March 1987 will mark the Diamond Anniversary of Nazarene Publishing House. For 75 years NPH has been dedicated "to give the whole gospel to the whole world by the printed page."

The growth of the Nazarene Publishing House has been one of the success stories of the 20th century. From humble beginnings it has come to be the leading publisher of Wesleyan holiness literature in the world. A veritable avalanche of books, magazines, Sunday School materials, and sacred music has poured off the presses at 2923 Troost Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri.

In the spirit of John Wesley who created a sizable Christian library for his Methodist societies, NPH has majored through the years in the production of materials specifically dealing with the Wesleyan emphasis on Christian holiness. In cooperation with more than a dozen sister denominations, it also publishes the Aldersgate Sunday School materials.

As with all successful institutions, the Nazarene Publishing House is the story of dedicated and skilled management. From 1922 the name Lunn has been synonymous with the Nazarene Publishing House. Mr. M. Lunn served from 1922 to his retirement in 1960. His son, Mr. M. A. Lunn, affectionately known as "Bud" throughout our connection, has served with distinction since 1960, bringing the house to its present worth and strength.

It is an exciting experience to walk through the printing area of Nazarene Publishing House and listen to the throb of the giant presses as they roll out our literature, books, and music—all proclaiming the joyful news of full salvation. Its ministry through the printed page fulfills the needs of every age-group. To this great institution is entrusted the preservation of the Wesleyan message for both present and future generations.

A Christian and a churchman with few peers, M. A. (Bud) Lunn will retire at the February session of the General Board, concluding a Lunn era of over 70 years, which began when his father became the House accountant in 1916. A grateful church gives praise to God for the Lunn family and their incalculable contribution. We also thank God for the present family of 290 NPH employees as well as those through the years who have been a vital part of this great enterprise. "The Lord gave the word: great was the company of those that published it" (Psalm 68:11).
Resolutions are common to humankind, especially at the beginning of a new year. Men, maybe you have already decided your resolutions for 1987; however, I would like to encourage you to make one more—God helping me, I will be a faithful man.

Faithful men are the need of our times. Many years ago Josiah Gilbert Holland saw the need for faithful men for his day and penned: God give us men! A time like this demands Strong minds, great hearts, true faith, and ready hands; Men whom the lust of office does not kill; Men whom the spoils of office cannot buy; Men who possess opinions and a will; Men who have honor—men who will not lie; Men who can stand before a demagogue, And damn his treacherous flatteries without winking; Tall men, sun-crowned, who live above the fog In public duty, and in private thinking For while the rabble, with their thumb-worn creeds, Their large professions and their little deeds Mingle in selfish strife, lo! Freedom weeps, Wrong rules the land, and waiting Justice sleeps.

Writing to his young student, Timothy, the apostle Paul declared, “And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also” (2 Timothy 2:2).

What is the criteria for a faithful man? A faithful man has genuine love for people. He loves others more than himself, and he is willing to express that love in tangible ways.

Paul expressed this feeling to the Thessalonians when he wrote, “We loved you so much that we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our very lives as well, because you had become so dear to us” (1 Thessalonians 2:8, NIV).

A faithful man is true to himself. If a man is not true to himself, he will not be faithful to others.

A faithful man is loyal—loyal to God, to his family, his church, his employer, his nation. Loyalty is hard to come by these days. Far too many make decisions based on feelings; if it feels good, it must be right. But such thinking is jaundiced, because what is right may not feel good at the moment. There might be some sacrifice in being loyal.

But a loyal man is dependable. His word is his bond. You can count on him to do exactly what he says he will do.

A faithful man is an example. He lives what he preaches, whether he is at home, or work, or the church. He is, as the apostle Paul eloquently wrote, “A living epistle read by all men.”

The faithful man allows God to use him. Isaiah cried out to God from the depths of his soul, “Here am I! Send me!”

The faithful man is willing to love people to Christ, to proclaim boldly his faith in Christ.

He is willing to follow God’s direction for his life, regardless of the inconvenience or sacrifice. He seeks God’s will over his own will.

A faithful man thirsts for the holy life. He hungers for God’s Word to fill his mind and soul. He longs to know more about God and to meditate on His Word.

He wants Christ to be the Lord of his life. He seeks to follow the admonition, “Be ye holy; for I am holy” (1 Peter 1:16).

May 1987 be the year when more men will be faithful to God, to their families, to their churches, to their work, and to themselves.
SERVICE INCENTIVE

I appreciate every issue of the Herald. The article "Our Purifying Hope" (August 1 issue), regarding the coming of Christ, is the only hope we have in living the holiness life. It does not only give me a spiritual incentive, but an incentive to continue to carry out the Great Commission in every way I can before Christ's return.

Eldonna Bernath
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HELP THE HUNGRY

I agree that Americans have come to place too much emphasis on the body rather than the soul. Those who—really need help for their bodies—and souls also—are the famine-stricken ones, and Christians should be more concerned.

Christ said if we did it for the least, we did for Him, and thus this is one form of spiritual exercise.

It wasn't just Egypt and Israel that itains a number of new songs that I faster than you could believe.

Wants HYMNS RESTORED

I enjoy singing from our church hymnal, Worship in Song, and it contains a number of new songs that I have been blessed by. However, it causes me deep concern when we can no longer sing.

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God’s Timing

by H. BLAIR WARD, SR.

This happening had its beginning at the entrance to I-79 near Clarksburg, W.Va., in the early afternoon of October 14, 1986. I had been to Clarksburg to visit relatives in that area whom I hadn’t seen for years, and to take care of a family business matter.

I had planned to leave Clarksburg about noon, but was delayed—very providentially, as it proved. I got away about 1:15 P.M. As I rounded the curve to go on to I-79 from Rte. 50 a gentleman was standing by the road, evidently looking for a ride. Something said to me, “Pick that man up” (something I do not generally do). I stopped the car and I looked him over. He appeared to be a man I could trust, so I opened the car door and said, “Looking for a ride?”

He got into the car, carrying a small suitcase, which I told him he could put on top of mine in the backseat.

As we drove along his story unfolded.

His sister had been in a trailer fire the day before and had suffered second- and third-degree burns all over her body. She was in the hospital in Washington, Pa., and he was on the way to see her. I-79 went by Washington, about a mile from that hospital, and I was en route to a city still farther north.

But this is only a small part of God’s timing. This man had worked for several years for a large corporation in a city located on the Ohio River. The plant had been closed, and he was out of work. They had given him a small pension that he used mostly to pay his rent, and he depended on odd jobs for his food and living expenses.

When the calamity happened to his sister he had only a few dollars to his name. He said he had prayed that morning and God told him to visit his sister. He had enough money to buy a bus ticket to Clarksburg, which was on the way, but that was all. He had only a few cents in his pocket now. His wife had died shortly before this, and “everything had been downhill ever since,” he said.

During our conversation in the car, I asked him if he was a Christian. He said he was. I then asked him what church he was a member of. It turned out that he was a layman in the Church of the Nazarene in his home city! God’s timing! (I have been a minister in the Church of the Nazarene since June 1, 1930.) He had been born in a small town near Washington, Pa., but had moved in search of work.

I drove up to the hospital in Washington to let him out. But just before he got out, I said, “I have a surprise for you.” I had obtained five new 20 dollar bills from the money machine at my bank on the preceding Saturday for my trip South. That morning I had three of them left. As I packed something said to me, “Put one of those in your billfold, you might need it.” (I had them tucked away in a white envelope in my suitcase for safekeeping.) I took my billfold out and handed him a crisp, new twenty dollar bill and said to him, “This is the Lord’s money, and He told me to give it to you.”

He hesitated, not wanting to take it, and said, “Are you sure you have enough to get back home?” I assured him I did.

He had prayed that morning. I have a little prayer I say most every morning—“Lead me, guide me, help me this day, and be to me all I need You to be.” I had prayed this prayer that morning.

To me, it is amazing how God worked everything out for my Nazarene brother that day. God’s timing!

I did not think to ask his name, and I don’t remember giving him mine. I do not remember the city along the Ohio River he was from. Our ships passed. God arranged that! I prayed with him as he left my car. I trust that prayer was answered and his sister recovered! □
My decision to be involved in the Christian Book Trade stemmed from desire for a ministry, not merely for a job. How little I realized the vast responsibility this would present!

Unbelieving people frequently find their way to church, or to some religious organization, in time of deep need. “Pray for me, my husband is dying.” “My son is an alcoholic.” “My marriage is cracking up; what shall I do?” With a shock it hits you—“I’m not here just to sell a book, but also to assist a soul in trouble.”

“Jenny” hesitantly approached the desk, requesting a book on marital problems. She looked vulnerable and scared, and I prayed for guidance to suggest the book best suited to her particular need. A few days later she breezed in to thank me for “that wonderfully helpful book.” With so much literature available on this subject, one has to draw heavily on the wisdom of Him who promised a liberal supply to those who ask.

Lack of time and privacy often makes it impossible to attend to those who need spiritual help. “Mary” had been browsing aimlessly among the various shelves before I offered to assist her. She looked up vaguely, as though she had withdrawn from life and was gazing into eternity. “I have so many problems I’m going crazy,” she cried, bursting into tears.

Realizing that she needed to find peace with God above all, we made an appointment with a man of God I knew could help her. When she returned a week later, I hardly recognized her. “Oh, thank God,” she beamed, “it’s all settled. I have peace and assurance in my heart.” Now she has been buying many books and Bibles to help others find that peace.

The value of a good Christian book, even a novel, is incalculable.

“Would you lend it to me?”

“Certainly.” I replied, with reservations, knowing he probably never read anything more stimulating than a cheap comic.

Fully expecting him to return it unread, I wasn’t surprised when he bounded into the shop after a few days. But I was stricken when he said, “Mrs. A., I’m not sure what’s happened to me, but I believe I’ve been born again.”

“How? Where?”

“In my bedroom, through reading this book. I never did understand what you meant by the new birth, but now I know I’ve been born again.”

The past few years have provided ample proof of the veracity of this testimony. No wonder he never stops buying Christian literature so that others too may know Christ!

The great danger has been to become so preoccupied about declining sales, rising costs, and meeting commitments that one can easily miss an opportunity to meet a greater need. On just such a day, I looked up to find “Beth” gazing at me with an inscrutable look in her big brown eyes. “Please tell me,” she said, “if a woman has loved a man for a long time, and if he once loved the Lord, but has turned his back on God and become embittered, should she still marry him?”

Inwardly I cried, “O God, what can I say to this precious girl to prevent her from wrecking her young life?” I told her that my opinion was of little value, but the Bible tells us, “Be not unequally yoked together with unbelievers.” “If you do,” I cautioned, “you lay up for yourself years of heartache even if he should eventually come back to God.” The despair in her eyes haunted me for days as I prayed that God would give her strength to make a right decision. I am happy to say her left hand is still ringless.

It is impossible to satisfy all customers. Periodically some gentleman will assert emphatically, “There is not
a single book worth buying in the whole shop!” Then there was a disgruntled Christmas shopper who complained, “There’s not a decent Christmas card to be obtained anywhere. Why must you people mix religion with everything—even with Christmas!”

The most frustrating customer is the one who wants a certain book. “No, I’m not sure of the title, but it was written by a Mrs. Somebody or was it Mr.? Don’t you remember, I bought it from you two years ago! I’m sure it was a blue book—or was it green? Anyway, it’s a very popular book. Everybody knows it.” Everybody except this dumb assistant!

Then there is music. Oh, the inestimable value of music. I had just received a recording of the Billy Graham Crusade in Durban, and was enjoying Cliff Barrows with his choir, and other messages in song, followed by Billy’s vital message, culminating in a powerful “Never give up! Never give up!! Never give up!!” As I put away the L.P. a young man turned and said, “Surely I had to travel 1,000 miles just for this message. Lately I have become so depressed and despondent in my church, with no cooperation and much opposition, that I fully intended to tell the authorities I am quitting. But this has been God’s message to me today. I shall not give up, by God’s grace!”

These are experiences that make this type of work so abundantly worthwhile. □

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ON TO NINEVEH!

by CAROLYN J. MERRIFIELD

I read these words this morning: “But Jonah ran away from the Lord and headed for Tarshish.” Perhaps there is not a more familiar story to us than the story of Jonah. It captures our imagination and our sense of wonder. Survive three days in the stomach of a fish? It’s a compelling story. But these words of introduction speak to me. “Jonah ran away from the Lord.”

Stop a minute and try to visualize where you are in spirit. When we don’t like what the Lord is telling us to do, do we run away from our Nineveh and away from Him? Maybe our Nineveh is a place of self-discipline that we don’t like. Maybe it is a place of growth that is painful. Maybe it is a person to whom we should speak in witness or in reconciliation or in love. Maybe our Nineveh is those moments of quietness before God each day that we can’t seem to find time for. Nineveh is that place God is calling us to, that place of spirit where we don’t want to be. Forget Nineveh, God, I’m headed for Tarshish!

But, oh, the woe along the way! I really don’t believe that God lets His children run blithely away. He may cause a great fish to come across our path. And if you’ll forgive the expression, it may be a sour experience! Maybe our Nineveh is those moments of quietness before God each day that we can’t seem to find time for. Nineveh is that place God is calling us to, that place of spirit where we don’t want to be. Forget Nineveh, God, I’m headed for Tarshish!

But, oh, the woe along the way! I really don’t believe that God lets His children run blithely away. He may cause a great fish to come across our path. And if you’ll forgive the expression, it may be a sour experience! Jonah prayed these words from that uncomfortable altar of prayer: “Those who cling to worthless idols forfeit the grace that could be theirs.” He’d done that, so he should have known what he was talking about! The idol of Tarshish . . . when we run away from God, we’re running toward something that we value (worship) more than Him. Tarshish, the place of comfort. Like runaway water we seek the place of our greatest comfort level. We just feel more comfortable in Tarshish than we do in Nineveh! But the cost is, we forfeit the grace that could have been ours. Grace to live in Nineveh. Grace to work in Nineveh. Grace to be victorious and courageous and successful in the Nineveh of life.

But the most striking thing of all is, we can’t leave our Nineveh without leaving our Lord. When we run away from the hard places and the hard tasks and the hard situations of life, then we are running away from God, too. And really, do we want that? I don’t think so. Remember Annie Johnson Flint’s song about grace?

He giveth more grace when the burdens grow greater;
He sendeth more strength when the labors increase.
To added affliction He addeth His mercy;
To multiplied trials, His multiplied peace!
Jesus turned His face “like a flint” toward His Nineveh . . . Jerusalem. He’s our example of strength and determination and discipline. And best of all, His precious “other self,” the Holy Spirit, comes to strengthen and comfort and help us as we turn our faces toward our Nineveh. Let’s not forfeit the grace that could be ours.

On to Nineveh!

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I am writing this on the last day of my 30-day fast from watching television. It has been a very interesting and enlightening time of learning how much of a grip television can have on a person's life.

Most of us would be under the impression that we do not watch an excessive amount of television. Most likely, we would see ourselves as being well below the national average of 20 hours a week of television viewing. Therefore, we conclude that we obviously do not have a problem with television holding any kind of control over our lives.

These were the very feelings I had until I responded to God's challenge to experiment for 30 days without any television viewing whatsoever. No news, no sports shows, no holiday specials, no favorite programs. Nothing!

And now, I must confess that I was amazed by the new freedom I experienced this past month and all the extra things I was able to accomplish. With television completely removed from my list of "Things to Do Today," I became free to invest my time in much more worthy endeavors.

I've had more time to give in service to my church.
I've been able to read a couple of books that have been waiting for me for a long time.
I've enjoyed more "fun and game" times with my family.
I've even discovered that when I go to bed at ten o'clock instead of staying up to watch the eleven o'clock news, it is somehow incredibly easier to wake up the next morning.

If I could go even deeper, I would need to admit that not watching television has also brought a freedom in some areas that I am not very proud of.

Not once during these past 30 days have I had to tell my boys to be quiet so that I could watch the replay of a winning touchdown or catch an important scene from a program. Not once have I had my thought life bombarded and attacked by the sexual innuendos and suggestions that are incorporated into even the most "acceptable" shows. Not once have I been tempted to believe that "TV life" is the real and acceptable way to live life. Not once have I been so captivated by television that I could not break away to talk to my wife or play with my boys.

This fast has made me concerned about what is happening in homes that are much more controlled by television than mine ever has been. During the past 30 days I have heard parents say, "There is no way my children could go even one week without television!" I could have expected that. What did surprise me was to hear husbands say the very same thing about their wives and vice versa. I even had a child tell me that her parents could not go one week without television.

That is sad! If television has gained such a death-grip on our weekly schedule that we are enslaved to it, then it is quite possible that God needs to awaken us to the spiritual implications that are involved. As Dick Howard says, in his book So Who's Perfect? "Addiction in our society is not limited to alcohol, nicotine, and drugs. Anything that makes me its slave has stolen my freedom in Christ—no matter how much I enjoy it."

Television is today's socially ac-
Thirty-one Years Late

by E. DRELL ALLEN

In 1954, as our chartered DC-4, with a capacity load of military personnel and dependents, left the airfield at Rhein/Main Air Base in Frankfurt, I said to Geri, my wife, “We’ll be back someday.” I did not, by the wildest stretch of my imagination, suspect that 31 years would pass before that promise would be realized. Now it is done, and what a privilege it has been.

Visiting friends, seeing castles, cathedrals, and countryside were all a part of it, but there was one aspect for which we really had waited 31 years. It was the privilege of attending the Nazarene Servicemen’s Retreat at Herchtesgaden in Bavaria.

In 1954, I was concluding a tour of duty as a military chaplain in France, the only Nazarene chaplain in that country. I was aware of another Nazarene chaplain in Germany and one in Western England. I had contact with a Nazarene lad in Frankfurt and later, a young couple we had known in the States came to Verdun, about 50 km. from my station. On leave, we visited the chaplain in England and the young couple spent a weekend with us in Pont à Mousson. The only other contact from the U.S. came when I received a telegram by E. DRELL ALLEN, retired, teaches at European Nazarene Bible College in Busingen, Germany.

In Europe last fall, our friends in the Frankfurt area planned to attend and suggested we go with them. No words can describe the joy we felt as we joined some 142 singles, couples, and families in beautiful Berchtesgaden. The ministries of General Superintendent Jerry Johnson and his wife; Rev. Tom Findlay of ENBC; singers Dave and Lori Whitman; and Curt Bowers, himself a retired Army chaplain, can be described only in superlatives. The real joy, though, was to witness the effect on the military and military-related personnel, many coming from more or less remote bases or urban areas where housing is scattered and where often there is no Nazarene fellowship. It was not unlike the early camp meetings that brought together people of like precious faith into one holy fellowship, if only for a short time.

There was a tinge of sadness, however, for I realized that not all Nazarene personnel and their families could attend. Some didn’t know about it. Some couldn’t afford it—even though costs are kept at “rock bottom.” Will they have to wait 31 years?

I write this not so much to tell of my 31-year wait, but to make those who care aware of the great need to assist those whom Chaplain Bowers, in a recent Preacher’s Magazine article, described as “The Forgotten Flock.” The Chaplaincy Ministries office serves as the coordinating and contacting office for all of our military personnel. Where are our servicemen and women and their dependents? The burden for communication must lie on the local churches from which these young people come. Addresses are needed in Chaplain Bowers’ office. Contacts will be made.

A second appeal is for financial assistance. Each church would do well to keep contact with its young people and set up a “scholarship” each year to aid in sending these precious, too-often-forgotten young people to the Servicemen’s Retreat, Europe or the Far East. These young people are our kids and they need the “military camp meeting.” A small investment now will bring large dividends later.

Let’s not practice “out of sight, out of mind.” Let’s not forget them, or neglect them. Thirty-one years is too long to wait. For some, it could be forever! 
At the memorial service for University of Maryland basketball star Len Bias, Dick Dull, Maryland's athletic director, urged mourners to remember not the way Len died but the way he lived. As a Christian I have problems with Dull's priorities as well as Bias' death. I hope that many will remember how and why Bias died.

Maybe it's because I am not an athlete—have never been one and am unlikely to initiate such a rigorous reprogramming at this point in my life. But Bias' life and death angered me. After all, this was his first shot at full-scale herohood and he blew it. While he was not a hero to me, to thousands Bias had a special attachment—the ghetto kid who became the Number Two draft choice in the National Basketball Association.

Moreover, companies were lining up to get Bias to sign contracts with them to endorse their products. This kid had it made. Easy street.

However, sometime on the night of June 18, he made a decision. Most unheroic. He decided to "try" cocaine. It killed him as it has killed thousands of unheroes or ex-heroes.

His death said that even heroes or heroes-to-be have temptations. Apparently he had given into a "try it just once" invitation. I was annoyed when a coach tried to explain the choice by saying, "He was just so happy." What a ridiculous statement!

I want Len remembered as he died because choices have consequences. "If cocaine can kill someone who has a heart like a racehorse," Arthur Marshall, the State's Attorney for Prince George County said, "then people should remember Len when they put a straw to their nose. They may not wake up again."

But I want his death to trouble this sports-crazed country that turns 22-year-olds into millionaire celebrities. I want a society overrun by celebrities and special privileges to think about the destructiveness of the lust for recognition.

I want his death to remind us who stand at the bottom of the pedestal that we contribute to the system. Bill Lyon, a columnist for the Philadelphia Inquirer, said it so well, "There is every reason to believe that those who drive themselves, who seem to will themselves to be special, who become our idols, are more susceptible to the lures of self-destruction than the rest of us."

Lyons went on to say, "You cannot help but wonder if the special ones, the ones for whom we reserve our envy, don't deserve our compassion instead."

How many fathers have lost a golden opportunity to teach a lesson to young sons because they too have bought into a sports celebrity system. Some fathers thunder against Madonna or Prince or some other rock star and yet look the other way with sports figures. When was the last time you saw a rock star on TV trying to sell lite beer?

With Bias' death we simply have to conclude that the devil's lie conquered again. For Eve an apple; for Bias a snort of cocaine.

One popular song of our period says, "We don't need another hero." But one study by the Roper pollsters identified the top 10 heroes of American youth.

1. Clint Eastwood chosen by 30%
2. Eddie Murphy chosen by 24%
3. Ronald Reagan chosen by 15%
4. Jane Fonda chosen by 14.3%
5. Sally Field chosen by 13.7%
6. Steven Spielberg chosen by 13.7%
7. Pope John Paul II chosen by 12%
8. Mother Teresa chosen by 10%
9. Tina Turner chosen by 9.5%
10. Michael Jackson chosen by 9.5%*
the choices was the discovery that one in five in the
poll had no hero. Perhaps Len Bias could have filled
the void. Perhaps next year's rock star will.

Samuel Deisner asked why we can't have "deeper
heroes." He wrote, "Poets applaud the absurd, novel­
ists explore the decadent, and men prostrate them­
selves before deities of lust and power ... Daily we are
bombarded with lurid reports of the mass-killer, the
corrupt bureaucrat. The fantasies of even little chil­
dren are peopled with perverts and the radiated dead.
Who will speak of those who do justice, love mercy and
walk humbly?"

Ken Kantzer, who has had occasion to meet many
celebrities and power brokers, asked a startling ques­
tion, "Do our children realize that it's more important
to be right [and to do right] than to be Rookie of the
Year?"

Perhaps, in dying, Len Bias "touched" some lives
with a massive dose of reality: it can happen to you.
The death of Len Bias is an invitation for us to re­
examine our heroes. To resist the temptation to overly
applaud the latest celebrity. To be reminded of the
Psalmist's words, "We spend our years as a tale that is
told" (Psalm 90:9).

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A Truckload of
MIRACLES

by Linda Wilson

It was the final straw! My oven had "given up the
ghost" over a year ago, and now the large burner
had caught fire and literally burned out. Our first par­
sonage seemed cursed by Murphy's Law, for it seemed
as if everything that could possibly go wrong did. From
the faulty wiring that caused the fuses to blow every
time more than two appliances were on at the same
time; to the inadequate space heater that only heated
the living room, compelling us to wait until spring for
our feet to thaw; to the noisy little squirrels that held
regular bowling tournaments right above our heads
and stored their supply of nuts among my towels; to
the bathroom ceiling that leaked so profusely we were
forced to install an eaves trough inside,

In addition to all this, the year had also brought us a
veritable plague of medical bills, plus a rash of car re­
pairs, all of which plunged us deeper in debt.

As I lay in bed that Saturday night, I cried out all my
frustrations and discouragement into my pillow. In the
midst of my "pitty party," I reached up my hand to the
little Promise Box I kept at the head of my bed, and
withdrew a card at random. It read, "Return unto thy
rest, 0 my soul; for the Lord hath dealt bountifully
with thee" (Psalm 116:7). It seemed cruel and sar­
castic. "A bountiful lot of troubles, maybe," I grumbled,
stuffing the card back into its container. I closed my
tear-filled eyes and eventually slept.

It wasn't easy for me to teach my adult Sunday
School class the next morning. The lesson was on
faith. I shared my discouragement with my students
honestly, and they responded by sharing their con­
fidence that God would surely provide that "truckload
of miracles" I insisted we needed. That "truck" would
also have to include at least $420 in cash to pay some
urgent bills—by Friday!

Monday, I numbly went through my normal routine,
feeling only slightly encouraged, and to add to my mis­
ery I had taken a cold. Late that afternoon, a truck
pulled into the driveway, and men delivered, right to
our door, a brand-new electric range! It was a lovely,
unexpected gift from one of our older parishioners. It
not only had an oven that actually worked (praise be!),
but two large burners! Everything I could have asked
for! Suddenly, tears of gratitude—and shame—welled
up in my eyes, as I remembered the promise card.
What I had not known when I read that small card was
that the stove was already on the way. God had indeed
"dealt bountifully with me."

But wait! Our "truckload of miracles" was not fully
delivered yet. The following morning, when my hus­
band went to the post office for the mail, there was a
letter from a brother he had only recently seen after 30
years of being apart. Inside was a generous check! Be­
fore Friday my husband, who drives a school bus, had
received a monetary reward for his safe driving record.
A funeral service provided a few dollars more. Added to
his usual salary, the total was exactly $420!

That night, I withdrew another promise card. This is
what I read: "Said I not unto thee, that, if thou wouldest
believe, thou shouldest see the glory of God?" (John 11:40).

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tain, Colorado.
Moonlight twinkled on new fallen snow and inspired warm memories of holiday seasons past. The house was quiet now, but a short time ago it had been filled with the noises of Christmas carols on the radio, a family sharing a sumptuous feast, and my son near the Christmas tree playing with the boxes that had held his toys. During the day I had assembled toys (while wondering what kind of sadist had been hired to write the directions) and had updated the family budget, which brought to mind a greater concern about the plight of the part-time labor market. The Christmas dinner was over, I sat alone staring into the quietness of the clear, crisp night, pondering the meaning of Christmas and of commitment.

This was only the second Christmas my wife and I had spent away from our relatives. As I gazed into the night I remembered sitting around tables with other students solving all of the world’s theological and ecclesiastical problems while eagerly anticipating the thrill of full-time Christian ministry. I could only grin at the stark contrast between dreams and reality. I suppose I was feeling sorry for myself, for things were not going exactly as I had envisioned them during that earlier period in my life. At the moment loneliness was real. God was as real as He had ever been, and there was much to be thankful for, yet I was not where I wanted to be on this night. I had expected difficult days in the ministry, but I had no idea how often perseverance, instead of exuberance, would be the quality most needed. Oh, how time had changed my perspective!

A little later my wife asked me to take out the garbage. On my way to the trash bin I admired the beauty of a nearly full moon, and I wondered how many men before me had gazed at the same moon with questions in their hearts about their lot in life. I am sure that on many nights, as he hid from Saul in the wilderness, David gazed at the moon and had such questions. Why did he have to hide in the wilderness? After all, he was God’s anointed. He had slain Goliath. His military exploits had won the hearts of all Israel. Yet he had barely escaped Saul’s javelin, and its message was all too clear. I’m sure it all seemed incredible and unfair to David.

Even Jonathan, David’s closest friend, found it difficult to believe reports of Saul’s anger. Jonathan had to find out for himself. He told David he would relay his findings to him at the stone Ezel. The message would be simple enough. Jonathan would fire an arrow toward the stone. If it landed short of the stone, it meant all was well and David could return to the palace; fellowship would be restored. But if the arrow soared beyond the stone, it meant Saul’s anger was still fervent, and David should flee for his life.

Have you ever considered what must have gone through David’s mind as he waited for the message from Jonathan? He had probably convinced himself that God would not leave him in the wilderness. Surely Saul would have a change of heart and welcome him back into the palace.

Can you imagine the empty feeling he must have had as he watched that arrow sail over his head? Devastation must have swept his soul. That soaring arrow meant there would be no respite in the palace, and he must now set his face toward the wilderness. It meant another thing also. With that arrow Jonathan was bidding David a fearful, final farewell. David’s opportunity for fellowship and comfort with Jonathan was gone.

If anyone ever had reason to give up in despair, it was David. His once-promising life appeared to be in shambles. He could easily have deserted God and his calling. Yet in this most terrifying moment of his life the groundwork was laid for David’s greatest triumphs. How? Very simply. In his despair David’s only source of help was God. There was absolutely no one else to whom he could turn. In the midst of struggle David learned the power of trusting completely in God. He became a man after God’s own heart. This became the foundation of all his future success. What might have been his greatest defeat taught David the source of life’s great victories.

David reached great heights in his life, but his life was far from perfect. He made his share of mistakes.
That is the beauty of the Bible; it never hides the flaws of its heroes. What kept David from defeat was knowing he was never alone. His relationship with God was such that he brought all his thoughts, needs, and even his sins before God's throne. He knew he would always find counsel, forgiveness, healing, and peace in the presence of his Lord.

What an example David set for us! We too are never alone; even in our failures God sends us His peace. I will always be grateful for His gentle reminders, His molding hand, and lessons of "learning to lean" on Jesus. In the darkest of times He is often preparing us for the brightest of days. I turned from the trash bin with a lighter heart and a stronger hope.

A Pastor Heard His Own Message

The Church of the Nazarene in Vernal, Utah, began with two families, a pastor who listened to his own message, and a Mormon bishop who decided to lend his building to the Church of the Nazarene.

While attending other churches in Vernal, the Dave Kimbroughs and the Dwight Clapps met and discovered a common desire to establish the Church of the Nazarene in their city. They shared this desire with Bob Donahue, pastor of the Central Church of the Nazarene in Salt Lake City where they were attending a laymen's retreat. Soon the burden for a church in Vernal was keenly shared by pastor Donahue and his congregation, who helped sponsor the beginning efforts toward organization.

A small facility was rented in September 1985, and a promising church began to meet and grow. Five months later, in February 1986, the steadily growing congregation invited Carl Koons, associate pastor from Ely, Nev., to come for a weekend of revitalization. Reading over his sermon for Sunday morning, Koons felt it was not the right message for the occasion. While trying to decide what he would preach, his wife discovered in his briefcase a sermon outline he had used in 1981. He reviewed it and decided it was the message he should preach. Its title: "What to Do When You Don't Know What to Do."

The message, which included the story of Moses' obedience to God, spoke directly to Rev. Koons while he was preaching. Following a time of prayer around the altar, he agreed to pastor the Vernal congregation if they still wanted him.

A straw vote taken that morning gave Koons a clear answer: 27 votes cast, 27 votes "yes." The choice was formalized by the district superintendent and a church election, and the Koonses moved to Vernal.

Although the matter of a pastor had been settled, the congregation was burdened for a permanent building. Dave Kimbrough saw a building advertised for rent at $3.00 a square foot. Part of the building was ideally suited for a sanctuary and Sunday School rooms.

Dave and Carl Koons toured the building together. They joined hands together with their children and asked God for this building at $2.00 a square foot. The offer, made the following Monday morning, was accepted by the owner, a Mormon bishop.

On May 18, 1986, in their new building, with a new pastor and 18 charter members, the Vernal Church of the Nazarene was organized. On that historic day, 65 people attended—historic because for 22 years no Church of the Nazarene had been organized in the state of Utah.

This brand-new church, in a county that had never had a Church of the Nazarene, continues to grow, with full trust that God will help them overcome every obstacle.

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What is the matter, Jeane?” her mother asked.

“Aren’t you looking forward to the next few weeks?” Jeane had planned to go to college in another state, about 800 miles distant. As the time to begin her studies drew nearer, college seemed to lose its charm. “I am used to being at home with people who love me. My friends are here. I shall be a stranger at college, and I’m not good at making new friends. What shall I do?”

Radical changes are common these days. We can be uprooted at a moment’s notice. Having to relocate because of a job happens frequently. Surveys show that in some occupations, about 20 percent of the people have to do so each year.

Changes are often unwelcome. They can unnerve us. We are sure of what we have now, but the future seems to be so uncertain.

“I don’t know what I’m going to do,” Beth confided in her friend Kay. Beth’s husband, Fred, had just died of a heart attack at 53, and she was bewildered. “Fred and I were very close,” she commented, “and we have never been away from one another for more than 24 hours in our 30 years of marriage. I am dazed by this complete change.”

She had known many changes in her life, but they had almost all been superficial. Here she was facing a completely new and traumatic experience, and the mere thought of it brought nervous reactions.

Getting older increases the impact of new experiences. “It’s one thing to make violent changes at 21,” George said to his colleagues, “but it’s another to make them at 51. I had hoped that I should not see this computer procedure brought in here. The older method has done well over all these years, and I don’t see why they have to change it now. I’m not sure I can adjust to this new method.”

Because change spells insecurity, we cry out for what is permanent and certain. The familiar makes life that much more enjoyable.

Tremendous changes have come into this world in the last few hundred years. Even in the past few decades we have had changes that have revolutionized our way of life. We now have television, transistors, jet engines, atomic energy, laser beams, and miracle drugs. We have not found them distasteful, but we still like to conserve that we have known a long while. Yet we cannot prevent the journey of progress.

Changes in people we meet, places we live, status in life, and procedures in our jobs bring us conflict and confusion. They shake our security and threaten us. And the older we get, the less we feel able to handle those cultural, social, and personal changes.

Nothing is permanent; all we can be sure of is change. What makes change more difficult to handle is that the change we see today is so much more rapid than it was yesterday.

Courage of a high order is needed to meet these changes. The required courage is not natural for all of us. Our courage grows when we realize that God is with us in these changes.

Christian courage calls for more than human resolve. We can gain strength to meet the changes adequately as we remember that we have the help of God. His responses are available in any place and in any situation. What is new to us will not surprise God. He knows every detail of it. While we keep the channels of communication open between us, He will reveal all we need to know about how to overcome in the situation.

What affects our lives most vitally will always be the same. God the Father is sovereign and He will never change. Through Malachi He affirms: “I am the Lord, I change not” (Malachi 3:6). He is the one stable Person in this world of change and fluctuation. He is per-
fect, so He cannot change for the better; and, being God, He cannot change for the worse. Nor can any other being cause Him to change. That is why He can arrange and supervise all the changes that we have.

Since God is unchangeable, His plans and purposes for our blessing do not change. God's mercy and love will never diminish. Since He never changes, "God is faithful" (1 Corinthians 10:13) to His people in any place or circumstance. We can rely fully on Him, though the whole world changes.

God's Word never changes. A psalmist says, "For ever, 0 Lord, thy word is settled in heaven" (Psalm 119:89). It belongs to that world which is high above all the elements of chance, change, and uncertainty.

God's Word is the only certain revelation in the world. The Holy Spirit's moving men to write it has secured its reliability. All the rest we hear is the word of men. Their teaching is fallible, their promises are unreliable, their predictions are uncertain. God's Word is fixed forever and can receive no additions. It is perfectly stable in an unstable world and must remain true. In spite of all the assaults men have made on it over the centuries, it is unmovable and sure.

It is our dependable guide at all times and especially in times of change. We shall find our resources for strength, courage, and guidance in its pages. If we have to move to go to college, we shall not look for a divine promise and find it missing. If we become widows, we shall not find qualifications to God's love for us in His Word. The God of the Bible is always contemporary.

When we have looked for and tried to follow God's will, we can expect to have the courage to meet life resolutely. We shall find new joys and fresh reasons for thanking and praising Him.

—FLORENCE SCHUFELDT
Clay City, Indiana

Book Brief

THE BATTLE FOR YOUR MIND

LESLEI PARROTT author

For a generation used to getting its nourishment at a fast food drive-in and its information in blip-sized bits on the five o'clock television news, this book dealing with a heavy theological subject will seem right in place.

Any topic with the word sanctified in it isn't exactly a casual conversation piece. But for folk in the holiness tradition, this familiar subject is worthy of an attempt to get handles we can all grasp easily.

In this "Stepping-stone Series" book, Dr. Leslie Parrott takes the granite block of the sanctified personality and breaks it down into manageable pebbles. In chapters that are daily devotional size in length (four to six pages each), he offers us places to put our feet down as we walk through the maze and mire of misconceptions about practical everyday holiness life-styles.

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—Glen Lewis Van Dyne
Beacon Hill Press of Kansas City
Kivar. 199 pages. To order, see page 23.
BOOKS, A VITAL MINISTRY

Irving Bartlett said of Daniel Webster, “He grew up accepting religion as a natural part of life, taking Scripture, prayer, and sermons as part of the good things in life, like food and drink.”

Webster, however, was “cool” and “conventional” in his religion. His brand of Christianity would not endear him to people with a revivalist tradition. Nonetheless, he firmly believed that organized religion was “the foundation of civil society,” and defended it more eloquently than he practiced it.

His convictions made him an advocate of the widespread dissemination of Christian literature. Webster said,

If religious books are not widely circulated among the masses in this country, and the people do not become religious, I do not know what is to become of us as a nation. And the thought is one to cause solemn reflection on the part of every patriot and Christian. If truth be not diffused, error will be; if God and His Word are not known and received, the devil and his works will gain the ascendancy; if the evangelical volume does not reach every hamlet, the pages of a corrupt and licentious literature will; if the power of the Gospel is not felt throughout the length and breadth of the land, anarchy and misrule, degradation and misery, corruption and darkness, will reign without mitigation or end.

With this assessment we heartily agree. For this reason, we salute with profound appreciation our Nazarene Publishing House for the aggressive role it has played in the production and distribution of books that honor Christ and promote the gospel. In a variety of languages, NPH has kept a stream of Christian literature flowing through the years around the world. Through its ministry thousands have discovered life, peace, and freedom in Christ. NPH has written some of the most significant pages in our history.

To all who have been involved in this ministry of writing, printing, and distributing Christian literature we say a hearty and sincere thank-you.

CHART AND COMPASS

When Israel was poised on the banks of the Jordan, preparing to enter and possess Canaan, Joshua said to the people, “You have not passed this way before” (NASB).

His words have often served as a text for New Year’s sermons. The future is veiled from us, mercifully so. What a day shall bring forth, much less a year, we cannot know. We can plan the year, but whether our plans will carry or miscarry only the Lord knows. The New Year is an uncharted sea.

Among the little ships that helped evacuate the British army from its trapped position at Dunkirk was a motor launch named Silver Queen. Loaded with weary troops she began the return voyage. Unfortunately, they had no compass and no charts. Confident they could find England, the crew set out. In The Miracle of Dunkirk, Walter Lord tells how “they sighted land, and then a friendly looking harbor.” But suddenly they were under gunfire! They had sailed to a German-held French port by mistake.

Frantically reversing course, the Silver Queen was damaged by artillery. She barely managed to limp home to Ramsgate, where her human cargo was unloaded. Then she “quietly sank at her pier.”

Facing the New Year, unless we have compass and chart, we shall become prey for the enemy. Our commander is Christ, our chart is the Word of God. As we follow Him, obedient to His teachings, we shall miss the reefs, survive the storms, escape the enemy, and reach our destined port.

To ancient Israel, Moses declared, “The Lord is the one who goes ahead of you; He will be with you. He will not fail you or forsake you. Do not fear” (NASB). The disciples of Christ were told, “He is going before you into Galilee.” When they met the risen Savior there, He promised, “Lo, I am with you always” (NASB).

The Lord’s presence and promise are our security for the New Year.

Chart and compass came from Thee; Jesus, Saviour, pilot me.

The unknown holds no dread when He goes before us.
The New Year, like the Jericho Road, has a double peril—that we may be robbed and injured, or that we may pass by without helping those who have been hurt.

NEW YEAR’S RESOLUTIONS*

Christmas is past. The tree has been taken down. The wrapping paper has been discarded. Presents are beginning to get what I hope will be a long use. Now it’s time once again to think about the New Year and to make a fresh batch of resolutions.

Some people scoff at resolutions. Why bother? So easy to make, so hard to keep, resolutions are merely an exercise in futility. Perhaps so, but I never arrive at the gate of a New Year without a measure of discontent and a real desire to make serious improvements in my character, my behavior, and my service.

I well know that many resolutions are broken before the first leaf is torn from the new calendar. Our human wills are often pitifully weak as we grapple with our shortcomings. If we give up, however, we are settling for permanent defeat. If we keep striving, we are heading for ultimate victory. The person to pity is not the one who resolves, tries, and fails. The person to pity is the one who quits the struggle, who accepts things as they are, who stumbled and then lay in the dust of defeat, refusing to stagger upright and press forward again.

So I still like to make New Year’s resolutions. Perhaps you could join me in some of them.

I resolve to pray more, to learn what it means to “pray without ceasing,” and to “give myself to prayer.” More time spent alone with God, talking to Him, listening to Him, will mean becoming more like Him. A ministry of intercession, in which the soul is poured out in the interest of a lost, broken, and hell-bound world is vital to so many, practiced by so few. God does hear and answer prayer, and I want to pray until the answers are given. This year I would like to discover more fully than ever before what it means to pray “in the Holy Spirit.”

I resolve to study more, to broaden and deepen my acquaintance with the written Word of God. The doctrines of our faith are a priceless heritage. To become more proficient in understanding and teaching them is a worthy goal. To spend disciplined hours wrestling with great books and profound thoughts will prepare me better for every encounter with people. I am obligated to know more and to use what I learn for the glory of God and the good of people. The New Year challenges me to love the Lord with all my mind.

I resolve to witness more, to share the glorious gospel of Jesus Christ with others. The news of His victory over sin and death must be published by an ever-increasing variety of methods to an ever-widening circle of persons. “In season and out of season,” opportunities should be seized to point sinners to “the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.” In this New Year my desire and determination is to be bolder about telling others of the Savior.

I resolve to encourage more. Most of the people we meet need someone to encourage them. Many would not be lonely, or defeated, or skeptical, or driven to thoughts of suicide if someone cared enough to listen, to advise, to pray, to brace them up at the point of severe stress. Everybody needs somebody. It is too easy to become so engrossed in one’s own affairs that others are shunted aside and forgotten. The New Year, like the Jericho Road, has a double peril—that we may be robbed and injured, or that we may pass by without helping those who have been hurt. We tend to draw our circle of love with a narrow compass, enclosing our families and a few choice friends. This year I want to widen the circle and embrace within it some who need a friend to encourage them when the going is rough.

I can sum up all my resolutions into one, to be more like Jesus Christ. In attitudes, in behavior, in the setting of values, in the assignment of priorities to all that makes a claim upon my time and energy, I want to be more like Him. He is the Exemplar. His perfect manhood creates my discontent with myself, and stimulates my resolution to be other and better this year than last.

Ideals? Yes. But if I keep moving in this direction and 1987 should be carved on my tombstone, I will have lived and died a better person for the resolution and the struggle.

One more thing: I resolve to be blithely unimimidated by those who scoff at New Year’s resolutions!

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songs such as "Come and Dine," "Walking in the Beautiful Light of God," and "Come to the Feast." These songs were some of the most anointed and beautiful hymns we sang in our church.

Some of these songs are great "holiness" hymns and were written by Nazarenes. I am a third generation Nazarene and it is my hope and prayer that in our next church hymnal we may see the return of these songs.

D'Wayne Williams
Grand Saline, Texas

RAIN COMING

A pastor asked me if I believed that revival is on the way. "Indeed I do," was my reply. He said, "Christians are first going to have to pay the price for a revival." I assured him that based upon God's Word, His children do indeed hold the key to revival. Then I challenged him to join me as a prayer partner in daily intercession for a genuine revival and world evangelism. He said that he would.

Dr. Charles Strickland began a recent sermon by saying, "I feel a sprinkle." So do I, and so do many of God's people who are still holding onto the "horns of the altar," praying for a real revival throughout the church. One morning I expect to waken to discover that my dream has come true, that the "sprinkle" has turned into "showers," with the old joining hands with the young and together dancing in the rain for the joy of the things they've seen.

Charles C. Davidson
Brandon, Florida

PROPER DIET URGED

Too many of our churches in the U.S.A. are suffering from the lack of consistent biblical expository preaching and Bible study in recent years, and will remain spiritually underfed, underdeveloped babies in Christ unless their diet is changed. This hit-and-miss, spiritually weak, run-of-the-mill type preaching cannot produce robust Christian character.

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Young preachers, get into the Word. Read it, memorize it, teach and preach it. Members, get into the Word. Read it, memorize it, meditate on it, and live it. Strong, robust Christians and exciting, growing churches are bound to result.

Otto G. Cross
Canon City, Colorado

THE "UNWINNABLES"

You could never win Nellie and Quentin," they said. Other members of the Raymond family of Riverton, Wyo., were being won to Christ, but they firmly assumed that this couple was beyond God's reach.

When Wes and I came to Riverton, about 20 people met for morning worship. But we are strong proponents of one-on-one evangelism, and God has blessed our efforts. Now, less than three years later, 116 people meet for morning worship, and 80 to 90 percent of them are new converts. A great family web of Raymonds are scattered throughout our town of 10,000, and they make a sizable impact on one another.

Nellie and Quentin Raymond, their relatives said, had staunch denominational and friendship ties in a "mainline" church. These churchgoing liberals would not be attracted to "evangelical zealots" who wanted to introduce them to the transforming power of Christ and the Spirit-filled life. But they invited Nellie and Quentin anyway, to come and hear their niece sing. Not only did they hear Shelly sing, they also witnessed the manifestation of God's Spirit in the freedom and joy of that evening worship service. They came back again and again for evening services.

The changed lives of some of their relatives also had a profound effect on them, particularly Quentin's sister, Marian, and her husband, Larry.

A heart-rending decision had to be made if they were to have the freedom in worship and the presence of Christ in their lives they so hungered for. Though Nellie was Sunday School superintendent and both she and Quentin were deeply committed in their church, they turned their backs on all that had been so dear to them and began attending the Nazarene church—every service, including Wednesday evenings.

Because God had never been first in their lives, the preaching of holiness created hunger to be Spirit-filled and cleansed. Soon they were sanctified wholly and influencing others for Christ. With 40 others, they faithfully attended a Friday night class in "Dynamics of Discipling" for five months.

Nellie and Quentin, the unwinnables, are now members of First Church of the Nazarene, Riverton, Wyo. Nellie, a public school teacher, is responsible for our Sunday School kindergarten department. Quentin is a trustee and actively involved in every phase of the church. Their daughter and her children have since become part of the church.

Christ's emissary, the Holy Spirit, can persuade even the most difficult when their spiritual hunger is confronted by worship and fellowship where Christ is Lord.

CAROLE L. SPENGLER is the pastor's wife at Riverton, Wyoming, First Church.

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OPENINGS FOR CHAPLAINS

Doors are "wide open" for opportunities in chaplaincy ministry in the Army and Navy, according to Chaplain Curt Bowers, Chaplaincy Ministries director for the denomination.

He says the denomination has placed 21 chaplains in the Army, Navy, and Air Force in the past two-and-a-half years and vacancies remain in the Army and Navy.

"This is an unprecedented situation," said Chaplain Bowers. "We anticipate that the number of Nazarene chaplains in the armed services soon will exceed our World War II level of 46—the highest number in the history of the denomination."

Persons who have completed seminary, are ordained, physically fit, and under 35 (Navy), or under 40 (Army), who feel the call to minister for Christ in the military and represent the Church of the Nazarene should contact Curt Bowers, Chaplaincy Ministries, 6491 The Paseo, Kansas City, MO 64131. The toll-free number is 1-800-233-8962.

DeSOLLAR IS NEW EDITOR OF BREAD AND TEENS TODAY

Karen DeSollar first learned about Bread, a monthly feature magazine for Nazarene teenagers, and Teens Today, a weekly Sunday School take-home paper, as an intern in NYI Ministries in 1982. In 1983, she returned to headquarters to work full-time as assistant editor of the two publications.

DeSollar earned her master's degree in journalism from Ball State University in Muncie, Ind., after receiving a bachelor's degree in journalism/English from Olivet Nazarene College.

She gained editing experience working three summers on her hometown newspaper, The Illinoian-Star, in Beardstown, Ill. She also interned at the David C. Cook Publishing Co. in Elgin, Ill.

She presently serves on the District NYI Council and edits the youth page of the Kansas City District newsletter, The Spokesman. She also edits book manuscripts for a local author and has edited the Youth in Mission newsletter, Venture.

Outside her job duties, DeSollar serves as junior high supervisor at Kansas City First Church.

Twenty young people and eight adults from Detroit First Church were among the teams that scattered across the Chicago area to lend a hand last summer. The Detroit group mended ceilings and replaced tiles, replaced broken windowpanes and built new window frames, painted and cleaned in the Chicago Austin Avenue Church. Rev. Alfred Archer from Guaya pastors the historic old church that had its beginnings in 1921. Tim Kilby, assistant to Robert Brunson, director of Chicago Thrust, coordinated the summer teams who also helped in Englewood where a new church is being planted, at Northside Church where five congregations worship, and at Aurora and Blue Island, which have Spanish congregations.

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The School of Evangelism held at Minneapolis during the Cross-cultural Communication Workshop October 3-4, 1986, netted seven calling teams of three or four each. The training was conducted by Beverly Burgess (extreme r.). Judy Millard (second from r.) led a workshop on Conducting a Christian Center. Cambodian pastors are shown (extreme l. and sixth from l.).

MINNESOTA DISTRICT BENEFITS FROM CROSS-CULTURAL COMMUNICATION WORKSHOP

The Minnesota District Mission Action Committee sponsored a District Cross-cultural Communication Workshop October 3-4, 1986, at Minneapolis First Church. Rev. Russell Human, district superintendent, stated that the purpose of the workshop was to plan and train to reach more ethnic people on the Minnesota District. Nancy Clark coordinated the event.

Workshops and panels to equip and train pastors and laypersons included:

- Conducting a Christian Center—Judy Millard, Minnesota District Cross-cultural Communication Workshop—Nancy Clark, Minnesota District
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- Personal Evangelism—Beverly Burgess, Kansas City, with Sithon Nuon, World Relief, Chicago, as interpreter
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- A panel presenting models of church planting, training opportunities, and methods was conducted by Rev. Rodger Manning, Rev. Marvin Wynstry, and Rev. Kenneth Wood.
- A second panel, the Ethiopian, Hmong, Spanish, and Black Challenge, was conducted by Rev. Paul Hicks, Mr. Jim Russell, and Rev. Kenneth Wood.

On Saturday afternoon seven groups of three or four each went into Cambodian homes to present the gospel. Four persons prayed to invite Christ into their hearts, and a young mother recommitted her life to Christ. The calling teams found three families who were looking for a church home. Area churches have made plans to nurture these new converts and families.

Evangelism and discipleship interns from Bethany Fellowship, Minneapolis, also attended the workshop.

“UNDERSTANDING THE CITY” SEMINAR VIDEOTAPE FOR PASTORS

A seminar on “Understanding the City” was conducted by New York District Superintendent Dallas Mucci, October 2-3, 1986, in the Media Services facilities at Kansas City. It was attended by Kansas City area pastors and Milton Parrish, Kansas City district superintendent.

The first seminar of its kind to be videotaped in the studios at Media Services, the final product will be a 10-hour continuing education course for ministers in the Church of the Nazarene. Pastors utilizing the film will be granted CEU credit.

For further information contact Pastoral Ministries.

Rev. Bob Hempel, Life Income Gifts Services director, presents a check from the estate of Laurence and Ruby Sanford to Dr. Bill Sullivan, Church Growth Division director.

CHURCH GROWTH DIVISION RECEIVES GIFT

The Church Growth Division has received a gift of $307,658 from the estate of the late Laurence H. Sanford and his wife, Ruby. In his will, Mr. Sanford established a trust with his bank to take care of his wife for her lifetime and then to provide funds for the church. After Mr. Sanford died in 1966, Mrs. Sanford established several gift annuities with the Division of Wills, Annuities, and Special Gifts (the forerunner of Life Income Gifts Services). Mrs. Sanford died in May of this year with no immediate survivors.

The money was designated by the Sanfords to be used for home missions. “This is the largest single gift our division has received since I came to headquarters in 1981 and represents good stewardship on the part of this couple,” said Dr. Bill Sullivan, Church Growth Division director. “Mr. Sanford had the vision to care for his wife after he was gone. He then provided for the proceeds to go toward the planting of new churches.

“The number of unchurched Americans is surpassed by the population of only four countries in the world—China, India, Russia, and Indonesia. Gifts such as this help us as a denomination to reach the lost and to advance the kingdom of God.”

Mr. and Mrs. Sanford were dedicated laymembers of Yakima, Wash., First Church, which Mrs. Sanford’s father, Dr. J. B. Creighton, founded in 1905. Mrs. Sanford was the last living charter member of the church until her death at the age of 96.

Gifts were also provided by the Sanfords to Yakima First Church and to the Northwest District.

Persons interested in establishing any kind of gift for any part of the denomination through a will, trust, annuity, etc., may contact Life Income Gifts Services at 6401 The Paseo, Kansas City, MO 64131.

District Superintendent Mucci conducting the seminar
DEADLINE FOR ISSUING W-2 FORMS TO CHURCH EMPLOYEES

Every local church in the United States should issue a Form W-2 to each of its employees no later than January 31, 1987, according to current tax procedures. This W-2 should report wages earned by the employee during 1986.

Although ministerial employees and lay employees of a local church are treated differently for income tax and Social Security purposes, the IRS has clearly stated both types of employees are to receive a W-2 by the deadline. IRS Publication 15, “Circular E—Employer’s Tax Guide” (available from the IRS), states that there are criminal and civil penalties for willful failure to give a statement of required information.

Each local church treasurer should follow carefully the IRS guidelines. Additional information on how these apply to Nazarene churches is available upon request from the Board of Pensions and Benefits USA, 6401 The Paseo, Kansas City, MO 64131. When requesting information, please ask for Memos on Church Management numbers 3, 6, and 7.

HURN PARTICIPATES IN FIRST CHURCH GROWTH RALLIES IN COSTA RICA

Dr. Raymond W. Hurn, general superintendent, was recently in Costa Rica for the first church growth rallies sponsored by the districts in that country, according to Rev. Juan Vasquez Pla, Latin American Media Resources coordinator. Dr. Hurn spoke on the Costa Rica Central and North districts where he encouraged the pastors, evangelists, and Sunday School teachers to have faith that “the gospel has a power of its own to reach and transform lives.”

Dr. Hurn’s visit was followed up by a 15-hour church growth seminar that attracted more than 100, September 23-25. The seminar was conducted at the seminary in San Jose, Costa Rica, by Dr. Juan Carlos Miranda, Hispanic director of Fuller Evangelistic Association. Rev. Jerry Porter, MAC regional director, coordinated the seminar. He challenged church leaders in Costa Rica and Panama to renew their efforts to reach their countries for Christ in this generation. Two more seminars featuring Dr. Miranda are scheduled this year: one for Guatemalan, Honduran, and El Salvadorian pastors in Guatemala City; the other for Nicaraguan pastors.

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE STRONG IN AFRICA

General Superintendent and Mrs. Charles H. Strickland returned from a 41-day tour of Africa November 3, to report that the work of the Church of the Nazarene there is strong and growing.

The Stricklands traveled 35,000 miles during this time, 15,000 of which were inside the continent, to visit seven of the nine countries where the Church of the Nazarene has work. This included a trip to South Africa where Dr. Strickland pioneered the work of the denomination among the Europeans from 1948 to 1965. This was the first time Dr. Strickland had visited that nation in two decades.

In Capetown, South Africa, Dr. Strickland preached to a racially mixed group of about 4,500 Blacks, Indians, Coloureds, and Whites. Following the service at least 500 responded to the gospel invitation and came to pray. In Johannesburg, near the township of Soweto, 1,200 were present for a special service in a rented auditorium that seated only 800. He ordained three Zulu pastors in Durban at the Morningside church.

“Of the things that most impressed me was the way our church is ministering to all people in South Africa in a united way,” said the general superintendent. “The Nazarene Europeans in Durban hosted a beautiful reception for the Zulu pastors and their families. It was truly impressive.

“There is a move to consolidate some of our schools at the degree level, and
Dr. Strickland and Dr. Richard Zanner, Africa regional director, with three newly ordained elders and their wives in Mozambique.

plans are being made for use of our properties by various races who are separated by language barriers.”

Dr. Strickland said the South African government officials were especially helpful to him, providing him and his wife with a special pass that enabled them to continue their tour after a briefcase containing their visas and other travel documents was stolen.

Church of the Nazarene membership in Africa has grown from 10,000 in the mid 1960s to more than 44,000 today. There are 36 districts, all staffed by African superintendents.

Dr. Strickland added that he was greatly encouraged by the issuance of a Pastoral Letter by the Dutch Reformed church at a national synod held while he was in Africa. That group, with 968,000 members in Africa, is the largest Protestant denomination on the African continent. The letter states that apartheid can no longer be defended by the Scriptures.

“In my judgment, this action is going to have more to do with the reformation of that country than any sanctions that are ever placed on them,” he added.

During this tour, Dr. Strickland became the first general superintendent to cross the border into Mozambique since 1973. He notes that they received VIP treatment from the government officials and were able to meet immediately with pastors and district superintendents at the airport.

Mozambique offered a great homecoming for Dr. Strickland. It was there that he returned to the Maputo church (formerly Lourenco Marques)—a church he planted in 1956. It was taken over when the Communists took Mozambique, but was later returned to the denomination. It now has 350 members and a full-time pastor who baptized 140 new converts and received them into membership while Dr. Strickland was there.

The Church of the Nazarene has 9,000 members in 300 churches in Mozambique. Many have been killed or are homeless in that country due to famine and the civil war.

Upon returning to the United States, Dr. Strickland spoke at an all-Texas-districts meeting. The four districts in that state pledged $6,000 to paint the Maputo church and make it a “lighthouse” in an otherwise deteriorated downtown area. A crew from Swaziland plans to go into Mozambique to perform the work.

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### The Church at Work

#### 1986 General Statistics

**CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE**

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SECRETARY

**NOTE:** World Mission data base changed. SS Responsibility and attendance reported TOTALS ONLY. Finances reported CERTAIN TOTALS ONLY.

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JANUARY 1, 1987 25
A transcript of the text appears below:

**OUR COLLEGES AND SEMINARIES**

**WOODRUFF RETURNS TO NNC**

Gary Woodruff, 28, has returned to Northwest Nazarene College as an admissions counselor.

Woodruff, a 1980 alumnus, has served the past two years as minister of music and director of College Ministries at Western Oaks Church of the Nazarene, Bethany, Okla. His wife, Teri, was involved in children's ministry there, organizing two puppet teams.

At NNC Woodruff will organize a year-round music traveling group and will be in charge of summer travel programs.

The Woodruff are originally from Vancouver—Gary from Edmonds, Teri from Vancouver.

**TNC BOARD MEETS**

The Board of Trustees of Trevecca Nazarene College met for its fall session October 20-22. In his report to the board, President Homer J. Adams said fall enrollment is up to a record 1,402, making Trevecca the third largest Nazarene college. He also announced that the Krege Foundation of Troy, Mich., has awarded the college a $100,000 challenge grant for the air conditioning of the girls' dormitories.

The board set a goal for the college to have 85 percent of the educational budget paid for the current year and 90 percent paid for the 1987-88 academic year. Any educational budget paid by a district above 90 percent will be applied to a scholarship fund for students from that district.

Campus improvements from last year include the relocation of the Trevecca Early Learning Laboratory School, the installation of improved lighting on campus, and the carpeting of dormitories. Also, Trevecca's graduate program has become more successful.

**COSTA RICA SEMINARY HAS NEW PRESIDENT**

Ecuadorian-born Dr. Enrique Guango Tapia was officially installed as president of Seminario Nazareno de las Americas (Nazarene Seminary of the Americas) by General Superintendent Raymond W. Hurn, September 1. The ceremony was held at the seminary in San Jose, Costa Rica.

Seminario Nazareno de las Americas is a university-level theological institution of the church. It has been training Latin American pastors for 15 years. Currently, 72 students are enrolled in residence. About 2,000 participate in the extension program, 75 percent of which are from extension centers in South America. Some 15 Spanish-speaking countries are represented in the student body and the faculty. The theological degree offered is equivalent to a bachelor of arts in the American university system.

Dr. Guango Tapia holds the Ph.D. in family psychotherapy from Barcelona University. He and his wife, Ana, have three children.
VITAL STATISTICS
NORTHWEST OKLAHOMA DISTRICT
SECRETARY DIES WITH HEART ATTACK
Rev. J. Walter Hall, Jr., 59, district secretary of Northwest Oklahoma and pastor of Blackwell, Okla., Southside Church, died November 1. He is survived by his wife, Grace Marie; three children, Eddy, Leslie, and Janet; and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were November 5, at the Southside Church.
A graduate of Bethany Nazarene College. Rev. Hall received the B.D. from Nazarene Theological Seminary in 1951. He pastored churches on the San Antonio area as well as the Northwest Oklahoma District.

VETERAN MINISTER PASSES AWAY
REV. O. C. MINGLEDORFF was born November 21, 1894, near Savannah, Ga. He was converted and called to the ministry at an early age, and preached his first sermon at the age of 16. He was educated at Asbury College. During those years he spent a lot of time preaching in mission work in the Kentucky mountains and areas surrounding Asbury College. He had to reach many of his preaching appointments on foot, sometimes walking miles each way through cold and snow.

In 1918 he married Maxiline Johnson, who survived him, and together they boarded a train for their honeymoon trip to the West Coast and on to Korea where they would spend the next six years as missionaries with the Methodist church of which they were then members. During those years he served as district superintendent, and organized more than 125 churches. Due to health conditions they were not able to serve in Korea after 1923. He returned to the United States where he continued to serve in several church fields.

O. C. Mingledorff’s life of holiness preaching ended on Oct. 19, 1986. He was no longer physically able. He served pastorates in Toronto, Ohio; Warren, Pa.; Douglas, Ga., and Greensboro, N.C., and many years in evangelism. In addition to the weekly Sunday School lessons for the Pentecostal Herald, and as an evangelist, he was captured in the Noonday Christian Advocate.

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STUDY SHOWS RELIGIOUS SURGE AMONG "BABY BOOM" GENERATION. Older members of the "baby boom" generation are returning to churches and synagogues as they take on more traditional family roles and values, a new study shows.

"We are witnessing a resurgence of religious involvement as many of the prodigal sons and daughters of the 1960s return to more active participation," observes David A. Roozen, associate director of Hartford Seminary's Center for Social and Religious Research, who directed the study.

The study found 43 percent of people born from 1945 to 1954, now ages 33 to 42, reported attending worship services three or more times each month, up from 34 percent in a poll of similarly aged adults taken in the early 1970s.

The New York Times reported that Roozen believes the two principal reasons for the dramatic rise in religious involvement in a group that was known for rebellion in the 1960s are the growing number who have become parents, and growing political and economic conservatism.

"As people move into later stages of their life," he said, "they're looking to more stable, more lasting kinds of values, and they find the church supportive of that."

NEARLY HALF OF AMERICANS SAY RELIGION HAS GROWING ROLE. Nearly half of Americans (48 percent) believe the influence of religion on American life is increasing, according to a recent Gallup Poll.

The number holding that opinion is near the highest level recorded in nearly 30 years of opinion surveys. In 1959, 69 percent of those polled said religion was increasing its influence in American life, while in 1969-70 only 14 percent saw the influence of religion increasing.

The survey, based on telephone interviews with 978 people, also found that 57 percent of Americans believe religion "can answer all or most of today's problems," while only 23 percent said religion was "largely old-fashioned and out of date."

AMERICAN TELEVISION SETS ON MORE THAN SEVEN HOURS EACH DAY. The average television set in America is on more than seven hours a day, according to pollsters at ABC, Epcoht, and A.C. Nielsen. During those seven hours, viewers are exposed to some 135 commercials. Over the course of a year television is on an average of 2,600 hours, and presently nearly 50,000 commercials.

In contrast, the PRRC Religion in America report indicates that only 15 percent of Americans read the Bible daily; 55 percent of Americans read the Bible less than monthly; 24 percent never read the Bible.

SOVIET WRITERS NOTE MORAL DEGRADATION. Leading Soviet writers have filled their country's literary journals with works depicting the moral degradation of the Soviet people, according to a report in the Christian Science Monitor.

The writers "see the roots of this decline in the destruction of religion, and [see] its revival as the only way out," the report says.

Vasily Bykov, a highly respected writer, has written, "There cannot be morality without faith."

Viktor Astafyev, another widely published author, recalled, "We lived with a light in our soul [religion], acquisit long before us by the creators of heroic feats and lighted for us so that we would not wander in the darkness, run into trees, or into one another in the world, scratch out each other's eyes, or break our neighbor's bones. . . . They [the Communists] stole it from us and did not give anything in return."
ANNIVERSARIES

REV AND MRS. L. P. "JACK" DURHAM were honored on their 50th wedding anniversary September 14 with a reception given by their son and his wife at Carlsbad, N. Mex., First Church. They were married September 10, 1936, at Stamford, Tex. Rev. Durham pastored in Texas, Arizona, and New Mexico of which Carlsbad First was one. He also taught at Pasadena College, now Point Loma Nazarene College, and was for several years in the evangelistic field. His ministry spans a period of 56 years. The Durhams are now retired and live in Lubbock, Tex.

MR. AND REV. MRS. J. D. ROEDLER of Lubbock, Tex., were honored by their families with a 50th wedding anniversary reception October 12 at the family center of Lubbock, Tex., First Church. The Roedlers were married October 5, 1936, at Nazarene Chapel, Copperas Cove, Tex., where Mrs. Roedler was pastor. Mrs. Roedler was ordained in 1937 by Dr. R. T. Williams. She and her husband pastored and evangelized on the San Antonio and West Texas districts and have served in other places in the church. They have one son, Jerry, three granddaughters, and one great-grandson, all of Lake Jackson, Tex.

MR. AND MRS. SAMUEL SHAFER (JEWELL BOYER) celebrated their 50th anniversary November 20, 1986, with a reception November 9 given by daughter Shirley and the Lake Worth, Fla., First Church family.

The Shafers came to Florida in 1961 from Pittsburg, Pa., and have celebrated their 25th and 50th anniversaries in Lake Worth First.

The Shafers have one daughter, Mrs. Lewis (Shirley) Grimm, pastoring in Terrace, Pa.

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We welcome questions on biblical and doctrinal matters. The editor is not able to send replies to questions not selected for publication. Address: ANSWER CORNER, Herald of Holiness, 6401 The Paseo, Kansas City, MO 64131.

May I be so bold as to call you to account for what must have been an oversight in the September 1 “Answer Corner”? In answer to the person who was offended by the pastor's wife's reaction to the pastor's family, you said: “You did not, however, comment on the interesting little subordinate clause she tucked into her question: "since we are voting on both pastor and wife..." Please correct me if I am wrong; but, having spent my entire 40 years living in a parsonage setting, I have always been under the impression that a pastoral recall was a vote for or against the person filling the pulpit—the pastor. Your answer was great as far as it went, but your not commenting on the issue of voting on the wife really muddied the waters for me and perhaps others.

I would love to hear what you have to say about this issue.

Calling me to account does not require boldness. Many have done it who were not conspicuous for courage. I appreciate your frank expression of disappointment.

I didn't mean to roil the waters. I assumed that our people knew that we do not really vote on the pastor's wife, but only on the pastor.

Of course, votes on the pastor may be influenced by people's attitudes toward his wife. This is true of both "yes" and "no" votes. I am confident that I got some favorable votes because of Doris in some of my own calls and recalls.

This gives me an opportunity to amend my previous answer. I said that pastors as well as their wives had a right to vote in recall elections if they so desired. The Board of General Superintendents have informed me of a ruling by them to the contrary. Citing Robert's Rules of Order, page 345, paragraph 44—which states that no chairman may vote on any matter in which he has vested interest—the general superintendents ruled this to apply to the renewal vote of a pastor. It does not, they added, "necessarily cover the pastor's family."

To sum it all up: The church does not vote on the pastor's wife, only on the pastor. All members present may vote who are 15 years old or older, including the pastor's wife, but excluding the pastor.

Why do most ministers preach that Jesus will rapture the Church before Antichrist comes? The Bible says Jesus will come at the end of the tribulation days (Matthew 24:29-30). The Bible also says that Antichrist will make war with the saints and overcome them (Revelation 13:7). If Antichrist comes after the Rapture, how can he do these things to the saints?

Those who preach a pretribulation rapture of the Church do so because they sincerely believe that this is taught in Scripture. They divide the Second Coming into two stages separated by the Tribulation. Christ comes for the Church before the Tribulation. They meet Him "in the air" and remain in His presence while Antichrist reigns in terror upon the earth. Then Christ comes with the Church to destroy Antichrist's reign and inaugurate His own millennial kingdom. The first stage is called "the Rapture"; the second stage is called "the revelation.
The coming mentioned in Matthew 24:29-30 is this second stage, which has been preceded by a secret rapture of the Church.

Those who preach and teach this doctrine regard "the saints" of Revelation 13:7 as Jewish and Gentile converts to Christ whose conversion occurs after the Rapture, during the Tribulation.

Hazel R. Willcox, 58, Nov. 16, Nampa, Idaho
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NEWS OF EVANGELISM

REVIVAL BEGINS WITH PREPARATION

"Our revival meeting really began in our days of preparation," reported Rev. Bob Stovall, pastor of Springdale, Ark., First Church. Twenty-five to 30 people gathered at the church for several Saturday evenings before the scheduled services to pray for family members, friends, and neighbors.

According to Pastor Stovall, "God poured out His Spirit in answer to our prayers. He anointed Evangelist Don Ballard as he preached heart-searching messages. There was never a barren altar throughout the meeting." A total of 65 persons found spiritual help, 20 of whom were saved, and 15 were sanctified. An added benefit, said Rev. Stovall, was that several young adults have felt called to fulfill the various ministries of the church.

THREE GENERATIONS CONVERTED IN TWO-WEEK REVIVAL

Irving, Ky., First Church recently held a two-week revival with Evangelist Mike Helms. Pastor Quentin Crum reports that the first week was a time of "great spiritual renewal and soul searching" for the church, as 15 of their own people found help at the altar.

The second week, according to Pastor Crum, "was one of the most gratifying weeks I have known in my years of pastoring." Among the several who found salvation were three generations of one family: a local woman, her son and daughter-in-law, and their two children all accepted Christ as their personal Savior.

Both the church’s NYI president and the NWMS president were sanctified wholly. Another man, who had been antagonistic toward the doctrine of holiness, is now seeking the experience.

THE CHURCH SCENE

The East St. Louis, Ill., Rush Memorial Church was organized October 26, 1986, by District Superintendent John Hancock. More than 60 attended the organizational service; 13 were charter members. Formerly known as East St. Louis Visiting Mission, the all-Black church
The Jasper, Ala., Grace Chapel Church has seven couples who represent more than 350 years of marriage. Each of these couples has celebrated a 50th wedding anniversary. Pictured (l to r) at the anniversary tea in their honor are: Talmon and Margaret Townley, Reuben and Ruby Johnson, Lloyd and Ida Swindle, Cleo and Willene Brazier, Preston and Ruby Cooper, Hollis and Ruby Jones, and Elbert and Lessie Smith.

October 5, 1986, the Ephrata, Wash., church celebrated a twofold step of faith. Under the direction of Pastor Fred Laeger, the church was able to move from home mission status and dedicate a new building to the glory of God. The new building is valued at $675,000 with an indebtedness of $299,000. The building houses 17 classrooms, 4 offices, gym, fellowship hall, and seating for 300 in the sanctuary. District Superintendent and Mrs. Walter Lanman took part in the dedication service.

The new building of the Seaford, Del., church was dedicated Sunday, October 19. The service was led by Dr. Roy E. Carnahan, superintendent of the Washington District, assisted by Pastor Charles Franklin. There were 186 people present. The new building, located on three acres, was built by the men and women of the local congregation, assisted by local and district workers. Valued at $340,000, the 9,000 sq. ft.-church education building contains a sanctuary that provides seating for 275, a large multipurpose fellowship hall with 11 classrooms, and office. The construction cost was $125,000, with an indebtedness of $16,000. Pastor Franklin and the church board acted as contractors and supervised the construction.
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McCULLOUGH ELECTED TO GENERAL BOARD

Dr. Melvin McCullough, pastor of Bethany, Okla., First Church, has been elected to the General Board to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Rev. Eugene Sanders. He represents the South Central U.S.A. Region. His assignment will be on the Finance Department.

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CHURCH ON TARGET FOR ONE MILLION MEMBERS

The 1986 annual statistical report released by the general secretary shows the Church of the Nazarene is on target to reach its goals for the decade. The 21st General Assembly in Anaheim in June 1982 adopted goals for 1985-1995 and Canada, and 21,456 in other world advances of 8,989 in the United States 809,666. This compares to a growth of one million members, 10,000 churches, and 1,500 new churches. The first annual report since that assembly shows 29,424 in 1985. These figures include the Church of the Nazarene increased 30,445 (3.91%) to 2,000,000 enrolled in Sunday School, 2,000,000 on the Sunday School responsibility list by 1995. The goals for target cities, for planting churches, and for Sunday School worker mobilization and training represent persons—to be reached with the good news that God saves and sanctifies entirely. Nazarenes are to be commended for their efforts in 1986. Let us continue to serve Him faithfully wherever we are so that our goals will become a reality. THERE ARE SOULS IN OUR GOALS!

ORJALA HONORED AT NTS

Dr. Paul Orjala was honored for 22 years of service to Nazarene Theological seminary in a special NTS chapel service, November 21. He and wife, Mary, left the United States December 17 for Paris where they have been appointed as missionaries.

"Dr. Orjala is largely responsible for laying the foundation for our denomination's current philosophy of missions," said Dr. Terrell C. (Jack) Sanderson, NTS president. "His efforts paved the way for the newly created School of World Mission and Evangelism at NTS, which we believe will perpetuate this philosophy."

A new scholarship fund—the Mary Elizabeth and Sterling Gilmore Scholarship—was announced during the chapel service. The Gilmores were members of a church pastored by the Orjala's in Highland, Kans., while Dr. Orjala was a student in seminary. Mrs. Gilmore, who was present at the special service, has contributed $30,000 toward the fund. The scholarship—the largest single scholarship fund ever established at NTS—will be earmarked especially for students in missiology or foreign students who attend NTS with plans to return to their home country.

Dr. Orjala will continue to serve in an adjunct position at NTS.

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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ACCEPTS LARGEST GENERAL BUDGET IN HISTORY

The 1986 Southern California district assembly accepted a General Budget of $897,140—the largest in the history of the denomination, according to Dr. Raymond W. Hurn, general superintendent. In his closing message to the assembly, Dr. Hurn challenged them to give a million dollars in the district's final year with the words of Dr. J. G. Morrison, "Can't you do a little bit more?"

The assembly adopted legislation this year to divide the district in 1987. The next two largest accepted general budgets for 1987 were by Oregon Pacific ($787,620) and Colorado ($724,123).

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Shown (l. to r) are Dr. Terrell C. Sanders, Jr., Mary and Paul Orjala, and Mrs. Mary Gilmore at a reception following the special chapel to honor the Orjala's at NTS.
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