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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

EVANGELISM

IN CONNECTION WITH our emphasis on many means and types of evangelism, it is appropriate to highlight vacation Bible school evangelism. As the summer season nears, let us be reminded that this field offers an unusual opportunity for reaching out beyond our own group to touch many children who have had no evangelistic privileges.

Last year at an international conference of a religious organization whose legalistic interpretation of scripture might be considered a barrier to growth, it was reported that their church school enrollment in one Oriental country had increased during 1961 from 18,000 to



72,000, or 400 per cent. According to this report, this phenomenal development resulted largely from vacation Bible school evangelism, followed by branch church school evangelism.

While this may be an isolated and unique situation, it is of sufficient significance to warrant a reassessment of our attitude toward the vacation Bible

school as a means of evangelism and the building of our Sunday schools—the latter representing always a major factor in the increase in church membership.

If every Church of the Nazarene were to conduct a vacation Bible school this year, several tens of thousands of non-

Nazarene children could be brought in, some measure into the circle of our spiritual influence. More than 35,000 such children were contacted through the vacation Bible school in 1962.

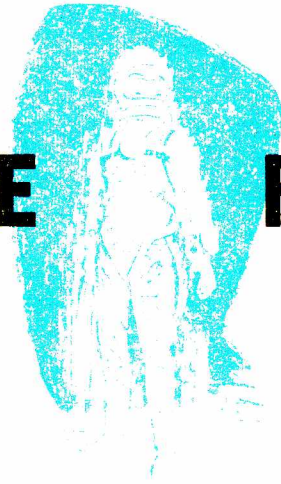
We should not fail to realize the significance, in the above-mentioned report, of the avowed and intentional pursuit of evangelism in the vacation Bible school and the church school. Children can and should be converted and come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. Therefore we should not hesitate to use our vacation Bible school and Sunday school operations to lead the children whom we contact into this vital experience. In addition, a consistent follow-up of evangelistic effort directed toward the parents of such children could result in a considerable number of adults won to Christ.

The challenge of these possibilities is clear. Let an effective vacation Bible school be projected in every possible Church of the Nazarene. Plans and materials of the highest order are available through the Department of Church Schools and the Nazarene Publishing House. So, without delay, may every pastor, Sunday school superintendent, and church school board proceed with vision, energy, and enthusiasm to make full use of this, another evangelistic arm of the church.

A SPACE AGE FAITH

By L. GUY SLES

Editor, THE CHRISTIAN



SINCE AUGUST, 1945, the news of the world has constantly wavered between alarm and despair. And this is not without justification. When we realize that we now have destructive power in the megaton rating and that much of the world's military force is in the hands of carnal, selfish, unreasonable, if not demented, men, we have ample cause for concern.

Not too long ago our nation was driven to near panic when it became known that some of these forces were active ninety miles from our shores.

Bible-reading Christians, however, should not be dismayed by these developments. They have always read that the world as we know it will not continue on indefinitely. Long ago a servant of God observed, "Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness?" (II Peter 3:11) One then does not need to be a gloomy pessimist or religious fanatic to assert that the physical world will one day be destroyed.

But as the center of interest in these verses is not upon the destruction of the world but rather upon the importance of holy character, so our concern today should not be so much one of alarm and fear as it is of desire to be the kind of persons that God's grace makes possible. The emphasis Peter makes is not upon the annihilation of the human race but upon spiritual wholeness in the midst of perplexing historical events.

What kind of persons ought we to be? Suppose we ask Peter. First of all, he declares that we must be persons of **contrition**. "The Lord is . . . not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance" (v. 9). Now repentance is not an arbitrary demand laid upon finite creatures by an infinite God. Repentance is the glorious provision of God whereby sin can be forgiven and fellowship can be restored. Paul said that "the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance" (Romans 2:4).

Most of those who read these lines will readily admit that repentance is an all-important step towards salvation, but have we considered that repentance is not only an act, but also an attitude? It is a way of life. It carries with it humility, sur-

render, and dependence. The truly sincere Christian never forgets the life from which he has been redeemed and will always remember, with a repentant heart, the sins of his past. Our faith may tell us that after we are saved *God treats us as though we had never sinned, but we can never treat God as though we had never sinned*. Perhaps this is what Paul meant when he exclaimed, "This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief" (I Timothy 1:15).

Again, living in a world tottering on the brink of disaster and in an age shot through with superficiality and wickedness, we should be persons of holy character. In his declaration Peter makes use of such words as "holy conversation," "godliness," "diligent," "peace," "without spot," and "blameless." These all are terms that help to describe the Biblical implications of holiness of heart and life.

Holiness is often denounced by sincere men, not so much because they object to a genuine experience of God's grace in the heart and life but because they misunderstand the meaning of the word "holiness." The term too often has been associated with shallow make-believe, superficial pretense, and a holier-than-thou hypocrisy. But genuine Biblical holiness is as far removed from these misconceptions as Christ was from Phariseism.

Holiness is health, wholeness, completeness. It is a clean heart, a pure life, and dedicated talents. It is a life filled with the presence of God by the Holy Spirit. It is consecrated service. What could be more desirable or relevant for a day like today than this experience?

Note also that the emphasis of Peter is upon Christian confidence. He follows his prediction of doom with the testimony, "Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness" (II Peter 3:13). For the sincere, Spirit-filled Christian there is always tomorrow. John said, "Perfect love casteth out fear" (I John 4:18).

In an age that has been called an age of despair—

when we have financial prosperity with economic uncertainty, scientific advance with fear of being outdistanced, military might with military suspicion, and when we are trying to conquer outer space but have not as yet conquered inner space—how refreshing it should be to all of us to know

there is a sure faith and a solid footing made possible by God's grace! This is a faith that helps us look up, and a footing that enables us to stand straight.

*On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.*

"If Mother Saw Me Now"

By VERA CLAY, Pastor, Burlington, Vermont

MAURICE was a teen-ager, unsaved, away from home. The boys at the hotel where he worked on a summer job all smoked. Finally he thought in order to keep up with the others he would become a cigarette user. Whatever he did he usually tried to do with perfection, so he worked at the sickening task until he thought he had a skill equal to any of the others. To prove to himself that he did have, during his rest time he lay on the bed in view of the full-length mirror and as he viewed himself he was convinced he was an adept smoker.

Suddenly, almost audibly, a voice spoke to him saying, "If Mother saw me now, what would she think?" Floods of memories came of the years he had gone to the little Church of the Nazarene of which Mother was so vital a part—of the time when he once loved the Lord, of precious childhood memories. Just as suddenly as the voice had come did the cigarette come out of his mouth. He got up and destroyed it, and also the package he had in reserve.

When his roommate came in, Maurice said, "I am all done smoking, and since you do smoke, I think I can no longer room with you." To Maurice's surprise, his roommate said he would quit smoking too and they would continue to room together. When later Maurice gave his heart to God, he was thankful he did not have the tobacco habit to cope with. He is now a pillar in the church, his mother's church.

Maurice has a brother who has drifted from the church for years. In his absence from home, one of the church folks called and left a copy of the special issue of the *Herald of Holiness*. Later his wife,

thinking it was some false literature, so freely distributed by the cults, was destroying it when the husband noticed the name of the publication.

"Don't throw it away," he said. "I want to read it. That was Mother's paper. It came to our home every week when I was a boy."

Though gone to heaven years before, this mother's influence directed, in a measure, the reading of her children.

In another home, where one called distributing the *Herald of Holiness*, the face of the woman in the home beamed as she said, "Why, I know that paper! My mother used to take it." This lady was not in contact with our church, but subsequently she did come.

Who can measure a mother's influence? Who can measure the impact of our good church publications down the years? Who can determine what the result will be if a home has no good literature, or literature of the wrong kind? And who can determine the reward there will be for those who faithfully distribute the *Herald of Holiness* from time to time? Some copies are thrown in the trash? True! but some fall on good soil where they will bear fruit in the days and years to come.

The Cover . . .

Vacation Bible school gives workers as well as children an opportunity to do "adventuring with Jesus." What greater challenge could there be than teaching a child to love and obey God's Word? What greater adventure than sharing the story of Jesus with one who does not know it? What greater joy than helping a child find Christ, his Saviour?

Sign up to help in V.B.S. The more workers who help the more boys and girls can be won—and their families, too.

The Throne Room

*Cleanse Thou my soul and purify from sin,
In majesty and might dwell Thou within.*

*Bid every earth-bound kingdom now depart—
Thine is forever the throne-room of my heart!*

By JACK M. SCHARN

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Don't Look Now, but . . .

THERE WENT A SAINT!



By WARREN McNEILLY

(Reading time: one dipper of fresh, cool, Ozark mountain well water)

NOT MANY PEOPLE are privileged to know a real saint . . . fewer the propinquity of living with one.

We belong to the latter category . . . and didn't know it . . . until now. But for good reason.

Pick the most unlikely spot for a saint to be born . . . the state of Arkansas. And now a county, the name of which is not given to conjuring scenes of heavenly grandeur . . . Izzard County.

But God had His hand on our little saint. She traveled to Indian Territory in a covered wagon with her parents . . . whose laps she shared with the Bible and a rattle. (Like David, they had faith, but even he had four extra "round smooth stones.")

And as a member of this woebegone human race, she ran and played in the fields, picked flowers, worshiped God, daydreamed, grew up, and got married.

Here the metamorphosis became marked . . . the difference between the human and the divine.

Normal families grow with the aid of the proverbial stork or trips to the hospital. Not so with saints.

Children are prayed for . . . and brought into this world for a definite purpose. Our saint had six "answers to prayer" . . . and they went up and down the land singing the praises of God and telling the wonderful story of the saving power of Jesus.

But not without sacrifice.

During the depression she would seat us at the table with the words, "I'll eat later." Eat what later? As she spoke, it seemed we were always cleaning up the last of the "leftovers." Christ set the example with a fast lasting forty days and nights. She followed with one that seemed like forty years.

I can't help but believe that after we would leave for school the Lord would send a few robins or sparrows around to the kitchen window with some manna from heaven.

And pray? They don't build closets for saints any more. The modern sliding-panel ones are so full of dresses and shoes for every occasion there's not even room to change your mind. Hers was the old-fashioned walk-in kind, with a Sunday dress, her Sunday shoes, and a winter coat . . . the rest of the space was used for kneeling and praying.

Faith? There's no doubt she could have at least nudged Mount Everest. We stood between the coaches of a troop train early in 1942 . . . and she placed a bony little hand on our head and prayed that we should be covered by His blood and brought home safely from the war. The sensation was as if someone had poured water from the top of our head to our feet. She sent us off to battle with the ninety-first psalm ringing in our ears. But after that prayer of faith we should have known ten thousand wouldn't fall on our right . . . one boy did fall on our left—from heat prostration at a dress parade in a hot August sun in Florida.

How do you address a saint? Her parents called her Anna. The corner grocer called her "Mrs. Mac." Her children called her "Mom." Her children's friends called her "Mother McNeilly." The Lord called her . . . "home."

You can look now . . . but you won't see her . . . that is . . . unless you're halfway to heaven!

Why SANCTIFICATION?

By V. C. COLLIER

"AFTER a person has been sanctified awhile" (as one of our evangelists puts it), "he finds that he still has something that he doesn't need [carnality], and needs something that he doesn't have"—the dynamic presence of the Holy Spirit in his heart and life.

The ordinary person does not pick up the whole armor of God overnight. True, we will grow in grace after our salvation; but some of us find, after many frustrating years, that the gifts of God must be appropriated by faith and prayer. We do not grow into these; we must exercise faith to receive them.

Hebrews 6:1 tells us that we must "go on unto perfection." We need the empowering, infilling presence of God's Holy Spirit in sanctifying fullness, or the baptism with the Holy Ghost, that we might find the power to do exploits for the Master. We do not have this power just because we have

been saved (regenerated).

John the Baptist had a special anointing for a very special mission, and was "filled with the Holy Ghost" from the time of his birth (Luke 1:15). To Jesus Christ, the Spirit was not given "by measure unto him" (John 3:34): "For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily" (Colossians 2:9).

But to us the Spirit is given in proportion to the depth of our experience. Have we been sanctified? Have we tarried in prayer in the morning before starting our day? Have we read our Bibles and had family devotions? How fervently and consistently have we witnessed and testified to those about us concerning the power of Christ to save and to transform lives?

Therefore the strength of the Spirit which we can manifest to those about us will be directly proportionate to how deep and consistent Christian lives we are living. Have we been obedient and sought after holy lives, as we have been commanded?

When we get out there in the "field" as Christians and start dealing with the souls of men—trying for decisions—we suddenly realize just how important it is to be sanctified. Someone has well

said: "Salvation is when we receive the Lord Jesus Christ; sanctification is when the Holy Ghost receives us!"

If we pray our prayer of extremity, consecrating all to Him and dying out to self, He will sanctify us. The Word tells us, "Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it" (1 Thessalonians 5:24). Some pray at the altar until a strong witness of the Spirit comes. Some "take it by faith," when they feel that they have dug down to bedrock in their praying. In any event, the important thing here is tarrying, holding on in faith until the filling, thrilling presence of the Spirit comes in sanctifying power!

Because the experience of entire sanctification multiplies the strength of the Holy Spirit in our lives, and consequently the power of our Christian influence, it becomes an absolute essential to the Christian who would be at his best for his God and a winner of the souls of men. Truly the time has come when the proponents of holiness must show forth to a skeptical and gainsaying world (as well as to a tepid Church) that sanctification makes a real difference in the believer's life, and that this difference is truly God's will, "even your sanctification" (1 Thessalonians 4:3).

Earth's Rarest Gift: **MOTHER**

By A. S. LONDON, *Sunday School Evangelist*



IN ALL NATIONS and in all ages there have been noble mothers. From ancient times down to the present day there have been faithful, sacrificing, patient mothers.

It is inspiring to read of great mothers as described by the Hebrew writers in the long ago:

There was God-fearing Jochebed. At the risk of losing her own life she saved her baby, Moses, from Pharaoh's cruel hand. Who knows what is wrapped up in the life of a baby?

There was Deborah, a mother in Israel, a prophetess, unafraid of the battlefield, who wielded a powerful influence over the affairs of the nation.

It is beautiful to read of Hannah, the devout mother of Samuel. She dedicated her son to God,

visited him in the temple, and saw her offspring rise to national leadership.

Naomi knew a mother's heartache when her two sons died. She was big enough to take into her heart the young foreign wives of the sons as she would her own offspring. She had faith, unselfish devotion, love, and affection.

A good mother is always a source of inspiration and strength. She is the type of womanhood who works with her hands and brains, and makes a home to be heaven on earth.

One has said, "Home is not a place; it is a person—Mother." A true Christian mother is industrious, devoted to her family, and her children honor her. "She reacheth forth her hands to the needy." She has a willing hand and a warm heart. "Strength and honour are her clothing; . . . and in her tongue is the law of kindness." She is God-fearing.

It is thrilling to read of Madame Soong of China.

She was the mother of six great men and women of the "New China." The youngest daughter is Madame Chiang Kai-shek, one of the world's leading women. The mother was a lady of Christian ancestry and vigorous character. She lived a consistent Christian life in the midst of the perils of revolutionary years in China. Through it all she retired daily to her prayer room. Her children, with all their fame, rise up and call her blessed.

The late President William McKinley provided in his will that first of all his mother should be made comfortable for life. President Garfield turned and kissed his mother as soon as he was inaugurated as president of the United States. The mother said, "This is the happiest day of my life."

Dorothy Dix, who at one time was the highest paid columnist, said that in the shadow of every man's fame walks his mother.

Henry Ward Beecher said, "A mother's prayer, silent and gentle, can never miss the road to the throne of all bounty."

Talmadge, the noted divine, said that the power of a good, praying mother is so great that a boy may go thirty years in one direction away from home but he will never get out from under her influence.

Washington Irving said that a good mother is the truest friend we have. When trials fall heavy upon us, when adversity comes, and when trouble thickens around us, still she will cling to her child.

Robert Browning said, "All love begins and ends with motherhood."

A good mother calms, softens burdens, and strengthens in days of difficulties. In times of testing, she shows her strength and energy.

The poorest dwelling presided over by a thrifty, dedicated mother may be the abode of cheer and happiness. She is a sanctuary for the heart, a refuge in time of storm, a consolation in misfortune, and a stay in the darkest night.

John Wanamaker, the great merchant-prince of a generation ago in Philadelphia, said: "The years roll on, Mother dearest, that bring us nearer to you, but you have never seemed far away. The wheels of time left their tracks all about us, but your face remained the same."

"May Christ give added grace, sustain, and be ever near all mothers who are striving to save their homes and children from the pitfalls of this age," is my message and prayer!

"To preach the fact of the Resurrection was the first function of the Evangelist; to embody the doctrine of the Resurrection is the great office of the Church; to learn the meaning of the Resurrection is the task not of one age only, but of all."—Bishop Westcott.

"THERE FOLLOWETH AFTER ME . . ."

By RUTH VAUGHN



Is not my voice my own?

I stand here in my kitchen, stirring milk into the "chocolatey" recesses of my mixing bowl, and sing "My Faith Looks Up to Thee." The morning sunlight pours like Jersey cream through my open window, tasting with delight the batter which will make a chocolate cake for the little boys who watch me in eager anticipation. But—suddenly—I pause! My song slips away. And I wonder: Is not my voice my own?

My mind skips back and I remember someone else who stood in a kitchen in the early yellow sunlight, stirring milk into the batter of a chocolate cake, singing "My Faith Looks Up to Thee!" And it seems for a moment that I, as myself, slip away and another is housed within my body. I stare about me in the kitchen. I know that it is I—and yet it is so familiar! It is so much a part of something I used to know long ago!

It was my mother who used to sing this song while she combined the ingredients of a chocolate cake. And I was the child who sat watching and listening to her voice as it soared in melody.

And now I am in her footsteps. I have taken her place in the kitchen—and I sing her song!

Is not my laughter my own?

I stand on the wide expanse of green, inhale the air, heavily scented with flowers, and look into the lush of the sunset, wave to the silvery clouds curling like petals, weaving the sky into a glorious pattern of pink and white, watch my grass-stained children tasting the nectar in buttercups and caressing the lady's-slippers' dainty toes, and I throw up my hands in rapture and laugh with a heart filled with joy at the sheer beauty of it all!

I have seen someone else stand in the meadow, laughing with joyousness at the beauty of God's

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Build with

Vacation Bible School

1. Break Records

THE Fort Walton Beach Church of the Nazarene broke their Sunday school record with 128 after V.B.S. Rev. Wallace Bell, Jr., pastor, says, "This record day was the result of vacation Bible school."

2. Launch a New Church

A BRANCH vacation Bible school was conducted by churches of the Portsmouth, Ohio, Zone in the new church building at Plymouth Heights.

Seventy-five youngsters from the community responded. The V.B.S. closed with a program in the nearly completed church sanctuary. Rev. W. R. Moore, who was district director of V.B.S., reported the church was off to a strong start with a big boost from V.B.S.



3. Train Teachers

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4. Pack Your Church with Boys and Girls

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Vacation Bible school can be an adventure for both teachers and pupils. Dedicated teachers can guide pupils to study from the Bible many wonderful events in the life of Jesus—the miracle of His birth, how His growth set an example for youth today, the compassion of His ministry, and the marvel of His atonement for the sins of the world.

Boys and girls can come to know Jesus as their Saviour. They can grow in their love for Him and learn to serve Him. Help every boy and girl you know to go "adventuring with Jesus" in vacation Bible school.

1963 V.B.S. Missionary Special

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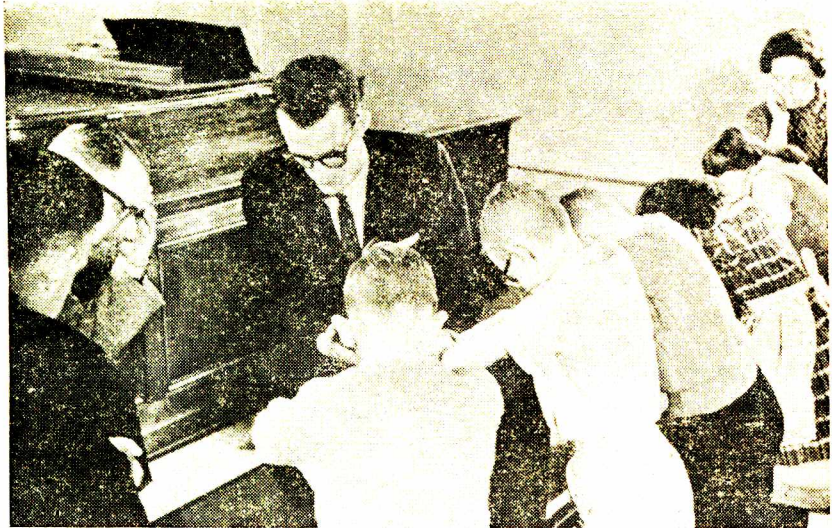
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The PLUS of the Second Week

By HORTON MYERS



THE MOST ENJOYABLE PART of my work is the two weeks I spend in vacation Bible school. I enjoy it because of the privilege of being in close contact with the boys and girls. There is nothing else that I do where I reach as many people, and as many of the same people, as consistently day after day.

The extra value of the second week in winning the friendship, confidence, respect, and trust of these youngsters is an opportunity that I cannot afford to miss. It takes time for them to see the pastor as a friend, rather than the man who preaches in the pulpit. This association for two weeks pays off immediately in the evangelistic service as well as in the work with them through the remainder of the year.

Vacation Bible school is also the bright spot of the church year for the boys and girls. This is something special for them. They come because they want to and because they enjoy it. We know this is true because they come just as well and just as eagerly the second week. This is one reason they learn rapidly. Another is that many of them attend more regularly than on Sunday because their parents will not be taking them away. Their happy attitude and regular attendance make the second week a *must*. They grow rapidly and our opportunities are limited; what we do for them must be done now. While we have them and their attention, let's give them the plus of the second week.

Another plus of the second week is the added sense of importance it gives the school. A week does not seem like much, but two weeks offer a real challenge. Workers take their task more seriously and prepare better for it. The pupils have a better attitude when they feel that there is time to accomplish something worthwhile. The parents realize that a two-week school is too important for their children to miss. This whole spirit makes for a better school, for everyone unconsciously puts

more into the effort.

One purpose of the vacation Bible school is to gain extra teaching time. To give less than two weeks to it cuts the very heart out of this value. There will always be a first day and a last day. Always, something is lost from these days. The best teaching days are those between the first and the last. There are only three of these in a five-day school, but there are eight in a ten-day school. This eight to three ratio is one of the biggest values I have ever found. For almost the same amount of money, for the same amount of time spent in enlisting and training workers, for the same amount of advertising and securing the pupils, I can have eight free days over against three free days. This gives almost three times as much teaching time as a five-day school. If the purpose of the school is more teaching time, then the extra time is to be found in the second week.

The big reason every church should want a two-week school is because of the added advantage of soul winning. I never say much about when we will have the evangelistic service, but let it be understood we will have one if we feel the need for it. Always in the second week my workers tell me they feel the pupils are ready for a special service. *I have never had them tell me this in the first week.* This to me is a value that cannot be measured. The workers feel that we are presenting the plan of salvation and invitation to accept Jesus because they have felt the need and requested it. They feel a part of the service in a way that would not otherwise be possible. When all of us are pulling for souls, more souls are won.

In this confused world, where spiritual values are being discounted, there is a demand for more spiritual preparation. One answer can be found in the second week of vacation Bible school.

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world. I have seen someone else grab up a child, still tinged with the yellow of buttercups, and hold it to her heart in a sudden surging of loving delight.

But I was that child and it was my mother who laughed.

And now I am in her footsteps. I have taken her place upon the great expanse of grassy beauty and I laugh with joy!

Are not my hands my own?

I go to church on the Sabbath day and sit at the dark-stained piano and my fingers slip over the ivory keys, calling the people to worship. While the congregation—and the little boys on the front seat—sing the grand old songs of praise to God, my hands form the chords, the arpeggios, the melody of the hymns. The music which fills the church, swells up to its rafters, and rises up into the blueness of the cobalt sky, comes from the movement of my hands.

But wait! It seems that suddenly my hands are used only as a glove! For it seems that another has slipped into my frame and is using my hands, my fingers, my muscles and making them move according to her will. And from them come glorious chords of harmony which ascend heavenward carrying in their beauty the hearts and souls of worshipping men.

I look at my hands. They are my own. But I have seen others play these same songs in church. And with a deep, full knowledge I know her inner feelings of worship and adoration as she played upon the keys. It was my mother who played the piano for church; and I, her child, sat on the front seat and listened.

And now I am in her footsteps. I have taken her place upon the piano bench and my hands play for church!

Is not my teaching my own?

I sit upon the bed with my pajama-clad children about me and read to them a story about another boy who gave his all to Jesus. And Jesus took his little and made it big enough to bless thousands. And I try to teach them about the beauty of Jesus Christ.

But I can remember a little girl in a pink, be-ribboned gown sitting on the foot of the bed and listening to her mother read this same story. And I can catch the same inflections in the voice, the same detail in enunciation, the same light of love surrounding the name of Jesus.

That was my mother and I, the little girl. But now I am in her footsteps. I have taken her place upon the bed, telling wide-eyed, impressionable children about the Man of Galilee.

Am I not my own?

Oh, no! There is much in me that was my mother, the one who walked the way before me; and I, who idolized her, followed along in her

steps. At first her steps were too large for me, and the gap between each step was too far apart for me to seem to be following along at all. But after a short time—such a short time!—my feet fitted the mold and my stride matched that of hers. And then for a while I thought that I trod a new path—until the day that I realized I was only walking in her footsteps, following along in the path that she had trod before.

In the evening breeze I stand in the dimly lighted bedroom and look upon the sleeping forms of my two little sons. And softly I quote the lines of the poem which state:

"There followeth after me today

A child whose feet must pass this way."

And I go to my knees beside their beds, begging for guidance, wisdom, and grace that these who follow in my footsteps will be led to the almighty God.

Our Greatest Gift to



MOTHER!

By KATHERINE BEVIS

A BUSY MOTHER was one day regretting that she could do so little Christian work. "I shall have only a life of housework to show at last," she said rather sadly to a friend.

"Why, Mother!" exclaimed her little daughter, who overheard the words, "we children will stand up and tell all that you have done for us—everything! I shouldn't s'pose they'd want anything better than good mothers up in heaven."

And the friend answered, "My dear, the child is right. Earth will send to heaven no better saints than the true Christian mothers who have done their best."

How wonderful it is that we are privileged to

honor our mothers on their very own day, *Mother's Day!* And on this very special day we appreciate the very special persons in our lives—*our mothers*.

When asked, "What is the greatest need of France?" the Emperor Napoleon unexpectedly gave the wise reply, "Mothers." Indeed, that is the greatest need of *all* nations.

A mother whose life is adorned with the virtue of purity is a priceless treasure whose godly character and virtues will be passed down through her offspring to future generations.

When Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes, the noted American physician and author, was asked when a child's education should begin, he replied, "Three hundred years before he is born."

If this is true of education, it is equally true of character. A mother who expects her child to be pure must keep herself worthy of the white carnation, the personification of purity. We can be thankful that there are so many mothers who realize their responsibility and set such a high example for their children.

Because motherhood is so beautiful, artists have chosen the mother and her child for their master paintings. In the Pitti gallery in Florence, Raphael's "Madonna of the Chair" is the most popular canvas. It is no surprise that artists choose mothers as subjects for their master paintings, since in motherhood there is real, appealing beauty.

Many of us have the hallowed memories of our mothers leading us aside to some lonely place and there in the hushed hours of solitude teaching us simple prayers by which to lead us into fellowship with our Heavenly Father.

I recall the morning a neighbor stopped by for Mother. The two were going to call at the new parsonage, where the new pastor was to arrive in the afternoon.

My mother had a philosophy all her own—nothing she had was quite good enough for her pastor. As she placed several small packages in the large, aluminum roasting pot the friend said, "I wouldn't take all that—and that pot is much too nice to give! I'm taking a box of salt. They are not there and will not know what we brought in."

I remember my mother's answer in a soft, sweet voice, "But I know and God knows," she said.

A consecrated and consistent Christian character which radiates the virtues taught and lived by our Saviour is the best manifestation of our appreciation for the helpful guidance and prayerful lives of our mothers!

We can immortalize the symbol of her love and sacrifice by living true to her ideals—to be the man or woman, the boy or girl she would have us be.

Let us strive to keep the faith she instilled in our childish minds.

This is our greatest gift to Mother.

Have you ever stopped to think about the many things in life which can be duplicated? Break your watch, and you can buy another one. Lose a book and you can replace it. But each one of us has only one mother. If she is still living, may this day give you a great desire to show her more love and more appreciation, and to prove to her that you are thoughtful of her.

A happy Mother's Day to all!

EDITORIALS

By W. T. PURKISER

Guest Editorial

Let's Go . . .

Adventuring with Jesus

By A. F. HARPER

Executive Editor, Department of Church Schools

In the work of Christian education "we must capitalize every agency at hand." Here is the clear insight of the late Dr. H. V. Miller as he brought the superintendents' quadrennial address to a General Assembly. This clear understanding of the need for alert resourcefulness in our Christian task did not originate with Dr. Miller. He learned it from the Master, who commands us, "Go ye therefore, and teach all" (Matthew 28:19). Dr. Miller followed in the footsteps of the world's great evangelist, who declared, "I am made all things to all

men, that I might by all means save some" (1 Corinthians 9:22).

The vacation Bible school is one of the effective evangelistic agencies of our time. We must capitalize upon *this* agency if we are to do our work well. Jesus asks us to go to all, but there are some whom we shall miss entirely if we do not reach them in this way—if we do not go "adventuring with Jesus" in a vacation Bible school.

Last summer 2,832 Nazarene churches used the vacation Bible school to help carry out our Lord's Great Commission. Those churches reached 36,000 pupils from unchurched homes. But another 1,971 churches held no Bible school. They missed 30,000 pupils who could have been reached in this way. Was your church among those that reached into these new families or did you miss yours?

In the churches where Bible schools were held, 37,000 young people were converted—an average of 14 in each church. Was your church among those that helped 14 more young people get started in the Christian life last summer?

To hold a vacation Bible school takes extra effort on the part of many people in the church—pastor, superintendent, teachers, helpers, parents, and pupils. But every worthwhile thing that we do for God takes extra effort—and usually the more worthwhile the project, the harder we have to work at it. Will you be one to do your share? To go adventuring with Jesus in the vacation Bible school this summer? Will you pray about your part in it? Will you put it into your personal schedule now—and into the summer schedule for your church?

If your church has never had a vacation school or has not held one in recent years, the project will require very special effort and planning. Would you encourage your church to make that

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“But money is a means of sharing in the multifarious and often highly skilled tasks which obviously not all can perform in person. The giving of money is not, therefore, merely an act of stewardship as usually represented. It is this. But it is also an act of ministry in the deepest sense, and it is to be performed as such, not with a reliance upon money or pride in its material power, but in the power of the Holy Spirit and the obedience, faith and love of genuine discipleship.”—G. W. Bromiley.

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effort and to do that planning? (1) Ask your church school board to approve it. (2) Elect a superintendent. (3) Secure the manual, *V.B.S.—Why, What, and How?* and the *Introductory Packet* of materials advertised elsewhere in this issue of the *Herald of Holiness*. (4) Select your workers and schedule one or more planning meetings. (5) Get your workers into a district V.B.S. workshop if there is one planned for your area.

Don't wait for a better time. There is no better time for the boys and girls of your community than now. For some of them there may be no other time at all.

Do you usually have a vacation Bible school? Then plan really to go adventuring with Jesus in 1963 and make your school an unusual one. (1) Plan to enroll a number of pupils whom you have never reached before. (2) Arrange more thorough teacher preparation so that your pupils will remember with joy the summer of 1963. (3) Plan prayerfully for your evangelistic services to reach boys and girls for Christ. (4) Set some goals for new pupils in your Sunday school and for new members in your church won through the Bible school.

Will some boy in your community be able to look back to 1963 as his first contact with the Church of the Nazarene? Will a girl in your neighborhood be able to date her conversion to June, July, or August of this year? Can some family in your area be led to Christ and the church by a child who is looking for something interesting to do in the summer months? They can if we are willing to venture.

Let's go "adventuring with Jesus"—to know Him, to love Him, to serve Him in a 1963 vacation Bible school.

Minimum or Maximum?

Someone wrote asking what are the minimum essentials for getting into heaven. The question jolted me a bit, for I had never thought of the matter in just those terms. Somehow I'd never thought of inquiring what was the least I could do or be in order barely to get in. I'd always been more interested in what Peter describes as an abundant entrance into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ, and in what Paul means when he talks about being more than conqueror.

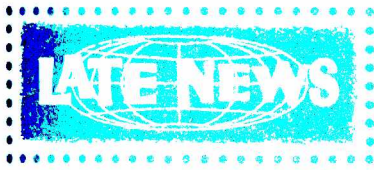
IN FACT, I'd be afraid to get my sights for a minimum entrance into the city because I know I often fall short of accomplishing what I set out to do. If I aim high and fall a bit short of the high mark, I'm still within range. But if I aim for the bottom of the target and don't quite make my aim, then I've missed it completely.

Of course, on one side of it, even "the righteous scarcely be saved" (1 Peter 4:18). If it doesn't take much of a man to be a Christian, as they say, it does take all there is of him. We are all like the bridesmaids awaiting the coming of the bridegroom as far as our personal spiritual resources are concerned—all the oil we have is no more than just enough.

COME TO THINK of it, there doesn't seem to be much difference between the minimum and the maximum when it comes to the things of God. Nothing less than the best will really do, and our very best is none too good if taken in itself. God does not operate on the basis of a double standard. There is only one way, one gate, one door, and we all must enter through God's appointed way.

God's way is the provision He has made in Christ for forgiveness and cleansing from sin. This is "low" enough to be open to the humblest, and "high" enough to challenge the best in the noblest. It is "wide" enough to take in all who come, and "narrow" enough to strip away all excess baggage. It is a minimum for which any can qualify, and the maximum for which any can hope. "Christ in you, the hope of glory," is the least and the most. —W. T. PURKISER.

THE CHURCH AT WORK



Rev. Lawrence W. Fick, retired Nazarene elder of the Akron District, died April 6. He is survived by his wife, Maud, of the home address, 842½ Main St., Pomeroy, Ohio.

Rev. Ira Meyer, retired Nazarene elder of the Northwestern Illinois District, died April 1. He is survived by his wife, of the home address, 1090 21st St., San Pedro, California.

"Rev. George Scutt and congregation of Grace Church, Nashville, Tennessee, climaxed the spring Sunday school drive by breaking all Sunday school attendance records with 924 present for the Easter Sunday school rally."—MRS. J. H. DEAL, *Secretary*.

Rev. Richard H. Leffel writes, "After nearly three years pastoring the fine people in Bellaire, Texas, I have accepted a call to the Dothan church on the Alabama District. God gave sizable increases in every phase of our work in Bellaire."

"Easter Sunday in Buena Park, California, was a great day in our church of 168 members: 551 in Sunday school, and \$925 in the Easter offering. A wonderful people with whom to work."—WELDON H. STONE, *Pastor*; BOB HUCK, *Sunday School Superintendent*.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

GEORGE COULTER, *Secretary*

"Operation Knocker" in Coban

By BETTY SEDAT, *Guatemala*

Our local Coban church is getting under way with "Operation Knocker" (no doorbells in town). We had a good group, especially of young people, out yesterday to visit the jail, hold a Sunday school, and conduct a service in the home of a blind Indian woman. In this same home a week ago the woman's daughter was converted. They are an influential family, and we hope to have another branch Sunday school there in the near future.

We are beginning to reap the benefits of last year's evangelistic efforts—

Tornado Strikes Olivet Campus

A sudden tornado cut a swath 300 yards wide across the campus of Olivet Nazarene College, Kankakee, Illinois, recently, leaving heavy damage on the college administration building, clinic, heating plant, dining hall, and gymnasium. It also wrecked about fifty trailer homes parked in a trailer court owned by the college.

At press time, no one connected with the college had died as a result of injuries, although several persons were seriously injured. One woman who lived in the town of Bourbonnais was killed while running to her car, carrying her three-month-old child. The child was injured.

A student, standing on the east steps of Burke Hall, the administration building, was struck down and injured as the tornado moved from west to east across the campus. Classes had been dismissed on schedule only five minutes earlier. The fourth floor of the administration building was sheared off by the storm. The rest of the building was damaged and filled with debris.

Also in the path of the storm was Walker Hall, which serves as the school clinic, the heating plant, Miller Dining Hall, and Birchard Field House. Parts of the roof were blown off the gymnasium.

The twister then struck the trailer court immediately east of the campus, where about fifty trailer homes were parked. Parts of two trailers were left standing. The tornado strewed the broken and demolished houses across an open field. Miraculously, no one was killed. Dr. and Mrs. Clinton Bushey, whose home was in the park, were among the injured. Dr. Bushey is a professor of biological sciences.

The storm hit the campus at 4:25 p.m., April 17.

Sunday school up from around 90 to 136 last Sunday, and our young people's society increasing in size and enthusiasm.

This week we inaugurated a club for the high school young people and professional people, to promote the evangelistic effort and provide a Christian social environment. The director of the high school, several teachers, and medical doctors attended the organizational meeting. We are glad that this dream of many years is now being realized.

At Home in Brazil

By ROBERT COLLINS, *Brazil*

We are settled in our house and enjoying it very much. Words cannot express how much we appreciate what the Church of the Nazarene does for her missionaries. We are thrilled to have a part in serving Christ and the Church

of the Nazarene, here in this great country of Brazil. Brazil is certainly a challenge to us. By God's grace and help we want to do our best.

The Lord has been so good to us. We could never cease to praise Him for His goodness. Everything we need has been supplied. Proverbs 3:5-6 has truly been proved over and over again. We thank God for His saving and sanctifying power that is real in our hearts just now. To be in the center of God's will is the greatest joy anyone can know.

Moving Missionaries

Rev. Thomas Ainscough has a new address. It is: 27 de Febrero 1660, Rosario, F.C.N.B.M., Argentina, South America.

Rev. John Hall, missionary in charge of the Cuban Refugee Work, has moved. His new address is: 2480

N.W. 35th Street, Miami, Florida.

Miss Hazel Pass has returned to her field address. It is: P.O. Box 27, Tichardsdal, Transvaal, Republic of South Africa.

The "Red Streak" Still Works for God

By THE EADESES
Cape Verde Islands

Our Ford Ranch Wagon the red streak, as the Western Buckeye Nazarenes know it, is still going strong and living up to its reputation, having celebrated its fourth anniversary this month. If only it could speak! What stories it would tell! It has rushed expecting mothers to the hospital; transported the dead to their last resting place; hauled church benches, lime, sand, and cement; carried the sick and suffering; served well as limousine for wedding couples; brought home chickens and pigs from the market and all this over some of the roughest and steepest roads and tracks imaginable. It is the most valuable piece of equipment that we possess, especially as it never ceases to help us take the gospel story to the outlying villages. Thank you one and all who made this acquisition possible.

Many Changes in Africa

By JUANITA PATE
Republic of South Africa

Changes are taking place all around us. With the expansion and development of a mine nearby and the railway and electricity to the mine, people are coming into our area by the score. This of course puts a heavier load on our increasing hospital burdens, but also it is a greater challenge and opportunity for the publishing of the "good tidings of great joy." We must not fail many of these people are employed in the construction and will move on later. We must give them an opportunity to hear while they are here. We are doing our best to get the printed literature in their hands by means of Gospel portions and tracts, as well as by word.

Youth Rally

By CHARLES AND LOTTIE TRYON
Philippine Islands

Recently we had a two-day Youth Rally with seven churches of Zone Three participating. Two hundred of our people gathered at our mountain church in Lolo Valley for a time of fun, fellowship, and inspiration. The Bible contests, orations, declamations, and special singing by the young people from the participating churches were a blessing to us all. The preaching services were times of special anointing, and our hearts were thrilled after a soul-stirring message, where the missionary speaker and the national interpreter had poured out their hearts, to see young people as well as natives from the local area come forward and

kneel in prayer. Our tears of joy mingled with theirs as they testified with radiant faces. "Adda ti balligi di toy pasoh!" "There is victory in my heart." As we think of the thousands of natives up in the mountains bound by superstition and witchcraft, our hearts cry out for the day when we'll be operating our Bible training school for the many young people in that area training them to take the gospel to their own people.

"Thank You" from Korea

By CHARLES and LOIS STROUD
Korea

We send thanks for the many Koreans who have received the clothing which you sent during the recent months. Many a youngster and older person was warmer this past winter because of your thoughtfulness. We would also add our appreciation for

the many nice letters of encouragement, the birthday cards, and other special cards we received during the past year. They often arrived just in time to give us the special encouragement we needed.

In August we spent five days at one of our country churches, where we held our Youth Camp. These were wonderful days as many of our youth received spiritual help and learned much about our church and God's ways. Since that time we have reentered language school and are keeping quite busy. Our Nazarene Bible School has had a good enrollment this semester and will be completing the school year this month with about eight graduates. Most of these are already pastoring in our churches. Please remember to pray for these and others yet in school that they may become zealous and effective workers in the kingdom of God.

HOME MISSIONS

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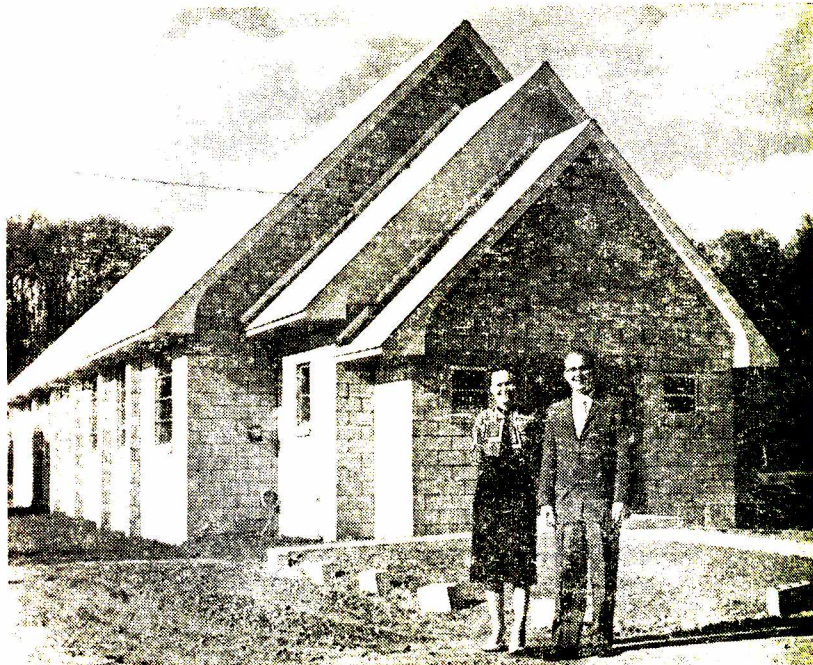
Small Church Achievement Winner

On April 19, 1962, the congregation of the Hazelwood Church in North Carolina met at their regular meeting place a small house converted into a chapel. But included in the service was a march to their new church building and a new altar consecrated with tears of joy and shouts of victory.

The people of Hazelwood had been watching the Church of the Nazarene since it moved into their community. When plans were made to erect a

church building, many said that it couldn't be done with the number of people who were attending. It did seem like an impossibility, for the membership of twenty included few adults and no high-salaried people. Many times during construction discouragements came, but the people prayed and believed God until what was thought to be impossible was accomplished. Many, including teenagers, worked every night for three weeks prior to the opening service in order to get the interior of the building finished.

The pastor, Rev. Floyd Bailey, says: "Now when a problem confronts the church the people remember what God has done for us, and they believe God



Church of the Nazarene, Hazelwood, N.C. Rev. and Mrs. Floyd Bailey in foreground.

for victory in each new problem. Our faith has been strengthened, and we are believing God for greater things to take place in Hazelwood this church year."

The choice of Hazelwood as the Outstanding Small Church on the North Carolina District and its selection as one of the ten most outstanding small churches in the entire denomination for 1962 was well deserved.

Rev. Lloyd Bailey, who also has a full-time secular job, took over the pastorate at Hazelwood two and a half years ago, when the church had thirteen members. During the past year membership rose from twenty to thirty-four, an increase of 70 per cent, and all fourteen new members were received on profession of faith.

The N.Y.P.S. is a Star Society. The teenage class led the Sunday school in attendance and participated wholeheartedly in the church's visitation program. The financial picture shows low, alive and sacrificial giving. All budgets were paid in full and the General Budget was overpaid. There was good response to Alabaster and Easter offerings; and in the Thanksgiving offering, which totaled \$236, many of the people gave an entire week's salary. They have responded wonderfully to the added responsibility of paying for their new building, the building payment being raised each month outside of tithes.

An enthusiastic participation in a planned visitation program; two weeks of prayer and fasting preceding the two revivals, during which many prayed through, including two alcoholics saved and delivered from drink at the altar—all contributed to the life of this vital, growing church.

Vacationing Abroad?

If you are planning to make a trip overseas, you are invited to visit our churches in the British Isles and any of the overseas home mission areas, including Australia, Bermuda, New Zealand, American Samoa, South Africa (European), West Germany, Denmark, Alaska, Hawaii, and Panama Canal Zone. The location of churches in these countries and states may be secured by writing the Department of Home Missions in Kansas City.

We will also send suggestions on how your visit may be a help and blessing to our churches overseas, rather than a burden or an imposition. You will be a representative of the church at the home base and you will want those you meet to have a new pride in the Church of the Nazarene because of your visit.

New Church News

The Cambridge, Maryland, church on the Washington District was officially organized on January 27, 1963, by District Superintendent Ernest E. Grosse, with twenty-five charter mem-

bers (all adults but one). The congregation plans the immediate purchase of property and the construction of a church building. Rev. William George is pastor.

THE N.Y.P.S.

FAITH SKILLS *Scripture*

A youth revival, a district teen Bible quiz, and an N.Y.P.S. convention, are news-worthy events.

Gary Indiana Zone Youth Revival

The Gary Zone Youth Revival was held January 11-21, and proved to be a time of real spiritual blessing. God marvelously used the excellent musical talents of the Leichty family and the Holy Ghost anointed preaching of our local pastors. Approximately 125 persons sought God at an altar of prayer. The services were held in a different church on the zone each night with the exception of the last service of the campaign, which was held in the Indiana University auditorium. The average attendance per service was 391. More than 600 attended the final service.

Our zone chairman, Rev. Earl Roush, did an outstanding job of planning and promoting this revival campaign. The preaching was shared by Rev. L. L. Myers, Rev. Donald Williams, Rev. R. V. Jackson, Rev. Wesley Tracy, Rev. Murrell Duffy, Rev. H. D. Latham, and Rev. Loren Gould.

God also blessed in the area of finance; we were able to give the Leichty family a good love offering. We are also thankful for the fine spirit of co-operation among the churches. Every church on the zone co-operated in the meeting.

We thank God for His wonderful revival blessings in Gary, Indiana. WESLEY TRACY, *Reporter*.

Northwestern Illinois Teen Bible Quiz

Saturday, March 16, Northwestern Illinois District held their District Teen Bible Quiz at Ottawa, Illinois. Rev. Don Tyler conducted this, the first "team" quiz on this district.

Eight teams, composed of six teenagers each, competed in a double elimination contest. Spoon River Zone team was undefeated. Members of this team were from Lewistown and Havana, Illinois.

One hundred and ninety-three attended the family style banquet, after which the final quiz was held.

The highest scoring senior, Janet Smith, from Havana, was presented a scholarship of \$140.00 from the Northwestern Illinois District. The highest scoring underclassman Tom Roat, also

from Havana, received a \$75.00 scholarship.

Six of the highest scorers represented Northwestern Illinois District at the Inter-District Quiz, April 4 and 5, at Oliver Nazarene College. Members of that team and the zone they are from are: Carol Nolan, Mississippi River; Sharon Just, Peoria Pekin; Tom Roat, Spoon River; Vickie Emmett and Sharon Stevenson, Lincoln Highway; and Mike Rextroat, Fox Valley. —MRS. DANIEL ROAT, *Reporting*.

Missouri District Juniors

The Missouri District "Outstanding Junior Award" this year goes to Twyla V. Leach and Master Dan Blesi. They receive tuition free to summer camp and also a trophy.

There were also awarded to our local directors the Standard and Gold Crown Certificates which are provided by the general N.Y.P.S. office in Kansas City.

We have a District Junior Four every two years. We also have a District-wide Convention and Workshop every two years, alternating this program every year. This has proved to be a big success.

We in Missouri aren't going to be satisfied until we accomplish "1,000 Juniors for Jesus." D. L. MUEB, *Reporter*.

FOR CHRISTIAN ACTION

A number of devout Nazarenes are active in temperance organizations across our country. As heads of state temperance organizations we have a pastor, a lawyer, and a district superintendent. One of the most outstanding Nazarene contributors to the cause of temperance today is Rev. Andrew G. Hanners, director of education for the California Council on Alcohol Problems. "Andy," as we know him, is an ordained minister in the Church of the Nazarene. In 1954 he joined the staff of the California Council on Alcohol Problems as assistant director of education, and in 1959 became director of education.

This past year has afforded him many opportunities to render outstanding service. During 1962 he spoke to many high school groups, the largest of which was the Arroyo High School, San Lorenzo, California, where 2,150 students were present for the assembly.

Among the additional opportunities that have been his are the following: banquet speaker for the State Medical Assistants Association and the Driver Licensing Analysts of the State Department of Motor Vehicles; a panelist for the Governor's Traffic Safety Conference; participated in the Education Seminar at the Yale School of Alcohol Studies, and the Institute of Human Problems at Stanford University; delivered the Miller Lectures at Northwest Nazarene College in 1961 and gave a demonstration lecture at the

1962 Institute of Scientific Studies for the Prevention of Alcoholism; spoke in chapel at both Pasadena College and the Nazarene Theological Seminary in 1962; and has addressed many Health Education workshops at state colleges and for public school systems. He is active in the Association for the Advancement of Information on Alcohol and Narcotics. He has attended both the Yale School of Alcohol Studies and the Institute of Scientific Studies for the Prevention of Alcoholism.

Mr. Hanners' home church was Fairbury, Nebraska (also the home church of Dr. Melza Brown). Here he was saved under the ministry of Rev. L. A. Ogden. He graduated from Northwest Nazarene College. His pastorates include Lisbon, North Dakota; Wenatchee, Washington; and First Church, Vallejo, California. For two years he served as assistant pastor to Dr. John E. Riley at the College Church, Nampa, Idaho. He was the first minister ordained by Dr. Hardy C. Powers after his election to the general superintendency.

Mr. Hanners and his family are members of the Concord, California, Church of the Nazarene. Concord is on the new Northern California (or coastal) District with Dr. E. E. Zachary as the district superintendent.

These are a few of the interesting facts about one who is making an effective contribution to the cause of temperance. We are grateful for what he, and others with similar concern, are doing in these days of severe social problems.

EARL C. WOLF, Secretary
Committee on Public Morals

THE LOCAL CHURCHES

Charleston, West Virginia—The Valley Grove Church, destroyed by a flash flood in July of 1961, has by God's help and the efforts of a courageous people now built a beautiful, two-story educational unit in a new location, valued at \$45,000. In addition we have a four-bedroom parsonage; both properties located on a twenty-three-acre tract of land, with a total evaluation of \$65,000. This property was dedicated last December 9 by our good district superintendent, Rev. H. H. Hendershot. Recently we enjoyed a good meeting with Evangelist David M. Cox; some said it was the best revival in the church's history. On the closing Sunday a fine class of young people were received into church membership. We appreciate these wonderful people.—NOAH SULLIVAN, *Pastor*.

Fredericktown, Missouri—Our church recently had a wonderful revival with Rev. Russell Bowman as evangelist and the Emerson Rifers as singers. Brother Bowman preached the old-fashioned gospel with the anointing of the Holy Spirit. Sinners were converted and believers sanctified, as the presence of the Lord was manifested in the services. Our church has been encouraged and blessed, and we thank God for the ministry of Brother Bowman.—CARL ERWIN, *Pastor*.

Glasgow, West Virginia—Our church recently enjoyed the best revival in many years. The evangelists were Rev. Asa Sparks, with his wife and son. God gave thirty-six victories at the altar, with others praying through in their homes, as the evangelists, along with the church people, called in the homes of the town every morning. Thirty-one people attended our church for the first time. We are thankful for evan-

and even their lives, to so momentous a commitment. Often there are prejudices to overcome and unknown circumstances which impede a Christian's progress. Perhaps the impatience with which we view such a person is the result of little more than our own deep concern for him. Yet it does seem that one who has tasted of the love of God and known the forgiveness of sins would unhesitatingly press on to the fullness of the grace of God.

Perhaps the terminology so often used becomes a barrier of sorts. The experience has been made to sound both difficult and painful. One must give up his all; he must put everything on the altar and then climb on himself, for service or for sacrifice; he must die out to the world and to self; he must give up home and loved ones and friends; he must be crucified with Christ—all this in a day when we are being told that self-fulfillment is one great goal of life. Yet all of this is true, very true.

But commitment to God may be seen in another light. St. Paul said, "The love of Christ constraineth us" (1 Corinthians 5:14). For the sake of emphasis, imagine a young man deeply in love, engaged to be married, yet having to be exhorted and evangelized to do what he knows is necessary in order to be married. Of course he must give up all his other girl friends and keep himself faithful to one girl for the rest of his life. He must publicly pledge to do this with no reservations attached. He must do this while being reminded that there will be sickness and difficulties ahead, and that he will have to foot all the bills. He will be given no opportunity to change his mind at a later date.

Imagine this young man struggling over the issues involved. One by one he dies out to each girl friend, with tears and great reluctance, while his fiancee looks on. He claims that the price is too high to pay, but after much urging on the part of his best friends he stands up and takes his marriage vows.

How incongruous such a situation would be! If this man were truly in love, he would be looking eagerly for the wedding day to arrive. Reluctance would only reveal insincerity or uncertainty in respect to his initial expression of love—the wedding had better be canceled. If he were a normal young man, he would lose sight of the price, initially and in the years to come, because of the love he bears his promised bride. And he would go to the altar, not to surrender his old girl friends in prolonged struggle, but to give himself to the girl of his choice.

The illustration may be strained, but the analogy is sound. There is something wrong with the converted man who does not want to give his all

NOTICE

To ministers covered under the **PLAN ONE** group life insurance program of the general church:

Your Annual Insurance Questionnaire has been mailed to you. It must be returned by May 15, 1963, if your "plan one" insurance coverage is to be continued for another year.

If your Questionnaire has not reached you, please notify the Board of Pensions at once.

Dean Wessels
Executive Secretary
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Kansas City 31, Missouri

THIS IS A FINAL NOTICE

gelists who carry a burden for souls which manifests itself in the pulpit and also in calling in the homes. Our people continue to witness and the Lord is blessing.—PACT E. HISS, *Pastor*.

Lenoir City, Tennessee—The week of January 28 through February 3 was a great time of revival at the White Wing Church. God greatly blessed and used the ministry of Evangelist Paul J. Stewart with us. Sinners were converted, backsliders reclaimed, and believers were sanctified, with a total of seventy-three people coming to the altar to seek help from God. The church was filled almost every night in spite of very bad weather. A nice class of members has been added to the church. We want Brother Stewart to return for another meeting.—CHARLES WATERS, *Pastor*.

THE BIBLE LESSON

FOR MAY 12, 1963

Topic for May 12 Our Commitment

SCRIPTURE: Genesis 22:1-13; Romans 6:13; 12:1-9 (Printed: Romans 6:13; 12:1-9)

GOLDEN TEXT: *I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service* (Romans 12:1).

Why does it seem so necessary to urge Christians to yield themselves wholly to Christ? On first thought, this would seem to be the most natural thing for them to do. Doubtless many people need time to adjust their minds,

Christ and have the fullness of the Spirit in return. This condition probably signifies his need of an experience salvation, vital, and at least as real a case of falling in love.

Announcements

RECOMMENDATION

—Rev. and Mrs. J. W. South entered the angelistic work as of April 28. A little more than a year ago Brother South, because of a physical condition, left the evangelistic field. In recent days God has miraculously healed his body, and he feels he can now continue his evangelistic ministry. Rev. and Mrs. J. W. South's ministry has been well received in their work in Milford, Illinois. Brother South preaches, plays the piano and the accordion. Mrs. South plays the piano and together they furnish vocal duets, also vocal solos. Mrs. South also gives scene-of-felt picture lessons. They have been very successful in the evangelistic work, and are willing to go to any church. Their slate for the summer and fall is illing up. If you desire their services, they may now be contacted; 743 King Street, Gary, Indiana. —Mark R. Moore, Superintendent of Chicago Central District.

BORN

—to Rev. and Mrs. Thomas Rawlings of Ridgeway, Pennsylvania, a girl, Tammy LeJean, on March 27.

—to Jerry and Marilyn (Setliff) Davis of Corpus Christi, Texas, a girl, Judith Carol, on March 21.

—to Rev. and Mrs. Forrest F. Harvey of Jamestown, Kentucky, a boy, Forrest Edwin, on March 20.

—to Clifton and Rayedene (Hooper) Watson of Petersburg, Texas, a boy, David Hugh, on March 15.

—to Floyd and Martha (Quandstrom) Bruning of Gary, Indiana, a boy, David Brian, on March 15.

—to Dr. and Mrs. Richard A. Jones (Helen Daniels) of Freeman, South Dakota, a girl, Janice Kay, on March 14.

—to Laurie and Delores (Lobb) Murray of Jacksonville, Florida, a boy, Daryl Ray, on March 13.

—to Rev. Dale and Joyce Wanner of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, a girl, Merlene Larue, on March 13.

—to Mr. and Mrs. Art (Womer) Mason of Whitehorse Yukon Territory, Canada, a boy, Lawrence Wayne, on February 18.

—to Clayton and Sally (Boyer) Shaffer of Schuylkill Haven, Pennsylvania, a boy, Clifton Raymond, on February 4.

ADOPED

—by Dale C. and Peggy (Ayers) Wild of San Diego, California, on February 19, 1963, a girl, Marie Estelle; she was born September 12, 1953.

SPECIAL PRAYER IS REQUESTED

—by an elderly Nazarene preacher in Texas, who is suffering much bodily affliction in recent months, that his "Faith fail not";

—by a Nazarene lady in North Carolina going through "some terrible things" and needs God's special help; also for her only daughter, who is unsaved;

—by a Nazarene lady in Indiana for some families in Tennessee that they may be true to God and the church and that one of the men may be able to find steady work; also that she may have steady work, as she is a widow.

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District Assembly Schedules for 1963

HARDY C. POWERS:

Alabama	May 15 and 16
Florida	May 20 and 21
Nevada-Utah	June 12 and 13
Southwestern Ohio	July 3 and 4
Chicago Central	July 18 and 19
Northwest Oklahoma	July 24 and 25
Kansas	July 31 to August 2
Northwestern Illinois	August 15 and 16
Minnesota	August 29 and 30
Joelin	September 18 and 19
North Arkansas	September 25 and 26

G. B. WILLIAMSON

Los Angeles	May 15 to 17
Rocky Mountain	June 6 and 7

New England	June 19 and 20
Maine	June 26 and 27
Michigan	July 10 to 12
Eastern Michigan	July 17 and 18
Eastern Kentucky	July 24 and 25
Dallas	August 1 and 2
Wisconsin	August 8 and 9
Tennessee	August 21 and 22
Louisiana	August 28 and 29

SAMUEL YOUNG:	
Southern California	May 22 and 23
Canada Central	June 27 and 28
Northwestern Ohio	July 10 and 11
Pittsburgh	July 18 and 19
Illinois	July 24 to 26

"SHOWERS of BLESSING" Program Schedule

May 12—"Discipleship: The Guide to Our Possessions," by L. Guy Nees

May 19—"Discipleship: A and the World Concern," by L. Guy Nees

May 26—"The Bottleneck in the Scientific Age," by Richard S. Taylor

Virginia	August 8 and 9
Missouri	August 15 and 16
Northwest Indiana	August 21 and 22
South Carolina	September 11 and 12
New York	September 27 and 28

D. I. VANDERPOOL:

Arizona	May 22 and 23
New Mexico	May 29 and 30
Northeast Oklahoma	June 19 and 20
Nebraska	June 27 and 28
Gulf Central	July 12 and 13
Colorado	July 18 and 19
Iowa	August 7 and 8
Southeast Oklahoma	September 4 and 5
South Arkansas	September 18 and 19

HUGH C. BENNER:

British Isles North	May 25 to 28
British Isles South	June 1 to 4
Canada Atlantic	June 20 and 21
Albany	June 26 and 27
Canada West	July 4 and 5
Oregon Pacific	July 17 to 19
Akron	July 31 and Aug. 1
Southwest Indiana	August 8 and 9
Houston	August 21 and 22
Georgia	September 11 and 12
North Carolina	September 18 and 19
Southwest Oklahoma	September 25 and 26

V. H. LEWIS:

Washington Pacific	May 15 and 16
Canada Pacific	May 23 and 24
Atlanta	May 30 and 31
South Dakota	June 19 and 20
North Dakota	June 27 and 28
West Virginia	July 4 to 6
Northeastern Indiana	July 10 to 12
Central Ohio	July 17 to 19
Fast Tennessee	July 25 and 26
Kentucky	August 8 and 9
Indianapolis	August 21 and 22
Kansas City	August 28 and 29

District Assembly Information

ALABAMA, May 15 and 16, at the church Jennings Ave. at South 13th St., Lanett, Alabama. Rev. Barney Brumbeke, pastor. General Superintendent Powers. (N.F.M.S. convention, May 15.)

LOS ANGELES, May 15 to 17, at First Church, Third and Juanita Sts., Los Angeles, California. Dr. L. Guy Nees, pastor. General Superintendent Williamson. (N.Y.P.S. convention, May 10; N.F.M.S. convention, May 14.)

FLORIDA, May 20 and 21, at the City Auditorium, 1700 Washington Ave., Miami Beach 39, Florida. Entertaining pastor, Rev. C. B. Nixon, 4000 N.W. Fifth Ave., Miami. General Superintendent Powers. (N.F.M.S. convention, May 17; N.Y.P.S. convention, May 18; S.S. convention, May 18.)

ARIZONA, May 22 and 23, at the church Hartford at Detroit, Chandler, Arizona. Rev. Richard Little, pastor. General Superintendent

Vanderpool. (N.F.M.S. convention, May 21)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, May 22 and 23, at First Church, 3001 Altadena, San Diego 5, California. Rev. Joseph Morgan, pastor. General Superintendent Young. (N.F.M.S. convention, May 21.)

Deaths

A very impressive memorial service was held for Lieutenant David H. Philo on Sunday afternoon in the Bethany Church of the Nazarene, Bethany, Oklahoma, with Dr. E. S. Phillips officiating. David was the son of Dr. and Mrs. L. C. Philo of Olivet Nazarene College, Kankakee, Illinois. David was a radar technician aboard the aircraft carrier "Enterprise." On a Saturday afternoon in March he and his pilot were taking off for a routine flight. Because of some mechanical failure the plane plunged into the sea. The pilot was miraculously saved, but searching parties were unable to rescue or recover David. Two previous memorial services were held, one aboard the "Enterprise" and the other in the College Church at Olivet Nazarene College.

MRS. MAY ROPP GUNDY was born May 6, 1882, and died at Bloomington, Illinois, March 3, 1963. She was united in marriage to John A. Gundy, January 15, 1903, who died in December of 1950. She was converted when a young girl, sanctified in 1915, and in March of 1916 she became a member of First Church of the Nazarene in Bloomington, which had been organized the previous year. Three children preceded her in death. She is survived by a son, John Morris, at home; and seven daughters: Irene and Mildred, at home; Mrs. Mary Ann Whitworth, Mrs. Dorothy Foster, Mrs. Ernest Johnson, Mrs. Peggy Swanson, and Mrs. Lina Godbey. Funeral service was conducted by Rev. John Swearingen assisted by Dr. Gene E. Phillips, Rev. E. Keith Bottles, and Rev. Edward Rowley.

JESSE M. PHILLIPS was born in 1894 at Himesville Community, Shelbyville, Tennessee, and died February 5, 1963. He was converted as a young man and became a charter member of the Himesville Church of the Nazarene. He loved his church and was faithful to the services as long as his health permitted. He was loved by all who knew him. He is survived by his wife, Maggie (Philpott) Phillips; five sons, David, Harry, Kenneth, Dewey, and Jesse; a brother, Albert Phillips; and a sister, Mrs. Clara Parsons. Funeral service was conducted by his uncle, Rev. Koy W. Phillips, dean at Trevecca Nazarene College, assisted by Rev. Robert Robinson, pastor of the Himesville church.

MRS. ELLA WYCKMAN was born in Muskegon, Michigan, June 15, 1894, and died January 14, 1963, in Everett, Washington, following a brief illness. She had lived in the Everett area for twenty-two years, and was a member of First Church of the Nazarene. She is survived by her husband, Walfred Wyckman; a son, Kenneth; and two daughters, Mrs. Stanley Larsen and Mrs. Fred Nygren. Funeral service was conducted by her pastor, Rev. Wm. E. Anderson, assisted by Rev. E. L. Bohannon, with burial in Cypress Lawn Memorial Park.

MRS. VALETA L. KNIGHT was born August 25, 1891, and died February 28, 1963. A member of the Luray (Indiana) Church of the Nazarene, which she had attended since its organization, she was always interested in music, also ready to give of her means to help with the entire program of the church. Her husband, Leslie Knight, died in 1955. She is survived by her daughter, Mrs. Francis Russell. Memorial service was conducted in the Oakville Brethren Church, with Rev. E. McCormick, a former pastor, officiating, assisted by Rev. John Wm. of Anderson, and her pastor, Rev. Loran Irby. Interment was in the Miller Cemetery, near Mindtown, Indiana.

MRS. BERTHA LEE CURTIS, a charter member of the Valley Park, Missouri, Church of the Nazarene, died February 25, 1963, at the age of seventy-six. It was through the efforts of Mrs. Curtis and her husband that the church was organized in Valley Park. Funeral service was held at the church with Rev. C. E. Fleschman and Rev. Richard Bushey in charge.

MRS. IDA L. COCKES, a member of the Newport News (Virginia) Church of the Nazarene, died January 12, 1963. She was nearing her eighty-third birthday, but was faithful to the church until her last illness. She was a saint, a prayer warrior. A few months before her death she sang a special and, without any preaching, the altar filled with earnest seekers. Funeral service was conducted by Rev. H. C. Crutcher assisted by her pastor, Rev. Mrs. L. B. Smith.



the Answer corner

Conducted by W. T. PURKISER, Editor

College Youths to Be Chosen for Latin-American Crusade

The plan to send two teams of Nazarene young people to hold a series of city-wide evangelistic crusades in six Latin American countries during July, 1961, already is arousing a great deal of interest.

Two outstanding youths will be chosen from each of six Nazarene colleges—Bethany, Eastern, Northwest, Olivet, Pasadena, and Trevecca—and one each from Canadian Nazarene College and the Nazarene Theological Seminary. An evangelist and a song evangelist will head each team. The young people will assist in the city-wide meetings, distributing literature, testifying, and doing personal work.

The aim is to select teenagers who will have at least a full year of work remaining on their campus when they return. (EP).

Missionary Boat Sinks

LONG BEACH, CALIF. (EP)—Nine seafaring missionaries en route to Haiti were reported safe by the U.S. Coast Guard after their home-made 100-foot vessel, "Crusader," sank in choppy seas off the coast of Mexico.

The group was taken aboard the "St. Anthony," an American tuna boat, off the tip of Baja, California, about 850 miles southeast of Los Angeles. The "St. Anthony" had been trying to tow the "Crusader" to Cape San Lucas at the end of the Mexican peninsula. Leader of the rescued group was Rev. Howard A. Smith, fifty-one, minister of Calvary Church of the Full Gospel in Wilmington, near here.

Radio Station in Africa Begins Broadcasting

ADDIS ABABA (EP)—Radio "Voice of the Gospel" is on the air. Listeners in scattered parts of Africa and the Middle East are now hearing a new station signal tune—the first four notes of Luther's "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"—and, in their own languages, a new broadcasting announcement: "This is Radio Voice of the Gospel, ETHE, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia."

The IWF's powerful short wave station here began broadcasting programs to Africa over the first of its two giant, 100-kilowatt transmitters on February 26, following a day of inauguration festivities.

The station will be owned and operated by the Lutheran World Federation under franchise from the Ethiopian government, in co-operation with an ecumenical agency in which the churches of Africa, the Near East, and southeastern Asia will take part in the program and finance.

There are many people who have never heard the gospel once. Do you believe we will have another great revival like Pentecost to get the gospel to every nation and tribe before the rapture?

There are two things of which I am very sure. First, we should earnestly pray, diligently work, and sacrificially give for such a revival that will carry the Word of Life to every tribe and every nation. Unless we are so praying and working and giving, we are not fulfilling the Lord's command to "occupy till I come." The task He has given us with which to be occupied is to "go . . . into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15).

Second, we should not make such a revival a condition in our own minds which *must* be fulfilled before the return of Christ for His own. To do so would have the effect of completely cancelling out the meaning of Jesus' own word, oft repeated in one form

or another, "Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh" (Matthew 25:13).

If it seems hard to put these two ideas together, perhaps the old advice is still best: "Plan as if the Lord would not come for many years; work as if He would come tomorrow." In His wisdom the Lord has not given us a timetable of the future, some prophetic teachers notwithstanding. He knows our human weakness to put off until the last possible moment what we should be doing now. So we must be careful not to make the word of God regarding the soon coming of Christ of no effect by holding that some world shaking event *must* happen before Christ returns.

In our Sunday school class last week an elderly minister made the remark that iniquity was not sin. I had never heard this stated before. Can you explain the difference to me?

I'm not at all sure what the brother had in mind. It sounds like another "distinction without a difference." It could be that he was thinking of "sin" in the narrowest sense of a deed or deeds in violation of the law of God, and "iniquity" in the broadest sense of a condition or state of unrighteousness and lawlessness.

However, it seems to me that nothing much would be gained by this, since the Bible used the word "sin" to mean both act or deed (Romans 3:23) and condition or state (Romans 6:14), just as it also uses the word "iniquity" to mean sins committed (Luke 13:27) and sinfulness of character (Acts 8:23).

Someone said that, in regard to our prayers, God knows our needs and we do not have to inform Him. What should be the content of our prayers if our Heavenly Father knows our needs?

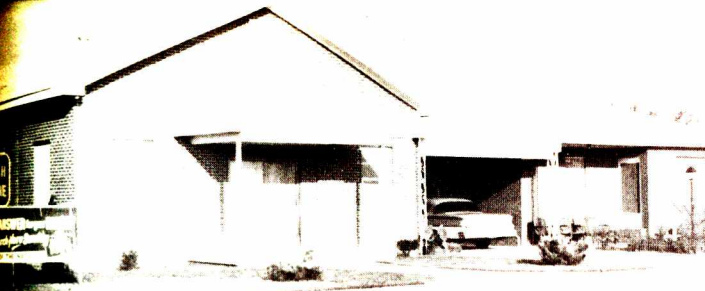
The statement you heard was possibly a quotation from the words of Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount: "But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do; for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking. Be not ye therefore like unto them; for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him" (Matthew 6:7-8).

I know of no better answer to your question than to continue the quotation: "After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever

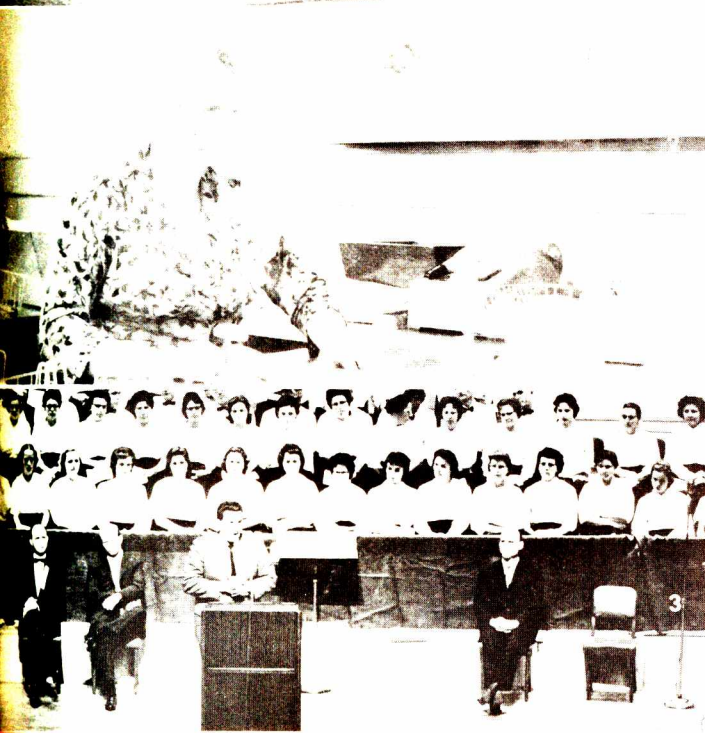
Amen" (verses 9-13).

If I count correctly, there are seven petitions in this prayer. Only one of them has to do with "things"—and that concerns our daily bread. The balance have to do with the issues of the spiritual life, and our relation to our Heavenly Father.

Someone has suggested, as far as praying for "things" is concerned, that we should pray more *about* them than *for* them, asking for guidance concerning the will of God in these matters. It seems to me that true Christian faith—as distinguished from human presumption—is stated in I John 5:14-15: "And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: and if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him."



1 The McCrory (Arkansas) Church of the Nazarene has recently completed a new plant including sanctuary, Sunday school annex, and parsonage. The congregation had previously been the rural Harris Chapel, and relocated in 1960. Buildings are brick veneer and valued at \$30,000 with an indebtedness of less than \$8,000. Rev. R. F. Twining is the pastor.



2 Anna Lea Knight recently celebrated her fortieth anniversary with the Nazarene Publishing House. She is pictured at her desk, where she completes the office handling of a merchandise order before it goes to the shipping department. Miss Knight was presented with a lifetime pen and a corsage. Anna Lea followed her sister, Velma, office editor of the Herald of Holiness, to the publishing house in 1923, six months after Velma was employed. The sisters are natives of Evansville, Indiana, and members of St. Paul's Church of the Nazarene in Kansas City.

3 Singer James Bohi presents a special number during the Greater Houston (Texas) Evangelistic Crusade, in which twenty-four churches co-operated. Rev. James Crabtree was the evangelist, and excellent results were reported at the altar. The services were held in the Music Hall, Houston, seating two thousand persons. This was the fourth annual crusade, with Dr. W. Raymond McClung in charge of all services. Seated on the platform, left to right, O. W. Wilson, James Crabtree, and Dr. McClung.

4 Pioneers of the Church of the Nazarene present at its organization in Kansas fifty-three years ago are still active in church work. Front row, from the left: Mrs. A. C. Tunnell, Dodge City; Mrs. S. P. Nash, Winfield; Mrs. Pearl Poslick, Wichita; and Mrs. E. W. Snowbarger, Sylvia.



News in Picture



Back row, left: Rev. A. C. Tunnell; and right, Layman E. W. Snowbarger. Rev. A. C. Tunnell was superintendent of the Kansas District three years, and has attended every district assembly since 1912.

5 Mrs. Lue Miller Roberts, widow of Rev. John P. Roberts, was honored at Mother's Day last year by Rev. C. F. Champion in the Fuller Avenue Church of the Nazarene in Grand Rapids, Michigan, in which she teaches an adult Sunday school class. Mrs. Roberts took notes at the organization of the Church of the Nazarene at Pilot Point, Texas, in 1908, and with her husband served in Rest Cottage at Pilot Point for many years. She is in her eighty-seventh year.

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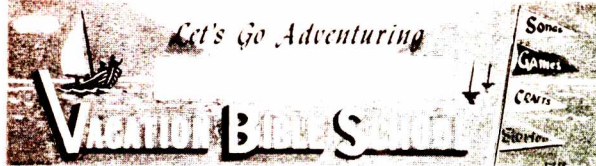


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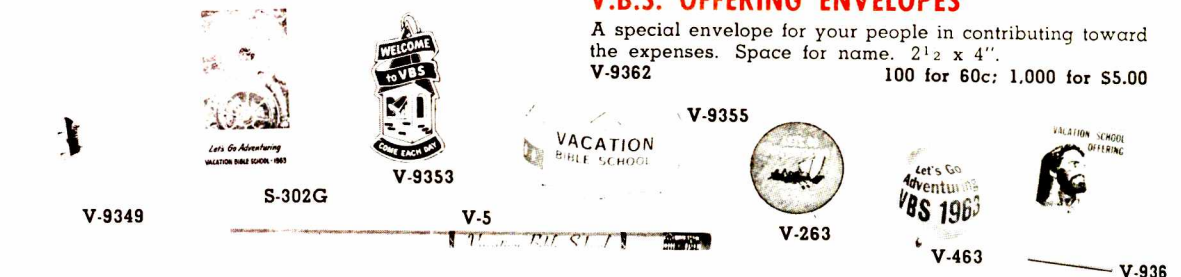
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