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ASPIRATIONS FOR THE NEW YEAR

With bells ringing, horns blowing, and crowds in the streets singing "Auld Lang Syne," the new year will receive its traditional welcome.

Without condemning reasonable and legitimate celebrations of the arrival of the new year, it would seem more appropriate for Christians in general and Nazarenes in particular to give some thought to our moral and spiritual aspirations for 1979.

A Year of Personal Spiritual Enrichment

We live in a materialistic and secular society. Daily we are bombarded with the cheap and passing values of our age. But God has endowed us with inner spiritual capacities which require cultivation and fulfillment. The oft quoted statement of St. Augustine finds an inner response in every life: "Thou hast made us for thyself, and our hearts are restless till they rest in Thee."

Personal spiritual enrichment can begin only by a purposeful renunciation of the selfish, the secular, and the sinful by a diligent search for the spiritual verities of life.

The apostle Peter gives us some plain, blunt words of advice

and challenge: "Make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, love. For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ" (2 Peter 1:5-8, NIV).

Escape from spiritual emptiness, shallowness, and defeat is available to all. Our deepest desire is for a life of exalted fellowship, a more complete understanding of His love and compassion, and a more intimate relationship with Christ through His divine Spirit.

This can be a year of enriching the inner life through prayer and fellowship with Jesus. This can be a year of realization of a more dynamic love for both God and people, and a more complete submission to His divine will in every area of life.

A Year of Spiritual Breakthrough in the Church

Throughout the history of the Christian Church, at significant

occasions, God has seen fit to send a special outpouring of His Spirit upon His people. As a result, the Church has been revived, renewed, and empowered for greater exploits in service and usefulness.

The cry of many of our hearts is voiced by the Psalmist, "Wilt thou not revive us again?" (Psalm 85:6).

We yearn to see the power of God move upon His people. We long for the seasons of refreshing from the presence of God. We cry out for a special visitation of His glorious presence upon the church. Oh, how we would welcome such a spiritual breakthrough this year!

In recent years we have studied, planned, and discussed. We have had conferences, seminars, and training sessions. All of this has been helpful. But the real empowerment can come only by a mighty invasion of God's Spirit upon the church. That kind of visitation from God will convict sinners, transform lives, sanctify believers, and equip saints for service.

What a year 1979 could be! A year of personal spiritual enrichment! A year of spiritual breakthrough in the church! □



by General Superintendent George Coulter

HOROSCOPE

AS BILL WALKED outside the house toward the newspaper lying on the wet lawn, he just could not help wonder about what type of day this was going to be. Picking up the morning edition, Bill quickly turned to the section marked, "Your Horoscope for Today." By the time he had finished reading, he thought to himself, "sounds like today is going to be a good day."

Bill is not much different than the many millions of people who start their day with a regular reading of their horoscope. Bill admits that he has his doubts, but still reads it "just for the fun of it." Yet for others, the horoscope is serious business.

However, for Bill, horoscope reading is something that just happened. He attends church regularly with his wife, works with the teen group, and speaks of a relationship with God. Bill and his wife, Carol, have never heard anyone speak against horoscope reading; at least the minister has failed to mention it.

Horoscope reading, also known as astrology, dates back hundreds of years before the time of Christ. The Old Testament tells of those who work with familiar spirits and tell fortunes. Deuteronomy 18:12 states that such practices are an "abomination unto the Lord."

Despite biblical warnings against forms of worship opposed to God, horoscope reading and related literature is a growing business in the American culture. One newspaper reports that over one million people in their city phone the "Horoscope Hotline" each day. Zodiac signs cover bumper stickers, drinking glasses, key rings, books, posters, and even personalized checks from banks.

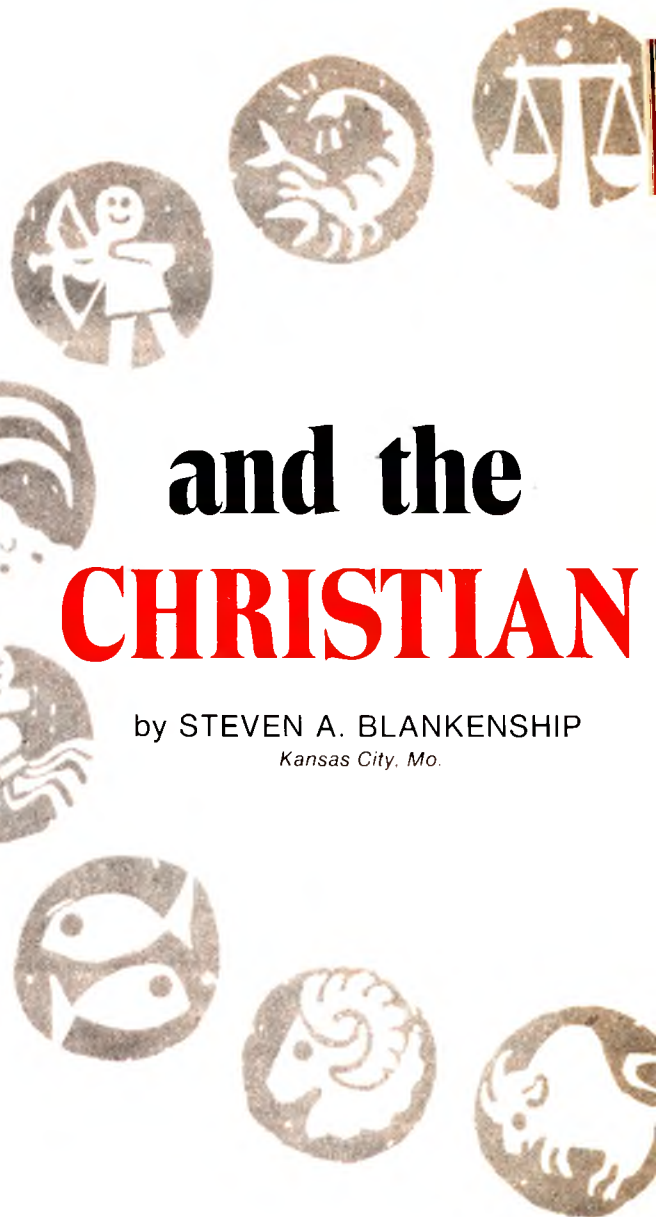
The horoscope attracts because of human curiosity about learning the unknown. One advertisement states, "I read your life like an open book. Tell you all you want to know . . . about love, bad luck, marriage, business, . . . all matters of life."

Reading the horoscope is a real danger to the spiritual life of a Christian and should be avoided. It alters a correct concept of man. If his actions are compelled, or even powerfully impelled, by forces of nature, man is not seen as a free moral agent, and thus not responsible for sins against God.

Horoscope readings are an insult to Almighty God. Those who practice such readings are stating by their actions that God is not almighty. Jesus displayed His power over His own creations numerous times. Jesus proved that there exists no power greater than God and He is still in control. God, when viewed as Creator, is greater than the creations of His own handiwork.

Horoscope reading is a form of personal devotions, yet satanically inspired. When one reads his horoscope, his mind is removed from thoughts of trusting God.

The Christian, in contrast, when found reading the Word of God, sees his need for guidance from God.



and the CHRISTIAN

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His prayer life establishes the fact that God is in control of this world and He has a personal interest in his life.

Any Christian who is presently reading his horoscope needs to stop this practice—NOW! Jesus clearly states, "No man can serve two masters, for he will love one and hate the other."

God demands first place in the heart and life of every believer, for He will not settle for anything less. Christians who are attracted to horoscope readings should take the following steps:

1. When you are tempted to study the horoscope, read your Bible instead. Memorize Scripture and be able to quote it. Jesus defeated Satan by quoting Scripture.

2. Pray daily for strength to combat temptation and tell God you want to trust Him alone for your salvation and daily guidance.

3. Avoid contact with material on horoscopes. Destroy what material you presently have which promotes the subject.

4. Contact your pastor if you need more help. Christianity and astrology are incompatible. "Little children, keep yourselves from idols" (1 John 5:21). □



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WE HAVE an unsatisfiable longing to see tomorrow in advance. The future fascinates us. Will it bring us joy or sorrow? Will it be better or worse than today? We ask these questions, but we cannot answer them. As Solomon said, "Thou knowest not what a day may bring forth" (Proverbs 27:1).

Is our ignorance of the future good or bad for us? Certainly it would not help us to know that crushing sorrow lay ahead.

In his book *Alice Through the Looking Glass*, Louis Carroll relates many events working in reverse. One example is the White Queen's memory that worked both ways. "What sort of things do you remember best?" Alice asked her. "Oh, the things which happened the week after next," the queen replied. Then the queen began to scream like the whistle of a steam engine.

"What's the matter?" Alice asked, "Have you pricked your finger?"

"I haven't pricked it yet," the queen answered, "but I soon shall—oh, oh, oh."

Our ignorance of the future is not crucial, because our future is not in our own hands. It is the concern of One who is wise and loving as well as powerful.

Every Christian can say to God with a Psalmist: "My times are in thy hand" (Psalm 31:15). God knows the happier side of the future. He knows the joys that will yet come to us. He knows what success and prosperity we shall yet receive. He knows the good health we shall yet enjoy. He knows what encouraging events will yet visit us and revitalize our lives.

Thank God, He also knows what adversities are coming to us. He knows the losses, the bereavements, the dark days, the disappointments, the failures before we experience them. God can then prepare us for these events.

In her book *Thou Givest . . . They Gather*, Amy Carmichael states that once she had to prepare a child for a great trial. She knew, though the child did not know, all that was involved. All her love and wisdom were bent on preparing her to stand firm. Every verse she taught the child, every chorus she wrote for her was bent to that plan. Amy Carmichael said she learned more of the heart of God that way than she had ever learned before.

What is more, God can lead the adversities to a happy ending. A Sunday school teacher told me that one day she was teaching the story of Abraham's preparing to sacrifice Isaac. She was telling it as vividly as she could when a little girl interrupted: "Please don't go on; I think that's a horrible story."

At once, another girl answered, "It will be all right, Cheryl. This is one of God's stories and all God's stories come out all right." God's actions as well as His stories lead to the best possible conclusions.

God knows all the future events of our lives, both small and large. This is important, for while we usually trace our lives by the major events, what seems to be trivial happenings often become the turning points of our lives. Heavy doors can swing on tiny hinges.

THE FUTURE IS SURE



H. Armstrong Roberts

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A young man was visiting a strange city for the first time. Being a Christian, he wanted to attend a worship service on Sunday morning. He told one of the hotel guests he was specially interested in visiting a certain church and asked for directions. He set out to follow them.

He looked carefully and found the street, but the church seemed different from what he had expected. However, he went in and listened carefully to a missionary challenge. He knew the Lord was speaking to him and he heeded the challenge. He decided to give up a prosperous business career and enter Bible college.

He had not gone where he expected because his informant had confused the names of two streets that were pronounced similarly. That little mistake brought the man a complete change of vocation.

What sort of person is He who knows our future so well? A tyrant could use his knowledge to crush us. An enemy could use his knowledge to frustrate all our plans. The God who knows our future is our loving Father in heaven.

God uses His unlimited knowledge in perfect wisdom and love. He arranges all our affairs with a wisdom that cannot err and a love that cannot change. So His overruling is full of rich blessing for all His children.

Our Father knows the adversities that will come to us. He plans so that they are part of the "all things"

that "work together for good to them that love God" (Romans 8:28). God knows what will delight our hearts, and prepares joys and surprises that are beyond our dreams. He will teach us how to number our days and to make the best use of them as we seek His guidance.

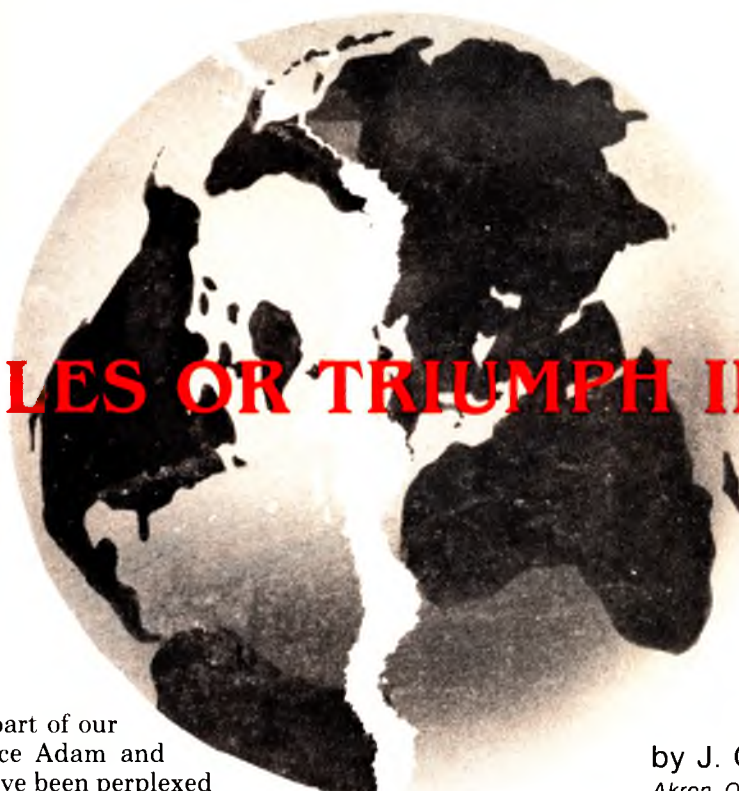
Our times are in God's hand. Our lives, then, are ordered and are not haphazard. We are not children of fickle fortune. We are not helpless victims in the hands of a powerful fate. We are not playthings of chance. Life is not a record of misfortunes or a series of accidents. Every aspect of our lives is within the governing providence of our loving Father.

Usually it is the future which causes us to worry. We do not know what men or circumstances can do against us. We have a cure for that anxiety: recalling the goodness of the God who knows our future. We know that God has all people in His hand, so we need not worry about any of them.

It is our joy to know that God is aware of every detail of our future. He loves us and will do His best for us. He can prevent calamity from coming to us. He can flood our lives with peace and joy.

What does this regulating of our experiences by God mean to us? Adversities will never be too many for us. No trial will be too heavy or sharp for us to bear successfully. God "will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it" (1 Corinthians 10:13). God measures the back before He measures the burden. Then He fits the trial to the back that has to bear it.

Our Father knows next year and us! □



TROUBLES OR TRIUMPH IN 1979

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TROUBLES are a part of our fallen world. Since Adam and Eve sinned, humans have been perplexed with thorns of one sort or another. Take, for instance, my typing the heading and first sentence in this article. In doing so I made three typographical mistakes; to me, that's trouble—right at the outset. But of course it would be nothing in comparison to losing my typing hands in a shredding machine; so in the final sense, troubles are major and troubles are minor.

All in all, our attitudes govern whether we bow down to trouble or rise to triumph when faced with the patchwork quilt of life's circumstances. What will it be for you in 1979? Will it be trouble or triumph?

The apostle Paul refused to be dominated by trouble. According to Colossians 1:24, he wrote: "I rejoice in my sufferings!" And in 1 Thessalonians 5: 16, he wrote again: "Rejoice evermore!" The Mediterranean missionary would determine to know only triumph, no matter what the outer pressures happened to be.

Do you have arthritis? Are unpaid bills staring you in the face? Is your son having difficulty with his grades in school? Do you wonder if you can lose those 15 disturbing pounds? Is there trouble in your new year? How then will you live—to lose or to win, to be conquered or to conquer?

Follow these four steps and see if the new year doesn't turn into a triumphant procession of happenings in your life:

TURN YOUR THOUGHTS TOWARD GOD!

Our family has a Christian friend who lives in Maine. She has multiple sclerosis, lives in a second-

floor flat, and has been deserted by her husband because of her progressing illness. This woman has known the Lord for a number of years, even though she is only in her 40s. She used to live in our community, but a few years ago moved north; so we keep in touch with her by letter. Our household anxiously awaits her notes for, though she is crippled with pain and now can scale the staircase only twice each day, she is forever praising God for His strength in time of weakness, His light in hours of darkness, and His gladness in moments of distress.

When I think of the believer turning his thoughts toward God in order to know practical triumph, I cannot help but think of this sister in the Lord. She is a living witness to the power of the faith-filled attitude that brings the victory even in the most trying of circumstances.

TRUST GOD'S POWER TO SET YOU FREE!

I know a woman who was bound by drug misuse, alcohol, and the nicotine habit. When I first encountered her, her hair was disheveled, her fingernails needed to be cut, her dress was dirty, and the look on her face was scarred with torment of the soul. She related to me in counseling how her mother had beaten her as a child, usually with a limb from a tree that had grown in the backyard. She could not recall ever having been hugged or kissed by her mother or father while growing up. As a young girl she had come in contact with the Church of the Nazarene down South, then wandered away from its influence. On

that particular day, she was again seated in the Church of the Nazarene, this time with me and one of her neighbors.

I continued to meet with this woman and her neighbor over a period of weeks, accenting talk-outs and then prayer at the altar of the sanctuary. I gave her a Bible to read. She was invited to make worship a weekly routine. I am pleased to say that today she has been set free—from drug misuse, alcohol, and smoking. She is a member of the Church of the Nazarene as well as a licensed deaconess. Her time is spent in ministering to people at community convalescent centers, singing in the church choir, helping in Sunday school teaching, and vacation Bible school work. She is active in missionary endeavors, and an avid Bible scholar.

How can it be explained? She triumphed over her troubles by trusting in God's might to release her from the grip of sin. Today she is a walking miracle of divine grace.

TACKLE DEFEAT WITH VICTORY!

Never give in to defeat. If a barricade looms, go around it, dig under it, fly above it. Keep victory as your goal. Make winning your aim. Lock your mind into a positive set. Wrestle with the circumstance until you find the Lord's peace in His will about the matter; then march ahead in confidence to overcome.

Bill Krisher said that "God has never lost a game and has never tied one." God always wins—not always according to our timing or methodology, but in the end, He wins. Trust Him; "this is the victory that overcomes the world, our faith" (1 John 5:4, RSV).

A minister friend of mine was confronting trouble in the congregation. Then he got a call to visit with a neighboring church board to talk about a possible call to become their pastor. After the visit, he himself concluded that he was not to follow through any further with any pastoral change. A little while later, a second church board invited him to visit to discuss the possibility of his becoming their pastor. After the meeting, the church board voted not to call him. The trouble in his own congregation would fluctuate from bad to worse, depending on the attacks of Satan from week to week. Sometimes it seemed as though everything was going under—defeat! The two pastoral-call meetings with the other two churches seemed like ways out, a release from the pressures at home base.

"Now I see that God wants my wife and me to stay put," he related to me one night over the phone. "We were being tested in those two pastoral-call opportunities; but our real job is here where we are. We are not going to run away from the work that needs to be done. We will see it through to God's winning." And so they did. The two of them—a splendid young couple fresh from their biblical schooling—tackled potential defeat with God's victory.

TAKE HOLD OF YOUR INHERITANCE!

If you are a disciple, you are an heir to God's riches in Christ Jesus. You are wealthy in heavenly

A New Year

*I cross the threshold cautiously,
Wondering what lies ahead.
I peer anxiously down time's long corridors,
But they reveal nothing.
They are silent and dim.
There is no indication of what is to be.
But there is no turning back,
Only a going on—into the future,
Into another new year.
As I turn the corners,
I may run head on into
Love and laughter—or disaster and sorrow.
Shall I find joy and happiness?
Or desolation and despair?
No, never despair—not with You as my Guide.
Come, Lord, take my hand and lead me!*

—MABEL P. ADAMSON
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graces. Prayer is yours. The promises in the Scriptures are yours. The assistance of heaven's angels is yours. Heaven is before you with the light of glory. The earth around you belongs to you. Christian friends are your family in the faith. The Church of all ages belongs in your heritage.

John Oxenham, an English businessman and writer, challenged those of his day to take "the high way" of eternity's riches and so experience the heights. He wrote:

*To every man there openeth
A High Way and A Low,
And every man decideth
The way his soul shall go.*

It is up to you. You can crawl in the gutter of discouragement and wail in the lowlands of doubt and self-abasement. Or you can recognize that the redeemed make up the children of the Almighty God and are therefore entitled to their inheritance of all that is glorious, holy and victorious. It is your attitude that will make the difference.

Sure, there will be problems this new year. Some of us will get sick and have to go to the hospital. Others will have strain in their marriages and find difficulties in rearing their children. There will be the ever-present financial pinch (brought on mostly by our own overspending). So expect the negatives this year. But you do not have to bow down before them. You can overcome them, if you will to do so, by experiencing TRIUMPH OVER TROUBLES in the infilling power from the Spirit.

Happy New Year—and a holy one, too. □



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IF YOU SHOULD interview a number of people at any church meeting or convention and ask each the question, "What do you mean by the term *holiness*," nearly every answer would be somewhat different. Therefore, any answer I could give you would most likely be different from others and possibly inadequate. Perhaps it would be wise for us to look into the Word of God for our answer to this question.

God said to the nation of Israel, "Ye shall be holy: for I the Lord your God am holy" (Leviticus 19:2). Simply paraphrased, God is saying, "I want you to be like I am; I want you to pattern your moral character after My moral character. I am pure, clean and righteous; and I want you also to be pure, clean and righteous in moral character."

It would seem then, that holiness is likeness to the moral character of God. Much of the Old Testament account gives evidence that God is leading His people to be more and more like himself. The Law, given by God through Moses, was not based upon God's desire to regulate His people; but the Law was given for the obvious purpose of bringing God's people into a state of holiness.

In the New Testament, the apostle Peter, in his first letter to the Church, referred to the command of God in Leviticus saying, "But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy" (1 Peter 1:15-16). In this passage the apostle is more explicit as to what is meant by being "holy as God is holy." It is already understood that God is inwardly and spiritually clean and holy; and that He wants us also to be in-



THE MEANING OF HOLINESS

wardly and spiritually clean and holy. Adding to this, the apostle is saying that our inward holiness is to stream out into every facet of our lives until we are holy in all manner of living.

Here it is revealed to us that God is not only holy and pure in nature, but He is also holy, pure, and righteous in all activities and actions. He is holy in all manner of living, and calls us to be holy to the same extent.

The apostle Paul spoke of holiness in 1 Thessalonians 5:23, giv-

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ing us still further insight into its meaning. He prayed, "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." "Wholly" means "through and through."

This concept of being sanctified or made holy through and through might be illustrated by a breakfast of hotcakes, butter, and honey down at the Pancake House. The

melted butter and honey sinks deep into the hotcakes until they are saturated through and through with perfect delight to one's taste-buds. The honey so possesses the hotcakes that there is not even a morsel left untouched by the sweetness. So holiness is to leave no part of our being untouched.

The apostle Paul adds still another dimension to the concept of holiness—that of being "preserved blameless." Paul adds this concept within the context of one's being "sanctified through and through"; thus this is not an arbitrary action on the part of God, to keep us in spite of our attitudes or moral character; but we are preserved or kept blameless because we are cleansed and made holy through and through. It is the inward purity and outward alignment with the moral character of God that stabilizes and keeps the sanctified.

The short statement, "And Enoch walked with God . . .," recorded in Genesis 5:24, beautifully illustrates what is involved in holiness. Here is the picture of a man with a pure heart surrendered and committed to God, moving along in step with God. This harmony of man and God is *holiness* as the Bible defines it. □



WORRY and Its CURE

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bles, so that we shall not borrow the troubles of tomorrow. Save us from the sin of worrying, lest stomach ulcers be the badge of our lack of faith. Amen."

We are told in the sacred Word, "Fret not thyself" (Psalm 37:1). Now take a glimpse at four significant words in this psalm:

"Trust in the Lord" (v.3).

"Delight thyself also in the Lord" (v.4).

"Commit thy way unto the Lord" (v.5).

"Rest in the Lord" (v.7).

If you will *trust* in the Lord and *delight* in Him, and completely *commit* yourself unto Him, and *rest* and wait patiently, you will find His grace sufficient. You will prosper in grace and live triumphantly no matter what comes your way.

When St. Paul thrice prayed for a removal of his thorn in the flesh, the Lord answered him, "My grace is sufficient for thee" (2 Corinthians 12:9). That same faith can be yours today and always. God's wonderful grace will meet your need. □

THERE IS a difference between worry and tension. We are human beings where tensions function normally, as when the home is in flames and a baby is sleeping upstairs; or when a careless driver under the influence of liquor and driving the opposite way, moves into your lane. Here is real nervous tension. This is human. But worry is an entirely different matter. It frequently involves one's spiritual state.

A highly regarded psychiatrist said: "75 percent of all the mental and psychological problems in North America have a spiritual or religious basis." Religion and psychology are urged to join hands to help the multitudes of those who suffer and need help.

Many people compound their problems by worry and exist in a very depressed state. A panel of eminent psychologists recently conducted a survey on worry and found the following:

- 40 percent of things people worry about never happen.
- 30 percent has to do with events that have already happened.
- 12 percent has to do with health status.
- 10 percent relates to trivia.
- 8 percent concerns religious items.

In other words, 92 percent, if viewed correctly, is absolutely unnecessary and downright foolish. But some people have three kinds of trouble all at once, "All they have now, all they have had, and all they ever expect to have." And they live day by day in a very depressed atmosphere, existing as worrywarts.

Poor souls! No wonder they have stomach ulcers or other physical ailments! Dr. Charles Mayo declares, "Worry affects the circulation, the heart, the glands, the whole nervous system, and profoundly affects the health."

Chronic and excessive worry can cause needless suffering, pain, and physical distress, and also serious spiritual difficulties. Why worry about the last 8 percent—the religious items? It is not at all necessary. "Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall sustain thee: he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved" (Psalm 55:22).

There is a cure for worry. We can be saved from this state of near-atheism. It displeases God. It is a mark of little, if any, genuine faith in God and His holy Word. Peter Marshall prayed, "Help us to do our best this day and be content with today's trou-

NO TIME TO WASTE

*Not too much time
Remaining, Lord,
So let me use it well;
Not wasting minutes,
Hours—days;
But may my moments tell
For Thee, that I may truly have
A good account to give
For every year
On this bright earth
That You have let me live!*

—ALICE HANSCH MORTENSON
Racine, Wis.



GOD TAKES CARE OF US

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I attended college after I was married. For two years I had a room in the dormitory and returned home weekends. At the beginning of my junior year, how-

ever, because of crowded dormitories, a new ruling was made which prohibited married women from staying in dormitories.

In the fall before college began, I searched the college town unsuccessfully for a room. In desperation I finally rented an unattractive room in the attic of a three-story house. The attic was unheated; the rest of the house was heated by wood-burning stoves; and an elderly woman lived in the house alone.

When my husband saw the attic room I had found, he was worried. A long, winding stairway led from a dark corridor to the elderly woman's apartment, and a very steep, narrow stairway went up from her living room to the attic. If the house ever caught on fire due to overheated stoves in the living room, he sensibly pointed out, a person would be trapped in the attic with absolutely no escape. He had to be out of town for two months but he made me promise to purchase a long rope and to keep it tied to the foot of the bed near the window. He told me the length I would need to let me down three stories to the street and the heavy kind of rope to purchase.

Two days before college opened, I went to the house armed with buckets, soap, a mop and a broom. It was a discouraging task. I opened the door to the other attic room and found a dusty, cobwebbed jungle of discarded junk and ancient relics. My room con-

JUST BETWEEN US

tained just rickety bedroom furniture but it, too, was dusty and had its share of cobwebs. All day I cleaned and scrubbed and became increasingly more depressed with that spooky, miserable attic room. About supper time I realized I hadn't eaten, and neither had I purchased the rope. I walked down to the small village to do both.

In a hardware store I purchased the incredibly long rope. The clerk did not wrap it; he simply coiled it up and slipped it over my arm. I trudged toward a small restaurant, barely able to hold back my tears

of discouragement and frustration. I was exhausted, in a strange town, faced with a distressing problem, and my husband was not there to comfort me.

I entered the restaurant and sat down at the counter. I gasped when I saw the man sitting on the stool beside me. He was a dependable Nazarene from my hometown and a close family friend. I was so glad to see him that I almost shook his hand off his wrist!

With tears I began spilling out my bottled-up grief. With my words tumbling over one another I told him about the cold attic room, the filled dormitories, and my exhaustion from trying to clean the room. He listened patiently and all the time his eyes were riveted to that big coil of rope around my arm.

When I paused finally for a quick breath, he gestured with his head toward the rope and said quietly, "Well, Dot, I don't think things are quite *that* bad!"

I glanced down at the forgotten rope over my arm and realized what a wild picture I made. I had not explained the reason for the rope. Probably he thought I was searching for a tree with a strong limb.

I burst out laughing and explained about the fire hazard. I ordered my supper and in his gentle, firm, reasonable way he talked to me.

He said, "You walk right up to that campus and ask for the president of the college. You tell him that you are a citizen, you pay taxes, and you have rights, too. Tell him your impossible situation and insist on a room. Do not take no for an answer."

After supper I climbed the hill and rang the ornate doorbell on the imposing house of the college presi-

HAPPY NEW YEAR

*The Old Year is dead, the New Year now comes
Out of the womb of past millenniums . . .*

*I hear it echo down long vestibules,
Calling to saints and the young pleasure-fools.*

*This be the year of the new miracles . . .
With faith that soars like the white ocean gulls.*

*Orchards will blush with their rich nectared fruits,
Old fig trees will drink from long, deeper roots.*

*Cornfields will laugh and poor beggars will feed
On Canaan's sweet bread, not the bitterweed.*

*This be the year of the new Advocate . . .
When Christ will purge the affairs of the state.*

*This be the year of the fresh poured-out oil
And fat clustered grapes from hard, stubborn soil.*

*This be the year of the brave Joshuas
And weary prodigals' homecoming days . . .*

*Meat on the table and sweet vineyard wine,
The past forgiven, forgotten the swine.*

*This be the year of the deep inward calm,
The Shepherd-led child and Gilead's Balm.*

*This year, perhaps, He will gather His bride . . .
Come, Equestrian-King, mount up and ride!*

—CHARLES HASTINGS SMITH
Bethany, Okla.

dent. Fortified with Floyd's courage and sound advice, I insisted on and got a room in the dormitory. It was a secular college, but I was assigned a room with a single, born-again Christian woman about my age who had arrived on campus that day.

Later the house with the attic room burned to the ground. Anyone sleeping in that room on the top floor would have burned to death.

Was it coincidence that Floyd Webber—in whose advice I had confidence—happened into a restaurant at suppertime in a college town at the exact moment

I walked in with a coil of rope? No, it wasn't coincidence. It was timing. God's timing. And concern. God's concern. I realize God could have prevented the house from burning. But I also know He worked matters out to enable me to get a dormitory room when it was against regulations. I was happy in the dormitory room, enjoyed my Christian roommate, and college life was easier for me because of it.

God does take care of us.

"Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you" (1 Peter 5:7). □

LOOKING INTO THE FUTURE

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We are all in the process of becoming, as long as we are alive and growing. The question, however, is: "Becoming what?" Paul tells us that there is an

objective toward which we should all strive in our personal lives. Romans 5:2 reads: "For because of our faith, he has brought us into this place of highest privilege where we now stand, and we confidently and joyfully look forward to actually becoming all that God has had in mind for us to be" (TLB).

Did you ever realize that God had "something in mind for us to be"? Do you know that He provides opportunities and circumstances and providences that will actually lead you there, if you are completely sensitive to His leadings?

What does God have in mind for us? Perhaps it could be compactly digested into the concept of "completeness in Christ." Our lives are truly deprived until they find that completeness in Him—until through the filling of the Holy Spirit we are once again restored "in the image of God."

In a sense, that's what we are talking about in "becoming a whole person." First, the word "becoming" suggests that it is a process. This process may include occasional crises, but it moves on inevitably to a consummation. That consummation comes for

us earthlings only as we move from time into eternity. But it is glorious to think that such "becoming" may be expanded throughout eternity as we continue "growing" in His presence toward the fully created potential of our person.

Right now, we are mainly concerned about "becoming" as it is related to our life here and now. As a steward over my life, I want to guide the direction of my life under God so that I might become a whole person. Whether I take any control or not, I'm going to become something—why not "what God has in mind for me to be"?

The implication for our study is that we should guide the process in our own lives so that we might become as integrated and disciplined and "directed" a person as possible, so that all facets of our life might contribute to one "whole."

From another perspective, "becoming a whole person" may be nothing more or less than realizing our potential as human beings—reaching a satisfactory level of self-fulfillment. In this way, as Christians we are not only happy with the outcome but we are also moving towards God's ultimate plan for us—and that is good.

POINT TO PONDER: Do I feel that I am moving towards God's ultimate plan for my life? □



Becoming a Whole Person

THE BERLIN WALL is a mute, death-sealed symbol of the Iron Curtain that separates East and West. Cold and forbidding in its cement mass and chilling guard towers, it has not deterred some from paying the final price in a desperate bid for liberty.

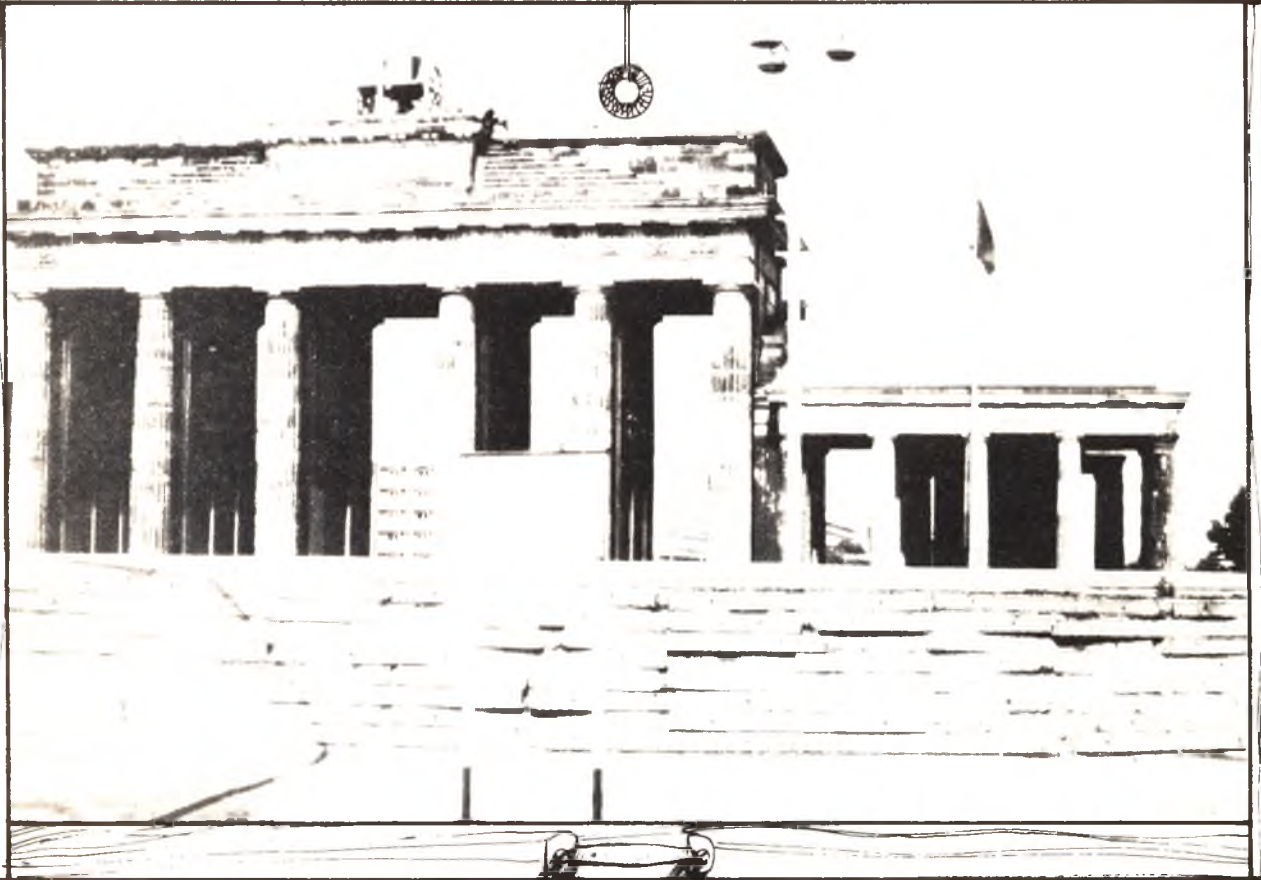
We live in a divided world of "curtains" that have become part of thought and speech. The "Bamboo" curtain replaces the historic Wall of China, but has the same intent: to insulate and isolate from non-communist ideals and ideas. There are "religious" curtains in countries that have decreed a non-Christian creed and church as an exclusive national faith. "Sectarian and ethnic" curtains create self-chosen theological and racial ghettos.

These are but illustrations on the world stage of the lengths to which men will go to hide their true selves, and to hide from one another. Apart from revealing moments of intense emotional shock, almost everyone lives behind a curtain. "You have to live with a person to really know him," is virtually accepted as gospel truth. It is only partly true. In the fullest sense only God knows the human heart, discerning its thoughts and intents. Even living with a person permits only a knowledge of what is revealed, or sensed by love's instinct. Final knowledge of any person is disclosed only by the Word and Spirit of God.

Hence, there is a sense in which *no man should judge another*. "Judge not," said Jesus, lest in a critical exercise of judgment, an imperfect knowledge of motives and circumstances should rebound upon one's own conduct in

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Curtains



an unworthy hour. No man has eyes as a flame of fire. Neither should we sit in self-judgment to the extent of introspective misery or intellectual pride.

"I judge not myself," Paul testified, wisely; for no one can judge and jury of his own soul and spiritual state. God has ordained the inner witness of the Spirit, and the outward fruit of life, to combine with sanctified common sense and the arbiter of His peace, to save from pessimism or presumption.

Yet self-knowledge and sober judgment have an important place in true well-being. "If we judge ourselves, we shall not be judged," was Paul's counsel to Christian communicants. We are to seek, in humble, healthy self-examination at the Lord's Supper, the same sanctified estimate of oneself that Jesus expressed in His priestly prayer at the Last Supper. "Let a man examine himself," the apostle urged, giving personal focus to his general exhortation to the Corinthians. "Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith" (and the faith in you?). Remembering the Lord's death, and anticipating the Second Coming, the Christian examines himself as the child of a loving Father and a member of a committed fellowship—not as a fearful criminal before a harsh judge.

There are *biblical guiding principles* for enlightened self-psychiatry; for a humble, honest estimate of heart and life.

What is the heart's chief treasure, its supreme desire? For where one's treasure is, there will the heart be also. What do we think about most when the mind is not absorbed in essential claims upon its attention, for as a man thinketh in his heart, so is he. The laboratory of the heart and the planning department of the mind indicate the true self—the "Walter Mitty" behind all appearance, reputation, and curtains.

Whose company do we choose, and enjoy? "Being let go they [the apostles] returned to their own company." "My ain folk," loved and sought, are an index of the inward man, the hidden self. A man is known (and made) by the company he keeps. In the realm of relationship, whom do I admire most? Who are the secret or acclaimed heroes and heroines of the soul? Who are they who draw out my aspirations and consciously, or subconsciously, inspire me to be like them? Admiration must influence attitudes and activities.

The use of money, investment of leisure, and subjects of humour and laughter are a trinity that teach self-knowledge. Jesus, as in all things, is our example here. He taught that wise stewardship, the re-creative use of rare "breaks," and laughter that lightens care and lights truth to the minds of others, reveal a true, full man, spiritual and sensible.

The wishful prayer of Robert Burns is popular, but perilous:

*Oh wad some power the giftie gie us
To see oursels as others see us!*

In his heart of hearts Burns knew he needed greater enlightenment than faithful friends or critics could give him. They could misjudge.

Mercifully, the perfect, eternal knowledge of God—who knows every being everywhere, in every phase and situation of existence and experience—is ministered to me in the measure my heart needs and can bear: To the conscience a knowledge of sin that creates longing for cleansing; to the heart an awareness of self and the Savior that constrains to consecration; in the responsibilities and relationships of life, a knowledge that makes the Holy Spirit's partnership indispensable in the inward world of personality, and the outer world of living.

George Bernard Shaw's random tour of life has been cleverly portrayed in a one-man presentation, "My Astonishing Self." The Spirit of God, through the Word of

God, brings to "My Astonished Self" the redeeming love and life of Jesus Christ in His perfect human self and perfect divine self—my Lord and my God!—Who knoweth me altogether. □

Book Briefs



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TRUTH FOR TODAY

Truth does not change. The human understanding of it may alter with growth to maturity. Nevertheless the truth of yesterday is truth for today.

Every day is "The Time for Truth." Light is truth made personal. As light is obeyed, truth becomes conformity to reality. It is a plumb line by which defects in character and practice are discovered and corrected. It is truth that the Holy Spirit uses to probe the conscience, enlighten the intellect, arouse the emotions, and move the will to action.

Those who read *Truth for Today* with open mind and yearning heart will come to the end of the year with notable growth toward Christlikeness.

The title of this volume is an accurate foretaste of the content. There is spiritual nourishment for every day. Each message is an antidote for mental apathy and soul starvation. In a few minutes the devout reader will set the tone for Christian living for his entire day.

No name could add more to the appreciation and quality of these meditations than that of Dean Emeritus Bertha Munro. Her long life has been spent in company with the authors of great literature and her familiarity with their works has conditioned her mind and spirit to think great thoughts, reach for lofty heights, and strive for excellence in spiritual experience. *Truth for Today* is a revelation of her intellectual acumen and her attainment in the things of the Spirit. □



by **Bertha Munro**
Beacon Hill Press of Kansas City

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COUNT SHEEP OR SING A SONG

by HUGH H. GORMAN
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IT WAS JANUARY, 1935 . . . Revival was in the air. Even though it was a typical Canadian winter with the temperature dipping well below zero, a time when people are generally content to stay home at night, the little Orange Hall in Melfort, Saskatchewan, was filled to capacity every night. The Nazarenes had come to town and were engaged in a prolonged revival campaign, from which they were planning to start a home mission church.

From the opening service, God had set His seal upon the endeavour, and His presence and blessing attended every service. The district leaders were thrilled, for souls were being saved; backsliders were being wonderfully restored; and God's own people were entering into their inheritance and trusting God to sanctify them wholly by the mighty baptism with the Holy Ghost and fire.

The special speaker was a fiery young evangelist from Calgary named Edward Lawlor. People who attended the meetings for the first time were so blessed and helped by his Spirit-appointed ministry that they could not keep it to themselves; they just had to tell their friends and neighbors about the preacher and the great services. People began pointing out the evangelist as he walked in the streets of Melfort. "That's Rev. Lawlor who is preaching at the revival meetings in the Orange Hall."

One of the people who heard about Edward Lawlor and the revival meetings was a widow, Mrs. Edith Costella. She was one of the most respected members in the community and a faithful worshiper at the leading established church in town. As long as she could remember, she had always wanted to know more about Christ and His way of life. While the revival was going on she made up her mind she would go and hear the young preacher from Alberta, whom so many people were talking about.

Mrs. Costella would never forget the night she walked into the service in the Orange Hall. "I had never been in a meeting like it in all my life," she testified. "The singing was just wonderful. And the preaching of Mr. Lawlor was just out of this world. I had gone to church all my life, and never before, until that night, did I hear that I needed to be born again. That night I got rid of all my sin, found forgiveness, and bless God, I received Jesus Christ as my own personal Savior. Oh, He has been so precious to me all these years."

That night, Mrs. Costella was so thrilled with the singing, the preaching, the fellowship, and what happened in her life, that she decided, "The Church of the Nazarene is going to be my church, and these people are going to be my people, from this night on."

A short time later, when the church was organized in Melfort, she was happy to receive the right hand of fellowship from the pastor, Rev. Alex B. Patterson, as she, with the other charter members, joined the Melfort Church of the Nazarene.

Mrs. Costella took it seriously when she vowed that she would "be faithful to all the means of grace,"

LET ME BE ALIVE

*Let me be alive,
appreciate life and the living,
realize the truth
that joy's found in giving.
Giving of time,
of self, and of love,
with my feet planted on earth
and my sights set above.
May I be vulnerable,
reaching and reachable.
Keep me learning and laughing,
and growing and teachable.
Help me affirm
my brother's real worth.
Keep my sensitive and loving
during my days on this earth.
May I see good and
a purpose for each day,
all the while trusting
You'll guide my way.
Take my year,
my life, my hand.
Show me fulfillment
as I follow Your plan.*

—ELAINE WRIGHT COLVIN
Boise, Ida.

for she was at every meeting in the church until old age and illness prevented her. In her later years she would take her stand beside the pastor after every service and shake hands with all the worshipers as they left the sanctuary. When she was unable to do this, she was sadly missed.

In Melfort—in the town, at the Pioneer Lodge, in Nirvana Pioneer Villa, and in the Melfort Union Hospital—Mrs. Costella left a glowing testimony of her love for people and her personal devotion to Jesus Christ. Near the end of her earthly life, when she was well past her 90th birthday, even though she was crippled with arthritis, almost blind, hard of hearing, and with other physical complications, she was still bright for the Lord, and always eager to tell people about her Jesus. Her greatest desire was to see other people come to know and love the Savior.

Her last days on earth were spent in the Melfort Union Hospital where she suffered patiently until the Lord came to take her home. One night she was very restless and could not sleep. The night nurse saw this and asked her, "What's the matter, Mrs. Costella, can't you sleep?"

"No," replied Mrs. Costella.

"Why don't you try counting sheep?" advised the nurse.

"I'll not be counting sheep," Mrs. Costella assured the nurse as she left the room.

Continuing on her rounds, the nurse could hear Mrs. Costella start to sing softly:

*Amazing grace! how sweet the sound!
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now I'm found;
Was blind, but now I see.*

When she passed the room a few minutes later, Mrs. Costella was singing the closing verse:

*When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright, shining as the sun,
We've no less day to sing God's praise
Than when we first begun.*

A short time later, Mrs. Costella closed her eyes peacefully to open them in the land of eternal day. Her sight was fully restored. . . . Her hearing was perfect. . . . All her sickness was gone. . . . She was present with the Lord.

Dr. Edward Lawlor was not allowed to forget the great revival meetings in the Melfort Orange Hall, or the conversion of Mrs. Edith Costella. Every year on the anniversary of her new birth, she sent greetings to Dr. Lawlor, and thanked him for bringing the message of full and free salvation to the town of Melfort.

Last year, for the first time in 40 years, Dr. Lawlor did not receive a letter from Mrs. Costella. "I had the feeling," said Dr. Lawlor, "that Mrs. Costella must have gone to the eternal world when I did not hear from her this year." □

PEN POINTS



Many will say my problem was physical and not spiritual, but having lived it I know that my spiritual life and the Christian witness I presented to the world were affected. You see, Christians are supposed to have self-control and there was an area in my life where I had none.

For 14 years I had been greatly overweight. In fact I was carrying around 135 extra pounds. I had tried many times to lose weight but just couldn't do it.

On the last Friday in January of 1976 I was very sick with kidney trouble. My doctor also said I was starting to have a problem with high blood pressure. He didn't say anything about my weight because he'd talked to me about it for years.

It dawned on me that day that I was eating myself to death. I went home, knelt in prayer, and turned my problem over to God. I told Him I couldn't do what I had to do by myself and to please help me and show me how.

The very next day I saw an ad in our local paper for the Conway Diet Institute. I had never even heard of it before. I called the lady in charge of it and she explained that there were weekly seminars and a well-balanced diet to follow.

Next I prayed to God that if this was His way for me to please let our tax refund come back on Monday so I would

Spiritual Gain Through

Weight Loss

—FLORENCE HINSON
Rock Hill, S.C.

have some money to go to the meeting that night. We had filed three weeks before.

The refund came on Monday and I attended my first meeting. In 16 months I had lost my extra 135 pounds. Of course there was a lot of leaning on the Lord during that time and there still is. I praise God for it all. Now I can witness to people that I did it with God's help. I know that had I not given the Lord my burden I would never have been able to do it.

I know I am now a stronger Christian and I feel my Christian witness is stronger too. □

the editor's STANDPOINT

FACING 1979 RESOLUTELY

1979 has arrived, and once again it is time for me to make New Year's resolutions.

I do not urge this practice on others, but it certainly has proved helpful to me. The thing I can least afford is to be content with myself. The gap between what I now am and what I ought to be cannot be ignored. Neither past achievements nor past failures can excuse me from addressing the need for improvement. So here goes.

In 1979 I resolve to respond more seriously to the injunction of Scripture to "grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ" (2 Peter 3:18). Everything I really want to be and hope to do depends upon the grace of God by which likeness to Christ is produced. To learn more of Him in order to be more like Him is the deepest need and wish of my heart. Nothing else will matter if I fail at this point.

In 1979 I also resolve to have a bigger heart and a smaller stomach. As I grow in grace, I want to stop growing in girth. The aging process makes added weight not only inconvenient but dangerous. Increas-

ing sensitivity to others' needs will have as its corollary a decreasing indulgence of my own desires. (I have friends willing to help me become less selfish and more trim. While I was writing this Howard Hamlin invited me to help him with some yard work at his home. But I want to help him perform surgery on people, not on grass!)

In 1979 I resolve, too, to become more available to those who love and need me. The pleasure I take in my work, and the profit I gain from reading, must not absorb all my time. Time must be shared with family and friends, ministering to their needs and allowing them to minister to mine. I cannot be the husband, father, son, and grandpa I should be with a pen in my hand or a book under my nose all the time. There must be time for listening, for sharing hurts and joys, for weaving life into life.

The year 1978 has left its happy and its painful memories. These compel me to fresh resolutions. I don't want to track old failures but to break new trails to holier and more useful living. □

LIFE BEGINS WITH JESUS

At the time of the Exodus the Lord said to Moses, "This month shall be for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you" (Exodus 12:1-2, RSV). For Israel, life began anew with their deliverance from Egypt. Time was linked to redemption thereafter. Their New Year's Day would annually recall the mighty act of God which freed them from bondage and created them a nation.

As Christians, we celebrate New Year's Day with the world. We do not have a special calendar which begins with the resurrection of Jesus. I sometimes wish we did. Our own method of reckoning time, beginning with God's saving act in raising Jesus from the dead, might have served to offset a too-easy adaptation to pagan culture that has always endangered Christianity.

Be that as it may, Christians observe New Year's Day in a different manner from the world. For unsaved people it is a time for unrestrained revelry which turns the day into tragedy for thousands every year. Drunkenness abounds, and sensual orgies are common.

For us, it should be a day of *thanksgiving* for the divine mercies which have sustained us through another year.

It should be a day for *reflection*, as we think of the irreversibility of time, the meaning of life, and the coming of judgment.

It should be a day of *commitment*, in which we yield anew to God the time and life that yet remain to us, and pledge to devote ourselves to the faithful discharge of His will for us.

It should be a day of *communion*, of special time spent in the presence of God in prayer and meditation. As the gates of a new year open, our hearts should be opened to God's truth and love in fuller measure.

It should be a day of *gladness*, for we remember that our times are in His hands, and we have the assurance of His presence and help as we face the future.

Though New Year's Day does not coincide with the day on which Jesus was raised from the dead, let us remind ourselves that life really began with Him and finds its meaning in His fellowship. □

1978 has left its happy and its painful memories. These compel me to fresh resolutions. I don't want to track old failures but to break new trails to holier and more useful living.

THE LIGHTS ARE ON, BUT . . .

John Paisley was a CIA consultant. He was also a boating enthusiast. He climbed aboard his boat for a brief cruise. Shortly before nightfall, he radioed a friend, "I'm about to come back . . . Leave the light on for me."

He never got back. Next morning his boat ran aground with no one on board. Later Paisley's body was discovered by a party of pleasure-boaters. There was a bullet hole in his head, and 38 pounds of diver's weights around his body.

Investigators wondered—murder or suicide? Because Paisley had access to Soviet military information, murder was a reasonable suspicion. Because he was depressed about personal problems, so was suicide.

In either case, Paisley's death conveys a spiritual lesson, one relating to human freedom and responsibility. His friend could leave the lights on, but the guiding lights did not guarantee safe arrival at the marina. Despite the lights, Paisley didn't get home.

God is man's true home. Our true destiny is the home of His "better country." In His love for us, God has left the lights on. The light that is Jesus, and the

light that comes from the Bible's witness to Jesus, beckon people from the death trap of sin to God.

But while God will leave the lights on, He will not compel anyone's return. Each must decide for himself. This awesome freedom invests the gospel message, and the listener's response, with terrible urgency. One may willfully or carelessly ignore the message of Christ, the divine offer of eternal life. Each time a person says "no" to God the next "no" becomes easier to say. Character tends to permanence.

*Forever 'round the mercy seat
The guiding lights of love will burn,
But what if, habit bound, thy feet
Shall lack the will to turn?*

The lights are on. God, in Christ, beckons mankind home to himself. But whether we get home at last depends upon the decision we make.

Some other person or persons unknown may have prevented Paisley's return to shore. But where our eternal destiny is concerned, the individual's own decision is the determining factor. □

1979 FEATURE WRITERS

Several gifted writers will be addressing us in the *Herald* each month during 1979.

First-of-the-month issues will carry articles on holiness from the pen of Loren Gould, who pastors our Tidewater Central Church in Virginia Beach, Va.

These same issues will feature devotional articles by Dorothy Boone Kidney. Heart-to-heart articles by this Maine writer have been enjoyed by many of our readers acquainted with her books.

Dr. James Dobson of Arcadia, Calif., has authored several best sellers relating to marriage and the family. He will offer valuable counsel to parents in articles discussing the strong-willed child.

A professor at Bethany Nazarene College, Dr. Lyle Linnert, in brief articles appearing each issue, will help us toward the goal of becoming whole persons.

In the 15th-of-the-month issues, Betty Martin will share some patterns for life and growth from her experienced pen. Betty is a pastor's wife and career writer from Fort Walton Beach, Fla.

Rev. C. D. Hansen, pastor at First Church, South Bend, Ind., is a frequent contributor to a number of magazines. He will present practical perspectives for handling issues and challenges relating to our Christian discipleship.

The contributions of these talented writers will be augmented by a host of concerned authors speaking on nearly every facet of thought and life that pertains to Christian living in our world.

The 1979 issues will be marked by a number of changes in layout and design. These represent our continuing efforts to make the magazine more attractive, readable, and helpful to those we serve through the printed page.

We sincerely hope that 1979 will be a great year for all of you. And we will be honestly striving to make the *Herald* one means by which God's gracious blessings are channeled into your lives. □

LAMPLIGHT

The Passage for Study:
3 John

by W. E. McCUMBER, *Editor*



THE NIGHT OF PRAYER

*Quietly throughout the night,
Bound for the house of prayer,
Came Christian men and women
To feast on heavenly fare.
There were no greeters at the door
To welcome those who came,
No "How do you dos" or "How are
you?
Or "Do you think that it will rain?"
There were no anthems by the choir,
No hymns sung loud in praise,
No sermons and no offering
As on most other days.
Humbly they knelt before the throne
To lift their voice in prayer,
And cried to God for mercy;
Their petitions filled the air.
The carpeting and the altar
Were damp with scalding tears,
As they claimed God's great promises
And told Him their joys and fears.
Aye, these stalwart men and women
Talked to God of the sinners' need,
And wept and cried in agony
When for them they'd intercede.
And though the town was sleeping,
Bound by the chains of sin,
These Christian men and women
Besought God their souls to win.
Throughout the night they came
To take their station there,
And prayed to God in earnest
For it was a night of prayer.*

—ELMER E. McCORMICK
Martinsville, Ind.

A man's eye is smaller than his gall bladder, but it is not less important. A pearl is smaller than a crabapple, but only a hog would prefer the apple to the pearl. Arguments from size can mislead. Sometimes precious things are found in small packages.

So it is with 3 John. This letter contains only five paragraphs in the Greek New Testament, and only 15 verses in our English translations. It is not a theological treatise but a person-to-person letter. Despite its nature and brevity, however, it is a rich mine of truth. It confirms the statement of Paul: "All scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work" (2 Timothy 3:16-17, RSV).

3 John does not name its author. He calls himself "the elder." A long and strong tradition attributes the letter to the apostle John, but many scholars think the elder John was a disciple of the apostle John. Whoever wrote it, the message of the letter remains significant.

In this little letter we find some representative people. Their counterparts exist in churches everywhere.

1. There is John, *a faithful pastor*. The letter breathes his love for the church (v. 1), his concern for the truth (v. 4), his cooperation in service (v. 8), and his opposition to evil (vv. 9-10).

2. And there is Gaius, *a hospitable brother*. He prospers in soul (v. 2), lives in the truth (v. 3), and supports those who proclaim the gospel (vv. 5-6).

3. Then there is Diotrephes, *a carnal church-boss*. He defies the authority of God-appointed leaders (v. 9), refuses hospitality to the missionaries of the church (v. 10), and harasses those who disagree with his selfish policies (v. 10).

4. Finally, there is Demetrius, *a noble example*. His life agrees with the truth, and he is commended by everyone (v. 12).

Is your church mirrored in 3 John? Are you?

Of particular interest in 3 John are its various designations for Christians. In this one-page epistle there are seven different designations, each making its own contribution to a fuller understanding of our lives together as followers of Jesus Christ.

These designations and their distribution in the letter are:

- (1) "beloved"—vv. 1, 2, 5, 11.
- (2) "brethren"—vv. 3, 5, 10.
- (3) "children"—v. 4.
- (4) "strangers"—v. 5.
- (5) "the church"—vv. 6, 9, 10.
- (6) "fellow-workers"—v. 8.
- (7) "the friends"—v. 14.

These seven designations may be classified as:

- (1) Personal: "beloved."
- (2) Relational: "brethren," "children," "strangers," "friends."
- (3) Functional: "the church," "fellow-workers."

The terms employed by "the elder" cast light on what it means to be a Christian in relationship (1) to God, (2) to the church, and (3) to the world. We can understand better *who* we are and *why* we are by a study of these designations for believers in 3 John. Future *Lamplight* columns will look at each of them separately. □

CALLED UNTO HOLINESS



IN THE EMERALD ISLE

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE



City of Dublin

575,000 people—ONE Church of the Nazarene

EIRE

Population: 3.1 million
Religion: Roman Catholic—93%
 Protestant—4.5%
Government: Independent Republic
Economy: 75% agricultural

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Holiness is a hunger in Eire.

In countless urban and suburban homes and villages, men and women enjoy a heritage of home Bible study.

Even as a desert traveler longed for an oasis, so the people of Ireland have longed for holiness. That hunger has been fed in part by the dedicated efforts of a Nazarene family, the James Hogans of Dublin, who have given of themselves in sponsorship of Christian Culture Crusades and participation in the World Mission to Children, both evangelical Protestant ministries in this heavily Roman Catholic nation. They have encouraged many in their spiritual journey to deep fulfillment.

This hope of holiness which the Hogans have nurtured so carefully seems now ready to blossom in new opportunity for the Church of the Nazarene.

A bond of friendship and kinship has long existed between Eire and the United States. The great potato famine of the mid-1800s killed thousands, and hundreds of thousands emigrated from Ireland, many of them coming to the United States and quickly establishing themselves as one of the most dynamic minorities in this growing heterogeneous population. There are more people of Irish descent in the United States than in Ireland. New York City has the largest Irish population of any city in the world.

Today there are one-half as many people in Ireland as 100 years ago. The population of Ireland has

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The James Hogans

bilized and the way appears open
the Church of the Nazarene to
gin the growth for which it has
g seemed intended.

To understand this, we must un-
rstand the recent troubled history
the Emerald Isle. Ireland 120
ars ago was 65 percent Roman
tholic and 35 percent Protestant.
llowing the division of the govern-
nt, the number of Protestants in
e south declined to about 5 per-
nt.

As recently as 40 years ago it
s physically impossible to preach
the open air or to conduct openly
igious meetings. Persecution was
ift and primitive. Thankfully, that
ndition does not exist now, al-
ugh a tragic and senseless sea-
on of political strife, aided and
etted by the Communists, has
ntinued far too long under the
ise of religious conflict.

Ireland was very religious soon
er the earliest apostolic era.
hen the rest of Europe was being
nquered by pagan invaders, Ire-
nd remained a land of Christian
arning and independent kings. No
nqueror subdued them for cen-
ies, and then the English domi-
ted. The Irish never forgot their
rly traditions.

In 1949 Eire left the British
ommonwealth to form an indepen-
nt nation. The Emerald Isle is a
ace a great beauty with fjords and
ys of spectacular charm, with
eams and lakes made famous
roughout the world through such
ngs as "Where the River Shannon
ows" and "Galway Bay."

Ireland has good soil and much
farm produce to offer industrial En-
gland across the Irish Sea.

Two large universities in Dublin
draw young people from throughout
Eire and create a fertile mission
field. The suburbs are populated
largely by young families in the
professional and business ranks.
They welcome Bible study and
prayer although they are not pre-
disposed toward the institutional
Protestant church.

The Department of Home Mis-
sions has been invited by the British
Isles North District and by the Board
of General Superintendents to as-
sume responsibility for creating a
Pioneer Mission District in Eire. The
first responsibility of such a pioneer
district will be to establish home Bi-
ble studies from which new church-
es can spring up in profusion
throughout the suburbs of Dublin
and other cities.

There is every reason to believe
that the holiness message will be
well received in Eire. All that has
been lacking is the motivation to
proclaim it aggressively. That op-
portunity now belongs to the Church
of the Nazarene. A few have been
faithful for many years . . . waiting
for Nazarenes to take this challenge
seriously.

Workers are needed who are
experienced in spiritual matters and
familiar with the culture of Eire.
Funds are needed for personnel,
equipment, and housing.

Daily, unceasing prayer is need-
ed to focus the power of the Holy
Spirit on this historically troubled
but promising land of Eire.

*Will you open the circle of your
love to include the people of Ire-
land? If you will, the material on the
next page will tell you how you can
respond today, should God so whis-
per to your heart.*



Getting Started

Basic equipment with which to start new work in Eire would probably include the following:

1. Economical transportation such as small four-cylinder automobiles.
2. After groups of people are involved it will be helpful to have a van in which to transport people and which can also be used for rear-screen projection from the back of the van, with counseling to be done in the fore part of the van.
3. Rent housing at first; buy later.
4. Musicians and musical instruments will be essential.
5. Tape playing machines, tunes on tape for gospel singing, etc., will be important.
6. Literature of attractive format to distribute. Books on the spiritual life to read, etc.
7. Furniture, etc., should be purchased in the country.



Evidence of Ancient Christians

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- Healing peace in Ireland
- Holiness Bible studies
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- Revival throughout Eire.

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- If so, please write to us at once. The first task force is now being formed.



Celtic Ruins

PRAY ABOUT YOUR PART in God's plan to enlarge the holiness witness in Eire. Then confirm your decision in writing to the Department of Home Missions, Church of the Nazarene, 6401 The Paseo, Kansas City, MO 64131. You will then be counted among those friends of Eire who are being used of God. We will call on you for prayer and other support as the needs become known to us.



Austin, Tex., Grace Church has completed a new 10,000-sq.-ft. sanctuary and vestibule with landscaping and parking facilities. Dr. Eugene L. Stowe, general superintendent, was dedicatory speaker, and Rev. Harold Graves, district superintendent, with Pastor Jim Southworth and other platform guests, participated in the August 20 dedication service. John Westmoreland, architect and member of Dallas First Church, designed the structure. A building committee was appointed to serve with the pastor in lieu of a general contractor. The building has a seating capacity of 750, with overflow for 1,000.

On Sunday, October 1, the **Winnipeg, Manitoba, Fort Garry Church** held a "Mortgage Burning Ceremony"

during the morning worship service. Dr. Herman Smith, former district superintendent of the Canada West District, brought the message.

In the past two years the congregation has reduced its indebtedness by over \$35,000 and has purchased two acres of land with plans for a new facility. Participating in the mortgage burning were Mr. Bud Albertson, chairman of the Finance Committee; Pastor Ronald Fry; and Mr. Jake Driedger, manager of the Royal Bank.

HYND ELECTED TO SWAZI PARLIAMENT

Dr. Samuel Hynd, Nazarene medical doctor working in Manzini, Swaziland, and a member of the Manzini church, has been elected by an electoral college to serve in Swaziland's new parliament.



King Sobhuza II dissolved Swaziland's parliament about two years ago and had been governing the country by his council of ministers.

A new constitution was recently drawn up to provide members of parliament without any possibility of electioneering. An electoral college was formed in a traditional Swazi way to nominate 60 persons and then elect 40 from that number by secret ballot who would be the chosen members of parliament. Dr. Hynd, who until recently had been medical director of the Nazarene work in Swaziland, polled the second highest number of votes. □

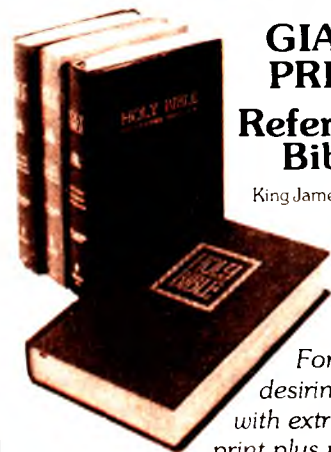


Rev. Moises Esperilla (l.), superintendent of the Northeast Mexico District, a mission district, presented Dr. Norman Miller, (r.), general treasurer, with a check for \$7,815.74 for General Budget, from his district. This check was 10 percent of the total giving of the churches on the Northeast District. Congratulations to Rev. Esperilla and his pastors and people for their outstanding giving to the General Budget.

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Kankakee, Ill., College Church: Rev. Bob Hoots and Gary Moore teamed up in an outstanding revival at Olivet Nazarene College and College Church October 24-29.

President Leslie Parrott said that this revival was noted for the large numbers of earnest seekers at the altar, right from the first chapel service to the last church service. In the closing Sunday night service, Rev. Hoots preached on the text "Sanctify them," and seekers filled the altar, front seats, and back into the aisles.

Pastor Bill Draper said, "Rev. Hoots and Gary Moore presented the gospel in word and song in a way never to be forgotten. We have never had a revival more effective in reaching both students and community."

All the services were broadcast on the college radio station, WKOC-FM, and the Sunday night service on cable television in Kankakee to a large audience. The church was filled to capacity in each service. □

—Gordon Wickersham, reporter

De Kalb, Ill.: Evangelists John and Patsy Porter just concluded revival services with over 50 seekers at the altar. Some of the members have been in the church 20 years and they say it's the best they have ever seen. □

—David Glick, pastor

Champaign, Ill., Westside Church has just finished the greatest revival ever experienced. The *Singing Sharp Family* of Vicksburg, Mich., were the special workers. The singing of the family was deeply moving and Rev. Sharp's preaching was anointed of the Holy Spirit. There were seekers at the altar every service, a total of 39. But we feel that the real secret of the success of this revival lay in the two months of prayer and fasting that preceded the actual services. □

—Paul H. Cotner, pastor

Coquille, Ore.: The church recently had a revival under the preaching of Rev. John Brockmueller where about 30 folk found definite victory at an altar of prayer. Teenagers, young adults, and oldsters alike knelt at the altar. . . . Nine persons were baptized . . . following the revival and we've just received five new Nazarenes into church membership, with a class of several teens who are preparing for membership. Our folk had prayed and fasted all day for the previous three Fridays. □

—Fred Holliman, pastor

Goshen, Ark.: The emphasis of revival, October 3-8, was "Healing Broken Relationships." God moved upon the people and they were filled with the Spirit. Rev. Jerry Hollowell spoke with authority. Song evangelists Jonathan and Ilona Welch shared in their music and in their own lives how God fills their hearts. This revival was one of the most successful in the Goshen church and we give God the praise. Broken families were healed, critical spirits were given over to the Lord. □

—Don Brown, pastor

Vienna, Va.: The church recently experienced a moving of the Holy Spirit in revival services with Rev. S. Oren Woodward and his family as evangelists. Attendance was above average in the services. During the Sunday morning service there were two spontaneous altar services before the evangelist brought the message and another great altar service following. The church especially appreciated the great concern the Woodwards expressed through their interest in pre-revival preparation. □

—A T Underwood, pastor

REGIONAL CHRISTIAN LIFE CONFERENCES

- Conferences geared primarily to District Christian Life Leadership are scheduled for the spring of 1979.
- Following the theme "Equipping for Ministry," workshops will be provided to receive input from leaders in the field

and to equip district Christian Life leadership.

- A registration fee of \$15.00, charged at all levels, will entitle the person registered to receive the packet of materials provided in his area and will enable him to participate in the workshops.

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- ★ NYI President (if different)
- ★ Members of District Youth (NYI) Council

ADULTS

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- ★ Members of District Adult Council

ADMINISTRATION

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- ★ Members of District Board of Christian Life (who do not fit in age-groups)

NWMS

- ★ District NWMS President
- ★ District Vice-presidents, District Directors of Youth Missions, District Children's Missions Director

- District Superintendents may wish to participate in the "Administration" workshops or may desire to attend other age-group workshops.

- NWMS participants will have at least one NWMS workshop (provided by Wanda Knox), but they will also parti-

cipate in the other Christian Life workshops.

- Though primarily for district leadership, any local Christian Life leaders may register and participate. DATE and SITES for the REGIONALS are:

★ February 22-23	MANC REGION	Kansas City
★ February 26-27	ONC REGION	Kankakee, Ill.
★ March 1-2	MVNC REGION	Columbus, Ohio
★ March 5-6	ENC REGION	Baltimore, Md.
★ March 8-9	TNC REGION	Atlanta, Ga.
★ March 12-13	BNC REGION	Oklahoma City
★ March 22-23	POINT LOMA REGION	Las Vegas, Nev.
★ March 2-27	NNC REGION	Boise, Ida.
★ March 30-31	CNC REGION	Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada

- Registration cards have been sent to district Christian Life leaders. These cards, along with a \$5.00 deposit, are to be sent to Kansas City by or before January 15 to confirm reservation.

- Modeling . . . equipping . . . receiving . . . communicating . . . celebrating . . . All elements for which planning is being done as we look toward Regionals, 1979.

- The Division of Christian Life invites you to share with us in prayer and fasting that these may be days of rich blessing in all areas of Christian Life.

- For further information on Christian Life Regionals, contact Vickie Boone at the Division of Christian Life in Kansas City. □



Three Nazarene Sunday schools won awards for being the fastest-growing schools in their respective states. The presentation was made on October 26 at the annual meeting of the International Christian Education Association at Cobo Hall in Detroit. *Moody Monthly* sponsored the program. Shown (l. to r.) are Rev. Robert L. Miller, associate pastor at Nampa, Ida., First Church; Dr. Elmer Towns, head of Sunday School Research, Savannah, Ga.; Rev. Harold Olson, associate pastor at College Church, Olathe, Kans.; and Dwain Lowry, Christian Life chairman at Nampa First, who stood in for Rev. Hardy J. Powers, pastor at Bethany, Okla., Williams Memorial Church, receiving the banner for him in his absence. The statistical year, as counted by *Moody Monthly*, is September through May.

Temple, Mich.: The Temple, Mich., church reports a profitable week of Spirit-anointed revival services. One individual started for home, and returned running to the altar. Souls were sanctified and others received help on joyfully living the abundant life. *Evangelist Rufus Sanders* was much loved, and deeply appreciated by the people. □

—Dominick A. Prosperi, pastor

Paoli, Ind.: The church closed a wonderful revival with *Rev. U. D. Dibble* as evangelist and the *Paveys* of Louisville, Ky., as special singers. Messages were God-anointed with many seekers at the altar; and much good was accomplished. God blessed the *Paveys* in their ministry of music. □

—G. W. Williams, pastor

Detroit, Mich., Bethel Church: *Evangelist Steve Manley* was God's man for us. With vacation Bible school in the mornings and revival services at night, God was working throughout the day to see sinners saved and believers committed to a life of holiness. □

—R. Douglas Samples, pastor

Campbellsburg, Ind.: The church recently closed a good week of revival with evangelists *Dr. and Mrs. Leo C. Davis*. There were 18 who came forward to the altar and all reported definite help. The young people can-

vassed the town the week before revival, distributing revival announcements. □

—Ross Kirkman, pastor

Salinas, Calif., church: We had a revival with *Dr. John L. Knight* as evangelist and *Bob Simmons* as song evangelist. The ministry of Dr. John L. Knight was used by the Lord to reach new people, renew the church members, and sanctify believers. His clear preaching on holiness was effective and well received and appreciated by our church. The singing and music by *Bob Simmons* complemented the preaching. We are better today because of their ministry. □

—Donald J. Beecher, pastor

Parkersburg, W.Va.: Marrtown Church had a revival with *Evangelist Richard C. Baker* who also served as song evangelist. Both preaching and singing were anointed with the Holy Spirit. His messages were well received. Several were at the altar to be reclaimed or sanctified, or for the redemptive work of the Lord in their lives. Best of all, revival has come to the hearts of our people. □

—David W. Lewis, pastor



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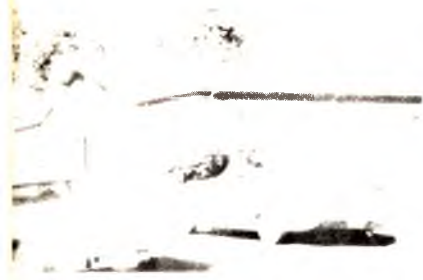
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Fitkin Memorial Church on Dedication Day in Meridian, Miss.

BLACK NAZARENE CHURCH EMERGING AS EVANGELISTIC FORCE

On October 22 in Meridian, Miss., 345 persons gathered in a morning worship service for the dedication of the new facilities of the Fitkin Memorial Church, pastored by Rev. Charles Johnson.

In the afternoon dedication services led by General Superintendent V. H. Lewis, the house was again filled with many community well-wishers upon the signal achievement of this growing Black church in the state of Mississippi.

Seventeen years ago, Rev. Charles Johnson assumed the pastorate of the Fitkin Memorial Church upon gradua-



Rev. Charles Johnson leads singing at the dedication service.

tion from the Negro Bible College at Institute, W.Va. He has been there ever since. Often in recent years he has been offered pulpits in strong churches of other denominations, as well as offers to move to other Nazarene churches. But he retains his conviction that God led him to Fitkin Memorial and is not through with him yet.

For about 15 years, Rev. Johnson has been a bivocational pastor. Meridian is a small city of 53,000 and has as many Black persons as white. Early in his ministry, Rev. Johnson displayed great concern about the welfare of the Black people of Meridian. In 1967 he was appointed to head an educational program that pioneered adult basic education for Blacks. Later he became the director of the Head Start program, and now in recent years he has been the director of Opportunities Industrialization Centers (OIC).

As executive director, he heads a staff of 12 persons in a program with a budget of \$300,000. Some of his

departments recruit and make contacts among the unemployed and the underemployed Black population. Out of hundreds of contacts, persons are chosen for the training. Presently 200 are enrolled in job training. Annually, they place 125 in jobs after the training at OIC.

The primary focus of the training at present is attitudinal and motivational. Rev. Johnson and his staff of 12 work mainly on basic attitudes in an effort to motivate those on welfare to leave the welfare roles for productive employment in industry.

Rev. Johnson also has a close working relationship with top leaders in large corporations. They fund supporting programs that give even greater importance and focus to the work of Rev. Johnson in his OIC assignment.

In a recent interview with Dr. R. W. Hurn, Rev. Johnson remarked, "If you give a man a fish, out of hunger he will eat it up. But if you teach him how to catch fish, he will feed himself."

When Rev. Charles Johnson moved to Meridian with his family, they occupied a small concrete-block parsonage where, in the rainy season, water oozed through the cement joints between the concrete blocks and up through the concrete floor.

The church, a small concrete-block structure on the same lot, had similar difficulties and problems. The congregation was comprised of two other adults and about a dozen children. The starting salary was \$2.50 per week.

Much has changed in the intervening 17 years. Today the congregation occupies a beautiful building purchased from another denomination

that seats 350 and has many Sunday school class and assembly rooms. The Johnsons live in a modest parsonage building that recently was improved by the Mississippi District Work and Witness team.


In addition to pastoring the church and directing the OIC program, Rev. Johnson is on a daily radio broadcast early in the morning and on a daily televised program at the noon hour.

He is on the governor's staff and is a friend of the governor of the state of Mississippi, who sent personal greetings to the dedication.

Two young men have been called to the ministry from Rev. Johnson's church and are already pastoring: Rev. Robert Lanier in Wichita, Kans., and Rev. Alfred Glasper in Colorado Springs. Now another one is preparing at the Nazarene Bible College. □



Pastor A. D. Foster of Council Bluffs, Ia., First Church is shown welcoming some new persons who made a commitment to Christ during a personal evangelism clinic. Rev. Foster said, "We've gleaned some wonderful results from the clinic. Our people are following up the converts by giving them their Bible studies. A fine group of laymen are now tuned in to reaching the lost after their exposure to this program."



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BALLARD, DON: Tullahoma, TN (Westside), Jan. 23-28
BELL, JAMES & JEAN: Carnegie, OK (First), Jan. 16-21; Lake Charles, LA (First), Jan. 30—Feb. 4
BERTOLETS, MUSICAL: Dominican Republic, Jan. 2-14
BISHOP-EVENSEN GOSPEL TEAM: Kansas City, MO (concerts), Jan. 11-21; Columbia, MO, Jan. 23-24; Kirksville, MO, Jan. 25-26; Hannibal, MO, Jan. 27-28
BOHL, JAMES: Princeton, FL, Jan. 2-7; Perryton, TX, Jan. 11-14; St. Louis, MO (Indoor Camp), Jan. 19-21; Cape Girardeau, MO (Indoor Camp), Jan. 22-28
BOND, GARY & BETH: Georgetown, IL, Jan. 2-7; Cincinnati, OH (Clifton Ave.), Jan. 9-14; Cedar Rapids, IA (Oakland), Jan. 16-21; Joplin, MO (Calvary), Jan. 23-28; Drumright, OK, Jan. 30—Feb. 4
CAMPBELL, BILL: Red Bluff, CA (First), Jan. 2-7; Rio Linda, CA (First), Jan. 9-14
CAUDILL, STEVE & SUE: Parkersburg, WV (First), Jan. 9-14; Miami, FL (Central), Jan. 16-21; McAllen, TX (Rio Grande Valley Crus.), Jan. 23-28
CAYTON, JOHN: Long Lake, NY (Wes.), Jan. 2-7; Brookville, PA (Calvary), Jan. 9-14; New Brighton, PA, Jan. 18-21; Frederick, MD (First), Jan. 23-28; Parkersburg, WV (Broadway), Jan. 30—Feb. 4
CLINE, JERRY: Selma, AL (First), Jan. 16-21; Dyersburg, TN (First), Jan. 23-28; Louisville, KY (Peniel), Jan. 30—Feb. 4
COLLINS, LUTHER: Canoga Park, CA (West Valley), Jan. 10-14; Duarte, CA, Jan. 16-21
CRABTREE, JIM: Harlingen, TX (area-wide), Jan. 2-8; Phoenix, AZ (Sunnyslope), Jan. 30—Feb. 4
CROFFORD, DON: Rochester, NY (Grace), Jan. 14; Rochester, NY (Greece Un. Meth.), Jan. 21; Williamson, NY (Putneyville Reformed), Jan. 28
DARNELL, H. E.: Canton, OH (Indoor Camp), Jan. 5-14; Phoenix, AZ (Camp), Jan. 19-28
DELL, JIMMY: Apache Junction, AZ, Jan. 7; Dallas, TX (Central), Jan. 11-14; Alamogordo, NM (First), Jan. 17-21; Yuba City, CA (First), Jan. 24-28; Eureka, CA (NYI Zone Rally), Jan. 29—Feb. 4
DIXON, GEORGE & CHARLOTTE: West Coast Gospel Music Concerts, Jan. 2-28; San Bernardino, CA, Jan. 30—Feb. 4
DUNMIRE, RALPH & JOANN: North Miami, FL (North), Jan. 9-14; Riviera Beach, FL (Faith), Jan. 16-21; Huntsville, AL (Greater Huntsville Crus.), Jan. 30—Feb. 4
EDWARDS, TERRY: Vernon, TX, Jan. 5-7; Reserved, Jan. 9-14; Little Rock, AR (University Park), Jan. 16-21; Muldrow, OK, Jan. 23-28
ELLINGSON, LEE: Bossier City, LA (South), Jan. 9-14; Bossier City, LA (First), Jan. 16-21; Beech Grove, IN, Jan. 30—Feb. 4
FISHER, C. WILLIAM: Modesto, CA (First), Jan. 16-21; Barstow, CA, Jan. 23-28; Riverside, CA (Arlington Ave.), Jan. 30—Feb. 4
FRODGE, HAROLD: Louisville, KY (South Side), Jan. 8-14
GADBOW, C. D.: Des Moines, IA (First), Jan. 26-28
GAGNON, DAVE & KAREN: Orlando, FL (Central), Jan. 23-28; Clearwater, FL (First), Jan. 30—Feb. 4
GATES, KENNETH W.: Evangelistic Tour in Alabama, Jan. 14-24
GLENENNING, PAUL & BOBBIE: Intercession City, FL (Independent Hol. Camp), Jan. 4-14
GORMANS, SINGING: Louisville, KY (Peniel), Jan. 30—Feb. 4

GREEN, JAMES & ROSE: Jackson, MS (First), Jan. 9-14; Blanchester, OH, Jan. 16-21; Chattanooga, TN (First), Jan. 24-28; Zephyrhills, FL (First), Jan. 30—Feb. 4
GRINDLEY, GERALD & JANICE: Greenville, SC (First), Jan. 7; Concerts in N.C., Jan. 10-12; Rock Hill, SC (W. Main), Jan. 14; West Columbia, SC (First), Jan. 16-21; Clearwater, FL (Wes.), Jan. 23-28; Brandon, FL, Jan. 31
HATHAWAY, KENNETH: John Day, OR, Jan. 12-14; Grangeville, ID, Jan. 17-21; Silvis, IL (Quad City Tour), Jan. 22-28; Bethany, OK (Wms. Mem.), Jan. 30—Feb. 4
HILL, HOWARD W.: Cullman, AL (First), Jan. 9-14; Seminole, FL (First), Jan. 23-28
HILDIE, D. W.: Mount Vernon, WA (Big Lake), Jan. 3-14; Colfax, WA, Jan. 16-21; St. Catharines, Ontario, Jan. 28—Feb. 4
HOLLEY, CLEVELAND D.: St. Joseph, MI, Jan. 30—Feb. 4
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JACKSON, CHUCK & MARY: Birmingham, AL (First—Indoor Camp), Jan. 10-14; Tulsa, OK (NE Okla. Indoor Camp), Jan. 23-28
JACKSON, PAUL & TRISH: Reserved, Jan. 15-17; Longmont, CO (Mountain View), Jan. 18-21; Florence, CO (First—Concert), Jan. 23; Canon City, CO (First), Jan. 24-28; Brush, CO (First), Jan. 30—Feb. 4
JAGGER, MARVIN W.: Bellaire, TX, Jan. 21-28
JANTZ, CALVIN & MARJORIE: Kankakee, IL (First), Jan. 2-7; Reserved, Jan. 8-28; Owasso, OK, Jan. 30—Feb. 4
JOHNSON, RON: Oregon Pacific Dist. (Concerts) Jan. 7; Portland, OR (E. Metro Crus.), Jan. 9-14; Canada West Dist. (Concerts), Jan. 21-24; Lewiston, ID (Concerts), Jan. 28
LASSELL, RAY & JAN: Terre Haute, IN (Camp), Jan. 1-7; Franklin, IN (Walter's Chapel), Jan. 9-14; Martinez, GA, Jan. 16-21; Hartsville, SC (First), Jan. 30—Feb. 4
LAXSON, WALLY & GINGER: Bradenton, FL (First), Jan. 22-28
LEMASTER, BEN: Monterey, CA (First), Jan. 10-14; Woodlake, CA, Jan. 16-21; Hughson, CA, Jan. 23-28
LIDDELL, P. L.: Wintersville, OH, Jan. 16-21
LOMAN, LANE & JANET: Jamestown, TN (CCCU), Jan. 4-7; Stonington, IL (Bapt.), Jan. 9-14; New Smyrna Beach, FL, Jan. 16-21; Tuscaloosa, AL (Zone Indoor Camp), Jan. 23-28; Tennessee Dist. Youth Revival, Jan. 30—Feb. 4
LUSH, RON: Reserved, Jan. 1-23; Cooldge, AZ, Jan. 24-25
MANLEY, STEPHEN: Fairborn, OH (First), Jan. 2-7; North Miami, FL, Jan. 9-14; Miami, FL (Central), Jan. 16-21; Orlando, FL (Central), Jan. 23-28; Arlington, VA (First), Jan. 30—Feb. 4
MANN, L. THURL & MARY KATHRYN: Bethany, OK (BNC Opening Conv.), Jan. 16-18; El Reno, OK (First), Jan. 23-28
MATTER, DAN: Tucson, AZ (Northside), Jan. 8-14; Tucson, AZ (Palmdale), Jan. 17; Wilcox, AZ, Jan. 19-21; Sierra Vista, AZ, Jan. 22-28
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McWHIRTER, STUART: Leighton, AL (LaGrange), Jan. 2-7; Cocoa, FL (First—Rockledge), Jan. 9-14; Laurel, MS, Jan. 16-21; S.E. MO Indoor Camp, Jan. 23-28
MEYER, BOB: Vista, CA (First), Jan. 7-11; San Diego, CA (Linda Vista), Jan. 14-18; Escondido, CA (First), Jan. 21-25

MONTGOMERY, CLYDE: Nassau, Bahamas, Jan. 10-30
MOYER, BRANCE E.: Seagraves, TX (First), Jan. 23-28
MULLEN, DEVERNE H.: Downsview, Ont. (Indoor Camp), Jan. 21-28
MYERS, HAROLD: Orlando, FL (Pine Castle), Jan. 9-14; Sebring, FL, Jan. 16-21; St. Petersburg, FL (First), Jan. 23-28; Tampa, FL (First), Jan. 30—Feb. 4
NEFF, LARRY & PAT: Lakeland, FL (Lakeside), Jan. 7; Concerts in FL, Jan. 10-14; Hernando, FL, Jan. 16-21; Winter Haven, FL, Jan. 28; Kissimmee, FL (First), Jan. 30—Feb. 4
PASSMORE EVANGELISTIC PARTY: Port Elizabeth, NJ, Jan. 16-21; Eaton, OH, Jan. 23-28
PERDUE, NELSON: West Mansfield, OH (Bethel Meth.), Jan. 2-7; Cass City, MI (Miss.), Jan. 9-14; Van Buren, OH, Jan. 16-21; St. Marys, OH, Jan. 23-28; Springfield, OH, Jan. 30—Feb. 4
PFEIFER, DON: Roanoke, VA (Calvary Tab.), Dec. 27—Jan. 1; Chillicothe, OH (High St. CCCU), Jan. 24-28
PORTER, JOHN & PATSY: Chattanooga, TN (Lookout Valley), Jan. 9-14; Greensboro, NC (Northside), Jan. 16-21; York, SC (First), Jan. 23-28; New Ellenton, SC (First), Jan. 30—Feb. 4
QUALLS, PAUL: Calera, AL (Rolling Hills Camp), Jan. 8-13
RICHMOND, RON: Lancaster, PA, Jan. 5-7; Euless, TX, Jan. 14-21
ROBINSON, TED L.: Hernando, FL, Jan. 16-21; Parkersburg, WV (First), Jan. 23-28; Clinton, IA (First), Jan. 30—Feb. 4
SMITH, DUANE: Fort Recovery, OH, Jan. 2-7; Vernon, AL, Jan. 16-21; Jacksonville, FL (Westside), Jan. 23-28
SMITH, OTTIS & MARGUERITE: Tampa, FL, Jan. 2-7; Key Largo, FL, Jan. 9-14; Ocala, FL (First), Jan. 16-21; Sheffield, AL (First), Jan. 23-28
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STAFFORD, DANIEL: Archer, FL, Jan. 10-14; Greenacres, FL (CBC), Jan. 16-21; Rimersburg, PA (Allegheny), Jan. 25—Feb. 4
STEELE, KEN & JUDY: Adel, GA (Concert), Jan. 19
STEVENSON, GEORGE: Chesapeake, VA, Jan. 23-28
STREET, DAVID: Brownstown, IN, Jan. 31—Feb. 4
SWANSON, BOB: Iowa Falls, IA, Jan. 9-14; Cory, IN, Jan. 16-21; Henderson, NC, Jan. 23-28; Indianola, IA, Jan. 30—Feb. 4
TAYLOR, EMMETT: Idabel, OK (First), Jan. 2-7; Monett, MO, Jan. 16-21
THORNTON, RON & BONNIE: Celina, OH, Jan. 10-14
TRIPP, HOWARD: Sulphur Springs, FL, Jan. 16-21; Orlando, FL (Colonial), Jan. 23-28
TUCKER, BILL & JEANNETTE: White Springs, FL (Swannee River), Jan. 16-21; Spartanburg, SC (Carlisle Wes.), Jan. 26-28; Hartford City, IN (First), Jan. 30—Feb. 4
VARIAN, BILL: Orlando, FL (Pine Hills), Jan. 9-14; Fort Myers, FL, Jan. 16-21; Lake Havasu, AZ, Jan. 23-28; Tucson, AZ (Central), Jan. 30—Feb. 4
WELCH, DARLENE: Greenwood, IN (Community), Jan. 14-16
WEST, EDNA M.: Grand Junction, CO (First), Jan. 9-14
WILKINS, CHESTER: Washington, D.C. (NRB Conv.), Jan. 21-24
WILLIAMS, LARRY: Seiling, OK, Jan. 16-21; Olton, TX, Jan. 23-28; Lufkin, TX (Bethel), Jan. 30—Feb. 4
WINSTRY, MARVIN: Deming, NM, Jan. 8-14
WISEHART, LENNY & JOY: Nashville, TN (College Hill), Jan. 7-10; Indianapolis, IN (First), Jan. 12-14; Frankfort, IN (First), Jan. 17-21; Anderson, IN (First), Jan. 23-28; Fortville, IN (First), Jan. 30—Feb. 4
WOODWARD, S. OREN: Milton, FL (Comm.), Jan. 9-14; Jacksonville, FL (Faith), Jan. 16-21; Bellevue, FL, Jan. 23-28; Tallahassee, FL (So. Heights), Jan. 30—Feb. 4
WYLIE, CHARLES: McPherson, KS (First), Jan. 16-21; Lindsay, OK (First), Jan. 23-28
WYRICK, DENNIS E.: South Point, OH (Sunrise), Jan. 2-7; Clearwater, FL, Jan. 30—Feb. 4

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PEOPLE AND PLACES

Pastor Gary L. Cable, of the Washington, Ill., Sunnyland Church proclaimed June 18 as **Ruby Sloan Day**. Mrs. Sloan was presented the Distinguished Service Award for outstanding

service as a Sunday school teacher for 20 years. Her husband, children, and grandchildren were all present for this special occasion. □

The congregation of Twin Fork church, Catlettsburg, Ky., declared "Pastor Appreciation Day," August 27, in honor of **Pastor and Mrs. Walter S. Maynard, Sr.**, who has ministered to the church since 1948.

The church has grown from a small frame building to a present brick structure worth in excess of \$135,000. Recently a \$60,000 parsonage was purchased, without any mortgage involved.

Along with these accomplishments, Brother Maynard worked in a local industry, Ashland Oil, Inc., for all of those 30 years, from which he is now retired. During the special events,

both pastor and wife were presented Kentucky Colonel commissions. The church also presented them with flowers and gifts as a token of its appreciation. □

Pastor P. J. LaChance of the Irving, Tex., Faith Church is serving as chaplain to the city of Irving (pop. 130,000) Police Department.

LaChance is a graduate of Olivet Nazarene College. He is married to the former Judith Hissom and is the father of two sons and one daughter. □

Samuel Dunn of Seattle has been named director of the School of Natural and Mathematical Sciences at Seattle Pacific University. In his new position, Dunn will be responsible for programs in computer science, engineering science, mathematics, biology, physics, chemistry, and home economics. Dunn is currently professor of mathematics at Seattle Pacific.

He is a graduate of Olivet Nazarene College. He holds the M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in mathematics from the University of Wisconsin. Dunn is a member of Seattle First Church, where he is currently serving as chairman of the Board of Christian Life. Dunn's wife, Lois, is the daughter of Nazarene missionaries Rev. and Mrs. Russell Birchard. □

Dr. L. Douglas Pepper has been selected as one of the Outstanding Young Men of America for 1978. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. Pepper, Brownsville, Pa.



He is married to the former Maria Dildine, Cherry Hill, N.J. They are the parents of two children, Maria Elizabeth, born September 18, 1976, and Jonathan Paul, born September 18, 1978.

He was graduated from Washington and Jefferson College, B.A. magna cum laude, 1971; and Jefferson Medical College, M.D., 1975. He completed a three-year residency in Family Practice at McKeesport Hospital, Pa., and was appointed director of Family Practice at McKeesport Hospital in July, 1978.

Dr. Pepper is a member of the California, Pa., Calvary Church, and he is president of the NWMS, church pianist, Sunday school teacher, and member of the official board. At the 1978 district assembly he was elected as a trustee to Eastern Nazarene College from the Pittsburgh District. □

Susan Joette Rice, R.N., B.S.N., has been selected as one of the outstanding young women in the 11th edi-



"We Care Week"—October 16-20—is an annual event at Mid-America Nazarene College. Students, faculty, and administration focus on caring about others/ourselves/energy/environment/nature/and the local community. A variety of speakers participated. Pictured: Dr. Jerry Ketner (r.), assistant to the president, discusses the program for the week with Dr. Tom Nees (l.), director of Community of Hope, Washington, D.C., who is speaker and resource person annually.

tion of *Who's Who of American Women*.

Miss Rice is currently listed in the 10th edition of *Who's Who of American Women*; the 1978 edition of *The World Who's Who of Women*; and the 1978 edition of *Personalities of the West and Midwest*.

Miss Rice attended Pasadena College and then received her bachelor of

science degree in nursing and her public health nurse certificate from the California University at Los Angeles. She is currently enrolled in the California State University M.S.N. program. She is a member of the Pasadena First Church of the Nazarene.

Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Rice of Port Hueneme, Calif., who are members of Ventura First Church. □

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On Sunday afternoon, October 1, the Richmond, Va., Southside Church presented **Pastor and Mrs. Charles L. Thompson** with an expense-paid "Second Honeymoon" vacation to Hawaii. The gift was in honor of their 25th wedding anniversary and was presented at a reception held for them.

Preceding the reception, the Thomp- sons had renewed their vows with Dis- trict Superintendent Reeford Chaney officiating. Rev. Thompson and his wife have pastored the Southside Church for nine years. □

Rev. Mrs. Anna Madge (Westphal) Clymer celebrated her 100th birthday on November 17. She was born in Brighton, Mich. in 1878. In 1903 she married Rev.



John H. Clymer. She became a mem- ber of the Church of the Nazarene in 1916. The Clymers ministered through pastoral and evangelistic work in Michigan, Ohio, Illinois, North Da- kota, Montana, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin.

After her husband's death in 1947, she became pastor of the Hull, Ill., church, at the age of 71. She con- cluded her work there at 75.

Mrs. Clymer has three children; Mrs. Henry Brinkman, Hull, Ill., and Rev. John Clymer and Mrs. Donald Palmer, both of Cherry Valley, Ohio; 8 grandchildren and 17 great-grand- children. □



Nazarene chaplains are pictured here in the auditorium of the General Board Building in Kansas City during their retreat, November 6-10, 1978. They are: (first row, l. to r.) William Stagner, David Grosse, James R. Thompson, Curtis Bowers, William Martin, Dr. Earl C. Wolf (retreat director), Paul Pusey, Lowel D. Foster, and Dudley C. Hathaway; (second row) Wes Sullivan, Donnis Burris, Vernon Swim, Billy R. Sharp, and Marvin C. Kelman, Sr.; (third row) Gerald Earles, Rick L. Needham, David K. Bon, Lowell M. Malliett, Wendell Russell, Archel Meredith, and Kenneth Clements. Not pictured are Gene E. Ahlstrom and Calvin Causey.

FIRST NAZARENE CHAPLAINS' RETREAT

The Department of Education and the Ministry held the first Nazarene Chaplain's Retreat, November 6-10, 1978, in Kansas City. Twenty-two chaplains attended, representing the United States Army, Air Force, Navy, and Veteran's Administration. Dr. Earl C. Wolf was the retreat director.

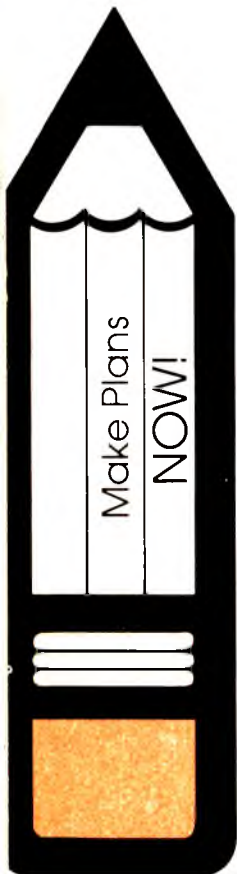
The chaplains as a group presented their ministries on Friday, November 10, during the chapel service of Nazarene Theological Seminary. Twenty-one out of the 22 chaplains attending the retreat are graduates of the sem-

inary, the other of Asbury Theological Seminary.

Climaxing the worship activities of the retreat was the Communion service conducted by Dr. Charles H. Strickland, general superintendent, at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, November 10, in the Prayer Chapel of Nazarene Theological Seminary.

Dr. Paul Bassett was the "chaplain for the chaplains" during the retreat, bringing devotional messages of bibli- cal truth and inspiration especially suited to the needs of the chaplains.

During the retreat the chaplains had the privilege of having at lun-



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cheons and workshops General Superintendents George Coulter, William M. Greathouse, Charles H. Strickland, and 13 executives and representatives of the general church and the Nazarene Publishing House.

On Sunday, November 5, Nazarene chaplains were guest speakers in Kansas City area churches. Rev. Milton B. Parrish, district superintendent, arranged the speaking schedules.

The retreat highlighted the various ministries of the chaplains who are "missionaries to the military." They are ordained ministers of the Church of the Nazarene serving in the vast mission field represented by the military. Their specialized training enables them to minister to human need in post chapels, in the field, on ship, in hospitals, and in many other ways. Their loyalties are to two worlds—their denomination and their ministry in the military. □

—Department of Education and the Ministry

Pastor Carlos H. Sparks, of the Portland, Tenn., church, has been named editor of the *Portland/Whitehouse Leader*, a weekly newspaper with a circulation of 3,000.



Sparks, an ordained elder, has pastored on the East Tennessee, Northwest Ohio, and Houston districts. At Houston he built and pastored a home mission church in Alief, and he was the managing editor of the *Houston District Announcer*, a monthly publication. Portland is on the Tennessee District. □

Dr. James C. Crutcher, 53, a two-war veteran, former battlefield surgeon, and a VA career physician, is the VA's new Chief Medical Director. He assumed his new duties in September, succeeding Dr. John D. Chase who retired in July.

A specialist in internal medicine, Dr. Crutcher first joined the VA as a resident in internal medicine at the Atlanta VA Hospital in 1952. He served that hospital for 26 years in various capacities, including Chief of the Medical Service.

Since 1954, he has also been on the faculty at the Emory University School of Medicine in Atlanta, and presently is professor of Medicine as well as professor of Allied Health Sciences at the university.

Born in Miami, Fla., Oct. 8, 1924, Dr. Crutcher had undergraduate study at Eastern Nazarene College and Duke University, and was awarded his M.D. degree at Duke in 1949. Dr. Crutcher is the son of veteran pastor/evangelist Estelle Crutcher. □

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entrance in the fourth class in the fall of 1979.

Dr. Earl Vastbinder, who directs Trevecca's program, also serves as the chairman of the college's Department of Allied Health. Prior to coming to Nashville, he developed and directed the physician assistant program in the College of Allied Health Professions at the University of Kentucky. □

FOR THE RECORD

CORRECTION:

The names for the top left photo cut-line, concerning the Schuylkill Haven, Pa., church, on page 24 of the November 15 issue, should be *Hoffman* instead of *Hoffneau*. We regret the error which occurred in misreading the copy.

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- HERBERT AGEE from student, Nazarene Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Mo., to Stuart, Fla.
- GEORGE ANDERSON from Fort Wayne, Ind., to Evansville, Ind.
- ALFRED ARCHER from Guyana to Chicago (Ill.) Midwest
- SAMUEL E. BAKER from Springhill, La., to Electra, Tex.
- MERLE M. BRIGHT from Bolingbrook, Ill., to St. Charles, Ill.
- JOHN B. BRYAN, JR., from Palo Alto, Calif., to Ontario, Calif.
- STEVEN R. CAKEBREAD from student, Mid-America Nazarene College, Olathe, Kans., to Brookfield, Mo.
- ALLEN H. CLASON from Monrovia, Calif., to Santa Maria (Calif.) Maria Highlands
- RON CLITES from associate, Wichita, Kans., to Cynthiana, Ind.
- LARRY COEN from Las Vegas (Nev.) Charleston Heights to Kona, Hawaii
- DONALD DAVIS from Camp Caretaker, Cleburne, Tex., to Lubbock (Tex.) Grace
- DON DAVIS from Charleston (S.C.) First to Bloomington, Ill.
- HARRY P. DENIG from Tucson (Ariz.) Catalina Vista to White Mountain, Ariz.
- GLEN ELLIS to Tulsa (Okla.) Faith (formerly Tulsa Dawson & Tulsa Springdale—merged)
- LORAN L. FORBES from Enid (Okla.) Maine to Cedar Springs, Okla.
- RICHARD FORSYTHE to Corunna, Mich.
- GERALD C. FULLER from Great Barrington, Mass., to Walpole, Mass.
- ANDREW GENTRY from Hagerstown, Ind., to Monrovia, Ind.
- JAMES GILMORE from Lubbock (Tex.) Parkway to Chicago (Ill.) Ingleside
- DAVID GOOD from San Francisco (Calif.) Sunset to evangelism, San Bruno, Calif.
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I take pleasure in commending REV. AND MRS. DAN MATTER to our pastors and churches everywhere. The Matters are registered evangelists on this district and have been widely used in children's crusades, as well as revival campaigns. Their ministry would be a blessing wherever used. You may contact them at 2617 Carew St., Fort Wayne, IN 46805. —Bruce T. Taylor, Northeastern Indiana district superintendent.

I am pleased to announce REV. ROBERT W. TAYLOR will be available for revival meetings full-time beginning March 1, 1979. He is now making up his slate and can be contacted by writing: 4501 Croftshire Dr., Dayton, OH 45440. —Dallas Baggell, Southwestern Ohio district superintendent.

VITAL STATISTICS

DEATHS

ORVILLE "CORK" CORBETT, 50, his wife, LINDA CORBETT, 38, and RON HUDSON, 28, were killed in a plane crash near Castle Rock, Wash., on Nov. 2. All were members of the Harney County Church, Burns, Ore. Memorial services for the three were conducted by Rev. Cecil A. Thompson and Rev. Kenn Coil in Burns, for Mr. Hudson on Nov. 6 and for Mr. and Mrs. Corbett on Nov. 7. The Corbetts are survived by their two sons, Robb and Jon, and one daughter, Kelly. He also leaves his mother and one sister. Mrs. Corbett's mother, five sisters and two brothers survive her. Mr. Hudson is survived by his wife, Ann; one daughter, Lara; a son, Erik; his mother; and one brother.

JAMES M. FERRIS, 63, died Nov. 1 in Prescott, Ariz. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. John McIntosh. Survivors include his wife, Ila Mae; one son, Steve; one daughter, Mrs. Charlotte Ford; and three grandchildren.

CHARLES B. FOOTE, 84, died July 4 in Sacramento, Calif. Funeral services were conducted by his son, Rev. Lester R. Foote. He is survived by 3 sons, Roy B., Rev. Lester R., and W. Ray; 2 daughters, Verda Whitney and Lola Carter; 14 grandchildren; 9 great-grandchildren; 2 brothers; and 4 sisters.

REV. CHARLES IRVING HARWOOD, 98, died Oct. 28 in Flint, Mich. He was one of the oldest retired ministers in the church. His entire ministry was in Michigan, where he pastored for over 50 years. Rev. Robert Milner, District Superintendent E. W. Martin, and Rev. Erwin Self officiated at the services. Surviving are two daughters, Miss Grace Harwood and Mrs. Margaret Ziegler; one son, Dr. C. Edwin Harwood;

seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

HENRY JACKSON "JACK" McCORD, 71, died Aug. 27 in Joplin, Mo. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Charles McFarland and Rev. Robert Gaut. Interment was in Banner, Mo. Surviving are his wife, Geneva B.; two daughters, Eleanor Beth Critchlow and Linda Helen Moeini; and two sons, Henry Jackson, Jr., and Tony G.

REV. L. D. SHARP, 80, died Oct. 22 in Wichita, Kans. Revs. Eugene Simpson, Claude White, Harold Jones, Randy Schuneman, Keith Taylor, and David Sharp conducted the services. He is survived by his wife, Violet; two sons, Jonathan and David; five grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and one brother.

REV. MISS MABEL A. VAAGE, 83, died Nov. 18 in Walla Walla, Wash. She had pastored churches in Nebraska, Idaho, and Washington. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Milton Harrington and Rev. T. O. Weatherby. She is survived by two sisters, Emma and Louise; and one brother, Richard.

BIRTHS

to KEN AND KAREN (KIRCHNER) BEVIS, Kirkland, Wash., a girl, Andrea Louise, Sept. 12 to REV. GARY AND BETH (ROTH) BOND, Marion, Ohio, a girl, Julie Beth, Oct. 16

to RON AND ELISE (HARDESTY) CHRISTIE, Baker, Ore., a girl, Kimberly Dawn, Sept. 28 to GEOFFREY AND KATHRYN (CROSBY) CHURCHILL, Springfield, Mass., a boy, John Geoffrey, Oct. 21

to KEN AND JANET (TASKER) DOUGLASS, Haigler, Neb., a girl, Lynette Dawn, Aug. 16 to REV. AND MRS. WILL HAWORTH, Montevideo, Uruguay, a boy, Jason Robert, Sept. 29

to DR. DUB AND DIANE (McCLAFLIN) LANE, Blacksburg, Va., a girl, Jaime Elizabeth, Nov. 3 to REV. SIDNEY AND MARSHA (WHITE) MENOUGH, Aberdeen, Ohio, a boy, Joshua Lee, Nov. 6

to BARRY AND BRENDA (RICE) MEYERS, Bartlesville, Okla., a girl, Maren Georgiana, Nov. 8

to GERARD AND JUDI (HJORT) PENCE, Redmond, Wash., a boy, Evan Gerard, Oct. 26

to JOHN AND HATSU ROBINSON, St. Petersburg, Fla., a boy, James Jason, Nov. 15

to JAMES AND TWILA (LYNN) ROSE, Columbiana, Ohio, a boy, James David, Nov. 14

ADOPTION

by LYNN H. AND JIMMIE (WILLIAMS) BLAKEY, Bethany, Okla., a girl, Jessica Lynne, born Feb. 25, 1977, adopted Oct. 16, 1978

MARRIAGES

EVA G. GARNER and HENRY W. BARTSCH at New Paltz, N.Y., May 4

LIANNE RUTH STANFORD and JOHN DAVID METCALFE at South Portland, Me., Oct. 7

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NEWS OF RELIGION

NEW BIBLE VERSION BEST SELLER, WILL INCREASE FIRM'S PROFITS. Not only is the publication of the *New International Version of the Bible* news in religious circles, it is a welcome note in the field where they spell prophet with an *f*.

The *Wall Street Journal* reports that Zondervan Corporation's exclusive 30-year contract to publish the version is a "blessed" event. The first press run of 1,200,000 copies was sold out before the book went on sale October 27.

According to the business daily, "Zondervan raised its earnings prediction 10 cents a share, to \$1.85, and its sales prediction \$3 million, to \$41 million, for the year. In 1977, the concern earned \$1.5 million or \$1.41 a share on sales of \$32.7 million." □

CZECH POLICE IMPOSE PRESSURE ON SEMINARIANS. A new pressure from the Czechoslovakian state is being exerted on candidates for the evangelical ministry who want to enter the Slovakian Theological Seminary at Pressburg. Church authorities report that of "a large number of applicants," only 30 have been cleared by the national police to enter the studies for the 1978-79 academic year.

Candidates for the ministry are approached by the police who express an interest "in being helpful in their professional careers." As reciprocity the state police request reports on the teachers, the seminary's administration, and their fellow students. □

RUSSIA PERMITS IMPORTATION OF BIBLES BY BAPTISTS. Soviet authorities have given permission for the importation of 25,000 Russian Bibles—the largest shipment of Bibles to the USSR in history—according to a United Bible Societies announcement in London.

The import permit was granted to the All-Union Council of Evangelical Christian-Baptists in the Soviet Union. It is asking the European Region of the United Bible Societies, which embraces more than 50 national Bible societies throughout the world, to supply the Bibles, as well as 2,000 Russian concordances.

Russian Baptists have taken delivery of about 10,000 Bibles printed by the Orthodox Press in Moscow during the last few years. But demand for Scripture considerably exceeded supply and so the application for the import permit was made.

"Ever since the 19th century there has never been such a large import of Bibles into Russia at any one time," said Dr. Ole Van Luyn, regional secretary for Europe for the UBS. "The last major consignment of Bibles sent into the Soviet Union was in 1947 when 10,000 were allowed in." □

NO TO ECCLESIASTICAL TAX BY STATE IN SPAIN. Evangelical churches in Spain have rallied in opposition to a proposed state government ecclesiastical tax. Juan Gili, president of Evangelism in Action and board member of the Spanish Evangelical Defense Commission, issued a statement that declared in part:

"The state should make a clear distinction between citizens and members of churches. It is essential to religious liberty that the churches be sustained by voluntary offerings of their faithful ones and the State exact taxes from the citizens.

"The intervention of the state financing churches from a public budget causes confusion between the identity of the citizens and that of the Christians. It burdens the national budget and deteriorates the sense of the economic responsibility of the faithful to the church . . .

"The state and the churches are committed by their very nature to cooperate together for the promotion of the well-being of the society while at the same time both conserve their own independence . . . The Spanish churches and confessional associations expect from the state a just governmental treatment without privileges according to one's religious identity, but rather the same treatment that is provided for all secular, non-profit entities of the nation." □

ANNIVERSARIES

A 50th wedding anniversary reception was given at the Holiday Inn in Columbus, Ohio, for PAUL AND LEONA ADAMSON on November 11. This was given by their son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Adamson of Lebanon, Ohio, and their daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Jakes of Joelton, Tenn. Their grandson, Gary Jakes, a graduate of Trevecca Nazarene College, officiated as the wedding vows were repeated. Mr. and Mrs. Adamson reside in Columbus, and they have nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

SAM AND RUBY JONES of Louisville, Ky., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on December 3 with an open house at the Louisville Calvary Church. The Joneses have been Nazarenes for 42 years. They were members of Louisville First Church prior to joining Calvary. They have one daughter, Janet Lewis of Louisville, and one granddaughter.

MR. AND MRS. JOHN L. SIMMONDS, of Norristown, Pa., First Church celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary October 13. The couple has two sons, Lee of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and Louis of Norristown. They also have three granddaughters, two grandsons and one great-granddaughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Simmonds have been members of the Church of the Nazarene for 43 years and have served the church in many capacities.

REV. AND MRS. LEONARD E. STOVER celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Thanksgiving Day in the home of their eldest daughter and husband, Mary Louise and William J. "Bill" Camp in Edmond, Okla. A family dinner was given in their honor by the two daughters, Mary Louise Camp and Henrietta Twining, and their families. Also attending were 49 relatives, including 3 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild. Two grandchildren, 1 great-

grandchild and 2 step-great-grandchildren could not attend.

Rev. Stover is a retired Nazarene elder, having pastored in Mississippi and Oklahoma.

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THE ANSWER CORNER

Conducted by W. E. McCumber, Editor

Please explain Revelation 5:5: "And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof." In a Sunday school guide, it is explained thus: "Not because he was the Son of God was he worthy to open the book, but because he was the Lion of the tribe of Juda and the Root of David."

Well, I think that is splitting a rather fine frog's hair. "Lion" and "Root" are messianic titles taken from the Old Testament. As the Messiah, Jesus can open the book. But Son of God is also a messianic designation at times (Psalm 2:7). Interestingly, Jesus is called "Lion" just once in Revelation, but is called "Lamb" many times. In this same chapter, we read, "Worthy is the Lamb . . ." (v. 12). And verse 9 specifically links His worthiness to open the sealed book to His function as the Lamb—"for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood." The Son of God combines in His one person the Lion and the Lamb, the ruling king and the suffering servant. We really can't separate what Jesus does as the Son of God from what He does as Lion or Lamb. It is the one person who acts in both capacities, and worthiness attaches to Him as that one person. I don't think the distinction is worth hassling over. □

In Hebrews 6:4-6 it says that it is impossible to be saved again, but our pastor says it is. Who's right? Also, doesn't Hebrews 6:4-6 contradict Romans 11:23? If not, then what is Hebrews 6:4-6 talking about?

Romans 11:23 refers to Jews who *had not become Christians* because of unbelief. If they do not persist in unbelief, they will be grafted into the people whom God is saving through Christ. On the other hand, Hebrews 6:4-6 is addressed to Jews who *had become Christians*, warning them not to turn back from Christ into Judaism. *It is a warning against apostasy, not backsliding.*

Backsliding is a lapse from obedience to Christ. Apostasy is a turning from Christ to trust in anyone or anything else for salvation.

So the question is, can an apostate be recovered? Can he be brought to repentance and faith in Christ again? The serious warnings in Hebrews, especially 6:4-6 and 10:26-31, seem to answer no. However, many scholars interpret "seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh" to mean "while" they continued in deliberate apostasy. If they renounce their sin of apostasy, and thus cease to hold Christ up to contempt, then they can find mercy and pardon. The difficulty of the passage underscores the terrible nature of apostasy and underlines the awful seriousness of the warning. □

Are the "golden censer" and the "altar of incense" the same? How can we reconcile Hebrews 9:4 with Exodus 30:6 and 40:5?

With few exceptions New Testament scholars agree that "golden censer" in Hebrews 9:4 should be translated "altar of incense." And with few exceptions they think the author of Hebrews simply erred in locating it inside the holy of holies.

However, some scholars understand the words, "the holiest of all, which *had* the golden censer," to mean that the altar of incense *belonged* to the inner sanctuary, not was *contained* in it. They think the author is stressing association, not specifying location. It is true that the altar of incense was closely associated with the ark of the covenant, where the other furnishings of the outer sanctuary were not. On the Day of Atonement the high priest sprinkled ark and altar with blood, and carried burning incense from the altar into the holy of holies. In all fairness, such a staunch conservative as F. F. Bruce says this interpretation "smacks of special pleading." On the other hand, Hugh Montefiore, not a conservative, says, "our author does not actually commit himself to the view that the altar of incense is situated in the sanctuary: he merely says that it belonged to the sanctuary."

I reckon we will never know for sure until we can interview the author. □

THE CHURCH AT WORK / General Statistics 1978

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

	Canadian	Inter-continental	National-Mission & Pioneer	United States	General Church	Total
DISTRICTS	4	47	51	70		172
CHURCHES	138	1,654	540	4,719		7,051
MEMBERSHIP						
Full Members	8,502	89,495	15,567	462,124		575,688
Probationary Members	35	48,715	16,122	600		65,472
Total	<u>8,537</u>	<u>138,210</u>	<u>31,689</u>	<u>462,724</u>		<u>641,160</u>
MINISTERS						
Ordained	193	902	196	7,590		8,881
Licensed	56	729	269	2,477		3,531
Missionaries	--	250	245	--		495
SUNDAY SCHOOLS	136	1,458	492	4,615		6,684
Children-Enrollment	9,082	122,914	32,450	283,218		447,664
Aver. Wkly. Attn.	4,953	76,274	18,471	156,425		256,123
Cradle Roll	321	3,595	--	14,181		18,097
Youth-Enrollment	3,026	54,726	17,289	163,912		238,953
Aver. Wkly. Attn.	1,703	35,219	9,917	79,014		125,853
Adult-Enrollment	4,103	36,930	7,996	301,736		350,765
Aver. Wkly. Attn.	2,722	23,853	4,811	176,414		207,800
Summary-Officers & Teachers	1,519	1,812	--	63,763		67,094
Home Department	275	1,146	--	13,003		14,424
Outreach	534	6,293	--	57,176		64,003
Totals-Enrollment	<u>18,860</u>	<u>227,416</u>	<u>57,735</u>	<u>897,989</u>		<u>1,201,000</u>
Aver. S.S. Attn.	9,378	135,346	33,199	411,853		589,776
Aver. Outrch. Attn.	388	3,858	--	43,744		47,990
Aver. Church Sch. Attn.	<u>9,766</u>	<u>139,204</u>	<u>33,199</u>	<u>455,597</u>		<u>637,766</u>
NYI SOCIETIES	68	1,055	280	2,977		4,380
Membership	1,447	39,817	8,216	76,896		126,376
NWMS SOCIETIES	130	1,428	277	4,445		6,280
Membership	6,667	59,199	10,601	344,101		420,568
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS	45	677	163	2,898		3,783
Membership	3,055	71,063	16,867	263,667		354,652
CST CHURCHES	42	12	--	2,718		2,772
Credits	501	181	--	66,314		66,996
PROPERTY VALUES						
Local Churches	\$18,919,720	\$40,651,427	\$7,572,346	\$770,578,468		\$837,721,961
Local Parsonages	4,097,117	7,011,074	1,310,430	135,027,508		147,446,129
District Centers & Other	734,000	--	--	24,086,411		24,820,411
District Parsonages	230,000	--	--	3,441,918		3,671,918
Educational Institutions	--	--	--	--	\$121,988,593	121,988,593
Nazarene Publishing House	--	--	--	--	2,663,858	2,663,858
International Center	--	--	--	--	2,987,334	2,987,334
Total	<u>\$23,980,837</u>	<u>\$47,662,501</u>	<u>\$8,882,776</u>	<u>\$933,134,305</u>	<u>\$127,639,785</u>	<u>\$1,141,300,204</u>
PROPERTY INDEBTEDNESS						
Church & Parsonage Local	\$3,413,423	\$3,630,270	\$732,786	\$188,275,209	--	\$196,051,688
All District Property	144,697	--	--	5,225,622	--	5,370,319
Educational Institutions	--	--	--	--	\$56,986,340	56,986,340
Total	<u>\$3,558,120</u>	<u>\$3,630,270</u>	<u>\$732,786</u>	<u>\$193,500,831</u>	<u>\$56,986,340</u>	<u>\$258,408,347</u>
CHURCH FINANCES (Paid)						
Local	\$3,267,486	\$5,895,386	\$357,767	\$153,943,138	--	\$163,463,777
District	311,479	544,426	25,344	10,770,352	--	11,651,601
Educational	140,001	68,694	4,054	5,919,722	--	6,132,471
General	485,501	422,860	31,461	21,610,357	\$870,605	23,420,784
Total	<u>\$4,204,467</u>	<u>\$6,931,366</u>	<u>\$418,626</u>	<u>\$192,243,569</u>	<u>\$870,605</u>	<u>\$204,668,633</u>
ANALYSIS OF TOTAL						
Paid by Church	\$3,794,108	\$6,659,501	\$415,282	\$168,079,843	--	\$178,948,734
Church Schools	182,103	84,037	700	6,732,416	--	6,999,256
NYI	36,791	23,710	772	1,063,634	--	1,124,907
NWMS	168,371	162,330	1,872	15,634,264	--	15,966,837
Supplemental	23,094	1,788	--	733,412	\$870,605	1,628,899
PER CAPITA						
Local	\$384.32	\$65.87	\$22.98	\$333.12	--	\$283.95
District	36.64	6.08	1.63	23.31	--	20.24
Educational	16.47	.77	.26	12.81	--	10.65
General	<u>57.10</u>	<u>4.73</u>	<u>2.02</u>	<u>46.76</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>40.68</u>
Total	<u>\$494.53</u>	<u>\$77.45</u>	<u>\$26.89</u>	<u>\$416.00</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>\$355.52</u>

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Pictured (l. to r.) are: President Curtis Smith, Dr. Forrest Whitlatch (chairman of the board and Iowa district superintendent), and Dr. Paul Cunningham (secretary to the board and pastor of College Church, Olathe, Kans.).

MANC BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETS

The Mid-America Nazarene College Board of Trustees Meeting was held November 17-18. They approved a master plan which includes six buildings to be constructed by 1985. The

Career Education Building is first priority.

Four faculty members were promoted. They included Dr. Phillip Bennett, teacher education; Dr. Clarence Linsey, chemistry; Dr. Robert Copeland, music; and Dr. John Wilson,

history. The hiring of four new faculty members was approved, one in business, two in nursing, and one in sociology.

Two new trustee members were welcomed: Rev. Don Gadow of Iowa City, Ia., and Charles Clark of West Des Moines, Ia. □



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AN INCREDIBLE VACATION

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Most of my Christmases are spent in Guadalajara, Mexico, but circumstances confined me to the cold, windy city of Chicago. It was depressing to think I had to forfeit the sunny, 80° temperature of that beautiful Mexican city for a frigid, below zero, Illinois city. But God, in His wisdom, thwarted my selfish desires, so all doors were closed to my rendezvous to the south.

Being a teacher, I had 10 days to relax, recuperate, and enjoy myself before I returned to my very difficult but rewarding job.

In Chicago, I stayed at the YMCA Hotel, located right in the heart of the city. At this hotel they have a Bible Roundtable led by Hussain Boksch, a born-again Christian from India, now attending seminary in Chicago—a very kind, generous, and devoted Christian. I attended several of these Bible studies under his leadership.

The composition of the meetings was mind boggling. Such a diversified group of people in age, employment, culture, background, and nationality! For example, there was:

- Lucky—an ex-convict, just out of prison. He had two life sentences commuted. He had found Christ and was sharing his faith with us;
- Bobby—an aspiring actor from the Black Ghetto on scholarship to Goodman Theater—one of the better acting schools in the Midwest;
- Peter—a middle-aged man who is trying his hand at a first novel and is working furiously at it;
- Lloyd—a young fellow from Cuba who has a keen mind and wants to attend the Moody Bible Institute;
- Diana—a disillusioned girl who was seeking refuge in the big city;
- John—a former mental patient who is trying to get it together;
- Eric—a laborer at the *Chicago Tribune* with a two-year stay in a Seventh-Day Adventist psychiatric hospital in Ohio;
- Russell—a very talented fashion designer who aspires to be another Pierre Cardin;
- George—a university student from Ghana, Africa;
- Sam—a Jewish refugee from the Soviet Union;

Tom—a psychologist from the Philippines who was doing advanced study in Vancouver, British Columbia.

Now close your eyes and just imagine what a Bible study would be like with such a conglomeration of people. You are right. It was beautiful and educational! And let me add right here that I wouldn't have exchanged it for that beautiful city of Guadalajara. God always does things right and on time. I can attest to that!

For just a moment, I want to focus on Bobby, the aspiring actor. One evening he came early to the Bible study with his Bible. He and Hussain had talked seriously about Christianity, but he was reluctant to step out and accept the tenets of Christianity in their totality. Hussain was busily putting Bibles out and writing on the blackboard. I engaged Bobby in conversation.

I sensed that his mind was churning with ideas. He was searching and really grappling with this quest for his identity. Why am I here? Is there a God?

Hussain finished and sat down with us and entered into the discussion. I listened as they sparred with one another.

**"By ALL MEANS...
Save Some"**

Finally, I said, "Wait a minute!" I then turned toward Bobby and asked, "Bobby, you want Jesus to come into your heart and life, don't you?"

He sheepishly answered, "Yes."

I went over the plan of salvation with him and pressed him for a decision. He wasn't evasive, but eagerly accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Savior.

What a Christmas! Bobby got the best gift in the hotel that night—Jesus Christ. As I reflect on this experience, I'm wondering how many others responded to God's Gift to mankind during that holiday period. I hope many! This is really living—sharing God's greatest Gift, Jesus Christ, with mankind. With God's help, I want to be a bearer of the Good News that Jesus died for sinful men. □



Dr. John Cortis (l.) of the Billy Graham organization and director for the Mid-America Billy Graham Crusade, in its final business meeting held early in December, presented a plaque to the Nazarene Publishing House. It was given in appreciation for the cooperation shown prior to and during the August meetings in Kansas City. All executive meetings and administrative planning sessions for the Crusade were held in the Heritage Building of the NPH complex. Pictured with Dr. Cortis from left to right are: Dr. B. Edgar Johnson, general secretary; M. A. (Bud) Lunn, manager of the Nazarene Publishing House; and Rev. W. C. Dishon, pastor of Kansas City, Kans., Central Church; all of whom served on the executive committee. The plaque, displayed in the Heritage Building, reads as follows: "In appreciation to the Nazarene Publishing House. This place became 'Holy Ground' to the members of the Executive Committee of the Mid-America Billy Graham Crusade 1978 as we met together here and found God's faithfulness demonstrated to us."

NICARAGUA REPORT

District Superintendent Ernesto Bello of Nicaragua reports that five Nazarenes have died in the current political unrest in Nicaragua.

Rev. Bello and his District Advisory Board have asked every church to continue with their present pastors rather than attempt pastoral changes at this time. All pastors are continuing to live in the communities with their congregations. The unrest has brought a spirit of unity and closeness upon the people that is producing a deep spiritual renewal within the Church of the Nazarene in Nicaragua.

Nazarene refugees who have fled from Nicaragua to Costa Rica are being cared for through the Hunger Fund. □

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NORTHWEST ZONE LEADS NORTH AMERICAN AREAS IN MEMBERSHIP GAINS

The church statistics for 1978 have been released by General Secretary Dr. B. Edgar Johnson. Figures show that the international membership of the Church of the Nazarene increased this year 2.56 percent, to a total of 641,160. This was slightly under last year's increase of 3.3 percent.

The distribution of gains by sub-totals is: Canadian Zone, 3.16 percent; Intercontinental zones, 6.56 percent;

National-Mission & Pioneer, 2.91 percent; and U.S. zones, 1.55 percent.

The figures for the U.S. zones are: Northwest, 3.38 percent; Southeast, 2.43 percent; North Central, 1.72 percent; Eastern, 1.67 percent; Southwest, 1.50 percent; South Central, 1.28 percent; Eastern Central, .75 percent; Central, .36 percent.

Nazarenes around the world paid a total of \$204,668,633 for all purposes. This is an increase of 9.83 percent over last year. The per capita paid by the international church was \$355.52. Canada led again with \$494.63. United States per capita was \$416.

The Sunday school statistics showed another year of decline in enrollment and weekly average attendance. □

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MINISTERS' WIVES REMINDED, "IT'S A JOYFUL JOURNEY."

More than 500 ministers' wives from the Southeast Educational Zone met in the gymnasium on the campus of Trevecca Nazarene College, Nashville, for the first WILCON conference, Tuesday, December 5, at 7 p.m., exploring the theme, "IT'S A JOYFUL JOURNEY."

After a musical concert, they heard General Superintendent Dr. William M. Greathouse speak on the theme, "The Most Important Lady in the Church." He reminded them that no other church has provided such an opportunity for its ministers' wives. He based his remarks on Mark 10:44, calling for a renewed sense of servanthood. He exhorted them to find fulfillment and personhood by following Jesus and giving themselves fully and daily to Him.

This first WILCON opens a series of such meetings on college campuses of the eight zones of the United States and Canada. They are patterned generally on the PALCON sessions which were held 1976-77.

Under the direction of Mrs. Marion Rich, the program has been particularly planned for ladies of the parsonage. They heard resource leaders in the areas of personal spiritual growth, physical and spiritual wholeness, family life enrichment, and discovery of spiritual gifts, in the general sessions, and had the option of numerous seminars.

Speakers included both Dr. and Mrs. William M. Greathouse, Maylou Cook, Connie Cunningham, James Dobson, Lora H. Donoho, Barbara E. Flemming, Jarrell W. Garsee and Berniece Garsee, Evelyn Gibson, Nina Gunter, Velda Hartley, David Hernandez, Hazel C. Lee, Geneva McCullough, Evonne Neuenschwander, Tommie E. Parrish, Lora Lee Parrott,

Milton E. Poole, Rubena W. Poole, Earl E. Vastbinder, Audrey J. Williamson, and Mildred B. Wynkoop.

The sessions concluded with a luncheon on Friday, December 8. □

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TWO NEW DISTRICTS IN MEXICO

In district assemblies held November 10-22 in the Northwest, Northeast, Central, and Southeast districts of Mexico, Nazarenes voted to establish two new districts in Mexico to allow greater efficiency in supervision and growth. The new districts are called North Mexico and West Mexico. They have been formed from churches formerly in the Northwest, Northeast, and Central districts.

Superintendents of the new districts, appointed by Dr. William M. Greathouse, general superintendent in jurisdiction, are Rev. Aaron Catalan, superintendent of the North District; and Rev. Carlos Perea, superintendent of the West District.

Another vacancy in the superintendency was created when Rev. Roberto Moreno, formerly superintendent of the Mexico Central District from 1967 to 1972 and superintendent of the Mexico Northwest District since that time, requested that his name not be considered for reelection.

Dr. Greathouse appointed Rev. Isidro Jimenez M. to succeed Rev. Moreno as superintendent on the Mexico Northwest District.

Superintendents of the other three districts in Mexico are Rev. Moises Garces, Central District; Rev. Moises Esperilla, Northeast District; and Rev. Luis Aguilar, Southeast District.

The Southeast District and superintendent, Rev. Aguilar, requested permission from the General Board to become a regular district at their District Assembly in 1980.

The Southeast District reported that 11 new churches became fully self-supporting in 1978, bringing the total of self-supporting churches on that district to 36. Six new churches were organized on the district this year.

The number of churches and members on the six districts after division was reported as follows: Northwest, 24 churches, 9 missions, 1,059 full members, 430 probationers; North, 11 churches, 200 full members, 129 probationers; Northeast, 40 churches, 20 missions, 3,000 full members, and 800 probationers; West, 26 churches, 613 full members, 283 probationers; Central, 52 churches, 3,600 full members, 1,000 probationers; Southeast, 77 churches, 4,000 full members, 1,000 probationers. □

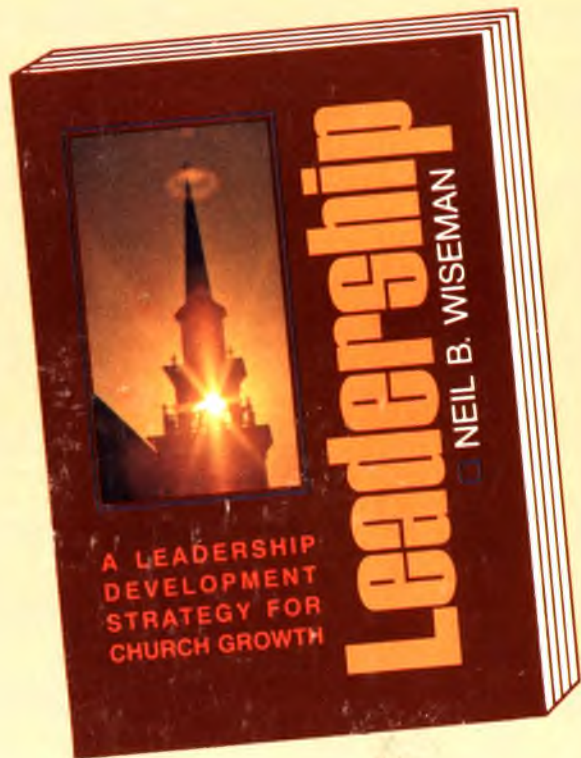
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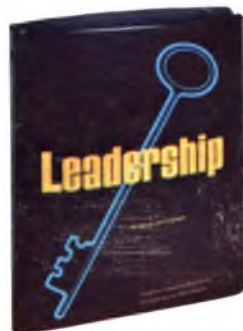
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