be if prayer were a sort of magic wand? God sends His rain on the just and on the unjust because He is holy love and because He knows that only under these conditions can we develop perfect love. He wants us to come to that place where we will trust Him, although He slay us!

Furthermore, our Father has made our existence precarious so that we might seek and find our true security in Him. We may find in this world security up to a point. I may die in 1960; probably I will not. Tragedy may strike my home; more than likely it will not. But how can I know? I cannot. Deep within my being I sense my insecurity. I stand on the brink of the unknown. I feel the edge of time crumbling beneath my feet. Why is this so? God is calling me to secure my life in Him.

# PERMANENCE

"In that day, saith the Lord of hosts, shall the nail that is fastened in the sure place be removed, and be cut down, and fall; and the burden that was upon it shall be cut off: for the Lord hath spoken it" (Isaiah 22:25). Every nail upon which we secure our lives will be removed—except God. Job, health, money, friends, mother, father, husband, wife, children—these seem to be nails fastened in a sure place. One by one they shall be removed, and the burden that is upon them shall fall.

Faith accepts this fact, but adds, "The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms" (Deuteronomy 33:27). With Paul it affirms, "I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 8:38-39).

> O God, our Help in ages past, Our Hope for years to come, Our Shelter from the stormy blast, And our eternal Home!

Under the shadow of Thy throne Still may we dwell secure; Sufficient is Thine arm alone, And our defense is sure.

-ISAAC WATTS

# RELIGION: 1960 Model

# By FLORA E. BRECK

Recently a minister talked on the subject of "Religion-the 1960 Model." Talks of other ministers, too, tied in with the new year, and I jotted down some of the thoughts which could be of practical value, both to fervent Christians and to lukewarm ones.

The first of the year is, of course, the time that business people take account of stock to see just where they stand; and, in line with the principle of "more business in religion," the taking stock of spiritual matters seems important. The other day, in this country, a man died because of malnutrition. His pockets were full of money, but he died because he didn't apply his dollars to the food he necded. A good many people die of malnutrition of the *spirit*. They do not feed mind and soul



and body with the spiritual sustenance they require for living well-rounded Christian lives. They fail to read the Bible; they fail to attend the means of grace; and as a consequence their state is pitiful. People need to pray—and to meditate—and to go to church *regularly*. (You know how you feel when you omit the customary worship services.) Some Christians fail to *think* much, at all!

They should ask themselves (each individual), Why am I here? What am I doing in the brief span of life to glorify God? Some seem to feel that the routine of "threescore years and ten" is the main thing, without thinking of the *quality* of living God expects. We should all have "a sense of mission," and if it is lacking, then life seems dull, pointless, and frustrating. Some people fail to *think* until the "last sickness" is upon them. Then, often, it is too late.

Continually we should pray to remember now our Creator and to walk in His way-not merely as "we always have done," but with new enthusiasm, fresh insight, increased dedication. "Forgetting those things which are behind"-the failures, the shortcomings-we should improve the design of our lives and aim to put better workmanship into the enterprise. Merchants put out new and better models of cars, instruments, homes, and so on, each new year. Can Christians do less-in planning the year ahead? The Lord will grant insight and help if we ask in faith-believing.

Some people are bent merely on formalism, so far as their religion goes, but this is no time to "become lost in rhetorical entanglements." Fourjointed words may not mean a thing, apart from the spirit. To use a common expression, we need to "get down to brass tacks," and the basic things of life. The soldier in the foxhole knew; He prayed: "Here I am, Lord: I don't know You very well, but I've got to *talk* to You!" and God did bring deliverance—with nearness and compassion.

Anxiety, confusion, and lostness are everywhere. "I'm lost!" you bemoan; and the feeling is deep, a matter of life and death. At this point, prayer is almost the only thing—prayer and Bible study, for insight to see and strength to do. Missionaries understand in a special way, when bodies are weak and life almost ebbing away. Where disease, savage tribes, and wild beasts were rampant, one mission-





DR. H. ORTON WILEY, dean of Nazarene theologians, giving the Heinmiller lecture series on Biblical theology at the Seminary. Dr. L. T. Corlett, president, is pictured with Dr. Wiley.

Pasadena College recently had a "Dr. Wiley Day," which climaxed with a "This Is Your Life" program and Mr. Ed Speakes, of the Nazarene Publishing House, mentioned in his tribute that over 50,000 copies of Dr. Wiley's writings had been sold throughout the church and in religious circles.

ary declared afterwards: "We *prayed* our boats up the Nile." Religion wasn't formalism; it was fact— and very poignant.

According to the well-known saying, *Prayer* changes things, and it's up to Christians to prove it for themselves. Every church, too, faces big problems and great dangers in these times, and we must pray for succor, remembering that God is able—and as willing as earthly parents are to give good gifts to their children. We pray—and God hears.

This new year let's remember that God is interested even in the little affairs of our lives-and wants to be consulted about them in prayer. A great singer declared, "I always pray before I sing, that my service may be blessed." A doctor says, "I pray before I operate." A mother prays before she arises in the morning, that she may be guided aright. If we ask for God's leadership, He will grasp us in His arms and anoint us for His service.

Aside from praying and studying the Bible, this new year let us hope to be made more thoughtful of others and less *selfish*. In the age-old desire to "be comfortable," some people try to shut out disturbing voices which cry for help. If we are thoroughgoing Christians, we should put service for others above personal comfort. When God talked to His Son, He spoke to One who would willingly go to the Cross to bring redemption to the lost. If our lives are *Christ*-centered instead of *self*-centered, we will gladly take up His cross and follow Him. A minister said, "The Son of God, Jesus, may have longed for a home and family; but, as a matter of fact, Jesus had nowhere to lay His head. He relinquished personal ease that He might serve as His Father had planned."

Stagnant waters accomplish little; it's the busy mountain streams which have a mission in life. "Outgoingness" is important in almost every area of life. As we face the future—with the special need for unselfish service—shall we remember to give forth our service, prayers, and gifts for the children of God who stand in need? For so many do need the Bread and the Water of life.

The preacher who spoke of the "New 1960 Model of Religion" emphasized spirituality especially. Speaking of material blessings, he said, "We have everything, but nothing! The house is full, but hearts are empty—when self is on the throne."

In planning for increased spirituality for the new year, one minister repeated again and again, *Sanctify your hearts for Christ!* And he told the story of a Negro woman so "all out for God" that she had a hundred people on her prayer list. Most of them eventually became converted. Definite, systematic work for God will count much this new year!

# "Twas the Day After Christmas, When"

Christmas Eve was a wonderful time of caroling and fun and expectation. There were a



number of beautiful presents under the tree. But now it is a few minutes after the presents have been opened—and what a mess! Christmas wrappings scattered all over the floor! It was several years ago, as somewhere I read of this thought, that I determined not to let my life become like Christmas wrappings. And yet you cannot help but know that a few lives are just that useless. Those are the lives of ones who haven't considered the real issues of life, nor have they allowed Christ, the real Gift of Christmas, to direct their living. They become only crumpled, dilapidated wrappings.

Yet, as discouraging a picture as it may be to think of one's life as compared to after-Christmas wrappings, there is a sadder picture. Did you ever receive a Christmas present done up in the finest style with the most beautiful wrapping, and you said in your heart: This is it; this will be the outstanding gift of the Christmas season? You were really built up for something great by the wrappings. On Christmas morning you saved that gift for the last, for it was special. Finally you opened it. But, lo, it was of very little value. Why, the wrappings were worth more than the gift. What a letdown! But wait, hasn't it been so with a few lives? You've expected so much; then you finally found that they were all wrappings. Oh, that sinking feeling!

At the same time we have our great Example. The Christmas wrappings were only swaddling clothes. But, oh, the Gift in the wrappings! The Gift we cannot adequately express! How much better it was to receive that first Christmas Gift in such humble wrappings and find the Gift of such infinite worth than to have received a king of tinseled glory only soon to have found out that the value was disappointing! There is no disappointment in Christ.

What of our lives? Are they as helter-skelter as discarded Christmas wrappings? Or are they a disappointment because of suggestive wrappings that are only *put on*? Or do we pray—"Let the beauty of Jesus be seen in me"? That's the wrapping we need.

WE ARE NOW IN the third generation of our church. I am a second-generation Nazarene; only a few of the "church fathers" remain among us. When they passed, we lost something of the pioneer and the spirit of sacrifice.

The first generation of our church was characterized by positive, powerful preaching on holiness which always produced a separation from the world, and Pentecost, with a terrible attack on sin.

We are living in a day of change. The changes within and without the Church the past few years are staggering. Change is necessary to progress. Not all change is necessary or good; change may be destructive if it is made just for the sake of change.



It is pretty easy to criticize the old-timers for their narrowness. They might have been narrow and dogmatic at times, but in our day our danger has been that we have become too "puppymatic." When I think of who they were, where they came from, what they had to work with, what they did, and the opposition they had, I want to go to their graves (and I have many times), pull off my hat, and bless their memory. If we hope to have a church tomorrow, and for the next generation, we had better cling to some of the theology, principles, and convictions of our church pioneers. They left us a heritage. Like Naboth, we had better tell Ahab we won't sell, we won't trade. We will die first. We owe these men and women something.

I am grateful to God that I lived far enough back that I saw and heard most of the pioneers of our church. I was born in one of the pioneers' homes. I have seen many of them die. Our pioneers died for the truth of holiness and I love it enough to die for it. I love my church. It is the best church in the world. I love it so much that I can put all I have into it. I am fully committed to its doctrines and world outreach. If I didn't like it I would get out of it.

If I have a fear as a second-generation Nazarene, and I do, it is that, believing the truth of holiness, somehow by the deception of the devil we shall miss the experience and life to which the truth gives doctrinal basis. For it is not enough to be sound in our thinking—we must be right in our feelings and living. It is possible to be orthodox in the head and heterodox in the heart. When this condition results, the holy heritage is already lost.

Just before I left for a term of missionary service in Africa for our church, my father wrote in my Bible these words of advice. He was a pioneer of our beloved Zion, and though he is dead, yet may he speak to our beloved Zion now. These instructions held me steady in the heart of Africa as a missionary and in recent years as I have served as a pastor of two downtown city churches. The last time I saw him alive he again repeated these instructions to me. His last words to me were, "Son, be true to these instructions; Son, be true!"

(1) Be true to God regardless of personal cost.

- (2) Remember to pray every day; have a stated place, time, and hold to them. It will tell in time and eternity.
- (3) Be always engaged in doing something useful. Rest and recreation are useful.
- (4) Be loyal in every way to everyone. Be loyal to leadership, personally, in all relationships, local, district, general. Guard confidences.
- (5) "God is in heaven, and thou upon earth: therefore let thy words be few."
- (6) Life is so short; eternity is so long; therefore keep awake and keep yourself disillusioned. Don't try to fool God or other people or yourself about anything.
- (7) Remember God is always on hand to help you every time you need Him.
- (8) Next to God cultivate your friends.

- (9) Give attention to home and wife and family and your living relatives. You not only need all the help from God but all the good human help you can get.
- (10) Be true to Bible holiness with standards.
- (11) Write unoffensively.

## -E. O. CHALFANT

Let us as second- and third-generation Nazarenes be true. Let us lift up our voices in defense of the

# Will Your Life Stand Inspection?

# By F. W. DAVIS

Will your life stand inspection when you stand before God

On that day of all days that's to come?

- Is your soul without blemish, made spotless and pure,
  - By the blood of His own precious Son?
- Dear friend, it's essential that we live close to Him, In this age of deception each day,

Forsaking all evil that's so paramount, Till we come to the end of the way.

What a time that will be when the Judge of the earth

Shall rise to pass judgment on men

- Who've forsaken His Son, His salvation and love, And reveled in pleasure and sin!
- Will we be in that number that just missed their goal
  - By the sin of neglect that's so great?

precious doctrine of second-blessing holiness. Cry aloud until we stem the tide of encroaching pacifism. Recapture the militancy that characterized our pioneer preachers and laymen. Preach it until our hearts are aflame. Preach it until the zeal of the Lord has consumed us. Preach it until hell is enraged. Preach it until sinners wilt and come weeping to God. Preach it until hypocrites rage. Preach it until the fire falls. Preach it until we know we have God's message for this hour. Preach it with the assurance that we came into the world to preach it. Preach it until all men know what we stand for, and if need be, die for. So help us God! "Holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord" (Hebrews 12:14). Nazarenes, let us be true!

God help us to search every lane to our hearts, Ere we find we have waited too late!



Three Suggestions as to Facing the New Year

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Face the new year with a fixed heart. This is suggested by Psalms 57:7, "My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed . . ." We do not know what 1960 may bring, but we do know that our Heavenly Father is on the throne, and has promised that "all things" will "work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose" (Romans 8:28).

We are living in a changing world. What a year 1959 has been! There have been problems by the score; people everywhere are beset by them. Nevertheless, the Christian's heart should be fixed. There is no promise that the situation will be any less disturbing during 1960; in fact, it may be even more fear-inspiring. Yet the Christian can and should hold steady. One writer has well said that the margin between success and failure is always a narrow one; man always stands on the brink between the two. But if the follower of Christ gets "cold feet," he is ruined. If he allows fear to possess him, there is no hope. The only way out for him is to keep his hand in God's hand and his faith in the Almighty One. No matter what may come in 1960, the heart of the Christian should be "fixed."

We live in a world where right will finally triumph. This hope may not be realized in our lifetime, or even in this world, but we know that right is on the throne, and it will be the victor in the end. Our hearts must be fixed. God has never failed us and we will not turn back. Our only hope lies in going on, in keeping step with the Master of men.

Besides believing in God and the Christian way,

we must remember that there are many people in our ranks. They are ready to join us with fixed hearts. In spite of the fact that we live in a world which has gone awry at many points, and has in it those who are not what they ought to be, we also live in a world where there are many genuine Christians. Our confidence in them should be firm and enduring. We are walking with them as well as with our Master.

Our church-the Church of the Nazarene-has the blessing of God upon it. It isn't absolutely perfect-no church is. But for us it's the best church there is. It has a big task, but not an impossible one. It is still in the early morning of its existence. It has a future with Christ as its Commander to lead on. Our faith in our church helps us to face the new year with a fixed heart.

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Face 1960 with praise. The psalms are full of praises, and the note of praise is found in many places in God's Word. Recently I listened to a preacher of another denomination deliver a wonderful message on the thought of thanksgiving, with the emphasis on praising God. He directed our thought to the fact that the last five psalms begin with these words: "Praise ye the Lord" (146-150). This preacher also pointed out that the last of these five psalms (150) begins every verse, except the last one, with "Praise ye the Lord," and closes the last verse thus, "Praise ye the Lord." A "fixed heart" will generate praise to God; it will place us on shouting territory. It will give us the uplook, the outlook, and not the down-look; it will drive away the clouds and bring out the sunshine. Note also in this connection the verse

in Psalm 57 with which we began this discussion. It starts with these words, "My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed." Then it continues thus, "I will sing and give praise." We must not forget to "sing and give praise."

There is no need to face the new year with sadness. You can meet it with the bells of heaven

By Stephen S. White

ringing in your heart. You can enter into it with the joy that is "unspeakable and full of glory" (I Peter 1:8). You can greet it with hope and praise and victory. "Praise ye the Lord. Praise God in his sanctuary: praise him in the firmament of his power. Praise him for his mighty acts: praise him according to his excellent greatness. Praise him with the sound of the trumpet: praise him with the psaltery and harp. Praise him with the timbrel and dance: praise him with stringed instruments and organs. Praise him upon the loud cymbals: praise him upon the high sounding cymbals. Let every thing that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord" (Psalm 150).

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Face the new year with prayer. Here we turn to the Psalms again: "Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer" (19:14). This is one of the greatest petitions in the Bible. It is a prayer to God for help to live right, day by day. It is the kind of prayer that will enable you and me to keep our hearts fixed, and to keep our hearts filled with praise. "Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer." Keep my thoughts and my words right day by day, yea, moment by moment. When we think of consistent Christian living there must always be true prayer. We can neither scale the mountaintop nor go through the valley with our hands in God's unless the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts are acceptable in His sight; for out of the heart "are the issues of life" (Proverbs 4:23). The writer of Proverbs says, "Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life."

The Apostle Paul wisely says, "Whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; . . . think on these things" (Philip-

pians 4:8). Yes, think on these things. May the "meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord." As a man "thinketh in his heart, so is he" (Proverbs 23:7). There is nothing else that gives direction to one's life so much as his thinking. Finally, we become what we think, what we meditate upon. May the meditations "of my heart be acceptable in thy sight."

Along with this must go the other petition, "Let the words of my mouth, . . . be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord." One of the best ways to praise God is by words. One of the best ways to reach others for Him is by our witness, that is, by word of mouth. The tongue is a mighty power for God and good provided it is used as it should be. If misused, it becomes one of the most terrible forces that hell ever uses. "Let the words of my mouth, . . . be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer."

Face the new year with a fixed heart. "My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed." Face the new year with praise. "Praise ye the Lord." Face the new year with a prayer. "Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer."

# Dr. Mendell Taylor and Dr. Robert L. Sawyer

During 1959, Dr. Mendell Taylor, dean of Nazarene Theological Seminary, prepared the Sunday school lesson comments for the *Herald of Holiness*. He needed no introduction to our church when he took over this task. He had already distinguished himself as a preacher, educator, and writer. As he discussed the Sunday school lessons in the *Herald*, he measured up to the high standard which he had already achieved for himself in our church. Our people appreciated his writings in this field very much, and I take this opportunity to thank him for the contribution which he made to the *Herald of Holiness* during 1959.

Dr. Robert L. Sawyer, associate professor of religion at Bethany Nazarene College, Bethany, Oklahoma, will take over this work during 1960. His first discussion appears in this issue of the *Herald*, as he presents the lesson for Sunday, January 3. Dr. Sawyer has given a good account of himself wherever he has been called upon to serve the church. He is now filling an important place at Bethany Nazarene College, and I am sure that his comments on the Sunday school lessons from week to week will be timely and helpful. Personally, I am delighted that he has accepted this assignment.



# by BERTHA MUNRO

# "That I May Win Christ" (Philippians 3:8-9)

That "highest good" disturbs me. Could I have it within my grasp, yet miss it? Life slips away so noiselessly. Christlikeness-surely there is no higher, more enduring value. Can one expect to achieve his chosen good, or will it always be ahead of him as a goal?

#### Monday:

I think of that beautiful Christian friend who, trying to express what happened to her in the experience of "entire sanctification," said, "God gave me the disposition of Jesus." Christlikeness begun-not attained, but obtained-in the gift of divine love, the disposition to love as Jesus loved and to live as He lived. The rest is pursuing, until I "shall be like him; for ... [I] shall see him as he is" (I John 3:20).

#### Tuesday:

How develop the likeness? We grow more like Him as we know better. We know better as we cultivate the acquaintance. Paul judged it worth ev-crything to "know him, and the power of his resurrection." That power I began to know when His new life began in me; now to see it exerted in meeting one stubborn situation after another. So I pray, humbly but believingly,

"Prove in me Thy boundless fullness,

Live in me Thy life divine." (Philippians 3:9-10.)

Wednesday: To know Christ happily will be to live in harmony with Him. It will be to study His ways of thinking and doing, to recognize His smile, and His frown. It will be to learn the supreme worth of His approval.

#### Thursday:

We grow like those we talk much with. Christ offers that fellowship to me. He says that, if I open wide the door of my personality, He will come in and sup with me. We can exchange confidences; I may ask His advice on the most trifling or most intimate matters. He tells me that He is glad to be my Guest, and that in turn I may be His. (Revelation 3:20.)

#### Friday:

I shall grow like Him as I am much with Him and share His interests. If today I walk where Jesus walks-where will my steps take me? He must set the pace and the direction.

Where shall we walk together? To the Temple, where the lame and blind crowd around the Gate Beautiful; by the Pool of Bethesda, where the crippled wait for the moving of the healing waters. Even toward the Cross, where there is dying to self to be done, to save others. For the fellowship of His sufferings is also to be shared (Philippians 3:10.)

Saturday:

And I shall walk with Him-possibly this very day-down the roads of misunderstanding, of loneliness, perhaps of felt injustice, certainly down the road of giving. I shall walk there without retaliation or complaint, without selfpity.

I shall grow in Christlikeness as I trust through tribulation and accept self-discipline as part of the program; Christ learned "obedience by the things which he suffered." And growing like Him, I shall more nearly become my best self. "Any indulgence of self which obstructs the Christian life is destructive of the human spirit" (Bishop Mc-Culloh of the Methodist Board of Education). (Hebrews 5:8.)

#### Sunday:

The Christian, by definition, is the "Christed" one, committed to Christlikeness as a being and a becoming

"A Christian is one who never forgets that he walks and talks with a risen Christ."

"Christians are those who may be expected to be conscious of the cripples around their doors."-The Bible School Journal, October, 1959.



The big "fix" has been overlooked, according to Dr. Truman B. Douglas of New York, executive vice-president of the Home Missions Board of the Congregational Christian churches. "Cheating on quiz programs is only a little fix, not worth the indignation that it has elicited. The big fix is television itself, with its contempt for the perversion of the minds of men."

• The United Society of Methodist Laymen was recently organized in Austin, Texas, with the avowed purpose of highlighting spiritual need and orthodoxy within the Methodist church. A similar group has been activated within the Presbyterian churches of the South.

• The Florida Citrus Exchange recently investigated the purpose back of a special order received from a regular customer in Suffolk, Virginia, who wanted grapefruit with plenty of seeds. The woman who bought ten to fifteen boxes of grapefruit a week explained that each person attending her church on Sunday gets a grapefruit. He is asked to count the seeds and put a penny for each seed in the collection plate the next Sunday.

• According to the Associated Press the Southern Baptist Convention tag is rapidly becoming a misnomer. Quietly but surely, the Southern Baptists are pushing their denominational frontier northward with such success that they can no longer be considered strictly a

regional church. They have gained 21/2 million members in the past ten years, a ratio far exceeding the U.S. population increase in that time. They have plans for an additional 3,649,999 baptisms in the next five years. Their membership is now 9.200,000, which ranks them second in size only to the Methodists among American Protestant churches.

• Evangelical bishops from Red-ruled East Germany have strongly condemned Communist ceremonies intended to replace the Christian sacraments such as marriage and baptism. During the last two years the Communists have developed a name-giving ceremony to replace baptism, a youth dedication as a substitute for confirmation, a marriage form of their own, and even a socialist funeral to replace Christian burial. The brave bishops said, "All of these socialist celebrations may be held in a very festive and impressive style. But the decisive thing for a Christian remains that they are godless and designed as a substitute for our church celebrations. However much it may be said that they are neutral social occasions, for us the words of our Saviour are valid, 'No man can serve two masters.'"

• Seventy per cent of American-produced beer is sold in grocery stores or package stores today, according to Karl K. Vollmar, St. Louis, Missouri, vicepresident and director of marketing of

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# Dr. and Mrs. Smee Improving

We thank God for His protecting care of Dr. and Mrs. Smee in the automobile-truck accident in which they were involved on November 23. The accident occurred on Kansas Highway 181, about seventcen miles east of Smith Center. They were on their way to look at church property at Rawlins, Wyoming, and Salt Lake City, Utah, and to hold a meeting at Las Vegas, Nevada. Their car was thoroughly wrecked, but Dr. Smee escaped with a broken lower left arm and Mrs. Smee with a dislocated right elbow, besides scalp and facial lacerations and many bruises. They were taken to the excellent facilities of the Smith County Memorial Hospital at Smith Center. A doctor called in from Hastings, Nebraska, worked on Dr. Smee's arm in the operating room for three hours. The bone was set and a steel pin inserted until it heals. Rev. E. L. Duby, our pastor at Smith Center, and his wife have been most helpful.

Before the Smees left the hospital on December 3, the cast was removed from Dr. Smee's arm so the stitches could be taken out. A light cast was then placed on his arm, which he will wear for two or three months. A splint was removed from Mrs. Smee's arm, so she may begin to exercise it. They are now well on the road to complete recovery.

The many prayers and remembrances on behalf of the Smees from Nazarenes everywhere are deeply appreciated by them and by all of us who work with them in the interests of the Kingdom. --ALPIN P. BOWES.

# Lincoln First Sets a Pattern

The thrill of last Sunday's services in First Church in Lincoln, Nebraska, lingers with me. A few weeks ago while touring the Illinois District with District Superintendent Harold Daniels, Rev. Clifford Fisher, the pastor at Lincoln First, called me on the phone and asked if I could come for the services on November 15. He said that the church board had voted unanimously to invite me to come and raise \$6,000 toward building a new church in East Lincoln, and the entire congregation had voted approval. They had already purchased the lots on which to build. He did not have to twist my arm to get my consent.

I found the church bubbling over with enthusiasm. The sanctuary was full and the spirit of the service made preaching easy. Pastor Fisher had laid the plans well. At the close of the message, forty-

#### **ROY F. SMEE, Secretary**

three people pledged \$6,350, to be paid in six months. What a wonderful spirit prevailed in that service! God's presence was very evident and hearts were blessed.

It is understood that some of the very best members of First Church will become charter members of East Lincoln, but I am sure that the loss will be only temporary. God's blessing rests upon an unselfish, missionary-minded church. Their ranks will soon be filled and the mother church will have the satisfaction of knowing that their witness has been doubled in the city of Lincoln.

In the evening service, at the conclusion of the message, we burned the mortgage on First Church. Hearts swelled with joy while the congregation stood and sang, "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow," while the paper burned. Here is a church that did not heave a sigh and say, "Thank God, never again!" But on the same day that the old mortgage was burned, they shouldered a new obligation. Their interest reached farther than their own local church. Their concern is for the Kingdom.

God bless Lincoln First Church, and I pray that many other churches may follow their example. This entire project could not have been accomplished without the unselfish, farsighted vision of a pastor who is interested in the Kingdom first and his own church second. I'm praying that this may become a pattern of home missionary enterprise through our entire church.

# **New Churches**

District Superintendent L. S. Oliver has organized two new churches on the Alabama District. The Walnut Park Church in Gadsden was organized November 8. A fully equipped church building has been purchased and Rev. J. A. Emerson has been appointed pastor.

The church in Talladega, Alabama, was organized on November 22. Rev. Durwood Cannon has been appointed pastor. There have been nine new churches on the Alabama District since the 1956 General Assembly.

On November 22, Dr. Lloyd B. Byron organized a church at Wilmington, North Carolina. Excellent property has been purchased on a three-acre site and adapted for church and parsonage use. Rev. Walter E. Loftice, a recent graduate of Nazarene Theological Seminary, has been appointed pastor. This

is the fifth new church on the North Carolina District this quadrennium.

The new church at Petaluma, California, organized November 22 by District Superintendent George Coulter, has developed out of the burden of Rev. and Mrs. Keith Grimm. In two and one-half years it has developed until the Sunday school now has sixty people. They have been worshiping in rented quarters, but a house and land have been purchased in a new subdivision. Two quonset huts are being made into an attractive building that will give an up-to-date church appearance at a minimum cost. This is the thirteenth organization on the Northern California District this quadrennium.

District Superintendent Arthur C. Morgan organized a new church at Lebanon, Indiana, on October 11. It is in the largest town on the Northwest Indiana District that has been without a Church of the Nazarene, and should develop into a good church. Rev. Ralph Price has been appointed pastor. It is the fifth new church on the district during the quadrennium.

The West Anaheim Church was organized November 10 by District Superintendent Nicholas A. Hull. Rev. Murray Morford and the people of Anaheim First Church took the lead in the development of the new church. Rev. Charles Elam has been appointed pastor and a new building program will be started immediately. This is the eleventh new church on the Southern California District this quadrennium.

District Superintendent Leo C. Davis organized the one hundredth church on the Southwest Indiana District at Eckerty on September 30. It is also the tenth new church for the district since the General Assembly.

# **Prayer Request**

At the time this copy goes to press we have not yet heard from our pastors in the Canal Zone following some rioting that occurred on November 28, the anniversary of the independence of the Republic of Panama. However we received this word from Rev. Fred E. Agee, pastor of our church at Ancon, concerning the earlier riots:

"We had to call off all services for a week here at the church due to the recent riot. The army took over our church building as an emergency medical center. There was no traffic on our street for a few days, as we are here on the border and no one was allowed in this area. My wife and children were evacuated during the actual riot. We are praying that this will not interfere with our work among the Panamanians."



A CHAPLAIN WRITES—"I want to express my appreciation for the wonderful time that was provided through the Retreat at Lake Yamanaka. It has been a high light of my time here in Japan during this present cruise. The fellow that I brought with me received definite help and is living a steadfast Christian life aboard the ship and witnessing in a fine way."—LCDR ELVIN D. LEAVELL, U.S.S. "Hector."

APPRECIATION—"I would like to take this time to thank you for the many wonderful issues of our literature that you have sent me during the nineteen months that I have been here in Europe serving in the army.

"I have read where different servicemen have said that it is hard to maintain a close relation with Christ. I have been very fortunate in that I have been a chaplain's assistant. I truly thank God for the many blessings that I have received working here in our chapel with its many people from different religious backgrounds.

"The first of this month I was privileged to attend the Nazarene Retreat at Berchtesgaden. I believe God met the needs of many there for the first time since they came into the army. Ponder Gilliland and Jerry Johnson both gave some of the most inspiring messages that I have ever heard. I want to thank God for the blessings that I. personally, received."-DONALD P. TILLEY, SP/4.

FROM THE RETREAT—"I wish to be among the first to express my deep, heartfelt thanks and gratitude for a wonderful, God-filled Retreat at Berchtesgaden. With all the young people who met Christ, it was well worth all it cost in time, effort, and expense.

"Tribute must be given to Paul Skiles for his deep sincerity, love for God, and musical renditions—all these added a great deal to the success of the Retreat. Since my return to France, I have replayed the tapes and I get filled each time I hear your words and the group singing."— SP/6 WILLIAM H. NEVENS.

"How very much we enjoyed the Nazarene Retreat in Berchtesgaden! It was wonderful to be with so many sincere Christian people. Your messages were truly food for hungry hearts. It had been so long since we had heard a real message. My husband works shifts in the army and I am a schoolteacher, so we do not get to attend our services in Frankfurt."-CLAYTON AND DOROTHY SMITH, Mannheim, Germany.

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# Missionaries on the Move

Miss Lois Pass is now at P.O. Box 7, Acornhock, E. Transvaal, South Africa.

Miss Carol Dimbath has arrived at Box 14, Bremersdorp, Swaziland, South Africa, to begin her new duties as a missionary nurse. This is Miss Dimbath's first term on the field.

Rev. and Mrs. Leonard York should be addressed at 6355 North Oak Avenue, Temple City, California. They have moved to California for further therapy for little Danny, who was stricken with polio several months ago.

Rev. and Mrs. Thomas Lowry have just left the States for their new duties as missionaries at P.O. Box 566, Limbe, Nyasaland, Central Africa. **REMISS REHFELDT**, Secretary

# **Prayer Request for Nicaragua**

Please pray for Miss Hellin and Rev. and Mrs. Dale Sievers at our two newest outposts of mission work in northern Nicaragua. The response is good in both places where they are working, but the opposition is strong. They will appreciate your prayers surrounding them as they labor alone, at these new stations, which are quite a distance from the main mission work in Nicaragua.

# Pray for Bible School Site, Formosa

We urge our people to join with us in prayer for a site for our Bible school in Formosa. We have been renting a building but the owners have advised that they will need it by spring. We must find a suitable place where we can build our school and have it on a permanent basis. Please pray with us for this need.-R. R. MILLER, Formosa.

# Vignettes from Tete Portuguese East Africa

With the help of our national workers the number of our Sunday schools on this zone has increased from 8 to 12 and enrollment has risen from 378 to 886, with an average attendance of 484, as compared with 237 last year.

Two weeks ago we had the joy of opening a church building at one of our outstations. True, it is built of poles and plastered with mud and has a grass roof. Compared with churches in other places it would seem to be of little value. But it is the result of the prayers, faith, and labors of a congregation which has been worshiping under the trees.

They wanted a place in which to

worship, but it seemed impossible that permission would be given to build even a simple building. The Christians prayed about it, and then chose four men to go to the local authorities to ask permission to build. The administrator gave them the permission. Rejoicing over this, they went back to their people. Immediately the Christians began to cut down trees and grass and to arrange for whatever else was needed.

Because the people had a mind to work, the building was completed in a few weeks. It thrilled our hearts to see this little church and we pray that many will seek the Lord in it.—MRS. JOAN SALMONS, Portuguese East Africa.

# **Bible School, British Honduras**

School has always been a busy time, but this year it is more so. The college is providing teachers for the day school. I teach at the college from 7:30 until 10:20 and then go to the day school every day. One of our graduates takes charge of the school until I get there. Some students from the Bible school who are planning to be teachers are doing their practice teaching in the day school.

We need your prayers for a full-time Christian teacher in our day school here in Benque Viejo.

Our school year opened with a week of special services with Brother Beals. God blessed us during that time and gave us the spiritual start we need for this year. We have twenty-two students; eight of them are in the senior class. It is a wonderful privilege to work with them.

Mr. Cairns is a real blessing in the school. He has a wonderful spirit and is a real Bible teacher. Our young people need his kind of training.

The farm work is advancing slowly and shows good promise of being selfsupporting soon.-RUTH DECH, British Honduras.

# On the Field

We arrived in Coban on the fifteenth of September and received a warm welcome from our missionaries here. After council meeting in October we began our duties in Senahu among the Kekchi Indian tribe.

We have just begun our study of this dialect, with the pastor of the Kekchi church in Coban giving us help and guidance.

Our study at the Linguistic Institute this past summer was a real help and has given us a good background for the study of our Indian dialect here in Guatemala.

We are thrilled that after our long period of preparation we have finally arrived at our field where we have been called to serve God and the church. We are happy because we are convinced this is His will for our lives.—ALLEN WILSON, Guatemala.



#### Should an inheritance be tithed? I tithe all of my income.

I am delighted that you tithe all of be income and, therefore, should be your income. An inheritance would tithed.

# Can a person who is saved and not sanctified wholly get to heaven? Our young people brought up this question and we need an answer for them.

One of our earlier leaders used to say, "No saved person will ever go to hell, and no unsanctified person will ever get into heaven." This was one good way of describing the situation, or of answering your question. The statement seems to be a contradiction, but it is not. Here is what the leader meant by the statement: If a baby dies before it comes to the time of accountability, it is in the Kingdom, but it is not sanctified; it still has the sin nature, or carnal nature. However, our church has never taught that babies, if they die before they reach the age of accountability, go to hell. They go to heaven. Nevertheless, they do not get into heaven with the sin nature still within, or without holiness. Sometime, at death or after death, God sovereignly, or apart from their will or choice, cleanses their hearts from inbred sin and makes them holy. Thus they are fitted for heaven.

Likewise if a person who is saved and walking in all the light he has dies, his heart will be sovereignly cleansed from the carnal mind and fixed up for a holy heaven. Someone has said that a better way to approach this question is as follows: Can a per-

son who is saved refuse to walk in the light as to holiness and keep saved? Of course the answer is, "No." But if the person has not yet received the light on holiness and should die, God would fix him up for a holy heaven, apart from his will, on the basis of the choices which he had made-the salvation which he did have. This does not contradict the text, "Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord" (Hebrews 12:14). Neither does it in any sense let down the standard; for people around holiness churches-and sometimes even under other circumstances-get the light on holiness more quickly than we think. And if they deliberately turn down this light, they backslide. They may still profess to be saved, but they are not saved if they have come up to the light on holiness and have refused to pay the price and get the blessing. Light -apprchended truth-is the most dangerous truth with which Christian people ever have to deal. Whatever your state of grace may be, whether saved or sanctified, you backslide when you deliberately refuse to walk in the light of God. There is nothing of which I am more afraid than spiritual light.

#### In the revivals at our colleges, so many of the students are seekers at the altar, even those having come from a very spiritual church. Is there some way to get our young people established in the faith before sending them from the home church? Do our pastors seek to be real pastors as well as to do the work of an evangelist?

Let me state that last question in a different way, for if there is any lack along the line which you mention, it lies at the door of all of us who are Christians, and not just at the door of the pastors. Do you and I do as much to keep our young people saved as we do to get them saved? And we might go further and ask if we do as much as we should in both trying to get them saved and keep them saved. Now as to the revivals in our colleges: Whether the local churches as laymen and preachers fail somewhat in their task or not,

## Please explain Jeremiah 6:22-23.

These verses describe a judgment which is coming upon God's people from a nation to the north, because of the former's sins. Evidently the reference is to Chaldea, or Babylonia. People from this section were to be used of God to bring judgment upon His people we ought to be everlastingly grateful for what our schools are doing. They are a good place for our young people to get established in the things of God. Many of our churches are small and have only a few young people in them. This makes it more difficult for them to get their young people settled in a Christian experience. But when they go to a holiness school, they find more young people on the Lord's side, and it is easier for them to get saved and sanctified and stay saved and sanctified.

because of their sins. There are those who give some prophetic significance to these verses, which, for them, have meaning in relation to the second coming of Christ. I am not well enough versed in such prophecy to help you out with this interpretation.



SCRIPTURE: Acts 13 (Printed: Acts 13: 1-4, 13-14, 44-49)

GOLDEN TEXT: ... repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations (Luke 24: 47).

The Early Church had reached another milestone. This was the year to launch a greater work for the Kingdom. The scene changes from the church at Jerusalem and Peter to Antioch and Paul. The emphasis changes from home missions to foreign missions. The outreach of these early Christians could be measured only by their response to the direction of the Holy Spirit. The new task involved some new things to accomplish it.

The new frontiers that the Lord had commissioned in Acts 1 became a reality in this period. Included in the "uttermost part" of the world were the cities of Asia Minor. The truth of Jesus Christ could not be contained within the boundaries of Palestine or even within the bounds of Judaism. This gospel was too good to keep to oneself.

However, the enlargement of vision did not come just from unrepressed zeal or superior wisdom or insight of the church of Antioch over Jerusalem. Rather here, while the leaders waited before the Lord in fasting and prayer, they received a vision of new frontiers which must be taken in the name of Christ. This task would be too disappointing and frustrating without the clear-cut conviction of the church and missionaries that this was the work of the Holy Spirit. This was His will!

The new workers needed for the new frontiers had already been chosen by the Holy Spirit. Often the vivid portrayal of the dire need by an eyewitness inspires a response to those who are willing to work. But here the Scriptures seem to imply that the Holy Spirit had prepared the church with its responsibilities as well as the missionaries for the field. What a wonderful characteristic of a spiritual church-both money and men to give the gospel to others!

Not everyone is capable of doing every

job in the Kingdom. Saul and Barnabas were the men the Spirit chose. Barnabas, being the elder, is mentioned first; but after Perga, the natural and spiritual leadership of Saul is recognized. Saul assumes the Roman name of Paul without explanation. The rest of the missionary party give way to the will of God-there is no desperate race for place here! The task is too great for small men. The Spirit's stamp of approval is acknowledged without contest.

The new frontiers and new leaders naturally brought about *new methods*. Methods are not sacred, but they must be worthy of the desired end. Here we see the strategy of Paul: first to the synagogue, where the hospitality to strangers was accepted, with a privilege to speak. Paul preached Christ. His sermon sounded much like Stephen's, only quite a bit longer and detailed. But then Paul had more time than Stephen did. The rehearsal of God's dealing with the children of Israel also captivated this Jewish congregation, until the climax with the charge of their rejection of Christ. This the leaders resented. The hospitality of the synagogue soon wore out. So Paul and company move nearby to preach to the gentiles, who seemed more eager to hear than the Jews. The pattern of revival, riot, and retreat was typical of Paul's mission to the cities of Asia Minor. But Paul always returned to encourage his converts and make the new churches indigenous.

The church at Antioch arose from its knees to do the work of the Holy Spirit. Can we do less of fasting, praying, and sending in our day?

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The Honorable Arthur E. Summerfield, Postmaster General of the United States, has endeavored to alert the public regarding a vile racket by "merchants of filth" who use the United States mails for the distribution of obscene and pornographic materials. These "purveyors of filth" are aiming their attention more and more at the nation's children-teen-age boys and girls, and even younger.

From many areas there has come a rightful support of the Postmaster General in this campaign. According to the "Union Signal" (October 10, 1959) the General Federation of Women's Clubs has taken up the challenge. Miss Chloe Gifford, its president, has asked church women and parents to wage war against the racketeers who make at least \$500,-000,000 a year by selling indecent published matter to impressionable youth. Miss Gifford urges women to do the following: draw public attention to the practice; urge parents to help apprehend mailers of pornography; help mobilize community support behind law enforcement; rally public opinion behind new, stiffer legislation. "These merchants of filth will double the scope of their already extensive operations over the next four years unless parents and the decent-minded public join in a determined campaign to stamp out this illicit business," she said. "Something must be done, and now is the time: because teen-agers and even grade school youngsters are becoming the principal target of these racketeers. One of the most dismaying facts in this whole picture is that youngsters need not have indicated any interest in this trash to receive it in the mail."

What can we do? We need to express our convictions to both local and federal government officials about this matter. We can write to and commend the Honorable Arthur E. Summerfield, Postmaster General of the United States, Washington 25, D.C., for his move against the "merchants of filth." We can cooperate with church or civic groups that take action along these lines. We can protest as parents to newsstands and stores that do not keep their literature offerings clean and respectable.

The Postmaster General suggests several ways in which parents can help the post office in this drive. When obscene mail arrives in their home, parents should do two things. First, save all the material received, including the envelopes and all enclosures. Second, report the material immediately to the local postmaster and turn the materials over to him, either in person or by mail.

By all means, back up members of Congress and local officials in their efforts to stamp out this growing evil.

> EARL C. WOLF, Secretary Committee on Public Morals



Aransas Pass, Texas-November 15 was a high day in our church, with District Superintendent James C. Hester preaching the dedication sermon in our new sanctuary to more than two hundred people from the community and other churches on the Corpus Christi Zone. Among the members of the church board, vocally dedicating the church to God, and who received the key to the church, was Mrs. Stafford, a charter member of the church, organized in 1930. God has blessed the ministry of Rev. Munroe Burkhart here; our hearts were inspired as we saw what God had wrought. The goal for the offering was \$700, and Brother Hester raised \$940, enabling us to complete the building at an approximate cost of \$11,000. This combination sanctuary with Sunday school wing has been valued at \$25,000 by insurance adjusters. We rejoice in the goodness of God and His provi-dential leadings.-MRS. ALMA CLEGG, Secretary.

McConnellstown, Pennsylvania – First Church closed a good revival on Sunday, November 22, with the altar lined with seekers, and the offering plates overflowing with a Thanksgiving offering of S265. Evangelist Robert Palmer was God's chosen vessel, with his Biblecentered messages, supported by the earnest prayers of the people of the church. We give God praise and press on with new vision and courage.-LUKE M. LIGUT, Pastor.

Rev. W. A. Peck writes from Memphis, Tennessee: "Mrs. Peck and I left the field of evangelism last June to accept the pastorate of Calvary Church here. It is a real opportunity and challenge. We have a weekly visitation program each Tuesday night, and plans are being made to have another group to visit during the day. We are also starting a Sunday school survey of the community. Already our visitation program has brought us in about forty people per Sunday. We are getting plans under way to erect an educational building in the spring. We give thanks to our fine pastors who kept us busy in the field before we came to Memphis. If you have friends here you'd like for us to contact, write me (3610 Kruger Road) and we'll be glad to visit them."

Pastor T. W. Stofer reports from Indianapolis, Indiana: "On November 22, Winter Avenue Church closed one of the best revivals in my twelve-year ministry here. Evangelist Fred Bouse preached night after night under the anointing of the Spirit, and his messages held the attention of the people. The Harvester Quartet were at their best, and God used their messages in song to His glory. Saturday night was request night and the glory of God was on the service. At least fifty people bowed at the altar during the meeting, seeking

God for pardon or heart purity, and a class of four was added to the church membership. Winter Avenue Church marches on!"

Evangelist Don Scarlett writes, "I have a Monday-over-Sunday date open in January. Write me, Route 1, North Vernon, Indiana."

Brookhaven, Mississippi-Our church recently enjoyed the best revival in its three-year history. God blessed and used the ministry of Rev. C. B. Carleton, our pastor at McComb, and the attendance was the best ever. Brother Carleton preached with love and compassion under the Spirit's anointing, and many responded to the invitation to seek God. The Sunday school attendance record was tied, and three new members were received into the church. The spirit of revival continues, and last Sunday night in the evangelistic service nine people came to the altar seeking God, without any preaching. The church unitedly moves forward for God and souls.-MICKEY SMITH, Pastor.

Warren, Ohio-First Church recently enjoyed a very good spiritual meeting with Rev. John Donley, evangelist, and Brother Jack Bierce, singer. The Lord used the ministry of these men in preaching and singing to the encouragement of His people, and a number of seekers prayed through to victory. Each evangelist, in meetings over a number of years, has contributed much to the spiritual condition of our church.-MARY PHILLIPS, Reporter.

Pastor Paul Darulla writes from Charleston, West Virginia: "Elk River Church recently enjoyed a good revival with Evangelist Carl S. Nutter. The attendance was excellent with around fifty seekers at the altar, and two finc people have joined the church. We have a wonderful young people's socicty, and many times they have 100 present for their services. Our Sunday school is a fine organization with 11 lovely classrooms; 240 present on Sunday, November 22. We thank God for His blessings."



To you and to those you love, may the blessings and joys of Christmas be abundant.

Someone has said, "One touch of Christmas makes the whole world kin." We know that at Christmas, especially, we feel a strengthening of the ties of Christian fellowship and kinship. Also we have an overwhelming sense of gratitude for the support of our people. Added to all this are the obligation and the pledge to continue serving the church in its program of making Christ real to men.

May the Christ of Christmas be very near to you all through this holy season and into the new year.





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We began our work as pastor of what is now known as Sumner Avenue Church in September of 1957, with a small group of good Nazarenes, worshiping in a poor building in an undesirable location. The church had bought and paid for two acres of land in a good location and had a small amount of cash in the building fund. The church is built of concrete blocks with natural stone veneer exterior, plastered walls with textured paint finish, natural oak floor, Georgia marble around baptistry windows, and the sanctuary is furnished with natural light oak furniture-which God helped us to pay cash for soon after installation. Seating capacity is 350, with class room for eighteen classes, church office, pastor's study; a large parking lot, and

room for future expansion. The pastor was the contractor, with donated labor by members and community people, subcontracting some work. Appraised by a loan company, before completion, at \$65,000. for a loan (a minimum appraisal), our present debt is \$23,500. On November 9, 1958, we had the dedication service, with District Superintendent Luther Cantwell bringing a challenging message to a great crowd. A good offering was pledged on the church debt. God has given us a good increase in membership and in Sunday school attendance; average for October of '59 was 129. I am now serving my third year, with two substantial increases in salary. Our people are united and working.-CLARENCE DISHON, Pastor.

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CIRCULATION DEPARTMENT

Evangelist Marvin S. Cooper reports: "I am now in the seventeenth week of revivals on the Michigan District. Dr. Orville L. Maish and wife, district superintendent and N.F.M.S. president, have given valuable co-operation. Pastors Floyd Kanipe of Niles, George C. Otto of Sumner Center, Gaylord Rich of Butterfield, Harold L. Smith of North Star, Reo D. Miller of Laingsburg, A. L. Lang of New Lothrop. and Delmar Dravenstatt of Temple-all brothers beloved-gave me every encouragement in my efforts to preach second-blessing holiness. It was my third revival with Pastors Smith and Miller, and I expect to join Brother Smith next fall in his new pastorate in Kalamazoo South. I am now arranging my 1960 slate and expect to follow where the Lord may lead. Write me, 1514 N. Wakefield Street, Arlington, Virginia."

Pastor Dale V. Sidle reports: "For nearly three years it has been my privilege to pastor our church at Waukesha, Wisconsin, where we have some very fine people. Through their fine cooperation we were able to purchase a good parsonage and complete the addition so much needed on the church. The past year has been a good year of progress. I have now resigned to accept a unanimous call to our church in Kurtz, Indiana. If you have friends there, write me (Box 54) and I'll be glad to contact them for the church."

Evangelist George Brannon writes, "Due to a recent cancellation, I have a good late winter date open, February 17 to 28. Write me, 125 N. Wheeler, Bethany, Oklahoma."

Chelsea. Oklahoma—In November, God gave us a wonderful revival with Evangelist "Bill" Livingston and the Bales-Shelton Trio as the special workers. The ministry of these workers in preaching and singing was much appreciated, and God gave many seekers at the altar each night to be saved and sanctified. All our hearts were blessed and encouraged. We are fortunate that Brother Bill Bales came our way to pastor our church. He is a man of God and preaches old-time holiness.—Reporter.

Dayton, Ohio-Parkview Church recently had a successful revival with the Oliver Morgan Evangelistic Party. God blessed and more than 60 people bowed at the altar of prayer, with 7 members added to the church. The attendance was very good and the Morgans did a wonderful job; we appreciated their ministry with us. One year ago we completed a large Sunday school annex, enlarged the sanctuary, and redecorated the church throughout at a cost of around \$11,000. We have a membership of 408 and the Sunday school averaged 360 in attendance last year. We have 5 organized missionary chapters, a PAL group, and 2 young people's groups. The new annex has a church office, pastor's study. choir room, and a number of classrooms on the first floor; the basement takes care of the juniors, intermediates and beginners, with the sec-

ond floor used for the senior high and junior high ages. We praise God for His blessings, and are thankful for the good people of Parkview Church.-O. A. SINGLETON, Pastor.

Tell City, Indiana-Recently we concluded a very successful Sunday school climb, with a rally day attendance of 118 on November 22, breaking all previous records. Our small chapel was crowded out, and some of the children had to sit on the floor. Since our taking this home mission work two and one-half years ago. God has blessed our efforts. Our people are united, and working and praying.-Howard CAPPS, *Pastor*.

Evangelist Bobby R. Ferguson writes: "For the past year I have been working as an evangelist, and I love my work. God has blessed and given some glorious victories around the altar of prayer. I am now happy to announce that Mr. and Mrs. Frank Taylor have joined me as singers. Together we will carry the entire program for the revival meeting. The Taylors are a fine young couple and I am sure will be a blessing. On January \$1 we will be closing a meeting in Gainesville, Texas, and immediately following this have an open date we'd like to slate in the Texas-Oklahoma area. We have some choice open dates

later in the year, and will be glad to go as the Lord may lead, regardless of size of church or amount of offering. Write me, Route 3, Floydada, Texas."

Massillon, Ohio-In November our church had a great revival with Evan-gelist Jimmie Rodgers. He was at his best, and his sermons on holiness were clear and effective in reaching the hearts of the people. The attendance was good; there were forty-three seekers at the altar; and the ministry of Brother Rodgers was appreciated by pastor and people. Members said it was one of the best revivals the church has had for some time. The spirit of the revival continues, and on a recent Sunday night God came in a wonderful way, the people were blessed, and four seekers came to the altar and prayed through, without any preaching. In spite of many people being out of work, revival expenses were well cared for and a fine love offering of sixty dollars given to the pastor. On Sunday following the close of the meeting, the church gave the pastor a three-year recall, with only three negative votes. We wish to thank Pastors J. O. McCaskell and Roy Watson with their people of Alliance and Greentown churches for their help with the special music during our meeting .-M. LEROY HASTIE, Pastor.





Evangelist Leslie C. Poe writes: "I am slated to be on the Florida District after January I, and would be glad to slate meetings with any of our churches there. I am grateful for the number of God-sent revivals we had while there during the past year. We give God and the good people the credit. Write me, Hulbert, Arkansas."

Brandon. Manitoba, Canada-Recently we enjoyed a very profitable revival with Dr. and Mrs. Edward Lawlor as the special workers. We thank God for the many seekers who found forgiveness and restoration. The spirit of the church has greatly improved. and God is giving continuing victories. Last June 7, Dr. Lawlor dedicated our new building: the structure includes an attractive auditorium and plenty of classroom space, and basement auditorium. Also there is a three-bedroom parsonage at the rear of the church which could be converted, in the future, for increased auditorium space. We thank God for His blessings.-C. V. CORNISH, Pastor.

Anderson. Indiana-The Lord has given the Goodwin Memorial Church a very wonderful revival with Evangelist Carl A. Amos. His preaching is of the best, and God honored and blessed his efforts with forty-nine seekers at the altar. Since we were without a pastor, Brother Amos not only preached God's Word, but ministered to the sick, visited those in the hospital, made personal calls, and helped all the people of the church. We surely appreciated his ministry with us, and want him to come again.-HAROLD R. ANDERSON, Reporter.

Syracuse, New York-Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Gould were with our Fairmount

Church for ten days during October, and God richly blessed their ministry in message and song. Brother Gould's serious presentation of the practical implications of the Christian life was used by the Holy Spirit to bring conviction to the unsaved and to awaken the church to the high standard of the sanctified life. Mrs. Margaret (Higgs) Gould with her Spirit-filled personality was a great blessing to all. New people responded to the invitation to attend the services and bowed at the altar seeking God for forgiveness of their sins.-GLENN H. TYNER, Pastor.

Pastor James P. Bailey reports: "Feeling it to be the leadings of the Lord, I resigned as pastor of our church in Clinton, Oklahoma, last June, after two very successful years. During the first year the Sunday school attendance increased from an average of forty-five to fifty-six, finances in the Sunday school more than doubled, and church finances rose from a total of \$2,800 to \$3,700. Our salary was increased twice, and budgets were all paid for the first time in the history of the church. In July we accepted a unanimous call to our church here in Harmon, Oklahoma. Since coming the Sunday school average attendance has increased from fifty-three for last year to sixty-six for September of this year. On November 22 we closed one of the best revivals this church has had, with Evangelist Daniel C. Hoffman. Pastor and wife had charge of the singing. Many souls sought God for pardon, and several for heart purity, with a good class added to the church membership, all on profession of faith. The church gave the pastor a love offering of over seventy dollars. A spirit of unity pre-vails, and the evangelist was given a call to return in '61. We greatly appreciate Brother Hoffman's fine ministry with us, and we love our good people here."

# **Religious News** and Comments

(Continued from page 14)

Falstaff Brewing Corporation. This, he said, is a complete reversal of former days when 80 per cent of the beer was sold in drinking establishments. Mr. Vollmar said that in seven out of ten families in America at least one person drinks beer. He also indicated in a Wichita address that future advertising will be slanted "to the younger people," who constitute the great new market.



From a retired elder with nearly thirty years of service in the Church of the Nazarene comes this letter:

"Thanks a million for the ministerial benevolence checks, the Golden Anniversary present, the Christmas present, and the birthday present. With all the responsibilities and work with a fast-growing church we old-timers surely appreciate the fact that we are not forgotten even if our services seem so small and our days of usefulness are past.

are past. "Our burden, interest, and heart cry for souls is still young and, even in our dreams, we are aroused many times with tears of joy and shouts of victory. Praise the Lord! The poet, Lowell Mason, penned the words, 'Yet in my dreams I'd be nearer, my God, to Thee.'"

If you have friends at the Marine Corps air station at Kaneohe, Oahu, Hawaii, that you would like to have visited by the pastor of the Church of the Nazarene, write Dr. L. C. Philo, 45-134 Lilipuna Road, Kaneohe, Oahu, Hawaii.

#### Deaths

#### REV. ERNEST E. ORTON

Rev. Ernest E. Orton was born June 18, 1910, near Cherokee in Alfalfa County, Oklahoma, and died J:'y 29, 1959, In a hospital in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, after an illness of several weeks. He answered the call to preach early in life, and graduated from Bethany Nazarene College in 1940. He pastored churches in Texas, Oklahoma, Arizona, and Iowa, and also served some time in the evan-gelistic field. He was a tireless and energetic worker, and had been successful in erecting church buildings and parsonages, as well as showing mem-bership gains in both churches and Sunday schools where he pastored. He is survived by his wife, Zelma; and five children, Deronda, Roy, Ivan, Ir-win, and Bonnie, all of the home. Funeral service was held in the church at Cherokee, where he was pastor at the time of his death. Rev. J. T. Gas-sisted by Rev. C. A. Smith and Rev. Darrell Slack. Interment was in Cherokee Cemetery. Rev. Ernest E. Orton was born June 18, 1910,

#### REV. IRA F. STEVENS

Rev. Ira F. Stevens of Pasadena, California, died Rev. Ira F. Stevens of Pasadena, California, died October 19, 1959, after a long illness, at the age of eighty years. He was born in Lawrence, Kansas. In 1903 he was united in marriage to Ida Dora-belle, and most of their lives was spent in serving others. Called to preach in 1907, he and his wife were sanctified wholly three years later and sought a place in the Church of the Nazarene. He was granted license to preach in 1910, and was ap-pointed (by the late Rev. Joseph N. Speakes) as pastor of the newly organized Church of the Naza-rene in Lawrence, Kansas. He was ordained by Dr. H. F. Reynolds at the Kansas District Assembly in 1910. He pastored churches in Kansas, at Law-rence. Plainville. Iola. Pittsburg. Needesha, and Dr. H. F. Reynolds at the Kansas District Assembly in 1910. He pastored churches in Kansas, at Law-rence, Plainville, Iola, Pittsburg, Neodesha, and Topeka Oakland; also at Joplin, Missouri; and Reed Road Church in Columbus, Ohio. He gave himself for Christ and the church; helped to build five churches and three parsonages. He served on many district boards and committees, and was elected a delegate to the General Assembly several times. He was a member of the Brese Avenue Church in Pasadena. He was a faithful companion, an un-derstanding father and a true servant of God. He Pasadena. He was a faithful companion, an un-derstanding father, and a true servant of God. He is survived by three sons: Rev. Roy F. Stevens, superintendent of Minnesota District; Ray H., of West Covina, California; and Paul I., of Fort Worth, Texas; also one daughter, Ruth, of Riverside, Cali-fornia. Funeral service was conducted by Dr. J. George Taylorson, his pastor, and Rev. I. W. Young, a friend of long standing. Interment was in Moun-tain Viow Compatery. tain View Cemetery.

MRS. IRA F. STEVENS of Pasadena, California, died October 11 of a heart attack; she was seventy-six years of age. She was born in Lawrence, Kan-sas, In 1903 she was united in marriage to Ira F. Stevens. She labored faithfully with her hus-band in the ministry for thirty-five years, after which they retired and spent their last years in California. She was a wonderful companion, mother, and friend. Her home was always open to God's people, and her life was exemplary. She was a loyal member of the Bresee Avenue Church in Pasa-dena and an active member of the N.F.M.S. She is survived by three sons: Roy F., Ray H., Paul I.; and a daughter, Ruth; also one sister and three brothers. Funeral service was conducted by Dr. J. George Taylorson, pastor, and Rev. I. W. Young, with interment in Mountain View Cemetery. MRS. IRA F. STEVENS of Pasadena, California,

MRS. MARY ALICE WEST, wife of Rev. E. M. West, died February 16, 1959, at the age of eighty-one. She was converted as a young woman and joined the Church of the Nazarene with her husband in 1909. Her husband entered the ministry in 1917, and from that time until they retired in 1946 she was a "parsonage queen" of the highest 1946 she was a "parsonage queen" of the highest order. She always had a radiant smile, a kind word, and a helping hand for everyone. She is survived by her husband, Rev. E. M. West; two sons, Carl and Harold; and one daughter, Mrs, Floyd Baldwin; also two brothers, two sisters, and a step-brother. Funeral service was conducted in the Church of the Nazarene in Holdenville, Okiahoma, by her pastor, Rev. Nolan Culbertson, assisted by Rev. Glen Jones, district superintendent, with in-terment in the Holdenville cemetery.

MRS. F. O. BELL, wife of a retired minister, died September 1, 1959, at the age of seventy-nine. She had been a faithful companion for fifty-

nine years. She was a member of First Church of the Nazarene in Pascagoula, Mississippi. She is survived by her husband, Rev. F. O. Beil; a son, A. R. Bell, of Austin, Texas; and five daughters: Mrs. Alva Gowan, of Dalias, Texas; Mrs. Raymond Baker, of Long Beach, California; Mrs. G. F. Turnipseed, of Moravian Falls, North Carolina; Mrs. James Ward, of Pascagoula; and Mrs. Fletcher Smith, of Birmingham, Alabama. Funeral service was conducted by her pastor, Rev. Roy T. Nix.

#### Announcements WEDDING BELLS

Barbara May Beeson and Richard Earl Shrader were united in marriage on August 21 at Westside Church of the Nazarene, San Jose, California, with their pastor, and father of the bride, Rev. Harold their pastor, and fathe W. Beeson, officiating.

Roberta June Coats of Bryant, Illinois, and John D. Williams of Hannibal, Missouri, were united in marriage on October 24 in the Church of the Naza-rene, Portland, Indiana, with Rev. Floyd Zurcher officiating.

BORN-to Theo and Maxine (Morris) Birdwell of Palmdale, California, a daughter, Judith Paulette, on October 26.

-to Jack and Janie (Smith) McPherson of Artesia, New Mexico, a daughter, Michelle Marie, on October 3.

Arthur and Patricia (Moore) Field of to Gouldsboro, Pennsylvania, a son, Keith Douglas, on September 22.

-to Mr. and Mrs. Paul C. Smith of Nashville, Tennessee, a daughter, Rebecca Jean, on September 19.

ADOPTED by Russell and Albertina (Balsmeier) Bates of Monroe, Louisiana, recently, a baby girl, Candee Renee (born February 6, 1959).

SPECIAL PRAYER IS REQUESTED by a Naza-SPECIAL PRAYER IS REQUESTED by a Naza-rene woman from Texas, that God will make her well again and help her spiritually—she has been in ill health for a long time, and is getting old; by a Christian lady in Illinois for the healing of a seven-year-old adopted son, a victim of cere-bral palsy—coctors give her no hopes, but he has improved, and she believes God is able to heal him so he can walk; also prayer for unsaved loved ones; by a friend in West Vincing for the baling of

Individual, and walk; also prayer for unsaved loved ones; by a friend in West Virginia for the healing of a young man, a schoolteacher, if it is Hill; by a Christian brother in Ohio that an erring member of their church may be reconciled to God, for a special unspoken request, and that he may be guided by the Lord in a perplexing problem; by a friend in Washington for a father who, once a Christian, is now so domineering and mean that the family are deeply distressed—for a mother, once close to God, but now heartbroken and des-perately needs God, that she and her husband may both find peace in God, and for the children, who are nervous and tense from the situation—they need God's special help; by a Christian friend in Illinois for a man who, though professing to be a Christian, mistreats his wife and family, that he may truly repent and live

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