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# THE CHURCH AND HER COLLEGES

*by General Superintendent William M. Greathouse*

**F**ROM EARLIEST DAYS our colleges have been an integral part of our denominational life. The same Spirit who gave birth to our church as a vital holiness witness moved our fathers to establish institutions of learning and training for our young people.

The reason for this phenomenon is plain. The Spirit of life and holiness is also the Spirit of truth. When the Spirit of God quickens our moral and spiritual nature, He also awakens our intellectual powers. A thirst for truth is an authentic fruit of the Spirit.

Our fathers also lived under the mandate of the Great Commission and knew that God had raised them to "spread scriptural holiness over these lands." To fulfill their mission they saw clearly they must have holiness schools where Spirit-filled laymen, pastors, missionaries, evangelists, and teachers could be equipped for service to Christ and the church.

And so it was that those intrepid pioneers established Bible colleges, training institutes, colleges and at least two "universities" as *church institutions*—14 of them at one time—to work hand in hand with the church in the common endeavor of holiness evangelism. From these schools have come the great majority of our present denominational leadership, both lay and ecclesiastical. One wonders where the Church of the Nazarene would be today had she had no colleges!

It has always been the basic assumption of our

church that education and evangelism are two parts of one whole. Vital piety and academic excellence have been twin goals in all our schools from the outset. An integration of faith, learning, and life is the conscious endeavor of every Nazarene college. Chapel, classroom, library, laboratory, and athletic field are all aspects of one holistic endeavor to help our youth come to love God with all their heart, soul, mind, and strength.

While most denominations have "church-related" colleges, our Nazarene institutions are *church colleges*. They are the Church of the Nazarene engaged in the enterprise of higher education. Every Nazarene college enjoys the highest academic accreditation but at the same time seeks to maintain a vital spiritual atmosphere where students are nurtured and challenged in the things of the Spirit. Regular chapel services and spirited revival campaigns are the bill of fare in all our schools, but not at the sacrifice of constant striving for academic excellence.

This issue of the *Herald of Holiness* is devoted to our Nazarene colleges, to remind us that they deserve our confidence, our prayers, our financial support, and our finest young people. Nazarene presidents, administrators, and faculty are not simply academic persons, they are servants of Christ and the church engaged in spiritual ministry. Their commitment is to mold the most priceless treasure of our churches—our youth—for the service of the King! □



**O**UR ALUMNI are our greatest asset. Some colleges and universities parade illustrious celebrities as their best product of higher education. And why not? No legitimate accreditation association will approve an institution until after graduates have been produced.

One Nazarene college has recently become known worldwide because one of her graduates was a very serious contender as candidate for president of the United States.

Someone has rightly said, "Choosing a college is more than choosing where to enroll. You are choosing your alma mater."

Education is not something to be endured until the real process of living can begin; true education is finding out who we are, what our values and abilities are, and how we can use these qualities for our own good and as creative and contributing members of society.

The genius of a Nazarene college education is not just career preparation, it is the potential impact on the quality of life; because in education you develop new interests, new awareness, and new understandings that are an important source

of lifelong enjoyment and satisfaction.

In my work as a college admissions director, I have been developing a recruitment tool to implant the college name in the minds of very young children. The tool is a coloring book. On the first page of the book two small children, Pam and Steve, are playing. Pam announces, "When I grow up, I know where I'm going to college." Steve asks why. As the pages unfold, the pictures to color reveal that alumni from this college have already touched this young life.

Her pediatrician is a Nazarene college graduate. Her parents, who provide a loving home and an opportunity for her to develop to her highest potential, met at a Nazarene college. Her brother graduated from a Nazarene college; he is now an attorney. Her sister's teacher was trained at a Nazarene college. An uncle is a businessman with a Nazarene degree, and her pastor, minister of music, and Sunday School teacher are all graduates of a Nazarene college. Page after page the coloring book reflects that in very few areas of life can you not find Nazarene college alumni.

Where are they today? You will find them on every continent; they hold graduate degrees from the leading universities of the world; they are in the pulpits of great churches and lowly missions. You will find them as officers in America's largest corporations, as scientists in laboratories; they are college and university professors and administrators; they are community leaders, businessmen, doctors, lawyers, accountants, judges, United States senators and congressmen, nurses, physician assistants, writers, musicians, actors and actresses, housewives, religious leaders, faithful laymen, farmers, and more. Some serve in large cities, others can be found in rural settings, some in industrial countries, while others serve in third world mission assignments. Some have been rewarded with wealth while the income of others does not reflect their contribution to mankind; however, all are seeking to improve the quality of life for others as they achieve their own life's commitment.

Historically, Nazarene college alumni have been service oriented. The Latin phrase *esse quam videri* ("to be rather than to seem") is the ideal standard for alumni from our colleges. They reflect the genuineness of Christian higher education—truly educated with a quality of character that is demonstrated in a Christian life-style.

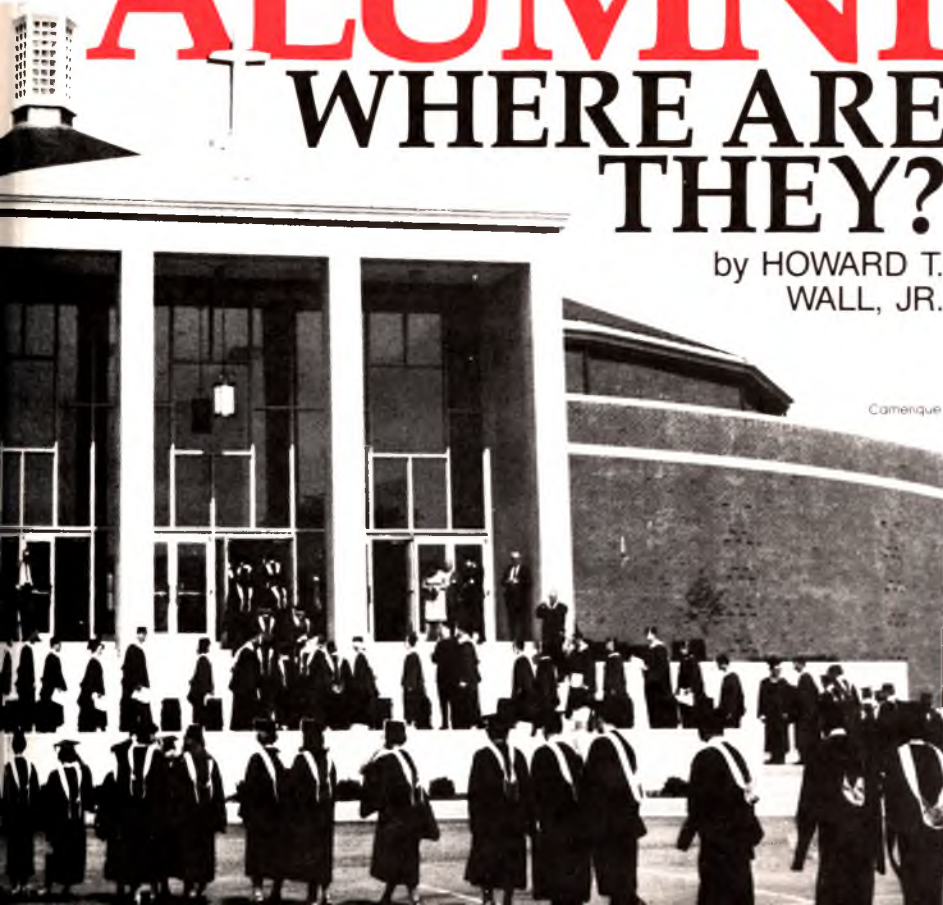
My daughter-in-law, a business education graduate, stated that during her senior year at a Nazarene college, her final exam in the "Religion and Life" course, required of all graduating seniors, was one question: "Based on class discussions and the textbook used in this course, discuss how you intend to integrate your Christian faith in your chosen profession?" She said after writing for two hours on that one topic, that that one final exam question might be the most important one in her college career.

Where are Nazarene college alumni? They are demonstrating to others that an education is more than skills; it is serving, for the good of themselves and society. □

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# ALUMNI WHERE ARE THEY?

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### UNREACHED URBAN AREAS

I think somebody goofed! While reading the January 1 issue of the *Herald*, I noted that 4 of the 26 largest Sunday Schools in average attendance (under-roof) were located in Guyana. Being intimately familiar with that dear little country, I wish it were so. I suspect you intended "Guatemala," another beautiful country, recipient of God's gracious blessings.\*

However, two striking observations jump out at me from your data. First, almost one-half (12 of 26) of the largest Sunday Schools are from outside of the Euro-Northamerican nations that historically have been characterized as missionary-sending nations. Apparently the seeds are well-planted and are fast be-

coming examples to all of us of the changing nature and representation of the international church.

Second, the figures reminded me again of our failure, or Sunday School's failure to grow in the great megapolises of the world. With possibly the exception of Long Beach and Pasadena, both on the outer edges of the Los Angeles megapolis, there is an absence of large Nazarene Sunday Schools in the great cities of the world (i.e., New York, London, Chicago, Detroit, Philadelphia, Sao Paulo, Rio de Janeiro, Lima, Tokyo, Jakarta, Seoul, etc.). Is it that Sunday Schools encounter special resistance in the cities? Or have we invested in other strategies for urban evangelism? Or is it that we are just less invested all the way

around in the great metropolitan areas?

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\*A correction has been run.

### PASTOR'S REVIVAL

Mrs. Kline and I just returned from the second annual "Pastor's Revival" of the Michigan District. What an exciting and rewarding two days we had laughing, crying, learning, sharing, and rejoicing with over 100 of the finest people you could ever want to know!

My wife and I thank God for a church that cares and for a district superintendent who has a pastor's heart for the ministerial families he pastors, and has a burden not only for revival in the churches of his dis-

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by MIKE ESTEP

# OUR MOST VALUED ASSET—

**I**N A DECADE of concern over declining enrollments, unrest is mounting on many of our Nazarene colleges over the financial impact resulting from fewer students.

The loss of 20 students can have a dramatic budgetary effect.

Already marginal salary levels are being frozen. The purchases of much-needed equipment in critical departments of our colleges are being postponed. Common methods of budgetary restraint being utilized by our administrative teams include layoffs of personnel and not replacing retirees.

Until population statistics for 17½-year-olds turn upward, or the denomination has significant growth in senior high youth enrollments, the concerns of college presidents and representatives will be echoed in college trustee meetings, college district assembly reports, and college preachers' meeting presentations.

Enrollment development experts have for years been predicting this day would come. Unfortunately, they were right.

These problems and many others not mentioned may not necessarily lead to negative results. Those responsible for the operation of our colleges are once again examining the mission statements of our schools. The good news is that the "why" of our existence is even more valid today than at any other stage of our history.

It still boils down to providing

our youth with "a quality education in a Christian environment."

Today's society is having a major impact on our young. Nazarene colleges can and do sway the moral tide and value systems of our church's youth.

Last assembly year (1983-84) our churches contributed \$12,669,154 to our eight liberal arts colleges, Canadian Nazarene College, and British Isles Nazarene College. Additional contributions totaling several million were given by alumni, businesses, and major donors. Many families sacrificed to pay the difference between tuition costs and scholarship and government aid.

Was it worth it?

Yes and no.

Let me explain.

Yes, because over 12,000 of our youth are being impacted by the influence of quality, concerned faculty and staff who pour their lives into each and every one of them.

No, when thousands of our youth miss this opportunity.

All high school graduates who can have their educational needs met at one of our colleges should have the opportunity to attend.

Many are uninformed or misinformed about the costs, aid available, and programs offered.

Some merely need encouragement and affirmation by the "significant others" in their lives.

All need to know their local church is supportive of them.

It is really worth it?

Yes, because Nazarene college alumni are out there by the thousands, serving God and the church. Hundreds have miracle stories of how they made it.

Some may question how successful we are. Our colleges are not 100 percent successful with every young person who enrolls in one of our schools. Incoming freshmen and transfer students bring with them a wide variety of commitment levels to Christ and the church. Yet each one of our colleges seeks to provide an environment in which every student can examine his faith and convictions. Some express strong independent attitudes, bent on "doing their own thing." Sometimes these attitudes are exhibited in less than Christlike life-styles. Our colleges respond as the Body of Christ

should, by being redemptive and loving.

I will never forget an older parent as he met with me the day his daughter was being sent home for continued behavior not representative of Christ. Through the experience she, like the prodigal, returned home spiritually. Her father told me, as tears streamed down his face, "It was worth all the cost if she has learned what really is important in life." I believe she will be back someday to complete her education and preparation for life.

Are the youth of our church really that valuable? Are they worth the millions invested in the operating budgets of our colleges?

Perhaps it can best be answered by one example of the impact of Nazarene Christian higher education on the life of a young coed.

I stood with her as she picked up the phone at an international airport on the West Coast. She had

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been dealing for months with a call to full-time Christian service. She had also been engaged for a few months to a young man who did not understand her need to give her "whole" life to service. She was phoning to say she had decided to follow the Lord's leading in her life. She loved him, but she loved Christ more. She broke off the relationship to follow Him. She has completed her education and is now serving with someone God gave her as a life partner. He is equally committed to giving his life to others in need.

Similar stories could be shared from various careers and worldwide locations, all impacted by the lives of faculty who "educate for life." All were changed by an environment supportive of finding God's direction for life.

Let's make sure we spread our investment around by encouraging all of our young to try a Nazarene college education. □

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# Why the Nazarene College?

by MARK R. MOORE

**I**T'S A QUESTION asked by many different groups: accreditation agencies, governments, and even Nazarene laymen. It's a question asked of college presidents, pastors, district and general superintendents. The question is both simple and complex; it is proper to ask it and it deserves a response. "Why the Nazarene college?"

"It is our business to turn out men and women of God," said Dr. P. F. Bresee. Dr. J. B. Chapman, speaking to the General Board in 1922, declared that training centers for preachers were not adequate. He stressed the need for "a few good colleges" and added, "Our task demands an educated ministry . . . We must educate."

The philosophy of education that guided our fathers to establish colleges was the understanding that the intellectual life was to be servant to the spiritual life. They believed that vital Christian living would be enriched through a diligent search for truth and the application of it to life.

Dr. Elton Trueblood, speaking to the Trevecca faculty about Christian colleges, said, "It [the Christian college] has a special role to play in our society. It is part of the last best hope of mankind."

Our society needs the educated and committed leaders that Nazarene colleges are sending into the world. Former President Woodrow Wilson, himself a former college president, recognized the value of Christian education when he said, "Church colleges are the light-house of civilization."

We have 52 colleges, seminaries, or ministerial training schools worldwide, 40 of which are under the ad-

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ministration of the World Mission Division. One, Asia-Pacific Nazarene Theological Seminary, is a graduate school in Manila. There are 14 college or university level seminaries, and 22 ministerial training schools at the academy or mission school level. There are also 3 specialized schools—nursing, teacher training, and a junior college—not to mention public schools for elementary or secondary education.

The Council of Education includes 8 liberal arts colleges in the United States, Nazarene Theological Seminary, Nazarene Bible College, Canadian Nazarene College, and British Isles Nazarene College. Statistics for the four latter institutions are separate from the liberal arts colleges. They are specialized institutions, educating and training individuals for the preaching or teaching ministry. They graduated 250 in 1984, most of whom entered the pastoral ministry.

Besides the question, "Why the Nazarene college?" there is also the ever-present question, "What is the state of the Nazarene college?"

Criteria evaluation is complex and must take into account many factors. One approach is to study the relationship between quality education and other variables such as: (1) alumni earning; (2) alumni service; and (3) alumni admitted to graduate studies or medical schools, as well as other criteria. However, it is possible to compare a college's present with its past and thus gain a reasonably accurate hope for its future.

Three years ago we secured the services of analyst Dr. John Minter of Boulder, Colo., whose studies in trends and ratio analysis are the standard for many associations of independent and church colleges. His work has given our college administrators a better understanding of the state of the college.

The balance sheet ratios in his report express the



relationship between different asset and liability groupings and reveals whether a college is better off at the end of the year than at the beginning. Most of the institutions improved their financial position in fiscal year 1984.

Net operating ratios express relationship between net revenues and total revenues. They tell whether a college is living within its means. Most of the colleges experienced an improvement in net operating revenues in 1984 compared to fiscal year 1983. Overall the financial trend for Nazarene colleges is good.

Such detailed analytical evaluation enables college administrators, boards of trustees, and general church leaders to keep their fingers on the pulse of our educational institutions with a clarity never before possible.

There is one other question that we should consider—"What is the future of the Nazarene college?"

There is no question but that church colleges will have to face many tough issues in the '80s. The extent to which the colleges meet these challenges will determine their future.

There have been many studies relative to the cause of the demise of colleges. One major cause could be the *loss of mission*. Records show that when a college loses its purpose for existence it closes its doors, merges with a state college, or becomes an independent institution. Our boards of trustees and administrators keep close tabs on the mission of our schools. In this way, those who make financial or other investments in Nazarene colleges are assured that our schools maintain their Christ-centered reason for being.

This mission can be seen in our statistics. In 1984 Nazarene colleges and Nazarene Theological Seminary graduated 2,081 men and women, 200 of whom are committed to preaching, teaching, associate ministries, or missionary service.

In February 1984, the General Board made 30 missionary appointments to full-time or specialized assignments. All of those appointees had attended Nazarene institutions, receiving a total of 41 undergraduate and graduate degrees from our schools.

Also, in any given year there will be about 10,000 laymen in Nazarene colleges. It is next to impossible to fully calculate the contributions these students make during their college years and even more difficult to trace their future contributions in public education, business, government, and the church after graduation.

The *loss of value orientation* is a major problem in higher education today. Dr. James Billington, director of Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, said last fall, "To a very large extent, American universities have fallen down on the job of transmitting values to students."

Recently I heard a speaker say, "If you have no 'fixed' truth, you are adrift." Some parents and students are in danger of underrating the value of a liberal arts education at a Nazarene college as more emphasis is given to vocational education. Because of economic need we have developed a job-career oriented society, thus both colleges and students have become excessively vocational. There is a temptation to resist any

kind of education experience not directly connected to acquiring a job. A reporter on national television recently stated that by the 1990s, 80 percent of all students in college would be in technical training programs. Although Nazarene colleges have educated and trained students for careers in teaching, business, ministries, and in other areas, we have always had a strong liberal arts core.

The broader scope of a liberal arts education helps to prepare young people not only for a career but also for the diverse situations they will encounter in today's world. This breadth of understanding enables them to operate more effectively in most life situations. Statistical data supports the fact that liberal arts education results in more personal satisfaction, graduates make more money than less-educated workers, and they have an advantage in getting and holding a job. A new government study shows that college graduates hold a big share of managerial and professional jobs.

There is a loss of student financial aid. It appears that the government will continue to reduce its financial support of students and colleges. Thus, our colleges are confronted with a challenge to provide more financial support. One way to accomplish this is to establish scholarship funds.

James Michener recently attracted nationwide attention when he gave \$2,000,000 to his alma mater, Swarthmore College. He said that it was a repayment for a \$2,000 scholarship that he received in 1925. When asked how Swarthmore had helped him, Michener explained that his liberal arts education taught him how to learn, how to approach problems, and how to build a foundation for his life.

Many of our colleges are in scholarship fund campaigns, endeavoring to build a source of funds to supplement the loss of government support. They want future Nazarene youth to have the benefits of a Nazarene education. We may not have many \$2,000,000 gifts, but with alumni and interested friends giving what they can, a vital education will be available for years to come for Nazarene young people.

Perhaps the most frequent greeting I receive is, "How are our colleges doing?" My quick response is, "Just fine. Enrollment is firm, all of our colleges are operating in the black, the morale on the campus is high, and God is blessing our administrators, faculty, and students with spiritual renewal."

If given a greater opportunity, I explain that our students are developing the whole person, as did Jesus, who "increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man." I tell folks that our students evidently are receiving an education with excellence for they are serving our world and society in many ways. Some are succeeding in business and many are ministering through the church to the poor, as well as the affluent, in love for God and for their fellowman.

We thank God for His guidance and blessings. Our thanks, too, for a church committed to higher Christian education, and for colleges that return to the church educated and trained students. Working together, the future for our colleges' continued service is bright. □



# PARENTS, Start Now to Prepare Your

ACCORDING to researcher Merton Strommen, author of *Five Cries of Youth*, American teenagers now desire more guidance from their parents than they have for the past couple of decades. Other recent studies indicate the same trend.

For the past 17 years, the director of admissions at Northwest Nazarene College has been asking arriving freshmen, "Who influenced you the most to attend a Christian college?" Increasingly, the number one influence cited is *parents*. Certainly other people, such as pastors, relatives, youth workers, Sunday School teachers, friends, alumni, and college recruiters held this decisive role for some, but approximately 60 percent now attribute much of the credit for their educational decision-making to their parents.

Often as a college sponsor I have been confronted with the struggles many parents express after a college presentation. Repeatedly I have heard the following comments: "I wish I could convince my son to attend NNC" or "We'd love to send our daughter to a Nazarene college, but we can't afford it."

These parents can still be shown ways that might help them realize their dreams for their teenagers. However, at such times I find myself asking, "How much of a priority was a Christian college education in the minds of these parents while their children were growing up?" Parents need to plant early and reinforce constantly in their children's minds the idea of going to a Nazarene college.

Three basic areas may assist parents in this responsibility. I am indebted to my parents who effectively influenced me to attend a Nazarene college through their example of sacrifice, prayer, and planning.

**Sacrifice now!** A recent article in *Christianity Today*, titled "Wesley's Other Children" by Dennis Kinlaw, made the following statement about the Church of the Nazarene: "Perhaps its greatest strength is to be seen in its educational thrust. In addition to a Bible college and seminary (450 students each) there are eight fully accredited liberal arts colleges that this year have enrolled more than 10,000 students."

I certainly agree with Dr. Kinlaw regarding the importance of our colleges to our church. My wife and I will ever be thankful to the people of Point Loma Nazarene College who so effectively invested themselves in the lives of our two children, providing the stimulus for the integration of their faith and learning. They and their spouses are reaping many benefits today from the experience they all had on that campus.

We, as parents, must ask ourselves how we can use our resources to enable our children to take full advantage of our church's great educational opportunities.

My own parents never had the opportunity to attend college, but they understood the value of my receiving a Christian college education. Each summer when the

college quartet would come to sing at my home church and the sponsor would ask for pledges for that year, my parents always participated. They didn't consider the pledge a sacrifice although it was from limited income. By the time I was college age, I felt my parents owned "a piece of the rock" in Boston, not the Prudential Life Insurance Company, but the Nazarene college a few miles away.

We need to consider personal contributions to our colleges in addition to the educational budget most of our churches faithfully pay. There is a great need today for endowment money to provide continuous scholarship funding for the increasing number of students with financial needs.

There are several other ways to demonstrate sacrificial concern for the college before one's children arrive on campus. Providing transportation to college events, providing hospitality for visiting student groups, and encouraging the local church to involve college students in summer internships are some. Those approaching college age need to be around Nazarene college students whether it be at the local church, at athletic events, or on the campus. Such encounters stimulate young teens to dream of a Christian college education for themselves. To help create this climate will be worth any sacrifice of time, effort, or money.

**Pray now!** While growing up I heard my father pray almost daily for the college on our zone, as he did for missionaries and the local church. At that time he had never seen a Nazarene college campus, but he was convinced that higher education was important to the local church and to our family. Through what he heard, read, and felt, he and my mother were convinced our church college needed their faithful prayers.

This conviction also kept the name, Eastern Nazarene College, before me constantly. Many times, during the past 18 years I have taught at NNC, I have realized how important it is to know that a host of people across the miles are praying for their college regularly.

**Plan now!** Whether your child is 5 or 15, there is no better time than the present to begin planning for his college education. Of course, financial planning is a major need. We are constantly being reminded through the media how costs are increasing for education. Christian colleges are not excluded from this reality.

When I was a teenager, my hardworking parents devised a plan to finance the dream of my attending Eastern Nazarene College. Throughout my high school years, I would maintain a part-time job (full-time in the summer) and save every dollar I made except for my tithe. They would endeavor to match this amount during my college years. During my high school years they provided for my basic needs and other reasonable requests. Many times I was tempted to use some of my savings for other interests, but my growing desire to attend ENC won out.

Such a plan may not work for most families today,

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by IRVING W. LAIRD

# Children for College



but it worked for me. I saved enough to pay half my way through college and, through sacrifice, my parents did the rest. It is important to devise a plan when facing what seems to be an insurmountable task.

Parents should help plan academically as well as financially. Don't leave this up to high school counselors entirely. Be sure your child is on the college mailing list before he enters high school. Read all materials sent and feel free to write for additional information when necessary. Compare curriculum with other colleges and universities. Ask for lists of graduate schools and names of graduates attending. Nazarene colleges today have a record in this area of which we can be justly proud.

My major professor in college, Bertha Munro, often declared, "There is no conflict between the best in Christian education and the best in Christian faith." Nazarene higher education in the 1980s still believes this and endeavors to practice it.

Nearly a decade ago, while traveling for the college, I stayed with a family whose teenage son had two main concerns, girls and sports. His devout Christian mother was determined that her son would have the opportunity for a Christian college education. She told

me of her plan, her willingness to sacrifice, and of the years she had been praying for this hope to be actualized. As I chatted with her pastor the next day, he said it would take a miracle for that young man to ever attend NNC, because the unsaved father would not be an encouragement and finances would be a problem even with a willingness to sacrifice.

A few years later I was standing in the faculty reception line for new students and their parents. A woman grabbed my hand and said, "Remember me? I told you the night you stayed at our house that with God's help I would get him here," pointing to the handsome, grinning young man following her. I watched this student with particular interest through his college career. He became a faithful Christian and a strong student (and still loved girls and sports!). I won't forget watching that mother the day her son and his fiancée graduated from college. Her face said clearly, "The sacrifice was worth it."

Her pastor had told me it would "take a miracle." Well, parents, let's expect more miracles and understand that they usually are wrought through *sacrifice, plans, and, most of all, prayer.*

Parents, prepare now!



## NAZARENE ROOTS

### IN THE ALBERTA DISTRICT ASSEMBLY, 1929:

In the strenuously contested debate [over establishing the Canadian Nazarene College], the district superintendent, C. E. Thomson, expressed some doubt that he could carry on his task if he didn't have this continuing source of workers from which to draw. . . . Those opposed to the venture also gave strong expression to their feelings on the question. When the vote was taken, it was a favorable vote but by such a narrow margin that Dr. Goodwin, the presiding general superintendent, felt he could not approve the project.

"Dr. Goodwin found it very difficult to preach in the evening service. There was a feeling of darkness on all who had a vision for the school. Some prayed long into the night that God would let His will be known." The next morning, "Dr. Goodwin expressed a desire for prayer because there was a cloud upon the assembly. He made his way down to the altar and the delegates followed. . . ."

When the assembly returned, the special order of the day was the election of the district superintendent. C. E. Thomson's unanimous election "em-



The first CNC building, constructed in 1929

boldened someone to move for reconsideration of the action of the previous day." This resulted in an enthusiastic vote for the college. "At once, Mrs. Edith Phillips rose to offer \$500.00 for the project." The district superintendent would even sell his Model "T" sedan to help buy the new campus. (Dorothy Thomson, *Vine of His Planting: History of Canadian Nazarene College*, pages 14-15.)

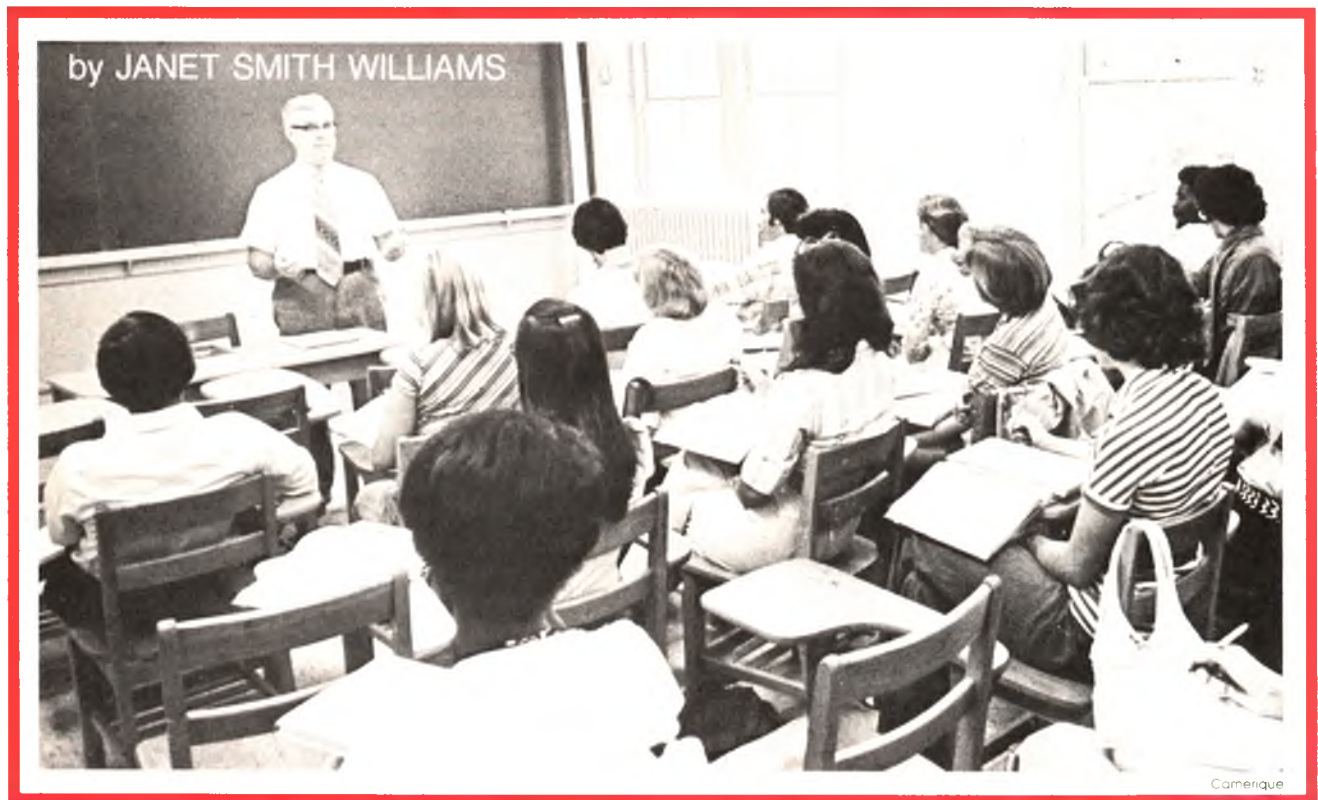
For more than 30 years CNC served in Alberta, Canada; then in the early 1960s, undertook another major step when it moved over 900 miles to Winnipeg. Here, they still provide an education for our Canadian ministers and have established a widely respected Religion Department.



STEVE COOLEY, Director of Archives



# THEY TAUGHT ME THE LEARNING PROCESS



**W**HEN JESUS CHRIST found me, a teenager, one of the results of my conversion was a deep thirst for learning. I had always been an avid reader but was rather indifferent to the learning process. This new life gave me a desire to know the scope of salvation, the world God had created, and the new people, the Christians, with whom I was associating.

A professor, traveling that summer with a quartet from one of our Nazarene colleges, came to the local church for a Wednesday night service. Afterwards, he spoke to me about pursuing an education at the college he represented. Others had urged me also to go to college, but it seemed impossible for a number of reasons. However, this professor made a logical and persuasive presentation that began to eliminate the barriers. He made me realize that knowledge of itself must be funneled through the processes of learning to be best utilized. In a few weeks, because of that encounter, I made a decision to go to a Nazarene college. It changed my life.

Arriving at college I was inspired to learn in classes taught by professors who created an environment that integrated information with Christian principles. One teacher often reminded us that there need be no conflict between spirituality and truth, especially when an

inquiry is examined honestly and thoughtfully. To this end the classes were led by supportive and caring faculty members.

In a theology class, while the professor led through the philosophical mazes of Augustine, much of which has been forgotten, he kept before us the central theme of Augustine's commitment to incorporate it into our lives and thinking. I went from that class realizing the significance of that often repeated quotation, "Thou has made us for thyself, and our hearts are restless, until they find rest in thee." Once again it was a learning situation that brought me to Christ as the source of peace and contentment. A Nazarene college professor had given this student a rule to live by.

A compassionate and imposing homiletics professor laid the foundation for a structure in sermon preparation. Patiently, he gave instructions on how to build one point upon another. Just as patiently he took time to review the written sermons with each individual or to write meaningful suggestions and words of encouragement on the returned assignments. The core of his teaching was to have one clear purpose, presented in a logical arrangement, to move others to Christ. He invested himself. I have often wondered if he knew how much he contributed by his teaching and his life.

The professor who had persuaded me to enroll in college was assigned as my advisor. Like most freshmen, I knew nothing about class scheduling. He suggested a time schedule, arranging classes, study, and

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work loads by priorities. The time-management sequence gave me a rational approach that resulted in a habit, continued not only in college but also in a busy life in the pastorate and the teaching fields. He helped me develop a major in college that God used to open doors of opportunity to minister to others.

In those first two years he always seemed available to help me work through a problem. He was quick to respond with a challenging statement or by phrasing a question that intrigued me to explore its meaning and find the solution. At a fine arts program I had given a true story about a young woman's encounter with faith. Afterwards, he asked me to think about how she arrived at that experience. It caused me to work through the philosophy that had been presented. It was the learning process in the face of spiritual reality.

His most valuable contribution to my life was to examine truth in a logical manner. He was my teacher for an introductory logic and history of philosophy class. The philosophical systems from the ancients to modern thinkers were examined in the light of Christian values. He provoked the mind and probed the thinking process. He taught ways to reason. He gave the class the power and freedom to think, yet he taught

in the best possible environment. I listened as he examined moral and spiritual values within the confines of a Christian commitment. It was a learning opportunity with a highly educated scholar who had both Christian integrity and logical thought patterns.

In retrospect, I think how vulnerable I was in my thirst for knowledge. Had I at that time in my life sat in a college class where Christian precepts and principles were undermined, as I did in graduate work, I might have been led away from Christian truth by rationalization or false analogies. Instead, I had the privilege of attending a Nazarene college where my professors, skilled both in lesson orientation and teaching style, created an intellectual environment. Coupled with those abilities, they had a warm interpersonal rapport that was student-centered. They asked Socratic questions to develop independent thinking.

It is usually in looking back over the years that one realizes the power and influence of teachers who shape character and values. I am grateful that a Nazarene professor had the insight to talk to me after a college service and present the opportunity of a Christian education to my thirsting mind. □

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# The Way God Planned It

by L. S. OLIVER

**I**T HAPPENED while Russell Collett was serving in the armed forces of the United States. God spoke, calling him into full-time Christian ministry! There wasn't any question—God *had* called! He was perplexed by the puzzling and disturbing dilemma—“How could this ever be?” He was living in the faraway land of Korea with his wife and growing family. Satan taunted him about his lack of preparation and his limited finance.

*But God had a plan.* Soon Russell learned that his church—the Church of the Nazarene—had established a Nazarene Bible College in Colorado Springs, Colo. It was for people just like him. Yearly allocations from the General Budget of the church enabled the college to operate with relatively low tuition for students. A flexible academic schedule made it possible for students to work while attending school. Immediately Russell realized that this was the way God had planned it.

In obedience to God's command, the Collett family moved to Colorado Springs and Russell was soon im-

mersed in biblical, theological, and pastoral studies. He became active in the “Missions in Action Club” and served as its president one year. This experience deepened and confirmed his call to the mission field.

Upon graduation in 1978, he was offered the “opportunity” of planting a new church in Clarion, Pa. He accepted this responsibility with alacrity and the new church was begun in a Holiday Inn motel. God blessed the efforts of this nucleus of believers and things developed rapidly. First, they constructed an educational building. Soon a second one was built and, finally, a lovely sanctuary was erected—three buildings in three years! Hallelujah!

Their “Impossible Dream” was realized in 1981 when the Colletts received an appointment as missionaries to South Africa from the general church. Rev. Collett, his wife, and the children, Christy, Sandy, Sarah, and Jonathon, are now living in Pietersburg, South Africa, where they are preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ and are creating a hunger for holiness of heart and life. They are ministering to more than 1 million Pedi people in the Seshego District of South Africa.

The Colletts are one of approximately 30 such Nazarene Bible College families now serving the church on mission fields around the world.

Thank you, Nazarenes, for your faithfulness in giving to the General Budget. Because you gave . . . the good news of the gospel is going around the world. □

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## “Because YOU GAVE...”



# Our Nazarene Colleges— Focus on the Student!

by STEPHEN W. NEASE

**T**HE FOCUS of our Nazarene colleges is on the individual student. The mission of our colleges is to motivate young men and women to follow Jesus Christ, and to offer them opportunities to develop their God-given talents, aptitudes, and abilities so that they may serve Christ and His Church effectively in today's complex society. The official slogan of one of our colleges says it well, "TO SEEK TO LEARN IS TO SEEK TO SERVE!"

As we focus on each student, needs—many of them financial—often surface that threaten to disrupt or terminate college preparation. Just last week Craig came to my office to inform me with regret that next semester he must remain at home, working to regain fiscal stability. Wistfully, he told me that he hoped to return "someday" to the college where during spring revival he had experienced entire sanctification and found real purpose for his studies.

Today Judy, a young mother, came to see me. Several years ago, she had enrolled in her holiness college with the goal of becoming a Christian teacher in an inner-city area. Marriage, spiritual problems, and the needs of her young children had for a time prevented her from reaching her goal. Last year, unable to escape the conviction that God had called her to a teaching task, Judy returned to her Nazarene college. Now, despite her near-heroic efforts to fulfill family responsibilities, attend classes, study, and hold a job, she was falling behind and feared that she once again might have to drop out of college.



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For Craig, the small amount of help that I could offer was too little and too late. He left my office with a promise that he would call me after he had found a job so that together we could reassess his situation and seek ways for him to return to the college he has come to love, there to prepare to serve the Christ who first loved him.

In Judy's case, because of funds supplied by concerned Christian friends, I was able to offer this highly motivated person sufficient help to remain in college. Spontaneous tears filled her eyes as she testified to me that here was an answer to her prayers. I didn't even have a Kleenex to offer her! As we rejoiced together, I confess I also needed one—and you would have too!

Let's focus on the lessons learned from Craig and Judy! For years, the support given Nazarene colleges by our churches and people has been the envy of other church-related colleges. Through funds received from educational budgets and personal pledges, our colleges have been able to operate "in the black" and build much-needed buildings. Such support must continue, and as it does our colleges, in return, will continue to supply a knowledgeable, thoughtful, and dedicated clergy and laity to serve effectively in the Church of the Nazarene.

Even with such loyal support, our colleges have been unable to set aside significant funds for scholarships and grants-in-aid to assist students such as Craig and Judy. Establishment of *endowed scholarships* with donated funds invested in perpetuity with the interest flowing to needy students is among the most pressing needs in Nazarene higher education today.

To fill this need one college has established the CHOICE scholarship fund—*Christians Helping Others In Christian Education*. Gifts of any size to CHOICE will be invested and the proceeds allocated by a concerned college scholarship committee to enable worthy students to continue their studies in the college of their choice. Gifts establishing memorial or named scholarships are encouraged through CHOICE.

Thus a new challenge and opportunity is offered to Nazarenes concerned to help the future ministers, missionaries, evangelists, and laity of the church. We challenge scores of our people to contact the college of their educational region to offer ongoing assistance to needy young people through endowment gifts.

A student helped by scholarship funds in one Nazarene college this year wrote her benefactor:

I would like to express my deep appreciation to you, and to the Scholarship Committee for the Jay W. Patton Memorial Scholarship. . . . I am especially grateful for this assistance for I will be sacrificing summer employment in order to travel for the General Church of the Nazarene with *Discovery* in the Youth in Mission Program. Thank you for your consideration.

Who knows—someday a letter such as this may come to your mailbox. Why not contact your college president today!



**F**OR THE LAST EIGHT YEARS I've been praying each morning, "Lord, make me sensitive this day to Your will. As I meet people, let me sense the needs in their lives. Show me how to help them find confidence and hope in Your will for their lives."

I had to change careers eight years ago when my husband, Tim, left the pastorate. What could I do? I decided I could do each day just what the Lord wanted me to do that day. As I met people, I could be sensitive to their needs and help them find God meeting that need. Was that really a change in careers?

For the past eight years, because of that prayer, I have been able to care for patients and their families who are in the hospital just two blocks from my home. I have been able to offer them a home away from home and a helping hand. I purchased an apartment house to serve in this ministry, and planned to be active this way until 1987. All of a sudden, in September of 1984, I knew I must make a change in my life. I felt this so strongly I decided to look for a purchaser for my apartment house, found one, and set the wheels in motion for that sale. My family did not understand my change in plans, but I knew this was what I had to do.

Then on November 13, my husband started to show signs that indicated he was not well. After another week we realized he was in serious trouble. And then, while in the hospital for tests, we were told that he probably had a brain tumor that was inoperable. Needless to say, my prayers were concerned only with this new problem in our lives. On Sunday, December 9, there were many, many people praying in the many churches all over our land. Nazarenes, Methodists, Seventh-Day Adventists, Catholics, Pentecostals, and Jews were praying that day for his healing.

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Monday morning, before I went to the hospital to see him, I was putting dishes away in the bottom of the china cupboard. The children had all been home Sunday. There was a small drawer in the center of that cupboard above where the dishes stay. I did not touch that drawer. It did not seem to move, but while I was putting the dishes away a piece of paper came floating down and landed upright on the floor in front of me. About two years before I had read a scripture, jotted it down, and put it in that drawer, as I often do. This was the scripture that fell to my feet that day: "For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord. They are plans for good and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope" (Jeremiah 29:11, TLB). I knew this was a scripture for my husband that day.

I went to the hospital clutching this piece of paper in my hand. When I walked in my husband's hospital room, he looked somewhat improved. I asked him if he was feeling better, and he said that for the first time since he was sick he felt better. I told him about finding the scripture for him, and read it to him. We sat and pondered about the way of the Lord. Both of us felt that God had spoken that day.

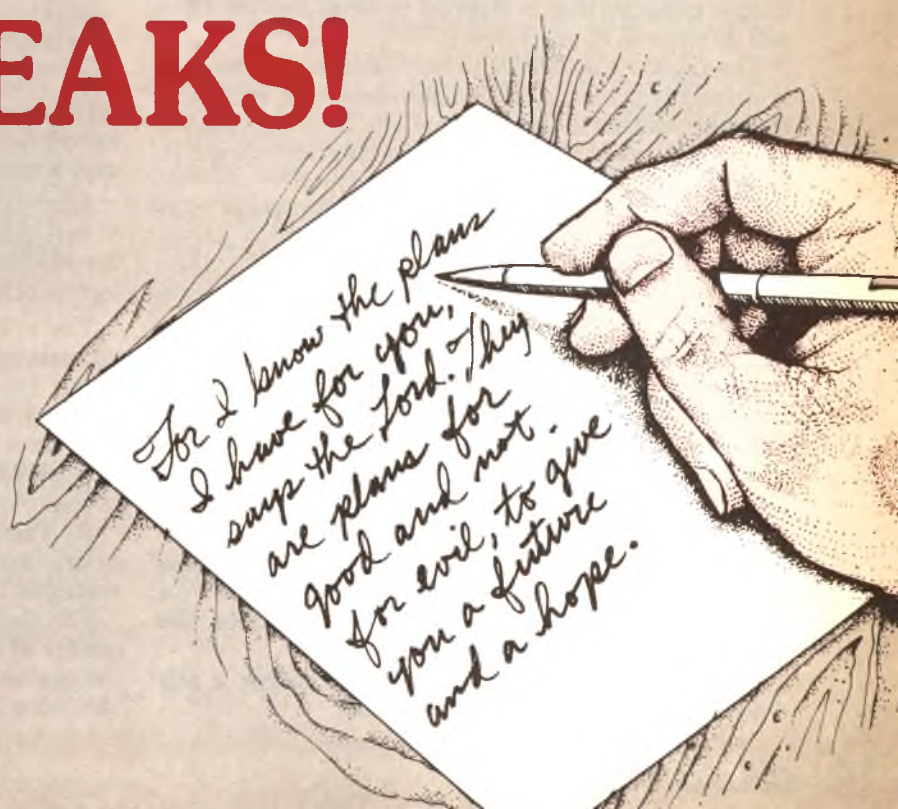
Each day since then, my husband has improved in some small way. The doctor now says he does not know what caused the illness, but he knows Tim has been a very sick man and is improving. We believe that we know the answer to this puzzle. The Lord has spoken to us through Jeremiah.

About 10 days later, both my husband and I felt a bit discouraged. Recovery seemed slow and was requiring a great deal of patience. When the mail came, there was a letter from a friend, Neil Hightower. He had heard of Tim's illness and had prayed for him. He said the Lord had given him a scripture for Tim—and he quoted Jeremiah 29:11!

Can you believe? God does speak—do you hear Him? "For I know the plans I have for you . . . to give you a future and a hope." □

# GOD SPEAKS! DO WE LISTEN?

by ANNE W. SMITH





by ROGER PARROTT

# COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE

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***It is achieving the qualities that make one stand out from the rest.***

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THE WORD “EXCELLENCE,” like the word “love,” is one of the most misunderstood, overused, and often trivialized words in our vocabulary. It serves as the theme for both Mercedes-Benz, and the Ford Motor Company. Excellence is the slogan for a World Championship professional sports team, and its junior high school counterpart. It is talked about by many, but achieved by a few.

Excellence is rarely gained without careful planning. It is never possessed without a conscious commitment of energy and resources; and it must be maintained, for it dissolves more rapidly than it builds. Excellence is one of those unique qualities that is difficult to measure, but when you do possess it, you know it.

The *Oxford English Dictionary* indicates excellence is primarily a matter of comparisons. It is achieving the qualities that make one stand out from the rest. Or, as a prestigious Philadelphia Foundation states it: “Excellence is being the best of the bunch.”

The colleges of the Church of the Nazarene have achieved excellence; they have achieved the distinction of being the best at what they do. They are not Harvard or Yale Universities, nor should they be. They are as different from the Ivy League Schools as is an automobile from an airplane—each designed for a different purpose and each able to be of service in ways the other cannot. But in comparison to the other 300 Christian colleges in the United States, the Nazarene colleges stand head and shoulders above the rest.

The Danforth Commission on Church Colleges and Universities studied the correlation between church-relatedness and quality in education, and from this study, the commission predicted a gloomy future for church-related colleges. But in almost all cases, the

Nazarene colleges run in direct defiance of the Commission’s findings:

***1. The Danforth Commission believes that “conservative religious colleges are weaker academically than those of more liberal religious orientation.”***

Academic excellence is a difficult quality to measure, but in comparison to the standard benchmarks, Nazarene colleges have excelled academically. For example:

- Ninety to 95 percent of all premedical students graduating from Nazarene colleges are accepted into medical schools. The average acceptance rate for all of higher education is 40 to 45 percent.
- The accrediting associations have universally ranked the Nazarene colleges high in overall academic quality. The teacher education and science programs have been ranked as some of the best in the nation.
- Studies have shown that a student at a Nazarene college receives twice as much individualized instruction from faculty members as does a student at a state university or community college.

***2. The Danforth Commission found that “strongly religious colleges tend to have smaller enrollments than do nominally church-related and nonchurch colleges.”***

Although enrollment growth alone is not a measure of excellence within higher education, size can provide the resources, flexibility, and opportunities for a college to offer programs that lead to excellence.

The average enrollment for religious colleges is approximately 600 students, while the Nazarene colleges enroll an average of 1,250 students, for a total enrollment of over 10,000 students. Our two newest colleges have set a pattern for rapid growth that has rarely been paralleled in the history of American higher education.

***3. The Danforth Commission discovered “library holdings tend to be smaller at sectarian colleges.”***

The mark of a quality academic program is often the quality and quantity of the school’s library holdings. On the average, Nazarene college libraries contain 125,000 volumes, for a total collection among all the

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schools of over 1 million volumes. In comparison, the average collection for Christian colleges is approximately 75,000 volumes. On most of the Nazarene campuses, except for the chapel, the library is the largest building.

**4. The Danforth Commission reports "the competence of the faculty, as measured by the percentage of faculty holding the doctoral degree, tends to be considerably lower at the religious college."**

This finding clearly does not describe Nazarene higher education. Within religious colleges about one-third of all faculty hold doctorates, while at Nazarene colleges approximately 55 percent of the faculty have earned doctorates.

**5. Finally, the Danforth Commission reported, "the value of the physical plant of religious colleges is about one-third the value of nonreligious schools."**

The Nazarene colleges again do not follow the trend, for the aggregate value of all the campuses is over \$161 million, with a total debt of less than \$35 million. As with enrollment, physical plant alone is not an indicator of quality, but it is the soil that offers an opportunity for excellence to bloom.

In comparison with the 300 church colleges studied by the Danforth Commission, the Nazarene colleges excel on all counts. The Nazarene colleges are a rare group and serve as the standard-bearer for all of Christian higher education. Being the "best of the bunch," they have achieved excellence, and must never be satisfied with anything less than excellence. But looking beyond the study of the Danforth Commission and the traditional measures of excellence, we find Nazarene colleges have qualities of excellence that place them in a category with few peers. Nazarene colleges have lead-

ers who believe a quality academic program is only the initial step:

**Boards of Trustees** design a mission that centers on students becoming people who strengthen the community, the church, and the family.

**Faculty** teach students to lift their vision of what they can achieve, to search to improve the quality of life for those around them, and to discover places of lifelong service.

**Administrators** realize college must teach students how to live, not just how to make a living; and accordingly a holiness life-style is integrated into every classroom presentation, chapel service, and student activity.

These are characteristics that make the colleges of the Church of the Nazarene excellent by any standard.

But excellence today does not assure the continuance of quality. The 1982 best-seller *In Search of Excellence* highlighted the accomplishments and characteristics of 42 "excellent" companies. But just two years after its publication, *Business Week* reports that 14 of these same companies are losing their tradition of excellence. These 14 companies are almost unknowingly settling for mediocrity because they have not kept the commitment to excellence as their foundation.

The Nazarene college system is unique in all of higher education. No other evangelical denomination possesses colleges of the quality of the Church of the Nazarene. But preservation of excellence does not come without commitment.

The Danforth Commission believes the next 10 years will determine the course of Christian higher education for the next 100 years. Accordingly, now is the time for commitment to excellence in Nazarene colleges to be kept unwavering. □

## Book Brief

### SONS OF AFRICA: Stories from the Life of ELMER SCHMELZENBACH



as told to  
LESLIE PARROTT



We know Swaziland today with its fine institutions and churches, its congregations of clean, educated, happy Nazarenes. How far removed that seems from the day the greasy woman witchdoctor started for the altar only to race back to the door with a piercing shriek, pursued by demons. We can't turn back the calendar and join Harmon and his family in those primitive experiences, but the book made me want to, snakes, witchdoctors, and all.

The title, *Sons of Africa*, comes from the bonding between the Schmelenbachs and the people of the land. This title of great respect was earned, rather than bestowed. I loved Elmer's statement as he arrived back in Swaziland after college days: "I had come home to the place I belonged."

Elmer Schmelenbach could tell stories, but since Zulu was his language, he felt he couldn't write them down. He chose a capable word artist to do that job. Together they created one of my favorite books, a vivid, moving history of this important area of the world. Hardbound and jacketed, it merits a place in any good library—and in our hearts. □

—Evelyn A. Stenbock

Beacon Hill Press of Kansas City  
217 pages. To order see page 23.

**D**O YOU LIKE to bury yourself in a fascinating book? One can easily lose himself completely in this wonderful collection of stories from early African missionary work. It's a covered wagon story of a man, his wife, and chubby baby setting off across the wilderness to find a spot to build a home. And it's the account of their successful missionary work proven by the subsequent dedication of their sons and grandsons, born and raised in the missionary setting.



# the editor's STANDPOINT

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## LEARNED AT COLLEGE

I spent nine happy years teaching in Nazarene colleges. I believe some students learned some things in my classes. Some of them did not learn all I tried to teach, but some of them learned more than I could teach. They were better students than I was a teacher.

Whatever my classes learned or did not learn, I certainly learned some valuable lessons during those years on campus.

I learned that some of the best people on earth can be found in our colleges.

I began to teach without benefit of training for the task. I learned to teach like Pat's hound learned to swim—he was tossed into the river and it was swim or drown. How kind, patient, and supportive were my faculty colleagues! With their advice and example I muddled through until I caught on and took hold and came to have some value to the college.

My first “boss” was Dr. Frank Carver, and he was more than supervisor to me. He was mentor and friend. He was Christ's man to the core, a man of unimpeachable integrity. And he was just one of many who made me

realize that a great Christian fellowship can be found in our colleges.

However, our colleges do not exist to provide jobs for good men and women. They exist for the sake of youth, providing higher education opportunities in a Christian context, where faith and learning can be integrated. And I learned that students who really wanted such an education could get it. I watched them learn, mature, adjust, and evidence the skills and compassion needed to serve Christ effectively in our world.

Subtract the church from the colleges and they would be unneeded. There are plenty of schools around where youth can learn to be sophisticated animals and secular humanists.

Subtract the colleges from the church and it would suffer terribly. The contribution of our alumni, ministers and laymen, is incalculable. They provide present leadership and future potential without which our mission would be impossible to accomplish.

Keep our colleges well supported. Pray for them. Give to them. They will keep our churches well staffed with intelligent and committed men and women. □

## A GRACIOUS WOMAN IS GONE

On February 26 Gladys Johnson died. Her death occasioned deep sorrow for all who knew her well. We wept for ourselves, of course, for she was “at home,” while we are still pilgrims in pain.

Since 1969 Gladys had worked at our international headquarters in Kansas City as an executive secretary to Dr. Ray Hurn in Church Extension. She was a faithful member of Kansas City First Church and sang in the choir. She will be greatly missed.

I write of her because she was typical of the unsung staff members who labor loyally and sacrificially at headquarters, demonstrating in their daily work a love for Christ and the church as heroic as it is hidden. To devote her energies and skills to the church, Gladys left a job where she was much loved and well paid. Her quest was not for security but for a place of service in the will of God. Her work was a ministry.

And I write of her because she was a personal friend. Before coming to headquarters, she lived and worked in Atlanta. I was her pastor there for over eight years.

I knew her as one who put others before herself and Christ before all. She was active in the life and work of the church and a friend to her pastor. In the years that I knew her, I never heard Gladys speak unkindly of anyone. I often heard her voicing encouragement to dispirited people.

When I think of Gladys Johnson, two words come instantly to mind, quietness and cheerfulness.

She spoke so softly! I never heard her raise her voice. Her gentleness was not weakness, however. Nothing could bend her from what she perceived to be the will of God.

She was quietly cheerful. Did she ever go five minutes without smiling? During her last hours she must have sensed the somberness that began to mantle the spirit of friends. To Delta Allen she said, “Sing for me.” And when Delta sang at her bedside, the next request was, “Tell me a joke.” She wanted the gloom dispersed!

Farewell, brave, gentle, faithful Christian woman! We will see you again. □

Christians are born again, not cloned. The Lord does not expect or demand uniformity of His people. We all differ from one another and that is good.

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## OTHER HERALDS, OTHER VICTORIES

Upstairs above my office, closer to heaven than I am allowed to work, some of the most important and effective work of the church is being done. I refer to the literature output of Publication Services headed up by Dr. Bennett Dudney.

The Spanish “Herald” is edited by Sergio Franco, a man who combines intellect and compassion in beautiful measure. *El Heraldo de Santidad* appears monthly with excellent content and format. It is choice, colorful, challenging, and Christ-centered, and reaches a growing number of readers. I wish all our English readers could see an issue—and I wish I could read one!

The crown jewel of Spanish literature is a 10-volume commentary on the Scriptures, the largest Protestant commentary available in Spanish. Acceptance of it and demand for it have been instant and heartening. It is used by many other denominations as well as by ours. As editor Franco says, “It belongs to the church.”

Our Spanish radio programs and print materials are addressing millions of people. And in those Spanish-speaking areas our church is growing swiftly, to the glory of God.

A Portuguese “Herald”—*O Arauto da Santidade*—is edited by Jorge de Barros, a Christian scholar and statesman. This magazine is now issued monthly, with full-color cover and appealing layout. It addresses a growing clientele in 10 Portuguese-speaking areas where we have churches at work. These areas are populated by millions and our work is expanding rapidly among them.

The new Portuguese hymnal, *Louvor E Adoração (Praise and Worship)*, is an exciting entrant into the field of Christian literature and will be widely used by many denominations.

Jorge de Barros also serves as speaker for our Portuguese radio programs. Voice and print media are catching the hearts of thousands.

All the publications in other languages are high quality, attractive, and effective. God is using them, and the work is exploding. Pray for Publication Services. To quote Franco again, “The church will be what the church reads.” □

## YOUR OWN EXPERIENCE

A secretary’s “Deskaide” contains this quotation on one of its pages: “Borrowed garments never fit well.”

Having spent lots of my early boyhood in hand-me-downs, I can say amen to that quotation. When I first read it, two things came at once to mind.

I thought of David when he was decked out in Saul’s armor. The poor kid could hardly walk in it, much less go out and fight giant Goliath. He was uncomfortable modeling it, and to wear it into combat was unthinkable. He had to go in his own clothes and with his own weapons, plus a triumphant faith in God.

I also thought of Timothy Merritt, a leader in the early holiness movement in America. A lady was wishing for an experience of holiness just like his. He is reported to have offered her his false teeth. When she protested that they weren’t made for her mouth, he replied that God tailors every believer’s experience to that person’s own individual personality.

This does not mean that there are no common elements in Christian experience. But the common ele-

ments are received and expressed differently from person to person, since each of us is unique.

It is human and natural to imitate those we admire. In the days of my early ministry there were quite a few preachers trying to act and sound like J. B. Chapman or R. T. Williams. Their happiness and usefulness increased when they decided to be themselves.

Christians are born again, not cloned. The Lord does not expect or demand uniformity of His people. We all differ from one another and that is good. We are not mass-produced dolls from a toy factory; we are persons, essentially one but infinitely varied.

Do not attempt to borrow or copy another’s experience. Have your very own, the one God has provided and intended just for you. You will be at your best for Him when you are being yourself and not aping another. And don’t think others inferior in experience because they perceive and express their experience in ways unlike yours. To each his own! □





*V. H. Lewis*



*Eugene L. Stowe*



*Orville W. Jenkins*

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**Looking forward to Pentecost Sunday  
and the Church of the Nazarene's  
21st General Assembly, the Board of  
General Superintendents proclaims...**

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*Charles H. Strickland*



*William M. Greathouse*



*Jerald D. Johnson*

# A Call to Prayer

*The Church of the Nazarene is approaching another important General Assembly. This great international gathering will have important consequences both within the church and in the world with its overshadowing problems and needs.*

*Throughout history the people of God have found strength, comfort, and divine help when they have humbled themselves in united prayer. God has always honored the heart cry of His people. Needs have been met, sins forgiven, believers sanctified, revivals born, miracles recorded and great growth has resulted within the church in answer to prevailing and intercessory prayer.*

*The Board of General Superintendents is designating Pentecost (Whitsunday) Sunday, May 26, 1985, as a special day of intercessory prayer throughout the Church of the Nazarene. From 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. on that day we request that every church, the chapels on our college campuses, hospital chapels, every mission station, and all missions and institutions throughout the world be open for a continuous chain of prayer. We urge every Nazarene in every area of the world to unite and form a link in this chain of united prayer as we humble ourselves before the Lord. Let us pray with true sincerity and supplication. No doubt, many will fast as they pray. Let us pray in humility and in full confession of our total dependence on God in the face of our church's needs and those of our troubled world. Let us beseech Him for a great outpouring of His Spirit on the General Assembly. May we pray in confidence and with full assurance in God's faithfulness to hear and answer our cries.*

*"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father. And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If he shall ask anything in my name, I will do it" (John 14:12-14).*

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strict, but for revival in the hearts of the ministers and wives who labor in those churches. As God's Word says, "The liberal soul shall be made fat: and he that watereth shall be watered also himself" (Proverbs 11:25).

David K. Kline  
Spring Arbor, Michigan

#### DISAPPOINTMENT

Just a note to inform you of my disappointment in your article "On

English Bibles." You have added fuel to the confusion over the NIV.

If you are a dedicated, saved, and sanctified holiness pastor, and didn't appreciate the truth of your stated evangelist, then surely you must not be filled with the same spirit as Dr. Bresee, the founder of our church. He rejected the ASV or the RSV. You surely don't think he would have approved the NIV with its over 50 percent Calvinist contributors?

I think you have been partial in rejecting articles that have been sent

to you in regard to the NIV. Why not let the people know the facts? Don't you think you should be the first to discover the weaknesses of the NIV, as well as other modern translations or Bible versions, patterned after the corrupted Wescott-Hort Greek text instead of being patterned after the Textus Receptus?

Let's have more printed letters of the conservative holiness people instead of so many liberals.

Clarence B. Root  
Rushville, Illinois

## MIRACLES IN COLORADO

by MAYNARD JAMES

MELVILLE CARPENTER was pastor of our Nazarene church in Yuma, Colo., when I went there for a six days' campaign many years ago.

It was a privilege to have fellowship with such a happy and humble man of God. But both of us were in for some surprises during those memorable six days together.

Surprises about divine healing and a change of weather occurred.

The weather was so hot (in the 90s) that only foolish people would needlessly walk unprotected in the open streets in the afternoons. Then, one day, to my amazement, the Lord clearly told me to call the church to join me in holding an open-air service on the coming Sunday afternoon.

To so-called common sense, such an idea was ridiculous. And, as I learned afterward, the local Nazarenes did not remember when there had ever been a gospel open-air meeting in the select avenues of pretty Yuma!

To my shame, I confess that I put out of my mind the clear call of God for an open-air service on the coming Sunday afternoon. I kept silent about it.

Then came Sunday itself, and with it a sudden change of weather. *Torrid heat had disappeared and the air was delightfully cool and refreshing!* Humbled to the dust, I made my confession to dear Melville Carpenter and told him what I felt the Lord wanted us to do. I saw at once that he was shaken to the roots at the thought of announcing from his pulpit the strange idea of the visiting evangelist.

But, loyal friend that he was, he courageously announced (faltering maybe) that Brother James wanted an open-air service that very afternoon. It would be in British fashion and all were invited to join him in this

unexpected open-air witness. It would commence at 3 p.m. To our surprise, between 40 and 50 people gathered outside the Nazarene church at the appointed hour.

We set off on a march around the tree-lined avenues, stopping at intervals for the singing of hymns and the giving of personal testimonies to Christ's wonderful salvation.

What resulted was truly remarkable. That Sunday evening there were at least 90 strangers in the Nazarene church. It was delightful to preach to such "hungry" folk. There was no need to give a prolonged high-powered appeal at the end of the message. The seekers at the altar that night came out immediately in response to the call of the Holy Spirit. *Next day the heat wave returned in full force!*

The Lord had reminded His people of the vital need to go out and preach the gospel to every creature. Yes, and to witness boldly for Him "in season and out of season"—indoors and in the open-air.

But what about the miracle of healing mentioned earlier?

At the close of one of the evening services I was asked to pray for a little child named Gibson. He was suffering from leukemia (cancer of the blood cells) and had only a very short time to live. As we gathered around the little one, I was conscious of a wonderful sense of God's presence. The child's father was an elder in our church and was mighty in the art of intercession. We laid hands on precious little Gibson (according to Mark 16:18) and prayed a simple prayer for his healing. I am convinced that it was mainly the faith of the godly father that prevailed in that unforgettable moment. The Lord completely healed the child, and when, seven years later I returned to Colorado, I saw the lad Gibson—healthy and strong—enjoying himself in the Nazarene campgrounds in Denver. Melville Carpenter told me himself that when little Gibson was taken back to the hospital after we had prayed for and laid hands on him, the doctor was surprised that he was still alive!

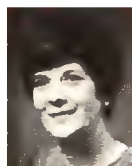
Truly those six days in Yuma can never be forgotten. To our covenant-keeping God be the glory! □

MAYNARD JAMES is a Nazarene elder in the British Isles and editor emeritus of *The Flame*, a holiness magazine.

**"By ALL MEANS...  
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# IN THE NEWS

## PEOPLE AND PLACES



**Carol S. Bell**, a former teacher for the Kearsley School District, has been named Educator of the Year by the Sales and Marketing Executives of Flint, Mich.

Carol has developed a self-sufficient day-care and preschool at Flint First Church.

She received her bachelor's degree in early elementary education from Olivet Nazarene College and her master's from Oakland University. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Stout of the Madison Heights St. Paul, Mich., church. □

### TWO CHAPLAINS ENTER ACTIVE DUTY



The two most recent Nazarene chaplains going on active duty with the military are LTJG David Beeson CHC, USN, pastor of Aransas Pass, Tex., church. He went to the

USN Chaplain's School at Newport, R.I. March 6 he was assigned to the First Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, Calif.



CH (1LT) Steve Ralph, pastor of the Republic Church of the Nazarene, Republic, Wash., is attending the U.S.A. Chaplain's School at Fort Monmouth, N.J. In early

April he will be assigned to Fort Lewis, Wash. □

### CONTINUING EDUCATION—A SPIRITUAL HAPPENING

The first Rocky Mountain District Pastors Institute, featuring Dr. Bill Burch, Northwest Oklahoma district superintendent, was held January 14-17, near Powell, Wyo. "Improving Our Serve" was the institute's theme, with the purpose of preparing pastors for a more effective ministry.

There were 40 pastors who earned Continuing Education Unit (CEU) credit through Pastoral Ministries'

"Approved Workman" program. Workshops included "Preparing for a Year's Pulpit Ministry" (James Tharp); "Salvation by Appointment" (Vernon Carpenter); "Principles of Church Planting" (Raymond Hurn); and "Ministering to Children" (John Bondy). Dr. Burch led workshops on personnel profiles and church administration.

This event for professional development climaxed with an "unforgettable" spiritual experience. The Wednesday evening service was filled with praying and waves of joyful praise lasting three hours. Spontaneously, pastors expressed this desperation for a divine visitation, confessed their needs, and readily responded in obedience to the Holy Spirit. Even through the night, burdens were lifted, inner lives were renewed, bodies were touched, and emotions were healed. This exciting continuing education event brought new techniques and plans to pastors. However, a new perspective for ministry was gained by reaching a new heavenly viewpoint. □

### WALTER PROMOTED TO MANAGER OF OFFICE OPERATIONS FOR PENSIONS AND BENEFITS SERVICES



Dr. Dean Wessels, director of Pensions and Benefits Services, has announced the promotion of Rev. Don Walter from office assistant to manager of office operations

for Pensions and Benefits Services. His responsibilities include overseeing the daily operations of the Pensions office. He also works in implementing plans, procedures, correspondence, and mailings that serve the needs of over 11,000 ministers and their families in the United States and Canada, including over 2,500 retired ministers and widows of ministers. He likewise maintains daily oversight of both the "Basic" Pension Plan and the Nazarene Supplemental Retirement Program.

Prior to coming to Pensions and Benefits Services, Rev. Walter served churches in Ohio, West Virginia, and Pennsylvania, both as pastor and associate pastor. He is a graduate of Mid-America Nazarene College and Nazarene Theological Seminary.

He and his wife, Kathy, reside in Olathe, Kans., and attend College Church of the Nazarene. Kathy is a sixth grade elementary teacher in the Olathe school system. They have two daughters, Alyssa and Amanda, ages 5 and 3. □

### NAZARENE MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT MINISTRIES

The couples pictured have completed the requirements of the provisional process and have been granted certification as Nazarene Marriage Enrichment leader couples.

All four couples have modeled growth and commitment as they have led others on the journey of Christlikeness in their marriages. Qualified to lead either retreats or the ongoing growth groups, these couples have focused their ministry mainly on the marriages in their local churches.



John and Sheree Denney  
Portland, Ore.

J. Paul and Marilyn Turner  
Marriage and Family Life Ministries



Mike and Mary Ellen Murphy  
Chillicothe, Ill.



Kevin and Janet Simon  
Richmond, Va.



Merv and Linda Friberg  
Coquille, Ore.



# THIRTY-FOUR MISSIONARIES APPOINTED

One of the highlights of the annual session of the General Board is the presentation of the new missionary appointees who will represent the denomination in its World Mission ministries. Thirty-four persons received the commission and mandate of the General Board during a special service Tuesday evening, February 26. They are:

APPOINTEES	HOME	APPOINTMENT
Rev. & Mrs. Dan Anderson	Loomis, Calif.	Kenya, West Africa
Mr. & Mrs. James Buchanan	Havana, Ill.	Africa Communications Council
Rev. & Mrs. Bill Dawson, Jr.	Whitehall, Tenn.	Haiti Church Growth Council
Rev. & Mrs. Robert Dipert	St. Albert, Alta.	Papua New Guinea Church Growth Council
Rev. & Mrs. Christopher Grube	Ballwin, Mo.	Holy Land
Rev. & Mrs. Steven Hofferbert	Kansas City, Mo.	Brazil South Council
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Keller	Manhattan, Kans.	General appointment
Rev. & Mrs. Samuel Lever	Olathe, Kans.	Papua New Guinea Church Growth Council
Dr. & Mrs. Bill McCoy	Tulsa, Okla.	Swaziland Medical Council
Rev. & Mrs. David Restrict	Avon, United Kingdom	Swaziland Church Growth
Rev. & Mrs. Mark Ryan	Grandview, Mo.	South America
Miss Veronica Sponaugle	Bexley, Ohio	Swaziland Medical Council
Rev. & Mrs. Juan Vazquez Pla	Costa Rica, C.A.	Latin America Radio Ministry
Rev. & Mrs. Larry Wagner	Olathe, Kans.	Japan
Rev. & Mrs. Freddy Williams	Port-au-Prince, Haiti	Haiti Church Growth Council
Miss JoAnn Wood	Shawnee, Kans.	Swaziland Medical Council
Mr. & Mrs. Stan Doerr	Mount Vernon, Ohio	Specialized assignment, Southern Africa Council
Rev. & Mrs. Lowell Clark	Woodward, Okla.	Specialized assignment, Zambia/Malawi



The 62nd annual session of the General Board convenes at the Kansas City Youth for Christ Lighthouse.

## SIXTY-SECOND SESSION OF GENERAL BOARD MEETS

The 62nd annual session of the General Board of the Church of the Nazarene met to conduct denominational business, February 25-27 in Kansas City. This year's agenda included the review of a wide range of subjects that will be considered by the 21st General Assembly. The group also heard re-

ports about denominational accomplishments during the past year and the quinquennium.

Special honor was paid to the memory of the late Dr. Thane Minor, who died last December, for his service to the general church as an original member of the General Board Organization Commission and as Finance Division director.

Dr. Raymond W. Hurn, Church Ex-

tension Ministries director, was also honored with a special plaque for his 17 years of service to the general church. Dr. Hurn has accepted a teaching and consulting position at Nazarene Bible College, effective August 1, 1985.

A special salute was also given to general superintendents, Dr. Orville W. Jenkins and Dr. V. H. Lewis, and their wives, for whom this was their last



Dr. Raymond Hurn holds plaque presented to him by the General Board commemorating 17 years of service at Nazarene headquarters.



Shown (l. to r.): Dr. and Mrs. Orville W. Jenkins and Dr. and Mrs. V. H. Lewis receive a standing ovation for their many years of service to the denomination.



"As we look toward General Assembly and the future, we pray for a renewal of our sense of mission and set our sights on enlarged church growth through intensive evangelism and outreach," said Dr. William M. Greathouse in the annual Report of the Board of General Superintendents, which he delivered. He closed his report with an exhortation from Joshua 3:5 that should be especially meaningful to Nazarenes around the world: "And Joshua said unto the people, Sanctify yourselves; for tomorrow the Lord will do wonders among you."

General Board session as active general superintendents.

Dr. Lewis has given more than half a century of service to the denomination. He pioneered as the first executive secretary of Evangelism and has served as general superintendent for the past 25 years—a period exceeded only by one other person, Dr. R. T. Williams, who served for 30 years.

Dr. Orville W. Jenkins has been a general superintendent since being elected in 1968. He has given almost five decades of service to the denomination and was executive secretary for the Department of Home Missions prior to his election as general superintendent.

Both men and their spouses were given a standing ovation and presented with honoraria from the General Board

by Dr. Eugene L. Stowe, general superintendent.

Highlights from the work at Nazarene Headquarters and from the many churches around the world during 1984 were given:

#### GENERAL SECRETARY

Dr. B. Edgar Johnson, general secretary, reported that there were 231,767 new Nazarenes during the quinquennium. Of these, 217,405 persons became members of the denomination by profession of faith.

The number of churches grew by 272 for a total of 8,067 in 1984.

#### GENERAL TREASURER

Dr. Norman O. Miller, general treasurer, reported that total General Board income reached \$37,031,322 (an increase of 10.9 percent over the previous year). Of this income, \$32,060,854 came from General Budget and Mission Specials; more than \$140,000,000 was given to World Evangelism in the quinquennium just completed. *This ex-*

ceeds the \$125,000,000 General Assembly goal by more than \$15,000,000.

#### CHRISTIAN LIFE & SUNDAY SCHOOL

Rev. Phil Riley, division director, reported the Sunday School enrollment total increased 5,957 and enrollment is now 1,134,413, with average attendance of 605,559 (worldwide).

Rev. Riley noted the two 1984 Sunday School enrollment drives were successful. The spring emphasis, "What Do These Stones Mean? Tell Them," produced a new record attendance of more than 575,000 on Easter Sunday (U.S. and Canada), while the fall emphasis, "People Reaching People," brought a net gain of 33,000 new enrollees in Nazarene Sunday Schools (U.S. and Canada).

The VBS offering reached a record of \$85,000.


The children's catechism, *Foundations of Faith* (for sixth graders), was released this year with good response. Almost 5,000 pupil packets were sold.

In the area of special education, a network of 66 volunteers on 38 districts throughout the United States was established. This network is to assist local churches in ministering to handicapped persons and their families.

Youth in Mission placed a total of 263 participants in more than 75 world areas for ministry in 1984. Young people who attended were trained in discipling methods, children's programs, witnessing, puppetry, and other avenues of ministry to local churches and communities.

#### CHURCH GROWTH

Rev. Bill Sullivan, Church Growth Division director, announced the worldwide growth rate for the denomi-



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nation in 1984 was 3.66 percent, with total membership increasing 23,922 to 794,797 (full and probationary).

Rev. Sullivan corrected the mistaken notion that growth is occurring only in countries outside the U.S.A. He said that percentages can sometimes be misleading and illustrated the point by noting that the 1.68 percent rate in the U.S.A. represents 8,498 members, while the 19.65 percent increase in the South American Region represents 3,791 members.

The Church Growth Division cooperated with the Christian Life and Sunday School Division in 1984 to promote the People Reaching People pro-



**District Superintendent Rev. L. B. Smith of the Africa Region. Behind him (l. to r.) are Dr. Robert Wilfong and Mr. George Williamson.**

gram. The response from pastors to the program was very positive.

The number of ethnic Nazarene congregations has more than doubled since 1970 with a total of 338 fully organized churches and 108 church-type missions to date.

Forty-nine churches and 49 sponsoring pastors received Citation of Merit awards in 1984 for sponsoring a new work that became a fully organized church.

Fifty-two church planters received the Church Planter Citation of Merit award in 1984 district assemblies, highlighting the importance of local churches and local pastors in carrying out the great commission of new works.

There were 57,541 new Nazarenes worldwide (a 15 percent increase over



**Dr. Robert Wilfong, General Board president, discusses a matter with fellow board members, Dr. Odie Page and Mr. Ralph Marlowe.**

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1983 and the largest number in the history of the denomination).

Three U.S. Conferences on Evangelism were conducted to increase the visibility and promotion of public evangelism. The number of evangelists increased to 286 active evangelists and 189 active song evangelists.

A special objective during the year was to initiate a program that would be an effective example of process evangelism. A Nazarene version of *The Master's Plan for Making Disciples* by Win and Charles Arn was published as the text for the denominational CLT study in the Year of Church Growth.

Thirty-one schools of evangelism were conducted by the Personal Evangelism coordinators of Evangelism Ministries. Personal evangelism material was revised along Wesleyan lines. These materials should be available by General Assembly.

The number of pastors increased from 4,287 in 1979 to 4,512 in 1984. During the same time span the number of active ministers grew from 7,167 to 7,425.

The number of associate pastors also increased. In 1979 there were 270 elders in an associate role. This figure increased to 318 in 1984. Among licensed ministers the figure grew from 262 to 343.

There are 3,797 enrolled in the Course of Study for ministers. Of these, 425 have been identified in college programs, 34 in Nazarene Bible College, and 59 in Nazarene Theological Seminary; 432 are women preparing for the ministry.

The *Preacher's Magazine* won two awards in the 36th annual Evangelical Press Association Convention. In the

Award of Excellence category the periodical came in third in a field of 100 competitors. Dr. Wesley Tracy serves as editor.

A toll-free "Heartline," providing counseling for ministers and their fam-



**Mrs. Mary Alvarado, General Board member from the Mexico, Central America, and Caribbean Region.**

ilies in the Central U.S.A. Region and Florida, was established. Based at Christian Counseling Services in Nashville, expansion of the service to other districts has been requested.

### COMMUNICATIONS

There were 19 uses of the "Welcome Campaign" for TV. These markets contain 33,306,100 persons and 770 Nazarene churches.

The church's radio ministry continued, reaching out in 23 languages and dialects in about 80 countries of the world. Research is being conducted into the development of new programs for Burma and Kenya, as well as for the Navajo and a new English broadcast.

Extensive production work was performed on a new 16-mm film for World Mission Division based on the lives of Roger and Esther Carson Winans. Titled *The Calling*, the film is scheduled for release at General Assembly.

For the first time, a stewardship packet was created, printed, and distributed in Spanish and Portuguese.



General Board members from Europe and the Middle East Region, Mr. George Williamson and Rev. Colin Wood, share a moment during a break in the proceedings.

New material for the children's Sunday School curriculum was also developed and published in these languages.

The Spanish edition of the *Beacon Bible Commentary* was completed, and paperback editions of specific portions of the commentary are being developed in some languages.

A total of 764,270 books were produced by NPH during the year. This is a 14 percent increase over 1983.

The largest ever Nazarene Writers Conference was held at Mid-America Nazarene College. Dr. W. T. Purkiser was honored during the conference with the first "NPH Award" as the person deemed to have contributed the most to the literature of the denomination.

The music division introduced 21 new books, 17 choral anthems, 13 cassettes, and 9 albums, besides accompaniment tapes and other accessories.

#### FINANCE

There were 3,340 persons assisted in preparing wills by Life Income and



Mr. Ozias Liboon (Asian region); Dr. Donald Owens, regional director of Asia; and Rev. S. T. Gaikwad, superintendent of the India North District, Eastern Maharashtra.

Gifts Services. Of these persons, 1,273 included ministries of the denomination in their wills. Requests totaled \$13,899,356.

Pensions and Benefits Services began working with pension and benefit plans in 14 countries/world areas where the denomination is located.

Some 2,571 persons were served by the "Basic" pension program (a 5 percent increase). Pensions paid totaled \$3,696,170.

The "Basic" pension plan was amended to increase the maximum years of service credit from 40 to 50 years.

More than 10,000 Nazarene ministers, church-employed laymen, and families were covered under the Group Term Life Insurance programs.

The Nazarene Health and Hospitalization Program enrolled 32 of the U.S.A. districts and two church agencies for a total of 2,060 employees covered.

In the area of Stewardship Services, the 1984 Easter Offering of \$9,165,270 exceeded the previous all-time Easter Offering by \$1.8 million.

#### EDUCATION

Dr. Mark R. Moore, Education Ser-



Dr. Charles Muxworthy, superintendent of the Canada Pacific District, representing Canada Region.

vices secretary, announced that several colleges launched major scholarship endowment drives during the year.

General church scholarship funds administered by Education Services awarded \$16,700 to 43 students.

Nazarene colleges have increased their assets by \$3,294,689 and reduced debt by \$7,832,535. Total net assets increased \$11,127,224 over the previous year.

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education through the budget capital fund campaign and alumni giving amounted to \$14,059,144.

### WORLD MISSION

Total membership of the denomination on World Mission regions reached 223,815 (30 percent of the church's membership). Full World Mission membership grew by 45.5 percent during the quinquennium.

There were 298 new churches organized in World Mission areas to bring the total to 2,945 (37 percent of all Nazarene churches).

Two districts, Bolivia La Paz and Mexico Southwest, attained "regular" status.

There were 609 Nazarene missionaries and specialized assignment personnel who served on World Mission districts. This is an increase of 29 over 1983.

Dr. Steve Weber, former missionary to Haiti, joined the division as the coordinator of Nazarene Compassionate Ministries. Feeding, relief, disaster assistance, and self-help projects administered by this office assisted in 23 countries last year. Giving to the Nazarene Hunger and Disaster Fund for the quinquennium totaled \$1.25 million.

During the quinquennium, 8,000 persons served as members of more than 400 Work and Witness teams to help construct new buildings for spreading the work of the Kingdom in World Mission areas. Rev. David Hayse, former missionary project coordinator in Mexico and Latin America, is giving coordination to this program.

Rev. Franklin Cook assumed the editorship of *World Mission* magazine, fol-

lowing the retirement of Miss Helen Temple.

The denomination was officially registered and began work in the five new fields of Azores, Botswana, Burma, Kenya, and Suriname. This occurred because of the overpayment of General Budget by Nazarenes during the 75th anniversary year of the church. □

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### WORKSHOPS TO PROVIDE EQUIPPING FOR YOUTH WORKERS

There will be something for every youth worker who will be at the General NYI Convention in Anaheim this June.

The following workshops will be offered on Thursday and Friday afternoons, June 20 and 21, from 3:30 to 4:30 at the Hilton located next to the Anaheim Convention Center. There is no admission charge to any of the seminars.

#### ***Creative Teaching Techniques***

This workshop provides insights into three key areas of the teaching process: building relationships with students; how students learn; and the importance of curriculum. The workshop leader is Dr. Bill Manning, pastor of Charlotte, N.C., First Church.

#### ***Resourcing Local Youth Ministry***

This seminar will deal with philosophical and practical issues in developing an integrated youth ministry in the local church. It will also introduce the new NYI program, TOTAL, which is to be released in December 1985. The workshop leader is Susie Shellenberger, senior high minister at Bethany, Okla., First Church.

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Pictured (l. to r.) are L. Michelle Prater and Barbara J. Showver, of the Lewisburg, Pa., Crossroads Church, who were chosen along with 400 young leaders from around the nation to attend activities of the 50th Presidential Inauguration in Washington, D.C., in January. The Election '84 Youth Inaugural Conference included participants from 41 states and 183 private, public, and religious high schools. Michelle, 15, is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. David Lee Prater. Her father is pastor of the Crossroads Church. Barbara, 18, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Showver, members of the Crossroads Church. Both girls are students at Meadowbrook Christian High School, Milton, Pa.

and psychological principles. Jim Smith, of Olathe, Kans., will lead the seminar. He works at the Institute for Marriage and Family Counseling.

#### Legal Issues for Youth Leaders

This workshop will deal with legal issues inherent in church work in general and youth work in particular. Dan Croy, a counselor with Christian Counseling Services in Nashville, will lead the seminar.

#### Mission Education Workshop

Practical helps for local and district mission education programs will be the focus of this workshop. Fred Fullerton, Youth Ministries staff member and editor of the new Youth Mission Education Curriculum, will give leadership to the major portion of the workshop.

#### Christian Film Reviews

Current Christian films will be shown for youth workers to preview for local use. There will be extended sessions both on Thursday and Friday; times will be 9:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. ☐

#### SPEAKERS SET FOR GENERAL NYI CONVENTION

The General NYI Convention in Anaheim, Calif., June 20-22, will have both business and moments of inspiration and insight.

The keynote address will be delivered Thursday morning, June 20, by Dan Ketchum. Dan serves as general NYI president and pastors the Corvallis, Ore., church.

Larry Leonard, director of Youth Ministries at International Headquarters in Kansas City, will preach during the Thursday evening youth service. Prior to coming to Kansas City, Larry pastored the Tulsa Regency Park Church.

John and Linda Seaman, missionaries to Martinique, French Antilles, will speak Friday morning, June 21.

On Friday afternoon, June 21, Trevor Overton will bring the message. He is pastor of the Thetford Church of the Nazarene in England.

Hal Perkins, pastor of the Moscow, Idaho, church, will be leading the devotional moments each morning of the convention, June 20-22. He will focus on John 17. ☐



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### "13th MONTH" AND "14th MONTH" CHECKS ANNOUNCED

In its recent annual meeting, the Board of Pensions voted to pay a "13th month check" again this year. Instead of being mailed in October, as has been done the past two years, the "13th month check" will be sent in the early part of June to members who are on the "Basic" Pension Roll as of June 1, 1985.

In further action, the board voted to pay another special bonus check in

1985. In place of the small Christmas gift check, it was decided to pay a full "14th month check" in the early part of December to members who are on the "Basic" Pension Roll as of December 1, 1985.

According to Dr. Dean Wessels, administrator of the Board of Pensions, these two bonus checks are possible because of two factors that occurred in 1984. The denominational payment of the Pensions and Benefits Fund for the 1983-84 assembly year was the highest

denominational average since the 1979-80 assembly year. The second factor was that during 1984, invested pension reserves received the second highest rate of return in their history. □

## FDR THE RECORD

### DISTRICT ASSEMBLY INFORMATION

**SOUTHERN FLORIDA**—May 15-16. First Church of the Nazarene, 3106 Broadway, Fort Meyers, FL 33901. Host Pastor: Michael B. Ross. General Superintendent: Dr. V. H. Lewis.

**INTERMOUNTAIN**—May 16-17. First Church of the Nazarene, 600 15th Ave. S., Nampa, ID 83651. Host Pastor: Jerry W. White. General Superintendent: Dr. Eugene L. Stowe.

**NEW ENGLAND**—May 16-17. First Church of the Nazarene, 1195 Varnum Ave., Lowell, MA 01854. Host Pastor: Jon K. Gray. General Superintendent: Dr. Orville W. Jenkins.

**NORTHERN CALIFORNIA**—May 16-17. Church of the Nazarene, 1650 Ashbury Dr., Concord, CA 94520. Host Pastor: James S. Shaw. General Superintendent: Dr. Charles H. Strickland.

**SOUTH ARKANSAS**—May 16-17. First Church of the Nazarene, 1200 N. Mississippi, Little Rock, AR 72207. Host Pastor: Larry Lewis. General Superintendent: Dr. Jerald D. Johnson.

**KENTUCKY**—May 21-22. Community Center, 404 S. Mulberry St., Elizabethtown, KY 42701. Host Pastor: Samuel Farris. General Superintendent: Dr. William M. Greathouse.

**ARIZONA**—May 23-24. Biltmore Church of the Nazarene, 5604 N. 24th St., Phoenix, AZ 85016. Host Pastor: Ron Lush, Jr. General Superintendent: Dr. Jerald D. Johnson.



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CANADA ATLANTIC—May 24. Church of the Nazarene, Duke and Main, Box 69, Trenton, N.S. B0K 1X0. Host Pastor: David Parker. General Superintendent: Dr. William M. Greathouse.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN—May 30-31. Church of the Nazarene, 1727 2nd Ave. S., Great Falls, MT 59405. Host Pastor: John W. Bullock. General Superintendent: Dr. Jerald D. Johnson.

UPSTATE NEW YORK—May 30-31. Calvary Church of the Nazarene, 285 E. Henrietta Rd., Rochester, NY 14620. Host Pastor: John Shank. General Superintendent: Dr. Eugene L. Stowe.

CANADA CENTRAL—May 31—June 1. Toronto Emmanuel Church of the Nazarene, 1875 Sheppard Ave. W., Downsview, Ont. M3L 1Y6. Host Pastor: Roland Feltmate. General Superintendent: Dr. Orville W. Jenkins.

CANADA PACIFIC—May 31—June 1. First Church of the Nazarene, 998 E. 19th Ave., Vancouver, B.C. V5V 1K7. Host Pastor: Wesley G. Campbell. General Superintendent: Dr. V. H. Lewis.

## NAZARENE CAMP MEETINGS

LOUISIANA—June 4-9. Hickory Hills Camp, Pineville, La. Special workers: evangelists, Bob Hoots and Chuck Millhuff; singers, Wally and Ginger Laxson. Ralph E. West, district superintendent.

NEBRASKA—June 5-8, evenings and Sunday morning and afternoon. Northwest High School, 2710 North Rd., Grand Island, NE 68801. Special workers: evangelist, Edward Lawlor; song evangelists, Jim and Rosemary Green. Jim Diehl, district superintendent.

TENNESSEE—June 9-16. District Center, Garners Creek Rd., Rte. 1, Box 3, Dickson, TN 37055. Special workers: evangelists, Nelson Perdue and J. Harold Loman; song evangelists, Wally and Ginger Laxson. W. Talmadge Johnson, district superintendent.

NORTH ARKANSAS—June 10-15. Baptist Assembly Camp, Siloam Springs, Ark. Special workers: evangelist, Jim Diehl; song evangelists, Bill and Terry Cobb, and the Terry Jones Family. Thomas M. Cox, district superintendent.

SOUTHWEST OKLAHOMA—June 3-9. District camp, Hwy 9, 3.5 miles west of Anadarko, Okla. Special worker: evangelist, W. E. McCumber. M. Bert Daniels, district superintendent.

## MOVING MINISTERS

DANIEL L. BORGER from Winterset, Iowa, to Council Bluffs (Iowa) Community

GLEN CURTIS from Hurricane, W.Va., to Blanchester, Ohio

ROBERT M. DURANCEAU from Arbor Vitae-Woodruff (Woodruff, Wis.) to Waukesha, Wis.

ROBERT FLICK from Claytonia (West Sunbury, Pa.) to Corry, Pa.

R. EUGENE LYBARGER from Pawhuska, Okla., to Hurst, Tex.

THOMAS D. MILLER from Calhoun City, Miss., to Brownington (Winchester, Tenn.)

VIRGIL R. MILLS from Tulsa (Okla.) St. Paul to Vandalia, Ohio

RONALD G. PERRY from North Little Rock (Ark.) Grace to Fort Smith (Ark.) First

DAVID J. PRICE from associate, Fort Collins (Colo.) First, to Fort Collins (Colo.) First

MICHAEL E. RICHARDSON to Camdenton, Mo.

R. DONALD TEAGUE from Abilene (Tex.) Trinity to associate, Fort Worth River Oaks

WILLIAM F. THIGPEN from Brownington (Winchester, Tenn.) to Hill Top (Shelbyville, Tenn.)

RICHARD P. THOMPSON from Keesville, N.Y., to Rockville, Mo.

SIDNEY L. TUCKER from Elwood, Ind., to Lowell, Ind.

ROBERT L. WASSON from Millry, Ala., to Gloster, Miss.

K. RAY WILSON from Jackson (Miss.) Grace to associate, Jackson (Miss.) Emmanuel

## MOVING MISSIONARIES

MISS JOAN ANDERSEN, Swaziland. Furlough address: c/o McRee, 310 W. Ohio, Coalgate, OK 74538

REV. JAMES and SHEILA CLYBURN, W. Australia,

Resigned—New Permanent Address: 1391 Hincley St., Montgomery, IL 60538

REV. JOHN and NATALIE HOLSTEAD, Hong Kong. Furlough Address: 31 Alice Ave., Hooksett, NH 03106

REV. THOMAS and FAYE RILEY, Southern Africa, South. Furlough Address: 512A Russell St., Nashville, TN 37206

DR. RANDALL and CONNIE WOLCOTT,\* Papua New Guinea. Resigned—New Permanent Address: c/o Dr. Donald Graves, P.O. Box 27, Wakita, OK 73771

\*Specialized Assignment Personnel

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Corpus Christi, Tex., First Church will celebrate its 50th anniversary May 19, 1985. All former pastors, members, and friends are invited to attend or send letters of greeting to the church. These letters will become part of a permanent Book of Remembrance. Dr. James Blankenship, district superintendent, will be a speaker. For further information, contact First Church of the Nazarene, 4141 Brawner Pkwy., Corpus Christi, TX 78411, or phone (512) 853-6628, Tuesdays or Thursdays.

The Williamsport, Pa., Calvary Church will celebrate its 35th anniversary June 2. All former pastors and members are invited to attend. For further information contact Calvary Church of the Nazarene, 714 Green St., Williamsport, PA 17701, William Wescoe, pastor.

The Davenport, Okla., church will celebrate its 75th anniversary May 12. All former pastors, members, and friends are invited to attend or send letters of greeting to the church. In addition to the morning

worship service, there will be a praise and celebration service at 3:30 p.m. For further information, contact the Davenport Church of the Nazarene, P.O. Box 361, Davenport, OK 74026, or call 918-377-4185. Rev. Claude E. Guy is the pastor.

Wister, Okla., First Church will celebrate its 75th anniversary the weekend of June 8-9. Dr. Hal Cauthron, professor at Trevecca Nazarene College in Nashville, will be the guest speaker Sunday morning the 9th. Dr. Cauthron grew up in this church. All former members, pastors, and friends are invited to join in the celebration. For further information, contact Gary Morgan, celebration chairman, Box 321, Wister, OK 74966.

Announcements should reach us three months prior to the date of the event announced.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

MR. AND MRS. DOUG BOQUIST are entering the evangelistic field as registered evangelists. They have had an excellent response in youth and adult retreats where they provide both the music and the speaking. I recommend them. Contact them at 508 Samaritan, Ashland, OH 44805.—D. E. Clay, North Central Ohio district superintendent.

I am happy to recommend evangelist MARK PAGE, who is a member of Circleville First Church on the Central Ohio District. Mark is a very talented young man who will have a very successful evangelistic ministry. Contact him at P.O. Box 910, Circleville, OH 43113.—J. Wilmer Lambert, Central Ohio district superintendent.

Evangelists may be reached through Evangelism Ministries' toll-free number, 800-821-2154.



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## VITAL STATISTICS

### LONGTIME HEADQUARTERS EMPLOYEE DIES



Miss Gladys Johnson, office assistant in Church Extension Ministries, died early February 26 at Menorah Medical Center, from complications following surgery. Miss Johnson was in the intensive care unit at Menorah for more than six weeks.

She is survived by three sisters and a brother, Mrs. Alice Couey, Mrs. Mack Anderson, Mrs. W. B. Hicks, and Mr. Robert W. Johnson, all of the Atlanta area, and by a number of nieces and nephews.

Miss Johnson had worked at Nazarene Headquarters for Dr. Raymond Hurn, Church Extension Ministries director, for the past 16 years, most of that time as his assistant. She was a member of Kansas City First Church. She was scheduled to retire the end of February. Her body was transported to Atlanta, and burial was in Decatur, Ga.

### DEATHS

**WILLIAM L. ADKINS**, 59, Feb. 15, Tampa, Fla. Survivors: wife Gladys; sons Kenneth, Thomas, Daniel, and Larry; daughters Dorothy, Beverly, and Regina; eight grandchildren; two brothers; five sisters.

**FRANCES A. (FLUKE) BOWMAN**, 92, Feb. 26, Lewistown, Ill. Survivor: daughter Mrs. J. E. Ferguson.

**PETE DeSARIO**, 78, Mar. 4, Uniontown, Ohio. Survivors: wife Marie; sons John and Don; daughter Diane; six grandchildren; brothers and sisters.

**RAY C. HAVENS**, Feb. 15, Escondido, Calif. Survivor: wife Rev. Erma (Pierce).

**MRS. ANN H. (HUGHEY) JONES**, 35, Feb. 19, Winslow, Ind. Interment: Rossville, Ga. Survivors: husband Rev. Phillip C.; daughters Amy, Audrey, and Amanda; her parents; one brother; one sister.

**MINOR PINKSTON**, 87, Feb. 13, Viborg, S.Dak. Survivors: son Kenneth; daughter Mrs. Milton (Reta) Nielsen; stepdaughters Mrs. Don (Billie) Worswick and Mrs. Don (Betty) Kochendorfer; 11 grandchildren; 5 stepgrandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren.

**SARAH A. RIST**, 88, Jan. 13, Ironton, Ohio. Survivors: sons Rev. Leonard and Ray; daughters Clarice, Leah, and Mrs. Willis (Mary Lou) Coburn.

**MRS. PAUL (JAN) ROTHWELL**, 35, Feb. 18, Bethany, Okla. Survivors: husband Paul; sons David and Timmy; daughter Katie; her parents; two sisters; two brothers; grandparents.

**JESSIE E. (KNOWLES) SHUE**, 86, Mar. 3, Ludington, Mich. Survivors: husband Joseph C.; daughters Mrs. Richard (LaDonna) Chvala and Mrs. Fred (Doris) Morgandoller; five grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandson.

**NEVA C. VERBECK**, 69, Feb. 23, Colorado Springs, Colo. Survivors: husband Rev. Eugene R.; son Donald; two sisters; three brothers.

**JAMES R. WEST**, 16, Jan. 12, Estherville, Iowa. Automobile accident. Survivors: parents Rev. and Mrs. Eddie D. West; brothers Kevin, Geron, and Mark.

**MRS. ROYLIEN WILLIAMS**, 83, Feb. 8, Phenix

# NEWS OF RELIGION

**NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER SET.** "By joint resolution of the Congress approved April 17, 1952, the recognition of a particular day set aside each year as a National Day of Prayer has become a cherished national tradition. Since that time, every president has proclaimed an annual National Day of Prayer, resuming the tradition begun by the Continental Congress.

"NOW, THEREFORE, I, RONALD REAGAN, president of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim May 2, 1985, as a National Day of Prayer. I call upon the citizens of this great nation to gather together on that day in homes and places of worship to pray, each after his or her own manner, for unity of the hearts of all mankind." □

**PLANNING UNDERWAY FOR ABS BIBLE SUNDAY.** Even as officials of the American Bible Society assess results of the 1984 celebration of ABS Bible Sunday, planning for this year's event is underway.

By tradition, many of the more than 300,000 churches in the U.S. set aside the Sunday before Thanksgiving for the American Bible Society's Bible Sunday, the nation's oldest observance of the Bible cause. This year's date is November 24.

Since the turn of the century, when the American Bible Society was first to introduce Bible Sunday as a concept to Americans, its purpose has been to remind every churchgoer of the importance of the Word of God in daily life.

This year's ABS Bible Sunday will mark the 71st unbroken annual observance of the event. While the American Bible Society launched the event in 1900, it has been celebrated regularly since 1915. □

**WORLD GOSPEL MISSION MARKS 75th ANNIVERSARY.** Begun in 1910 by two China-bound missionary couples of the Wesleyan-Arminian tradition, World Gospel Mission, the interdenominational missionary organization based in Marion, Ind., now has 340 missionaries and homeland staff serving in 18 areas of the world. Included are: Africa, Central and South America, the Orient, Haiti, Europe, and the United States. Evangelism, church planting, education, medical, and community services are part of their effort.

WGM's theme for the '80s is Reaching the Unreached Now (R.U.N.). During the next five years WGM will concentrate on urban evangelism in the cities of Nairobi, Nakuru, Kericho, and Kitale, Kenya; Salta, Argentina; Monterrey, Mexico; Phoenix; Nogoya, Japan; Barcelona, Spain; and Brasilia, Brazil. Ministries will also be developed in three new fields: Spain, Tanzania, and the Island of Roatan (off the coast of Honduras). □

**DANGER IN ROCK MUSIC VIDEOS.** The National Coalition on Television Violence recently completed a year-long monitoring project covering 900 rock music videos. The results show that there is too much emphasis on senseless violence and violence between men and women.

The nation's two largest music video channels (MTV and WTBS) averaged 17.9 instances of violence every hour during November 1984. Some 46 percent of all music videos included violence—22 percent violence between men and women, and 13 percent sadistic violence.

The study showed that the rock groups "Heavy Metal" and Michael and Jermaine Jackson produced the most violent of all videos monitored. An Irish group, "U-2," was found to produce the most "nonviolent and prosocial music videos."

NCTV says that its first formal research indicates that the music videos have a "desensitizing" effect on normal college students. □



April 28  
"Lead Me Home!"

May 5  
"Great Things"

by W. E. McCumber, speaker

City, Ala. Survivors: daughters Mrs. Edith Linder, Mrs. June Pedacchio, and Mrs. Joanne Robertson; son Perry; 19 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren.

#### BIRTHS

to DONALD H. AND PAMELA (COX) BELL, Overland Park, Kans., a boy, Brody Thomas, Feb. 23

to GLEN AND SHARON (VAN DYNE) DIKES, Oklahoma City, Okla., a girl, Cara Janae, Jan. 15

to PHIL AND BRENDA (FREY) KIZZEE, Kansas City, a boy, Andrew Curtis, Jan. 31

to STEPHEN AND CONSTANCE (FORD) PRUSS, Moscow, Idaho, a girl, Ivy Mariel, Feb. 22

to RICHARD AND JULIE (TAYLOR) REDDING, Mount Sterling, Ohio, a girl, Cassidy Elizabeth, Feb. 21

to REV. MICHAEL AND DEBORAH (WILLIAMSON) SCHMIDT, Lakeland, Fla., a girl, Cheri Elisabeth, Sept. 10

to VAL AND CHARMIAN (JONES) SUITER, Milwaukie, Wis., a boy, Timothy Joel, Dec. 28

to REV. CLIFF AND BARBARA (LEE) VANDERBURGH, Macedonia, Ohio, a boy, Daniel Lee, Feb. 23

#### ADOPTIONS

by REV. DAVID AND SUSAN DOWNS, Springfield,

Mass., a girl, Kimberly Matthea (Kim Moon Young), born Aug. 30, 1984, adopted Dec. 19

by LARRY AND BRENDA (PEDIGO) HARLAN, Enid, Okla., a girl, Laura Michelle, born Oct. 10, 1984, adopted Oct. 19

#### MARRIAGES

KARLA FINKBEINER and FRED SLONAKER at Wenatchee, Wash., Dec. 15

#### ANNIVERSARIES

REV. AND MRS. CHARLES LAIRD of Trevecca Towers, Nashville, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary January 2. Before retirement, the Lairds were pastors and evangelists for 41 years in the Church of the Nazarene. Many of these years were spent in starting new churches under the Home Mission program.

One daughter, Marilyn Park, lives in Fort Worth, Tex.; and a second daughter, Dolores Greenway, resides in Riverview, Fla. The Lairds have seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

The children of REV. J. REECE AND VERA VAUGHAN honored them with a 50th wedding anniversary reception February 17, at the Nashville Bell Road Church. The morning worship service was

dedicated to them by Pastor Jasper White. Dr. Homer Adams, Dr. C. E. Shumake, and Bobby Johnson spoke in honor of them. Paul and Martha Ann Eby provided special music. Rev. and Mrs. Vaughan were presented a 50th anniversary plaque by the church people. A host of friends and relatives attended the reception, including several out-of-town guests. Rev. and Mrs. Vaughan were married in Alabama, then moved to Tennessee, where he attended Trevecca Nazarene College. Rev. Vaughan pastored on the Tennessee District for 23 years.

REV. AND MRS. HAROLD E. WILSON, of Phoenix, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary February 23. Their celebration and renewing of the marriage vows was included in the wedding of the Wilson's grandson, Bryan Wilson. An addition to the anniversary celebration was a special tribute for the years of pastoral and evangelistic ministry of Rev. and Mrs. Wilson.

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

**I was taught while I was growing up that when the soldiers "cast lots" for Jesus' seamless garment, they were gambling for it (Matthew 27:35).**

**I do not believe this is so, now. Jesus' close disciples "cast lots" of Justus and Matthias, to see which God would choose to take the place of Judas. What is "casting lots"?**

In the Bible casting lots was a method used to make decisions and discern God's will.

By casting lots the scapegoat was selected (Leviticus 16:7-10), and temple chores were scheduled (1 Chronicles 25:6-8; 26:13; Nehemiah 10:34-37). Lots were cast also to divide the land of Canaan among the tribes of Israel (Joshua 14:1-2) and to determine guilt and innocence (Joshua 7:14; 1 Samuel 14:42).

The soldiers cast lots for the garments of Christ as a decision-making process—to see who got what. □

**Is all sickness of "the powers of darkness"? Some argue that God does not intend for any of us to be sick. If one is not healed, they insist, he lacks faith or has sin in his life—or one of his relatives does.**

All sickness is due to sin in a broad sense. If mankind had not fallen into sin and from God, illness would not be a part of human experience. But sickness is not always a direct consequence of sin, as Jesus makes clear in John 9:3 and 11:4. And the prologue to Job shows us that Satan's power over our bodies is permitted and limited by God. God remains in control, though we cannot trace His wisdom with undistorted vision and unshaking hands.

Psalm 66:18 certainly indicates that unforsaken sin will frustrate the prayer for healing. But it doesn't teach that sin is the only reason God doesn't heal.

God is glorified in healing the sick. Sometimes He is glorified in sustaining the sick, who bravely serve Him though they are not healed.

Hang around long enough and you will see faith-healers get sick and die—and those who advocate the position you asked about. □

**Tithing began among the Jews many years ago (Hebrews 7). If tithing still applies to the New Testament Church, then Deuteronomy 14:22-26 would apply to us. Please give book, chapter, and verse in the New Testament where the church was required to tithe, and where the New Testament church was a tithing church. The closest I can find to tithing is in 1 Corinthians 16:2. 2 Corinthians 9:7 seems to speak against necessity-giving (command tithing).**

**I have given freely of my wages to support my family without one thought of a law that requires me to support them, but because of a law of love and devotion.**

If you are firmly convinced from a study of Scripture that you should not tithe, don't do it.

There is no clear-cut command to tithe addressed to the church in the New Testament. Indeed, we should give because we love the Lord and delight to support His work.

But surely a New Testament Christian will not do less in love than an Old Testament Jew did by law!

You are right—tithing began "many years ago"—before the law of Moses. I don't want to discard any method of financing the work of God so ancient, effective, and God-honored as the tithe. Nothing has replaced it in the history of the church except the generous giving of Spirit-filled disciples who exceed the tithe as a ceiling exceeds a floor.

God doesn't need a law to collect our tithes—and more—where His love rules our hearts. □



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NSLC Steering Committee members are pictured (back row, l. to r.): Rick Swearengin, Jr. (PLNC), Rony McBrayer (TNC), Larry Wagner (NTS), Steve Starret (MANC), and Micky Boyer (NBC); (front row, l. to r.): Melany Kyzer (BNC), Chad Addie (ONC), Dan Chung (ENC), Todd Bledsoe (NNC), and Kathy Kennell (MVNC).

## OUR COLLEGES AND SEMINARIES



### NSLC STEERING COMMITTEE MEETS

The Steering Committee of the Naz-

arene Student Leadership Conference met January 24-27 at their annual meeting on the campus of Mid-America Nazarene College in Olathe, Kans. The student body presidents were hosted by Dean of Students Don Steltzing and MANC STUCO President Steve Starret.

NSLC Co-chairman Mark R. Moore, secretary of Education Services, and Melany Kyzer, Bethany Nazarene College Student Body president, extended greetings to the meeting participants at the opening banquet.

The Nazarene Student Delegate Congress will meet April 25-27 on the campus of Trevecca Nazarene College. They will meet in the new Jernigan Student Center, which was dedicated on October 16, 1984. □

### FOX JOINS PLNC



Ron Fox has joined the admissions staff at Point Loma Nazarene College as associate director of admissions. He is a 1965 graduate of Pasadena College. All of his ministry has been spent in California. He served as associate in El Centro and Santa Ana; pastored Willows, Weaverville, and for the last eight-and-one-half years, Placerville.

Fox has held several district positions, including Sacramento district NYI president. He is currently the Southwest Region representative to the General NYI Council and is on the Executive Committee. He was elected to this position at the 1980 General NYI Convention.

Ron will facilitate the day-to-day operations of admissions, including coordinating all mailings. He will be directly responsible for the Los Angeles and Southern California districts.

He is married to Janet (Hanson) and has one son, Rob. Fox assumed his duties April 1. □

## HOUSING AT PLNC

### NOTICE FROM: Mark R. Moore, Education Services

Point Loma Nazarene College will open its doors to Nazarenes throughout the nation for the Faith, Learning, and Living Conference, June 18-20; the General Assembly, June 19-26; and for individual vacation times.

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## NEWS OF EVANGELISM



### A HEALED HAND

*Evangelist Bill Varian* conducted revival services at the **Indianapolis Fall Creek Church** last December.

In January he received a letter from Mrs. John (Henrietta) Payton, testifying to a healing experience. A "deep-seated psoriasis" afflicted her left hand, leaving it cracked, bleeding, and burning. As Varian preached on Jesus' healing of a withered hand (Mark 3:1-5), Sister Payton stretched forth her hand in faith. On Monday it began to heal and now, reports the happy woman, "there are no more cracks, no itching, no burning, no bleeding." She is displaying the hand to others, giving the Lord praise for answered prayer.

## THE CHURCH SCENE



**Graham Memorial Church of the Nazarene** near Dublin, Ga., had a touching Memorial Service Sunday morning, February 17. Sixteen names of loved ones who had passed away were put on the Memorial Roll through the Nazarene World Mission Society. The church sanctuary was filled to capacity with 180 people present for the service.



The Middletown, Ind., church dedicated its new building on January 13, 1985, with Dr. William M. Greathouse, general superintendent, as special speaker. Rev. Philip C. Rogers is pastor. The building is on five acres of choice land located on the edge of the town of 3,000 people. The 8,572 sq. ft. of space will accommodate 250 people in the sanctuary with overflow for another 100. The educational areas will handle a Sunday School of 200, and a fellowship area will seat 150 for dinners. Two administrative offices are also included. The relocation, which marks 51 years of ministry in the community, was accomplished at less than \$260,000, including the property. The debt on the building is \$115,000. The contractor for the construction was Rudy's Church Builders of Fortville, Ind.



Sunday afternoon, February 3, over 500 persons attended the dedication of the **Wagoner Memorial Church** (formerly Plant City, Fla., First Church). Just nine years ago when Pastor Hadley Hall assumed his duties there, 27 people were in the congregation. The new sanctuary was built and dedicated in the memory of Mr. A. L. Wagoner, a charter member who died in 1983. The annex and fellowship building was dedicated in the memory of Mrs. Marie Holder Hall, Dr. Hadley Hall's wife of 50 years, who died in 1984. The church's congregation did approximately 40 percent of the construction of the fellowship hall. Dr. J. V. Morsch, district superintendent, and Dr. Charles H. Strickland, general superintendent, were guest participants in the dedication ceremony.

## GENERAL ASSEMBLY ACTIVITIES

**BRESEE COLLEGE ALUMNI BREAKFAST:** A Continental Breakfast Meeting for Bresee College Alumni will be held at the General Assembly on Monday, June 24, 1985, 7 a.m. at the Quality Inn (near the Convention Center). All alumni and spouses, teachers, and friends are invited to attend. The cost is \$5.00. Reservations should be made by May 10, 1985. Write or call: Alma C. Thompson, 511 1/2 Fig Avenue, Santa Barbara, CA 93101. Phone: (805) 962-3943.

**A GENERAL ASSEMBLY ALUMNI CHOIR** will sing at the Education Service, 7:30 p.m., June 21, 1985. Choir practice will be at 6 p.m., June 21, 1985, in the Convention Center Arena, Anaheim, Calif. (Gary Moore, director). *For a copy of the music write:* Mark R. Moore, Education Services, 6401 The Paseo, Kansas City, MO 64131. Phone: (816) 333-7000.



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### HAITI DISTRICTS REPORT TREMENDOUS GAINS

The six Haiti districts just completed their annual assemblies and reported a net gain of 4,555 full members—a 31 percent increase over 1984, according to Dr. James Hudson, director of the Mexico, Central American, and Caribbean (MAC) Region. Dr. Hudson conducted the assemblies on behalf of Dr. Jerald D. Johnson, general superintendent.

Haiti is now the largest field in the MAC region in full members with 19,054. Total membership on the Haiti districts is now 47,746 (full and probationary). Dr. Hudson said there were increases in Sunday School enrollment, attendance, and finances, as well as the creation of 24 new fully organized churches during the past year. □

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### TOURS AVAILABLE DURING GENERAL CONVENTIONS AND ASSEMBLY

Many tours will be available during the General Assembly and Conventions this summer in Anaheim. Southern California has a number of attractions for Nazarenes to see.

An historical tour is being sponsored by Los Angeles Urban Ministry Training Center (Bresee Institute for Urban Training) of Los Angeles First Church. This tour will visit the locations of the "Glory Barn" and old First Church at Sixth and Wall. It will also stop at the current location of Los Angeles First Church for a browse through the church's archives and museum.

The tour is being provided for a suggested donation of \$10.00 per person. Proceeds will be used to help train Nazarene students for urban ministry.

For more information, contact Lori White at First Church of the Nazarene, 3401 W. 3rd St., Los Angeles, CA 90020, or phone (213) 385-6345.

Tours will be offered on Monday, June 24, to Casa Robles, the retirement center for Nazarene missionaries.

This tour is sponsored by the Cambodian Ministry of Long Beach First Church and is available for a suggested donation of \$6.00 per person.

For further information, contact Randy Beckum, First Church of the Nazarene, 2250 Clark, Long Beach, CA 90815.

Also, a variety of tours will be available to Nazarenes through Gray Line

Company. These include visits to the Queen Mary and Spruce Goose in Long Beach, Sea World in San Diego, Six Flags Magic Mountain, the San Diego Zoo, Marineland, Catalina Island, and more. Ten different tours are available and the times and prices vary, but a discount is available if tickets are ordered by May 15.

Tickets and further information on the Gray Line tours are available from Wander World Travel, the official travel agency of the 21st General Assembly. You may write them at 8896 W. 75th St., Overland Park, KS 66204, or phone them at 800-255-5083 (outside Kansas). Inside Kansas, phone them collect at (913) 649-2382. □

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### NAZARENE DOCTORS ORGANIZE

Sixteen doctors and dentists met in Kansas City recently to write a constitution for a new Nazarene Medical-Dental Fellowship (NMDF). Dr. Steve Weber, coordinator of Nazarene Compassionate Ministries, convened the meeting in response to widespread interest among Nazarene health care professionals for more direct involvement in World Mission medical programs.

An executive committee was elected at the meeting comprised of past president L. Don Whitsett; president David Barton; president-elect Ray Cook; and secretary/treasurer Gary Morsch.

Membership is extended to all medical and osteopathic physicians and students as well as dentists and dental students. A second organization for Nazarene health care professionals is also being planned for nurses and student nurses.

NMDF will hold its first annual meeting June 22 during the General

Assembly in Anaheim. Interested persons may contact Dr. Steve Weber in World Mission Division. □

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### MANLEY APPOINTED PUBLIC EVANGELISM REPRESENTATIVE



Rev. Bill Sullivan, director of Evangelism Ministries, has announced the appointment of evangelist Dr. Stephen Manley as a volunteer public evangelism representative. His work involves responsibility for all matters related to public evangelism, including supervision of services that are presently provided for evangelists and song evangelists by Evangelism Ministries.

His duties will include the generation of new ideas and programs to promote revivals; planning activities for evangelists and song evangelists; handling of correspondence regarding concerns of public evangelists; and public relations for evangelists and song evangelists.

The public evangelism representative position corresponds to the volunteer personal evangelism coordinators who have served for the past two years.

Dr. Manley is chairman of the Evangelists Gathering Planning Committee. He pastored for 7 years and has been in evangelism for 16 years.

A graduate of Taylor University with the A.B. degree, Dr. Manley attended Asbury Seminary and received the D.Min. degree from Luther Rice Seminary.

He plans to continue in the field of evangelism while serving in his new role.

He and his wife, Delphine, have two children. They reside in Upland, Ind. □

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