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Some months ago a blessing came to me in an unexpected place. It was like a spring of fresh water to a thirsty traveler across a desert. I was waiting for a driver to come to take me on my way. I sat in the lobby of a small town hotel. As I cast my eyes about on the various objects within range, I was attracted to a motto which bore the title, "A Prayer of St. Francis." I read it, was refreshed in my spirit, and awakened

A Prayer for All to Breathe

General Superintendent Williamson



to new and deeper spiritual longing. I took a sheet of paper from my brief case and hurriedly copied what I had read. My friend did not come for me till I had completed the transcription. I pass along this which has searched my soul and blessed my heart, in the confidence that it will do good to others also.

"O Lord, our Christ, may we have thy mind and Spirit. Make us instruments of thy peace. Where there is hatred let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.

"O Divine Master, grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned. And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen."

May this prayer which poured from the pure soul and heavenly mind of a servant of God hundreds of years ago be my prayer and yours. May it do for many, day by day, what it did for me that other day and what it does for me now.

Do Your Children Know the Minister?

By ELIZABETH W. SUDLOW

How well acquainted are your children with the minister of your church? Is all that they know about him covered by the short time they see him on Sunday morning, either in the pulpit if they attend church or when he visits their department in Bible school?

One mother was dismayed to discover that her children did not know the minister as a real man. How then could they learn to know him as a friend and counselor? If or when they were in special need of his help and guidance, would they have to go to him as to a stranger?

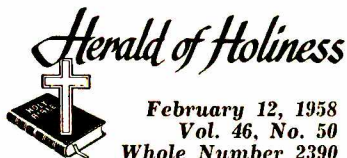
It was then she decided to invite the minister to have dinner with the family and to spend at least a part of the evening in the family circle. Then he would no longer be just "the man that talks on Sunday," but a familiar and real person whom they would look upon as a friend. The children would also be more interested in church services because they had helped entertain the minister in their own home. They would listen with more attention to what he had to say. His prayers would be more real because they had heard him pray at their own table.

How did the experiment work out? Just as she had hoped it would. The minister came to dinner and the children were so fascinated with his friendly attitude they begged him to come again. He is now a frequent guest at meal-time, and whenever the mother prepares something especially nice, one of the youngsters is sure to ask permission to call the minister to share it with them.

Other mothers in the community are trying the same plan and the only difficulty that has arisen is that there are not enough dinner hours for the minister to fill with the invitations he receives. One mother is especially happy because her two teen-age sons have come to know the minister as a "real guy" and are already taking to him their personal problems.

How well does *your family* know the minister?

When man, God's crown of creation, fell from his state of innocence and thus lost his God-given dominion, glory, and honor, God already had a plan for his redemption. The promise was given of One who should bruise the head of the serpent who had deceived Eve. In the fullness of time, that promised One, Jesus, came. . . . Truly a great salvation is provided!—RHEA F. MILLER.



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God Is Here

*Skies above shine clear and blue
When trust and love break through.
When we have faith we cannot fear;
All the Father hath is here.
Skies hold such a gentle sheen,
To fold so much of strength between!*
—MARION B. SHOEN

Music Memoettes

By OVELLA S. SHAFER

"The Old Rugged Cross" still remains America's most popular hymn; at the present time it outranks all other religious selections. As the author, George Bennard, approaches life's sunset, his home town, Reed City, Michigan, remains very conscious of his presence and has erected a beautiful cross marked, "The Old Rugged Cross," on its suburban U.S. Highway 131.

In physical appearance George Bennard is pictured as bearing a striking resemblance to certain pictures of the hymn writer, John Wesley, with his long, white hair, which truly is his "crown of glory." This combined with his beautiful, benevolent spirit makes him indeed a gentleman of distinction. This hymn is the outcome of the author's special study on the Cross, with Galatians 6:14 the germ idea for the writing of these mighty truths in song.

Although this musical inspiration had but a humble beginning—in the kitchen of a small parsonage in Pokagon, Michigan, with a preacher and wife for the audience—yet each year in Pokagon there is a celebration in commemoration of this event. The author attributes the tremendous popularity of this hymn to the fact that it emphasizes the atonement and states, "I would rather be the author of 'The Old Rugged Cross' than to have written the 'Elegy' or any other glorious lines of immortal poetry."

Yes, the world still honors the Cross for its relationship to Christ and Christianity and it is exceedingly appropriate that "light at evening time" has arrived for George Bennard—the man who so appealingly expressed in verse and song the transcendent truths of redemption.

The Sabbath Day

*O Sabbath day, glad day of rest,
Day of all the week the best—
We would welcome thee with prayer,
Lay aside our weekday care;
Praise and worship Christ, our King,
Unto Him all offering bring.
Blest Sabbath day, of all the best—
Emblem of eternal rest!*
—CELIA M. LOWE



"365 New Churches"

The Golden Anniversary Challenge

By General Superintendent Vanderpool

A careful invoice of the spiritual, numerical, and material advance of the Church of the Nazarene reveals the rich heritage the church gathered the first fifty years of her organization. Sheer gratitude to God drives the Board of General Superintendents, the General Board of the church, and the heads of all departments and auxiliaries of the church to challenge the entire church to a mighty advance in 1958, our Golden Anniversary year.

One of the agreed goals set for the church in 1958 and sponsored by Dr. Roy F. Smee and the Department of Home Missions and Church Extension is the organization of 365 new churches. *A church a day is a challenging goal for which to strive.* This will call for a year-long drive on the part of everyone. Every department and every church can well feel they have a responsibility for helping to reach this goal.

Each district has been alerted concerning this task and everyone has accepted a goal of from two to twelve new churches organized in 1958. A church a day organized will mean more to the general church and the building of the kingdom of God than the casual reader may think.

It will give 365 new pulpits from which the "Sweetest Story Ever Told" will ring out to troubled, broken, discouraged people pointing them to Christ, the Hope of the world. Three hundred and sixty-five new churches will mean 365 new church schools where the greatest lessons of life can be taught to both young and old, acquainting them with the truths that are vital to life eternal. It will further mean the erection of 365 new altars—to Nazarenes the most important piece of furniture to be found in the church—where sinners may be converted, believers sanctified, and where many of life's greatest problems may be solved. These 365 new churches will become lighthouses, throwing beams of light out into the darkness, giving guidance and courage to the lost. These churches will be beachheads in the enemy territory, making

it possible for continued advance in the years that may follow.

The organization of 365 new churches certainly will mean thousands of new people reached by the gospel, transformed by its power until they become Nazarenes both in spirit and in name.

This 1958 challenge of 365 new churches organized is freighted with so much importance to the general church that district boards, zones, and local churches must commit every ounce of spiritual and financial strength to reach this coveted goal.

Let none fold his hands and say, "It can't be done." Nobody knows what three hundred thousand Nazarenes on the march for God can really do. Reaching this goal of 365 new churches in 1958 will kindle new fires on every district and will give a tremendous impetus to every department in reaching goals which they have set.

There is much land to be possessed. Every goal of the church for our Golden Anniversary can be reached if one and all will go all out in an aggressive, organized effort to get a church a day in 1958.

We challenge the districts to raise more home mission money than ever before. We challenge the zones on the districts, in co-operation with the district superintendents, to organize and unite efforts for a new church on every zone. We challenge the pastors to sponsor new churches in nearby areas, willingly giving strong local members to start new churches. We further challenge good, steady Nazarene members living in new communities to unite with the new church and help it to have a commendable beginning.

The challenge offered will not be as easy as sitting with folded hands in a worshipful service in the home church while others carry on the active service. But who is interested in folded hands—withered hands—empty hands? Come on! Let us have something to lay at the Master's feet. Let us strive to hear the divine plaudit, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

Climate for Home Missions

By ROY F. SMEE, General Home Missions Secretary

Climate is usually associated in our minds with weather and living conditions. Certain flowers, vegetables, and trees will flourish only in a proper climate—one that is suitable for thrifty growth. Horticulturists study soils, temperatures, seasons, rainfall, and many other variables to determine what crops will bring the best returns in a given area.

In the spiritual realm there are climates which are conducive to the best advance in the work of a church. The wise pastor will generate a climate in his church before and during an evangelistic meeting. There must be a burden for souls. There must be earnest and prolonged, agonizing prayer. There must be sincere searching of hearts. There must be a genuine love in the hearts of the members of the church. There must be the spirit of self-sacrifice—willingness to give of one's time and money. There must be a deep concern for others. This will create a climate that will bring revival to any church. And without this climate for revival, one might just as well try to raise oranges in Alaska.

Home missions in the Church of the Nazarene means more to me than merely adding 365 new churches during 1958. It means to me 365 more altars raised where men and women, boys and girls will find God. As a result scores of homes that would otherwise go on the rocks will be saved, hundreds of boys and girls will be spared the shame that sin brings. There will be fewer people sent to houses of correction. The world will be a better place in which to live and, in the end, heaven will be enjoyed by many who would miss it if we do not organize 365 churches during 1958.

This cannot come to pass by merely wishing for it nor by hoping that in some way God by His miraculous power would superimpose the proper climate to bring it to pass. No, Nazarenes everywhere must arise with a vision and a consuming passion to see it come to pass. When enough people—district superintendents, pastors, evangelists, Sunday school superintendents and teachers, and all laymen—are moved with deep concern based upon what home missions will mean in terms of salvation, then a climate will have moved in upon us that will make the organization of a new Church of the Nazarene a thrill and joy to any church.

I thank God for the advance of home missions during the past ten years; 31.9 per cent of all our

present churches have been organized during this decade. We are raising not less than three times the amount of money for home missions annually that we were ten years ago. Our young men and young women graduating from our institutions of learning in preparation to enter the ministry are not seeking the shortest route to the pastorate of a "First Church." They are merely asking for an opportunity. And I believe that if God has called this great host of young people to preach the gospel, He is calling sanctified laymen everywhere to put money into the hands of our general and district leaders to make it possible for them to have a fighting chance to succeed.

Only a few weeks ago my personal friend, G. L. Speier, was suddenly taken home to heaven. To me it seems a great loss. No one man put more money—lumber and cash (for he was a lumberman)—into my hands for home missions than he. He gave the church literally tens of thousands of dollars. Home missions was his great burden. When I was district superintendent of Northern California he came to me and said, "Brother Smee, I believe God wants me to furnish all the lumber it takes to build those home missionary chapels you are building on the district. Just tell me where you want it and I will drop it on any lot on the district." He enjoyed such service then, but I am sure if he can look over the battlements of heaven and see the scores of souls finding God because he had a home missionary vision and "minded God," as he often expressed it, his joy will know no bounds now.

I know hundreds of other consecrated laymen who are no less enthusiastic about home missions. A district superintendent recently told me of a

"In a short but forceful fifteen-minute home missions message, Sunday afternoon, September 1, Dr. George Coulter set a new record, and so did Northern California young people, pledging \$23,334 and assuring new progress in home missions on the Northern California District."—Report of N.Y.P.S. Convention in the Northern California "Nazarene Voice."

Nazarene woman who lived in a fine suburb of a large city where we had no church. This woman canvassed her area and spread the special issue of the *Herald of Holiness* in her neighborhood. She then started a prayer meeting in her own home. The response has been so encouraging that now a church is soon to be organized. Every enterprise of this sort helps to create a climate for home missions. It soon becomes contagious. And what's more, these people are keeping blessed in their own souls and the sponsoring churches are sensing a new glow of spiritual health in their own services.

There was a time when it was hard to get pastors to be home-missionary-minded. Twenty-five years ago I received some nasty letters from "First Church" members in a city of 750,000 people be-

cause I organized a church in a suburban area outside of that city. Thank God, the climate has changed. I have toured many of our districts speaking in hundreds of churches and usually raising money for some phase of home missionary advance. Almost 100 per cent of the churches and pastors are glad to support the home missionary program. Oh, once in a while I find egocentric pastors who will close the doors to such an appeal, but they are becoming few. This great interest is what I mean by home missionary climate.

If this vision can so possess us that we can organize 365 churches during this Golden Anniversary year it will within itself create such a climate that it can become common practice with us year after year. God grant that it may be so!

HOME MISSIONS

...A Local Challenge

By M. E. CLAY

Pastor, Hutchinson First Church, Kansas

A sanctified church is characterized by an aggressive and evangelistic spirit. It is that holy flame of love and passion that sparked the growth of the Church of the Nazarene. Beginning with a union of 288 churches in 1908, the Nazarenes have grown to 4,500 churches. Each organization came about by sacrifice, prayers, and tears of God's holy people. New churches have not come easily, but God has been faithful. In spite of little finance, God enabled His people to find a way. Do we dare do less than those that have given to us our Zion? Is the need less urgent in our day? A great example of courage, faith, and sacrifice has been given the Nazarenes of this generation.

Resources are in our hands that were unknown to our church pioneers. Three hundred thousand Nazarenes, divided into forty-five hundred congregations are available to back the cause of home missions. This great host of Nazarenes with their prayers, talents, and finance can move like a conquering army into any new field and establish a church. Consecrated young men, trained and called of God, are ready to minister in these places.

The challenge is before us. The fields are ripe for harvesting. New communities have sprung up

all over our nation. Now is the time for the Church of the Nazarene to act. One new church organized every day of this Golden Anniversary year is not too many. Pastors and people alike are catching the vision. Any church awakened can bring forth a home mission effort. Mother churches are needed throughout our denomination, to find and help purchase property, provide personnel to make surveys, staff branch Sunday schools, and hold home mission revivals. Faithful laymen should be transferred to give the new church numerical and financial strength. There is real romance for a people that will undertake such a worthy task. Another meeting place is provided for Sunday school, the preaching of the Word, and souls to be saved. Surely all heaven rejoices over such an achievement.

The sponsoring church will be blessed. It is true, the loss of leadership, attendance, and finance of capable families that were transferred will be felt for a time. However, the spirit of missionary passion quickens the home church with new joy and revival zeal. In such an atmosphere others will soon be won to fill the place of those transferred, and the church will again be back to its former strength. Many have testified that an all-out home mission program in a local church promotes a spirit of unity and harmony among its members. They become lost in the demands of a great cause. Trifling differences fade and jealousies vanish. Home missions is a natural outlet for spiritual exercise and missionary passion. New interest and victories are the result. Some churches have reported the greatest growth in their history while thus engaged.

Home missions is the challenge of the church and the hope of our denomination.

When People Pray

By **JOE EDWARDS**

Pastor, Providence Church of the Nazarene
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma



Providence Church of the Nazarene, Oklahoma City

All of my life I have heard people pray and talk about prayer without much thought of what prayer really means and does for us. It was when I was a minister of another faith that I had an opportunity to sing in a Church of the Nazarene. And when I heard the people pray, it was different from my previous understanding of prayer. It affected me so that I have never been the same since. First, I wanted to pray like they did; second, I wanted to look like they did when they prayed; and then I wanted to feel what they felt. Thanks be to God! I have that experience and it is joy unspeakable and full of glory. Praise His holy name!

When people pray they find themselves developing a great concern for lost souls. They become more conscious of God and His need for us as instruments in Kingdom building. It was when I prayed while living in Detroit, Michigan, that God showed me the millions of my people living in the South, groping in darkness and living in sin. I tried to make myself satisfied by sympathizing with them. But as I continued to pray for them, God wanted me to come and pray with them, and let my light so shine before them that they may see my good works and glorify God in heaven. So I am happy in the service of the Lord among my own race of people in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Now what happened when I prayed? Did my prayer change God's mind? Or did it bring me into such a relationship with God that I could better understand His great purpose for me? Yes, the prayer alerted me; God is always on the alert. Prayer brings us into the kind of spiritual relationship with God that nothing can separate us from His love.

I have seen tremendous progress in our section of the country among our people in the last three years. This district of ours known as the Gulf Central District, comprising the thirteen southern states, has grown from almost nothing to fifteen churches and Sunday schools within the last three years. This is the result of prayer. When people pray they will see the urgent need of more churches and Sunday schools in our district among our people. When people pray, they will want to enter into that collaborating with God to bring into exist-

ence the things we pray for. This is my prayer for 1958. We need more churches, better church buildings, and more preachers of our race; but most of all we need more people of my race who are willing to suffer and die for this great cause.

God has blessed the Church of the Nazarene across the country for these almost fifty years. Therefore we must rise to the spirit of the occasion and see that God's will is done. For it is the will of God that black men and women, too, be saved and sanctified in our Southland, where more than ten million of the seventeen million Negroes live. It is God's will that we are here in America instead of Africa. When people pray, God will lead the way.

NOTE—Rev. Joe Edwards is one of four ordained elders (and seven licensed ministers) on the Gulf Central District. Through the wonderful spirit of the people of the Lincoln Terrace Church in Oklahoma City and the pastor, Rev. Floyd P. Smith, and the co-operation of the Southwest Oklahoma District and District Superintendent W. T. Johnson, the Gulf Central District has been able to purchase the building of the Lincoln Terrace Church for our Negro congregation. In gratitude

"Last fall, as I toured a district in the interests of home missions and the Crusade for Souls, the district superintendent met with the pastors on each of his ten zones and discussed the need of new churches and the need of increases in membership, Sunday school, and the general program of evangelism. Would you believe it! When it was all over, the pastors had of their own choosing set a goal of eighteen new churches before the end of 1958."—John L. Knight, District Superintendent of Florida.

for this splendid building, the name of the church was changed to Providence Church of the Nazarene. Opening services were held on January 5, when the building was packed to capacity and many could not get in.

The Gulf Central District assembly will be held in this building, March 1 and 2, with General Superintendent D. I. Vanderpool presiding. We are expecting the best assembly in the history of this district.

The challenge for holiness evangelism among Negroes of the United States extends far beyond the borders of the Gulf Central District. There were 840,000 Negroes in New York City and 738,000 in Chicago in 1957. Philadelphia, Washington, Detroit, Baltimore, Los Angeles, St. Louis, and Cleveland had from 217,000 to 456,000 Negroes. Many other cities have 50,000 or more. As for these cities, we have several churches in New York City,

"Seventeen miles from here is a re-activated SAC base where 450 new homes are being built. Of course there are families of civilian personnel moving into nearby towns. We have several Nazarene churches in easy driving distance of this base, and if we can all work together, it seems possible to launch a beginning there."—Otto C. Perry, Elk City, Oklahoma.

a small one in Chicago, another in Los Angeles, and prospects for a beginning in St. Louis. (There are fifteen Negro churches outside the Gulf Central District.) This is the day of opportunity and the field is ripe unto harvest. Pray for workers to meet this challenge.—ALPIN P. BOWES.

A DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT PLANS FOR 1958

By OSCAR J. FINCH
District Superintendent, Colorado District

One of the primary problems of home missions in Colorado relates to the acquiring of property. In an endeavor to meet this issue, we have formed the Colorado Pioneers. The present members, numbering more than three hundred, have pledged from \$5.00 to \$100.00 per call; and we have received as much as \$3,030.00 from a single call. January 26 has been set as Pioneer Sunday, and all pastors are exchanging pulpits for the purpose of preaching on home missions and enlisting—we trust—at least three hundred more Pioneers.

To this date our Home Mission Board has purchased with the assistance of the Pioneers, or now has in the process of purchase, a beautiful property consisting of a parsonage and lots for church in Westminster (this church has been organized and is doing nicely). We have a block consisting of six lots with all improvements in the beautiful new Belmont area of Pueblo. We have also recently purchased an excellent property—vacant lots for the erection of a church building and two excellent new brick houses—in Boulder. One of these houses is being made into a lovely chapel by our First Church in Boulder. The other has been rented to a nursery day school group, reserving the privilege of use by our church on Sundays, for \$115 per month to assist in paying for the property. We are closing negotiations this

week on two pieces of property—lots on the main street for a church building and a new brick parsonage—in Thornton, a city of 10,500 population, which has been built during the last five years adjacent to Denver. We are also negotiating at the present time for property in two other fine cities.

Late in December, Rev. Romaine D. Wood and our Grand Junction church started services in their neighboring community of Fruita. The attendance is encouraging. On February 16, Dr. Timothy Smith, pastor of our Boulder First Church, will begin services in the newly acquired and reconditioned chapel in South Boulder. The plan is that Dr. Smith shall hold a worship service from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. in the chapel and leave responsible laymen in charge of that Sunday school while he returns to First Church for their Sunday school and worship services. Rev. W. E. Heizer and our fine folk in the Montrose church are seeking location in Gunnison for the opening of services in that city.

Through these, and additional means, we are praying and working in the hope that the Colorado District may make a definite contribution toward the organizing of one new Church of the Nazarene each day during 1958.

HOME MISSIONS

. . . The Backbone of the Church

By JOHN E. WORDSWORTH

Layman, Seattle, Washington

Everyone knows that the spine is indispensable to the human body. How could a person exist without it? It has long been the symbol of strength, firmness, resolution, courage, and moral purpose. It is rigid and yet flexible, and without a backbone one is helpless. Just as the backbone is essential to the body, so is home missions to the Church of the Nazarene. Every well-informed Nazarene knows this truth.

Several years ago I worked for the Seattle Fire Department as a fireman on the fireboat, "Alki." The captain on the boat was a Finn, who spoke with quite a brogue. One day as the boat was slipping into the pier on return from a fire, the swells from the ocean were moving the vessel up and down and forth and back so vigorously that the crewman on the stern of the ship could not stand secure enough to make the leap of several feet from the boat to the pier in order to secure the line. From the pilothouse the captain noted the crewman's hesitation to jump, then ordered, "Yump! Yump!" The crewman, though willing to jump, felt unsecure, and replied, "Aye, aye, Captain; how can I yump when there is no place to stood?"

Many times when I hear people say, "Jump over here and organize a church—jump here, jump there, do something," I am reminded of the crewman on the stern of the fireboat, "How can I yump when there is no place to stood?" Your District Home Mission Board needs a secure place to stand. Can it depend on you? Is your church steady and strong enough to provide the launching platform for a new church?

This year our district has organized four new churches and we now have plans for two more. This all-out drive for new churches is not just the

result of an effort on the part of the Home Mission Board. This is district teamwork in action. It's a shoulder-to-shoulder job of the ministers and laymen. We are all in the same boat, with backs bent, oars in hand, feet secure, and our eyes on the goal.

As I see it, without a well-planned, well-financed home mission program we are like a man without a strong backbone. The total structure of the church depends upon it. How else can we organize churches, build and finance our colleges, send forth missionaries, have large and growing Sunday schools, and save our own souls? Jesus commanded His Church, saying, "Beginning at Jerusalem." After this we must branch out to establish new centers of fire and spread this glorious gospel of "Holiness unto the Lord" to the ends of the earth. This will cost us money, prayers, and consecrated service, but our investment will bring forth rich rewards.

Let's all get behind our general and district leaders with our prayers, money, and devoted service. Our home mission program will succeed if we will do teamwork, use modern methods, and maintain the ruggedness and spirit of a pioneer. "And when the battle's over, we shall wear a crown."

*Lessons from
a Siege of Sickness . . .*

II. "The Fellowship of His Sufferings"

By GEORGE W. PRIVETT, Jr.

Pastor, Donalsonville, Georgia

There was a very wholesome and helpful type of fellowship among the six of us in that hospital ward. We knew each other's names, ailments, and backgrounds. We talked about everything from peanuts to Sputnik! There was very obviously an inspiring amount of sympathetic understanding permeating our group. Every morning began with, "Did you rest well last night?" and every day ended with, "I hope you'll have a good night of sleep." We enjoyed all the flowers—our own and the other fellow's. This companionship was so embracing that a tinge of sadness mingled our joy when one of our friends heard the overdue news from the doctor, "You may go home!" Experiencing firsthand fellowship in suffering with others made the "advantages" of a private room very negligible.

I was reminded of Paul's words that I had tried so often to pray: "That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his

"Last week at our Pioneer-Orange Zone pastors' breakfast, the Lord's Spirit broke in upon the pastors and out of the impromptu discussion men's hearts were moved. Home missions, souls, sacrifice, a willingness to give members seemed to emanate from each one present. Two special morning prayer meetings have been held by the pastors already, seeking His leadership and guidance. Three areas seem to stand out in our hearts and minds."—Harold B. Buckner, Fullerton, California.

death" (Philippians 3:10). I could pray the first part of that prayer with deep emotion and conviction, for how attractive the idea of knowing Christ "and the power of his resurrection"! But I knew it was impossible to pray (and to realize) one without the other, so I would quickly add in subdued tones—"and the fellowship of his sufferings."

Since sickness becomes a minister of grace to the soul, it may be regarded as a sacred experience by the Christian. He learns to "feel for" others and experience, though in small measure, the sufferings of Christ. The heart expands until those who suffer physically and spiritually can never be forgotten but are continuously thrust to the forefront of the mind by the Holy Spirit. Out of his anguish comes renewed determination to seek by all possible means to heal the open sore of the world by bringing men to Christ.

Now, by the grace of God, I believe I can pray *all of that prayer* with equal conviction.

NEWS in PICTURE



REVIVAL HARVEST! CHURCH MEMBERS. Following a recent revival with Rev. James C. Hester (pastor of the Austin Church of the Nazarene in Chicago) as evangelist, Rev. Bennett Dudney (right back row) received this group of members into First Church, Kankakee, Illinois.

Slack Not... Come to Us... Help Us!

By LOUISE R. CHAPMAN, General N.F.M.S. President

"Joshua therefore came unto them suddenly, and went up . . . all night" (Joshua 10:9).

We have had our month of Bible reading. I hope you enjoyed it. Read this wonderful story:

"And the men . . . sent unto Joshua . . . saying, Slack not thy hand from thy servants; come up to us quickly, and save us, and help us: for all the kings . . . are gathered together against us. So Joshua ascended . . . he, and all the people of war with him, and all the mighty men of valour. And the Lord said unto Joshua, Fear them not: for I have delivered them into thine hand; . . . Joshua therefore came unto them suddenly, and went up . . . all night. And the Lord discomfited them before Israel, and slew them with a great slaughter . . . and chased them along the way . . . and smote them . . . And it came to pass, as they fled before Israel, . . . that the Lord cast down great stones from heaven upon them . . . and they died: they were more which died with hailstones than they whom the children of Israel slew with the sword. Then spake Joshua to the Lord . . . and he said in the sight of Israel, Sun, stand thou still . . . and thou, Moon, in the valley . . . And the sun stood still, and the moon stayed, until the people had avenged themselves upon their enemies. . . . And there was no day like that before it or after it, that the Lord hearkened unto the voice of

a man: for the Lord fought for Israel" (Joshua 10:6-14).

February is our month of prayer. Our Prayer Charts are like a string tied around our fingers to remind us that from forty different fields missionaries and workers, loyal and true, overburdened and pressed by the enemy, call to us saying, "Slack not thy hand from thy servants; come up to us . . . help us."

Word from our thirty foreign Bible schools asks us to come quickly. Many new God-called recruits are needed to carry the gospel message. Over six hundred students in our Bible schools are crying to see a revival of Pentecostal power and they beg us to hold on with them in prayer until every one is baptized with the Holy Ghost and power.

All the forces of the enemy have been gathered together against the work among the American Negroes. God has moved out to help us and the enemy ranks are breaking. But this is the time for all the people of war to ascend together with all our mighty men of valor.

Twenty-five thousand unborn souls in our own land and thousands more in heathen lands call to us today, "This is our opportunity; come up to us quickly, and save us, and help us."

Voices from Brazil, Germany, New Guinea, Formosa, Okinawa, Nyasaland, Rhodesia, El Salvador,

Thumbnail Sketches

An Opportunity to Tithe Regularly

Mr. Raymond Preston

District Manager of Griffith Company, San Diego Area

There is a lot of hustle and bustle, hurry and scurry in the highway building business. No doubt somewhere you've read with mixed emotions the nicely lettered sign, "Detour, Construction, Griffith Company," or perhaps this one, "Another Great Freeway Bought with Your Tax Dollars." I've seen enough of these signs to even recognize one of the great construction companies, Griffith Company of Los Angeles.

In their organization, district manager of the San Diego area, is Raymond Preston . . . medium stature, gray hair, thin mustache . . . energetic, and clean-cut. Raymond Preston has been with the Griffith Company thirty years, a company that does about twenty-five million dollars of business yearly. The annual volume of the San Diego area will run around four to five million dollars. At the present time the San Diego area is up to its neck and ears in two big freeway construction jobs, and a four million dollar street and site development plan.

Mr. Preston says, "It was my good fortune to be converted in the San Diego First Church of the Nazarene in 1923. We have a wonderful church and pastor. The Lord has greatly blessed me with a splendid family, with good health, a good position, and an opportunity to tithe regularly, and help in building His kingdom."

It was saved and sanctified men like this that responded to God's call, the leadership of Rev. Joe Morgan, and pledged \$144,000 in this the fiftieth year of this church—to build a bigger church and thus win more to Christ.

I just can't get away from it—"He blessed me with an opportunity to tithe regularly."

—PAUL MARTIN

Jamaica, and many other lands contend for our immediate attention. "So Joshua ascended . . . he, and all the people of war with him, and all the mighty men of valour. . . . Joshua therefore came unto them suddenly, and went up . . . all night."

February 21 is World Day of Prayer. Let us and all our people of war and all of the men of valor come upon these foes suddenly. If a great host of us would go up all night on Thursday night preceding the World Day of Prayer we too

would get the same kind of results that Joshua and his people saw.

If we give God a chance He will discomfit our enemies, slay them with a great slaughter, chase them along the way, smite them, and cast down great stones upon them. He can still make suns and moons stand still. And we too will testify that there was never a day like our Golden Anniversary year of 1958, when God hearkened unto the voice of man and the Lord fought for the armies of the Nazarenes.

Breath of God

By REUBEN R. WELCH

Pastor, Lakewood Church, Long Beach, California

He breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost (John 20:22).

There is only one way to live a life of real Christian service in this world and that is by the power of the Holy Spirit. The spirit of this world is still the same as it was in the days of Jesus' earthly life—still selfish, still fleshly, still pleasure-bound. St. Paul spoke truly when he reminded us that "we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world" (Ephesians 6:12).

We must fight in the Spirit and in the power which He alone can give. Only His presence will enable us to deny ourselves for Jesus when the rest of the world is living for the satiation of every human desire. Only the Holy Spirit can keep us with our eyes on the heavenly city when all around us the world is living for the fleeting joys of the moment.

No wonder Jesus breathed on them—as God breathed into man's nostrils living breath so long ago. These lonely, disappointed, frightened men were destined to change the world by the vitality of that breathing; for the very breath—the very life force—of God was to indwell their inmost beings.

"O God, breathe on us. Let the life of the Spirit permeate and indwell us till we shall live as did Thy Son. Spirit of God, burn within us till the fervent heat of Thy burning shall send us as our Lord Jesus was sent."

SUNDAY, MARCH 2, 1958

A Freewill Offering in Every Church* to Provide a Parsonage in

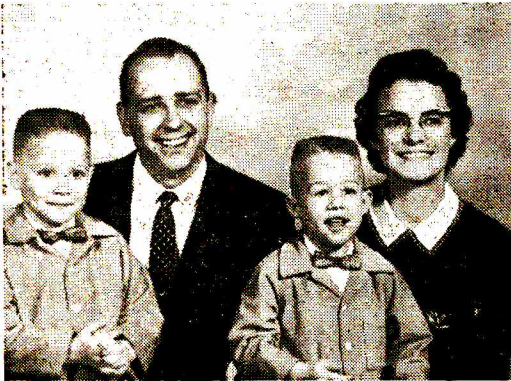
West Germany

for
THE JERRY JOHNSON FAMILY

This is a chance for you, personally, to have a part in taking the *very first step* toward establishing the work of the Church of the Nazarene on the continent of Europe.

The Johnsons will be leaving in a few weeks to open our work in West Germany. Every Nazarene can have a part in this historic step during our fiftieth anniversary year.

*This offering is sponsored by the N.Y.P.S., but should include the entire church congregation. Rev. Jerry Johnson is one of the members of the General N.Y.P.S. Council.



More Beyond

At one time Spain took such pride in her extensive possessions that she stamped on her coin the two pillars of Hercules, as the promontories of rock were called on either side of the Straits of Gibraltar. And on this coin design a scroll was stamped connecting the two pillars of Hercules and on that scroll were these words: "*Ne plus ultra*" (no more beyond). But when the bold spirit of Columbus

sailed beyond these pillars and found the new world, then Spain struck the word "*Ne*" from her coin and left the "*plus ultra*" (more beyond).

Connecting the two pillars of missionary endeavor, home and foreign missions, the Church of the Nazarene has also written this famous phrase—"more beyond." It challenges and beckons us today and is finding its expression in the opening of the work in West Germany, a great modern nation of fifty-one million souls. We must establish the work of holiness there and then move out to evangelize the continent of Europe. In this holy task there is always more ground ahead to be possessed. Can God and the church count on you in this new conquest? Let each church participate in the freewill offering on March 2, 1958.

HARDY C. POWERS
General Superintendent



We suggest:

1. That the offering be taken in one of the regular church services.
2. If there is a conflict on that day, take it as soon thereafter that day as possible. This is a one day offering.
3. Mail the offering, immediately, to
Dr. John Stockton, General Treasurer
6401 The Paseo, Kansas City 10, Mo.

Remember—It is a *freewill offering*. Let every person—and every church—do what they can.

February 21: World Day of Prayer

Elsewhere in this issue Mrs. Louise R. Chapman, general president of the N.F.M.S., reminds us of the World Day of Prayer and of the many needs which are calling us to prayer. Certainly the Church of the Nazarene during this Golden Anniversary year will join in this special day of prayer. It is not only a World Day of Prayer in the sense that it calls on Christians everywhere to join in praying for the advancement of God's kingdom; it is also a World Day of Prayer because at that time we especially emphasize the needs of the whole world. If ever during the year our praying should circle the globe, it is on Friday, February 21, the World Day of Prayer. Note the fields which are mentioned by Mrs. Chapman, the needs which are on every hand, and don't forget to make this occasion truly a World Day of Prayer.

As we do this, let us remember that prayer is the mightiest power within the reach of men. It is the means through which the power of the omnipotent God is released. After all, unless He moves in and moves upon the hearts of men, all of our activities will be in vain. Thank God for the World Day of Prayer! Wherever you are, however shut in or handicapped you may be, make February 21 a World Day of Prayer.

Was I Thrilled!

For more than twelve years the writer has lived in Kansas City and has attended many general church meetings. Some of them meet every year. The General Board always convenes in January, and that is a very important part of our church work. In addition, sometimes we have the superintendents' conference, the conference on evangelism, and other types of church-wide meetings in January. Then every four years there is the General Assembly of the Church of the Nazarene, which often is held in Kansas City. It is always inspiring to be present with any of these groups.

Further, since I usually write something as to the activities of these gatherings in the *Herald of Holiness*, I carefully read the minutes of the General Board and the departmental meetings, and the reports of the various departments to the General Board and general superintendents. This year these minutes and reports especially thrilled me. As never before I caught a vision of the world-wideness of our work. I wish all of our people could have been present to hear what our dollars, as members and friends of the Church of the Nazarene, are being spent for. You would have been as thrilled as I was. Through the money which I give to the church, which isn't a big sum, I participate in many soul-saving activities at home and abroad. Comparatively speaking, very little of this money is spent in overhead expenses; most of it

actually works for us in the homeland or abroad in saving and sanctifying people, in preparing preachers, missionaries, and laymen. I say again, "Was I thrilled as I read these minutes and realized as never before that the Church of the Nazarene is truly world-wide in its operations!" It is on duty day and night promoting vital religion in its foreign missionary fields, its schools and colleges, its Sunday schools, its churches—too many departments and phases of activity to mention here. And all of us—members and friends—share in what the Church of the Nazarene is doing.

The writer is more grateful than ever before that he has a little part in this great undertaking. No doubt one factor in the thrill which I received was due to the extra activities which are being planned for this our fiftieth anniversary year. It,

Editorials

as never before, seemed to me that we are an army of "minute men" on the front line battling with all of our strength against the forces of sin and hell in order to forward the cause of holiness and the kingdom of God.

"A Church a Day!" I'm for It!

One of the goals which the Church of the Nazarene has set for itself during this anniversary year of 1958 is "a church a day." By this is meant the organization of one church every day during the year of 1958. This will mean that when we close the year we will have started 365 new Nazarene churches. This is a big undertaking, but it can be done!

The Department of Home Missions, of course, will be especially interested in this goal. "A Church a Day!" I am for it!

The Department of Home Missions is under the leadership of Dr. Roy F. Smee. He is assisted by his secretary, Rev. Alpin Bowes, and the members of the Department of Home Missions. We may rest assured that everything possible will be done by these leaders to promote this particular feature of our work during 1958. They are on the job and will be on the job throughout the year. They will challenge us to do our best, and if we do our best, we can reach this goal.

But somebody may say, "You just want these new churches in order to have more members and thus become a bigger church." You are wrong, my friend. We do not want to reach this mark during 1958 merely to get new members and build a larger denomination. On the other hand, we do

not deny that we believe it is the very genius of any Christian church to grow; it must either grow or die, and if it doesn't grow it will die. Besides, a church isn't worth being a member of if it isn't good enough to get other people to join it. If I couldn't be enthusiastic about increasing the membership of the church to which I belong, I'd place my membership in a church that I could be enthusiastic about. No, we are not doing this just to build churches and increase membership; we are doing it in order to extend the kingdom of God and the cause of holiness. We are doing it because we have to do it in order to live. We are doing it because we like to do it, for we believe in the gospel which our church preaches. We are sold 100 per cent on it and want to get it to as many people as possible.

**Join in the
ALL NIGHT OF PRAYER
THURSDAY NIGHT
(February 20)
Preceding World Day of Prayer**

STEPHEN S. WHITE

If we organize this number of churches, we'll have to have a lot of money—more money than we've been getting for home missions. Please remember this! So let's be ready not only to give what we have been giving but something extra. This is a worthy goal and one that God will surely honor. Also, I am confident our people will work to achieve this goal; work for it with all their might and pray for it with all their might.

Also, this is a challenging goal. We need to set up goals—and I believe we have for this anniversary year—that will require energy, and a lot of it, in order for us to reach them. They must be goals which will demand consecration, the best that we have of effort, money, and time. I am for organizing one new Church of the Nazarene every day during 1958. I hope you believe this by now. I am convinced that it is one of the worthiest and most challenging goals that we have ever yet undertaken. And further, I am sure that God will do His part in achieving this goal if we will do ours.

It Will Be No "Pushover"

Seldom, if ever, has a church of our size deliberately planned such a specific and far-reaching program as the Church of the Nazarene has for 1958. There seems to be a sort of holy daring in what we have determined to do. At times it almost frightens me when I think of it. We are a church which has grown very rapidly in the past fifty years, and yet a church which is not large from the standpoint of the older denominations. Nevertheless, we are planning to do the impossible, that

is, that which is impossible from the human standpoint.

Our general superintendents, members of the General Board, executive secretaries of the various departments, leaders of our school work and the teachers there, pastors, evangelists, laymen, all of our people, are saying, or should be saying at least, "By the grace of God, we will do this and this and this." We will make 1958 a "fabulous" year, if I may employ a word which is much in use today; a spectacular year—not because of who we are, but because of the God whom we serve and the principles for which we stand. We have daringly, boldly undertaken that which is impossible, let me say again, from a human standpoint.

One thing sure, if we accomplish what we have planned to do it will be "no pushover." We can't just talk about doing it and do it. A few of us can't do it by ourselves; all of those who are a part of us around the world will have to join in and help. We'll have to have more religion than we have now if we achieve the goals of this anniversary year. We'll have to do more Bible reading, more praying; we're going to have to feel more individual, personal responsibility than ever before, toward God and for lost souls. In other words, we're going to have to be more "dead in earnest" than we ever have been before if we achieve the goals set for 1958. There'll have to be more church attendance, especially more Sunday night church attendance. There will have to be more prayer meetings and they will have to be better attended. We'll have to forget many other things which we'd like to do and concentrate more on spiritual activities if we achieve the goals which we have fixed for ourselves.

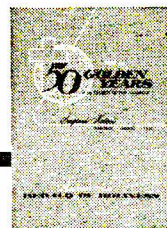
And last, but not least, there'll have to be more giving than there has been in the past. That does not mean that we haven't done well in the past, but we must do better during 1958. It should be added, too, that we can't wait until the last day of the year, the last month of the year, or even the last six months of the year in order to realize our goals. It is important that we begin now; in fact, a good many of our people have already begun, and they were right to begin with the watch-night service for 1958.

The Church of the Nazarene has set for itself the performance of certain tasks during 1958, and

each member and friend of the Church of the Nazarene is personally responsible for the achievement of these goals. It will be "no pushover"—remember that. It will take more than "hot air" and good intentions. God help all of us!

A College President

Looks at . . .



Foreign Visitation Reports

By the General Superintendents

Early in the annual meeting of the General Board, the general superintendents reported as to their foreign visitation during the past year. These reports were very interesting, as they always are. However, it is not my purpose to discuss them in detail. I only want to tell who went on these trips and where they went. Before doing this, however, I would like to say that every year some of our general superintendents make these foreign visitation journeys. They are very important, from the standpoint of the church. We have considerable sums of money invested in other sections of the world and there must be proper supervision of the undertakings involved. The general superintendents have general oversight of all the activities of our church and this foreign visitation is necessary for them. No one else can take their place; they must perform this task. It is not always an easy one. It means long trips, being far away from home; often it means hazardous journeyings. Still, for Christ's sake, these men go ahead and do not hesitate to do the bidding of the church and follow the call of God which attaches to their office. Not often do all of them make these trips in one year, but always some of them have to make some such journeys.

At the recent General Board meeting, General Superintendent G. B. Williamson gave his report covering the visitation of our work in Cuba and various South American countries. Special attention was given to Brazil, and specific recommendations were made.

**The
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Without doubt the anniversary issue is the finest in the history of the "Herald of Holiness."

**Russell V. DeLong, President
Pasadena College**

General Superintendent Hugh C. Benner gave a report of his visit to Puerto Rico and Haiti.

General Superintendent Hardy C. Powers reported his visit to our work in India, Australia, New Zealand, and New Guinea. He also reported on his exploratory survey of West Germany and recommended our early entrance into that country. I might add that we'll be hearing more and more about some of these new fields which the church plans to enter this year, such as Brazil and West Germany.

We owe a great debt of gratitude to these men who during the year of 1957 made these foreign visitation journeys. In the future, when we hear of these foreign visitation trips, we should follow with our prayers those who are to take them.

On New Year's Day the telephone rang and the first report in 1958 of the organization of a new church was received from Dr. Paul H. Garrett, superintendent of the Dallas District. This one, at Van Alstyne, Texas, was one of several organized at the close of a watch-night service. The official time was 12:01 a.m., January 1.

Van Alstyne is a name of historical interest during our Golden Anniversary year, for it was here, many years ago,

that the first Holiness Church of Christ was organized. This was one of the bodies that joined together at Pilot Point, Texas, in 1908 to form the Church of the Nazarene. We have not had a church at Van Alstyne now for several years, but the new church has excellent prospects. It is estimated that in this small town there are 1,000 people who do not attend any church. The pastors and people of the Sherman-Denison Zone co-operated to make this new church possible.

Faith Has Wings!

By GRACE CLYDE ANDREWS

*I contemplate old hills: how patiently
Their rounded backs bear up the weight of years.
Young mountains, steep, sharp-crested, speak to me
Of heights beyond the scope of mundane spheres;
And something deep within my spirit sings
As faith begins to try God-given wings!*

An Old Church Window's Testimony to God's Help

By NORMAN C. SCHLICHTER

It was a long time ago, some centuries in fact, that a peddler with his pack and dog sought shelter from the rain at the close of a summer day in an angle of St. Mary's Church, Lambeth, England.

"Come in out of the rain," said the hospitable curate. "Stay for vespers, and I will talk with you." The invitation was as thankfully accepted as it had been kindly given.

"How are you getting on?" asked the minister when the service was over.

"Not at all well. I am having a hard time of it, and am about ready to give up."

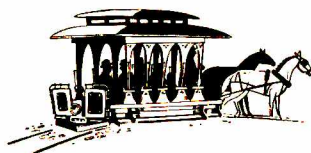
"Well, but do you ask God to help you in your business?"

When the "outdoor merchant" answered, "No," the minister said, "Try doing that and see what it will accomplish for you. Each morning, before you start out, ask God's blessing on your work."

Years afterward the same peddler returned to St. Mary's to thank the curate for having so hospitably entertained him, and even more, for the good advice with which he had sent him on his way. He had followed the advice, and had been successful; and as an expression of his gratitude for what had been done for him, he gave to the church a parcel of land, not far away and on the same shore of the Thames, accompanying the gift with the condition that there should be placed in the church a window of stained glass representing a peddler with his pack and dog.

The "Peddler's Acre," now a closely built part of the city of London, is still owned by the church to which it yields a handsome annual revenue; and the token of the peddler's devout thankfulness for his prosperity, the quaint portrait of peddler and dog, still glows on colored glass above the south aisle of old St. Mary's Church.

NEWS ITEMS



from
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past

Assistant Attorney Trickett has succeeded in closing nearly 200 wide-open joints in Kansas City, and has broken the backbone of the whiskey administration. —September 27, 1906, from the *Nazarene Messenger*.

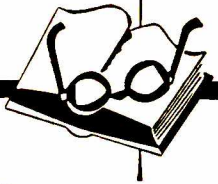
Washington, D.C., Jan. 18—We have engaged Bud Robinson and Will Huff for a seventeen days meeting, February 22 to March 10. We have hired Pythian Temple for the evening and Sunday services, and use our own hall for the daily morning services. Ministers and evangelists entertained free if notified by February 15. Others lodged free as far as we are able. Pray for a real revival of old fashioned Pentecostal power at the National Capitol.—Rev. H. B. Hosley (Jan. 26, 1907, *Beulah Christian*).

SPRING VALLEY—The dear Lord was with us at the Pentecostal Church yesterday. Collections for missions reached the \$100.00 mark. The open air meeting was well attended. The services of the day and evening were also helped by Sister BeVier's prayers and testimony.—H. F. Reynolds (May 13, 1907, *Beulah Christian*).

ON TRAIN. May 28 (1907)—We closed a four days' meeting with the Pentecostal Mission at Patchogue, N.Y., last night. Two of the four days have been very stormy, but Jesus was true to His promise, and met with the few. About four adults were seeking the second work of grace, three of which claimed to find it. Hallelujah! The Lord has a few faithful, sanctified ones who are keeping this mission open for true holiness. Join them in praying for a wholly sanctified pastor. —H. F. Reynolds (*Beulah Christian*).

The Sunday School Lesson

MILTON
POOLE



Topic for
February 23, 1958:

The Church at Worship

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 18:19-20; John 4:23-24; Acts 1:12-14; Colossians 3:16-17 (Printed: same)

GOLDEN TEXT: *I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord* (Psalms 122:1).

To merit the privilege of worship we must be willing to accept its disciplines. At first we may recoil from the word discipline, yet we would remember that any art to be developed must be surrounded by its disciplines. If that art is music, then the discipline of right technique and practice is accepted. So it is in any field of personal accomplishment, disciplines are a part of the total picture.

Knowing there are certain disciplines which surround this glorious art of true worship, approach it, not rigidly, but relaxed. Therefore, accept gladly any factor which increases the worth of worship.

To understand further our responsibilities and to be a part of the *Church at Worship*, note the various passages of scripture which give direction to our worship.

The Confidence of Worship (Matthew 18:19-20). There is a simple trust which asserts: "I know God is present, for I have come in His name."

The Reality of Worship (John 4:23-24). In worship rise above the superficial mechanics to a sacred meaning. Deliberately make the Father the supreme object of your contemplation.

The Fellowship of Worship (Acts 1:12-14). A unique mark of the true worshiper is his "oneness" with his Christian brethren. In this fellowship the believer experiences the coming of the Holy Spirit in glory and power.

The Melody of Worship (Colossians 3:16-17). Indeed, "the joy of the Lord is your strength." So come before His presence with melody in the heart.

Would you make your time of worship more meaningful? Then—

1. Come expecting. God has promised to meet even two or three.

2. Come releasing. Surrender any and all to the will of your Heavenly Father.

3. Come listening. Worship includes our listening to the voice of God.

4. Come obeying. Yield all in cheerful obedience to the known will of God.

5. Come . . . and then go, serving. Leave the place of worship and go,

with a new sense of commission, to give the gospel to others.

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REMISS REHFELDT, Secretary

Prayer Request

Sidney Knox, New Guinea, underwent major surgery January 21. Please pray for Brother Knox.

On the Field

Rev. and Mrs. Max Conder arrived in New Guinea, January 3. They will be working with Brother and Sister Sidney Knox.

News Flashes

Rev. and Mrs. Paul Orjala, Haiti, are rejoicing in the birth of a son, Jonathan Everard, on January 12, 1958.

Rev. and Mrs. Charles Alstott, Haiti, also have a son, Thomas Kent, born December 27, 1957.

Rev. and Mrs. Eldon Cornett, Korea, have a new daughter, Esther Dawn, born January 17, 1958.

Congratulations to these happy parents. May God's blessing rest upon these new little ones whom He has entrusted to their care.

Power in Christ

By CATHERINE ECKEL, Japan

Last night as we sat in the evening service at our Headquarters Church in Tokyo the Holy Spirit came upon the listening group. The pastor spoke on the familiar text, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son," and at the close of the service said, "The Lord Jesus Christ came to save you from your sins. Come!"

Without hesitation, five fine young people moved out and to the front—one of them a young lady, a school-teacher, for whom we had earnestly been praying. What a thrill to see one reared in a Buddhist environment, and finding there no peace, come to know Jesus clearly! What power in Christ!

Greetings from Cape Town

By JOSEPH PENN
Cape Town, Africa

We greet you from Cape Town, where there are approximately three hundred

thousand Coloured people, just in this one city. There are more than a million Coloured people in the Cape Province. You will remember that in South Africa the Coloured people are not the black-skinned Bantus but a people of mixed blood who are descendants of various races, including Europeans, Malays, Hottentots, and Bantus. Their main language seems to be Afrikaans (South African Dutch). Many of them speak English. As a group they cannot speak any of the native languages.

Since we have no church building yet, we consider ourselves fortunate and thank God for two separate halls in this crowded and growing area in which we have been having regular services. A wayside Sunday school is conducted every Sunday morning and another in the afternoon. Apart from regular services which are held in these halls, cottage meetings have been held in various homes to which we have been invited.

Property has been purchased for the Coloured Bible School, a church, and a national pastor's home; and applications for free church sites in two municipal housing areas have been made to the Cape Town city council. We have a Coloured pastor who feels God wants him to serve in Cape Town and we are looking forward to having him and his family join us soon.

We have found that the people as a whole are hungry for the gospel, having great respect for the Word of God and for spiritual matters. They seem eager to learn all that they can. This is not only encouraging to one who would sow the seed of the Word, but is taken advantage of by those who would sow the tares of false doctrine. Consequently false doctrines are sweeping these areas as they have possibly never done before. With such a situation should we not be driven to our most desperate efforts, not only to bring them the gospel of full salvation, but also to provide a Bible school where their young people may receive the truth and in turn go out to spread the message as it would not otherwise be done?

Servicemen's Corner



From the Office of Chief of Chaplains—

The importance of religion in the contest between the free world and communism "for the minds and souls of men" was stressed in a speech by Chaplain (Maj. Gen.) Patrick J. Ryan, chief of army chaplains, at Fort George G. Meade, Maryland, recently. Chaplain Ryan addressed the members of the Men's Club of the Fort George G. Meade Chapels.

"Our nation traditionally was held to the simple great truth that God created man in His own image and likeness," Chaplain Ryan declared. "In this we have the revelation of the dignity of man and his worth. In it, too, is the revelation of man, the creature, dependent on God, the Creator. It makes possible love of justice, charity, dedication to service, to God, and to country.

"The Communists, on the other hand, regard the individual as a pawn to be used at will—to obey, to serve, to die. There is no truth but the Communist line. There is no morality but the good of the party. The individual is regarded as a stomach to be fed, as a tool to amass wealth for the state. If we put man on that level, then there is no need for religion."

However, democracy demands religion, Chaplain Ryan said. "It assumes that man has not only a stomach, but also a soul which is the seat of his rights.

"The conclusion is obvious. Only as we are strong, through religious and moral training, can we successfully meet the Communist threat, and the manipulations of the Communist conspiracy on the international scene. Only as our nation assumes the moral leadership of the world can we lead the free world to eventual triumph in this prolonged struggle."

In his speech to the Fort Meade men's group, Chaplain Ryan also described the ways in which the army seeks to provide "moral strengthening" of its members, and the essential nature of this function. "It is axiomatic that no army is stronger than its people," he stated. "Moral and spiritual strength are as necessary in the making of a successful soldier as are bodily powers, sound military training, and effective leadership."—PATRICK J. RYAN, *Chief of Army Chaplains.*

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Local Leaders' Banquet

Burbank was the scene of the second annual banquet for the local N.Y.P.S. leaders of the Los Angeles District, Friday evening, September 6. The invocation was given by the district superintendent, Rev. W. Shelburne Brown, after which a delicious ham dinner was served. District President Glenn Chaffee acted as master of ceremonies. His keen sense of humor and fine leadership kept the banquet alive and interesting.

Committee reports were presented by Rev. Burt Mack, home mission chairman, and Rev. Don Hughes, *Conquest* chairman. The work of the Junior Society was discussed by Supervisor Wendell Woods, and Rev. Roy Hoover gave the aims and plans of the teen work for the present church year. Miss Jean

Williams reported as young people's *Challenger* page editor.

Fine music for the occasion was provided by Mrs. Claudora Klusmann and Mr. Tom Barnard, both members of Glendale First Church.

The challenge of the "Programs with a Purpose" was presented by our district president. The evening closed with a short address by the district superintendent.

All who attended the banquet felt the evening had been very profitable as new insights into the work of the Nazarene Young People's Society were gained.

Junior Society Convention

The Northwestern Illinois District Junior Society Third Annual Convention at Peoria, Illinois, on April 12, 1957, was our greatest.

Inspirational messages helped each junior worker to realize "How to Make the Junior Program More Interesting."

The devotions put a new burden in our hearts to help our children with their problems.

Supervisors' reports from each society gave added helps and ideas.

It was our privilege to have Rev. Ponder Gilliland give us three inspiring messages throughout the day. We were challenged to give our best to the juniors, the church of tomorrow.

We were thrilled to be among the first to hear about the new junior constitution.

The junior choir blessed our hearts in the evening service with some wonderful music.—MRS. ALVIN GUFFEY.

Letter from the district director of the British Isles District—South:

British Isles Juniors

I am very happy to report a year of progress and blessing.

Last year we could report only 3 Junior Societies on the district, but this year we have 10, with an increase in membership from 49 to 149.

Three juniors have earned Reading

Certificates; and four, Missionary Bonds, while the societies in the Eccles and Grimsby churches have earned the distinction of being the very first "Standard Societies" on this district.

The total giving for the year amounted to £31 19s. Od. of which £15

12s. 11d. was raised for General Budget.

Most important of all, there have been four conversions in our societies with indications that other young lives have been and are being influenced for the Lord Jesus.—MARIE C. SOLLY.

country, work among strange people, learn a new language, and start a church from nothing.

This is what Mr. Johnson was asked to do. He was on a short vacation trip when he first heard about the new project. He and his wife started praying and seeking the will of the Lord.

One night his wife went to their bedroom first. She picked up her Bible and read three chapters from it. When she finished she had peace and contentment. Her questions had been answered. Later when her husband came to the bedroom, he also picked up the Bible. Mrs. Johnson did not tell him of her good news nor did she mention the chapters she had read. Her husband opened the Book and read. He read one chapter, then the second, and the third. His wife looked at the Bible from which he was reading and silently noted that he was reading the same chapters she had read.

When Jerry Johnson had finished the three chapters, he too had the an-

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How Wonderful Is the Word of God!

It was Tuesday night during the Conference on Evangelism that Dr. Hardy C. Powers presented Rev. Jerry Johnson, pastor of our church in Eugene, Oregon. Mr. Johnson had been chosen to open our Nazarene work in West Ger-

many. After the presentation the young man spoke to the waiting crowd.

Perhaps it is not easy for any of us to move, whether it be to another city, another state, or another country. All of us agree that it would be most difficult for a native of the United States to leave his country, his good church, his comfortable city and go to a strange

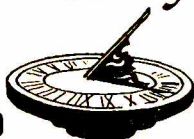
Thought for the Day

by BERTHA MUNRO

Options

Monday:

A great Russian writer imagines Jesus as having returned to earth incarnate at the time of the Spanish Inquisition. Naturally He was sentenced to death by the religious leaders. But the Grand Inquisitor, much impressed by His sincerity, visited Him secretly the night before His execution, to try to convince Him that He had made a basic mistake. "You offer men the gift of freedom," he said, "but they do not want freedom; you expect too much of them. Men want bread [security], authority [someone to think for them], and marvels [instead of holy character]. The [Roman Catholic] church offers them these, and relieves them of the heavy weight of freedom."



A perilous gift, this freedom to choice. Was Jesus mistaken when He looked for great things from my power of choice? (John 8:32.)

Tuesday:

C. S. Lewis in *Screwtape Letters* contrasts Satan's wishes for man with God's. Satan wishes a race of cattle, their wills absorbed in his; God wishes free sons, their wills functioning without compulsion in harmony with His. He wishes fellowship with personalities like himself; He wishes us to develop, not to shrivel. I will prize His confidence; I will not disappoint Him. (I John 3:2-3.)

Wednesday:

In one sense there are not many choices open to us—actually only one all-decisive, final choice: to satisfy God, not Satan. Final in the sense of irrevocable, yet not final in the sense of last. Rather, it is the initial choice that will give direction—with the motivating force of love—to all succeeding smaller choices. (Joshua 24:15ad; Romans 12:1-2.)

Thursday:

But this first choice cannot make all later choices automatic. Seen clearly, life is a succession of options. Often the issues are confused; always the problems are new, each one wearing a different face from the one before. The basic choice has given the principle by which each specific choice can be guided; but the mind must make the connec-

tion, with the help of the Holy Spirit. (Proverbs 3:6; John 16:13-14.)

Friday:

Every moment is a moment of choice. (Thank God that some options can be made matters of Christian habit.) "There is a right and a wrong handle to everything" (eighteenth century writer). And only you know just what your "right" is; "wrong" for you may be choosing the good instead of the best. The right choice is always the Christlike. (James 4:17.)

Saturday:

Again, "Everything has two handles—one by which it may be borne; another by which it cannot" (first century writer). Always we are choosing how we will take life's unpleasantnesses. Consecration to God's will is being ratified or nullified by the attitudes we choose—loving or selfish, trusting or questioning, Christlike or "human"—in the petty irritations as well as in the catastrophes. (II Corinthians 4:17-18.)

Sunday:

Destiny may hinge on the choice of a moment. (Good then to check on our habits occasionally to see what the moments are doing to them.) "The difficulty in life is the choice"—the difficulty, but also the glory. "Life's business being just the terrible choice" (Browning)—between life and death. It is our glory to be choosing fullness of life. (Proverbs 14:2; 4:18; Romans 6:22-23.)

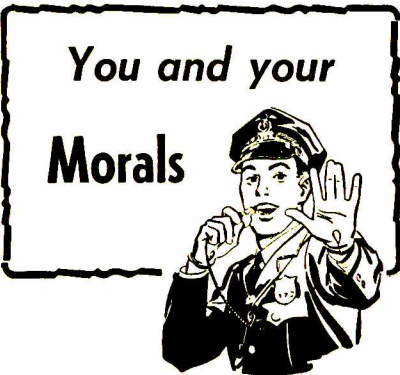
swers to his questions. There were several minutes of rejoicing for the husband and wife. They had heard the voice of God through the reading of the Word of God.

The Questions

As soon as the Johnsons had received the call to go to West Germany, four questions had quickly lodged themselves in their minds and hearts.

First, they did not know the language

Continued on next page



An Associated Press news article states that a cross section of American teachers reported they believed student drinking has definitely increased in the last ten years.

The N.E.A.'s research division and the Commission for the Defense of Democracy Through Education sent a questionnaire to 10,000 teachers, about 1 per cent of those in the nation, selected to represent all types of schools, large and small, in all 48 states. The forms were returned by 4,270. The N.E.A. agencies reached these conclusions:

Drinking, assignment-failure, and insolence have definitely increased the last ten and twenty years. Use of profane and obscene language has.

Serious stealing probably has increased in ten years and, along with sex offenses and cheating on homework, definitely has increased in twenty years.

Gang fighting and cheating on tests probably have increased in twenty years.

Individual fighting and obscene scribbling in lavatories have probably decreased in twenty years.

The teachers were asked to rank seventeen possible reasons for student misbehavior. The following were ranked at the top by the largest percentages of teachers:

Irresponsible parents, 48.3 per cent
Unsatisfactory home conditions (low income, broken families, etc.) 37.9 per cent

Lack of supervision because mother working, 32.1 per cent

Is yours a family altar home? Are you participating in the "Every Family Win a Family" emphasis of the quadrennium? This is one of the best ways to help make America a Christian nation.

**KENNETH S. RICE, Secretary
Committee on Public Morals**

the Question box

Conducted

by STEPHEN S. WHITE, Editor

Please explain Revelation 22:2, especially the latter part where it speaks of the leaves of the tree of life being for the healing of the nations. Why should there be any need of healing in a world where there is no death, sorrow, or pain?

Revelation 22:2 reads thus: "In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month; and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations." I believe that this verse gives in an unusual, or superlative, way a description of the eternal life in heaven, in the city of God. There we'll partake of the fruit of the tree of life, which is a continual, or everlasting, antidote against death. This fruit is everlastingly life-giving. Tree of life should really read trees of life. It bears twelve manner of fruits; that is, it bears fruit every month instead of once a year, and each month it bears a different kind of fruit. It guarantees eternal life to those who have the privilege of partaking of it. When it speaks of the leaves of the trees of life being for the healing of the nations, it is emphasizing the same truth, the truth of eternal life, in a little different way. These leaves are not healing in the sense that

they cure sicknesses; they are healing, health-giving, or life-giving, in that they prevent sickness. Their function is preventive rather than curative. This verse describes the process, or means, by which God provides eternal life, moment by moment, throughout the ages. The tree of life, as spoken of in Genesis 3:22, points to the same truth, though it is not elaborated so fully there as it is in Revelation. Note the two verses carefully: "And the Lord God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever; therefore the Lord God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken" (vv. 22-23). The tree of life, there, was the perpetuator of eternal life, and God placed man, when he sinned, out of reach of it. Thereafter, mortality reigned supreme. Another verse which bears on the same thought is Genesis 2:9.

If people today are baptized with the Holy Ghost, is it essential to be baptized with water?

Water baptism does not save or sanctify, but it is a means of grace, and I believe that if you are a Christian you ought to be baptized with water. This applies to those who have been bap-

tized with the Holy Ghost as well as to those who have just been saved, provided the former have not been baptized before.

The Bible relates the story of Adam and Eve, saying that Eve bare two sons, Cain and Abel. How was the world populated if this was so, because Adam and Eve were the first people on earth?

Adam and Eve had more than two children. Seth was also born to them (Genesis 4:25). Then later it tells us

that sons and daughters were born to Adam and Eve (Genesis 5:4).

Was the Pharisee sanctified? If not, what did he lack?

Many people judge all Pharisees by what Jesus says about them in Matthew 23. Here the Master draws a dark picture of the Pharisees, but even in this chapter He has one little good word to say about them (v. 23). However, we must remember that Jesus in Matthew 23 is describing the Pharisees at their worst. Nevertheless, this does

not mean that the Pharisees at their best were sanctified. Most of them knew little, if anything, about what we would call heartfelt religion, even though the best among them did lift up and live a high standard of external conduct. They believed in the righteousness of the law.

If there were just fifty days from the crucifixion of Jesus until the Holy Spirit fell on the 120 at Pentecost, please explain the following: If Jesus was dead three days and He spent forty days of His risen life on earth, leaving seven days to complete the fifty days, why do we speak of the disciples waiting ten days for the coming of the Holy Spirit? Is it scriptural to speak thus?

Pentecost was fifty days after Jesus' resurrection, and not after His crucifixion. This will help you to under-

stand the ten days of waiting for the baptism with the Holy Ghost.

of the people. Would they be able to make the people understand them and in turn would they understand the problems and needs of the people?

Second, the Johnsons have children. Would their children resent being transplanted to a new country away from the opportunities which go along with being in one's native land?

Third, the iron curtain is so near West Germany. Would the horrors of that curtain destroy them and their home?

Fourth, Mr. Johnson's parents are nearing retirement age. As the only son, he had had many dreams and thoughts of taking care of his preacher father and mother during their last years. How could he do this if he were so far away?

The Answers

The Johnsons had received answers to their questions as they read the Word of God.

In the fifty-fifth chapter of Isaiah and the fifth verse, the answer to the language question had been given:

"Behold, thou shalt call a nation that thou knowest not, and nations that knew not thee shall run unto thee because of the Lord thy God, and for the Holy One of Israel; for he hath glorified thee."

The second question concerning the children was answered in the fifty-fourth chapter and the thirteenth verse:

"And all thy children shall be taught of the Lord; and great shall be the peace of thy children."

The third question was answered in the fifty-fourth chapter and the fourteenth verse:

"In righteousness shalt thou be established; thou shalt be far from oppression; for thou shalt not fear: and from terror; for it shall not come near thee."

The fourth question was answered in the fifty-fifth chapter and the eighth and ninth verses:

"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my

ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts."

Yes, the questions were answered in God's Word. As I thought of the Johnsons and as I finished the fifty-fifth chapter of Isaiah, verses 12 and 13 seemed especially for them:

"For ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace: the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the fir tree, and instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree: and it shall be to the Lord for a name, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off."

To Us All

To all of us who seek the kingdom of God first, the promises are ours to claim. The fears of this world are all around us. God has given us His promises and you and I need only to stand on them.

May the dear Lord bless and keep us all.

A New Morning Prayer

By NORMAN C. SCHLICHTER

*Gracious Master, all this day
May I love Thee well, I pray.
Kept by Thee from every wrong,
Singing out a cheering song,
May I bring to hearts that weep
Thine own comfort sweet and deep.
May I gather to Thy fold
Little children, trembling, cold.*

*May I thirst and ache dispel
With the water from Thy well;
Feed the hungry, both with bread
And the Word that Thou hast said.
May I show in look and deed
Thee, for whom all men have need.
Yea, my Master, all this day
May I love Thee well, I pray.*

I Can't Afford to Quit

By F. W. DAVIS

*I can't afford to take the chance
Of walking out on God,
The dearest Friend I ever had
Since on this earth I've trod.
But by His grace I'll stand for Him—
Through conflicts great or small;
Tho' others may walk out on Him,
He's still my All in All.*

*How could I fail my loving Lord,
My true and dearest Friend?
He fills my life with joy and peace
And will until the end.
Then through His strength I'll follow
Him—*

*Let come to me what may,
I know He'll lead me safely home,
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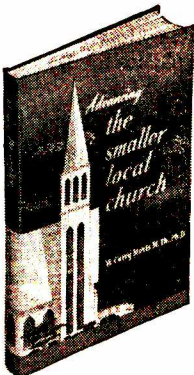
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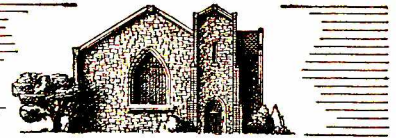
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NEWS of the Churches



Dr. and Mrs. A. S. London report: "Eight different denominations were represented in the Sunday School Institute, in the Pilgrim Holiness church, in Alexandria, Louisiana, with Pastor Byron Taylor. The people were responsive, appreciative, and co-operative. We had time on both radio and television and the response was good over the city. Had a fine revival over Sunday, and all the people were very kind to us. We shall not soon forget our fellowship with these folks."

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania—Recently First Church was blessed with a good revival in which Evangelist Jack Hamilton brought stirring messages. God blessed and gave twenty-three seekers at the altar, of whom fifteen were new people. Five new people were added to the church membership by profession of faith; one of these was a teenager with a definite call to preach. Shortly before this meeting two other teenagers, from non-Christian homes, were received into church membership by profession of faith. Both of these young people feel called to definite Christian service. We praise God for the victories won, and we believe that our all-night prayer meetings are bearing fruit.—GLADYS YODER, *Secretary*.

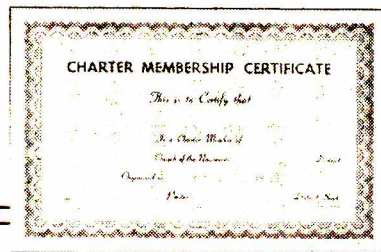
Tampa, Florida—First Church is enjoying the blessings of the Lord. In a fall revival meeting with District Superintendent John L. Knight many souls were saved and sanctified and a nice class united with the church. On Sunday, January 12, we closed another good meeting with Evangelist Mason Lee. In spite of very cold weather, God met with us, crowds were good every night, and we had fifty seekers at the altar. Last Sunday morning the vote was taken for the pastor for the fourth year, with only two negative votes out of seventy-five ballots cast. Our Sunday school is making the best average in the church's history; all budgets are paid to date and some for the entire year. We have some fine talent in our group. We plan to help organize the fifth Church of the Nazarene in Tampa this year.—R. E. ELZEY, *Pastor*.

Los Angeles, California—Since last March 31 it has been my privilege to be pastor of First Church, affectionately known as the "Mother Church" of our denomination. In 1895 this congregation followed Dr. P. F. Bresee in "stepping out under the stars," establishing a work where the gospel could be preached in all its fullness. All the charter members have now passed on except Dr. J. Proctor Knott—just a small boy when he joined with his parents. However, there are many members in the church who came in during the days of Dr. Bresee; he was pastor until 1911. Through the years First Church has had a glorious history.

It is now worshiping in the third permanent type building. The message of full salvation has been faithfully proclaimed by all its ministers. Dr. M. Kimber Moulton, most recent pastor, served the church for more than fourteen years. During that time he was able to lead the church in a \$400,000 building program and pay off the debt, burning the mortgage in his farewell service. Now a full-time evangelist, Dr. Moulton is greatly loved and appreciated by this congregation. Out from this church many have gone to be pastors, missionaries, and evangelists, as well as strong laymen in other churches. Through the inspiration and help from this church our Los Angeles Chinese work was started, and currently a branch Sunday school in a Negro housing area is being sponsored by our people. A good portion of the finances necessary for the building used for the Indian church came from our congregation, and most recently we led the entire zone in a special offering for our Pasadena College—nearly \$20,000. Along with all this the church liberally supports the district and general program of our denomination. The work still thrives, the attendance is good, and the services inspiring. At First Church you'll find many saints of God who have served the Lord for years, and also a great crowd of young and middle-age people just as dedicated as their fathers to "spread scriptural holiness." This local work is now in its sixty-third year, yet we rejoice with the entire denomination in this Golden Anniversary year of our Zion. We want to be true to the vision of our founders. In addition to many of the finest laymen God ever gave a pastor, I am ably assisted by Professor Richard Friesen of Pasadena College in the music, and Rev. Bruce Webb as ministerial assistant. Along with the office force, these make up a splendid staff with whom it is a joy to work, and we are very happy in the work here.—L. GUY NEES, *Pastor*.

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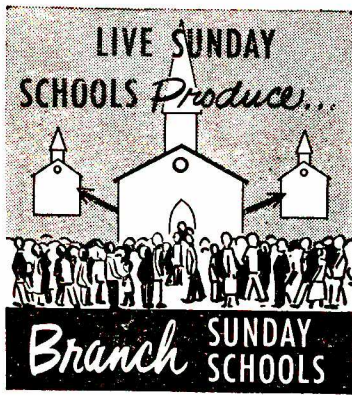
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Beaumont, Texas—Recently First Church had an outstanding revival with Evangelist Doris McDowell. God blessed with seekers in almost every service; whole families were helped; five heads of families sought and found the Lord in the night services. We had the best crowds of any revival here for years. The day services were well attended with those attending these services receiving some very definite help. Many of our good people prayed and lingered long around the altar and in the Sun-

day school rooms in prayer. First Church is on the move in the Golden Anniversary year. We are in our tenth year here, and felt that this revival was the best.—KENDALL S. WHITE, Pastor.

Evangelist James W. Thomas reports: "During the past year it was my joy and privilege to work with the following churches and pastors: Fred L. Johnson and Russell's Chapel Church, Cabot, Arkansas; W. O. Thomas at Frederick, Oklahoma; Ed. Olds at County Line, Oklahoma; Loyd Milburn, Knapp Memorial Church, Vilonia, Arkansas; Wesley Meek, Hugo, Oklahoma; B. Leon Pelley, at Newkirk, Oklahoma; George T. Lampkin, Trinity Church, Shreveport, Louisiana; Bohanan Community Church, Stuart, Oklahoma; Carson N. Snow, Jr., Haysville, Kansas; I. D. Horine, Newburgh, Indiana; James Perdue, Maple Shade Church, Alma, Arkansas; W. P. Colvin, Harmony Church, Woodbury, Georgia; W. O. Thomas, Tahlequah, Oklahoma; and C. L. Milburn, Hiwasse, Arkansas. In late January, I began a meeting with Charles A. Attaway at the Grand Boulevard Church in Oklahoma City. God is still blessing and sending Holy Ghost revivals. I have moved, and my address now is Box 87, Gravette, Arkansas."

Rev. William Brace writes: "After serving as pastor on the Northeastern Indiana District for the past ten years, I feel God's leading to the field of evangelism. Desiring to be in the will of the Lord, I resigned my present pastorate, as of February 1, and am now available for meetings anywhere the Lord may lead. Write me, 304 S. Maple Street, North Manchester, Indiana."

Mrs. Lucile A. Bray



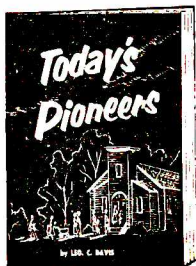
Mrs. Lucile A. Bray, age sixty-two, wife of Rev. Ira Bray, of the Goodhope Community, Ava, Missouri, was stricken on Christmas night, and died December 27, 1957, at a hospital in Springfield, Missouri. She was born January 2, 1895, in Beatrice, Nebraska, and married to Ira E. Bray in 1914. Floyd and Ruth were adopted by them in 1938. Mrs. Bray was converted as a young girl, sanctified a few years later, and joined the Church of the Nazarene.

For more than twenty-five years, until the time of her death, Mrs. Bray was staff writer for the Department of Church Schools of the Church of the Nazarene. Primary lesson materials for pupils and for teachers came from her pen. Not only did she write curriculum materials for the primary grades, but also she helped to plan the basic outlines on which the present graded lessons were constructed. She served on curriculum committees since 1939. At the time of the General Church Schools Convention in Kansas City, Missouri, in June of 1956, Mrs. Bray was honored for twenty-five years of service as writer and guide of children and their teachers in the Church of the Nazarene.

For a number of years Mrs. Bray was a teacher in the primary grades of the public schools in Oklahoma; for a time she taught in Bethany. She was a pastor's wife, serving with her husband the country community which centered in the Goodhope Church, near Ava, Missouri.

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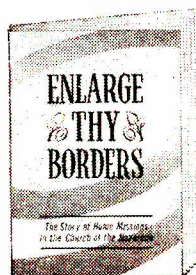
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handmaiden of the Lord. She loved children and was loved by them.

She was preceded in death by an infant brother, an infant sister, her father in 1937, and her mother in 1946. She is survived by her husband, Rev. Ira E. Bray; a daughter, Mrs. Ruth Sagerser, of Ava; and a son, Floyd, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin; also four brothers, Cecil W., Merle L., Ralph V., and Alvin A. Allinson.

Memorial services were held in Ava, and at the Goodhope Church by Rev. Dean Baldwin, district superintendent, with interment in the Goodhope community cemetery.

Announcements

RECOMMENDATION—Rev. James W. Humble, now a pastor on our district, is entering the evangelistic field at assembly time. He has been a successful pastor on this and other districts, also has been very successful in the evangelistic field in previous years. He is a strong Bible preacher, loves the Church of the Nazarene, and has my strongest recommendation.—I. F. Younger, Superintendent of Idaho-Oregon District.

WEDDING BELLS

Charlene Ann D'Arcy and Lehman J. Eaton, Jr., were united in marriage on January 4, in the Congregational church of Almont, Michigan.

David Ralph Barton of Santa Monica, and Miss Geneva Davis of Selma, California, were united in marriage on December 20, at Selma Church of the Nazarene, with Rev. Hugh E. Hines officiating, assisted by Rev. Leonard Deakins.

BORN—to A./lc Allen and Janice (Smith) Bear-den of Ypsilanti, Michigan, a daughter, Carol Sue Ilene, on January 3.

—to Rev. and Mrs. James L. Caryer of Scioto-ville, Ohio, a son, Randall Eugene, on December 31.

—to Walter Don and Joyce (James) Grisham of Norman, Oklahoma, a daughter, Gayle Lynne, on December 31.

SPECIAL PRAYER IS REQUESTED by a friend in Oklahoma for an unspoken request;

by a Nazarene mother in Arkansas for a son and his family, that God will open the way for them to get work where they can attend the Church of the Nazarene;

by children in Iowa for a parent who raised them around the family altar—now in old age the parent has left God out of his life but will not admit it—also for a sinful person working to wreck this Christian home and new church they helped to start;

by a Christian lady in California for her sister and husband—both been saved but the husband refused to go on to holiness and is now having "carnal spells" and about to wreck his home—they have two small children;

by a friend in Ohio for healing of a sinus injury, and a special unspoken request;

by a lady in Illinois for "a serious unspoken request—God's help is needed";

by a reader in Ohio for her husband, who is in the hospital ill of heart trouble, that God will heal him if it is His will—his fourth time in the hospital and he fears he will lose his job—both are Nazarenes and do need special help from God;

by a lady in Illinois who had an operation last May, seems no better, and needs special help physically and also for her home; also for a son who is lost, and has a wife and four children.

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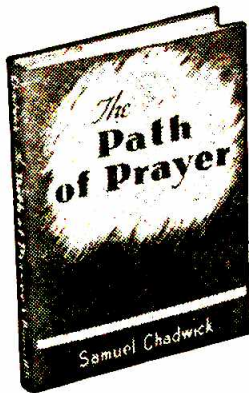
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New Mexico	June 4 and 5
New York	July 4 and 5
Maritime	July 10 and 11
Pittsburgh	July 24 and 25
Missouri	August 6 and 7
Dallas	August 13 and 14
Northwest Indiana	August 20 and 21
Indianapolis	August 27 and 28
Mississippi	September 10 and 11
North Carolina	September 17 and 18
South Carolina	September 24 and 25

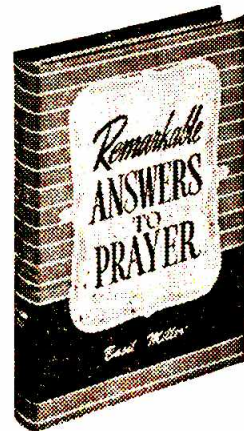
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North Dakota June 25 and 26
Northeastern Indiana July 9 to 11
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Chicago Central July 23 and 24
East Tennessee July 31 and August 1
Virginia August 13 and 14
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Ablene May 7 to 9
Oregon Pacific May 21 to 23
Rocky Mountain June 12 and 13
South Dakota June 18 and 19
West Virginia July 3 to 5
Colorado July 10 and 11
Western Ohio July 23 to 25
Illinois July 30 and 31
Kentucky August 6 and 7
Houston August 20 and 21
Joplin September 3 and 4
South Arkansas September 17 and 18
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British Isles North June 2 and 3
Nebraska June 16 and 17
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