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General Superintendent Lewis



the ENJOYABLE LIFE

No enjoyment, however inconsiderable, is confined to the present moment. A man is happier for life from having made once an agreeable tour, or lived for any length of time with pleasant people, or enjoyed any considerable interval of innocent pleasure." So wrote Sidney Smith.

How lasting the enjoyment of that wonderful hour when you found Christ as your Saviour! How pleasant the "agreeable tour" of the journey of life since then! The "pleasant people" of God with whom you have lived and whom you are now enjoying are priceless. The blessings of God have added to your "pleasure." It is indeed good to be a member of God's kingdom. I recall that Jesus spoke of the entwining of enjoyment with life. He said, "These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and

that your joy might be full" (John 15:11). He had been speaking of our living for Him and bearing fruit.

Indeed it is the "good life." It is the pleasant path. It is the way of peace and joy.

Another writer expressed it well: "Those who would enjoyment gain must find it in the purpose they pursue."

This foretells that the purpose of the Christian way brings rewards that are worthy of our best.

Since, as the Bible tells us, "the steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord," we know that it is an enjoyable journey through the life that is excellent in the will of God.

It takes the years with their experiences to add to the meaning of that wonderful day when we found Christ as Saviour and Lord. □

BBRIDGE BUILDING always has and always will be one of man's great accomplishments.

On Friday, March 16, I drove to Portland, Ore., to witness one of the mechanical wonders of the twentieth century—the lifting of the center section of the Fremont Bridge over the Willamette River.

This huge span is 902 feet long, 192 feet high, and weighs over 6,000 tons. It was the first time a span of this length and weight had ever been lifted to such a height.

The section was floated down the river on barges into the proper position. Then 32 long steel rods, each 4 inches in diameter, were fastened to the span, 8 at each corner. Each of these rods was clamped into a hydraulic jack on the girders 176 feet above.

Each of these jacks is capable of lifting 200 tons. They worked simultaneously and lifted the huge section 176 feet straight up from the water level.

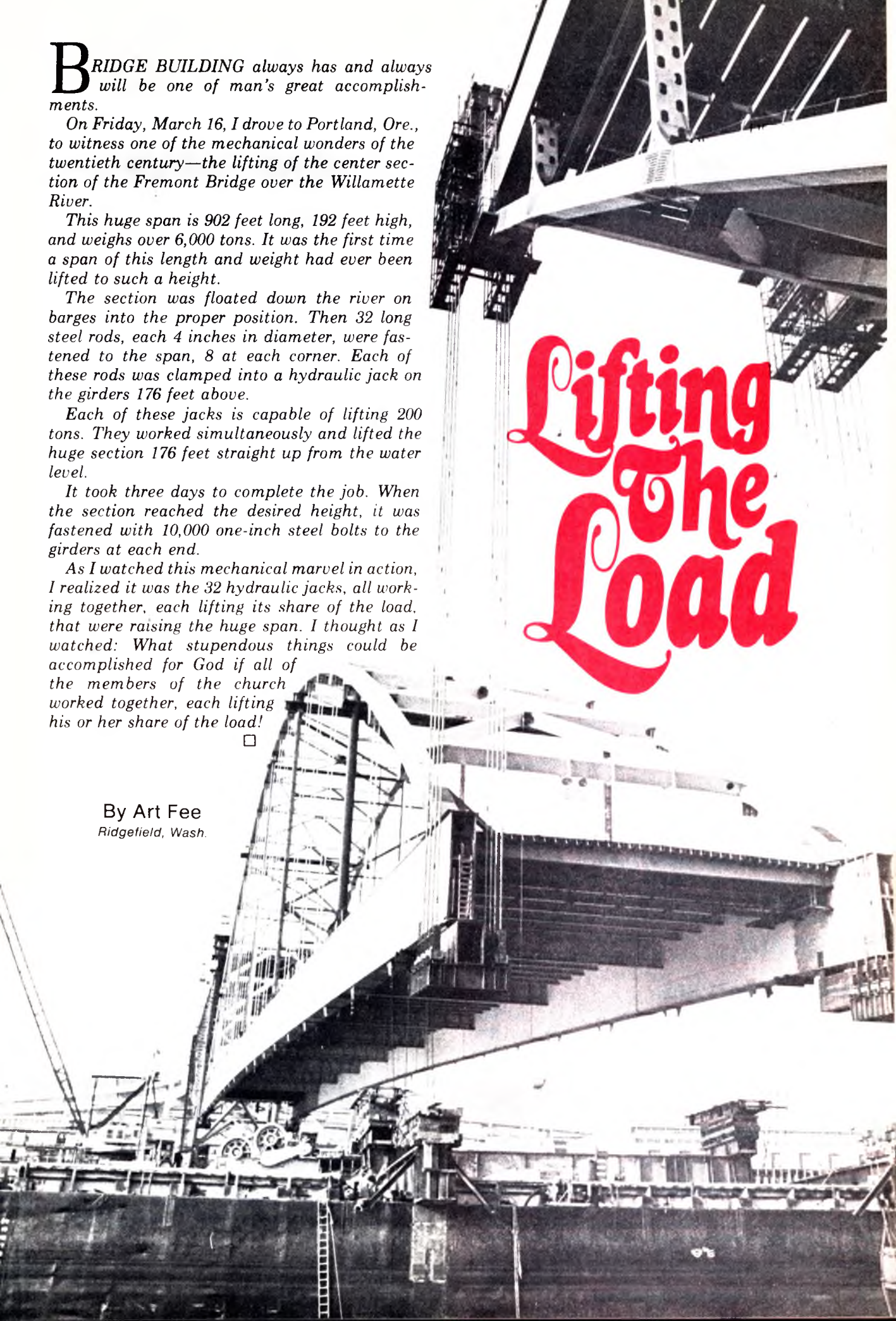
It took three days to complete the job. When the section reached the desired height, it was fastened with 10,000 one-inch steel bolts to the girders at each end.

As I watched this mechanical marvel in action, I realized it was the 32 hydraulic jacks, all working together, each lifting its share of the load, that were raising the huge span. I thought as I watched: What stupendous things could be accomplished for God if all of the members of the church worked together, each lifting his or her share of the load!

□

By Art Fee
Ridgefield, Wash.

Lifting The Load



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JUST AROUND THE BEND

*I'm getting near the summit now,
Close to my journey's end;
And looking back, I thank Thee, God,
For all that Thou didst send!*

*For every stormy wind that blew
Across my changing way;
For faith that held me in its clasp,
Secure both night and day;*

*For valleys deep I had to cross,
Some hard to understand,
But none so rough but I could feel
The pressure of Thy hand;*

*For bright plateaus of peace, where I
Could pause to rest awhile,
To worship, and to gain new strength
To climb another mile;*

*For golden opportunities
To share this priceless treasure
Of Thy dear love with other hearts—
That joy no scale can measure!*

*I know not now how far it is
Before my journey's end,
But I think I hear the harps of God—
Just around the bend.*

Alice Hansche Mortenson
Racine, Wis.

AN EASY WAY?

*So easy, Lord, to follow—
When the tables are all spread
With food in fine abundance,
And everyone is fed!*

*So easy, Lord, to follow—
As palm leaves they proudly bring,
Preparing a royal welcome
To honor You as King!*

*So easy, Lord, to follow—
With applause and loud acclaim,
As the ailing are relieved
Of their suffering and pain!*

*So easy, Lord, to follow—
With the massive throngs of men!
But up Calvary's rugged mountain . . .
Where was the great crowd then?*

*Easy, Lord? Not always!
Nor could it ever be,
When such a price as Calvary
Was gladly paid by Thee!*

Geraldine Nicholas
Scarborough, Ontario, Canada

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DON'T JUDGE A DAY BY ITS WEATHER

LAST SUMMER while on vacation my husband and I were guests for a week-end in the home of friends. This was a Christian home, a home where the reading of God's Word and family prayer had priority. Even though many demands were made on this couple's time, God came first.

My husband had had serious surgery about six months before our trip. The surgeon had given us permission to take this trip, providing we adhered to his instructions. I found myself in a depressed condition, even though I knew the many times God had seen us through hard places in the past. Still the enemy of my soul tried to keep me from praising God for what He could do and was doing for us.

There were two children in the home, a little boy six and one-half years of age, and a girl eight.

There were two incidents that happened in our brief visit that really routed the enemy of my soul. Now, whenever I feel the least bit discouraged, I am able to point to the lessons learned there, praise God again, and tell the enemy to "get behind me."

The second morning was one of those gloomy, dark, intermittently rainy days. It was also the morning for the little eight-year-old girl to say grace. This was her prayer: "We thank You, God, for this beautiful day and for our food. Amen."

Thinking that the child was just praying out of habit, the matter really slipped my mind until later in the day. The rain continued and the little girl sat alone in the den. I thought

about the morning prayer, and said, "Carol June, I don't quite understand what you meant this morning when you thanked God for a beautiful day. The weather is anything but beautiful."

With spiritual understanding that astounded me, she replied, "Oh, don't you know you must never judge a day by its weather?"

As evening came on and rain caused the darkness of night to cast shadows early, the father reminded the little boy to take care of his chore (putting the milk bottles out on the porch). I watched him as he took a step or two outside the door and then came back.

His father asked, "Bobbie, why didn't you put the bottles on the porch?"

The little fellow looked up at his father, fear showing on his round little face, and said, "It's too dark to go out there without a father."

His father took his hand and walked with him to the porch, and all fear was gone from the child's face as he came into the room.

When troubles and disappointments come into our lives, when confusion is all about us, when the stormy rains beat upon us, when the darkness seems to envelop us, isn't it comforting to know that our Heavenly Father stands ready to accompany us into the night, and that we do not have to "judge a day by its weather"?

Regardless of the weather outside, our days can be filled with God's sunshine. And regardless of the night, God does not want us to venture out alone. □

— By Katherine Bevis, *Houston, Tex.*



remaining carnal nature.” She testified publicly that she was frightened and utterly defeated in personal witnessing until after she received the baptism with the Holy Spirit. Then, she said, she had the power and courage to witness effectively.

Isn’t this precisely what Jesus prescribed? “Tarry . . . until ye be endued with power from on high” (Luke 24:49). “But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me” (Acts 1:8).

In his sermon “Filled with the Spirit,” Hyles said, “Oh, that is the need, my dear friends! ‘Be filled with the Spirit.’ Whatever you call it, get it! We have argued long enough. We have fussed long enough. The time has come to bury our petty

Power to Witness ~

TRAINING for personal evangelism is important. But training without divine empowerment is inadequate and often results in halfhearted, hit-and-miss, feeble and fearful, and even carnal efforts and methods to reach and win souls. We must have power from on high if we are to have more positive and permanent results in personal witnessing and soul winning.

Jesus gave His disciples a three-year course in discipleship and soul winning; yet they flunked the test when the going got rough, until after Pentecost.

Rev. Frank McConnell, veteran pastor, evangelist, and soul winner, told our local congregation, “The reason you don’t reach more people for Christ and the church is that you are afraid of people.”

Dr. Jack Hyles, who has personally witnessed to thousands, says essentially the same thing in his book *Let’s Go Soul Winning*. He believes that one reason why many Christians don’t witness is that they are afraid the person to whom they desire to witness will think they are some kind of nut. In other words, many Christians are influenced more by what people think than by what Christ thinks and commands.

Rev. Mrs. Maggie Crawford, a sound holiness preacher now gone to heaven, called this “the old man-fearing spirit, a pronounced trait of the

differences and pray for the power of God. As the prophet of old said, it is ‘not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts’ (Zech. 4:6). While we argue our theological differences and our petty differences and our pet doctrines, there is a world that perishes without God and plunges on its mad way to Hell because we—Christians, preachers, singers, musicians, leaders and teachers—are powerless and void of the energy of the Holy Spirit of God!”

This experience is not new to us Nazarenes—or is it? Could it be that many of us have taken the baptism of the Holy Spirit for granted, since it is a cardinal doctrine of our church from our founding? Could it be that some of us have grieved the Holy Spirit out of our lives and are now powerless to witness and win souls? Or is it possible that perhaps some of us may have claimed innocently but erroneously to be “sanctified wholly” without actually experiencing the power-enduing baptism with the Holy Ghost?

Dr. P. F. Bresee in his *Sermons from Matthew’s Gospel* wrote: “Here is the great battlefield. . . . The devil has found out a stronghold where he has massed his forces along the line of Pentecost. If he can keep men and women from the baptism with the Holy Ghost, he not only keeps them from power in the work of God, but he has an alliance with carnality and the world to crush out spiritual life and leave them as so

much impediment in the way of the work of the Lord." Also he stated, "Multiplication by any process but by the power of the Holy Ghost may mean numbers but not strength, the register of a graveyard and not a living army."

And now for the plus! The baptism with the Holy Ghost produces power to witness *plus* purity of affections, aspirations, and motives. Heart purity, if you please! (See Acts 15:8-9.) Purity within bears the fruit of Christian love, compassion, forgiveness, patience, willingness to suffer for Christ's sake, and perseverance in demonstration of the power of the abiding Holy Spirit within.

Just a moment ago my phone rang. One of our

about it," said he.

"Wonderful!" said I, "but who was the first person to know about it?"

"I was!" he replied, and went on to tell me about it. He had been seeking and even fasting for days. Now he was rejoicing. This is always the way it works. When one is baptized with the Holy Ghost, he is the first person to know about it, but he is always anxious to tell others also.

Are training and instructions in soul winning necessary? Absolutely! But it was only after Pentecost, when the disciples were baptized with the Holy Ghost, that they went forth boldly witnessing and winning souls.

This can and must be the possession and prior-



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new converts on the other end of the line inquired, "Preacher, what are you doing?"

"Writing," I replied. "What are you doing?"

"I just got baptized with the Holy Ghost and wanted you to be the second person to know

ity of every Christian in our day. "For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call" (Acts 2:39). □

— by Leslie Wooten, *Decatur, Ill.*

PEN POINTS

"THIS IS THE BEST OF ME!"

When Francisco Bernadone—later Francis of Assisi—was convalescing after a severe illness, he experienced an inspired hour in which he knew he must give up the quarrelsome life of most of the people he knew, and lead a life of love. Out of a new vision a saint was born.

Sometimes such moments come in times of excitement. Evangeline Booth as a young girl could not resist the thrill of singing hymns and shaking a tambourine. When she saw her father, brothers, and sisters calling themselves Salvationists and gladly enduring ridicule, she wanted to be a part of it too. One day in great excitement she ran to her mother and said: "Mama, I want to live the life."

At 13, Evangeline was in uniform, and until the age of 74 she lived by the light given to her at her moment

of clear awareness.

Sir Edward Elgar recognized his supreme hour when he was inspired to compose "The Dream of Gerontius." In a letter to a friend he wrote: "This is the best of me. For the rest, I ate, and drank, and slept, and loved, and hated, like any other . . . but this I saw and knew; this, if anything of mine, is worth your memory."

How shall we interpret our luminous hours? "While ye have light, believe in the light." When we recognize ourselves at our best, in this time of spiritual darkness, our lives could each glow like a living flame.

Marjorie Wilkinson
Ancaster, Ontario, Canada

**I CRINGED WHEN I HEARD
ONE GRANDPARENT RIGHTEOUSLY
DECLARE THAT SHE HAD INFORMED
HER GRANDDAUGHTER SHE COULD
NEVER ENTER HER HOME AGAIN
UNTIL SHE STRAIGHTENED UP.**

"LORD, Save My Child!"

By Mrs. B. Edgar Johnson
Kansas City, Mo.

This cry from heartbroken parents is heard often in our churches (and our parsonages) these days. We share the burden with those whose children have forsaken the faith, become rebellious, and in general messed up their lives.

Although we still maintain home influence to be the strongest factor in a child's life, admittedly home influence has been weakened because our children spend more and more time under the influence of school, their peers, TV—and even the numerous church activities subtract from the child's homelife.

The greatest heartache for a parent is to have a child fail to follow Christ. In our distress we may become trapped in some pitfalls.

First, there is a tendency to place blame. We usually begin by blaming ourselves. Where did we fail? How did we go wrong?

Then we start sorting through the past and find all manner of areas where we feel we may have failed. Most of us can look back and see

where we could have—and possibly should have—done differently in many ways. But to persist in this blame will ultimately crush us under a load of remorse.

One troubled parent found herself constantly echoing the words of David, "O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom!" substituting the name of her own wayward child. Believing she must have failed, she'd plead, "Lord, lay not *my* sins [failures] to her charge!"

Days and weeks of this blame brought on such a sense of failure and depression that Satan was able to block any active faith in behalf of the daughter.

This self-blame is a natural response. But—justified or imagined—there is no redemption in continued remorse, for either the lost child or the distraught parent.

Perhaps you *have* been too permissive, or too rigid, or too involved. Of course you will shed bitter tears and ask forgiveness for the failures—if indeed they were.

But there comes a time when you must *accept* God's forgiveness and *cease* blaming yourself.

One grief-stricken mother kept telling God that she would be willing to go to hell—be lost herself, never see the face of her Lord—but the child must be saved.

This sounds, at first, like real intercession, but this mother discovered that in her case she was actually putting her child before her own relationship with God.

The Lord reminded her that “he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.”

She came to the place where she could say, “Lord, You are first in my life. If my child is lost eternally, my love and desire to serve and glorify You are primary.” This is a part of real commitment.

Again, we may blame someone else. Maybe we blame circumstances, an erring Sunday school teacher, the child's peers, the school.

Undoubtedly there were persons and circumstances that did contribute to the downfall. We must pray through these too. Until we can forgive, relinquish all bitterness, all blame, we cannot pray in true love and faith.

Another reaction is to censure the child. We must not nag or “preach” or “sic” others on him. Some who do not dare approach their children any longer repeatedly entreat others to talk to them, beg the pastor to confront them, or “trick” them into situations where they will be “cornered.” To harangue and criticize only serves to reinforce the barriers.

The experience of one of the prominent radio preachers has been of help to many. The minister's son had rebelled against God, and as is natural, the father took every opportunity to admonish the boy.

One day, after they had been playing golf together, as they returned to the car, the concerned father again started to press the claims of Christ upon the boy.

His son turned viciously upon him and exclaimed, “Dad, will you get off my back!”

The stunned father, in a flash of insight, realized that he had done all he could do, said all he could say, and in that moment he relinquished the boy to God completely. He answered quietly, “All right, Son, I'm off your back. I'll never mention God or your soul to you again. You know how I feel, and that I'm praying, but from this hour I'm turning you over to God. You're in His hands now.” And he meant it.

Sometime later, of his own accord, the son called from the university in a distant city and asked if he could come home and enroll in a

Christian college. Today he is in service for God.

I saw this very thing work in the home of one of my friends. God cannot answer our prayers until we commit the situation to Him.

Finally, we must show acceptance and love to the child. I cringed when I heard one grandparent righteously declare that she had informed her granddaughter she could never enter her home again until she straightened up. She completely severed her lifeline by that ultimatum.

GOD CANNOT REACH OUR UNSAVED CHILDREN THROUGH US UNTIL WE FULLY COMMIT THEM TO HIM.

More than once my mother told me, “Daddy and I trust you to the end of the world, but *if* you should ever get in trouble of any kind (even though it would hurt us deeply), come to us—we will stand by you.”

Again, I remember her saying, “You know how we want you to marry a Christian and have a Christian home, but should you determine in spite of everything to marry outside our approval, never, never run away. We will give you the nicest wedding we can.”

We felt secure in their love. We knew we could break their hearts, but never exhaust their love, or forfeit their acceptance.

One lady testified that the Lord showed her that in a given situation she had been “righteous, but not right.” I thought this through, and learned something. Some parents need to reverse their “legalism” and ask forgiveness of their children, renew their acceptance and love, before they can hope to win the children. (This does not mean to condone evil practices in the home, but to demonstrate real love to the sinful child.)

God cannot reach our unsaved children through us until we fully commit them to Him. This is harder sometimes than it appears on the surface. As long as we are blaming ourselves, or the child, or others, we have a clogged channel. We must climb above the blame, above the sense of failure, above the criticism, until in perfect love we can place the son or daughter in the hands of God—and trust.* □

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The day was dazzlingly bright. The whole landscape was robed in snow, new-fallen in the night. The sun had come out in cloudless splendor, a molten silver disk in a polished dome. When the eyes adjusted to it, one could see almost forever. There was not a cloud, not an obstacle, not a bit of dust from horizon to horizon.

From the unlimited temple of the out-of-doors we stepped into the church with its soft lighting and muted colors. Suddenly we felt nearly blind, groping for a bit almost as sightless persons. However our eyes soon adjusted and the sanctuary was full of light, soft, friendly, worshipful. God made human eyes adjustable to varying situations.

We walked into a home where the light of companionship and affection had shone brilliantly for many years. Devotion and closeness had filled the house with brightness while chil-

dren had grown and married. Now the lovely sun of life's Indian summer had warmed and blessed the aging couple.

Suddenly, however, the wife and mother found herself alone. Without a moment's warning death took the devoted husband and father. The dazed companion felt herself suffocated in the sudden gloom. It seemed to her that the whole world was dark.

How wonderful it is that God made the eyes of the inner person adjustable, too! At the first it seemed the light had all gone out, but in time new sight will push back the gloom. Adjusted eyes will see beauty even through tears.

None of us live in sunshine all the time. Life has its brilliant suns and its sudden shadows. We pass from moments of undiluted joy to times of concentrated grief.

By Milo L. Arnold, *Colorado Springs*

Thank God, however, He gave us eyes which can adjust if given time and opportunity. We may grope for a bit, but God's healing miracle will enable our eyes to see clearly. There is still plenty of light. It is only a problem of finding a new focus for our eyes.

The eyes of our minds, our souls, our inmost beings undergo some shock when we pass into some of life's sudden darknesses. It is frighteningly dark for a bit.

But when faith gives God a chance and courage enables us to lift up our eyes, there will be light. It may be a bit more subdued for a time, but it may also show us the lovely things close by which we have not seen in clear focus before.

In this disciplined light, love can see things long overlooked. Memory can bring out its finest gems. Blessings long unnoticed are newly dis-

covered.

Sometimes rooms are most beautiful when the lights are less glaring. So with life, some beauty is seen best when shadows shut out distracting things.

It is hard to walk by faith when darkness suddenly grasps us in its painful grip. It takes a bit of time and a lot of courage, but God made humans with eyes to fit the light they have.

Unfortunately some people refuse to adjust their eyes to times of shadow and make themselves needlessly blind.

If we allow Him to, God will help us focus our eyes to see the very close things we have failed to see when our world was bigger and more brilliant. It may be better sometimes to pray for trained vision rather than perpetual sunshine. □



SAINT UNDER CONSTRUCTION

A defendant in a hard-fought civil case who had pleaded "Not Guilty" changed his plea to "Guilty" toward the end of the trial.

He explained to the surprised judge, "I thought I was innocent, but at that time I had not heard all the evidence against me."

This humorous incident points out the tendency in human nature to be blind to one's faults.

Reality to any person is how he perceives it. If one cannot see his faults, he assumes he is innocent. But like the defendant, this "innocence" can be challenged by external, verifiable data. When the evidence is in, the plea must be changed to "Guilty."

God's Word has the capacity to clearly reveal man as he is. It shows one that he is not as he perceives himself to be. That is why we must continuously expose ourselves to the searching truth of the Bible. If we follow the tendency of human nature, we will become blind to our faults and our needs. If we expose ourselves to the Word, it is like seeing ourselves in a high-quality, well-polished mirror, revealing us as we really are.

It is not God's purpose merely to prove us wrong. Rather, He seeks to make us right after we have seen our wrong.

God has no finished saints on earth. On each of His children hangs a sign which says, "Saint Under Construction."

Converts are made in an instant, but it takes longer to make a saint. This is because making a saint is a joint effort between God and the Christian. On the part of the Christian it takes openness to one's need and the willingness to improve. On the part of God it takes the searching of His Word and the leading of His Spirit.

It is a mistake to assume that Christian maturity is attained simply by the passing of time. It is achieved by an earnest desire to see ourselves as we are and a determination to become what God wants us to be. That takes time and much effort. It also takes grace, much grace.

Let us expose ourselves to God's Word, so that we may see ourselves as He sees us, in order that we may become what He wants us to become. □

COMMITMENT



COMMUNICATION

By Tom Nees,
Washington, D.C.

Following a message on the possibilities of sanctification, one of our finest laymen and a personal friend felt free to confess to a spiritual battle. He admitted that in the recent past he had been tempted to question his commitment, wondering whether or not he was sanctified after all. But as he said, "I have come to see that my problem is not commitment but communication."

We agreed that sanctification is maintained and developed through definite spiritual disciplines. It begins with commitment, but is retained through communication.

An analogy from marriage may help explain how commitment and communication relate to spiritual life. It is quite easy to get married. But marriage statistics indicate it is rather difficult to stay married, at least happily married. It doesn't necessarily follow that two people who commit themselves to marriage with sacred vows will achieve harmony together. Marriage begins with an unconditional commitment. Once made, this commitment must lead to a lifetime of growth if marriage is to be compatible.

So with sanctification. It begins with commitment. Without unconditional commitment to God, sanctification is impossible. But once made, the life of holiness depends on communication.

What would happen if two people married and from then on refused to speak to one another? What happens at home, the office, school, or elsewhere when people don't communicate? Relationships break down.

In marriage the problem is not usually commitment but communication. When people

seek marriage counseling they are not advised to repeat the vows again. They may be reminded of their prior commitment, but if the problem is with communication, time is spent in an attempt to restore relationship through communication.

It is quite easy to answer the question of commitment. Are you married or not? Are you committed to God? The answer is either yes or no and most people can answer with little trouble. If the answer is yes, sanctification can become a daily reality through the disciplines of prayer, study, and worship.

A recent issue of *Christianity Today* carries an article asking: "What's Happening to Prayer?" It begins: "Do you pray regularly each day? Can you honestly say that personal communion with God is a vital factor in your life? If so, you are probably an exception among today's church members."

In my own experience, relationship with God relates directly to such communion. My spiritual life either develops or disintegrates, dependent upon my faithfulness with the daily disciplines of prayer and meditation.

People in spiritual need have often supposed their problem to be lack of commitment. If so, of course, that needs to be settled. For many, though, the need is communication with God, and no amount of committing and recommit-

helps to holy living

ting solves the problem.

It is as though a couple threatened by divorce should keep asking to be remarried. It doesn't hurt to occasionally be reminded of the vows, but repetition of what marriage ought to be will not produce harmony until communication begins.

Spiritual communication is a practical issue. It is a matter of will and discipline. We can be open to God by accepting some basic daily spiritual disciplines.

1. Set aside a certain amount of time each day. From 15 to 30 minutes on the average is possible for most people. This time will become as important as any other obligation of the day. Priorities must be reordered around this quiet time or days will pass without communication with God.

2. After a few moments spent gathering one's thought, the time will usually begin with meditation on scripture. It is best to take just a few verses for an entire week. Take no more than can be memorized or sufficiently internalized so that every thought becomes familiar. There are other times to read whole chapters or books, but for the time of meditation a few meaningful verses with one central thought will do.

3. Pray. What can be said about prayer? It is like the advice given at a writers' conference.

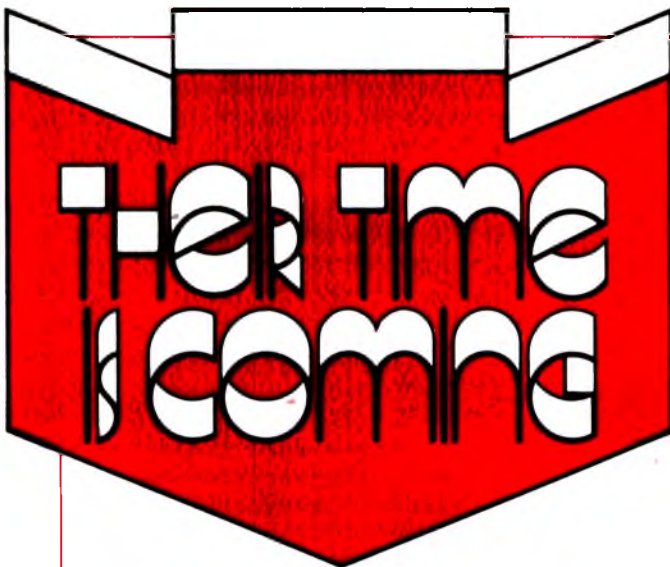
After several hours of instruction we were finally told that if we would become writers, we must start writing.

So with prayer. As one prays, the capacity for concentration in prayer increases. Some will want to keep a prayer list. Prayer will develop into communication as natural and life-centered as conversation with friends and family.

An additional discipline is the keeping of a spiritual journal. This practice was common in days past. Our rushed life-style leaves little time for this kind of reflection. It is not necessary to keep a diary of daily activities. At the close of the day just put down a few thoughts about spiritual growth or need. It may be helpful to record the thoughts and insights which come through meditation and prayer.

For several weeks now this friend and I have joined with others who together have decided to accept these disciplines and be somewhat accountable for our spiritual growth.

Our daily routines are different—a pastor, a research Ph.D. in biophysics, an air force officer, a local policeman, a computer executive, an attorney, and others—yet our spiritual needs are quite the same. The disciplines of prayer and meditation have drawn us closer to God and resulted in more realistic expectations of each other. □



My father and mother supported my brother, my sister, and me through Bethany Nazarene College, including two years when we were all there at the same time, and they were not even Nazarenes.

They lived comfortably and independently. They did not reject God as much as

— By Merrill S. Williams, *Olathe, Kans.*

they neglected Him. Most Sunday mornings would find them worshipping in a respectable Protestant church. Yet life was marked by emptiness.

But like fresh air pervading a stuffy room the Holy Spirit was diffusing His presence throughout their hearts.

We had prayed for their conversion consistently during nine years. Many Saturday nights their names were spoken before God in the prayer meeting at Britton Church of the Nazarene in Oklahoma City.

There was never any embarrassing pressure from either the pastor or the congregation, but my parents sensed a genuine love and a caring concern from some of God's best people. They attended once, either Sunday morning or Sunday night, each series of revival services the church conducted. During those years the Holy Spirit was weaving divine truth into the meaningless and empty patchwork of their existence.

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The crisis came February 11, 1973, the closing Sunday morning service of revival week. They were both present. When the speaker invited people to come forward to receive Jesus Christ into their hearts as Saviour, no one responded. The service was dismissed, and the people were leaving.

As I stood near the back of the church talking with a member, Mother approached me as naturally as she ever had. I was not aware of the supernatural activity occurring within her hungering heart.

Unexpectedly she began to cry. Not knowing what to do, I waited until she could speak before I said anything. As I looked at her questioningly she finally said through tears, "I'm just not sure that He is really in my heart."

Joyfully I realized God was finally answering the prayers of years.

"There is no reason why we can't pray now, this morning, and ask Him to let you know for sure that He has come to live in your heart," I said. "There are still people here who want very much to pray with you."

As she nodded her consent, I asked several people to pray with us who had prayed for her privately over the years and who counted her as their friend. When Mother finished praying that day, Christ had replaced the emptiness in her heart with the fullness of life.

But the Holy Spirit had more in store for our family.

During these events I fearfully wondered how my father was reacting. Would he be antagonistic or assenting?

When Mother rose from her knees, Dad stood smiling and put his arms around her. Still, I was unsure how he felt in his heart.

March 10, 1973, my answer came ringing across telephone lines from Oklahoma City to my home in Kansas City. My twin brother was speaking. "Last Sunday night Daddy stepped forward at the close of the service and received Jesus Christ into his life."

Momentarily I wondered if my ears were telling me the truth. After so many years had my father finally consented to become a Christian? Yes, it was true!

The combination of prayer, fellowship, and the ministry of the Holy Spirit acted like leaven in a loaf of bread, causing Mother and Dad to turn completely around and start walking on the Way.

Never despair in praying for those you love.

Their time is coming. □

ANDREA JEANICE LaDUE was born on Friday, February 23, 1973, at 9 a.m.

She weighed 7 pounds and 11 ounces, as reported by the staff of the Vassar Brothers Hospital, Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

At first her father, Glenn LaDue, a godly young man who serves in numerous positions at the Church of the Nazarene, Fishkill, N.Y., was buoyant with excitement over the birth of his third child; that is, until the doctor informed both him and his good wife, Marilyn, that their newly born baby girl had hyaline membrane disease as well as jaundice.

The LaDues' other two girls had been born in perfect health. Naturally, the parents had hoped for the same for this new child. But such obviously was not the case. They could see the baby breathing heavily with 80 to 100 breaths each minute, the repeated force slowly exhausting her small body.

Later in the morning the doctor explained to the parents: "The staff has checked your daughter three times recently and she is slowly worsening."

The baby received excellent, round-the-clock care in the nursery unit of Vassar Hospital. Nevertheless, there seemed to be no signs of improvement.

On the following Sunday morning, February 25, the secretary of the Cradle Roll department of the Fishkill church was asked in the worship service to kneel at the sanctuary altar for the minister to anoint her with a drop of oil in accord with James 5:13-15.

The secretary, Mrs. Thomas Hunt, knelt before the Father in place of the baby who was lying in the isolette unit of the nearby hospital. As the pastor prayed, the entire congregation prayed also in intercession for both this little life and for her parents:

"We will be certain to ask, Father, that Thy will be done. For we would not want to presume infinite knowledge concerning this situation.

"We simply tell You that we believe with all of our hearts that You can heal this little baby girl. We have no doubts about that whatsoever. We are *not* lacking in our faith.

"At the same time, if it would be Your perfect will to have this baby girl be our



GOD'S MIRACLE TOUCH

ambassador to heaven, to precede us into the land of light, then that would be *our* will also.

"But if it would be your perfect plan to *touch* this little life with a miracle by the presence of Your Holy Spirit, then we would be most pleased. And we would be

certain to give to *Your holy name* all the praise and glory."

The pastor concluded by reading scripture to the congregation from 1 John 5:14, a verse of instruction as to how to pray in such situations: "And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us."

For five days Andrea Jeanice kept up her heavy breathing of 80 to 100 depressions each minute. One wondered how that little chest would take it!

During this time the congregation continued to intercede on behalf of the circumstances . . . in private prayer, at gatherings at family altars, in Bible study groups throughout the community, even in groups led by Christians of other denominations. Phone calls kept coming in to the parsonage asking for the latest word concerning the baby's condition.

"She is a very sick baby," the doctor told Glenn and Marilyn on Tuesday.

For five days she had "held her own." But on Wednesday there was a noticeable change for the better. In fact, by Wednesday evening both the parents were allowed into the nursery to hold her in their arms. It was on that Wednesday, February 28, that this anxious mother and father were able to rock their Andrea Jeanice for the first time.

When that news was told at the midweek service in the church, praise to God's holy name lifted from the lips of the worshipers. Sunlight was in sight!

The next Sunday morning, March 4, the doctor called early to the LaDue home and said simply, "You can come to pick your baby up. Your baby is just fine."

Such praising God! Such thanksgiving to the Father! Such relief in gratitude that went up from the morning congregation gathered together in the sanctuary! We had witnessed a *miracle* of God's care and His healing power. Not only had a baby girl been touched, but so had *we*.

So we rededicated our lives, every one of us, to live out our days in the perfect plan of the Almighty God. It had become a day of new victory for all of us and the newness of it, the freshness of it all, felt so good! □

by J. Grant Swank, Jr., Fishkill, N. Y.

THE ECONOMY OF THE QUICK WAY

The man who fell from the burning building wasn't really shot, and the building wasn't really burning. It was all a part of the modern movie producers' art to save money by using facades. Gas jets provided the flames. The slain desperado was a stunt man.

Facades provide enormous economic savings for show business. Besides, prepared storefronts are always there to be used over and over again. It is the economy of the quick way.

We often employ the same principles ourselves. The housewife sweeps the dirt into a nearby closet; we take the shortcut to our destination and get bogged down on a muddy road.

Once this writer dug a ditch to lay cement pipe. The ground was hard and dry. He took the "quicky" route, and dug it only two feet deep. Climate in this country requires four feet. Sure enough, the pipeline froze up hard the first winter. It was the "economy" of the quick way.

Movie producers can bet by operating on the "quicky" scale. But plays are only "put on." True life happens to be a rock-and-gravel thing. Jesus said something important about digging deep to lay the foundation for the house of personal character (Matthew 7:24 ff.).

The policy of "hurry up and get it done," however, is actually more time-consuming and expensive in the long run than the orthodox way of doing it right in the first place.

Take my ditchdigging, for example. The few short weeks that the line was used did not compensate for the many hours of hard work in digging the ditch. Later I dug up the line, and relaid it—this time four feet deep!

A quick way to get rich has ruined many an aspiring young businessman.

But let us not scrap the whole idea of "the economy of the quick way." There's another side to the question.

The electric light that was turned on to read this article is an economy of quickness and convenience. It beats lighting an oil lamp. When you turn on the water faucet for a clear, cold drink of water, you are operating on the principle of quick economy.

Chicagoans don't object to getting to Denver in one hour and 20 minutes by jet airplane. One hundred ten years ago it took their forebears all summer to make it—and they were lucky if they got there with all the hair on their heads!

Then where do we distinguish? In one instance we seem to be realizing powerful benefits by doing an insignificant thing like pressing a light button. In another we find ourselves frustrated and disappointed because we chose the wrong method of digging a ditch! Is this all double-talk, or is there a way to discover a sound and well-established system which offers genuine fruits of satisfaction, yet operates on the instantaneous principle?

There's a way to tell. That way is to examine the foundations upon which the economy is built.

Take, for example, the convenience of turning on an electric light. There's a big and powerful light plant somewhere, costing millions of dollars, connected to your light cord. Back of that is Thomas Edison's invention of the electric incandescent light bulb; millions of dollars spent on research, plus decades of time in doing that research. Your modern-day convenience of flipping a switch and having instant light in the house is built upon a massive foundation of preparation. That makes the difference.

Let's get to the more important things. Some people attempt to provide spiritual light and enjoyment for themselves by the quick and inadequate method of personal works. They turn over a new leaf on the first day of January, and think that such a simple procedure will revolutionize their lives. We join a club, or lodge, and hope that our participation in mutual works of helpfulness, in such a fraternity, will bring peace of mind, and, somehow, build up a surplus of moral merit to our personal credit. Here we are operating on the principle of quick economy—the kind that has no substantial underlying structure.

Some of us move over into the religious realm to practice our "get it done the easy and quick way" thing. We join the church and make a stab at being religious.

The Pharisees did that, and they went at it in a vigorous way. But they dug their ditch only two feet deep. Jesus analyzed their religious pretensions and said, "Except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and the Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 5:20).

What an apocalyptic statement in view of the fact that the Pharisees had over 600 religious scruples to perform! Well, it's a lot of work digging a two-foot

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By Aarlie J. Hull, Seattle

A Christian Woman's World

BIBLE GROUPS

"Groups" are in! Behavioral scientists talk about "group dynamics"; psychiatrists, psychologists, and social workers rely heavily on "group therapy" in their professions. Christians everywhere are becoming familiar with and often involved in discussion groups, Bible study groups, prayer groups, koinonia groups, and even house churches.

Many of our larger congregations depend a great deal on smaller groups to meet the individual spiritual, emotional, and physical needs of its members. Pasadena (Calif.) First Church's "Circles of Concern" are a notable example of this.

British evangelist Tom Rees has traveled thousands of miles in Britain, the United States, and Canada in the last few years observing this group phenomenon among Christian and non-Christian people. He calls these small groups "the most exciting and significant thing that has happened in the spiritual world since the eighteenth century." He reports his findings in the book *Break-Through*.

Dr. Rees is enchanted with the concept that God is the God of infinite variety, and his study of small groups bears this out! While one group concentrates on Bible study, another emphasizes prayer. Still another may concern itself primarily with evangelistic outreach.

Some groups are strictly church-based, others are interdenominational, and a few are entirely independent. They are led by ministers, lay people, individuals, couples, a team, or by no one at all.

They meet at every time of the day—once or twice a month, or weekly.

Groups meet in restaurants, hotel lounges, churches, fellowship halls, but mostly in private homes. Even the kinds of homes vary: some groups meet only in Christian homes while others, for strategic reasons, seek hospitality in non-Christian homes. Some groups start with refreshments, others end with coffee, and many have nothing to eat at all!

There are no rules! Each group is unique in God's creation, just as each blade of grass and individual person differs from every other.

Though originality is the hallmark of group encounters, Dr. Rees noted five common characteristics of the groups he observed:

1. *Bible Study*: Each group he visited regarded the Bible as the final Authority for faith and conduct and devoted much time to reading and studying the Word.

2. *Prayer*: Private and corporate prayer were given priority places in the groups. While thanksgiving, confession, and worship were seldom overlooked, intercession was the important form of prayer—especially for the spiritual needs of non-Christian individuals and families in the community and within the scope of influence of the people involved in the group.

3. *Fellowship*: One of the main objectives of each group was helping and encouraging one another in spiritual development and effective Christian witness.

4. *Evangelism*: Even though most groups were originally formed for the purpose of helping one another in Bible study, prayer, and fellowship, members invariably developed a deep desire to see their non-Christian relatives and friends turn to Christ. Dr. Rees noted that "where this does not happen, the cell often withers and dies."

5. *Good Works*: Tom Rees states that "throughout the world, Bible Cells have this in common; they have a deep and intensely practical love both for one another and their neighbors." This love manifests itself not only in praying and witnessing, but in practical deeds of kindness and compassion.

You will notice that these five characteristics were also found in the New Testament Church.

This is all very interesting, you muse; but if I'm interested in becoming involved in a group, where do I begin?

Dr. Rees emphatically states that in starting a Bible group we must *pray first—plan later*. "It is so easy for us to make plans," he writes, "and then when our plans are finalized, to seek His blessing on the plans we have made. This is the wrong way around." First we must seek God's direction, and then proceed only if the pressure of the Spirit increases.

There are innumerable books and study guides to help you, but rely mostly on the Lord for your direction. And remember that God is never in a hurry and seldom guides two groups either to start or to develop along the same lines. □

Unshakable Kingdom and Unchanging Person

In his new book, *Trying to Live like a Christian in a World That Doesn't Understand* (Beacon Hill Press of Kansas City, 1973), Dr. Leslie Parrott tells of a visit he made last year to E. Stanley Jones while the world-renowned missionary-evangelist was hospitalized in Cambridge, Mass.

Dr. Parrott's purpose was twofold: to thank Dr. Jones for the inspiration of his books across the years, and to ask if he had any word to give young people living through one of the greatest eras of change in the history of the world.

Dr. Parrott found Dr. Jones in a sparse hospital room, "trying with limited success to cope with a cup of soup." Dr. Jones had been hit by a severe stroke while preaching in Oklahoma City at the age of 88 years.

Stanley Jones was converted at the age of 17, and sanctified while a student at Asbury College. He went to India in 1907, and had ministered literally around the world for 65 years.

Elected bishop of the Methodist Episcopal church in 1928, Dr. Jones resigned within 48 hours in order to continue his missionary and evangelistic work.

The older man responded to the appreciation for his writings and then said, "You tell the graduates to commit themselves to the unshakable Kingdom and the unchanging Person; for Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever."

In a more personal vein, he continued: "Life has said no to me by this stroke, but my job is to turn this physical no into a divine yes. I am not to ask why this happened to me, but how I can use it. Everything is shaken but nothing is changed; only my power to communicate."

He added that while on that hospital bed he had just finished dictating a book of 100 pages on *The Divine Yes*. On Mother's Day, 1972, just 10 days after the interview, with a physical therapist on one side and his Methodist bishop son-in-law on the other, Dr. Jones in his wheelchair was rolled onto a Boeing 707 and he took off for India.

From the land he loved and whose people he had served for so many years, on January 25,

1973, "Brother Stanley"—as he liked to be called—went to be with his Lord.

The message E. Stanley Jones left is well worth recall. Our safety and our spiritual sanity in a world of change are "the unshakable Kingdom and the unchanging Person."

These words are based on the great passage in Hebrews 12:26-28 and 13:8: "Whose voice then shook the earth: but now he hath promised, saying, Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven. And this word, Yet once more, signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are made, that those things which cannot be shaken may remain. Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear." "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever."

If history and the events of our own times have anything at all to teach us, it is that the kingdoms of this earth are both shakable and shaken. With a slight change in wording, the lines of G. F. Bradby are more true now than when they were written:

*The nations of the earth go by
In silver and in gold;
They rise, they flourish, and they die,
And all their tale is told.
One Kingdom only is divine,
One banner triumphs still,
Its King a Servant, and its sign
A Cross upon a hill.*

This is the unshakable Kingdom, "a kingdom which cannot be moved." We do not "build" it or "bring it in," contrary to the common way of speaking. We *receive* it.

This Kingdom "is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost" (Romans 14:17). Its King is the only One who is "the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever."

We cannot stop change and should not if we could. Our salvation is citizenship in the unshakable Kingdom and loyalty to the unchanging Person. □

Rabbi Goren's open reference to the Messianic age is significant. For the Messiah is presented in the New Testament as no other than Jesus of Nazareth, who is "both Lord and Christ" (Acts 2:36). What lies immediately ahead we cannot know in detail. Of this much we are sure: Jesus, Messiah, is coming again.

Israel's Twenty-fifth Year

The second week in May was celebrated in Israel as the twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding of the modern state of Israel.

On the withdrawal of British mandate troops from Palestine, the Israelis proclaimed the creation of the sovereign state of Israel on May 14, 1948. Israel became a nation among the nations of the earth for virtually the first time in 2,500 years.

Students of Bible prophecy rightly hailed this as a significant date in the unfolding events of our apocalyptic times.

But the ancient city of Jerusalem remained in other hands. Jerusalem became one of the most bitterly divided cities in the world. The newer western portion was held by Israel. The historic Temple site was on the other side of the barbed wires and machine guns of a no-man's-land that ran through the city.

Many were mindful of Jesus' words in Luke 21:24, "And Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled."

Then with unexpected suddenness the "Six-Day War" broke out. In a sweeping movement on June 6 and 7, 1967, Israeli armored divisions encircled the entire city of Jerusalem. After a brief but bitter battle they took possession of the whole.

The aftermath of war is always tension. The truce in the Middle East has been an uneasy truce.

Although final adjustments of territory may yet be made, one thing has become crystal-clear. Officially and unofficially the Israelis have said over and over that, as far as they are concerned, control of Jerusalem will never again pass into Gentile hands. There is every indication that they will be able to make this purpose stick.

In a recent volume, Kurt Koch recalls the words of Rabbi Shlome Goren, chief chaplain of the Israeli army.

On June 7, 1967, Chaplain Goren went to the

Wailing Wall—all that is left of the ancient Jewish Temple. It was the first time since 1948 that Jews had been permitted to worship there.

Rabbi Goren carried the shofar, the ram's horn with which the Years of Jubilee have traditionally been proclaimed.

In that historic setting the rabbi said, "In 1948, the year of the foundation of our State, I wrote out a copy of the Torah [the first five books of the Old Testament]. In 1956, I took it with me in the Sinai campaign, and yesterday I again carried it with me when I visited our troops in Gaza. We are witnessing today the fulfillment of two millennia of Jewish dreams, and in doing so are entering into the Messianic age."

The open reference to the Messianic age is significant. For the Messiah is presented in the New Testament as no other than Jesus of Nazareth, who is "both Lord and Christ" (Acts 2:36).

Dr. Koch also notes that in August of 1967, a postage stamp was issued with the Hebrew words *Baruch Habbah*, "Blessed is he who comes!"

What lies immediately ahead we cannot know in detail. Of this much we are sure: Jesus, Messiah, is coming again.

In the light of prophetic developments in modern Israel's first 25 years, we wait and work—reminded in H. L. Turner's words:

*It may be at morn, when the day is awaking,
When sunlight through darkness and shadow
is breaking,*

*That Jesus will come in the fullness of
glory*

To receive from the world "His own."

*It may be at midday; it may be at twilight.
It may be perchance that the blackness of
midnight*

*Will burst into light in the blaze of His
glory,*

When Jesus receives "His own."

*Oh joy! oh, delight! should we go without
dying,*

*No sickness, no sadness, no dread, and no
crying!*

*Caught up through the clouds with our
Lord into glory,*

When Jesus receives "His own."

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ditch, but two feet isn't deep enough when it comes to genuine religious reform.

Then contemplate what Jesus himself did one day. A poor, despised woman came to Him in deep repentance for her immoral life (Luke 7:48-49). Jesus said to her, "Thy sins are forgiven."

Now that sounded like the "quicky" way to the Pharisees. Worse than that; it was pure blasphemy. How could a mere man, on the spur of the moment, forgive the crimson sins of an adulteress?

Jesus wasn't a mere man, however. Neither were His words spoken out of momentary sentimentality to mitigate the woman's deep emotional stress. His comforting assurance to her was based on something more than psychological technique. Christ's benediction of forgiveness rested on the eternal Word of God and the sacrifice of himself on the Cross—a Cross so near at that very moment.

Today, then, are we justified in expecting our Christian religion to get the big things done in quick style? Big things like justification, regeneration of one's spiritual self, the entire sanctification of the soul? Can we expect the depraved carnal nature of a believer to be exterminated in a split second of time?

Impossible, some say. It takes more time, they argue. Only in the article of physical death does an end come to the "old man of sin," contend others.

But let us remind ourselves again that it takes only a flash of a second to turn on that beautiful, luminous light in the living room. If puny man can provide such convenience and luxury for himself in a material world, what great spiritual benefits may God provide for the creature made in His image!

The great foundation has already been laid. The supreme sacrifice has been provided (John 3:16). The eternal blessings have already been secured. The scheme was hammered out in the council chambers of heaven long ago:

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: according as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love" (Ephesians 1:3-4).

It's all there waiting for us. Flip the switch of faith, and see if it doesn't happen. □

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THEOLOGY STUDENTS VISIT K.C.

One sure harbinger of spring is the visit of theology students from Nazarene colleges who come to see the seminary and include in their visit the world headquarters and their publishing house.

Professor Bob Crabtree of the seminary coordinates these visits and activities while the groups are in Kansas City.

Professor Alfred Lillienthal brought 25 students from Olivet Nazarene College and the cameraman photographed them as they were leaving the main building of the publishing house complex.



A group from Northwest Nazarene College motored to Kansas City with their sponsor, Professor Morris Weigelt. Arden Brokaw explained the intricacies of the ultramodern photo typesetting equipment to them.



Dr. William Strickland and his enthusiastic group from Trevecca Nazarene College congregated inside the lobby prior to their one-and-one-half-hour tour of the publishing house.



1980 GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO RETURN TO KANSAS CITY

General Secretary B. Edgar Johnson announced that the 1980 General Assembly Site Commission selected Kansas City, Mo., as the location for the 1980 General Assembly and auxiliary international conventions.

The date has been set for June 19-27.

Influencing the decision are plans for the new Kansas City Convention Center as well as the availability of a new Royals arena.

New hotels such as the Alameda Plaza and the Crown Center have added hundreds of available rooms for delegates and visitors.

The 1976 General Assembly and conventions are scheduled for Dallas, Tex., June 17-25, 1976.

JOHN RILEY *Leukemia Victim*

John Allen Riley, four, 254 S. Greenwood Ave., Bourbonnais, Ill., died Sunday, April 29, at Riverside Hospital. He had leukemia.

He was born December 15, 1968, in Manzini, Swaziland, South Africa, a son of Rev. and Mrs. Thomas Riley, missionaries to Swaziland.

Surviving are the parents; paternal grandparents, Rev. and Mrs. John Riley of Ringold, Neb.; maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Allen, of Titusville, Fla.; maternal great-grandfather, Amos Wells, of Middletown, Ohio; and maternal great-grandmother, Mrs. Irene Allen, of Titusville.

Services were held at 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 1, at Kankakee (Ill.) College Church with Rev. Owen Burke of Lafayette (Ind.) First Church officiating, assisted by Rev. Don Irwin of College Church.

Burial was in Memorial Gardens.

A John Riley memorial has been established at Olivet Nazarene College for the Nazarene Nursing College in Swaziland. □

WHO WORKED HARDEST?

Rev. Hadley Hall, pastor of the Louisville (Ky.) First Church, sent in 503 *Herald of Holiness* subscriptions accompanied by a check for \$1,257.50. It was an exciting, record-breaking achievement for the church but it was also a family affair.

Rev. Hall's son, Lewis Hadley, was the Kentucky District campaign manager. Lewis' son was the local campaign manager in Louisville First. An interesting trio: father, son, grandson! Did Grandpa work the hardest?

WHAT MAKES A SUPER "HERALD" CAMPAIGN CHAIRMAN?

Herald of Holiness Chairman Wava Koehler of the East Chicago, Ind., church did what must have seemed impossible to many other chairmen on the Northwest Indiana District last February. It seemed a small miracle to others when Mrs. Koehler announced she had sold enough subscriptions to equal 500 percent of her church's goal!

She shared several secrets that might help other local chairmen.

"I was deeply concerned about the campaign and thanked God for allowing me to be chosen for the job. It was a real challenge and I knew that I couldn't do it alone, so I read my Bible and prayed that God would use me in His way. I left it up to Him and then moved as He led me.

"And His leading was clear. I started by using my phone. For two weeks I called anyone who came to my mind. When I received even a faint promise or suggestion of interest, I added another name to my subscription list. It was worth the try.

"And my husband also entered into the spirit of the work. He often suggested that we hop into the car immediately and go collect the money from a subscriber who indicated he was ready to pay.

"Anything we do for God demands our best. I found myself lying in bed trying to think of whom else I could contact and where else I could go the next day.

"Halfway through the campaign I became ill. The doctor said that I was worn-out and needed to rest. I was shocked. I couldn't understand why this would happen when I was doing my best and God was blessing the work so much.

"While I recuperated, I decided to write letters to friends and relatives who lived out of town. Letters went to California, Texas, and Florida. I asked for a quick reply in order to have the money when the campaign deadline came.

"My illness persisted but I persisted too. I asked for prayer that God would heal me. I was not getting well very fast and was very weak. I suppose some people wouldn't understand why I was af-

fecting this way, but I believe that a Christian should take God's work seriously."

What's your secret, Wava? How did you do it?

"First, I let God direct the work and guide me. Second, I determined to do my best and not give up. Third, I had faith that it could be done. And, fourth, I love souls and know that the *Herald of Holiness* offers practical Christian-living articles as well as inspiration."

At no time did Mrs. Koehler go from door to door. She worked entirely by phone, letter, and car. No doubt her persistent Christian testimony through regular church attendance over the last nine years had much to do with her success.

TORNADO DESTROYS NAZARENE CHURCH

Scores of homes were damaged or demolished in a recent tornado that struck Jonesboro, Ark. Totally destroyed were the sanctuary and the four-bedroom parsonage of the Jonesboro Edgewood Church. Miraculously, there was no loss of life.

Left unharmed and lying on the cement floor of the totally demolished parsonage were the pastor, Rev. C. W. Roach, and his family. □

U.S. PASTOR ACCEPTS CALL TO SOUTH AFRICAN PASTORATE

Rev. R. Harold Brown of Esther, Mo., has accepted the invitation of the Horison Church of the Nazarene in the Republic of South Africa to become their pastor.

He will become the second American-born pastor on the South Africa (European) District.

He expects to assume his pastoral duties in the Republic of South Africa in July.

A graduate of Nazarene Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Rev. Brown is a member of the district advisory board, camp board, church extension and home missions board, district church schools board, and the district ways and means committee. □

Rev. and Mrs. R. Harold Brown



Pastor John I. Rich presents 100 Club certificate to Wava Koehler.

"ETC." ANNOUNCES FEATURE SERIES

"From Over Here" is a new bi-monthly feature series in *ETC.* Trevor Overton will be sending news and photographs of young adult work from "over there" in Europe.

Mr. Overton is minister of youth at Manchester First Church in Great Britain. He is a graduate of British Isles Nazarene College and is active in youth evangelism in Britain and on the European Continent.

The series will begin in the August issue of *ETC.*, according to Editor Paul Miller.

—Ron Fay, reporter for
Department of Youth

DR. E. G. BENSON HONORED

Pasadena College, Pasadena, Calif., awarded the 1972-73 "Minister of the Year" award to Dr.

E. G. Benson during the alumni banquet held on campus June 2. This award and the "Layman of the Year" award are presented annually to persons selected by the Alumni Association and the



Dr. E. G. Benson

board of directors.

Those honored are selected on the basis of significant contributions to the life of the church, demonstration of outstanding Christian attitudes, performance with exceptional expertise in their given vocation, and representation of the ideals of the college.

Dr. Benson was deeply involved in programs at P.C. which are still

in operation, and was the first college official to serve as an executive to the Alumni Association. He has edited the *Church School Builder*, denominational periodical, for a number of years. His home is in Kansas City. □

DR. JOHN ALLEN KNIGHT INAUGURATED

Dr. John Allen Knight was invested as the second president of Mount Vernon Nazarene College in a special service of worship and investiture held on the college campus at Mount Vernon, Ohio, Sunday afternoon, May 27.



Dr. John Allen Knight

In the service of investiture, the charge of office was given by General Superintendent Edward Lawlor. The rite of investiture was conducted by Rev. M. E. Clay, chairman of the Board of Trustees; and the prayer was offered by Dr. Edward S. Mann, executive secretary of the Department of Education and the Ministry.

Dr. Knight preached the inaugural sermon from Isaiah 33:1-6, emphasizing the justice, righteousness, knowledge, and wisdom which are the essential foundations of Christian education.

Herald Editor W. T. Purkiser was the commencement speaker at exercises held the next afternoon, Monday, May 28.

Associate in arts and associate in science degrees were awarded to 150 graduates.

Mr. Mark Taylor, son of Dean and Mrs. W. Lloyd Taylor, was recognized as valedictorian with a straight A record. □

CHURCH HONORS NINE CENTENARIANS

Mr. Charlie Smith, America's oldest person, 130, was the guest of honor at the Second Annual Centenarian Reunion and the Sixteenth Annual Kentucky "Old-timers' Day" Reunion held Sunday, May 20, at Louisville First Church.

Nine centenarians attended the reunion. This is a new national record. There were 626 persons in attendance at the service. The reunion has become one of the outstanding community events.

Pastor Hadley Hall and some of the centenarians appeared on all of the local TV stations and some radio stations. Local television stations covered the reunion and carried news stories about it. Two national magazines were present,

and plan to report the event. City, county, and state officials were present and welcomed the reunion to Louisville.

The University of Kentucky sent its head of the department for the aging, Dr. Earl Kauffman, who was on the program. Dr. Belle Boone Beard, Ph.D., and said to be the number one authority on centenarians in the U.S., flew in from Sweetbriar College at Sweetbriar, Va. Governor Wendell Ford made a Kentucky Colonel of each of the centenarians.

District Superintendent Dean Baldwin of the Kentucky District

welcomed the reunion, and officially received Mr. Charlie Smith into the High Order of Kentucky Colonels, as its oldest member.

First Church has received wide publicity locally, nationally, and internationally, and made many new friends as a result of the reunion. Pastor Hall has received clippings and reports from many nations where it was carried by the UP, or AP, or International Press.

Congressman Gene Snyder of the Fourth Congressional District in Kentucky entered an official report to be included in the *Congressional Record*. □



(L. to r.) Dr. Dean Baldwin; Charlie Smith, 130; and Rev. Hadley Hall



(L. to r.) front row—Mrs. Amanda Ross, 105; Mr. Abraham Zimmerman, 100; Mrs. Elizabeth Ellis, 104; seated and looking away—Dan Lee Kenner, 104; seated behind Amanda Ross is Matilda Bottoms, 107 (not seen). Standing first row (l. to r.)—Mr. Charlie Smith, 130, America's oldest person; Mrs. Margaret Ghent, his sponsor; and Mr. Chester Smith, his son. Standing back row—Dr. and Mrs. Dean Baldwin, Mrs. Hadley Hall, Rev. Hall, and Mr. Harry Lee Harris, 102.

Two of the centenarians not remaining for the photo were Mrs. Minnie Miller, 107; and Mrs. Edmonia Duckwall, 100.

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AUGUST SLATE

(As reported to Visual Art Department)

ARMOLD: Hamburg, Ill. (Hillcrest Camp), Aug. 8-19; Robinson, Ill., Aug. 29—Sept. 2
ARMSTRONG: Crane Hill, Ala. (Beulah), Aug. 12-19; Jacksonville, Fla. (Westside), Aug. 28—Sept. 2
BAILEY, CLARENCE: Alliceton Camp, Aug. 2-12
BAILEY, C. D.: Ariz. Dist. Camp, Aug. 3-12; Wis. Dist. Camp, Aug. 20-26
BELL: Dalhart, Tex., Aug. 14-19; Wellington, Tex., Aug. 21-26; Boise City, Okla., Aug. 28—Sept. 2
BENDER: Dayton, Ohio (Huber Hgts.), Aug. 10-19; Galax, Va. (Wes.), Aug. 23—Sept. 2
BERTOLET: Wash.-Phila. Dist. Camp, Aug. 3-12; Mebane, N.C. (camp), Aug. 14-19
BETTCHEER: Pleasantville, N.J. (Pineview Grove Camp), Aug. 9-19; Tullahoma, Tenn. (Westside), Aug. 28—Sept. 2
BEYER: Louisville, Ky. (Lynnhurst), Aug. 21-26
BOHI, JAMES: Pittsfield, Ill., Aug. 28
BOND: Concerts in Ft. Wayne and Akron Area, Aug. 5-12; Okla. Youth Camp, Aug. 20-26; Miami, Okla. (1st), Aug. 27—Sept. 2

BROOKS: Mt. Lookout, Ohio (camp), Aug. 16-26
BROWN, CURTIS: Johnson, Vt. (Ithiel Falls Camp), Aug. 1-12
BROWN, GARY & LINDA: Springfield, Ohio (High St.), Aug. 8; Lebanon, Ohio (1st), Aug. 9; Centerville, Ind. (Abington Chr.), Aug. 10; Griffith, Ind. (1st), Aug. 12 (4.m.); Bonnie, Ill. (camp), Aug. 16-26; Yorktown, Ind. (1st), Aug. 28—Sept. 2
BROWN, ROGER: W. Va. Dist. Camp, Aug. 5-12; Ft. Madison, Ia., Aug. 17-19; Wis. Dist. Camp, Aug. 20-26
CAYTON: Johnson, Vermont (Ithiel Falls Camp), Aug. 1-12; New England Dist. Sr. High Camp, Aug. 20-25
CHAMBERS: Indianapolis Dist. Camp, Aug. 5-12; Shawmut, Ala. (1st), Aug. 14-19; reserved, Aug. 21-26
CLARK: Hickory Hills, Ill., Aug. 6-12; Mansfield, Ohio (1st), Aug. 13-19; Mt. Vernon, Ind. (Point Township), Aug. 20-26; Ashland, Ky. (1st), Aug. 27—Sept. 2
CLIFT: Rocky Mountain Dist. Teen Camp, Aug. 6-10
COOK: E. Tenn. Dist. Camp, July 30—Aug. 6
COX: Bonnie, Ill. (camp), Aug. 16-26; Loveland, Ohio (1st), Aug. 30—Sept. 2

CRABTREE: Henderson, Ky. (Indoor Camp), Aug. 27—Sept. 2
CREWS: Jayess, Miss., July 30—Aug. 5
DARNELL: Muncie, Ind. (Delaware Co. Camp), Aug. 2-12; Stoneboro, Pa. (camp), Aug. 14-23; Rochester, Mich., Aug. 24—Sept. 2
DISHON: Muncie, Ind. (camp), July 26—Aug. 5
DIXON: Gospel Concerts, state of Calif., Aug.
DUNMIRE: Marion, Ky. (Hurricane Camp), Aug. 9-19; Sylacauga, Ala. (1st), Aug. 28—Sept. 2
DUNNINGTON: K.C. Dist. (Youth Camp), Aug. 6-10; S.W. Ind. Dist. Youth Camp, Aug. 20-24
ELLINGSON: New Orleans, La. (Downtown), Aug. 4-5; Montgomery, Ala. (Capitol Hill), Aug. 13-19; Coffeyville, Kans. (1st), Aug. 21-26
ELLWANGER: K.C. Dist. Home Missions, Aug. 1-19
EUDEALY: Monett, Mo., Aug. 6-12
FELTER: Circleville, Ohio (Church of Christ in Chr. Union), Aug. 17-26
FILES & ADAMS: Wash.-Phila. Dist. Camp, Aug. 3-12; Norristown, Pa., Aug. 21-26

FISHER: Samoa and New Zealand, month of August
 FLORENCE: Lynn, Ind. (Cherry Grove Camp), Aug. 12-26;
 Clay City, Ind., Aug. 29—Sept. 9
 FRODGE: Peru, Ind. (Am. Baptist), Aug. 20-26, Decherd,
 Tenn., Aug. 29—Sept. 9
 GATES: Washington, Ind., Aug. 27—Sept. 2
 GAWTHORP: Cowan, Tenn. (1st), Aug. 20-26
 GLORYLANDERS: Hamilton, Ohio (Eaton Rd.), Aug. 26—
 Sept. 1
 GORMANS: Manchester, Ga. (1st), Aug. 5-12; Branden-
 burg, Ky. (Cedargrove), Aug. 19; Bowling Green, Ky.
 (Emmanuel), Aug. 24-26
 GREEN: Iowa Dist., Aug. 6-12; W. Texas Dist., Aug. 13-19;
 Sawyer, N.D. (Mouse River Camp), Aug. 27—Sept. 2
 HEGSTROM: Danville, Ill. (Westside), Aug. 23—Sept. 2
 HILL: West Frankfort, Ill., Aug. 28—Sept. 2
 HOECKLE: San Antonio, Tex. (E. Terrell Hills), Aug. 19-26
 HOLCOMB: Harrison, Ark., Aug. 12-19; Nashville, Tenn.
 (Pond Creek), Aug. 20-26; Great Falls, S.C., Aug. 28—
 Sept. 2
 HOLLEY: Bertrand, Mich., Aug. 13-19; Mattoon, Ill. (East-
 side), Aug. 20-26; Shelbyville, Ill., Aug. 29—Sept. 9
 HUNDLEY, JOHN: South Point, Ohio (Sunrise), Aug. 7-12;
 Oakland City, Ind., Aug. 16-26
 IRWIN: East St. Louis, Ill. (Maplewood), Aug. 28—Sept. 2
 JANTZ: Va. Dist. Camp, Aug. 3-12; Gladwin, Mich.
 (camp), Aug. 16-26; Muncie, Ind. (Mayfield), Aug. 28
 —Sept. 2
 JONES, CLAUDE: Todd, N.C. (camp), Aug. 9-19
 KLEVEN: Tacoma, Wash. (Pierce County Camp), Aug.
 3-12
 LAMBERT: Sparta, Tenn., Aug. 20-26; East Liverpool,
 Ohio, Aug. 29—Sept. 9
 LANIER: Pomeroy, Ohio (Un. Br.), Aug. 6-12; New Straits-
 ville, Ohio (Community), Aug. 19—Sept. 2
 LASSELL: Milan, Ind. (camp), Aug. 10-19; Lexington,
 Ind. (Jefferson Co. Camp), Aug. 23—Sept. 2
 LAW: Afton, Ohio (Wes.), Aug. 20-26
 LAXSON: Wash.-Phila. Dist. Camp, Aug. 3-12; Mifflin-
 burg, Pa. (1st), Aug. 14-19; Wis. Dist. Camp, Aug. 20-
 26; Estill Springs, Tenn. (tent cru.), Aug. 28—Sept. 2
 LESTER: Paris, Tex., Aug. 20-26; San Angelo, Tex. (1st),
 Aug. 28—Sept. 2
 LIDDELL: Sawyer, N.D. (Mouse River Camp), Aug. 27—
 Sept. 2

LUSH: Ariz. Dist. Camp, Aug. 3-12; Ore. Dist. Camp, Aug.
 23-26
 MANLEY: Cent. Ohio Dist. Sr. High Camp, Aug. 6-10;
 Cincinnati, Ohio (Springdale), Aug. 17-19; Dayton,
 Ohio (Parkview), Aug. 21-26; Yorktown, Ind., Sept. 28
 —Aug. 2
 MARTIN, DICK: Bingen, Wash., Aug. 7-12; Pilot Rock,
 Ore., Aug. 17-19; Zillah, Wash., Aug. 21-26; Moses
 Lake, Wash., Aug. 28—Sept. 2
 MARTIN, PAUL: Akron Dist. Camp, Aug. 6-12; Jasper,
 Tex., Aug. 13-19; Hooker, Okla. (Interdenom.), Aug. 20-
 26; Abilene, Tex. (1st), Aug. 27—Sept. 2
 MAYO: Eckerty, Ind. (camp), Aug. 2-12
 McCULLOUGH: S.W. Okla. Dist. Camp, Aug. 3-12; Mifflin-
 burg, Pa., Aug. 14-19; Pittsfield, Ill., Aug. 21-26; Estill
 Springs, Tenn., Aug. 28—Sept. 2
 McWHIRTER: Va. Dist. Camp, Aug. 3-12
 MEADOWS-REASONER: Iowa Dist. Camp, Aug. 6-12;
 Cayuga, Ind., Aug. 20-26
 MEREDITH: Bluffton, Ohio, Aug. 13-19; Carey, Ohio, Aug.
 20-26
 MICKEY: Clovis, N.M., Aug. 13-19; Minn. Dist. Camp,
 Aug. 20-26
 MILLHUFF: Reserved (in Europe), month of Aug.
 MONTGOMERY: Boonville, Ind. (1st), Aug. 12-19
 MULLEN: Indianapolis Dist. Camp, Aug. 5-12
 NEFF: Frankfort, Ind. (Wes. Camp), Aug. 3-12; Fort Val-
 ley, Ga., Aug. 28—Sept. 2
 NEUSCHWANGER: Springfield, Ill. (1st), Aug. 27—Sept. 2
 OVERTON: Wadsworth, Ohio, July 30—Aug. 5; Carthage,
 N.Y., Aug. 19-26
 PASSMORE: Conneautville Camp, Aug. 2-12; Hudson,
 Ind. (Ashley-Hudson), Aug. 28—Sept. 2
 PHILLIPS: Iowa Dist. Camp, Aug. 6-12; Dexter, Mo., Aug.
 26—Sept. 2
 PRESSLER: Redford, Mo. (1st), Aug. 6-12; Arenzville, Ill.
 (Bethel), Aug. 13-19; Stockton, Ill. (1st), Aug. 27—
 Sept. 2
 RAKER: Memphis, Tenn. (tent), July 30—Aug. 12
 RAYCROFT: Iowa Dist. Camp, Aug. 20-26
 RICHARDS: Daytona Beach, Fla. (1st), Aug. 27—Sept. 2
 ROBISON: Napier, W. Va. (tent), Aug. 3-19
 RODGERS: Smyrna, Tenn., Aug. 19-26
 ROEDEL: Mackey, Ind., Aug. 5-12
 ROTHWELL: Akron Dist. Camp, Aug. 4-12

RUSHING: Sunnymead, Calif., Aug. 5
 SANDERS, RUFUS: Guyana, Aug. 7-22; Detroit, Mich.,
 Aug. 26-31
 SCHULTZ: Ruston, La. (Hudson Camp), Aug. 13-19
 SERROTT: Dominica, W.I. (Christian Union Mission), Aug.
 2-5; Trinidad (Youth Camp), Aug. 6-12; Fruitland, Md.
 (Hol. Chr. Camp), Aug. 26—Sept. 2
 SLACK: Fern Creek, Ky. (Wes. Camp), Aug. 10-19
 SMITH, OTTIS: Mooers, N.Y. (Interdenom. camp), Aug.
 1-12; College Park, Md. (Erma Camp), Aug. 24—
 Sept. 3
 SNOW: Chicago Cent. Dist. Camp, Aug. 6-12; New Castle,
 Ind., Aug. 14-19
 SPARKS, ASA: Brunswick, Mo., Aug. 13-19
 SPARKS, JONATHAN: Dayton, Ohio (Maryland Ave.),
 Aug. 7-19
 STAFFORD: Washington C.H., Ohio (camp), Aug. 2-12;
 Shoals, Ind. (Weisback Comm.), Aug. 16-26; Rogers,
 Ohio (Wes.), Aug. 27—Sept. 2
 STARK: Jacksonville, Ark. (1st, children's), Aug. 5-12;
 Lawton, Okla. (Lawton Hgts., children's), Aug. 13-19;
 Walters, Okla. (children's), Aug. 20-26
 STONE: Stratton, Neb. (Imperial Valley Camp), Aug. 9-19
 STRICKLAND: W. Va. Camp, Aug. 5-12; Kennard, Ohio,
 Aug. 14-19; Mansfield, Ohio (Grace), Aug. 21-26;
 Columbus, Ohio (Obetz), Aug. 28—Sept. 2
 TAYLOR, E. E.: W. Tex. Dist. Camp, Aug. 13-19; Midwest
 City, Okla. (Bresee), Aug. 22-26; Skiatook, Okla., Aug.
 28—Sept. 2
 TOMPKINS: Vilonia, Ark. (camp), Aug. 5-12; Blytheville,
 Ark. (1st), Aug. 13-19; Sherman, Tex. (1st), Aug. 21-26
 TRIPP: Bluffton, Ohio, Aug. 13-19; Carey, Ohio (Ridge
 Chapel), Aug. 20-26; Sylacauga, Ala. (1st), Aug. 28—
 Sept. 2
 VANDERBUSH: Atkinson, Neb. (Wes.), Aug. 5-12; Aber-
 deen, S.D. (Wes.), Aug. 26—Sept. 2
 WALKER: McConnellsburg, Pa. (Pleasant Ridge Camp),
 Aug. 10-19
 WALLACE: Proctorville, Ohio (1st Baptist Bible Conf.),
 Aug. 5-8
 WARD: Liberal, Kans. (1st), Aug. 23—Sept. 2
 WILLIAMS, LAWRENCE: Memphis, Tenn. (Berclair), Aug.
 27—Sept. 2
 WRIGHT: Bristol, Va. (1st), Aug. 24—Sept. 2
 WYLIE: Cleveland, Okla. (1st), Aug. 29—Sept. 9

PIONEER PREACHER REACHES REWARD

Rev. Josiah Erben Moore, 83, died May 31, 1973, in Woodland Hills, Calif. His wife of 60 years, Altha Lina Moore, preceded him in death by four months and one day.

Funeral services were held June 4 at Bethany (Okla.) First Church with Pastor Ponder Gilliland officiating.

Dr. G. B. Williamson, general superintendent emeritus, delivered the message. Rev. Sam Stearman offered prayer.

Rev. Moore was a pioneer in the Church of the Nazarene. He was converted and sanctified at Vilonia Holiness College, Vilonia, Ark., in 1908 and joined the Church of the Nazarene that same year. He was ordained at Cabot, Ark., by Dr. Phineas F. Bresee in 1914.

Rev. Moore pastored the following churches in Texas: Houston First, Dallas First, Dallas Hampton Place, Dallas Woodland Park, Dallas Mesquite, and Irving; in Kansas: Topeka First and Wichita First; in Louisiana: Monroe. He also served as district superintendent of the Arkansas District and several years as an evangelist—a total of 65 years of service in the church.

Rev. Moore is survived by four sons—Josiah Erben Moore, Jr., pastor of the Velda Rose Methodist Church, Mesa, Ariz.; Mark Reynolds Moore, president, Trevecca Nazarene College, Nashville; George Chapman Moore, teacher, Woodland Hills, Calif.; William Goodwin Moore, postal inspector, Pleasanton, Calif.; two daughters—Mrs. Vernon (Adana) Bugh, Camarillo, Calif.; Mrs. Dean (Roxie Ann) Wessels, Kansas City; one sister—Mrs. Lillie Beirne, Prescott, Ark.; 16 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren. □

TIM HUSTON CHOSEN FOR CONCERT TOUR

Tim Huston, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Huston, La Fontaine, Ind., has been accepted for membership in the United States Collegiate Wind Band, a select musical organization which will make a concert tour of seven of the world's important cultural capitals in July and August.

He plays baritone in the Southwood High School band, Wabash County, Ind., directed by Bobb Keaffaber.



Tim Huston

His invitation for membership in the college band was received from Al G. Wright, director of bands at Purdue University and conductor of the band. Membership is limited to 95 college wind players and mature senior high school band students.

The United States Collegiate Wind Band will travel from July 25 to August 15 in England, Belgium, France, Netherlands, Switzerland, and Russia. Concerts will be performed in London, Amsterdam, Antwerp, Paris, Lucerne, Alt-dorf, and Moscow.

The group will assemble in New York City, July 25, and will rehearse prior to the first concert in Antwerp. The associate conductor, Gladys Wright, is president of the Women Band Directors National Association.

Acceptance for membership in this wind band is considered a national musical honor. It is the only United States student band which is annually invited to perform and tour in Russia.

Tim is a member of the Wabash, Ind., church and plans to attend Olivet Nazarene College, Kankakee, Ill., in September. He is a member of the National Honor Society. □

OF PEOPLE AND PLACES

Rev. R. T. Bolerjack, pastor of Fort Worth River Oaks Church for the past seven years, received the Doctor of Ministry degree in May from Brite Divinity School, Texas Christian University, Fort Worth. Areas of concentration for the degree were pastoral care, homiletics and worship, and Christian theology.

Dr. R. T. Bolerjack



Dr. Bolerjack received the B.A. degree from Northwest Nazarene College, Nampa, Ida., in 1951; a B.D. degree from Nazarene Theological Seminary, Kansas City (exchanged in 1971 for Master of Divinity); and the Master of Theology degree in pastoral care from Brite Divinity School in 1971.

Since becoming pastor of River Oaks Church, Dr. Bolerjack has received 116 members into the church. A new parsonage has been built and a new church facility seating 500 was secured.

Prior pastorates were Falls City, Neb., and Grandview, Mo. Dr. Bolerjack has served as district NYPS president, district chairman of ways and means, and secretary-treasurer of district church schools.

Archie Kimmel, member of the North Star, Mich., church, received honors for attending Sunday school for 30 years. He has missed only two Sundays during this period, an absence caused by a broken ankle.

Prior to his coming to the Ithaca Church of the Nazarene, Mr. Kimmel had a 14-year perfect Sunday school attendance record at a United Brethren church. Wilbur Shaw is the Sunday school superintendent. William F. Hurt, Jr., is pastor.

Wilbur Shaw (l.) and Archie Kimmel



(L. to r.) Dr. L. S. Oliver, Mrs. Evonne Neuenschwander, and Rev. Floyd Hawkins.

COLLEGE RECEIVES NEW HYMNALS

Rev. Floyd Hawkins, representing the Nazarene Publishing House, delivered 300 new hymnals to Nazarene Bible College, Colorado Springs. He presented copies of *Worship in Song* to Dr. L. S. Oliver, president, and to Mrs. Evonne Neuenschwander, supervisor of the college's music department, in dedicatory services May 28.

Mr. Hawkins shared with the student body the goal of the church music committee in preparing a hymnal to be functional for years

to come.

Mrs. G. B. Williamson presented an inspiring insight into the scriptural, doctrinal, and inspirational message of the hymns.

Dr. G. B. Williamson, general superintendent emeritus and chaplain of the Bible College, offered the dedicatory prayer.

Dr. L. S. Oliver expressed his appreciation to the Nazarene Publishing House for its gift. "We are grateful for this generous and useful gift and we promise to use the hymnals to the glory of God and the Church of the Nazarene," he said.

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WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice F. Spurlock of Okeechobee, Fla., celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary at an open-house party given in their honor May 2. The Spurlocks have 3 sons, 10 grandchildren, and 4 great-grandchildren. They are charter members of the Okeechobee church. □

Charles and Ada Crow celebrated their seventy-second wedding anniversary on April 29. Mrs. Crow is a member of Spokane (Wash.) Valley Church. A number of family members shared the anniversary Sunday by attending services with Mrs. Crow.

The couple were born in the Palouse country of eastern Washington. They farmed in Saskatchewan, Canada, from 1912 to 1937. Since 1948 they have lived in Spokane Valley.

The Crows had 6 children (4 living), 8 grandchildren, and 18 great-grandchildren. □

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Hester, Colorado Springs, observed their golden anniversary on May 20. They are longtime members of Decatur (Ill.) Westside Church.

They were honored with a reception held in the Colorado Springs Security Church hosted by their daughters—Mary Ruth McIntosh, Tex.; Shirley Scott, Colo.; and Phyllis Justus, Colo. About 150 friends and relatives greeted the couple. □

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Stave were honored on their golden anniversary by a reception at the home of their son, Milton, June 10. The couple have one son and two grandchildren. Many out-of-town relatives and friends attended the reception.

The Staves have been faithful members of Yakima (Wash.) First Church since long before they were married. □

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Lathrop celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary at an open house held at the Centralia (Wash.) First Church. Sons and daughters of the couple hosted the celebration for relatives and friends.

Mr. Lathrop is a retired railroad employee. There are 7 children in the family, 27 grandchildren, and 25 great-grandchildren. One son is a missionary in Beirut, Lebanon.

The Lathrops have taught Sunday school classes almost continuously since 1930. Ivan has been a member of the official church board

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since joining the Church of the Nazarene in 1948 and has also served as church treasurer and Sunday school superintendent. □

Mr. and Mrs. William Van Zandt Skinner of Lone Pine, Calif., celebrated their golden wedding anniversary July 4. An evening reception hosted by their children was held at the Mount Whitney Golf Club.

The Skinners have been active in the Lone Pine church, have served on the official church board, taught Sunday school classes, and have served in numerous other areas. □



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• **NORTHERN CALIFORNIA**—Novato, Calif. E. E. Zachary, district superintendent.

• **SAMOAN ISLANDS**—Faleluma, Savaii, Western Samoa. Jerry L. Appleby, field superintendent.

• **SOUTH CAROLINA**—Pageland, S.C. Otto Stucki, district superintendent.

• **WASHINGTON**—Bowie, Md. Roy Carnahan, district superintendent.

MOVING MINISTERS

Floyd W. Akin retiring to Bethany, Okla.
A. H. Coston from Paris, Tex., to Corpus Christi (Tex.) Arlington Heights.

Richard Dages from Nazarene Bible College, Colorado Springs, to Tupelo, Miss.
James L. Graves from Nazarene Theological Seminary, Kansas City, to San Jacinto, Calif.

Albert E. Green from evangelism to Geneva, Fla.

John D. Hansen from Clarendon, Tex., to Barnsdall, Okla.

Perry R. Hippie from Flagstaff, Ariz., to Tucson (Ariz.) Central.

Ralph J. Huit from Nazarene Bible College, Colorado Springs, to Wewoka, Okla.

Robert C. Hunt from Sullivan, Mo., to Neosho, Mo.

Earl D. Hunter from Green River, Wyo., to Tulsa (Okla.) Valley View.

J. L. Killgore from Doylestown, Ohio, to Geneva, Ohio.

John V. Luton from Anderson (Ind.) Indian

Meadows to Ligonier, Ind.
Ivan E. Maston from Nazarene Bible College, Colorado Springs, to White River, S.D.
Bill L. Reed from Madisonville, Ky., to Newbern, Ind.
Douglas G. Sears from Woodbury, N.J., to Arlington (Va.) First.
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Raymond Stark from Jerome, Pa., to Washington, N.J.
C. Neil Strait from Akron (Ohio) East Liberty to Racine (Wis.) Taylor Avenue.
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Edward W. Wallace from Port Angeles, Wash., to Poplar Bluff (Mo.) First.

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NORTHWEST OKLAHOMA—July 24-26. Herrick Auditorium (BNC campus), 6749 N.W. 39th Expressway, Bethany, Okla. 73008. Host Pastor: Ponder W. Gilliland. General Superintendent: Dr. Charles H. Strickland.

ILLINOIS—July 25-27. Nazarene Acres, Rte. 1, Mechanicsburg, Ill. 62545. Host Pastor: E. L. Latham. General Superintendent: Dr. Orville W. Jenkins.

EAST TENNESSEE—July 26-27. First Church of the Nazarene, Main at Willow, Chattanooga, Tenn. 37412. Host Pastor: John Andrus. General Superintendent: Dr. Edward Lawlor.

PITTSBURGH—July 26-27. District Center, R.D. 5, North Rd., Butler, Pa. 16001. Host Pastor: District Superintendent Robert I. Goslaw. General Superintendent: Dr. V. H. Lewis.

SOUTHWEST INDIANA—July 27-28. Vanderburg Civic Auditorium, 715 Locust St., Evansville, Ind. 47708. Host Pastor: B. W. Downing. General Superintendent: Dr. George Coulter.

KANSAS—August 1-2. First Church of the Nazarene, 1400 E. Kellogg, Wichita, Kans. 67211. Host Pastor: Gene Williams. General Superintendent: Dr. Charles H. Strickland.

AKRON—August 2-3. Nazarene Center, Rte. 1, Louisville, Ohio 44641. General Superintendent: Dr. Eugene L. Stowe.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Rev. James Caniff, presently pastoring the church at Shirley, Ind., will enter the evangelistic field after August 12. He is a rugged Bible preacher with a message of love, kindness, and understanding for the church and the unchurched. He may be contacted now at P.O. Box 262, Shirley, Ind. 47384 (phone 317-737-3925).—Ross Lee, Indianapolis district superintendent.

EVANGELISTS' OPEN DATES

Darl B. McClure, who recently entered the evangelistic field, is now slating meetings for 1974 and 1975. He also has September and December of 1973 open. Contact him at R. #3, Kenwood Plaza, Box 500-11, Bryan, Ohio 43506.

VITAL STATISTICS

DEATHS

• **ROBERT H. ADAMS**, 81, died June 3 at Pico Rivera, Calif. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. James L. Tresner and Rev. Ronald Corbin. He is survived by his wife, Mary Estelle; two daughters, Lila M. Haynes and Ethel A. Adams; one son, Robert J.; and seven grandchildren.

• **REV. FRED W. FETTERS**, 79, died June 7. He is survived by his wife, Nellie, of Baldwin Park, Calif.; a son, Bernard; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

• **MRS. CLARA OPHELIA BRASHER**, 76, died Feb. 24 at Houston. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Vernon B. Curless. Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Vera Mae Work and Lois; one son, George H.; seven grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and one sister.

NEWS

OF RELIGION

• **EDWARD SCHICHT**, 77, died Apr. 21 in La Habra, Calif. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Blaine L. Strauser. Surviving are four daughters, Ann Petter, Dorothy Laughgren, Carol Larsen, and Shirley Hampton; one son, Eddie; seven grandchildren; two sisters; and one brother.

• **MISS EVA MAY DeVAULT**, 80, died Feb. 24 at Holly Hill, Fla. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Comer R. Johnson. She is survived by a foster daughter, Mary W. Stanistreet; a foster son; four foster grandchildren; and one sister.

• **MISS ANNA L. LUEKING**, 85, died June 2 at Miami, Fla. She was a member of Miami First Church for 56 years and had taught a Sunday school class there for 54 years (the first 51 without missing a Sunday). Survivors include a brother, G. H.; and two sisters, Elsie and Mrs. Leone A. House.

• **SYLVIA VIOLA FRYE SMITH**, 69, died May 7 in Wichita, Kans. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Clarence Davis. Surviving are a daughter, May Louise Weems; a son, Everett W.; and seven grandchildren.

• **PFC. DALBERT DALE BLACK** was killed in an auto accident May 14 near Gainesville, Tex., while returning to Fort Hood. He was a charter member of the Moore, Okla., church. He is survived by his mother, Mrs. W. June Goss; and a sister, Mrs. Angela Cannady.

BIRTHS

—to Rev. Tom and Beth (Stockwell) Waltermire, Limbe, Malawi, Africa, a boy, James Aaron, Apr. 16.

—to Rev. James and Barbara (Jordan) Sage, Centralia, Ill., a girl, Tracey Alison, June 1.

—to Doyle and June (McQuiney) Brittain, Athens, Ga., a girl, Cynthia Darlene, Apr. 10.

—to Bruce and Jacquelyn Petersen, Saginaw, Mich., a girl, Heather Ann, Apr. 29.

—to Clifford and Lillian (Wallace) Wilcox, Kuna, Ida., a boy, Michael Wallace, May 2.

—to Richard and Barbara (Williams) Stephens, Chesapeake, Va., a girl, Vrona Lynn, May 12.

—to David and Debbie (Wilson) Bohler, Butler, Ga., a boy, David Paul, May 18.

—to Russell and Pattie (Patzold) Boyes, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, a girl, Esther Jane, May 30.

—to Frank and Glenys (Graff) Rott, Killam, Alberta, Canada, a boy, Dale Bradley, Jan. 5.

—to Rev. Leroy and Martha (Moore) Pepper, Kansas City, Mo., a girl, Lanora Faye, May 31.

—to Mike and Donna (Fielding) Cookman, Ukiah, Calif., a boy, Sean Michael, Mar. 29.

—to Rev. Thomas and Lauralee (Ball) Nothstine, El Dorado, Ark., a girl, Tricia Ann, Nov. 21, 1972.

—to Junior and Linda (Stewart) Palmer, Bessemer, Ala., a boy, Steven Ray, Apr. 1.

—to Ronnie and Pat (Stewart) Burchfield, Bessemer, Ala., a girl, Jennifer Marie, Apr. 24.

—to Tommy and Mary Ann (Stewart) Moore, Bessemer, Ala., a boy, Christopher Wayne, June 1.

MARRIAGES

• Jeri Louann Jones and Randall Robert Smea at Visalia, Calif., June 16.

• Lola Jean (Jeannie) Harrison and Johnny L. Gray at Weslaco, Tex., June 8.

• Rebecca Hutchinson Cornell and Robert Valere Turcott at Springfield, Mass., Apr. 14.

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ASHANINCA CAMPA IN PERU RECEIVE NEW TESTAMENT.

The Ashaninca Campa tribesmen of south central Peru enthusiastically received the New Testament in their own language at several dedication ceremonies held during April.

Tribespeople, guests, and participating government officials witnessed the ceremonies that climaxed almost 20 years of linguistic work by translators Will and Lee Kindberg, U.S. members of Wycliffe Bible Translators. Among the guests were Abelardo Arista of the Peruvian Bible Society and Colonel José Guabloche, former vice minister of education.

Published by Scriptures Unlimited, the Ashaninca Campa New Testament is the second New Testament completed by Wycliffe in Peru. Wycliffe Bible Translators and the Summer Institute of Linguistics purpose to translate God's Word into the vernacular for the remaining Bibleless tribes in this country. Several other New Testaments will be completed by 1974.

The Ashaninca is the first translation for the six known Campa dialects with 30,000 speakers, half of them Ashaninca. Many changes have occurred in the lives of the largely monolingual Ashaninca as a result of the Scriptures in their own language. Formerly seminomadic, they constantly fled from the spirits of the dead. Today they live in more stable communities with improved economy. They have 30 bilingual schools and 25 percent of the people are literate. □

ENGLAND AWAIT'S BILLY GRAHAM VISIT HEADLINING SPREE-73 IN AUGUST.

American evangelist Billy Graham will visit London on August 22 before taking part in an action-packed week entitled Spree-73, which is described as a mammoth youth teach-in/challenge, according to an announcement from the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association in London.

The announcement said Mr. Graham must attend a press conference on August 23 and subsequently speak at Earls Court Stadium in West London and Wembley Stadium in the northwest in connection with Spree-73, which will take place from August 27 to September 1.

Spree-73 stands for SPIRITUAL RE-Emphasis and is designed to teach and train thousands of youthful participants from Britain, Eire, France, Belgium, Germany, Italy, Switzerland, and other lands, in how to share their faith and to be more effective members of their own churches. □

CANADIANS PROPOSE ASSOCIATION OF CHRISTIAN BROADCASTERS. Citing a need for evangelical Christians in Canada to coordinate their religious telecasting and broadcasting activities, a proposal has been accepted by the Evangelical Fellowship of Canada Council to form an association of Christian Broadcasters.

An EFC task force is drafting a brief to present to the Ontario government about the proposed elimination of Christian standards of morality from the school act.

The council has viewed with grave alarm the gradual eroding of Christian standards and noted that Evangelical parents seem increasingly unable to support the public school system.

The meeting of Canadian Evangelicals at Willowdale, Ontario, in mid May was chaired by the incoming president, A. Donald MacLeod, of Toronto. The council meeting marked the first at which Evangelicals from all parts of Canada were represented. A full-time executive secretary will be appointed soon to direct the rapidly growing organization. □



the answer corner

Conducted by W. T. Purkiser, Editor

■ I have been told that there is question about the validity of John 5:1-9, the healing of the infirm man at the pool of Bethesda. Please let me know what the best thought is along this line.

It isn't a matter of "validity." No one who accepts the authority of the Bible doubts the healing that occurred there.

What you probably heard is that the last clause of verse 3 ("waiting for the moving of the water") and all of verse 4 are missing in the oldest manuscripts of the Greek New Testament.

Some very sound and conservative scholars believe that these

words were added by an ancient scribe to explain why the people were waiting. They all agree that the healing of the paralytic actually occurred.

This is an example of what is known as a "textual" problem. There are a number of these problems scattered throughout the Bible. In part, they account for differences between the 1611 KJV translation and more recent trans-

lations made from older and therefore presumably better Hebrew and Greek texts.

One thing should certainly be said: No textual variation affects any essential teaching of the Bible. No important biblical truth depends on a single verse or passage. All the vital teachings of the Scriptures are based on a consensus of teaching to which the entire Bible contributes.

■ If the sin nature has been cleansed, how does one backslide?

The same way Adam and Eve fell in the first place.

Adam and Eve were without the stain of inner sin. Yet through desires that were human and natural, they chose to disobey God.

The result of sin is spiritual death

(Genesis 2:17; James 1:13-15).

Not only initial cleansing but continual cleansing is conditioned on walking in the light. 1 John 1:7 literally reads, "If we walk in the light . . . the blood of Jesus Christ

his Son is cleansing us from all sin."

Just as darkness always comes when the light goes out, sinfulness always results when the Spirit is grieved away.

■ Jesus said, "That which is born of the flesh is flesh." Doesn't this mean that Christians must always live with the evil flesh nature?

No way.

In fact, the passage from which this part of a verse is taken is one of the strongest New Testament refutations of that so-called "two natures" theory.

What Jesus said is, "Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again" (John 3:5-7).

The "two natures" idea is a virtual denial of New Testament teaching about regeneration or the new birth.

The claim of the "two natures" doctrine is that conversion is the impartation of a new and spiritual nature which coexists alongside the otherwise unmodified old and sinful nature (which, by the way, is usually identified as "human" nature).

The view is supported by quoting, as does this question, just part of a passage. Once-born men are

flesh; born-again men become spiritual. Paul said, "They that are in the flesh cannot please God. But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you" (Romans 8:8-9).

In none of these passages that contrast "flesh" and "spirit" does "flesh" mean the physical body or the essential human nature. "Flesh" in these passages, as Henry Brockett put it in his new and excellent book, *The Christian and Romans Seven* (Beacon Hill Press of Kansas City, 1972), is what man is "in himself, standing on his own, and apart from the grace of God."

Of the 17 "works of the flesh" Paul lists in Galatians 5:19-21, eleven have no physical basis at all—and the conclusion is quite clear, "They that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts" (Galatians 5:24).

Romans 7 is taken to support the "two natures" idea with its mournful story of the law of sin and body of death, against which man apart from the grace of God must struggle

(Romans 7:14-24).

But this is to ignore totally the preview of victory in the shout of Romans 7:25, "I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord" (He is the Deliverer), and the clear testimony of Romans 8:2, "The law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death."

Nor can 1 John 1:8 be made to stand alone. Its meaning is clear when it is put into its context: "But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin [from which we need to be cleansed by the Blood], we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned [and therefore do not need His forgiveness], we make him a liar, and his word is not in us" (1 John 1:7-10).

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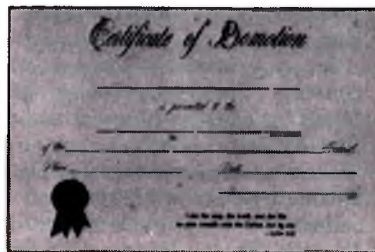


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Dr. Edward S. Mann, executive secretary of the Department of Education and the Ministry, conducted the installation ceremony of Dr. Stephen W. Nease as president of Bethany Nazarene College, Bethany, Okla., on May 21. Dr. Nease affirmed, "It is our conviction that the highest type of scholarship is motivated by the Christian search for truth." Pictured (l. to r.) are Dr. Edward Mann; Dr. Lyle Eckley, chairman of the board of trustees; and Dr. Stephen W. Nease.

General Superintendent Dr. Edward Lawlor charged the 119 graduating seniors of Nazarene Bible College, Colorado Springs, to be "men of God" as he spoke at commencement exercises on June 4. Fifteen hundred people gathered in the First United Methodist Church in Colorado Springs to honor the largest graduating class in the school's brief history. Dr. L. S. Oliver is completing his first year as president of the college.





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We entered the usually crowded waiting room of the Panama Airport. This time there was just a scattering of people. My husband went to check the suitcases and confirm our reservations. I sat down to wait with our hand luggage near me.

A few seats away sat a young man of 20 or 21 years of age. His blond hair just touched his shoulders. He was conventionally dressed and neat-looking.

"Are you comin' or goin'?" he asked.

"Am I comin' or goin'? What do you mean?"

"Are you just starting out or are you about to your destination?" he explained.

"Well, we are from the States and we are on our way to Ecuador. I suppose you could say that we are a little over halfway. Are you comin' or goin'?" I said, returning the question.

He replied, "I've been in the jungles of Colombia for three months roughing it, you might say. Now I'm on my way back to Portland, Ore., to continue my studies at the university. I've been thinking about what I should choose for my lifework and trying to decide while I've been in the jungles this summer. Another thing I've been giving much thought to is what religion I will follow. I've heard different people speak about

Jesus. Do you know about Jesus?"

"Oh, yes, I know about Him! He is the One who made all the difference in my life. He gave purpose and direction to my life. I invited Him to come into my heart and take over the controls and He forgave my sins—"

He interrupted, "Was it something like a light was turned on?"

"Oh, yes, and more! He gave me such a wonderful peace in my heart," I continued.

"Hmmm, I thought it might be like that."

"To invite Jesus into your life will be the greatest thing that can ever happen to you," I said. I continued for a moment recounting to him the wonderful changes Jesus made in my life: meeting my every need, showing me what my lifework was to be. . . .

It all happened in only a few minutes, for our flight was announced. What a thrill that the Holy Spirit would use those few minutes and give me the privilege of witnessing to a young man deeply sincere in his search! You may be sure our prayers follow him.

Coming or going! To come to Jesus is to come to the Light. To go away is to go into the darkness. □

Lucile Taylor
Phoenix, Ariz.



Dr. Raymond Hurn, executive secretary, Department of Home Missions, welcomes Rev. Roger Bowman to Kansas City.

BOWMAN ASSUMES DUTIES IN KANSAS CITY

In June, Rev. Roger Bowman assumed duties as director of outreach for the Department of Home Missions. He comes to the denominational headquarters in Kansas City directly from the pastorate of Los Angeles Grace Church, where he saw the completion of a beautiful new sanctuary and a growing congregation near the Watts area.

Previous pastorates were in Mississippi and Southern California. He is a member of the Council of Black Churchmen and has served the Church of the Nazarene with distinction in a number of interracial committees and projects over the past several years.

Rev. Bowman has a wife, Marlene, and five children: Suzanne, 18, a sophomore at Pasadena College (Point Loma); Roger, Jr., 15; Billy, 9; Danny, 6; and David, 1.

His duties as program director of outreach will include coordination of interdepartmental outreach teams of college students, the lay home missionary program, a general assignment relating to urban outreach, and efforts to increase the number of black Nazarene college and Bible school students. He will also serve as a consultant on ethnic evangelism and outreach for the Department of Home Missions.

He is a graduate of Nyack Missionary College in Nyack, N.Y.

At a farewell for the Bowmans the Los Angeles congregation conducted a "This Is Your Life" program. The lady preacher most responsible for Bowman's membership in the Church of the Nazarene was present. □

PIONEER PREACHER REACHES REWARD

Rev. S. L. Wood, 90, ordained elder in the Church of the Nazarene for 63 years, died May 25 in Stephenville, Tex. He was converted as a child, preached his first sermon at age 15, and pastored 15 Nazarene churches.

He preached his last sermon in

February, climaxing 75 full years of pulpit ministry.

Rev. Amos Meador, Borger, Tex., and Rev. Ray Smith, Stephenville, Tex., officiated at funeral services.

Rev. Wood is survived by seven children: Vera Nylin, Kalamazoo, Mich.; Jewell Long, Tucson, Ariz.; Mae Crosthwaite, Levittown, N.Y.; Rev. Lyman Wood, Lubbock, Tex.; Col. Joe Wood, Washington, D.C.; Rev. Elton Wood, missionary to the Cape Verde Islands; and Ruth Vaughn, Bethany, Okla.; eight grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. □

HARPER TO AFRICA AND AUSTRALIA

Dr. A. F. Harper, executive editor of the Department of Church Schools, will travel through African and Australian districts of the church, June 30—September 4. A major objective for the trip is the revision of the four-year Bantu Sunday school curriculum.



Dr. A. F. Harper

Prior to curriculum meetings, Dr. Harper will meet with district leaders and pastors from five African districts: Republic of South Africa North, Republic of South Africa South, Swaziland, Coloured and Indian, and Mozambique. He will speak on Sunday school work and other vital areas of Christian education.

Dr. Harper plans to lecture at the Australian Nazarene Bible College and meet with district pastors and leaders. He will speak to congregations at the Perth and Adelaide churches. Mrs. Harper is traveling with her husband. □

DR. HAWK'S RETIREMENT ANNOUNCED

Dr. Fred J. Hawk, district superintendent of the Michigan District, announced in June that he would not be a candidate for reelection at the district assembly scheduled for July 11-12. The action was announced on the advice of his doctor.



Dr. Fred J. Hawk

Dr. Hawk is concluding 12 years as superintendent of the Michigan District. He previously spent 28 years in pastoral ministry.

Presently, Dr. Hawk is serving as chairman of the board of trustees at Olivet Nazarene College, Kankakee, Ill. He served on the board of trustees at Nazarene Bible College,

Colorado Springs, from its inception until the last General Assembly.

"My anticipated retirement from the active ministry is with the deepest regret and has come unexpectedly and prematurely," Dr. Hawk commented. "I will retain my membership as an elder on the Michigan District. Mrs. Hawk has served 11 years as district NWMS president." □

KENTUCKY MINISTERS TOUR FORT KNOX

A group of 32 preachers from the Kentucky District recently toured the army post at Fort Knox, Ky. Chaplain (MAJ) Paul M. Pusey and District Superintendent Dean Baldwin jointly served as sponsors for this event.

Visitors were briefed on the religious activities of the post and were given information concerning the chaplaincy and the work of the chaplain.

A highlight of the tour was a tank ride (60-ton tank) on some of the rugged terrain of Fort Knox. Chaplain Pusey is a Nazarene chaplain at Fort Knox. □

MARTIN DECLINES NNC PRESIDENCY

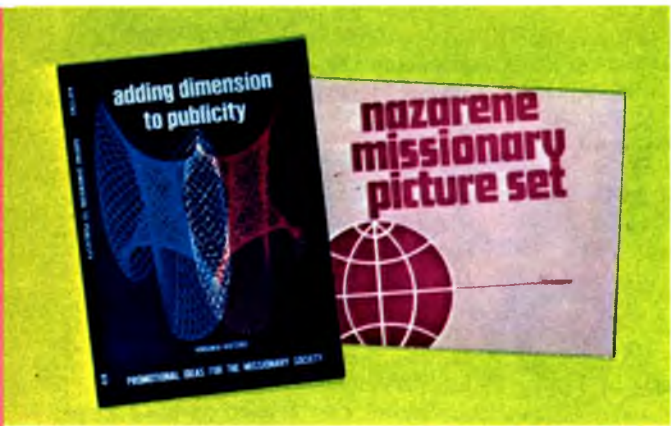
After careful reconsideration, Dr. E. W. Martin, superintendent of the Eastern Michigan District, has declined the presidency of Northwest Nazarene College, Nampa, Idaho. The final decision was expressed with regret to the Board of Regents. □

After 30 years of distinguished service in the U.S. Navy, HMCS William F. Bowden (pictured center) has retired from military service. For the last five years, he has served as administrative assistant to the officer in charge of Operating Services Division at the U.S. Naval Hospital, Philadelphia. During his career, he was awarded eight good-conduct medals, Euro/African-Mid East Campaign medal, Asiatic/Pacific Theater campaign medal, Navy Occupation medal (Pacific), and China Service medal. Bowden and his wife, June, attend the Philadelphia First Church.



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