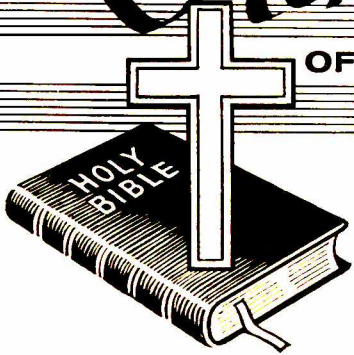


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## "PREPARE FOR A GREATER TOMORROW"



**... on your knees**

# LATE NEWS

Pastor A. Alan Gilmour sends word that "the Waynesburg Church on the Pittsburg District gave \$1,420 in the Thanksgiving Offering."

Rev. Clair H. Fisher recently resigned as pastor of the church at Petersburg, to accept a call to pastor the church at Coatesville, Pennsylvania.

Rev. Dale Hilkert has resigned as pastor of the church at Bangor, to accept a call to pastor the church in Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

Rev. Robert Williams has resigned as assistant pastor and director of youth activities at First Church, Washington, D.C., to accept the call to pastor First Church in Bridgeton, New Jersey.

Word has been received that Rev. Harold J. Ponsford recently accepted a three-year recall from the local congregation of the church in Van Nuys, California. Also, Brother Ponsford has been elected president of the Van Nuys Ministerial Association.

Word has been received that Evangelist Wilma (Mrs. W. W.) Geeding had major surgery on November 26, in the hospital in Oskaloosa, Iowa, and is now recuperating at home—376 W. Pine Street, Canton, Illinois.

## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

### CONFERENCE ON EVANGELISM

Kansas City, Missouri  
Music Hall  
Municipal Auditorium  
January 6-8, 1958

First service begins with "Music in Evangelism" at 7:00 p.m., Monday, January 6.

Day sessions Tuesday and Wednesday.

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The real test of character lies in the affections. Man can rationalize with his reason, but he is governed by his emotions and affections. The fiber of character is regulated by the quality, integrity, and intensity of the love life.  
—LEWIS T. CORLETT.

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## Gleanings

from the Office Editor's Desk

"Again I'm sending subscription for the most wonderful of all magazines. I cannot do without it. I've received many blessings from reading it. May God bless all those who write for the *Herald of Holiness*."—*Missouri*.

"I am writing to tell you how much the *Herald of Holiness* means to me. This summer I worked in a resort away from home and, because of my job, I was unable to attend church on Sundays. I received the *Herald* all summer, and it really helped me to keep my spiritual standing. Now I am back at college again, and once again I realize what a blessing I receive from reading the wonderful articles, poems, etc., in the *Herald*. Many thanks from one of your Christian young people."—*Pennsylvania*.

"I enjoy the *Herald* as much as I enjoy my evening meal. I couldn't get along without either of them. Next to my Bible is my church publication, the *Herald of Holiness*."—*Massachusetts*.

"We subscribe to the *Herald of Holiness* and it is such a blessing. I enjoy it so much and look forward to receiving my copy each week."—*Illinois*.

"We have been a reader of the *Herald of Holiness* for several years and have thoroughly enjoyed its fine articles. It is one of the best papers that can be gotten anywhere. We wanted to express our appreciation for this fine paper coming into our home and for your wisdom and deep spiritual insight in editing the wonderful articles therein."—*Ohio*.

"I want to thank you and the publishing house for your faithfulness in furnishing such good reading materials, which helped to hold me steady and to grow in my spiritual life, which was begun thirty years ago as a child of ten. About twenty of those years I've taught in our Nazarene Sunday schools and I wonder how I could ever have made it without the wonderful teacher's *Journal* and helps provided by our publishing house. . . . I am a mother of four wonderful children, whose ages range from three through seventeen, and how I do depend on our good literature to help get them established and to be encouraged to hold high the banner of holiness and the standards of our church in particular. After receiving the *Herald of Holiness* this week and reading some of the articles, my heart is so full I feel compelled to write and thank you. . . ."—*Arkansas*.

# WATCH NIGHT

## . . . What a Night!

### General Superintendent Vanderpool

Over forty-five hundred churches will congregate in their sanctuaries for a great "around the world" watch-night service. What a night this will be in the Church of the Nazarene! Every department will be represented and every interest will be emphasized. It will be a night of *praise* for triumphs of the past, of *praying* for courage and wisdom to enter the doors of opportunity now open to us, and of *pledging* our all to perform the assigned tasks for tomorrow. What a night, when we all stand with "hats off" to our first fifty years of progress and "coats off" to the next fifty years of advancement! Let praise spring from every department of the church, jubilant, joyful praise for fifty years of unparalleled growth!

Our Sunday schools, whose avowed purpose is to bring every member into a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ and to which task every teacher has been committed, now have a total enrollment of over 625,000 people. This is a live potential from which we could double our church membership. Let the Sunday school have a place for praise during the watch-night service.

Happy praise from the hearts of over ninety thousand Nazarene young people must ring out that night. Thousands of them are now enrolled in our schools and colleges preparing to pursue different callings in life, but in every case to be evangelists for Christ, holding forth the Word of Life as the Lamp that will bring light to the dark places of earth. These young people have found the "way of gladness" and now they sing, "I have a song in my heart." What a force for the kingdom of Christ!

The Nazarene Foreign Missionary Society, 125,000 strong, will be at the watch-night service with their songs of praise for God's help in past achievements. The N.F.M.S. has raised many millions of dollars for world-wide evangelism. A large portion of the finances used in our church operations in twenty-six foreign fields and six overseas home mission fields has come through this source. Certainly the members of the N.F.M.S. will be present at this watch-night service to express praise for the

past and pledge allegiance to the assignments of the future.

Young and old will be at this special watch-night service. What a night this will be! It marks the halfway point in the first century of our church organization. In a sense we will pause only for "station identification" and then on with our task under God. An opportunity for testimony and praise will be fitting in this service. We must count our blessings and remember the pit from which we have been lifted.

The service and sacrifice of our people enriched by the blessings of God have brought us to our mid-century mark with a rich heritage. This heritage must be *invested* and *protected* or much of our labor will be lost.

Earnest prayer, midnight prayer, prevailing prayer is a fifty-year-old pattern left us by the founders and fathers of our church. This watch-night service must be characterized by strong prevailing prayer. After earnest prayer and careful thought, extensive plans have been formed for the Golden Anniversary year of our church. We all know that these plans will materialize fully only as our people seek and find divine assistance.

At this mid-century mark our home base is fairly well established, our home and foreign missionary arm is strong enough to swing the lifeline near and far to earth's perishing people. What we do in the next fifty years will depend upon the *inner drive* which we may have. We must build up *inside pressure* until with the Apostle Paul we exclaim, "The love of Christ constraineth us." Prayer will generate that constraining force until, like the disciples in the first century, we will stand ready with our *souls* and *service*, *soil* and *silver*, to give the church the great thrust she needs in 1958. Let the watch-night service be marked by prayer: call the people to pray, give time to pray, encourage united prayer. Pray until the *liberating presence* of God is felt. We must start the Golden Anniversary year right. We must start it upon our knees.

Somewhere during the watch-night service, goals and plans for 1958 should be presented to the people. It would strengthen our faith and help our cause if the members and friends of each local

church could stand and in genuine sincerity pledge God and one another to do their prayerful best to reach these announced goals. *Spiritual, numerical, and financial* gains are goals which no church should miss. This great watch-night service where *praise, prayer, and pledging* are dominant factors should give our church a mighty projection into our Golden Anniversary year. From this watch-night service we must come forth an army definitely on the offensive. The Captain's orders must be translated—correctly; not, "Hold the fort, for I am coming," but, "Storm the fort, for I am coming." "Watch night in the Church of the Nazarene"—what a night this must be!

# WATCH NIGHT

... in  
"Golden California"

**By J. WILLIAM ELLIS**

Pastor, First Church, Pasadena, California

From ice-cubed Alaska to sun-tanned India, from the evergreens of Maine to the white sands of Carmel-by-the-Sea, from confettied Central Park to wind-caressed Hawaii, from Italy's toe to Nicaragua's hump—wherever Nazarenes are, a watch-night service will surely be. Down on our knees before the One who raised us up, we will thank Him for fifty fruitful years—and what glorious years they were!

But not for long will we tarry in the past. Soon now, yea, very soon, the Church of the Nazarene will be ushered into its second fifty years. It is breath-taking to think of it! O God, may Thy Spirit move upon us! If from nothing Thou couldst bring us to this pinnacle of spiritual achievement, what could be done in the next fifty years if we abide still with Thee!

With such a heritage behind us and such a challenge before us, we can do nothing but watch and pray the old year out and the new year in. Not for the sake of mechanics, but that our hearts may be so mightily moved upon by the Holy Ghost that when the centennial celebration comes (if Jesus tarries) the Church of the Nazarene will still be distinguished by its doctrine of entire sanctification, its evangelistic zeal, and its missionary compassion.

Realizing that this cannot be done without personal involvement, the church board of the First Church of the Nazarene, Pasadena, enthusiastically and unanimously voted to join the ranks of Nazarenes everywhere by conducting a watch-night service. Perhaps no city in the world is so packed

as Pasadena on New Year's night (and day), for upwards of a million and a half people swarm into the city to view the Rose Parade and Rose Bowl football game.

Since Pasadena is wide awake and parade conscious, we are going to invite the whole city to attend—visitors and all! For doubtless there will be many in the inrushing crowds who would like to attend such a service. We intend to advertise in the newspapers, through the churches, and by personal letters.

To expedite the service, a Watch-night Committee was appointed. Realizing that our situation is unique because of the city festivities, we have attempted to arrange our service to take the best possible advantage of it. What we do in detail, therefore, could not perhaps be worked everywhere, but by using the law of adaptation any church could have a successful service.

Five areas will be covered during the watch-night service, including a memorial service for all those who have passed away during the preceding year, brief reports from the chairman of the board of trustees on local activities, the superintendent on district activities, a furloughing missionary on missionary activity, and the pastor highlighting the personal aspect of entering the new year in addition to presenting the goals of the local church and denomination. These brief (and I repeat, brief) reports will be interspersed with seasons of prayer, personal testimonies, special music, and the reading of scripture.

At precisely 11:58 p.m. all lights will be dimmed and every person will silently pray a prayer of thanks for God's goodness during the preceding year; from 12:00 to 12:02 a.m., everyone will silently seek God's guidance for the new year. Following this, the pastor will close with a congregational prayer—and trust that God's glory will fill the sanctuary as He did when Solomon concluded his prayer!

Up, Nazarenes, and down on our knees, for this day is ours!

## **New Year's Prayer:**

*Make me newly lost in wonder  
As my heart, enraptured, soars;  
Spur me to a deeper passion  
To enlarge Thy kingdom's shores.*

*Help my heart and hands in deftness  
Serve Thee, till that greater time  
When I'll rest at close of journey  
In the land of the sublime!*

—Ila R. Monday

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# The Value of the Watch-night Service

By L. B. HICKS, Pastor, Central Church, Orlando, Florida

It is always good to begin any venture in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and with attention centered upon God. Each new year offers a new opportunity to compensate for mistakes, amend our ways, and renew our faith in Christ. Each old year offers a vault in which to forever bury our failures. The new year offers us the chance to experience a resurrection of new hopes in the work of the Lord.

The New Year's watch-night service can be made a social hour, an entertainment, with no spiritual value beyond that of fellowship with other Christians. It can be used as a substitute for some worldly gathering. Holiness folk are not interested in this side of the question. Traditionally the watch-night service stands as a deep spiritual affair filled with prayer, testimony, precious promises, and joyful singing. The whole affair then becomes one of spiritual growth, sweet communion with God, tender fellowship with kindred hearts, and awesome worship and adoration of the blessed Redeemer.

Watch-night services must not be too extended in time. No virtue exists in the length of any service. The glorious presence of the Holy Spirit is the coveted thing. It is often best to begin late, allowing sufficient time for a prayerfully planned service. A time of singing of the dear old songs and time-honored hymns of the Church is an excellent entree to the service.

Victorious testimonies of the providential care of the great God and Saviour of mankind will add a sweet elixir to the spiritual atmosphere. One or two short sermonettes will focus attention upon the expounded Word of God. Often to have the saints arise and quote precious Bible promises, claiming these as the foundational scriptures for the coming year, is in order. It is always well for the pastor in charge to guide the service after he has prepared it in prayer and meditation.

Nearing the hour of eleven, a candlelight communion service is both tender, melting, and expressive of the reciprocal love of God and the Church. As always in the communion of the Lord's Supper, the pastor must put all the spiritual insight and human meaning possible into the service.

At about ten minutes before midnight the Communion should be finished. The people then will be in an atmosphere of worship and joy. To gather

about the altar and close the old year in prayer, beginning the new one on their knees in supplication and adoration before God, is of lasting value both to the individual and to the church.

To secure a guiding motto from the Bible and make that a definite rule of life for the coming twelve months is a wonderful value to each Christian. To make resolutions to live further from the orbit of the fallen, carnal flesh is invaluable to any child of God. To make definite and new commitments to be more in prayer and more sacrificial in the new year is excellent. To examine one's consecration in the light of his maturing judgment is a good and rewarding process for the individual Christian during the watch-night service.

If perchance error and sin have subtly crept into the life of the saint, leaving him defeated, backslidden, and once again out of the fold of Christ, the watch-night service is an excellent time to seek the face and forgiveness of the Lord.

Watch night is an excellent hour to make the full consecration and the absolute surrender so necessary to entire sanctification. The deep spiritual atmosphere created in the watch-night service is most conducive to a heart hunger for holiness. Advantage will be taken of this by the Spirit-filled pastor who is alerted to the still, sweet voice of the Holy Spirit to his spiritual discernment.

Many contacts will come from a well-advertised and well-ordered watch-night service. New doors will open to the soul-seeking pastor in a watch-night service. Friendships and acquaintances will spring forth in these services that in the months to come may come to glorious fruitage in the altars of prayer. Many folk have first contacted holiness and the Church of the Nazarene in the watch-night service.

Always the spiritual benefits of the watch-night services, as in any holiness service, must be given the pre-eminence. We must never allow any other consideration to enter into our services. Satan will offer many suggestions toward cheapening the watch-night service. We must reject them all. We must realize that golden opportunities exist toward the spiritual growth of both the individual and the church in the watch-night service.

# WATCH NIGHT

... in the  
"Land of the  
Long Night"

By **ROBERT W. SHEPPARD**

Pastor, First Church, Fairbanks, Alaska

December 31 is a meaningful date for the Nazarenes in Fairbanks, Alaska. It has been a regular custom for many years to conduct a watch-night service during the hours leading to midnight of that day. The observance this year will be especially significant because of its position in opening for the Church of the Nazarene the Golden Anniversary year of 1958.

In Fairbanks the weather on December 31 is decidedly cold as a rule. The official weather bureau records show that the all-time low temperature for that date was 51 degrees below zero. It can be warm, however. The all-time high was 37 degrees above zero. The average low across the years is 20 degrees below zero. There usually is about two feet of snow that has accumulated since the last of September or first part of October. The sun rises at 9:55 a.m. and sets at 1:52 p.m. on that day. There's a good chance of seeing a display of beautifully colored northern lights, which most often follow a pattern from northwest to southeast in undulating and waving movements across the zenith of the sky. Polaris, or the North Star, is almost directly overhead at this time of year. Such is the outward setting for the watch-night service.

Inside the new First Church sanctuary it will be warm, light, and comfortable. Rev. and Mrs. Charles C. Powers and their people from our Totem Park Church will be uniting with us for the service. Those in attendance will form quite a cosmopolitan group. A large segment of the congregation will be made up of servicemen and dependents from every section of the States, who especially need the warmth and fellowship of the church at this season of the year. A sizable number of this group have been converted and sanctified in our churches here. Also in this north country there are usually a number of transient people here for seasonal work or other reasons. Then the bulk of the congregation will be made up of those individuals and families who have made Alaska their permanent home and whose vision, sacrifice, devotion, and work "above measure" have made the Church of the Nazarene in this place a glorious reality.

Here is the way our program is set up for this

special occasion: Starting at 8:30 p.m., the service is divided into four main sections. The first is built around the theme "Looking at the Past," and features our denominational history from the beginning in Fairbanks twenty-one years ago under the leadership of Dr. and Mrs. R. G. Fitz. This section will be followed by the reading of greetings and letters from the considerable number of former members and friends who now reside in many parts of the United States and several foreign countries. At this point colored slides of each of our Alaska churches will be shown revealing the work that has been accomplished to the present.

The theme of section two is "Looking into the Future," and will feature the introduction of the plans suggested by the general church for the celebration of our Golden Anniversary year. These items will be presented by means of a series of posters plus verbal explanation and challenge, with particular emphasis on local application.

The two pastors and several of the key people from both churches will participate in sections one and two.

Section three will be a time of fellowship in which testimonies and Christian resolutions will play the major part.

Section four will be a communion service lasting just through midnight and into the beginning of the new year. Appropriate congregational singing and special music will be provided in keeping with each differing emphasis.

The desire of the Nazarene churches in Alaska is to celebrate our Golden Anniversary in a manner that will eventuate in a fresh impetus to "our Zion" and to an effectual winning of new thousands of men to Jesus Christ. We will begin this concerted activity on December 31 in the watch-night service.

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## "WONDERFUL JESUS"

By **MARIAN L. KNORR**

*He hid me in the cleft of the Rock  
And tempered the storms of life;*

*He covered me with His love so true.*

*Oh, yes, He kept me and brought me  
through!*

*He loved me when I mocked His name;*

*He loved me in my guilt and shame . . .*

*Oh, bless the Lord, He's real to me—*

*I'll praise Him through eternity!*

*He purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree;*

*He shed His blood to set me free.*

*He's building a mansion in Glory-land,*

*And will guide me there with His nail-  
pierced hand!*

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# Give Much Time to Prayer!

The fiftieth anniversary (1908-58) of the Church of the Nazarene is a place of beginning—not an ending! It is true, we will pause long enough to gratefully thank God for our heritage and to humbly pray for continuing guidance. But the tragedy of our turbulent world is so great that the times demand ACTION—action of the most dedicated and aggressive sort if we are to justify our existence.

Rushing into battle, however, without adequate preparation can bring embarrassment if not defeat. For that reason, the Anniversary Commission, given the assignment to plan the year of celebration, feels it is vital to begin the new year “on our knees.” The night of December 31 affords an ideal time for our people around the world to join in this *watch-night ser-*

*vice*. There will be time for retrospect, for song and testimony, for Bible reading and quotation, but it is our earnest hope that a generous amount of time may be given for prayer and supplication. We hope this service will be held in every local church (or a group of churches); that it will be a time of personal soul searching as well as a prayer for God's continuing leadership as we pursue our God-appointed task to make disciples among the nations!

In the ancient day it was “the sword of the Lord, and of Gideon.” Let us make sure we are on the Lord's side, then tarry in prayer until we are armed for VICTORY!

—S. T. LUDWIG, *General Church Secretary*.  
(Member of the Golden Anniversary Commission)

## WATCH NIGHT

... in the  
“Land Down Under”

By A. A. E. BERG

District Superintendent, Australia

*Oh, could I speak the matchless worth,  
Oh, could I sound the glories forth  
Which in my Saviour shine,  
I'd soar and touch the heav'nly strings,  
And vie with Gabriel while he sings,  
In notes almost divine.*

With this note of praise watch-night service at the Coorparoo Church of the Nazarene opens. This hymn is a favorite in this church, which has enjoyed a consistent intide of salvation for the past year. Many have found the Lord at the altar of this church and they are present to lend their praises to the Christ who has satisfied the inner longings of their hearts.

*I'd sing the precious blood He spilt,  
My ransom from the dreadful guilt  
Of sin, and wrath divine;  
I'd sing His glorious righteousness,  
In which all perfect, heav'nly dress  
My soul shall ever shine.*

The theme of this service is *The God We Praise*. Numbers will be there who will look back on the past year with gratitude to God for some Nazarene who cared enough to call at their homes and invite them to church, where they found the Saviour at a Nazarene altar. There will be some fine teenagers who have been gloriously saved and have uncompromisingly left the world behind because Christ fully satisfies. There will be older ones who have not long since found Jesus for the first time. There will be those who once opposed and resisted the message of holiness, who are now obviously in the enjoyment of God's sanctifying grace. There will be a young medical student who is capable and blessed, who has put his medical career on the altar to thus obey the Lord's clear call to preach. All of these Nazarene folk enjoy “contagious” religion. They are at this service to look back on the past year with praise to God for

## Join in a Church-wide Watch-night Service

A watch-night service, for the people of God, is second to no other occasion in significance. Could anything be more fitting as the old year wanes and the new one dawns than to praise God for His abounding grace and to pray for a continuance of His mercies in the months ahead? Moreover, can you think of anything more appropriate as the old year dies and the new is born than to meet for worship and Christian fellowship while the world reels in frenzied and unrestrained revelry?

This year the watch-night service is especially meaningful. As 1957 exits and 1958 enters, the first fifty years of the Church of the Nazarene will come to a close and we start toward the centennial. Whether it will be completed before Jesus comes no one knows, but we enter it prepared to serve for as long as God wills, all the while looking for His appearing.

The Golden Anniversary will be a

momentous occasion only if and as we make it so. Let us face it: it can be a human commemoration, a sort of glorying in what has been accomplished in fifty years of effort. Or it can be a time of self-searching, of intensifying our devotion, enriching the spiritual life, increasing our evangelistic efforts, loosening our grasp of earthly things, leaving the shallows, and venturing out into the unfathomable depths of God's love. The watch-night service will be just the right time to start such a spiritual advance.

Will you join in making the watch-night service on December 31 an occasion long to be remembered in your local church and throughout the entire denomination?

M. LUNN, *Manager*

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a Saviour who fully satisfies. They are here to testify to His grace as an up-to-date experience in their hearts.

The pastor brings a message on "Our Praiseworthy Christ." This is to be followed by a session for public testimony, and then all go to prayer asking God for the fires of revival to continue burning in the new year. They will remind Him that the faithful God of 1957 is the faithful God of 1958 and on and on until life shall last, and until that bright morning when His face shall be seen by that sanctified throng. The prayer burden of this church is for revival blessing, and consistent intides of salvation—folk consistently find the Lord, and the goal for the new year (the anniversary year of the Church of the Nazarene)—a new church in a nearby suburb in 1958. They pledge their prayers, they pledge their faith, they pledge their well-planned efforts to bring the gospel to others, in support of the pastor, to help realize the goal of the organization of a new church by the district superintendent in a nearby suburb in 1958.

At midnight all stand for a prayer of consecration to God, and the new year dawns as they sing:

*I'd sing the characters He bears,  
And all the forms of love He wears,  
Exalted on His throne.  
In loftiest songs of sweetest praise,  
I would to everlasting days  
Make all His glories known.*

## WATCH NIGHT

... in "America's  
Industrial Empire"

By **W. M. McGUIRE**

Superintendent, Eastern Michigan District

All Nazarenes are called to prayer as the old year goes out and the new year comes in—as the first half century of our existence as a church comes to a close and we enter the second half century. What a priceless heritage is ours and what a privilege to be called upon to guard that heritage!

Back here on the frontiers, 6,335 Nazarenes of the Eastern Michigan District count it a wonderful



privilege to enter those golden gates into the next half century in step with a praying army 300,000 strong. If "Satan trembles when he sees the weakest saint upon his knees" (and he does), picture his frustration and consternation when he views that watch-night scene.

Three hundred thousand Nazarenes praying their way out of 1957 and into 1958—praying their way out of the first fifty years of our Zion's history and into the second fifty years—praying with armor gleaming and colors streaming that we may have divine power and wisdom as we give direction to the course our church will pursue in future days. Three hundred thousand Nazarenes praying that we may have a clear vision of our responsibility in protecting our heritage—praying that, like a mighty army, we will move forward to set up our banners in the name of the Lord and help win a lost world to the Saviour. To this our task, let every Eastern Michigan Nazarene solemnly vow to give his very best.

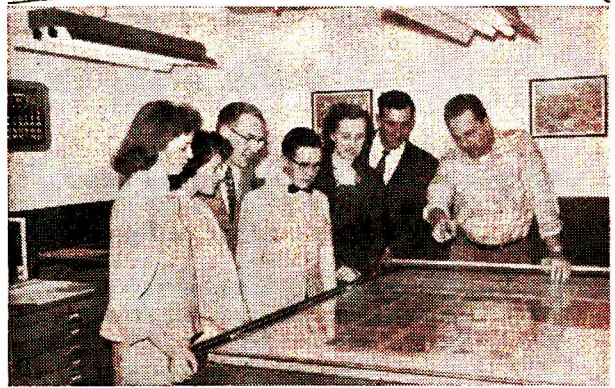
In the eleventh chapter of Hebrews we read of that great army that carried on so valiantly in their day that it was said of them, ". . . of whom the world was not worthy." May the Lord of harvest help us to examine ourselves with the Spirit's aid. In the light of the Holy Word, let us honestly seek to know if we really qualify to stand on that resurrection morning with those noble witnesses of far-off days, "who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, . . . waxed valiant in fight, . . . not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection" (Hebrews 11: 33-35).

*This is our day!* The weight of the responsibility of maintaining the standards of the church and keeping the glory down is resting on us. Are we holding the line? Is this materialistic, money-mad age crippling us any? Is the desire for much learning and to become like the nations round about us having any paralyzing effect on us? Do we love to give and sacrifice to open new churches and centers of live, aggressive evangelism, as we did back there? When our day is done and we have handed the burning torch to our successors, will the spiritual tide be as high as when we accepted the challenge? These are sobering thoughts and matters that we must unitedly bring before the throne of grace in the never-to-be-forgotten watch-night service, only a few short days hence.

Oh, that we might go out from that watch-night service and into the dawn of the new half century as a mighty army of men and women with burning hearts to accomplish great things for God!

*To your knees, Church of the Nazarene! To your knees, if you are to meet the challenge of this our day!*

## NEWS in PICTURE



**N.E. INDIANA "CONQUEST" WINNERS VISIT KANSAS CITY.** They are viewing a lithographic process (described to them by Richard Fields, supervisor of the department) at the Publishing House. The visitors (l. to r.) are Miss Rita Cochran, Van Buren, Indiana; Miss Sharon Kizer, Ossian; Rev. Carl Greek, district N.Y.P.S. vice-president, Berne; Henry Addington, Jr., Winchester; and Rev. and Mrs. Chester Pasko, Ossian.

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## WATCH NIGHT

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. . . on "The  
Canadian Prairies"

**By WARREN E. HOLCOMB**

Pastor, Picture Butte, Alberta

Our village of one thousand population with its surrounding community is known as the heart of the Lethbridge Northern Irrigation District. Picture Butte is also the home of one of the three Canadian sugar factories in southern Alberta. The community is directly dependent upon rural productivity. The people are engaged in mixed farming with a major emphasis upon sugar beet production.

During an annual six-week period in the autumn every available person is recruited for beet harvest. The writer turned his hand at driving a beet-hauling truck after one of our members had a minor accident in his beet-harvesting machine. These people are an interesting and varied group. They include the Orientals, a full round of Europeans, as well as a number of North American Indians. We have learned to love and appreciate all of them.

The 1957 beet harvest was a difficult one. It was a parallel in many ways to harvesting for the Master. Every available worker is needed. The task is sometimes difficult, but it is rewarding.

We are planning for and looking forward to

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# Prayer

## at the New Year

*I pause upon the threshold of the year  
And look to Thee, my Father, for I know  
Thou seest all the future days most clear,  
And only Thou canst lead me as I go.*

*I do not ask to choose my way, or see  
The plan completed, but I ask the strength  
To do my humble service fittingly,  
Full knowing all shall be made plain at length.*

*When storms arise (and well I know they will!)  
I ask that plenteous courage may be mine  
To face the gale, and keep on smiling still,  
Content to trust Thy purposes divine.*

*If disappointments come, or deeper grief  
Such as would sink the spirit to distress,  
Let my complaints be few, my weeping brief,  
And may I yield no place to bitterness.*

*If friends should fail me, yet may I not fail  
To prove myself a loyal friend in need.  
If health depart, may Thy rich grace avail  
To keep me reconciled in word and deed.*

*Not once Thy pow'r hath dimmed, nor ever will!  
So, fearlessly, I face horizons new.  
The hand that led thus far will lead me still—  
The door God opens—will He not guide  
through!*

**By KATHRYN BLACKBURN PECK**

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gleaning some of these rewards during our Golden Anniversary year. Our Anniversary Committee, which is comprised of the leader of each department of the church with the pastor as chairman, is making plans for the watch-night service.

This service will begin at nine-thirty with a lively song service. Each department of the church will have a portion of the evening in which to present our expectant desires for 1958. Skit form as well as other interesting and challenging ways will be used. We will highlight the general and district emphases.

Our Sunday school will give special attention to its depleted area, the young adults. The N.F.M.S. will encourage our men to be more loyal to our missionary work. It will also point up the Memorial Roll. Our N.Y.P.S. is planning to present a certificate written in the form of a bond to every-

one who will participate in helping us raise our 1958 district apportionment. This has been entitled "One Investment—Three Dividends"; one-third for Home Missions, one-third for Youth Camp, and one-third for district N.Y.P.S. expense. Our Junior Society will also be giving some spice and emphasis in this service, probably dealing with what they hope to do, by God's help, in the Church of the Nazarene during the next fifty years.

Our watch-night service will conclude with a communion service and pledge to God and to each other to make this Golden Anniversary year a great year, not for the sake of statistics, but because there is a spiritually hungry world asking to be fed.

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# WATCH NIGHT

... by "The  
Silvery Surf  
of Hawaii"

**By J. B. COOK**

Pastor, Hilo Church, Hawaii

Three booths will be made ready before time for the service to begin—one each for the Sunday school, the N.Y.P.S., and the N.F.M.S. In each booth there will be posters displaying the goals and slogans of the organization it represents. Also, periodicals in each booth will be arranged according to their importance. Further, the chairman of each organization will be in his booth to explain or answer questions.

From 8:00 to 9:00 p.m. the Sunday school will have charge and outline its plans for the year. N.Y.P.S. hour will be from nine to ten, and the N.F.M.S. will direct the program from ten to eleven.

The concluding hour of the watch-night service will be given over to an evangelistic service. After twenty minutes of congregational and special singing, the pastor will bring the message. The service will close with an evangelistic appeal and then a heart-searching time around the altar.

The above program has been planned for our particular group because we want to acquaint our people with all the reading materials published by our church. We have so many races to deal with and sometimes it is hard to explain in an understanding way. Therefore, if we can get them to read and study, they will understand sooner about our plans and operations in the church. God is helping us to reach new people and we are grateful. We are praying that our watch-night service will be a time of real inspiration and uplift for our people. We want above all else that God will have complete control of the service.

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# Report from URUGUAY

## **General Superintendent Williamson**

Missionary work in Uruguay takes on a different character from that in backward countries where poverty and illiteracy are more prevalent. It compares to the work of home missions in the United States, Canada, or Britain. But spiritual need is here none the less. There is a boasted free thinking which amounts to atheism in many instances. Vital Christianity which is witnessed by transformed lives is as scarce here as anywhere. There is no mass movement toward God and the evangelical Christian faith. Progress is gained primarily through carefully cultivated personal contacts. There is no spectacular growth, but as the number of witnesses increases the proportion of progress will also increase.

Yesterday we had a service in Canelones, a town of 12,000 population, about an hour's drive from central Montevideo. Because interest was so little there, Methodists, Seventh-Day Adventists, Mormons, and independent groups had given up the fight. But Brother and Sister Ronald Denton said,

"We have started with no intention to give up. We will work and pray and stay until the Church of the Nazarene is established in Canelones."

We shared their strong faith after our service. The children sang with enthusiasm. Dr. Reza preached with the anointing of the Spirit. When an invitation to come forward for prayer was given, twelve adults responded. Homes were opened for prayer meetings and expressions of faith were encouraging.

At the time of my previous visit in March of 1954, we had one recently organized church and one hall in which preaching services were held. Now we have three churches and as many halls where regular meetings are held. The first church has grown steadily and is now enlarging its building for worship services and Sunday school. It has splendid community contact and growing influence. The newer centers are showing commensurate development.

The missionaries, Dentons, Perkinsons, and Armstrongs, are digging in for permanent bases and they are reaching out as fast as their number and strength will permit. There is victory now and in the future in Uruguay.

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## *"My Grace Is Sufficient for Thee"*

**By ELIZABETH M. HAYES**

A FRIEND WEPT HER WAY TO THE CROSS and Jesus gloriously saved her. It was a joyful moment as this young wife stood at the altar and testified, "Christ saves me just now and I will live for Him, whatever the cost."

It was a wonderful Sunday night service and we all went home rejoicing. But this newborn Christian went home to an unsaved husband. Bubbling over, she told her husband the "good news." Because of his spiritual blindness, he could not understand her new-found joy. He turned back to his television program with a grunt of disapproval.

No one can know the problems and heartaches of such union unless he too has an unsaved partner. There are many of you who have prayed and trusted the Lord for your husband. You have placed him in God's care and have the assurance of his conversion. With God's grace and help you

can live a holy life before him. No, it is not easy but the power of Christ supplies the grace to do so.

A Christian wife has a responsibility to her children. Alone, she must see they are reared in the church. She must take the lead in family devotions. Also, a firm, steady stand for Christ is necessary if her husband is won to the church. "Lord, make me a blessing at home," is her constant prayer. Some find the way too hard and lay down their cross. But, praise God, my friend has been faithful, even in her difficult situation.

So don't give up, even if the burden for your husband seems too much to bear. God is still on His throne. He will answer the prayer of your heart. Remember, the Lord will give grace, each day, to live a Christian life before an unsaved partner. We can have that assurance when the Lord whispers to us, just as He did to Paul, many years ago, "My grace is sufficient for thee."

## Three Hundred Thousand Nazarenes Praying!

This year, our watch-night service opens the gates to 1958, our Golden Anniversary year. At this time I like to think of three hundred thousand Nazarenes praying. If it should be impossible for you to attend a watch-night service, by all means pray where you are. Let's make the army of pray-ers three hundred thousand strong!

### A Church on Its Knees

First, this will mean a church on its knees. Such a posture in prayer especially suggests humility. Of course this posture can be observed without the spirit of humility being present. Nevertheless, standing for prayer, or praying in any other physical position than kneeling, does not so naturally imply humility as does kneeling. This does not mean at all that the use of other postures in prayer (other than kneeling) are out of place; but no other posture in prayer, it seems to me, so readily harmonizes with the spirit of humility. A church on its knees is a church humbling itself. The Word says, "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, . . ." (II Chronicles 7:14). Humility is essential to true praying. Unless we have that attitude which of course is, at last, a heart condition, we cannot get our prayers through to God. The bowed head, as well as the bowed knee, carries with it the thought of humility. This is clearly brought out in Christ's story about the publican and the Pharisee (Luke 18: 9-14). The Pharisee came with his head lifted high, telling God about his goodness. In contrast, the publican "would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven," but cried out, "God be merciful to me a sinner." The former made no progress, while the latter's burden of sin was lifted.

### A Church Confessing Its Need

Three hundred thousand Nazarenes praying suggests a church confessing its need—an honest church, a church which is praying with David, "Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: and see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting" (Psalms 139:23-24). A church which is praying is ready to recognize its shortcomings, its failures, its mistakes; it is a church which is seeking for light and for the courage to walk in that light. Three hundred thousand Nazarenes praying, confessing their need, bowing in honesty and sincerity before God, asking for His help that their lives may increase in power and service for the kingdom of God!

### A Church Facing God

Three hundred thousand Nazarenes praying, in the third place, brings to mind the thought of a church facing God, a holy, all-powerful, and all-wise God. Jacob met God face to face at Peniel (Genesis 32:30), and he was never the same after that. Isaiah saw God high and lifted up and heard the heavenly hosts saying, "Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts." In response, Isaiah said, "Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: . . ." In response to Isaiah's vision of God, and then of himself (for if you see God face to face, very soon you will see yourself face to face), and his confession of his need for cleansing, one

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of the seraphim came with "a live coal . . . taken with the tongs from off the altar," and his lips were purged. This was indicative of a heart which was made free from sin (Isaiah 6:1-7). A revival of seeking for the experience of holiness on the part of our members who do not have the blessing ought to come out of this year's watch-night service: three hundred thousand Nazarenes praying!

### A Church Concerned for a Lost World

Three hundred thousand Nazarenes praying, in the fourth place, suggests a church concerned for a lost world. Jesus saw the multitudes as sheep without a shepherd (Mark 6:34). We must come to the place, through prayer, where we care for those about us who are away from God. God forbid that after this prayer meeting, and through the coming year, there should be those about us who could say with David, "No man cared for my soul" (Psalms 142:4). A praying church will be a church with a passion for lost souls. The Holy Spirit will help the infirmities of such a church in praying with groanings which cannot be uttered (Romans 8:26). There has been too little burden for the unsaved and the un sanctified. God help us as we go to our knees in this watch-night service that we may catch not only a new vision of God but also a new vision of a lost world—men and women everywhere who are on the road to hell and without hope unless Nazarenes get to them. This does not mean that there are not others who are concerned about the lost, but there are some who will never be brought into the Kingdom—some, both at home

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## BE ONE OF THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND NAZARENES

and abroad—unless we as Nazarenes fulfill our mission in the world. Three hundred thousand Nazarenes praying—a church concerned for a lost world!

### **A Church Anointed Anew**

Fifth, three hundred thousand Nazarenes praying will mean a church anointed anew. Those who have had the baptism with the Holy Ghost unto entire sanctification will be given a fresh anointing which will place them within reach of greater achievements for God. Dr. S. D. Gordon has said that “anointing is the power word.” It gives endowment and illumination for more effective Christian service. And all of us, however well we may be saved and sanctified, need a fresh anointing of

me; it prays only in and through you and me. It is humble only in and through you and me. It confesses its need only in and through you and me. It faces God, the holy God, the omniscient God, the omnipotent God, only in and through you and me. It carries a burden for lost souls—those in need around the world—only in and through its members, you and me. It can be a church freshly anointed by the Holy Spirit only as each of us as individual members is freshly anointed. The church is you and me; it is made up of individuals. It isn’t something that floats around in the air, it isn’t something “out there”; it is something in my heart and in your heart, and in the heart of every person who has his or her name on the roll of a Church of the Nazarene.

### **“Just Tell Them a Little White Lie”**

“Just tell them a little white lie.” This was the advice a certain highly respected businessman gave to a woman of my acquaintance recently. According to his suggestion, she was to inform the city authorities that the family she represented had just moved to Kansas City (actually they had lived here for two years). The businessman knew this family was hard pressed for money and the lie might save them several dollars. But the woman immediately told him that she could not do this.

However, the businessman said enough to the woman to let her know that he thought that she was going out of her way to be honest; she was too particular about such matters. After all, it was not really a sin to tell a “white lie,” especially when it was to help someone who was in need. Nevertheless, the man was wrong. There is no such thing as a white lie. Every lie is black and of the devil himself.

Too many people believe that they can commit what they consider little sins and it won’t matter. But they must remember that knowingly breaking the law at all is still breaking the law and makes one guilty before God. Can people depend on what you say? Can people always trust you to tell the truth, even when it is to your disadvantage? Do you refrain from telling what this man called a “white lie”? Are you free from willful prevarications? If not, then your lot will finally be with those who are liars; and, according to the Bible, this will not be a desirable place. The Word says: “But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death” (Rev. 21:8).

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**STEPHEN S. WHITE**

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God’s Spirit as we face the next fifty years. This should be one of the glorious results of our watch-night service.

### **A Victorious Church**

Three hundred thousand Nazarenes praying in humility, confessing their need, facing God in His holiness and power, and concerned for a lost world, who have received through this prayer meeting a fresh anointing by the Spirit himself, will surely become a victorious church. That is what we want above everything else—a victorious church! A church which will move ahead, a church which will do exploits for God, a church which will defeat the devil, a church which will circle the globe with salvation!

Thank God for the victories which He has given us during the past fifty years! But as we are introduced to our fiftieth anniversary year, we must realize that what God has done for us in the past will not guarantee victory in the future. Every day in the next fifty years—if Jesus tarries—will bring its responsibilities and its need for sacrifice and service. We can be a victorious church today and in the future only through what we do today and in the future.

A victorious church—that is the kind of church we will become when there are three hundred thousand Nazarenes really praying. I am talking about three hundred thousand Nazarenes praying, not about the Church of the Nazarene praying. I chose this subject on purpose. The Church of the Nazarene exists only in and through you and

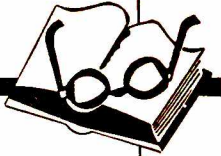
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## **PRAYING FOR A GREATER TOMORROW ON THEIR KNEES**

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## The Sunday School Lesson

MELZA H.  
BROWN



Topic for  
December 29:

### Brothers Through Christ

SCRIPTURE: Philemon (Printed: Philemon, vv. 1-16)

GOLDEN TEXT: *And above all things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness (Colossians 3:14).*

It is indeed fitting that we should close the year's study with a lesson concerning Christian brotherhood. While this letter is personal from Paul to Philemon, yet it includes a number of Christians from various walks of life and in different situations. The great truth of the letter is that in Christ we are all one.

The letter is not long and the first purpose of the sender is that Philemon might receive his returning slave in the right spirit, the spirit of true brotherhood. But many other Christians were mentioned and even the church at Colosse, which met at Philemon's house.

In the beginning of the letter Paul mentions Timothy, a young minister of the gospel; Philemon, a wealthy man of influence; Apphia, an elect lady, perhaps the wife of Philemon; Archippus, a fellow soldier, so evidently one who labored with Paul in the gospel; and the church at Colosse. Then in the close of the letter he speaks of Epaphras, who was also in prison with Paul for the preaching of the gospel; Mark, who at one time Paul thought unworthy of the ministry but later proved valuable; Aristarchus, who journeyed with Paul on his last trip to Jerusalem, a man in whom the church had great confidence; Demas, at this time a companion of Paul but who later forsook him for the love of this world; and Luke, the physician, who traveled with Paul and undoubtedly ministered to his physical needs. All these, along with the slave Onesimus, whom Paul was returning to Philemon, now as a Christian brother, were united in a common faith and a great brotherhood of love. Age, rank, nationality, sex, training, personal characteristics did not interfere with their love for one another. They were united in the bond of Christian love and faith. The letter is a loving appeal to a brother in the Lord in behalf of another brother

in the Lord. Both were beloved of the aged apostle though one was a wealthy property holder and the other a slave. Paul recognizes the justice of restitution, even in the case of a runaway slave returning to his master and lawful owner. Thus he sends Onesimus back with this letter of love.

Onesimus proves his sincere and genuine conversion in his willingness to return, for there was no coercion, as the slave could have gone elsewhere

and Philemon would not have received the letter.

Justice and the careful respect of others' rights are essential to Christian faith. Wherever these are not manifest the profession of Christianity is false.

Love is the bond of perfectness, but love does right!

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### Prayer Request for Nyasaland

We would value your prayers that God will undertake about the granting of a site for a mission station here at Fort Johnston. We have rented a place until we can find a suitable place to locate. We have been to see the district commissioner and he did not seem to think that it will be possible for us to get a site. However, we believe that if God wants us here no man can shut the door. It is vitally important that we get into centers from which we can work during the wet season as well as the dry. Unless we are located on all-weather roads, this is not possible.—JIM AND AGNES GRAHAM, Nyasaland.

### Haiti

The Lord has given some precious outpourings of His Spirit recently. We have prayed for real conviction of sin, and God is answering. In our La Saline church, after one service the chief troublemaker repentantly went to the pastor asking forgiveness and pledging his support and co-operation. A few weeks later when I preached there again one Sunday night, there were twenty-nine at the altar, seven of them men. While we are not satisfied, we do feel that our preachers and churches are making real spiritual progress. Perhaps most significant are the real interest in and hunger for holiness that we have seen developing recently. We appreciate the prayers from home in our behalf.—PAUL ORJALA, Haiti.

### News Flash from Japan

Our second semester at the Seminary has just opened. It is good to be back in the teaching program. Brothers Oye, Seo, McKay, and others, in God's strength, have been doing excellent work. Brother Seo and several of the students are being used of God in the establishing of the new church at Sangengaya.

### REMISS REHFELDT, Secretary

Doris and I feel we are home again and are where God wants us and can use us best. We are grateful that God and the church have allowed us to return to invest our lives here.—HARRISON DAVIS, JR.

### Progress on the Cape

By JOSEPH PENN, Africa

Our Sunday school here among the Capetown Coloured folk is growing well. We are thinking of having classes outside now that the weather is improving. There were thirty-nine present yesterday and forty-one the Sunday before.

We thank the Lord for present victory and pray that He will use us here as He will.

The prayers, the interest, and the support of the church in the homeland are greatly appreciated.

### Revival at the Girls' Hostel

By BERTHA PARKER, Africa

It is truly wonderful what the Lord has done! It all came about so spontaneously! Much prayer had gone up beforehand. We were disappointed that more had not gone to the altar at the special services, and from that time on there was a real burden of prayer on a number here in the hostel. We wanted the Lord to help us in a special way before the term closed.

Some of the girls fasted their noon meal each day for a week. Then on Saturday evening revival came! When we went down to our meeting they were praying hard at their evening prayers. When we came back home they were still praying. So we went on into the dining room with them. The girls were crying and praying and shouting. Some of them were on their feet praying and shouting. We prayed there until two o'clock in the morning. By that time they had prayed through. Then they wanted to testify and their testimonies were wonderful! Their faces shone and they seemed to be out of themselves as

# Servicemen's Corner



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## From Italy:

"It is with pleasure that I am writing these few lines to you. I am writing for Dave, my wife, and of course myself. We are all well and happy and the Lord continues to bless our lives. We owe much of our happiness to you and the Servicemen's Commission for your faithfulness in sending us your literature. May God reward you for such a wonderful service. It is impossible to describe just how much your periodicals have meant to us. However, we know and the Lord knows, so we wish to thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

"We have sent a recording tape along with this letter to personally thank you and to let you know what we are doing. We have had many opportunities to testify for the Lord and to lead souls to Christ. [These three have had a radio program and worked also with our missionaries in Italy.—P. G.] Thank the Lord that we were able to fulfill these services. We're more indebted every day to the Church of the Nazarene, for she has given us this so great salvation. She has nurtured us and taught us to be witnesses wherever we go. Thank the Lord for the Church of the Nazarene and that for which she stands.

"In closing, we would ask an interest in your prayers as we continue to serve our time in the United States Army. Also I need your prayers, as my wife and I shall be leaving very soon. I am planning on returning to a Nazarene college to complete my degree for the ministry. I want

to return to either Eastern Nazarene College or to Olivet Nazarene College. I trust that the Lord shall lead me as I make this decision.—GLEN PROPST, JR."

## From Japan:

"There is a subscription with your office for the youth magazine, *Conquest*, in my name.

"This is to inform you of a change of address, so that future copies of the magazine may be forwarded correctly to me. I am sincerely sorry for being such a bother to you but it would be a grave disappointment to me if I were to miss any copies of your fine magazine. It has been such a fine spiritual guidance and has provided some very fine reading in my spare time. I would like to continue the subscription when I am discharged from the service.—EDWIN A. RHYMER, JR."

## From a Post Pastor:

Rev. Jesse L. Tucker, 823 Maple Court, Hopkinsville, Kentucky, writes:

"I have accepted a call to the church in Hopkinsville, Kentucky, which is near Fort Campbell, and I will be happy to contact any servicemen stationed there at the request of pastors or friends. One serviceman and his family attend every service and others are frequent visitors."

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**NAZARENE SERVICEMEN'S COMMISSION**  
*Ponder W. Gilliland* DIRECTOR

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they spoke. Some said they never knew the Lord could do this for a person, and that they could have such joy. Some said they believed the Lord had brought them here to school just for this night when they could get right with Him. One girl said she felt as though she were in heaven. Confessions were made and

a wonderful spirit came on the hostel.

The next day the spirit carried into the church services. Many more prayed through that day. Most of the girls in the home have prayed through. The revival spread to the girls who work on the station and we trust it will reach all on the station.

This special offering has steadily increased until for the last number of years a check for two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250) has been sent to each country of the "Juniors' Own Missionaries." That means that this offering from the boys and girls has exceeded a thousand dollars each year.

Greetings like these come back from our missionaries: from Nicaragua—"Christmas has come and gone. I wish you could have been here to see the children's faces light up as each received his sack of candy and some small toy. The toy may be a little car or a top. Oh! it may be just a pretty red balloon, but how happy they are to get it! To some children it is the first Christmas present they have received in all their lives. *This is because of the juniors who remember the children in other lands.* Yes, we love and appreciate all the juniors. The little Nicaraguan boys and girls appreciate the juniors remembering them also. We all say a great big *thank you* to all who

*Nazarene Young People's Society* and

*Nazarene Junior Society*

**PONDER W. GILLILAND**  
*Executive Secretary*

## N.J.S. Share in Christmas Giving

Christmas! What myriad of emotions the word brings to our joyous children, to loved ones' minds: happy gatherings and, best of all, the coming of the Christ child! Our high purpose as followers of the Christ child is to bring these Christmas blessings to all who do

not know. The boys and girls of the N.J.S. have accepted this challenge and each year they share their Christmas joys with the national boys and girls of the countries in which the "Juniors' Own Missionaries" are stationed by sending a special offering to these missionaries so they can provide a special gift for each and every national boy and girl.

make the Christmas time a happy time."

Then from Cape Verde comes this note of thanks: "We can't tell you how thrilled we were to get your check from the N.J.S. juniors. If they could only see the faces of the boys and girls here light up with joy when they receive their little gifts, I know that every junior would feel more than repaid for anything that he had given. . . . For most of them the only Christmas they have will be what we can give them, so you can understand how we appreciate the juniors' help. Thank you again." These letters are typical of those received from all the fields.

Perhaps the "Juniors' Own Missionaries" and this special Christmas sharing are not familiar to all our readers. Back in the 1920's under the leadership of Miss Mary Cove it was decided that the juniors be given the responsibility of providing the basic salaries of one missionary couple. Along the years others have been added, so now the following are known as the "Juniors' Own Missionaries":

Rev. and Mrs. Harold Stanfield, Nicaragua

Rev. and Mrs. Harold Hampton, Puerto Rico

Dr. and Mrs. Ira Cox, India

Miss Lydia Wilke, Cape Verde Islands  
Some years later the juniors were given the opportunity to share their Christmas joys with the national boys and girls of these countries by giving a special Christmas offering. This has

proved to be a blessing not only to the nationals but also to our own N.J.S. juniors. No longer are these missionaries some vague, unknown persons but they become real people, loved and respected, as the juniors plan and give and pray for them.

ELIZABETH HODGES

General N.J.S. Director



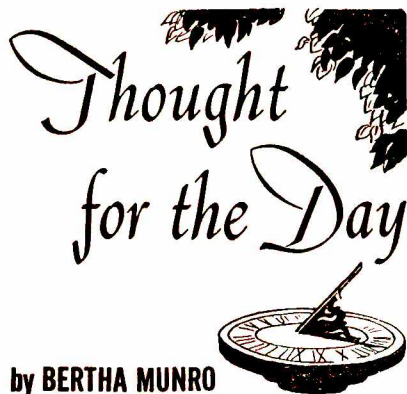
ROY F. SMEE, Secretary

## New Churches

Three new churches have been added to the Canada Central District, Rev. H. Blair Ward, district superintendent. These three churches represent the consummation of a union with us of the Gospel Workers church in Ontario. The Gospel Workers church is a holiness church that began about the same time as the Church of the Nazarene. The union results in the strengthening of the forces of holiness in central Canada.

The property of these churches has been deeded to the Church of the Nazarene.

The three churches were officially received on November 3. At Collingwood, Ontario, Rev. H. V. Muxworthy, pastor, thirty-three members were received by transfer, twenty-nine of these from the Gospel Workers church. At Feversham, Rev. A. E. Petersen, pastor, seventeen members were received from the Gospel Workers church. At Shelburne, thirty-three members were received by transfer, twenty-seven of these from the Gos-



## They Said It for Me

### Monday:

I was feeling "low" that morning. I went to prayer. Soon the pressure was resolving itself into problems clear-cut, yet (it seemed) unsolvable. Definitely, deliberately, finally, believingly, I presented them to the Lord. He took them out of my hands; for one He gave me the beginning of a solution. I rose from my knees with a singing heart and a deep, exultant peace.

And I found myself repeating, as so often before, Browning's true word, "How soon a smile of God can change the world!" Then that other, "We kneel, how weak; we rise, how full of power!"

### Tuesday:

Then I thought of some other sayings that have woven themselves into my philosophy of life.

There is Pope's analysis of the nature of man: "Created half to rise and half to fall." It speaks the wonder of the human personality, with potential to mount to fellowship with God himself or to sink to the depths of sin's cesspool. God thought it worth the risk to make me. What then?

### Wednesday:

He . . . made us with such large discourse [of reason],

Looking before and after, . . .

—Shakespeare.

God gave us the power of purposeful action, determining goals and means of reaching them—in other words, the power of choosing our values. He trusted our good sense. Do we use it?

It is a law of life, that "what we seek we shall in some measure find."

"Bubbles we buy with a whole soul's tasking."—Lowell.

### Thursday:

Wordsworth's "Ode to Duty":

Thou [obedience to God's will] dost preserve the stars from wrong;

And the most ancient heavens, through thee, are fresh and strong.

But "the stars in their courses fought against Sisera."

Obey God's laws as the planets do—beauty, harmony, permanence; disobey—chaos and ruin. Those "eternal laws of God . . . know not change."—Sophocles.

"In His will, our peace."—Dante.

### Friday:

"I had not thought death had undone so many." Dante said it of the souls in his *Inferno*, crowding to their place in hell; T. S. Eliot repeated it of the crowds crossing London Bridge on a busy morning. I think often of the words when I look into the hard, harried faces of a city crowd. Do I see them with Christ's eyes? "Dead in . . . sins"—"Christ died for the ungodly."

### Saturday:

"Thou dravest love from thee, that dravest Me."—Thompson's "Hound of Heaven" overtaking the runaway sinner.

And George Herbert fighting against his call to service:

As I raved and grew more fierce and wild,

Methought I heard one calling, "Child,"

And I replied, "My Lord."

His love melts frozen wills.

### Sunday:

"Glory be to God for dappled things."—G. M. Hopkins. God must love variety; He created such differences in color and taste and shape and size—and personality. He wants me the way I am—purified and refined and transfigured by grace—living to His praise.

And,

At my back I always hear  
Time's winged chariot hurrying near.—A. Marvell.

"I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work" (John 9:4).



## COMING

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pel Workers church, and eight received by profession of faith. There are now four new churches this quadrennium on the Canada Central District.

District Superintendent W. M. McGuire organized the Shiloh Church in Detroit, Michigan, on November 10. Rev. Leslie C. Pettross has been appointed pastor. They are worshipping temporarily in a rented store building. The church was started as a cottage prayer meeting and then a branch Sunday school, with the encouragement of Detroit Bethel Church and Pastor R. C. Johnson. It is the third new church on the Eastern Michigan District this quadrennium.

The Bethel Church in Lufkin, Texas, was organized November 17 by District Superintendent W. Raymond McClung. A large house is now being used for services. Rev. Charlie C. Anderson is acting as supply pastor. There are three new churches on the Houston District since the General Assembly.

District Superintendent Robert I. Goslaw organized a new church in Stamford, Connecticut, on October 26 with 25 charter members. Rev. Joaquin Rodriquez has been appointed pastor. This is a Spanish-speaking congregation and church. They have been meeting for about a year in a third-floor mission hall. The attendance at the main services averages from 60 to 100. They are now endeavoring to buy a church building and parsonage and have over \$2,000 in their building fund. God has blessed this church in an unusual way. It is the second new church on the New York District this quadrennium.

District Superintendent Charles H. Strickland organized a new church at Pietermaritzburg, in Natal, Union of South Africa, on September 30. This is

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# the Question box

Conducted by STEPHEN S. WHITE, Editor

**I can't find the phrase entire sanctification in the Bible; can you?**

I find its equivalent in I Thessalonians 5:23, where Paul says: "And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ." "Sanctify you wholly" could be translated, "Sanctify you en-

tirely." In addition, the verse talks about one's *whole* spirit, soul, and body being preserved blameless—this fits into the thought of entirely or wholly. Also, there are numerous places in the Bible where an inner work of grace is taught which takes one beyond regeneration, or the birth of the Spirit.

**Referring to Mark 16:17-18, are we as Nazarenes to take these verses as they read and believe that they mean just what they say—especially verse 18?**

Here are the words to which you refer: "And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover." I answer your question both yes and no. Yes, in the sense that if in the visible Church, the Church on earth, God in His infinite wisdom should see that any one of these miracles was needed for the best interests of His kingdom, He could and would perform it. For instance, if one of God's children was accidentally bitten by a snake or drank some poison, God could easily intervene and save his life if necessary, even by a miracle, provided such action on His part would be best for the individual and the Church as a whole. This was actually done occasionally in New Testament times and no doubt since then. But this does not mean that God will guarantee to do this promiscuously for you and me. One of the worst sins that can be committed against God is that of presumption. The Psalmist gives us some very serious

words on this subject: "Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me: then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent from the great transgression" (Psalms 19:13). He who tries to perform a miracle just to show that God will do this for him because he is a Christian is treading on dangerous ground. God will not be a party to such action. Moreover, the person who tries such a scheme might find himself committing a presumptuous sin which would not only block God's miraculous activity but also damn the individual's soul. But you say that the Word declares they *shall* do so and so—yes, in the Church as a whole across the years, but not for you under any and all circumstances. Beware of presumptuous sins!

One other word should be said on this subject. Medical science and educational facilities are much more advanced today than they were in New Testament times. This means that natural means for healing and learning are more at hand than they were then. God is not in the habit of doing for us what we can do for ourselves.

**You say that sanctification means cleansing from sin, but what about the use of this word in John 17:19? There Jesus says that He sanctifies himself. Did He need to be cleansed from sin?**

Sanctification means setting apart, or consecration, as well as cleansing from sin. Jesus did not need cleansing from sin. In John 17:19 He is saying that He consecrates himself to go to the

Cross in order that man who needs cleansing from sin, or sanctification in this sense, may come into possession of it.

**What do you think of palm readers, who are scattered all over the country? Is this just a racket? Is it dangerous to go to such people?**

Of course it is dangerous to go to palm readers, fortunetellers of any kind, or spiritualistic mediums. People in this enlightened age ought to know

better. All such deceivers are running a racket just to get easy money. We should not go to any of them even for fun. They are likely to confuse us.

**What is your opinion about paying tithe on money that has been received by inheritance? We do tithe conscientiously on all that we earn before taxes, insurance, etc., are taken out.**

What you do is A-1. But this is not enough. You should also tithe what you have inherited. If I should

fall heir to a certain amount, I would expect to tithe it.

the outgrowth of a branch Sunday school operated for some time by the Durban church and Rev. S. Finnemore. Rev. R. S. T. Smith has been appointed pastor. He and his wife are graduates of Nazarene Bible College of South Africa. Pietermaritzburg is the capital city of Natal Province, with an European population of over 32,000. This is the fifth new church in South Africa since the General Assembly.

A new church was organized at Rialto, on the Southern California District, Rev. Nicholas A. Hull, district superintendent, on October 27. Rev. E. L. Stafford has been appointed pastor. The congregation is meeting in a house. This is the fourth new church on this district this quadrennium.

The Beacon Hill Church was recently organized in Seattle, Washington, by District Superintendent B. V. Seals. It is the fifth new church on the Washington Pacific District for the quadrennium.

District Superintendent E. C. Oney organized a new church at Peterstown, West Virginia, on October 13. It is our first church in Monroe County. Pastors at Princeton, Alderson, and Athens, pastors of the Beckley Zone, pitched a tent and held a home mission campaign that resulted in the new organization. It is the fifth on the West Virginia District since the General Assembly.

### Perkines' Arrival Delayed

Rev. and Mrs. Floyd J. Perkins, whom we reported would arrive in the United States from South Africa for their furlough on November 20, had to cancel their flight reservation and postpone their trip when one of their children contracted measles. Their arrival is now tentatively set for December 4, but if the other children should also catch the measles, they may again be delayed.

## Season's Greetings

*May not only this season, but the entire new year, be aglow with joy and peace as you carry the spirit of Christmas into all of your life.*



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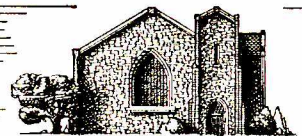
### Sermon Contest Reminder

Cash awards were announced in the October-November issue of the *Nazarene Pastor* for original sermons and sermon outlines on home missions. Pastors, evangelists, district superintendents, please keep this in mind and jot down ideas as they come to you. Then send in one or more entries. Drop a card today for the contest details to the Department of Home Missions, Box 6076, Kansas City 10, Missouri. All sermons and outlines must be in the mail by January 31, 1958.

### Home Mission Specials

December 31 will soon be here and with it the last opportunity to receive income tax credit for contributions during 1957. Those who wish to make such contributions this year should send them in immediately, making the check to the order of John Stockton, treasurer, and designating the purpose. Authorized specials for overseas home mission fields, Chinese and Negro work in the United States, and the General Church Loan Fund provide an opportunity for special gifts to fulfill specific needs.

## NEWS of the Churches



Rev. Norman Howerton writes: "After serving the Kansas City Linden Church [Missouri] for four years, beginning as a branch Sunday school under the sponsorship of the Kansas City North Church and Nazarene Theological Seminary, I have resigned to accept the pastorate of the church at Cimarron, Kansas. At the Linden Church services were held in a store building until the parsonage was purchased and the first unit of the church building built. God has blessed the work. The church now has valuable property, well located in a fast-growing area, and a good group of laymen."

Richmond, Kentucky—First Church is enjoying the blessings of the Lord under the leadership of Rev. Glenn W. Williams, who came to us last June. Brother Williams had bronchial pneumonia a short time ago, but God marvelously touched his body. Several times in the regular services God has come in such power that people shouted and praised God and, without any preaching, seekers came to the altar and were saved. Our fall revival closed on November 10. Rev. and Mrs. Jack Sutherland were the singers, with the pastor doing the preaching under the powerful anointing of the Holy Spirit. The

Sutherlands sang with such blessing that Christians were blessed and sinners convicted. As a result of the weeks of prayer preceding the meeting, God blessed the preaching of Brother Williams, and fifty-three bowed at the altar; twenty-four were saved, six sanctified, and fifteen young married people were included in this number. Some of these returned to be sanctified. We thank God for the number of young people who prayed through to definite victory and shouted and praised God. We had good attendance and God visited us in a mighty way.—*Secretary.*

Gary, Indiana—Glen Park Church set a goal of fifty new members for this assembly year. Evangelist C. T. Corbett and Mr. James Bohi, from Olivet Nazarene College, just closed a revival with more than ninety seekers, and twenty-two people uniting with the church on profession of faith. This was one of the greatest revivals Glen Park ever has had. Rev. U. D. Dibble is in his fourteenth year with this church, and this is proving to be the most outstanding in achievement and victory. The pastor's family have just moved into an almost new parsonage, valued at twenty thousand dollars.—ARTHUR C. MORGAN, *Superintendent of Northwest Indiana District.*

Orlando, Florida—The recent revival at First Church was outstanding. Our people had been fasting and praying in preparation. Evangelist Clyde B. Rodgers was the faithful preacher, and he is also an excellent chalk artist. Attendance was the best we have ever had. On the closing night it seemed that all heaven came down and the long altar was filled; then the front pews of the church began to fill. The spirit of the revival continues, with our services being blessed of the Lord, a shout in the camp, and men and women and young people still finding God week by week. We give God the praise. Orlando is a rapidly growing city, with thousands of people moving into this area. We now have six churches in the greater Orlando area.—J. DONALD FREESE, *Pastor.*

Stratton, Ohio—In November we had a marvelous revival with Evangelists Billy and Helen Smith as the special workers. God certainly met with us, and we were privileged to see 60 precious souls bow at the altar of prayer and pray through to victory. On the closing Sunday morning we had 136 in Sunday school. We greatly appreciated the ministry of these good workers. Billy and Helen Smith, with us.—DOMINICK PROSPERI, *Pastor.*

Erlanger, Kentucky—This has been a wonderful year for our church. Recently we were blessed in having Evangelists Eddie and Ann Burnem as the special workers in a revival. Mrs. Burnem was at her best in leading the singing and in specials; and Brother Burnem's unique presentation of the gospel message endeared him to the people. His preaching is both sane and constructive. Many new contacts were made and souls were helped spiritually. Also we have been privileged to have Evangelists Carl H. Kruse and wife with us. He is a Bible preacher and they work together beautifully to bring blessing to the church. Our church is growing, our people are united, and the presence of the Lord is being manifested in our services. We hope in the near future to erect a new building to adequately house our growing congregation. Our people love and appreciate our good pastors, Rev. and Mrs. Howard Lobb, and the work is going forward under their leadership.—RUBY BLANKENSHIP, *Reporter.*

Rock Island, Illinois—God has been helping First Church during the fall months. In September we had a wonderful week-end meeting with Rev. and Mrs. Roger Williams; on the last Sunday night Dr. D. I. Vanderpool and District Superintendent Eckley came in the interest of home missions and received a fine offering. Also Rev. Charles Alstott, missionary of Haiti, and his son thrilled us with their messages and curios. In October, Miss Mary Scott was with us for a Sunday, and challenged us to do more in the Thanksgiving Offering. October 20 was the annual home-coming day of the church with Rev. C. G. Weathers, a former pastor, as guest speaker; the people greatly appreciated his messages. Rev. and Mrs. Wm. Kelley of Champaign came for the evening young people's service. November 10 to 17, Rev. Arthur C. Morgan, superintendent of Northwest Indiana District, was with us for a revival. As a result of the week of prayer preceding the meeting, God gave wonderful victory. The last Sunday's services saw full altars and some real victories for God and souls. We have a wonderful people. During recent months two of the senior ladies were honored for twenty-five years or

more of faithful service in the church—Mrs. Bessie Brooks and Mrs. William Garrett. We thank God for His blessings and are thrilled at the plans for the Golden Anniversary year.—JESSE W. BROWN, *Pastor.*

Minden, Louisiana—In November our church had a most successful week-end revival with Rev. Eugene Hulsey preaching with the anointing of the Holy Spirit. God came in answer to prayer and gave fourteen definite victories around the altar. We praise God for men like Brother Hulsey, who preach the whole truth. Our people are encouraged, and standing by the district and general program of our church.—RICHARD H. THOMPSON, *Pastor.*

Evangelists Bob and Ida Mae Mickey report: "We are coming to the close of a wonderful year of labor for God and the church. We have conducted twenty-three revival meetings this year, and many souls have found help. God has been near and dear to us, and we praise Him for all His blessings along the way. Our slate is filled for 1958 except for one date. Our home address is 309 Gimmarron Avenue, La Junta, Colorado."



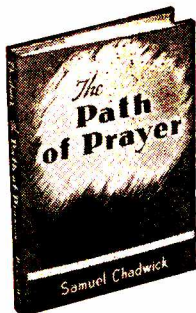
## What About Prohibition?

Pavo, Georgia—In our recent revival we greatly appreciated the wonderful ministry of Rev. H. J. Eason and wife of Savannah. New contacts were made

and the church was blessed and helped. We want the Easons to come back for a longer meeting with us.—E. E. SMITH, *Pastor.*

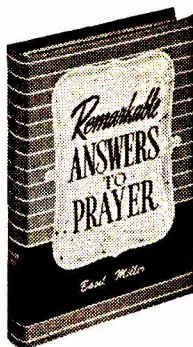
Idabel, Oklahoma—Sunday, November 10, marked the close of one of the most outstanding revivals in our church. Evangelists Alva O. and Gladys Estep preached and sang with the anointing of God. Many people said it was the best revival this church has had in years. Sinners were converted, believers sanctified, and backsliders reclaimed. A nice class of members was received into the church, including a family of seven by profession of faith. Brother Estep illustrates his sermons very effectively by the use of Scene-o-felt pictures (oil paintings on felt, made beautiful by the use of revolving lights). The attendance was good and finances came easily. We look forward to having the Esteps with us again. Our people are united, and the prospects are good as we march forward with God.—E. C. STEGALL, *Pastor.*

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South Lebanon, Ohio—We believe that our twelve-day revival in November with Evangelist E. C. Tarvin was one of the greatest the church ever has experienced. God surely blessed Brother Tarvin's messages, and also the music, directed by our own church talent, Mr. and Mrs. Rogene Wilkerson, who have been a great inspiration to the church. We thank God for His blessings and go forward under the leadership of our good pastor, Rev. Hobert Oney.—*Church Secretary.*

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## Deaths

### REV. ROBERT G. JONES

In the death of Rev. Robert G. Jones, elder of the Southwest Indiana District, and pastor of the Brazil, Indiana, church, the denomination has lost one of its most noble ministers. He died September 29, 1957, at the age of fifty-one years, after a lingering illness of twenty-one months. He met death in triumph and even with a song of praise to God and a prayer for sinners on his lips. He was ordained by Dr. J. B. Chapman in 1934; served as pastor for twenty-one years and as evangelist for seven years. His ministry was characterized by an all-consuming zeal to win men and to extol the Christ. Many ministers and gospel workers received their call and vision under his Christ-centered ministry. He was a noble Christian. He had served the church in various capacities, always with credit and distinction. He was a trustee of Olivet Nazarene College at the time of his death. The wife, Mrs. Myrtle Jones, and daughter, Mary Sue, will continue to live in Brazil. Funeral service was in charge of the district superintendent, with various ministers assisting. A Christian honor guard of twenty-two of Robert's fellow ministers was used while the body lay in state in the church, and the marked presence of the Almighty was blessedly manifest throughout the service.—Leo C. Davis, District Superintendent.

### REV. M. L. GARRETT

Rev. M. L. Garrett, pioneer pastor and evangelist on the Alabama District, died October 8 in a hospital in Jasper, Alabama, at the age of sixty-two. He was converted in Tennessee at the age of thirteen, and the night following his conversion conducted a prayer meeting. He was sanctified under the ministry of Rev. Miss Sylvia Parker, and from that moment until his death the center and circumference of his life was the preaching of the gospel of the Son of God. On November 2, 1914, he was united in marriage to Rev. Miss Sylvia Parker and the two together were instrumental in the organization of more than twenty churches into the Church of the Nazarene. After pastoring in Columbus, Georgia; Lebanon, and Nashville, Tennessee; and First Church, Birmingham, Alabama, they gave seven years to the field of evangelism. When it seemed his health was gone they moved to Panama City, Florida, for him to retire. Instead, they built one of the most beautiful churches and strong organizations of his career. From there they went to Decatur, Alabama, for one year; then, broken in health, but still not retiring, he and his wife were engaged in home mission work in Adamsville, Alabama. He was stricken with his last illness while conducting a revival in the Snoddy Chapel Church of the Nazarene near Jasper. Taken to the hospital, he lingered eleven days and testified with unction and power. He is survived by his wife; one brother, James B.; and two sisters, Mrs. Edna Petty and Mrs. Vona Hicks. Funeral service was conducted in Birmingham First Church (one of the buildings he erected), by Rev. C. E. Shumake, district superintendent, assisted by Rev. Paul J. Stewart, Rev. C. L. Ishee, and Rev. L. Wayne Sears. Burial was in New Prospect Cemetery, near Jasper.

### REV. BERYL L. ELLIS

Beryl Llewelyn Ellis was born in Emmett, Idaho, December 31, 1915, and died August 31, 1957, by accidental drowning, at the age of forty-one years and eight months. He was converted and sanctified in January, 1940, in the Church of the Nazarene—which he chose as his church. He answered God's call to preach some eight years ago, and was ordained an elder at the Nebraska District Assembly in May of 1953. In his ministry he served God faithfully; two years at St. Edward and four years at Hemingford, Nebraska; two years at Wheatland, Wyoming; and six weeks at Yankton, South Dakota, where he was drowned. He is survived by his wife, Evelyn; two sons, Gerald, age twelve, and LeRoy, age sixteen. Funeral service was held at First Church, Emmett, Idaho, conducted by Rev. J. Russell Brown, pastor; Rev. Crawford Vanderpool, district superintendent of South Dakota; and Rev. Austin McNaught, pastor of Boise Emmanuel Church.

### REV. C. L. BRADLEY

Rev. C. L. Bradley, pioneer Nazarene elder on the Michigan District, died October 29, 1957, at the age of ninety-six years. He organized the first Church of the Nazarene in the State of Michigan at Grand Rapids on June 17, 1910; also organized seventeen other Nazarene churches in Michigan, including Detroit First, Flint First, Pontiac First, and Muskegon First. He served as district superintendent of Michigan for several years in the early years of its existence. He was born near Ottawa, Kansas, in 1867. He was given his first minister's license by the United Brethren Church in 1887; he held pastorates in the United Brethren

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# Christmas Meditation

Christmas is usually pictured by artists in a peaceful, serene interpretation—the hillside Annunciation, the manger visitation. What a contrast in the modern observance of this day: unabashed, crass commercialism, brassy loud-speakers blaring strident carols, frantic program preparations, feverish shopping, exhausted salespeople, highway death tolls! The "spirit of Christmas" has departed, and could it be that we "wist it not"?

Forgive us if this approach to a Christmas message seems a bit doleful. Actually it is merely a preface to a Christmas thought that we couldn't repress. Would it not be well for all of us to offer Whittier's prayer? *Forgive our feverish ways, and—*

*Drop Thy still dew of quietness,  
Till all our strivings cease.  
Take from our souls the strain and stress  
And let our ordered lives confess  
The beauty of Thy peace.*

God grant that this Christmas might give impetus to our inherent craving for communion with the Infinite, for contemplation, for serious cultivation of the inner life with God.

This Christmas greeting may be somewhat unconventional but we hope it will not seem inappropriate. We strongly feel that Christmas should be meaningful and encouraging to deeper devotion and more complete commitment to our Saviour, whose birth we are commemorating.

So in keeping with the tenor of our meditation we use the Early Church greeting, so much more significant than the popular "Merry Christmas" of the present.

**"CHRIST IS BORN! GLORIFY HIM!"**

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and Wesleyan Methodist churches. He was leading a group of people which he called the Holiness Band, and to these were added a mission group, led by Rev. A. H. Kaufman, to form the First Church of the Nazarene of Grand Rapids. Members of his family surviving are his wife, Loma; a daughter, Mrs. Willard Clinton, of Grand Rapids; and three sons: Floyd of Grand Rapids, Vern C. of Marne, and Theron of Pontiac. Funeral service was held in Grand Rapids First Church, with Rev. O. L. Maish and Dr. Fletcher Galloway in charge. Neil Morse, soloist, sang "After," written by N. B. Vandall, during a service in which Brother Bradley preached, this song being inspired by the message.

### REV. WALTER E. MELTON

Rev. Walter E. Melton was born in Clay County, Georgia, in 1874 and died in a hospital in Sarasota, Florida, October 31, 1957. He was a member of the Sarasota Church of the Nazarene since retiring from the active ministry. He was married to Ophelia Farr; to this union were born seven children. In 1932, while he was pastoring at Arcadia, Florida, his wife died. In 1943 he married Myrtle Whetsell of Syracuse, New York. Brother Melton pastored more than fifty-one years on the Florida District. His ministry began at Pavo, Georgia; then to Avon Park, Winter Haven, Arcadia, Fort Meyers, Uleta, Homestead, Hialeah, High Springs, Punta Gorda, Sebring, Daytona Beach, and supplied at Brooksville, Florida. He was active as supply pastor almost up to his death. He is survived by his wife, two sons, five daughters, and one stepdaughter. Funeral service was held at the Sarasota church, with Dr. John L. Knight, district superintendent, officiating, assisted by Rev. Wm. Snyder and Rev. R. E. Davison. Six of his minister friends served as pallbearers. In

terment was at Cuthbert, Georgia, with Dr. Knight officiating, assisted by Rev. George Privett and Rev. Roy Gardner.

### REV. CHARLES W. SNYDER

Rev. Charles W. Snyder was born at Lisbon, October 16, 1883, and died at a hospital in Ravenna, Ohio, on October 20, 1957. On October 3, 1906, he was united in marriage to Margaret Evans. In October of 1956 they celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary. He was converted in 1906 at the "Old Mission" at Lisbon, which later became the Church of the Nazarene. He had been a member of the church since 1909, and was ordained as an elder in 1933. He was a radiant and victorious Christian and a great soul winner. He organized the church at Columbiana, Ohio, and helped in the revival which culminated in the organization of the church at Ravenna; he served as pastor of both churches. While traveling through the South, he met a group in Decatur, Alabama, who were interested in a holiness church. He held a two-week meeting and organized a church whose influence has been felt throughout the city. He loved God and His Word. He is survived by his wife, Margaret; a son, Ralph, of Ravenna; three daughters: Mrs. Margaret Flannery of South Carolina, Mrs. Miriam Nichols of Ravenna, and Mrs. Gladys Grady of Gates Mills. Funeral service was held in the Lisbon church with Rev. W. B. Walker officiating, assisted by Rev. James R. Kus and Rev. Frank M. Brickley.

## Announcements

### WEDDING BELLS

Miss Elizabeth Marshall of Steele, Missouri, and Walter Donald Martin of Blytheville, Arkansas, A.F.B., were united in marriage on November 15

at the Nazarene parsonage in Steele, with Rev. R. H. Zumalt, pastor, officiating.

Linda Sue Woolman of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and A/2C John Paul Jonte of Fort Scott, Kansas, were united in marriage on September 27, at the Pennsylvania Avenue Church of the Nazarene in Oklahoma City, with Rev. J. L. Woolman, father of the bride, officiating, assisted by Rev. C. R. Thrasher.

**BORN**—to Rev. and Mrs. Dallas Hudspeth of Benton, Arkansas, a daughter, Vicki Lynn, on November 18.

—to Rev. and Mrs. Marshall Vaughn of Auburn, Illinois, a son, Randall Lee, on November 17.

—to Rev. and Mrs. Joseph D. Biscoe of Newark, Delaware, a daughter, Jolayne Dee, on November 17.

—to Rev. James and Frances (Grandy) Sheckler of Lubbock, Texas, a son, Kenneth James, on November 9.

—to Mr. and Mrs. (Maxine Dawson) Lynwood Van Aken of Springfield, Ohio, a son, Brady Lyn, on October 30.

—to Rev. and Mrs. Arthur L. Kimmyery of Robertsdale, Alabama, a daughter, Rebecca Gladys, on October 28.

—to Mr. and Mrs. (Frances Danner) Eugene L. King of Olivet Nazarene College, Kankakee, Illinois, a daughter, Marilyn Jean, on October 23.

**ADOPTED** by Claude and Clyda Goodwin of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, a daughter, Linda Kaye, on November 1.

**ADOPTED** by Rev. and Mrs. Danford W. Alger of Reseda, California, a daughter, Gail Ann, born October 28.

**SPECIAL PRAYER IS REQUESTED** by a lady in California for a young man now in a mental hospital—a Nazarene boy who refused to go with God, and drink did the damage;

by a friend in Ohio for a revival in their church, and a special unspoken request;

by a reader in Wisconsin for an unspoken request;

a subscriber in Missouri for her husband in a veterans' hospital, that God will save him (he was at one time a Christian) and also heal his body if it is His will—he has asthma and a heart ailment.

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| Akron               | April 30 to May 2   |
| Arizona             | May 14 and 15       |
| Los Angeles         | May 21 to 23        |
| Southern California | May 28 to 30        |
| New Mexico          | June 4 and 5        |
| New York            | July 4 and 5        |
| Maritime            | July 10 and 11      |
| Pittsburgh          | July 24 and 25      |
| Missouri            | August 6 and 7      |
| Dallas              | August 13 and 14    |
| Northwest Indiana   | August 20 and 21    |
| Indianapolis        | August 27 and 28    |
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| Alabama            | May 28 and 29       |
| Northwest          | June 18 and 19      |
| Albany             | July 2 and 3        |
| Central Ohio       | July 16 to 18       |
| Eastern Kentucky   | July 24 and 25      |
| Northwest Oklahoma | July 30 and 31      |
| Wisconsin          | August 7 and 8      |
| Tennessee          | August 20 and 21    |
| Louisiana          | September 3 and 4   |
| Georgia            | September 10 and 11 |
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| Canada Central        | June 12 and 13       |
| New England           | June 18 to 20        |
| North Dakota          | June 25 and 26       |
| Northeastern Indiana  | July 9 to 11         |
| Eastern Michigan      | July 16 and 17       |
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| Virginia              | August 13 and 14     |
| Northwestern Illinois | August 20 and 21     |

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|----------------|---------------------|
| Alaska         |                     |
| Canada Pacific | April 30 and May 1  |
| Abilene        | May 7 to 9          |
| Oregon Pacific | May 21 to 23        |
| Rocky Mountain | June 11 and 12      |
| South Dakota   | June 18 and 19      |
| West Virginia  | July 3 to 5         |
| Colorado       | July 10 and 11      |
| Western Ohio   | July 23 to 25       |
| Illinois       | July 30 and 31      |
| Kentucky       | August 7 and 8      |
| Houston        | August 20 and 21    |
| Joplin         | September 3 and 4   |
| South Arkansas | September 17 and 18 |
| North Arkansas | September 24 and 25 |

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| Northeast Oklahoma  | June 25 and 26      |
| Canada West         | July 9 to 11        |
| Minnesota           | July 16 and 17      |
| Southwest Indiana   | July 30 and 31      |
| Kansas              | August 6 to 8       |
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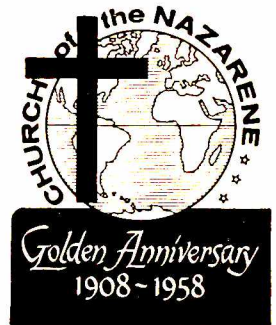
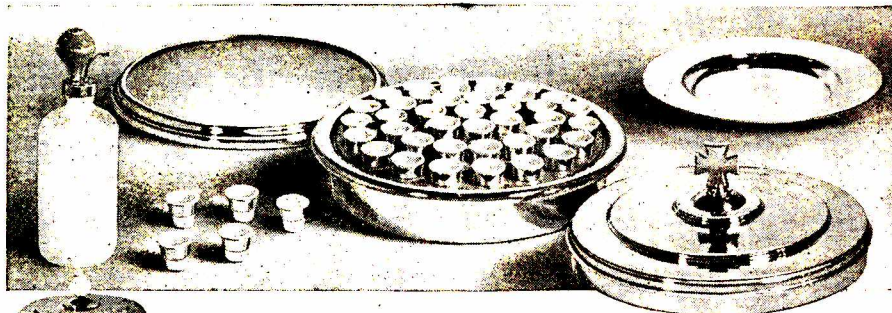
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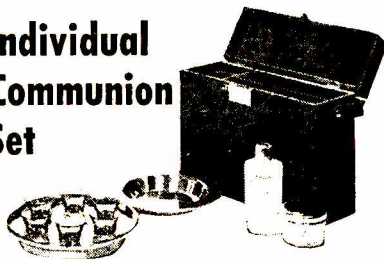
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