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Miehle Web Lithographic Press recently installed at the Nazarene Publishing House. See Page 4
AT THIS first Pentecost season of the new quadrennium there can be no more appropriate consideration than that of our quadrennial theme: “In the Power of the Spirit.”

This theme is a phrase found in Luke 4:14: “And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee.” Two epochal experiences in the life of Jesus had preceded this point of beginning of His ministry. First, at His baptism by John the Baptist, He had received a special anointing with the Holy Spirit. Then had come the forty days of temptation in the wilderness, from which He emerged triumphant.

Spirit-anointed and spiritually victorious, our Lord moved into His redemptive ministry “in the power of the Spirit.”

Here was no momentary, passing experience, but rather, a continuing, blessed, enabling relationship to which He referred in His early discourse at Nazareth, “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord” (Luke 4:18-19).

It is highly significant that Jesus deferred any public ministry until after the descent of the Holy Spirit in special anointing. Thus it is to be expected that He would follow the same pattern in His dealings with the disciples. To them He said, “Tarry ye . . . until ye be endued with power from on high.” Those devoted followers acted upon His command, and on the Day of Pentecost “they were all filled with the Holy Ghost.”

In our day, only as the Church moves “in the power of the Spirit” will spiritual achievement come to pass. We must have more than momentary, fleeting, ecstatic experiences, but must know the consistent, adequate resources that come only through the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit.

This is precisely what Jesus Christ has promised to His followers: “Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you,” and this promise is valid today. In this supernatural enduement is our only hope as an effective, growing spiritual force in accomplishing the redemptive mission of the Church. Nothing less will suffice.
IN A SHADY SPOT beside the Esk River near our New Zealand sheep farm, Grandma used to read Bible stories to me and my two sisters every Sunday morning. We were far from church or Sunday school, so these missionary correspondence stories were our introduction to the gospel.

We used to cluster eagerly around Grandma and it seemed that we could not get enough of the wonderful story of Jesus.

But as I grew older, worldly things came in, leaving little room for the gospel. Our parents were never wealthy, and when the depression years came we knew deep poverty. Although we children never went without food or warmth, I felt the stinging lash of mockery from schoolmates until it seemed that being poor was something to be ashamed of, an unclean thing.

Because of this, I courted the world’s approval by drinking liquor, smoking, and gambling.

But somehow I could not get rid of a nagging sense of guilt and fear. This was only increased when in army training camp an Anglican preacher, the Reverend Mr. West, sought to win me; but my stupid pride and cowardice proved too great a hurdle.

However the Lord made himself known to me in more definite ways when, on October 4, 1957, at the age of thirty-four (then a factory worker) I discarded overalls for collar and tie, becoming a reporter on the staff of the Danevirke Evening News, a small-town newspaper.

Here I met and interviewed some folk whose lives were steeped in love and noticed their deep happiness and contentment in their service to others.

On the other side of the ledger, I saw behind the scenes in the lives of some “leading citizens,” heard a false ring to their laughter, and discovered that when they were away from the public eye many of them were unhappy.

Again the Lord seemed very near when I was a pallbearer at Grandma’s funeral (she died at the age of one hundred). Somehow during the service I began to wonder if I had not left a very precious gift at a shady spot near the little Esk River, away back in childhood days.

But it was not until I had served two years with the Waikato Times in the city of Hamilton (population 58,000) that I came to know just how vital was my need.

On Sunday mornings in the early months of 1964, Rev. Hudson F. Mackenzie, of the Church of the Nazarene, began calling to take our children—Nancy, five; and Peter, Jr., three and one-half—to Sunday school. Gladys, my Scottish immigrant wife, assured me the Church of the Nazarene seemed “all right,” although she had never heard of it before. Like me, she was born an Anglican.

Mr. Mackenzie began calling at our home, and gradually I was drawn to the purity and simplicity of the spiritual life in Christ as he explained it to me. I felt God calling and wanted to go. Then on the Sunday evening of April 26, 1964, I set out to walk the two miles to church alone, and on the way prayed for courage.

At the third verse of “Just as I Am,” I felt the call and quietly slipped from my seat, going forward in humility as a sinner. I felt His forgiveness, as His love flooded my heart.

Gradually worldly cares and habits fell away under God’s great guiding hand and, a few weeks later, thrilled by the changes God had already wrought, Gladys joined me and our family life was transformed.

At hearing a Spirit-filled sermon on September 20 on living full time for the Lord, we were sanctified, knowing the full joy of the Holy Spirit.
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How does my new life affect my job?

Challenge, adventure, and a love of being near to people and events are some of the things that draw a journalist to the newspaper business.

"How can a newsmen be a Christian?" I asked before I was converted. Now I wonder why more journalists are not Christians. For I have discovered there is nothing more challenging than making a stand for Christ, nothing more adventurous than seeing the hand of God in many ways in day-to-day events of the world. What is more thrilling than the love of Jesus for sinners? It is headline news that I would like to see "splashed" across front pages the world around.

However, among the many ways God has answered prayer—I have seen a Bible text installed daily on the editorial page and have the editor's promise of space for a weekly Christian column.

I have joined a Christian fellowship group at the Times, in which newsmen join together for meetings as a prayer cell. Our group has been able to point reporters to Christian stories which, on more than one occasion, have made front-page news features.

Gladys and I and our little family had the great joy, on Christmas Day, of being accepted as members of the Church of the Nazarene in Hamilton.

Wonderful, glorious things have happened in our lives, and my hope from here on is to be sent by the Master on the greatest assignment any journalist ever knew, that of helping others to know the hard but glorious life that leads to the kingdom of Heaven.

The Cover . . .

A major new facility in the Nazarene Publishing House program of taking the whole gospel to the whole world by the printed page is a new Miehle web lithographic press, pictured here in a unique "fish-eye" camera lens view. Representing an entirely new concept in printing, the press is capable of speeds up to 35,000 impressions an hour, printing two colors on both sides of the paper, folding and cutting the periodicals in a single operation. In addition to the "Herald," the "Other Sheep," "Conquest," and the Sunday school periodicals will all be printed on the new press. (For the full story, turn to page 8.)

THE WIND was howling and the sleet was peppering the windowpanes. I took off my coat and shook the snow and sleet on a throw rug before hanging it away. I said to my wife, "Seaman Becker was right. It does get cold in Michigan!" I had made a round of sick calls that night and had gotten stuck in a snowbank. It was good to be in, out of the cold and snow.

A warm fire was crackling in the fireplace and my wife had made a pot of hot tea. I rubbed my hands together and warmed them by the fire and then sat down and sipped the tea. A great sense of security and well-being came over me. I said to myself, "Fire is surely a great boon to the human race." It is no wonder that God has used it as a type of the reality of His presence—for instance, the fire that fell on Elijah's altar, and the clenched tongues of fire that rested upon the waiting disciples in the Upper Room at Pentecost.

I remembered also the two disciples on the Emmaus Road. The chill of doubt and fear and uncertainty had filled the hearts of the faithful when their Lord was killed at Calvary. Their hopes and dreams were too closely tied to nationalism. They were expecting some kind of immediate deliverance.

But a Stranger joined them as they walked. As He opened the Scriptures and helped them to understand that there was a divine purpose in a suffering Messiah, their hearts burned within them. The reality of Christian experience always rests upon the scripture properly presented, and a faith that reaches out and receives it and applies it to personal need, empowered by the divine Spirit. I must have drowsed. When I opened my eyes, the blaze had died down. The wind was still howling and I felt a little chill. Two big logs were smoldering, but they had somehow moved apart and all the flame was gone.

That happens in the church, too. Christians allow a little coldness to develop between them, and the fire goes out. Did you ever try to imagine what went on in the Upper Room preceding the time when "they were all with one accord," and then, suddenly, it was Pentecost?

Going back over the story as it is revealed to
us by the Gospel writers, we are saddened to read that on that last lonely road that Jesus traveled, as He made His way to Jerusalem and to the Cross, His disciples were a little “sore” at one another, at least a part of the way. Peter had some rash overconfidence to repent of, and James and John must have felt ashamed of their place seeking. Somehow all these barriers must have been removed, and then it was Pentecost!

I pushed the logs together with a poker. They began to blaze a little. Then I went and got an armful of kindling and new wood: some “Growing Edge.”

“Numbers”?? Well, once there were 3,000. Suddenly there was a revival! It is as simple as that!

contenders with God and that their cause is foredoomed to failure. This is one of the most heartening thoughts that can ever come to us who love righteousness and deplore sin and its ravages in the earth.

On the other hand, it is one of the most fearful thoughts that can strike through the mind of the unbeliever, for to cling to any form of sin is to identify oneself with it and to be a contender with the God of the universe.

Sin is running a mad course. It will come to

Let Us Align Ourselves with Power

By MARY H. AUGSBURY, Los Gatos, California

ACROSS THE STREET TODAY I saw a small girl skipping rope. The rope was light, and when she turned her back to the brisk wind she found the rope blown out too far for her to jump over. Again and again she missed. But when she turned and faced the wind she found that after the rope had gone over her head on the first strong swing the force of the wind fairly blew it under her feet—all she had to do was to make a tiny hop and she was over.

Of course in mammoth ways as well as small ones like this we line up with nature’s forces in order to make use of them. Science must learn the laws that govern the sources of power and operate accordingly in order to make use of that power. Paul may have been thinking of something like this when he said, “Unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly . . . according to the power that worketh in us” (Ephesians 3:20).

We align ourselves with the will of God and when we do we find within us, beside us, above us, the power of God. To walk against that will is also to walk against that power.

“The stars in their courses fought against Sisera” (Judges 5:20), is more than a poetic flight. It expresses the eternal principle that evildoers are faced with a serious problem, a young woman tried for a long time to find a solution, and was almost in despair when things were no better. Then she deliberately turned her thoughts away from her problem and began to seek to know God’s will and to get closer to Him. Soon, amazingly, the problem was solved. She said afterward, “I had spent months trying to find the right approach to this thing, while all the time what I needed was the right approach to God.”

As “the stars in their courses fought against Sisera”—the evil general who headed the army which sought to overthrow God’s people—so the morning stars which shouted together for joy at the creation will surely shout again at the final victory of Christ’s cause. This victory is as certain as if it were already accomplished. Let us line up with His will and cause now in order to have victory according to the power that worketh in us and for us.

S. D. Gordon has pointed out in Quiet Talks

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DON'T THINK ABOUT MARRIAGE... until you are pleasant company for yourself. Married folks often must stay at home alone. You are not ready for marriage until you can spend an evening or several evenings at home alone without being bored or unhappy.

Married people need to be mature enough to find interest in their work, their reading, their hobbies, and other personal things. The person who gets bored the minute he or she is alone will be too immature for marriage. If you can't enjoy an evening in your own company, don't try to escape yourself by a wedding.

... until you can enjoy the folks in your home. If you can't get along with your brothers and sisters, if you can't get along with your parents, if you jangle and quarrel with the folks who are in the house and have constant friction with all the folks whose lives touch yours, you're a long way from being ready for a wedding.

Married folks have to live much more closely related to one another than is true in the home of parents. If you can't get along happily in your parental home and family, don't try to escape into matrimony. You're not yet ready.

... until you can stick with your tasks until they're finished. If you are inclined to quit a project the minute it gets boring, lose interest in making a thing before it is completed, discard clothes before they are worn out, and change friends and enemies at the drop of a hat, you are not ready for marriage.

Married people have to stay married, they have to hold jobs, they have to wear old clothes, and they have to complete projects. As one old southern man said, "Folks who amount to much have to have some 'lasses on their hands."

... until you can share your dates. If you get jealous and upset the minute you see your boyfriend talking to another girl or your girlfriend talking with another boy, you are not ready for marriage. If you insist on absolutely monopolizing your dates, you're in for trouble if you try to chain them down with marriage.

Married people have to live in a world of people. They have to keep social contacts. They should, by no means, have extramarital romantic adventures; but they must work with people, they must do business with people, they must have friends, and they must be friendly.

... until you can become regular and prompt. If you cannot keep a well-ordered calendar for your life—keeping appointments, organizing your time, being dependable, and doing things because it is time to do them, you are not ready for marriage.

If you go to church just when you feel like it or find it convenient, if you keep your appointments when you decide you want to, or if you
just lie abed when you feel inclined to be lazy, you’re not ready for marriage.

... until you can have money in your pocket and not spend it. If you can’t pass up a store window or a soda fountain so long as you have some ready change, or if you can’t desist from a trifling purchase because a few coins are in your pocket, you’re not ready for marriage.

Married people will have rent to pay, and it must be paid with money, not spent on trifles. They have doctor bills to pay and medicine to buy. They have taxes to pay and light and water bills will come due. All these things must be paid with money saved which could be enjoyably spent on nonessential but pleasant things.

Don’t think about marriage ... until you are ready to be a lastingly, dependably, and completely married person. Marriage is for adults.

HOPE for Our Day

IN his great work A Study of History, Arnold Toynbee indicates the various dispositions which he regards as possible for those who are aware of living in what he terms as “declining civilization.” He points out four attitudes, namely: archaism, futurism, detachment, and transfiguration.

Archaism is the yearning for a past age; futurism, the phantasy of a new age, a sort of utopia utterly unrelated to reality; detachment is an ivory tower escape into contemplation. Transfiguration is a faith by which we bring the total life situation in which we participate into a larger context. This larger context is best conceived in our concept of the kingdom of God, which has to do with things eternal.

It is as “transfigurationists” (to coin a term suggested by Toynbee) that we pray, “Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.” This prayer can be answered only by the return of our Lord. As we partake of the Lord’s Supper, we proclaim His death until He comes again. These two great facts suggest to the Church the importance of keeping central this vital hope of our Lord’s second advent.

In asserting His own deity before the scornful Caiaphas at that notable trial, Jesus bolstered it with a declaration regarding the Second Coming: “The high priest asked him ... Art thou the Christ, the Son of the Blessed? And Jesus said, I am: and ye shall see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven” (Mark 14:61-62). The fullest proof of His divine sonship would be seen in His return in power and glory.

The hope of the Church is the return of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. In a day of expanding facilities for secular education we find a frightening decline in religious belief and observation. As our churches have emptied our prisons have filled, and we have found ourselves sinking into a vast sea of secularism.

We will not be saved from our situation by a political panacea or ecumenical envelopment. We must lift up our heads, knowing that our redemption draweth nigh. What better can we do in our pathetic human predicament than to live in daily anticipation of the coming of the Lord?

When it takes place, it will be at a time known only to himself, for it was unknown to our Saviour in the days of His flesh. But as we watch, pray, and long for that day we are assured that on some golden daybreak eternity will break into time and He that comes will come and will not tarry! This is our hope.

Please Walk with Me

O God of grace and might and power, I need Thy presence every hour; I cannot tread life’s paths with ease, So walk with me if Thou wilt, please.

My steps may falter, my strength may fail, For human might cannot avail Where sin abounds and foes are strong To stay my progress all day long.

Direct my steps, O God of might, And in the darkness give me light; For I do want Thy power and grace To hold me steady in the race.

Oh, make me strong and pure and good To work and follow as I should, And win the lost of earth to Thee And see their souls from sin set free!

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EDITOR'S NOTE: With this issue, the Herald of Holiness joins fourteen other Nazarene periodicals which will be printed on a new lithographic web press installed by the Nazarene Publishing House. The result, we hope, will be a better product, with a shorter time in production. This means you will get the news in depth of the church quicker and in a more attractive style.

NEW PRESS OFFERS FAITH THROUGH ITS THUNDER

By ELDEN RAWLINGS

on it for information), Production Manager Arch Edwards said, "Sounds like about 23,000." What he meant was the new quarter-million dollar press was producing 23,000 folded signatures an hour; and more would come as the machine was broken in.

What the new press was printing is important: literature for an ever-expanding Nazarene audience. How fast this can be done is also important. This is illustrated by the fact that the Nazarene Publishing House is the fourth printing concern in the United States to have the most advanced web offset press in the industry.

Chances are the newspaper you read this morning was printed on a rotary press. This means the paper was printed as it fed through the press from a roll. Chances are also that your newspaper was printed on letterpress equipment—raised, ink-covered letters printing on the paper. The offset, or lithographic, process of printing, which prints from...
smooth plates and a precarious balance of ink and water, usually provides a clearer, sharper image. The difference shows up especially in reproducing photographs.

What does all of this mean to you and your church?

It means you should be receiving better quality on about fifteen periodicals, from the small-sized Conquest to the larger Junior Workbook. It means also that the Publishing House can deliver these faster, and provide room for an ever-expanding number of publications it is called upon to print.

The press itself is about fifty feet long, and was installed on a specially prepared twelve-inch slab of concrete, reinforced by steel. The base could vary no more than one-fourth of an inch, and even this variance was corrected as the press was being installed. The installation period was seven months.

There are two printing units through which the
paper passes. These produce a 32-page, 1-color, 8½-by-11-inch periodical such as the Church School Builder; or a 16-page, 2-color one, such as the Herald you are reading. The Advanced Quarterly, which is 64 pages, 1-color, and is 8½ by 11 inches, has been switched to this press. A 2-color, 32-page periodical could also be printed on this equipment.

Drying the ink quickly so that the periodical may be cut and folded is an intricate operation. Thundering through the printing units at 1,200 feet a minute, the web of paper passes through an oven heated to 500 degrees, and then over a chill roller, at 50 degrees, which sets the ink. To keep the chill roll temperature constant takes more than 30 tons of air conditioning.

In the case of the Youth’s Comrade, which must be pasted together, the press is designed to take on this added duty. This occurs just before the web enters a complex folding apparatus. The folding rollers are perforated with small holes. Air is forced through these which reduces the friction and the possibility of breaking the web.

The cruising speed of the press ranges from 25,000 to 30,000 impressions per hour, depending on the folding required. The Herald of Holiness formerly ate up the major part of a 40-hour week for printing. Now, allowing for make-ready time, running, and cleanup, the job can be completed easily in a day.

The introduction of the large offset press has brought about changes throughout the Publishing House. Extensive revisions have been necessary in the plate-making room to double the capacity for making plates. The art department, responsible for feeding camera-ready copy to the platemaker, is being reorganized. Binding equipment was moved near the delivery end of the press so that the inside forms can be joined with the periodical covers, printed on other presses, without lost motion.

The new press requires four men to operate it. Eventually, as the load increases, the press will be operated sixteen hours a day.

“Speed is the challenging factor of this press,” said Dick Fields, lithographic printing supervisor. “Some men enjoy doing a job meticulously well. We demand a certain quality, but the equipment must produce at its maximum capacity to make it profitable.”

At delivery end of the press completed signatures are scooped up for stacking (below, left). For the pressmen (right), satisfaction is to be found in a job well done and turned out at maximum production speed.
The Meaning of Pentecost

There is a sense in which the three major days of the Christian calendar are memorials to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Christmas reminds us of the Father God, who gave His only begotten Son for us and our redemption.

Good Friday and Easter speak of the suffering and risen Saviour, who lives forever to save to the uttermost those who come to God by Him.

Pentecost is the memorial to the coming of the Holy Spirit in sovereign, sanctifying lordship.

The sequence is not accidental but essential. It goes without saying that, had not the Saviour been given, His atonement would not have been made. The shadow of the Cross lies over the cradle at Bethlehem.

No less is it true that there would have been no Pentecost had there not first been the cradle and the Cross. Bethlehem is God with us. Calvary is Christ for us. Pentecost is the Spirit in us. And the Spirit could not be in us had not God been with us in the Incarnation, and Christ for us in the atonement.

G. W. C. Thomas has expressed well the relation between Pentecost and the Easter event:

"The self-giving act of God in Christ for us men and for our salvation, which dethrones self-will, turns loss into gain, closes the gap between God and man, which raises us from the dead, and restores the divine image in us, is the same act of self-giving which unleashes the Holy Spirit and restores the life of the community. Calvary is crowned by Pentecost as well as by Easter Day. It was not only Jesus, but the Spirit of love and community that rose from the grave on the resurrection morning."

Pentecost was no afterthought in the plan of salvation, no “take-it-or-leave-it” extra tacked on to an otherwise complete gospel. Had there been no Pentecost, there would have been no Church and no continuing incarnation of the risen Redeemer among men.

PENTECOST STANDS FOR the capstone and completion of redeeming grace. As Easter and the living Lord purchase for us free salvation, so Pentecost and the sanctifying Spirit produce within us full salvation. And salvation free and full is the foretaste and promise of final salvation at Christ’s coming again.

Pentecost centers around the ministry and office work of the Holy Spirit. It represents a new era in our relationship to God. As R. B. Rackham described it:

"The change lies in the relation of the Holy Spirit to the human spirit. This relation was made quite new. Previously the Holy Spirit had acted on men from without; as the prophet Ezekiel describes it, 'the hand of the Lord was upon me.' But now the Holy Spirit acts from within. He is in man. Before Pentecost his manifestations had been transient and exceptional: Now his presence in man’s heart is an ‘abiding’ one."

William Barclay has noted the same important truth:

“In the Old Testament and in Jewish thought there was much about the Spirit, but for the most part it is true to say that the power and action of the Spirit were connected with extraordinary and abnormal happenings. The great utterances and the great visions of the prophets, sudden manifestations of the splendour of God, were the work of the Spirit; but in the New Testament the Spirit has become even more precious, for the Spirit has become the moving, the controlling, and the upholding power for everyday life and for everyday action."

It is the glory of Pentecost that it makes possible what the Christian faith requires. As a recent author has described it, Christ “calls us to obey God rather than men; to love our friends and enemies across all the barriers of human prejudice; to be forgiving and kind; to turn the other cheek and bear the animosity of others with patience; to be cooperative rather than competitive; to accept the woes of life with courage.”

Without the Holy Spirit such a life could never be. Only God enthroned within in the person of His Spirit can conquer the discordant elements in the human soul, and give power to stand up under the pressures and responsibilities of life.

IT IS IN THIS LIGHT that we are to understand the references of Jesus to the coming of the...
Comforter as “the promise of the Father.” The greatest mystery in modern life is the way so many seem to view the Spirit’s fullness, not as promise, but as threat, as something to be put off as long as possible.

Perhaps this is because we have tended to think of the Holy Spirit as the source of the strange and strained manifestations sometimes associated with His name. We need to remember that He is “the Spirit of Christ,” an other Comforter who will be to us even more than Jesus in the flesh was to His disciples.

The Holy Spirit is known in His fruit as a tree is known in its fruit. He is love. He is joy. He is “the Spirit of Christ,” an other Comforter who will be to us even more than Jesus in the flesh was to His disciples.

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The other was in the city of Jerusalem, where the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the disciples of Jesus. Here was born the true Church of the living Lord, that has the gospel of deliverance for all sin for all men through all time. What you go after here, as C. S. Lewis so well said, “Christians who did the most for the present world were those who thought the most of the next.”

Earth is the arena in which the decisive victories of heaven are being won. What you go after here, they say, determines where you go hereafter. The truly terrible finality of the judgment lies in the fact that it is really God’s consent to the choices people have made for themselves.

That this is true in the choice of an eternal destiny is clear enough from the Bible. Paul expressed it with infinite sorrow in relation to his own people when he said, “It was necessary that the word of God should first have been spoken to you: but seeing ye put it from you, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, lo, we turn to the Gentiles” (Acts 13:46).

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Without the Holy Spirit, Christianity either degenerates into a “futile humanistic striving after goodness,” the ‘bootstrap’ religion about which there has been justified complaint,” or it becomes a hypocritical effort to pull the cloak of divine approval over an unwashed and impure life. Only the Spirit of holiness can make us what we ought to be.

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BUT IT IS ALSO TRUE in the victories within the Christian life to which we are called. Whatever the occupations of heaven may be, it is fairly clear that they will be either limited or liberated by the preparation we make here.

As dimly as we may understand it, there is such a thing as laying up treasures in heaven. Many and varied have been the interpretations of the parable of the unjust steward in Luke 16:1-12. One thing seems clear. We are to make friends by means of “the mammon of unrighteousness” that, when our time on earth runs out, “they may receive you [us] into everlasting habitations” (v. 9).

This truth may have been overdone in the story of the casual Christian who found only a shanty when he crossed the river in comparison to the dedicated saint who found a commodious mansion. Yet it is undeniable that what we shall have on the other side will be at least in part measured by what we have “sent over” before us.

“They that turn many to righteousness,” said Daniel, shall shine “as the stars for ever and ever” (Daniel 12:3). Paul compared the resurrection life with the glory of the stars: “for one star differeth from another star in glory. So also is the resurrection of the dead” (I Corinthians 15:41-42).

The onlooker sneers at this as just “a refined sort of selfishness.” But such words as these were not spoken to spur selfish ambition, but to kindle the fires of spiritual aspiration.

It does make a difference what you and I do on earth—not only here and now, but eternally. “The
night cometh, when no man can work."
It certainly isn't stilted and formal English, but it's still a good question: "What on earth are you doing for Heaven's sake?"

THE CHURCH AT WORK

THE N.Y.P.S.

PAUL SKILLES, Secretary

Sarcoxie, Missouri

On the weekend of April 11 a group of "Teens for Christ" from the Carthage, Missouri Church, conducted a youth revival in the Sarcoxie church.

Twenty-five teenagers, dedicated to the service of Christ, conducted jail services in addition to the regular services of the revival.

Sponsored by the Reverend Mr. Cannon of the Carthage church, those speaking were Jim Cameron, Shelly Baldwin, and Galen Carter. The Spirit of God directed the services. Six young people were saved.

If you want a job well done, call on your youth.—Rev. Luther Cravens, pastor.

Akron District

On Friday, March 12, forty-five young adults gathered at the beautiful "Fountain Inn" at Lakeside, Ohio, for the first District Young Adult Retreat.

Rev. and Mrs. Carl Clendenen, Northwestern Ohio District superintendent and wife, acted as our retreat pastor and wife. God used Mr. Clendenen's messages on personal evangelism to stir our hearts.

Comments from pastors who sent young adults were enthusiastic as the spirit and message were carried back to the local churches.

Del and Doris Sanford of East Liverpool set the pace in the get-acquainted hour for the fellowship which enriched us all.

Jim Cochener, Columbiana, and Barbara Taylor, Akron, shared the devotional time, presenting thoughts which inspired us all toward closer Christian living.

It was our privilege to have our district N.Y.P.S. president and wife with us—Rev. and Mrs. Ed Eichenberger.

Tentative dates have already been secured for next year's retreat.—W. R. Scott, Director.

Idaho-Oregon District

The thirty-fifth annual District N.Y.P.S. Convention was held Friday, April 2, at Boise First Church. Dr. Paul E. Barnhouse of Nampa presided. Rev. Harry Evans of Baker, Oregon, was elected as the new president.

Some special features of the convention included teen and young adult vocal, instrumental, and speech winners of the district talent contest.

A tea was given for the Junior Fellowship directors by the district junior director, Mrs. Xarifia Shields, assisted by Mrs. Grady Cantrell.

Mr. E. Dee Freeborn directed the Nampa First Church Teen Chorale in the Friday evening service.

Bible quizzes of the district were selected to represent the district in the regional quiz. They were: Sherry Silves, Grant Lee, Cheryl Tally, Wilma Dudley, Pat Bartlett, and Lorenda Ouarde.

The host speaker, Miss Helen G. Wilson, dean of women at Northwest Nazarene College, spoke on the theme "Into the World—On to the World."

Rev. Jim Bond, Northwest Zone representative on the General N.Y.P.S. Council and pastor of College Church, Nampa, brought the devotional message on Saturday morning.

The conclusion of the convention was deepened by the spirit of dedication as Dr. I. F. Younger, superintendent of the Idaho-Oregon District, installed the new officers.—Fred M. Stiles, Reporter.

DISTRICT ACTIVITIES

Gulf Central Preachers' Convention

The annual preachers' convention of the Gulf Central District was held at Nazarene Bible College, Institute, West Virginia, March 31 to April 2. Rev. R. W. Cunningham and Rev. C. Bow- man were the host pastors, with District Superintendent Warren Rogers in charge.

Dr. George Coulter, general superintendent, Dr. Orville Jenkins, executive secretary of the Department of Home Missions, and Rev. H. Harvey Hendershot, district superintendent of West Virginia, brought inspiring and anecdote messages in the convention. One of the highlights was the Thursday night service when, subsequent to Dr. Coulter's message, several young people responded and the service closed on a high note of victory.

The convention closed with a Communion service on Friday morning. All those present were refreshed in spirit and ready to go forth to witness "in the power of the Spirit."—A. Winston Best, Reporter.

THE LOCAL CHURCHES

Evangelist Hugh Slater writes that he has a good date open in July, and also one in August, which he'll be glad to date with any pastor desiring his services. Also he has two good fall dates open. Write him, c/o Box 527, Kansas City, Missouri 64114.

Rev. Ralph W. Hertenstein writes:

"It is a privilege to serve as interim pastor of historic First Church, San Diego, California. Rev. Joseph F. Morgan had a tremendous ministry here during the past nineteen years, which included relocating and building a beautiful edifice. We have never found a more heroic group of laymen to carry on during these readjustment days. Rev. W. S. Hanna of Fort Worth, Texas, has been called, and will take charge in June. Mrs. Hertenstein and I are enjoying good days of victory; if this interim business continues, we will soon have as many interim as active pastors since we retired in 1960."

FLINT, MICHIGAN—Central Church enjoyed the finest April in many years. Our Sunday school averaged 417 for the last three Sundays and our morning worship attendance averaged well above this number. Members of the church expressed their love for the Kingdom by giving nearly seven thousand dollars during April. The spiritual life of the people increases from week to week, and we are thrilled with the progress as we face a challenging future and responsibility.—W. E. Varian, Pastor.

FAIRBANKS, ALASKA—Totem Park Church, our northernmost church, recently closed a fruitful meeting with Rev. Harold Gilliam, in which we witnessed several "brand-new" people being saved. Two young couples were genuinely converted at the altar, as well as other young people. Eight people were added to serve this church in membership, on profession of faith. The transition to this great north country has been a glorious experience, and God has opened to us a rich ministry among these warmhearted and dedicated people.—Raymond F. Griffith, Pastor.

BIBLE COLLEGE OFFERING

September 12, 1965

THE CHURCH cannot succeed by providing splendid training for select leaders unless it also provides adequate training for ordinary but dedicated men who will plant the church in areas requiring rugged cultivation. Many communities wait for warmhearted pastors with sufficient training to lead people of simple theology but eager hearts. We dare not have untrained ministers, but they need not all be trained for the same community or ecclesiastical situation. The Bible College must serve the church by making specialized training available to men who will serve these broad needs.

MILO L. ARNOLD
Member, Board of Control

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Ground was broken for the second time in less than two years for new building facilities in this city. A 2,800-square-foot educational building, centrally heated and air-conditioned, is the newest addition, to go along with the 2,400-square-foot present sanctuary and Sunday school area. In these two new facilities, the Sunday school has had a 70 percent increase in attendance, total money raised has tripled, and we are a 10 percent church, as well as receiving the evangelistic award both years. Pastor's salary is five times greater than when he came to the church two years ago. The revival fires continue to burn.—Reported.

Pastor W. R. Donaldson writes from Colorado Springs, Colorado: "The Palm Heights Church recently enjoyed a truly great revival with Evangelist and Mrs. Jesse Oakley. More than 300 people attended, and interest increased throughout the meeting. Although I have another year on an extended call, I am closing my ministry here at assembly time in July to school area. In these two new fields, I begin my first meeting July 25, and am now starting for 1966 and '67. Write me, c/o our Publishing House, Box 527, Kansas City, Missouri 64114."

GENEVA, OHIO—Five new members were added to the fellowship of this church on Easter Sunday, the close of a great revival. Their souls were carried through to victory in saving and sanctifying grace after hearing the dynamic messages of Evangelist Jesse Oakley. Moreover, the church was truly revived. This was the second power-filled revival Brother Oakley has held for us within the eighteen months of worship in our new building. Much credit is due our generous and sacrificing pastors, Rev. and Mrs. Ray K. Gwinn and family, for the continuing spirit of love that prevails.—Jewell Mote, Secretary.

Evangelist Glenn Slater writes: "I am happy to announce that beginning the spring of '66, my wife, Vera, will be traveling with me. I have travelled alone for the past three years, and shall be happy to have her accompany me. For more than six months we travelled together as an evangelistic team (preacher, singers, and musicians). We feel evangelism is our calling and will be glad to go anywhere the Lord may lead us—329, 22nd Street, Independence, Kansas."

THE BIBLE LESSON
By BRIAN L. FARMER
Topic for June 6:
David and Absalom

SCRIPTURE: II Samuel 15:1-9:19:10
(Prepared: II Samuel 15:10-18: 18:25, 31-33)

Golden Text: A wise son maketh a gladness; but a foolish son is the heaviness of his mother (Proverbs 10:1). Christ Jesus' favorite name for God was "Father." No word can express all there is to express about God, much less the things about Him we do not yet understand or may never understand. But Jesus called Him Father. The concept of fatherhood raised to its highest level says all we need about God appropriate to our human situation. As Father, Authority, and God is our great Benefactor.

David was an exemplary father to Absalom. When the son had to be resisted, the pain was greatest in the father's heart. Because this is always so to a true father, the duty of establishing a loving authority in the home is sometimes neglected. But though this particular negligence might evoke sympathy, it must be remembered that it is through parental firmness that a child learns to respect authority—to profit by discipline. Unfortunately, there is no unalterable law of cause and effect that if a father does his best in establishing a fair authority in his home, his children will inevitably learn the lesson. Absalom did not. And there are the delinquents today who are so obstinate, so wayward, and so resistant to the discipline. The truth is, against the usual rules for authority learned in early years stays with a person throughout his life.

David's love for Absalom, in spite of his own instruction and in spite of his own enforced resistance of his son, to the very end.

There is a text, "Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear him" (Psalms 103:13). Mankind needs God as Father; he needs the authority. Men and women are not equipped to ply their way through the stormy years of parenthood without order of God. And are not people coming slowly to realize this? They ache and have grown weary of plodding through the marsh of man's opinion; they need the sound foundation of an authoritative word—the Word of God. There are also times of distress when every human being needs someone to whom he might go. Just as David leaned for his son, so God longs to help his children. This need is expressed solely in the exercise of authority, but at least equally so in the provision of benefits for his children.

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**SHOWERS OF BLESSING**
Program Schedule

June 6—"Should I Make My Child Go to Sunday School and Church?" by Russell V. DeLong
June 13—"Both, Black and White, Dark and Bright Count," by Russell V. DeLong
June 20—"Twentieth Anniversary of 'Showers of Blessing,' " by Russell V. DeLong

Announcements

**RECOMMENDATION**

—Rev. Charles Davidson, an elder on our district, has announced his intentions to enter the field of evangelism full time. He is an excellent musician and singer, as well as a very able preacher. He can carry the music program, or both the music and preaching programs. I commend him to our churches. His address: 553 S. Goodrich, Fremont, Ohio.—Carl B. Clendenen, Superintendent of Northwestern Ohio District.

**MARRIAGES**

—Miss Donna Busey and Mr. Frank Lockmyre on March 20, at Fort Riley, Kansas.

—to Rev. Robert L. and Ramona (Davis) Willians of Edmond, Oklahoma, a son, Timothy Paul, on April 24.

—to Max and Arline Thomas of Glen Ellyn, Illinois, a son, Paul Brian, on April 23.

— to Rev. Wallace and Jeanette (Wilson) Cantrell of San Antonio, Texas, a daughter, Cheryl Kaye, on April 16.

—to Rev. Charles and Charlene (Smith) Acheson, of Delaware, Ohio, a daughter, Lou Sue, on April 12.

— to Rev. Lawrence and Martha (Carter) Williams of Bethany, Oklahoma, a son, Lawrence Paul, on March 27.

— to Rev. and Mrs. E. Keith Bottles of Bloomington, Illinois, a son, Mark Kent, on March 19.

—to Fred and Barbara (Youngman) Sablefeld of Chicago, Illinois, a son, David Fredrick, on March 17.

— to James and Helen (Burch) Hess of Roanoke, Virginia, a son, Gary James; on April 2, 1966.

**SPECIAL PRAYER IS REQUESTED**

by a reader in Ohio that she may get back to church, but hasn't been to church for a few years.

Nazarene Camps

June 7 to 11, Rocky Mountain District, in First Church, 4th Street, and Alderson Avenue, Billings, Montana: Workers: Dr. V. H. Lewis, Rev. Bert Daniels, Dr. Kenneth Stark, Professor Warner Tipperman, Rev. Alvin L. McGary, district superintendent.

June 21 to 27, Nebraska District, at the campgrounds, southeast Kearney, Nebraska: Workers: Rev. James T. Bohi, Dr. E. S. Phillips, Rev. B. Edgar Williams, Dr. Whitcomb Harding, district superintendent.

June 26 to July 4, Albany District, at the District Center, Brooksville, New York (eight miles north of Latham, Rt. 79, then 330 to White Church Road): Workers: Dr. Samuel Young, Rev. Paul Orlja, Rev. Charles Hastings Smith, Dr. Wm. Greenback, Dr. Daniel V. Dickson, Rev. Kenneth Pear­ dall, district superintendent.

June 27 to July 4, Alabama District, at the District Campgrounds, State Hi-way 96 West, Mill­ ville District, Alabama: Workers: Rev. B. D. Judd, district superintendent.

June 28 to July 4, South Carolina District, at Nazarene Campgrounds, near Batesburg, South Caro­olina, on Route 391: Workers: Dr. T. W. Williams, Dr. Edward Lawler, and the Dew Ruskings. Dr. Otto Stucki, district superintendent.

July 1 to 11, Hendersonville Nazarene Camp, Upward and Orchard Road, Hendersonville, North Carolina: Workers: Rev. Ralph Sexton, Dr. Lloyd B. Byron, Wally and Ginger Laxson, Rev. W. H. Gentry.


July 11 to 18, Oregon Pacific District, at Nazarene Campgrounds, near Bandon, Oregon, north canoe, on Route 126, five miles west of Portland, Oregon (follow S.E. 82nd Avenue to Lake Road). Workers: Dr. W. T. Purcell, Rev. J. C. Crabtree, Rev. James E. Kratz at family, Singer Paul W. McNutt, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hughes, Dr. W. D. McGraw, district superintendent.

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On Thursday morning, April 15, 1965, at 2:30 the Portage, Indiana, First Church of the Nazarene suffered major damage by fire of undetermined origin. The building, which was valued at $250,000, had just been completed and was ready for dedication May 9, 1965. It was primarily equipped with the most modern church furniture and built to accommodate a growing congregation in a choice location of a large subdivision.

Rev. W. E. Latham, the pastor, and Dave Miller, building committee chairman, had supervised the construction, which was considered the finest church in Indiana. A corps of 135 labor was donated by skilled craftsmen of the church congregation, keeping the cost at a minimum. Plans are made for work to be immediately started to restore the building.


July 23 to August 2, Canada Central District, Cedardale Camp, Pellicer, Ontario, Canada. Workers: Dr. B. Hicks, Dr. W. T. Purkiser, Professor James T. Beal, Miss Isobel Armstrong, Rev. A. E. Stanford, Miss Mary Wallace, Singer Karl Ward. Rev. Bruce T. Taylor, district superintendent.

July 26 to August 1, Florida District, Suswanee Campground, U.S. Highway 43, three miles north of White Springs, Florida. Workers: Dr. Lawrence W. K. Wright, Miss Dorothy B. Wells, Mrs. J. B. Bihl, Warren Whiting, Mrs. Mary Trissel. Dr. John L. Knight, district superintendent.

July 29 to August 8, Tri-District Camp, at Beulah Park, 1200 El Rancho Drive, Santa Cruz, California. Workers: Rev. Harold Daniels, Rev. Bert Daniels, Rev. Reuben Welch, Rev. Danny Steele, district superintendent.

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Deaths

REV. JOHN N. NIELSON

John N. Nielsen was born June 18, 1902, and died March 12, 1965. He was converted at eleven years of age. He joined the Church of the Nazarenes in 1928, and served as a Nazarene minister for fifty-one years. His service included twenty-eight years as pastor, sixteen years as evangelist, and seven years as district superintendent. He was the chairman of the Building Committee of the church and was ready for dedication May 9, 1965. It was fully equipped with the latest in building materials.

His pastor, Rev. Lloyd Gordon, writes: "Our church mourns deeply in the loss of our good friend. He will always be remembered as a genuine Christian, an outstanding Bible scholar, an able and effective preacher. No man we have ever known more perfectly embodied what we believe to be the ideal Christian. He lived as a saint in every sense of the word. And another said, "There is no more shining example of moral devotion and unselfish love than he displayed for his invalid wife for many years.

He is survived by his wife, Rev. Vura May Morris, and two sons. He was married three times, two wives preceding him in death. In 1942 he was united in marriage to Miss Lillian Callender, who worked faithfully for him.

Mr. Morris was held at the Concord Baptist Church of Brooklyn, Rev. Clarence C. Jacobs officiating, assisted by Rev. Randolph Holder, Rev. Leroy Skrede, Rev. Lawrence Jessamy, Rev. Jay Patterson, Rev. Eugene Nead, and Rev. Clifford Mathis. Eulogy by Rev. Jack Ward, district superintendent. Interment was in Cypress Hill Cemetery, Brooklyn, New York.

Directories

GENERAL SUPERINTENDENTS

HARRY C. POWERS

District Assembly Schedule

South Dakota ..... June 23 and 24

Michigan ........................................... July 14 to 16

Southwest Indiana .................................. July 22 and 23

Kentucky .................................................. August 12 and 13

North Carolina ........................................ August 26 and 27

Southwest Oklahoma .................................... September 8 and 9

G. B. WILLIAMSON

District Assembly Schedule

Nebraska ...... June 24 and 25

Southern Ohio ......................................... July 7 and 8

Michigan ...... July 28 to 30

Ohio ...................................................... August 25 and 26

Missouri ................................................. August 26 and 27

South Dakota .......................................... September 8 and 9

Joplin .................................................... September 15 and 16

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Conducted by W. T. PURKISER, Editor

What is "sinning against the Holy Ghost"?
Biblically, it is attributing to the devil the works of Christ done through the power of the Spirit, and is called "blasphemy" (Matthew 12:31; Mark 3:29). It is a sin for which there is no forgiveness, since it cuts the connection between the soul and God.

However, there are other sins against the Holy Spirit about which the Bible warns. Christians are urged not to "grieve the Holy Spirit of God" (Ephesians 4:30) and are told to "quench not the Spirit" (I Thessalonians 5:19).

The Bible tells us that the Israelites in the wilderness "vexed his holy Spirit" (Isaiah 63:10). The people in Stephen's day are described as "stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears," who did "always resist the Holy Ghost" (Acts 7:51).

In this area when church people get together they always act, in mockery, as if they were drinking and kid about having had their "nip," as they put it, before they come to the party. Another one of their favorite subjects is the works of Christ done through the Holy Spirit, as if they were drinking and kid about having had their "nip," as they put it, before they come to the party. Another one of their favorite subjects is yet seen too oft, familiar with her face, We first endure, then pity, then embrace.

Yet seen too oft, familiar with her face, We first endure, then pity, then embrace.

You should pray earnestly that the Lord would help you to take your stand, kindly but firmly, against such practices—not only as a matter of Christian conscience, but on the grounds of simple decency.

I Corinthians 12:13 says, "For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit." What baptism is this, with water or with the Spirit?

Inasmuch as the verse says neither "baptized with" the Spirit nor "baptized into" water, I take it in harmony with its context to mean the regenerating act of the Holy Spirit which places all believers in the body of Christ, the true and universal Church.

We are hearing so much about churches being united, and having just one church. One has even said it is according to prophecy in the Book of Revelation, and means the Roman church, but it will not be in our day. Is this correct, and just where is it found in the Book of Revelation?

A number of interpreters see Revelation 15, the second beast coming up out of the sea, as the church of Rome. Others, however, look upon the first beast as the Antichrist (yet to appear) and the second as the false prophet.

If there is one worldwide church organization, I am reasonably sure it will not emerge until after Christ returns for His own. I don't expect to be around after that.

Just be sure you do not accept any theory which would postpone Christ's return to a distant future, "not in our day." It is utterly false to allow uncertainty as to the day and hour of His coming to become certainty that it will not be soon.

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A Story-Note from...

Hi,

Here it is—summertime. Now we will have ☀️ and 🌸 and pretty 🌸🌸🌸 and maybe a vacation trip.

On a vacation Mom won’t have to 🍀 so much. Dad won’t have to work so hard, and you won’t be going to 🏠 each day.

BUT

when Sundays roll around, don’t forget to go to church and worship God—wherever you may be!

Love, ✨ Gloria

"O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the Lord our maker."

Psalms 95:6
Mrs. Grace Young Hospitalized
Mrs. Grace Young, wife of Rev. E. E. Young, principal of the Nazarene Bible College in Australia, underwent serious major surgery on May 4 in Thornleigh, Sydney, New South Wales.

Dr. Orville W. Jenkins, executive secretary of the Department of Home Missions, sends an urgent request for prayer for Mrs. Young.

Easter Offering Receipts Continue Ahead
Receipts at the end of the fourth week after the 1965 Easter Offering continue to run about $200,000 ahead of last year at the same time. The total on the twentieth business day was $1,248,708.54, General Treasurer John Stockton reported.

Bethany First in Two Forward Steps
The largest Easter offering ever received in Bethany First, $18,689, was followed one week later by the vote of the congregation (566 in favor to 10 opposed) to sell the present outgrown sanctuary to Bethany Nazarene College and to build a new sanctuary in the block just west of the present location.

Preliminary plans for the new sanctuary call for a seating capacity of 3,000, double that of the present facilities. The present sanctuary now serves the college as a chapel in addition to its use by the congregation.

Richmond Church to New Highs
The Richmond, California, Junior High Department has more than doubled in the past few weeks, according to a report from Pastor Hardy J. Powers. Attendance of twenty-one or twenty-two has reached new highs of fifty-four.

Mrs. Peggy Wells and Mrs. Toni Powers are the teachers. Mrs. Powers also serves as department supervisor.

Wesleyan Editor Heads Press Group
Dr. George Failing, editor of the Wesleyan Methodist, was named president of the Evangelical Press Association, and Dr. Byron S. Lamson, editor of the Free Methodist, was elected to the board of directors at the annual E.P.A. meeting in Chicago, May 10-12.

Dr. W. T. Parkiser, editor of the Herald of Holiness, spoke during the meeting on “My Heart for Editorial Work.” Also attending from International Headquarters were: Dr. H. T. Reza, Spanish Department executive secretary; Paul Miller, Conguest editor; Dick Neiderhiser, Young Adult Topics editor; Franklin Cook, World Missions Department; Ray Hendrix, of the Spanish Herald of Holiness; and Elen Rawlings, Herald of Holiness managing editor.

Police Close Spanish Adventist Church Primary School
ZARAGOZA, SPAIN (EP) —Spanish police have closed the primary school operated by the Adventist Christian church here, on the grounds that educational activities are forbidden by Protestant church groups.

Twenty-five parents of the children affected by the closure have protested the action to the Ministry of Education and asked recognition of their right to educate their children in accordance with their religious beliefs.

New College Formed by Merger of Azusa College and Los Angeles Pacific College
LOS ANGELES (EP) —Merger of Azusa College and Los Angeles Pacific College has been jointly announced by Dr. George L. Ford, president of Los Angeles Pacific College, and Dr. Cornelius P. Haggard, president of Azusa College.

The new school is to be known as Azusa Pacific College and will open on the present Azusa College campus (in the eastern part of the Los Angeles metropolitan area) in September, 1965.

This new venture in Christian education will be unique, the two explain, in that it will provide for a cooperative college sponsored by a number of denominations. Azusa College, founded in 1899, has for a number of years been jointly sponsored by the Evangelical Methodist church, Missionary Church Association, the Salvation Army, United Missionary church, and the Wesleyan Methodist church. Los Angeles Pacific College, founded in 1903 by ministers and laymen of the Free Methodist church, is one of the five senior colleges of the denomination. The merger of the two colleges brings together six Arminian-Wesleyan denominations in a cooperative college program with provision for the addition of other denominations.

Bill Would Grant Immunity to Pennsylvania Churches Against Damage Suits
HARRISBURG, PA. (EP) —Legislation to restore immunity from damage suits to hospitals, schools, churches, and other charitable institutions has been introduced in the Pennsylvania Senate.

The State Supreme Court recently ruled that such groups—attorneys believe the decision would include religious organizations—are not immune from legal action for neglect resulting in personal injuries or death. Earlier court rulings were the basis for the “immunity” previously accorded these institutions. Pennsylvania has not had a specific law on the issue.
Pro: Taking Sides

...The letter ("Pro and Con," April 7) suggested that if controversial subjects are presented in the Herald, opportunity should be made for presentation of both sides of the question. With this I do not disagree. However, the writer of the letter also says, "I believe you will agree that it is neither good nor fair for our people to take sides either way. The Herald should either stay out of controversial political issues or else deal with impartiality toward each side."

I do not "agree that it is neither good nor fair for our people to take sides either way." What if Christ had not taken sides on certain issues/issues which might be termed "political" but which He himself made controversial? Nazarenes may not all be on the same "side" of the question; after all, we see the situation from many locations and backgrounds. But if one of us believes the issue at hand carries with it moral significance, he has a real obligation to take a stand and to support his side.

I do not agree that "the Herald should either stay out of controversial political issues or else deal with impartiality toward each side." Although equal space can be made available to those who care to present another view, the editors of the Herald, like all Christians, are obligated not to conceal their opinions, if they believe the question at hand is of vital importance to their church, Christianity, our nation, or mankind.

Mrs. George Kline
Illinois

Con: Wasting the "Special" Herald

...In the process of moving into my new study I began uncovering at least a partial reason for my failure to arouse concern. Old Heralds, there they were, beautiful new copies of the special issues! Nearly all of them were there. Unopened cartons of 1900-61-62-63—and nearly all of the '64 copies. Among the unused Heralds were two years' issues of the Other Sheep, still sealed in the original shipping envelopes, bundles of them. . .

Here was God's money, unwisely spent, because that which was put-chased was not distributed. Here were those sacrificial dollars lying around mildewing and gathering dust. On my knees I promised God I would never be guilty of such negligence with sacrificed money. The light from these periodicals was placed under a bushel.

Some of these old papers will be put into service. I trust all of last year's special Heralds, and a few of the old ones that are still clean, will find a way into the harvest field. With much prayer and the help of our great God, we hope to set this church straight. Total participation in the program of our church, budgets and all, is our goal.

We dare not offer God's sacrificial dollars to the idols of indolence. We must buy the Heralds we need and use the Heralds we buy. When we use wisely our special issues, we will be able to sell our regular ones.

A Concerned Pastor
(name withheld)

Pro: Doctrine

...I should like to respond to a letter that appeared in the April 7 issue from a man in California. I am not criticizing him, but it seems to me that his statement that he is "too busy living" to bother with doctrinal articles points to one of the great problems in all the churches today. The laymen are too apathetic. First, your articles are commendable for their clarity and simplicity; and second, it is from theology that we derive our strength to live for Christ. It is only when we seek deeper understanding of our faith and apply that understanding to our lives that our witness through our lives becomes a vital one. Only then can our "light so shine before men. . . ."

Harold C. Cooper
Massachusetts

Con: Tobacco

God through Christ Jesus gave me victory over the tobacco habit in April, 1960. It was a victory that I had long tried for only to fail again and again. Out of gratitude to God for His deliverance I pledged that my family would from that point on give at least the same amount to world missions as the price of the tobacco I would still be using save for His grace. I used at least a carton of cigarettes a week. This presently amounts to $145 a year. It has been a great joy to place more than this amount this past five years in the offering plates of Lakeview Park Church.
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