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## VALEDICTORY

*by General Superintendent V. H. Lewis*

**T**HE TIME HAS COME. I am writing my last editorial as general superintendent. I have carried on this assignment for 25 years. Appropriately, all general superintendents who have retired during this period have read a valedictory statement. I do not wish to say "good-bye" only to those who will be present in the assembly. You all belong to me—I to you. So this is it!

I have been privileged to associate closely with the great men who have graced this office. I have been honored to work with the splendid workers, directors, and executives who make up the Headquarters group.

I have been blessed beyond measure to be a part of and to serve the worldwide Church of the Nazarene. There is a "familyness" throughout the church that is alive, cohesive, inspiring, and thoroughly enjoyable. This tells me that the Holy Spirit is touching and penetrating the church. Let's keep it that way.

There have been changes through these years as the church has endeavored to march with this century. The church now offers more "tools" and help for its workers, both lay and ministerial. In this area we are doing an excellent job.

Our belief in the redemptive experience and the essential Christian life drives us to excellence in the endeavor to guide and urge all our people to success in the great act of living for Christ.

The voices of dissent and compromise have been few. In the reality of our great doctrines translated into victorious living, those voices will be unheeded—rightly so. Our beliefs are clearly stated in our *Manual*. We believe they are scripturally sound. They remain. We must proclaim them and live them.

As our denomination grows larger, there will be some who will carp at us and criticize those standards and the structure that is deeply ingrained into our very hearts. I believe we will have the courage and strength to keep marching on the way of righteousness—following Christ.

I have received many letters from across the church during these years. They were written openly, frankly, and well. I have appreciated the fact that people felt free to write to me. I have answered them with appreciation.

Mrs. Lewis and I have enjoyed every phase of our ministry. Seven and one half years of evangelism, seven years of pastoring, nine years plus of district superintendency, four years as secretary of Evangelism and since 1960, this assignment. She joins me in saying thank you for allowing us to serve our Lord through our Zion and with you.

And now we go on in the will of God into evangelism. We will give it our best. So we aren't saying good-bye at all.

When I stand there at the General Assembly all I will really need to say is "Amen." Join with us now in reading this great and famous declaration:

*Great is Thy faithfulness, O God, my Father;  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee.  
Thou changest not; Thy compassions, they fail not;  
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.*

*Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.*

*Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow—  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!*

*Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided.  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!\**

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# COMPELLING REASONS TO EXTEND THE LIGHT OF THE GOSPEL

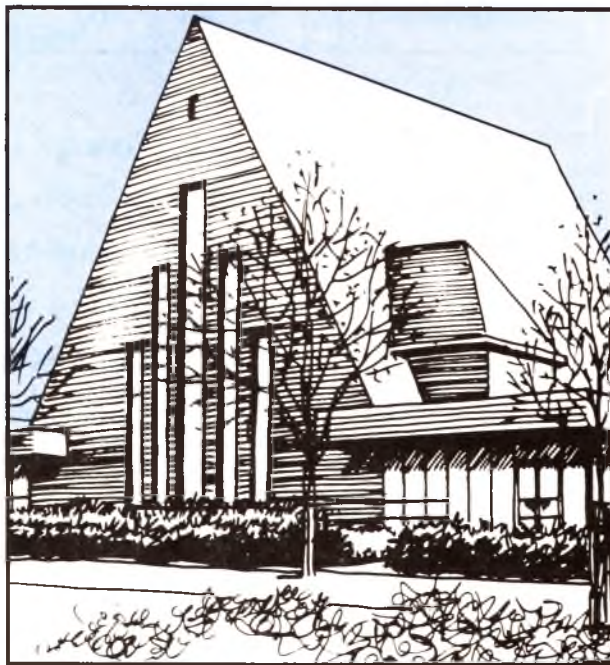
by RAYMOND W. HURN

ONE of the most compelling reasons for extending the gospel of Jesus Christ is found in Paul's witness to King Agrippa, when he testified, "I am sending you to open their eyes and turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me" (Acts 26:17-18, NIV).

A modern apostle said words almost identical to that recently in Kansas City. Cor and Miep Holleman, leaders of our church in the Netherlands, described the need for the holiness message in their country in terms of light that opened some eyes to spiritual reality. Paul reminded the troubled Corinthian church, "For God, who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ" (2 Corinthians 4:6, NIV). The blindness of unbelievers he blamed on the false god of this age who "has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God" (2 Corinthians 4:4, NIV).

Cor and Miep Holleman have not always been leaders of our church in the Netherlands. There was a day when formal church membership and secular lifestyles predominated, and then their eyes were opened and they went on into the blessed experience of holiness. Reflecting back on their early beginnings after five years of planting the First Church of the Nazarene in the Netherlands, Pastor Cor said, "It was a very small beginning. We had to count them one by one. We all were searching for a deeper spiritual life. We were disappointed Christians, so to speak. We had expected more from Christianity and desired . . . to go deeper into the Word of God . . . searching for a deeper spiritual life.

"I think we took a very important step for setting goals . . . we didn't wait until there were enough people



Church of the Nazarene in Rotterdam

to have a worship service. We first said, 'Let's have worship services and fill the sanctuary by prayer.' And in the beginning these worship services were very, very small. Many services in the evening were only attended by our three . . . that is, Miep was sitting in one of the 40 chairs, and Dr. DeVries was playing the piano, and I was sitting in the pulpit. But the Lord gave us grace to go on because we believed He had planted and it was the leadership of the Holy Spirit, so we followed it. After two years we were crowded out of our small sanctuary . . . all the 40 chairs were occupied. Then the Lord began to provide and we had

a piece of land, a temporary building . . . and we were already planning ahead for the next church. We began to pray for a second place where we could move out of our temporary building."

After five years of hard pioneer labor, and a year at Nazarene Theological Seminary, Cor and Miep returned to Holland and the 40 active church members. In 1973 a second church was launched with the Jan Spikmans as church planters. Though sometimes the battle has been fierce, the 40 members have grown to 450 during the last 10 years—more than a 1,000 percent increase in membership. New churches have been planted in key places such as Rotterdam, Haarlem, Koog aan de Zaan, Zaandam, Vlaardingen, and Nijmegen.

The most compelling of all reasons for planting new churches lies in the motivation of bringing the light of the gospel to penetrate the darkness of secular minds that often are turned to evil pursuits. The apostle Peter echoed this imagery of light penetrating darkness, in agreement with the apostle Paul's witness, when he urged that we pay attention to the words of the prophets "as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts" (2 Peter 1:19, NIV). Peter really believed that God spoke to men in this process. He emphasized that the prophecy of the Scripture did not come about by the prophet's own interpretation, but God spoke to men "as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit" (2 Peter 1:21, NIV). □

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### GOOD OUT OF BAD

In the article "Willows and Palms," March 1, I feel Mr. Blair missed the point.

MS is a result of original sin. God did not create us to suffer; pain is Satan's doing. God gives us abundant life. Satan desires to kill, steal, and destroy.

It is as wrong to give God thanks for things Satan has done as it is to give Satan thanks for things God has done.

Recently my friend's daughter and son-in-law were murdered. Should I tell this grieving mother to thank God for these untimely deaths? Absolutely not! God did not kill them. Thanks are appropriate

because God loves them and is able to comfort them and heal the children's emotions so permanent damage is not done. We give thanks because our Sovereign God is able to make good out of bad.

We are to give God thanks in all circumstances, not for all circumstances.

Deb Grosshuesch  
Vermillion, South Dakota

### MAIL CALL

The *Herald* is always welcome in our home. I never fail to find hope, peace, and joy tucked between each page. The inspiration and encouragement cannot be measured.

Being a widow with three young children, I know what it is like to be

lonely. Since there are many others alone, at home or in prisons, I am reaching out in a new way, with MAIL CALL: There are many who wait for hours each day for their mail, only to be disappointed by a bill, an advertisement, or nothing at all. In an effort to share what I have found through the Lord Jesus, I enclose my address and encourage those who are alone to write and see that He is good.

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### "PINNACLE" CHALLENGED

A correction is in order. I refer to the cover photo of the March 15 issue.

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# My Praying Father

by MARY E. LATHAM

**I**N A FAMILY PHOTOGRAPH ALBUM there are pictures of my father, which we cherish. Some go back even to his childhood. There are many others. My favorite is one of my youthful parents with their first child. Other photos show the family after the other children arrived. Each is unique.

There is another collection of visuals—mental images deeply engraved in my consciousness. These are motion pictures of my father, for he was a very active man, and versatile. I like to recall those impressions that are symbolic of the varied interests of his dedicated life.

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First, I see him behind the pulpit. He is tall, broad-shouldered, bringing to life a message from God's Word. He communicates with his whole being. There is a mixture of humility, boldness, persuasiveness, and humor.

His hands speak. He may even act out an illustration. His voice is deep and vibrant.

Another favorite memory photograph is Father at his study desk. He is preparing a new sermon. His Bible shows much use, and reference books are in evidence.

At a different time he is using his drawing board. He labors over plans for a new church building. His architectural skills are deeply involved with his first love—winning people to Jesus Christ.

On a weekday I might see him in work clothes helping to build a church. It could be one he is pastoring. Often it is one to assist a neighboring pastor in cutting costs.

I laugh as I recall this vivid picture: A neighbor child interrupts my father's sometime yard work at home. Running toward Dad, grabbing his hat, the little boy yells, "Unc' Latham." He knows my father is his friend and will stop to notice him.

Other visuals keep flashing on the screen of my memory. But most vivid of all is the picture of my father on his knees praying.

Father was a praying man. He prepared his sermons with lots of prayer. And because his messages were immersed in prayer, they brought results. God honored His Word through my father's preaching.

Often I overheard him talking to the Lord. Theirs was a close relationship. And there were sometimes groans. He carried a burden for the souls of people; not for their souls alone but for the total person. From Father I learned the true meaning of intercessory prayer.

Most effective in the lives of his children were Father's prayers at the family altar. When I was a child, every day we came together as a family. Dad would read the Bible and pray. And he would always kneel. That is my most indelible picture—Father on his knees! And oh those prayers! How he held each child up to our Heavenly Father.

Of course he would lead the family prayer, but each one was different. Often he would call on Mother to pray. Sometimes he would ask each of the children to pray. I am sure this was a steadying force in my childhood.

Often during the day if my adventurous nature was tempted to do things I thought would make it hard for me to pray during family prayer, I would resist the temptation.

As we celebrate Father's Day, let us as families examine our priorities. How can we find ways in today's mad pace to make time for family prayer? It could be a uniting, vital experience in every family, large or small.

And let us thank God for the heritage He has given those of us who were brought up in a home with a praying father.

I firmly believe that more of the problems of our world could be solved if there were more families with a dad like my praying father. □



fore their births, at their births, and at their public dedications, had been given back to the Lord. I remember the sense of awe and overwhelming responsibility I felt as my wife, Shirley, and I stood in front of the congregation, holding our six-day-old son—and 18 months later, as we held our new daughter—while the pastor read, “I prayed for this child, and the Lord has granted me what I asked of him. So now I give him to the Lord. For his whole life he will be given over to the Lord” (1 Samuel 1:27-28, NIV). From the start, there has been one ultimate goal in our parenting—that we would raise Cary and Audra to know and love the Lord, to whom they really belong. And though we’re still rather new at it, and our parenting has only begun, the Lord has honored our desire of wanting His best for our children and has granted us wisdom that we didn’t have before, though I once fancied

know that mistakes and errors in judgment will be made. With the Lord’s help, though, we can use them for growing experiences for the entire family.

I pray that the Lord will help me not to convey the “Father Knows Best” attitude to my children when I feel uncertain about the direction to take. I want to be open enough to realize, even in the midst of the emotions that go into making decisions, that though I may know *better*, simply because I am older than they and have had more experience in life, I always have more to learn before I can say I know *best*.

Another popular philosophy in child rearing today is the concept of “quality vs. quantity” time. Just recently a friend told me that although he doesn’t have much time to spend with his children, he plans “*quality times*” for them to spend together. I have to admit, that

## “FATHER KNOWS BEST,” and Other Myths

by MARK D. MARVIN

**I** DON’T KNOW what ever possessed me to believe that I was totally prepared for parenthood. I guess that growing up on a TV diet of “Father Knows Best,” “My Three Sons,” and “Leave It to Beaver” subconsciously convinced me that family bliss should be the easiest, most natural thing in the world. Surely child rearing is just a matter of dispensing equal doses of the sage wisdom and homespun wit that automatically come with fatherhood, and no problem confronting my family can’t be solved with creativity and humor within half an hour!

It took two children to awaken me from my idyllic, media-reinforced misconception. Reluctantly, I had to give up those views, and I soon realized that the secular view of child rearing that I had blindly accepted is very different from God’s plan. The dissonance between the two nearly threw me into a tailspin! But Cary and Audra, be-

myself something of an expert in raising children (as the childless sometimes are lured into thinking). He showed me that some of the popular trends that I had counted on were just myths.

Cary wasn’t very old at all when I first realized that “Father Knows Best” is just a myth. If there was anything I was counting on in parenthood, it was that. But again and again, it has been proven that father often *doesn’t* know what’s best! Now I realize that at this point, and for some time to come, I will always know *better*, but that’s liable to change, too, as my children grow older and are able to think things through and come to some of their own decisions. Already I’m tempted to fall back onto that “Father Knows Best” attitude when my decisions are questioned. But the important thing is not that I always know *best*, but that no decision concerning my children is made without first spending time in earnest prayer, seeking His will for their lives. Sometimes, I hope most times, the decision reached will be the best one. Yet being human, I

sounds nice, but there are three reasons why this myth doesn’t hold up. Most obviously, who decides what “quality time” is? Too often, it is perceived to be “doing” rather than just “being.” My friend is a young businessman working two jobs during the week. His scheduled weekends with his children are filled with trips to the zoo, the park, the children’s theatre, McDonald’s, and so on. And that, to him, is quality time. As he explains it, he’s “building memories.” But his daughter says that she wishes they could just stay home once in a while to “play or just talk.” The memories she’s building are those of a father who’s “too busy to come home.”

Second, I have found that my quality time only comes in quantities. I have yet to be able to schedule which times we spend together are going to be “quality.” Only when I have spent quantities of time with my children have those rare moments that others would call “quality” occurred. Not planned, mechanical activities, but movements in the ordinary day-to-day living that stand out in my memory. And

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the things I remember are not the same things that my son remembers. He remembers stopping at the farm implement dealer to look at tractors, finding a kitten on our front porch, and picking the green "balls" off Daddy's tomato plants. I remember the times when, for no apparent reason, I got a kiss and "Love you, Daddy," when he tried to put his Sunday School lesson on sharing into practice by stuffing marshmallows in his baby sister's mouth until she looked like a chipmunk, and the time he tried to teach his Cookie Monster to sing "Jesus Loves Me." No, we don't get the opportunities to go a lot of special places, but we're building memories.

The third reason I've given up the "quality vs. quantity" theory is because it takes *quantity* of time for a child to see a godly life consistently lived out before him in the lives of his parents. I can think of no more *quality* time than that spent in teaching eternal values through day-to-day life-style.

Some time ago I read on a plaque, "The best way I can show love to my children is by loving their mother." From a secular standpoint, I suppose that's a pretty good philosophy. But it, too, is only a myth. Not that it's wrong; it's just inaccurate. The best way I can show love to my children is by loving God. It is important that I love my wife and show my children that I love her. But it is more important that my children see and know that I love God. In putting Christ first in my life, the Christian life-style will dictate that I love not only my wife, but "my neighbor as myself." That's the kind of love I want my children to learn. As I put Him first in my life, and we put Him first in our family, God will help us to instill that spiritual value in our children's hearts.

Before Christmas, as we decorated the house and trimmed the tree, we tried to explain to Cary why we celebrate Christmas. We explained to him that Christmas is Jesus' birthday, that He was born a long time ago in a stable in a place far away, and that we celebrate His birthday because we love Him. When I asked *him* why we celebrated it, however, all I could get was "Hanta Cause!" But then, as I was setting up our Nativity scene in the living room, Cary's eyes grew wide as he ran over and pointed to the stable, saying, "Jesus' house! Jesus' house! Cary loves Jesus!" True, he knocked over and broke two sheep and a shepherd, but they were easily repaired, and somehow the fact that he was learning something eternal far outweighed the importance of a figurine at that moment. (That, by the way, was *quality* time!)

As Paul told the Philippians, "Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect . . ." (3:12, NIV). I have a lot to learn yet about parenting. I'm not the perfect father. Sometimes it's more like what Charles Dickens wrote: "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times." But the Lord is teaching me, as each day we give Cary and Audra back to Jesus again, that Shirley and I don't have to parent alone.

Thank you, Dad, for instilling in me a love for God, and teaching me how to seek His direction for every area in life—even parenting—and for the godly heritage that we are trying to pass down and instill in our children's lives. □



## GOOD-BYE: *Mr. Shiny Shoes*

by PAUL D. MANGUM

**D**R. THOMAS E. MANGUM, SR., my father, had been bedfast for nearly five years when God called him home. He had ministered to both the physical and spiritual needs of many people in southern Idaho and eastern Oregon. You see, he was both an ordained elder in the Church of the Nazarene and a distinguished doctor of medicine. He was recognized by those who heard him as an outstanding preacher and by those patients who came to him as an outstanding doctor. In the field of medicine, he was awarded fellowships both in the American and International College of Surgeons. As a minister, he served on the General Board of our church for many years.

Having worked in a men's clothing store in college days, Dad knew good fabrics and right colors and was considered a well-dressed man. One thing he always did was keep his shoes well shined. Rev. Clarence Kinzler, his pastor who conducted the funeral service, closed his remarks with the words, "Good-bye, Mr. Shiny Shoes."

Dad kept his shoes shiny, but he also kept his inner relationship with Christ clear and shiny. His godly life and example before both family and friends will long be remembered throughout the Northwest region of the U.S.A. and especially around Nampa, Idaho, and Idaho's Magic Valley.

His study and insight into God's Word was revealed in his preaching. The Holy Spirit led him into the deep truths of the Bible. His study was more than balanced by the time he spent in prayer.

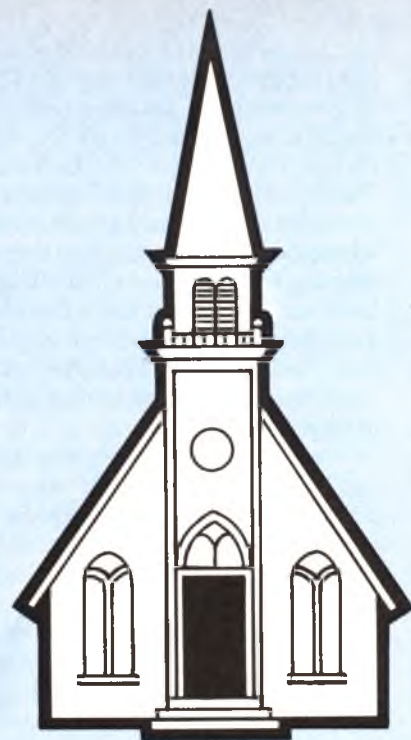
He was a family man and amidst a busy practice of medicine found time to take vacations at Payette Lakes. He loved to hunt and fish, raise and ride horses. Evenings in the summer, with picnic lunch and homemade ice cream, accompanied by a trip to Givens Hot Spring where we enjoyed a family swim, will long be remembered. In thinking of him today, I miss him. I guess I will have to say, "Good-bye, Mr. Shiny Shoes." □

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# WORLD MISSIONS AND HOME MISSIONS WORK TOGETHER



by NANCY CLARK

**R**YUJI KNOKI, a tall, dark, and handsome Japanese electrical engineer who works for IBM, was sent on assignment to Kingston, N.Y. Kingston is a relatively small town, and he found no Japanese people living there. He was so lonely for someone of his own ethnicity that he dialed a telephone number he'd gotten from his manager before he'd left Japan. It was the number of Nick Kaneda, a former coworker of that manager, who now lived in Kingston. Desperate for someone with whom to speak his own language and eat some familiar food, Ryuji dialed the phone.

Nick Kaneda had immigrated to the U.S. five years before and was now an American citizen. Nick was also a Christian now, and attended the Kingston Church of the Nazarene. Being so lonely for friends, Ryuji Knoki went to church with his new friend, Nick.

Although the church was much different from his accustomed pagoda, for he was raised Buddhist, he continued to go. The experience would be good for his English, which he was trying so hard to learn. But during this time of thinking, talking with his friend, and searching, Ryuji was involved in a car accident and was hospitalized. He began to find out firsthand what these Christians are like. Many people began praying for him and showing that they cared about him.

All this led to his conversion. Then, after his 12 months' assignment, he went home to Kyoto, where he found, after some searching, the small Church of the Nazarene there, and began attending. His pastor "back home" is Tadashi Tonjo.

After four months working back at IBM Japan,

Ryuji was sent on another assignment to Rochester, Minn. On a lovely May morning, he appeared at the Church of the Nazarene, where he was welcomed into the fellowship.

An even more interesting chapter in this story began to unfold. In the Rochester church Ryuji met David and Margaret McLean and their girls, Karen and Heather, who had also been in the Kingston church when David was on assignment there from Scotland. The McLeans, in true Scottish style, invited Ryuji to their temporary Rochester home for lunch and showed slides of the church and people of Kingston. It was like homecoming week for both the family from Scotland and the man from Japan.

But the story doesn't end here. During the course of conversation the McLeans mentioned having been on assignment to Raleigh, N.C., where they met a lovely Japanese family. The wives had become good friends quickly. Margaret said, "I met Masiko, who wanted to know about the Bible which she saw on our sitting room table. Just when I was so frustrated because I couldn't speak her language, along came Emi, for just two months' assignment. She could translate for Masiko. And, Emi's grandfather in Japan read the Bible."

The McLeans quickly purchased lovely *Good News Bibles* for both Masiko and Emi. Margaret felt her friend was just beginning to be open to the gospel. She lamented that Masiko had gone home to Japan, and she had gone home to Scotland, and that no one had been following up on the seed sown for Christ in Emi's life. But it just so happened that Ryuji and Emi's husband, Kazumi Kojima, are the best of friends. Ryuji planned to visit them and talk with them about his newfound faith in Christ when he returned to Japan.

He won't have to wait that long! Very soon the Kojima family will be moving to Rochester on an assign-

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ment. Although the McLeans must return home to Scotland the same week, Ryuji will be here to help point the way to Christ.

Help us pray that across America, as people are moving into our communities, even for short periods of time, we can be open to them and to spreading the gospel. We have a great responsibility! And the time may be short.

Ryuji has a real gift of evangelism; he has brought two other Japanese colleagues with him to church while in Rochester. We are sure he won't stop when he returns to Japan. He is a real asset to the Rochester congregation while he is here. He takes every oppor-

tunity to evangelize! May the Church of the Nazarene be open to these wonderful opportunities the Lord is giving to evangelize.

Helen Temple recently said, "We didn't go to some of the countries, so the Lord is sending them to us." And even where we did go 70 years ago, such as Japan, the Lord is giving us another opportunity to reach those who were not reached for the gospel in their own countries.

The mosaic is unfolding, and we believe the harvest is truly ripe now, before the Lord comes again. Pray that God will give you the privilege of working cross-culturally with someone while there is yet time! □

# And Father Too!

by JIM HECKATHORN

THE IMPORTANCE of human fatherhood to our concept of the Fatherhood of God was impressed upon me about three years ago. I was attending a session of our growth group when suddenly a young woman blurted out, "You all seem to know and talk about God as a kind, loving Heavenly Father. I can't know Him that way because I've never even known an earthly father. I just can't understand or feel what you are talking about!"

During the months that we met together, the members of our group tried in various ways to explain to this young woman our concept of the Fatherhood of God, but I don't believe she ever understood or came to know Him as such. Never having had a kind father who loved her and provided for her, she simply could not grasp this concept of God.

It was Jesus who taught us the Fatherhood of God. Who could better know God and teach this concept than the only begotten Son of God?

In the Sermon on the Mount Jesus made several references to "your Father," "your heavenly Father," and "your Father in heaven." Jesus sought to enlighten man about a Heavenly Father who is forgiving (Matthew 6:14), knows our needs (6:8), will provide our necessities (6:32-33), and is good and kind (7:11).



Jesus further said that we should glorify God and be good examples by seeking first God's kingdom (6:33), being perfect in love (6:43-48), and letting our "light so shine before men, that they may see your good works" (5:16). In so doing we demonstrate the Fatherhood of God to others. Certainly every father should be viewed this way in the eyes of his children.

Mother may have the all-important tasks of cooking, laundry, nursing, comforting, and much of the training of the child, but the child's home environment and experience is not complete without father. A father must be an authority figure and yet demonstrate kindness, companionship, loving care, and providence—some of the basic attributes of God's Fatherhood that Jesus pointed out.

These attributes are best demonstrated in the Christian home. Father must also give spiritual leadership to his family. The child who grows up in a Christian home, looking up to and respecting a Christian father, can naturally grasp this vital concept of God. I found this easy, for I grew up in a Christian home. That's why the growth group experience with the young woman impressed me so.

I am concerned that there are so many broken homes where there is no father, and so many more homes where father is not a Christian and therefore cannot provide this spiritual leadership. Then, too, there are Christian fathers who neglect this responsibility. Fathers must be brought to Christ, and it behooves every father to be the very best spiritual leader and example he can be for his family.

Last fall I was conducting a revival in one of our smaller churches. During the Sunday School session, I presented the gospel in a simple way to the children and several accepted, among them a certain young lad about 10 years of age. When I gave the invitation in the morning service, this lad and his mother came forward to kneel at the altar.

That afternoon the pastor and I visited in the home with the father, who had not been in church. When I presented the gospel to him he readily accepted. Apparently he did not want to be left out.

That evening when the invitation was given the entire family knelt at the altar. What a beautiful sight it was to see them all kneeling there together; the young lad, mother, and now father too. □

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# FATHERS ARE FOR *Giving*

by JOSEPH D. BISCOE, JR.

**F**ATHER'S DAY will be different this year! A 56-year habit of giving is hard to break, and the inability to give produces uncomfortable feelings. Any gift that I gave him is now a cause of embarrassment and amusement. There were innumerable ties, wallets, tie clasps, after shave lotions, and an expensive gift—hedge clippers. (Did he know that they were purchased with the assistance of a manufacturer's rebate?)

This Father's Day he is with his Heavenly Father, and I realize that my tokens of love, esteem, and appreciation were valueless. Since I was the only person allowed to call him "Father," he gave gifts to me. Isn't that what fathers are for?

Searching in the attic of memory, I discovered no neatly packaged moral maxims that he uttered. Actually, he found it difficult to frame a philosophy of life. Although he never fashioned a rule for living or made a farewell statement, I received more—the memory of a life that counted. His influence surrounds me—what a gift! He taught me more by example than by words!

**Real living begins with giving.** The Saturday night ritual, after the dinner dishes were washed, was simple: (1) the pay envelope was emptied, (2) 10 percent of the salary was placed in a tithe envelope, (3) then bills were paid. He assisted those in need, used his automobile as a church bus, opened his home for missionaries, the aged, and ministers. Little wonder *The Wall Street Journal* did not report his death since he made less than \$7.00 per hour. He was rich—60 years of gainful employment, and not once did he miss re-

ceiving a paycheck. He was rich if good health can be valued. He was rich if value can be placed on friends. He was rich since comfortable living is an asset. He followed the biblical principle, "It is more blessed to give . . ." Thus, he received, and in doing, he lived.

**Gain can overcome pain.** His life, as any life truly lived, was filled with pain.

The scar on his face was a reminder of an accident that occurred as a youth. To discover the circumstances that produced the scar required a battery of questions. He accepted it, lived with it, and refused to dwell on the issue.

When family circumstances made it impossible to obtain a desired educational goal, he accepted the eighth grade education. Gaining all the knowledge he could was his desire, but wisdom was his aim. He became wise in the things that mattered most. The educational denial was not the center of his conversation. When questioned about it, he blushed, brushed the question aside with a simple, "It's true."

Personal defeat did not overwhelm him. Upon being "put down," he excused himself from a meal. Returning after two hours, he was back to normal—no anger, no bitterness, no tears. Asked about the absence, years later, he said, "I went to pray and fast."

Physical pain was a stranger to him. He knew emotional pain, but he knew when to take "spiritual aspirin" to alleviate the discomfort. Gaining strength from pain caused him to rise above life's hurts and to refrain from talking about them.

**He knew who he was.** "I have a debt to repay" was his unwritten philosophy. In discharging that debt to others, he was not embarrassed to use, "Sir." As head of

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the house, he realized his accountability to God; therefore, he made the choices for his family in the areas of faith and morals. Quietly, but deliberately, he charted the course of his life for his most impressive moment. He lived to hear, "Well done."

"Faithfulness" was the theme of his pastor's message at the funeral. Faithfulness—"wholeness," "integrity," "life that is marked by settled beliefs"—a desirable epitaph. He was faithful to his family, to his friends, to his church, to his job, to his Lord.

His routine life was highlighted by a twice-a-day

conversation, on bended knees, always beginning with, "Precious Lord." He never taught me how to die; he did instruct me about living. I believe because he believed and exemplified his belief. A vital Christian life should be so lived in relationship with others that when we leave a room people will miss us. He has left the "room of life" and is missed, but his influence remains.

Even on this Father's Day, I can give a gift—I can accept all that he gave me and pass it on. His great gift was an influence that molded my life. Thanks for the gift, "Pop"! □

# God's Guarantee

by GEORGE COULTER

THE APOSTLE PAUL was a pioneer preacher. New cities beckoned him. He had a yen for the great centers of business and commerce.

It is easy to see how he could be captivated by the challenge of a city like Thessalonica—a thriving, bustling city located on a great highway that connected East and West.

Paul, Silas, and Timothy had held an evangelistic campaign in Thessalonica that resulted in great victories. But this stirred up the enemies of God. Agitators got busy. Demonstrations were held. Paul was dragged before the magistrates and accused of plotting against the emperor. Because of the uproar, it was necessary for these evangelists to leave the city.

Now, Paul is writing a letter to encourage and strengthen these young Christians. His letter is an outpouring of thanksgiving for their increasing love, perseverance, and faith. He gives them some basic instruction on their moral and ethical standards.

But the climax of his letter is expressed in a prayer for their entire sanctification: "May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful and he will do it" (1 Thessalonians 5:23-24, NIV).

There was no doubt that these young Christians had been justified. They had turned from idols. Their faith and love were growing. They were working zealously for the Lord. Initial sanctification had begun. But Paul desired that they might be sanctified "through and through." And he assured them that "God is faithful" and "He will do it."

Paul was addressing a genuine spiritual need in the lives of these young Christians. He tells them that "Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you again and supply what is lacking in your faith" (3:10, NIV). He prays, "May he strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence

of our God and Father" (3:13, NIV). He reminds them that "It is God's will that you should be sanctified" (4:3, NIV).

Here Paul was expressing the need of every genuine Christian—"that you should be sanctified." They had repented, had been forgiven, but they needed more. They needed to be "made holy."

"Holiness" and "health" come from the same root word. What health is to the body, holiness is to the soul. What is health? It is the absence of disease and the presence of an inward power to be adequate. To be sanctified through and through, to be made holy, is to be brought into a condition of spiritual health. Sin is the deadly disease. Thank God it can be cured. Charles Wesley wrote,

*The seed of sin's disease,  
Spirit of Health remove;  
Spirit of finished holiness,  
Spirit of perfect love.*

The good news is that the disease of sin can be cured! The defilement can be cleansed! Paul urged that they should be sanctified "through and through," with no half measures. God's children can be made holy. God's children can be kept holy by the indwelling, cleansing Spirit of God.

Paul assured these young Christians that "He will do it." He staked everything on God's faithfulness.

After all, God is the one who calls us to holiness. He is the one who sent His Son to die on the Cross and shed His blood to make us pure and holy! God had invested heavily in the provision for our holiness.

"Faithful is he who calleth you, who also will do it." He calls through *His Word*, through *His servants*, and through *our own heart hunger*. God does not mock our inner hopes and yearnings. The inner longing for holiness is not to taunt us, but to assure us that "He will do it." He is the God who is faithful. He can be depended upon. He never breaks a promise.

This is His guarantee to every child of God. "He will do it."

When will He do it? When you believe His promise. □

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# THE ENEMY WITHIN

***"Pornography is a moral enemy that knows no satisfaction, respects no human values, and safeguards not even children . . ."***

by AL TRUESDALE

**A**N ENEMY STALKS OUR LAND. It aims to erode the moral foundations and bonds of society. Surprisingly, many of its allies are also its victims. Sometimes it acts openly, at other times it acts in disguise. The enemy's victims are young and old, men and women, rich and poor. Even as it erodes American society, it takes in huge sums of wealth—more than \$4 billion a year.

To protect itself, this enemy appeals to the freedom of speech guaranteed in the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States. It often travels as a sponsor of consumer goods, helping to sell everything from automobiles to shaving cream, from yogurt to toothpaste.

Often this enemy's success is increased by the apathy of those whose religious faith should commit them to fight against it.

## **The enemy? Pornography.**

Pornography is a moral enemy that knows no satisfaction, respects no human values, and safeguards not even children (there are between 260 and 280 monthly magazines that cater to pedophiles—people who gain sexual gratification through the sexual exploitation of children).

Many of its defenders call pornography a victimless crime. "No one gets hurt," they say. Such a "defense" reveals the moral blindness and bankruptcy characteristic of the whole porno industry. Even in the narrowest sense of "victim," pornography is not "victimless." Often pornography portrays and advocates sadomasochistic sex (gaining sexual pleasure through physical abuse of one's partner and from being hurt physically or otherwise by the abuser). Many psychologists are now convinced that such violent entertainment accents rather than relieves violent sexual tendencies. And who can overlook the escalating emphasis of violent sex in prime-time television?

Pornography is thousands of magazines, quickie films, and videotapes with close-ups of group sex, bestiality, rape, gang sexual assault, and fetishes (fetishism is a condition in which sexual feelings are produced by a nonsexual object). A recent study showed that nearly one-third of all male viewers are sexually stimulated by films that portray extreme violence against women. Psychologists are having to broaden their definition of pornography to include depictions of violence against women that have little or no overt sexual content.

Charles H. Keating, Jr., founder of Citizens for Decency through Law (CDL), cites police vice squads as saying that as many as 77 percent of child molesters of boys, and 87 percent of child molesters of girls, admitted imitating the sexual behavior they had seen in pornographic materials. According to Michigan State police detective Darrell Pope, there were 38,000 sexual assault cases in Michigan during the years 1956 through 1979. In 41 percent of these cases, pornographic material was viewed "just prior to or during the crime."

Pornography is not "victimless" entertainment. The entire society is victimized by pornography. Its nature is to cheapen and exploit the users of pornography and those used as its subjects. Pornography can exist only in an atmosphere where people are valued simply as objects for sexual gratification. It thrives wherever human sexuality is torn from its religious and moral moorings. Pornography promotes sexual gratification emptied of respect, love, patience, trust, and covenant. It separates from any social cohesion and moral responsibility. To exist, pornography must reduce all of the finer human sentiments to one uncontrolled urge—sexual pleasure. Hardly can a greater poverty of the human spirit be conceived.

## **Who are the victims of pornography?**

All women are victims, not only those who appear on centerfolds and videos. The entire pornography industry—TV soaps included—reduces women to the value

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of objects for exploitation. It denies that women are people who deserve respect.

*Men* (and women) who are pornography's customers are victims. When pornography rules a person's interests, his finer values and sensitivities die. Beauty, self-control, respect for others are just a few of the values that must be surrendered.

Victor Cline, a Salt Lake City psychologist, notes that pornography has an addictive effect. It requires escalation (over a period of time the consumer needs increasingly rougher material). It desensitizes (making one immune to what originally shocked). Additionally, there is a strong tendency for its users to act out what they have seen. One painful account of pornography's addictive power was written by a young minister. He tells how his values of family life, friendship, and trust in others slowly died. He surrendered to a tyrant that demanded ever coarser pornographic entertainment.

*Children* are victims. Those who are used as subjects and those (adolescents and teenagers) who receive pornographic materials are at ages when values are being shaped. The meaning of love, the value of persons and the home, the meaning of human sexuality—all so essential to a child's moral development—are perverted.

*Society* is a victim. The well-being of schools, the state, the home, the economy, and, to a large extent, the church, are directly dependent on respect for human dignity. Any force permitted to ignore the value of persons will be stopped only by the destruction of society itself. Pornography is opposed to every value by which society preserves and enriches itself.

Who engages in pornography? Anyone who detaches human sexuality from love, covenant, caring, family, and the general sanctity of human life. This includes the exploitative use of sexuality in jokes and TV programs. People who enjoy dirty jokes and who vicariously participate in sexual license on TV *must be named among the smut peddlers.*

#### **What can Christians do?**

*First*, Christians can put their own houses in order. Begin with self-examination. Ask, "Am I entertained by sexual exploitation in jokes or on TV? Am I committed to the integrity of people? Am I morally outraged when people are reduced to things that have no value?" The spread of pornography is encouraged wherever a general cheapening of human life happens. A serious attack on pornography must begin with a genuine reaffirmation of the dignity of people of every race, sex, age, religion, and social standing.

*Second*, Christians can become informed about the extent of the porno plague. Such books as *How to Stop the Porno Plague*, by Neil Gallagher; *The Death of Innocence*, by Sam Janus; and *Pornography: A Christian Critique*, by John H. Court, can serve as starters. Informative articles can be gleaned regularly from newspapers and magazines.

*Third*, Christians can cooperate with churches, synagogues, and civic organizations to demand enforcement of existing antiobscenity ordinances. The U.S. Supreme Court has consistently held that obscenity is not protected by the First Amendment. In *Miller vs. California* (1973) the Supreme Court declared: "This much has been categorically settled by the court, that

obscene material is unprotected by the First Amendment." Largely as a result of the Supreme Court decision, so-called adult book stores have been eliminated in Atlanta, Ga.; Jacksonville, Fla.; Cincinnati, Ohio; and Paducah, Ky. Citizens in Pittsburgh, with the cooperation of churches and synagogues, succeeded in keeping a pornography wholesaler from setting up a warehouse in a suburb. There are many other success stories.

*Fourth*, Christians can appeal to the president to have the Federal Communications Commission regulate cable television. They can protest indecent material on radio, television, and cable television by writing to the FCC, 1919 M St. N.W., Washington, DC 20554.

*Fifth*, Christians can urge the Reagan Administration to direct the U.S. Attorney General to vigorously prosecute obscenity cases under existing law.

*Sixth*, Christians can monitor magazines in stores in which they do business—especially convenience stores. Where necessary, Christians can participate in boycotts against stores that insist on selling pornography. Churches can work with people such as Rev. Donald E. Wildmon, director of the National Federation for Decency, and others to lead the fight against pornography.

"All that is needed for evil to triumph is for good people to do nothing." Let us be sure that the porno industry will not turn this statement into our national epitaph. □

## ***My Father's Hands***

*I remember my father's hands;  
Gnarled hands they were,  
Like the knotty, twisted limbs  
Of the timberline conifers  
That clutch the rocky crest of the mountain  
In spite of nature's fiercest blasts.*

*Strong and sinewy they were,  
Like the mighty, muscled legs and necks  
Of the colts he broke to do his will.*

*Hard and calloused they were,  
Like the pads of the feet of the hound,  
For they were exposed to the rough,  
The cold, the obstinate, the unrelenting,  
Wresting from the soil, the steel, the wood  
What they were reluctant to give up.*

*Yes, I remember my father's hands.  
Tender hands they were—  
Tender enough to turn  
The timeworn pages of the Holy Bible  
Which governed his life  
And set the example for all his children.*

—CLESSEN K. SCOLES  
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# A GARDEN FOR GIVING

by KATHARINE E. MATCHETTE

Next Jo broached the idea to a friend, Roger Fendall, who is assistant dean of agriculture at Oregon State University. "Roger jumped in with both feet," Jo remembers.

"I felt we were finally going to do something as Christians that would have an impact on the community," Roger says.

Pastor Terry Osborne of the Philomath Church of the Nazarene was one of the four pastors contacted about the project. By planting time his church had joined with the Philomath United Brethren Church and two Corvallis churches: The Free Methodist, and Evangelical Church of North America. They named the project Agape Garden.

Carroll and Jo Dingus, who are both retired, became project managers, with Roger Fendall as coordinator.

Carroll bought a new tractor-drawn tiller especially for the garden. He and Jo worked the ground and later supervised irrigation.

Roger Fendall contacted the Oregon State University Foundation Seed Project, which donated seeds. Fertilizer, insecticide, and later, irrigation pipe, came from an Albany, Oreg., agri-chemical business whose manager, Stan Starr, is a Christian.

Ruth Potts, the Free Methodist pastor's wife, started 38 dozen cabbage and 48 dozen tomato plants from seed in a lean-to greenhouse on the parsonage patio.

Workers from all the churches helped plant and weed. When they finished seeding they had planted enough potatoes for a single row more than a mile long, 900 feet of carrots and an equal length of beets, more than 1,200 feet of turnips, three-fourths acre of sweet corn, one-half acre of squashes, and between one-half and two-thirds acre of beans, as well as the cabbage and tomato plants.

As the produce matured, the gar-

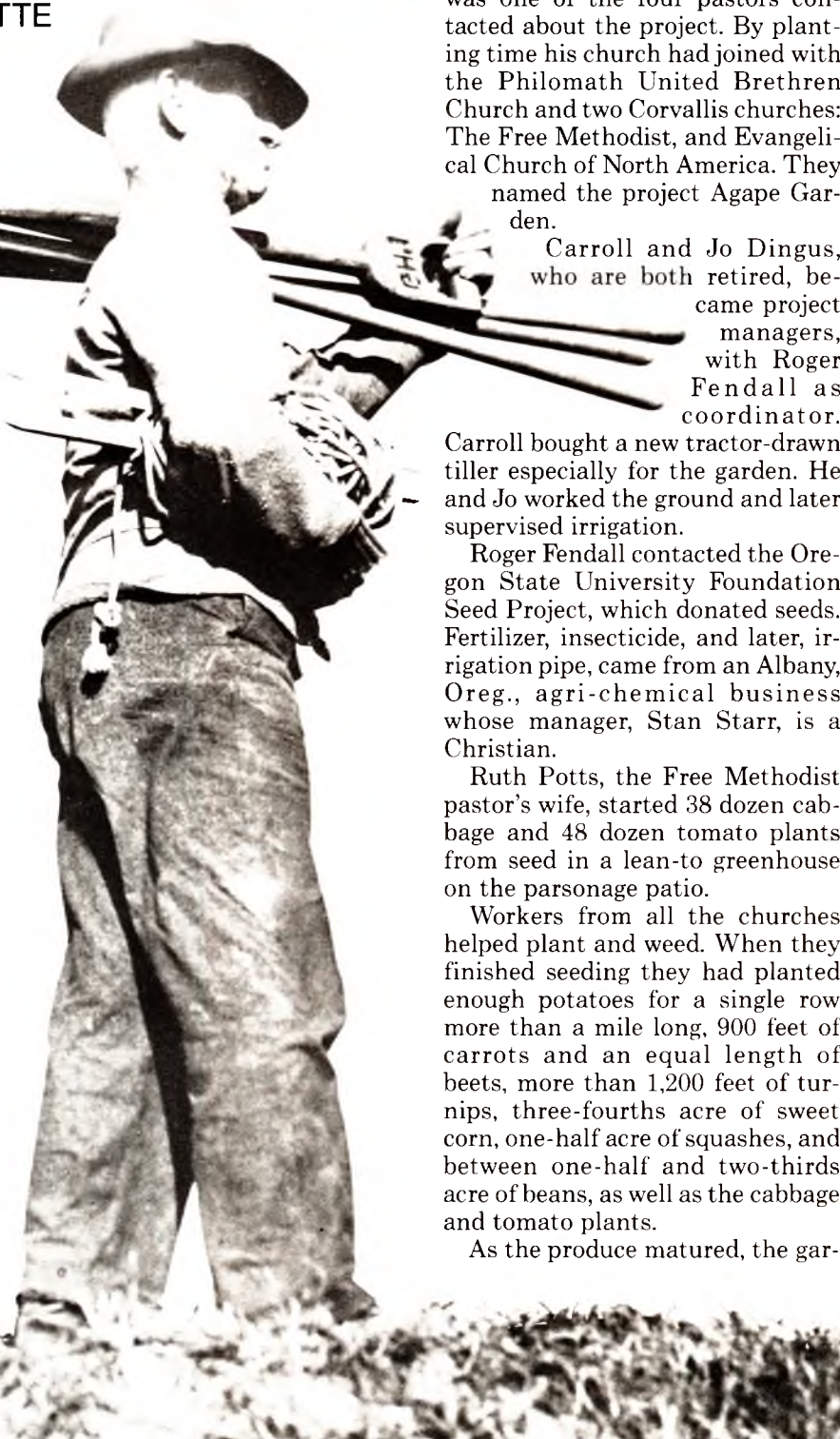
**R**ELATIVES used to smile indulgently when Carroll Dingus planted his garden. Although he was single and lived alone after his mother's death, he planted two and sometimes three generous plots.

Friends at the Philomath, Oreg., Church of the Nazarene, Carroll's home church, enjoyed generous gifts of produce, but some years he found it difficult to give everything away.

Nobody laughs at Carroll's garden now. In spring of 1982 he and his brother, Jo, transformed it into a cooperative church project.

The garden idea came to Jo Dingus one Sunday morning when a bad cold forced him to stay home from church. As he read his Bible and prayed, he thought of the many local families who were about to exhaust their unemployment benefits. "Why can't local churches work together to raise and distribute food?" Jo asked himself. "Carroll's rich land would be the perfect place." When Jo mentioned his plan, Carroll agreed enthusiastically, and offered the use of his tractor as well.

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deners faced a major hurdle: How would they harvest and distribute the produce where it was really needed? Roger Fendall contacted a field representative of National Canning Company in Albany, and the company processed and stored more than a ton of green beans for winter distribution. Several churches obtained freezers.

By fall the Nazarenes had filled two freezers. In addition, Georgia Owen, who coordinated their storage and distribution, bought and used a food dryer.

The food supplies found ready use within the church. Many men in the congregation work as loggers or in local lumber mills, which were hard hit by the building slump. Other food went to the primary teacher at the church sponsored A.C.E. school.

Once a man searching for work spent the night in his car near the church. He received food. Georgia estimates that she prepared 15 to 20 food boxes that winter (1982-83).

"The garden helped two families in the church get off welfare," Georgia reports. "One family preserved large quantities from the garden during the summer. Because of their food supply they were able to

make it on their own when the father found a part-time job.

Agape Garden received excellent coverage in the Corvallis newspaper. By summer's end the garden's impact had reached beyond the immediate community. Once Georgia received a call from the town of Florence, 80 miles away, telling her of a Philomath woman who needed help. Another time two families traveled from Waldport, 50 miles away on the coast, to pick. Harvesters also came from the communities of Blodgett and Alsea.

Many local families harvested and canned for their own use. Garden workers delivered produce to others who were unable to harvest, but could can and freeze. By early summer, 1983, nearly all of the garden's 60 tons of produce had been distributed, and vegetables were thriving in the second garden.

What is the garden accomplishing? Tons of food grown and distributed tell only part of the story. The rest is written in the lives of people: the paraplegic who knows God's people care enough to help him feed his family; the unemployed father who reversed his attitude toward the church because of the garden.

Jo's favorite garden story illus-



trates his aim for Agape Garden. One afternoon he stopped to chat with a woman picking beans.

"This is the most fantastic thing anybody ever did," she told him. "No, it's not," Jo responded quickly. "But it's a result of it."

For a moment the woman remained silent. Then she looked at Jo. "Oh," she said thoughtfully. "You mean God."

In that moment Jo knew that Agape Garden had fulfilled its purpose. □

## Book Brief

### GOD IN THE PRESENT TENSE The Person and Work of the Holy Spirit

D. SHELBY CORLETT  
author



**I**N ALL OUR SEARCH for meaningful studies, one book may well have been overlooked. No other material could surpass the rich resources of *God in the Present Tense*.

The book is an in-depth study of the Holy Spirit and His activity in present-day lives, "helping just where we need that help most." This medley of quotations from one chapter will give you an idea of where the author is coming from.

*"Professors of the experience of entire sanctification have tried to explain the doctrine . . . what happens,*

*why one needs it, and what one must do to keep it. . . . They have failed to tell of the Holy Spirit. . . . How wrong it is to put the experience as the point of emphasis rather than the Person who does the work. . . . We can love an experience, but an experience can't love us!"*

This is a "Hey, now I understand!" book on a somewhat foggy subject. Clarifying examples are given to explain theological statements and they are interspersed with Bible verses to give the reader solid scriptural foundation for his beliefs.

Chapter 3, "A New Life-style," contains 18 of Paul's guidelines for successful living drawn from Romans 12:9-21. What a list!

The book is for personal study, an absolute must for those who preach and teach. A sharp leader could develop an unforgettable, life-enriching group study from it even though there is no so-called study guide to go with the text, so you'd be on your own.

Of all the books I've read in recent months (and that's quite a few), this has been pretty close to the best. □

—Evelyn Stenbock

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# the editor's STANDPOINT

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## THE GOSPEL AS A THREAT

"Our craft is in danger." This was the lament of a pagan artisan named Demetrius. You can read about him in Acts 19.

The gospel that Paul preached turned men from the bondage of idolatry to the freedom of Christ. Demetrius, a silversmith, saw his profits endangered, for he manufactured and sold silver replicas of the goddess Diana. To protect his pocketbook, he plunged the city of Ephesus into a riot and forced the departure of Paul. Money over men was his standard of value.

The gospel is always a threat to immoral businesses.

It is a threat to the narcotics traffic, by which millions are enslaved and consigned to a living hell of recurrent nightmares. Dope drives them to crimes of robbery, assault, and murder.

The gospel is a threat to prostitution, called "the oldest profession," by which men turn to financial profit the bodies of witless and desperate women.

The gospel threatens pornography, by which illicit and uncaring publishers corrupt the minds of moral weak-

lings with pictures and stories designed to inflame passion and subdue reason.

The gospel, where uncompromised, is also a threat to some businesses that are stamped "approved" by prevailing political and cultural standards.

It threatens the movie industry, whose stupid and vicious exploitation of sex distorts even biblical narratives, and produces a colony of maladjusted egomaniacs to whom marriage and divorce is a spinning wheel of misfortune.

It threatens the tobacco industry, which peddles lung cancer and heart disease and is chided weakly by a hypocritical government posture.

It threatens the beverage alcohol industry, that spreader of diseases, destroyer of homes, betrayer of governments, killer of travelers, and enslaver of millions who crawl into bottles in an effort to escape problems or affect sophistication.

Yes, the gospel is a danger to every business that would blind and bind men in sin. To hear Demetrius yelp is an encouraging sound! ☐

## GOD'S GIVING

Christian worship celebrates the most magnificent and costly act of giving in history. "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son." God gave His Son at Calvary for our redemption. Jesus gave His unstained life as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Placed beside this love-inspired giving, all our acts of giving fade into insignificance.

I was working on income tax returns not long ago. Adding up our contributions to church and charities, I was impressed by the total. Besides the local church, Doris and I had helped several colleges, the seminary, an inner-city project, a camp meeting, world missions, and a dozen charities. It all seemed quite generous. Then I flipped on an overhead light. When I did, the desk lamp threw a cross-shaped shadow over my paper work. Suddenly I got the message, and our giving shrank to a vanishing point.

During last Holy Week the Lord supplied me with a new and probing insight into this matter of giving. Jorge Barros was preaching. Part of his message

touched upon the infamy of Judas Iscariot, who betrayed Jesus to His enemies for 30 pieces of silver. That was the value placed upon Jesus by Judas, a paltry sum indeed.

Listening and reflecting, I suddenly realized that I put a value on Christ by my level of giving. I do not mean that the amount I give is what Christ is worth to me. But the difference between what I *ought* to give and what I *do* give becomes my estimate of His worth. If the Lord prompts me to give \$1,000 and I only give \$500, I am setting a value of \$500 on Jesus. Giving less than the Lord wills is a form of betrayal. Unless I give *all* I should, I am guilty of putting an unworthy, insulting price upon Him.

"All" for a certain widow was "two mites." For another person it may be two million. What counts is not the size of the gift, but the size of the gap between God's will and our response. Any gap of disobedience is a Judas-bargain. Our giving should be inspired by love, as God's was, and marked by sacrifice, as God's was. The motive will determine the measure. ☐

## TOWARD INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING

In just a few days, Nazarenes from around the world will be gathering for our General Assembly in Anaheim, Calif. In addition to the convention delegations (NYI, NWMS, and CL/SS), there will be approximately 840 General Assembly delegates, all told, from our 75 countries. Thirty-four percent, or 289 of these, will be from the 146 districts of World Mission regions.

The Church of the Nazarene is now working with more than 60 language groups, and representatives of most of them will be present. We cannot, of course, translate or interpret in all these languages, but we will be using 10 basic languages for translation and interpretation. To aid those who do not speak English, an International Delegate Lounge is being provided for information and guidance.

All of this is being done to develop, as best we can, a sense of understanding and meaningful communication for our people from around the world.

Those of us who are part of the International Headquarters in Kansas City are doing our best to take care of all the mechanics necessary to make the 21st General Assembly the smoothest and most international ever.

One thing more is necessary—a spirit of internationalism among us all. This means smiles, welcomes, patience, understanding, and caring. Most of us want to do it, but perhaps a reminder that we are now “world Nazarenes” is appropri-

ate. Realization of this does not always happen easily.

Even after Pentecost, Peter still struggled with some of his old prejudices. After the dramatic way in which God dealt with him, Peter finally concluded, “Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: but in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him” (Acts 10:34-35).

Following our quinquennial regional conferences, one of our Kansas City brethren made this astute, warm comment: “I’m looking forward to the coming General Assembly more than ever before.” Previously, he added, “I have been a little frightened by the influx of all these people with different color and languages. Now I’m looking forward to seeing them all. They are my brothers.”

On a recent trip to the Caribbean I traveled to several district assemblies with President Farrell Chapman of our Bible college in Trinidad. As we waited for a district superintendent to come for us at an airport, a taxi driver approached us and offered his services. We both declined, of course, and then I said, “We’re together. We’re brothers!” He looked at us in astonishment and I added, “We have different mothers.” And Brother Chapman quickly added, “But the same Father.” The taxi driver walked away shaking his head in perplexity. What he didn’t know, of course, was our play on words, “the same Father,”—our Heavenly Father.

It’s a beautiful thought—the same Father. May this spirit permeate our International General Assembly. □

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# Who Will Pray for the Babies?

by VADA LEE BARKLEY

**W**HEN OUR PASTOR closes a baby dedication ceremony, he tells the parents to turn around and let the congregation see the little darling. After all the "oohs" and "aahs," our pastor asks, "How many of you will promise to pray for this baby and its parents, as God reminds you?" Hands are raised all over the sanctuary.

Children of the church are fortunate indeed. With spiritual teaching, parental example, exposure to God's big family in the atmosphere surrounding God's house, and an army of prayer warriors supporting and encouraging them to grow up to become stalwart Christians, these children have everything going for them.

Unfortunately, however, the overwhelming majority of babies have virtually no Christian heritage. They must grow up with no Christian teaching in church, Sunday School, or home; they have no knowledge of Jesus, no encouragement to live Christian lives. Many of them, even in America, grow up almost as ignorant of true spiritual values as a heathen bowing down to a man-made idol.

As much as it hurts to admit it, an alarming percent of these spiritually deprived children have roots that reach back into a Christian family. Grandparents or great-grandparents prayed for their families, some almost dying under a burden for the souls of their families. But now that the older generation has gone, these little ones have no one left to pray for them.

On the dresser in the bedroom, I keep pictures of my sister's great-grandchildren to remind me to pray for them during morning devotions.

My sister took her children and grandchildren to church and Sunday School when they were small. She

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prayed for them and for her great-grandchildren until her dying day. One great-grandson was six months old, another five weeks old, and the youngest unborn when my sister died. Two have never been inside a church, their parents are divorced, and they have no grandmother left to pray for them.

How different it was for me! With two great-grandfathers in the ministry, two sets of godly grandparents, and devout parents, I deserve no credit for being a Christian. As a child, I heard my maternal grandfather day after day, having "private" devotions at the back of the field where he was plowing. At times he would groan under the weight of a soul burden. At other times, when he "prayed through," he would rejoice loud enough for the whole countryside to hear.

Shortly before her death, Grandmother said, "I believe my prayers are bottled up and will be answered af-

ter I'm gone." Only God knows how many were answered.

When my father and my uncle carried my other grandfather into the little country church after a serious illness, some of the people began to shout. God was gloriously present.

My widowed mother used to say that when she was left alone with five children to rear, she was much more concerned about our getting to heaven than she was about making a living for us. "Save them at any cost!" she prayed. As children married and the family increased, she said, "I have faith enough to believe that my children will be saved. But I'm going to need someone else to help me believe for the grandchildren." Now that she is gone and my sister is gone, and the family continues to increase, the number of prayer warriors in the family has decreased, leaving a heavy responsibility on those of us who remain. Perhaps, though, God will continue to answer the prayers of those who have gone to meet Him.

Evidence of that idea is a doctor and his family who attend our church. The doctor, his wife, her mother, four children and their spouses, and several grandchildren make up the family. The doctor was reared in a Nazarene parsonage; his wife's mother was a church musician for years. When his wife's grandfather was living, he took it upon himself to pray for the unborn babies of his family. Judging from this family, at least, that must have been a good place to start.

After all, who needs prayer more than the babies?





# 21<sup>st</sup> GENERAL ASSEMBLY

**CONVENTIONS, JUNE 20-22, 1985 • GENERAL ASSEMBLY, JUNE 23-28, 1985**

## NYI CONVENTION

**JUNE 20 7:30 P.M.**  
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**REV. LARRY LEONARD**  
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## CHRISTIAN LIFE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

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**REV. PHIL RILEY**  
*Speaker*

## NWMS CONVENTION

**JUNE 20 7:30 P.M.**  
Convention Center Arena



**REV. JULIET NDZIMANDZE**  
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**DR. JERALD D. JOHNSON**  
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## EXHIBIT HALL HOURS

The Exhibit Hall will be officially opened at 10 a.m. on Thursday, June 20. The conclusion of the exhibitions will be at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, June 26.

Thursday	10 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
Friday	9 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
Saturday	9 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
Sunday	1 p.m.-4 p.m.

Sunday will be designated as family and friends fellowship day. The display areas will be open for viewing, however, there will be **NO SUNDAY SALES**. This will allow the attendees a refreshing day together without business.

Monday	9 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
Tuesday	9 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
Wednesday	9 a.m.-1 p.m.

## BOOKSTORE

Nazarene Publishing House has set up a bookstore in the North Hall of the Convention Center in the Exhibit Hall. Books and church supplies for all departments are on display and for sale. Consult your publishing house representatives about your present and future needs.

## MEAL FUNCTIONS

Ninety-nine meal functions have been added to the General Assembly/Convention Programs. This will represent over 22,000 individual meals. For your particular interest you should contact the sponsoring agency.

## TRAVEL INFORMATION

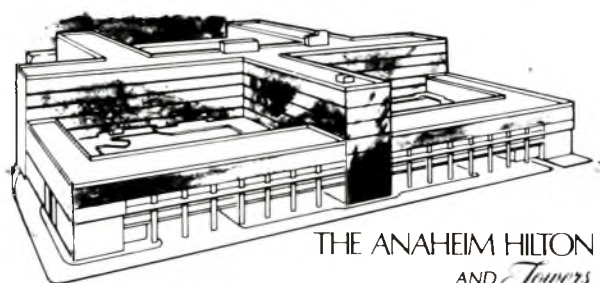
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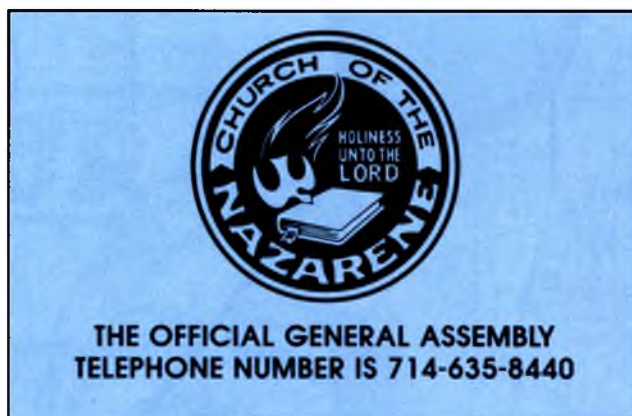
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## SHUTTLE SERVICE

The General Arrangements Committee has negotiated shuttle service for attendees to the services at Anaheim Stadium. Pickup points will be designated at the various hotels. The cost will be \$1.00 per person per round trip. Advance tickets may be purchased by writing the General Assembly office at:

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## INSPIRATIONAL SERVICES

The Board of General Superintendents has approved Monday, June 24, Tuesday, June 25, and Wednesday, June 26, as opportunity for special inspirational services to take place as an alternative to attending General Assembly Plenary Sessions.

Monday night will be a musical extravaganza. Tuesday night will be an evangelistic service with Dr. Stephen Manley preaching. The inspirational speaker on Wednesday night will be Rev. Juliet Ndzimandze from Swaziland.

## SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

The Fanny Crosby story featured at all WIL-CON sessions during 1984 will be offered at three special times during General Assembly week: Saturday, June 22, at 2 p.m. and 9:30 p.m., and Sunday, June 23 at 2 p.m. This is a Victory Films presentation and tickets will be sold.

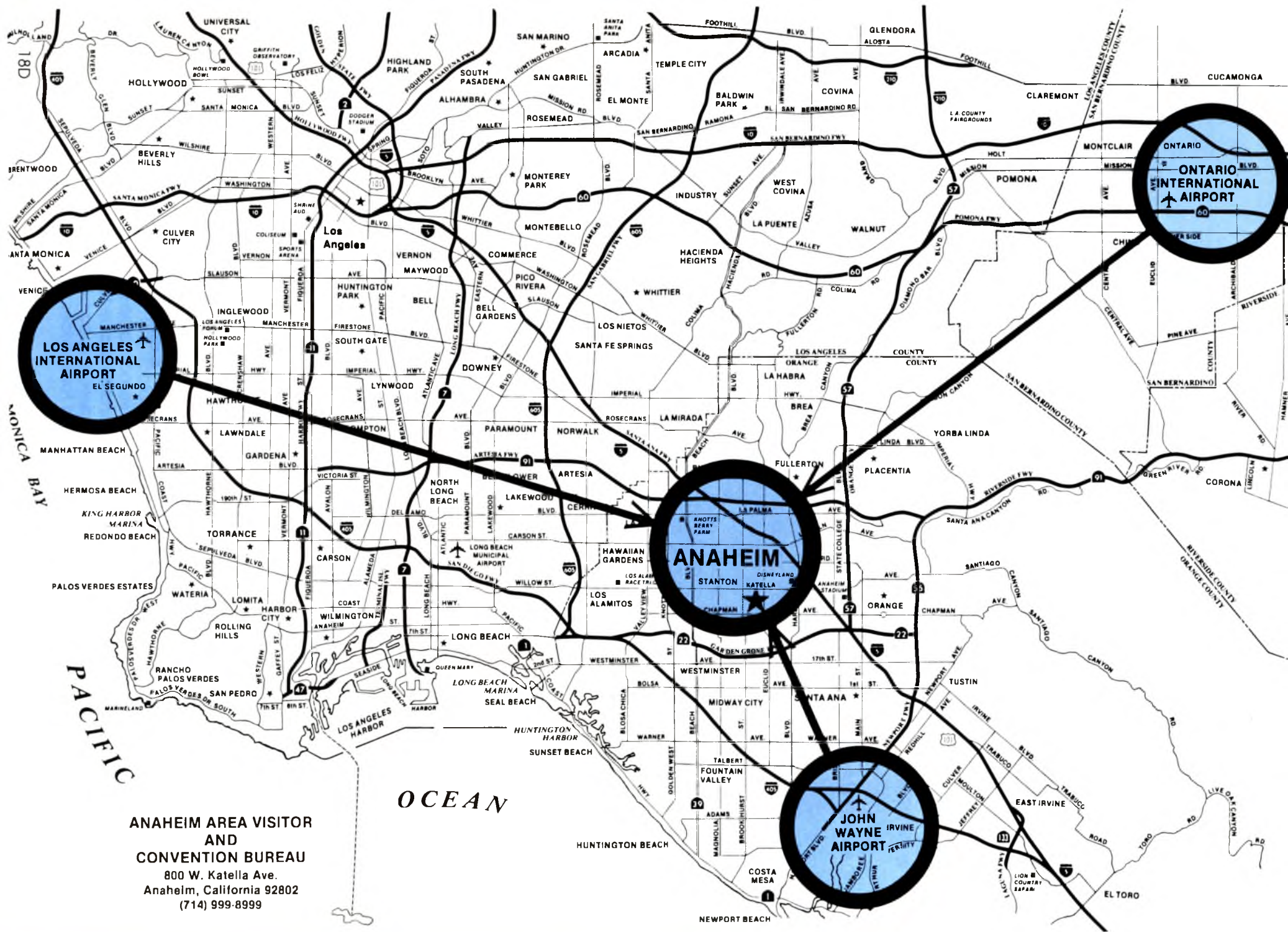
Haldor Lillenas' life portrayal by Paul Pitts will be presented on Friday evening June 21, at 9:30 p.m. in the Convention Center, Room A.

NYI is sponsoring a late Friday evening concert, June 21, with "Hicks and Cohagan and Friends." This activity will begin at 10 p.m. in the Convention Center, South Hall.

## TIPPING

The standard tip or gratuity expected in restaurants is at least 15 percent. Bellmen, porters, maids, taxi drivers, etc., are likewise tipped for services they perform.





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# TO SAVE OUR CHILDREN

by TALMAGE HAGGARD

THE SUMMER MONTHS seemed to fly by so quickly. Busy schedules of all members of the family made it difficult for us to find a time slot for a vacation together. Finally a week was deliberately planned. It was the last week of the summer break, just before school schedules would again take their toll. This would possibly be one of our last family vacations when we would all be together as we had been through the years.

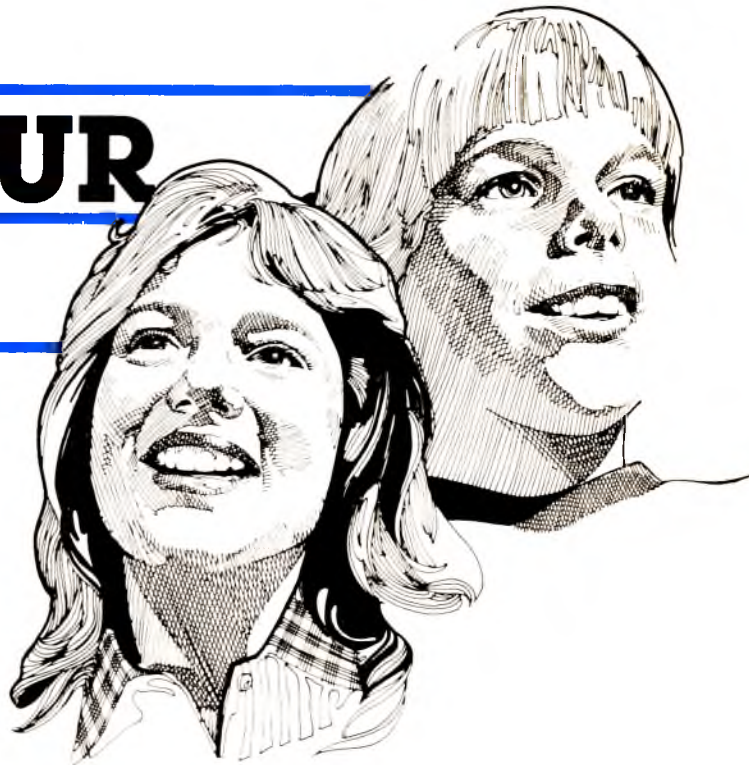
But this time it was different. There was a mixture of old and new. It was a time of sharing plans for the future, but also it was a time of reflection. Walking along the ocean had a way of clearing my mind of the cobwebs and distortions accumulated there. A clearer perspective of what God had done and was doing came into focus.

Those times of reflection turned to prayers of gratitude and praise. Our son, Matthew, now a junior at Eastern Nazarene College, had spent his summer months in ministry with a special group representing the school. Our daughter, Becky, now a senior in high school, had spent much of her summer in preparation for the Philadelphia District IMPACT Team. This group of involved and committed youth would sing and share across the district during the coming months. Both of our children love the Lord and their church. Both have committed their lives to Him. How could we be so blessed? Where did all this begin?

As I walked along the ocean, caught up between times of reflection and praise, I vividly remembered specific revival services when, as children, they responded during an invitation. In simple childlike faith they received Christ into their lives. It just seemed to be the natural thing for them to do. No one spoke to them a word of invitation. The service was not charged with emotion to overpower a child. They simply decided at that early age to respond to the love of a Savior who had already shown His love to them.

This experience in their lives occurred during a revival. Today many are questioning the value of revival, as we have known it in the past, as a means of evangelism. While reflecting on all this I praised God for churches, pastors, and evangelists who had kept revival an open channel for our two children. Perhaps we need revival more than we know, just to save our own!

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As I continued walking along the shore reflecting, many years passed, bringing us closer to the present. As a family we were in an "old-fashioned camp meeting" at North East, Maryland. Our two were no longer small. Those crucial post-high school and college years were upon them. These were times of seeking and knowing God's will for their lives. During this camp meeting they made a full commitment of themselves to the Savior, experiencing the Spirit's sanctifying presence in their lives.

I praise God for the ministry of pastors, youth leaders, teachers, and all who had a part in influencing their lives. Yet it was the revival fire of a camp meeting that brought them to the second crisis. Questions are raised concerning the validity and place of camp meeting as an effective tool today. Perhaps we need it more than we know, to bring our own families into the glorious experience of holiness.

Well, those times of strolling along the ocean while reflecting are over. Matthew has returned to Eastern Nazarene College to continue his preparation for a life of service to God and the church. Becky is now in her final year of high school before continuing preparation for a life committed to the Lordship of Jesus Christ. However, that time of reflection gave me a new appreciation for the spirit of holiness evangelism that has characterized our church.

It has often been said the Church of the Nazarene was born in revival fires. No wonder our leaders have again and again reminded us of this heritage, and called us to keep those fires alive. There are other effective channels to bring about the salvation of our children. To be sure, the total ministry of the church is involved. But, let us not be guilty of counting holiness evangelism through revival "outdated." God is still using it today! Keep those fires of revival burning—for the sake of our own children! □



The pinnacle where Jesus was tempted was the photo description. In Matthew 4:5 it says, "Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple."

The correction rests in the description; it is not the pinnacle of the temple—that has been destroyed and gone for almost 2,000 years. What is pictured is the "Herodian" blocks of stone used as a retaining wall for the temple mount. Even though high in the air, the cornerstones pictured are still considered foundation stones, several feet still missing from Herod's time.

Joseph Hughes  
Kansas City, Kansas

#### WAKE UP CALL

Recently, I contacted about 30 ministers in my city in an effort to get action by the organized church against pornography. All but one of the pastors promised cooperation

by having a letter-writing session in their church or promoting letter-writing by the congregation to the local lawmakers. A follow-up of several of the ministers who were contacted and who promised cooperation revealed that they took no action at all!

Morris Chalfant's "It's Time to Speak Out" speaks the truth. But then it is true that the organized church has been silent on many issues for many years. Local pressure by local congregations on local governments will have more influence than all the articles that can be written by the Chalfants of this world. Wake up, pastors, and use the people of your congregation to influence the lawmakers in your community.

Phyllis Blankenship  
Roanoke, Virginia

#### REVIVAL NEEDED

I appreciated Dr. V. H. Lewis's editorial, written in such a good spirit, challenging the "silent majority" of

the church to cease being silent (March 1 issue).

What is the matter with us? Why is it that we, right in the midst of a secular, humanistic, God-defying society that is now destroying our foundations, continue to stand by idly wringing our hands and crying that the "times are just out of joint and what can we do about it?" Meaning, of course, that there is nothing we can do about it.

To be sure, there is something we can do about it. We need to find an "upper room," as did those first disciples, tarry, then go in the power of the Spirit, as He commanded, to a lost world.

We need a genuine revival throughout the church. And I thank God for the many faithful Christians who are still holding on to the "horns of the altar," praying to that end. It is now high time for the "silent majority" to cease being silent and join in.

Charles C. Davidson  
Brandon, Florida

## I WENT FISHING

by D. J. SCARDIGNO

**M**Y OPPORTUNITY FINALLY CAME. After two years of repeated fish stories and invitations, my chance had finally arrived. Fishing is my favorite form of leisure. So when Al, who built his own craft, invited me on board, I saw this as more than another fishing trip. Truly, it wasn't fish I was interested in that day—it was Al.

You see, Al had watched his faithful wife walk to every service of our church for years. Neither snow nor rain stopped her. Yet Al never darkened the church door himself.

What was he like? And what were his hang-ups? Could I meet his need while we fished? Could I bait him with morsels of gospel truth?

Well, we did do some great fishing. But I didn't catch what I wanted. Walking off the docks that afternoon, I knew no more about Al than when I had stepped onto them that morning.

Eight months passed. Visiting Al by his hospital bed made us both a little uneasy, considering the dismal report of the doctors. Cancer is not in the log of an avid outdoorsman; however, fishing was not far from our minds as we exchanged life-learned lessons together.

D. J. SCARDIGNO pastors the Norwalk, Connecticut, Church of the Nazarene.

**"By ALL MEANS...  
Save Some"**

"Al, I need to ask you something. What must you do before setting out on a fishing trip?"

"Well, I've got to prepare myself with proper equipment," he replied.

"That is what you need to do, Al. You need to prepare your heart right now because your life has left you unprepared for eternity."

Then I led him step by step through a prayer of repentance. As the way of salvation was explained, this salt water sailor left sin's uncharted waters for the navigated sail toward home with Christ.

The prayer time together was attacked by Satan, for Al's body was convulsing all during prayer. He was not able to keep down his food. The nurses were, therefore, darting in and out of the room. Nevertheless, we persisted in pleading to the Lord. Presently the body tremors ceased as a calm rolled over my friend. I remembered how Jesus calmed the storm on the Sea of Galilee. It was a confirmation that God was definitely doing a work of mercy.

The next day Al's family gathered by his bedside. They waited as he slipped in and out of consciousness. He was mumbling, and they caught some of his phrases. He was saying something about the prayer we had had together. And by the peace that shone on his face, the loved ones were encouraged to believe that he had sailed into the quiet waters of saving grace.

I then was left to contemplate the One who is always fishing for the lost! A Fisherman greater than I glorifies himself even through efforts we think may be fruitless. □

# IN THE NEWS

## PEOPLE AND PLACES



**Dennis J. Crocker** completed the doctor of musical arts degree, D.M.A., in choral conducting, at the University of Missouri-Kansas City in April 1985. The title of his dissertation is "Retention of Music Leadership in the Church of the Nazarene."

His A.B. degree in music education, *summa cum laude*, was received from Olivet Nazarene College in 1975. In 1977 his master of music degree in voice performance was received from the University of Michigan.

From 1975-79 Dennis served as associate pastor at Mason, Mich., First Church. He was minister of music at Kansas City First Church, 1979-81. During those years he was also on the faculty of Nazarene Theological Seminary, part-time, as lecturer in music. Since 1981, Mr. Crocker has been minister of music at College Church in Bourbonnais, Ill. Dr. John C. Bowling is senior pastor.

Dennis and his wife, Jeannie (Cone), have two children, Nichole, age three, and Dennis, Jr., age two. They reside in Bourbonnais, Ill.

*Faith and Imagination: Essays on Evangelicals and Literature*, published April 15, honors **Marian B. Washburn**, professor of English emerita of Northwest Nazarene College, Nampa, Idaho. The volume is edited by Noel Riley Fitch (Point Loma Nazarene College) and Richard Etulain (University of New Mexico), who were students of Professor Washburn.

The volume includes essays on Henry James, Francis Schaeffer, and Virginia Woolf, as well as broad essays on tragic drama, Christian and secular existentialism, recent evangelical novels, and the reading of secular literature. Contributors, in addition to the editors, are professors at Northwest Nazarene College, Eastern Nazarene College, Point Loma Nazarene College, Canadian Nazarene College, and Seattle Pacific University

Washburn taught English for 37 years at NNC, where all the contributors studied or taught with her. John E. Riley, president emeritus of NNC, wrote the preface. Washburn was informed of the honor during a reception for her given by the NNC Department of English in Nampa, Idaho.

The Chaplain of the United States Senate, Dr. Richard Halverson, invited **Rev. Samuel Smith**, pastor of Washington, D.C., First Church to pray the opening prayer for the United States Senate session Thursday, May 2.

Rev. Smith has been pastor at Washington First Church for nine years. The pastor and people of this congregation are making an impact on the national capital by ministry to the needs of all people.

**Dr. Lora Donoho**, director of athletics at Mount Vernon Nazarene College, was elected to the NAIA (National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics) Executive Committee at the association's annual convention, March 13-19, in Kansas City. She will take office August 1.

The Executive Committee is made up of 10 people, 9 committee members and the past president of the NAIA.

Donoho was also selected as president of the NAIA Athletic Directors Association at the meeting.

Dr. Donoho, who has been at MVNC since 1975, is completing her two-year term as president of the Mid-Ohio Conference.



### EXALT HIM INTRODUCED

Lillenas Publishing Co., the music division of Nazarene Publishing House, is introducing a new hymnal supplement, *Exalt Him*. Compiled

with the help of a denomination-wide survey, this attractive volume contains 92 songs and hymns not included in *Worship in Song*.

A variety of selections are provided: new and older standard hymns, choruses, Scripture songs, and 20th-century gospel favorites—everything from Gaither to Wesley. Several best-loved hymns were drawn from the former Nazarene hymnal, *Praise and Worship*, such as "It's Real," "Beulah Land," and "Sweet Will of God." There are 34 Scripture readings on seasonal and nonseasonal themes, all from the NIV. Also included are complete indexes and background Scripture references for each hymn.

Every Nazarene pastor will be given a complimentary copy of *Exalt Him* at the 1985 district assembly bookstands, along with a companion booklet, *Exalt Him Worship Services*. *Exalt Him* has also been placed in the chapels of Nazarene Theological Seminary and Nazarene Bible College, as well as at most Nazarene colleges.



Pictured (l. to r.) are 21 people from Mobile, Ala., First Church, who recently went to Jamaica for 11 days of work and witness: Blair Wood, Ken McKenzie, Pastor Bob McKenzie, Linda Wright, Dan Rollo, Barbara McKenzie, Ed Phillips, Mike Myhlhousen, Paul Raper, Lillian McDade, Joye Paris, Champ Johnson, Ranae Stringfellow, Sandy Raper, Jim Torchia, Wanda Ward, Ashley Johnson, Lea Torchia, Harold Wood, Stephen Raper, and Lonnie Butler. The men repaired the Mount Grace church that was damaged in a flood. The ladies held two Bible schools each day. They averaged about 225 children. Each night there were evangelistic services at different churches in the area. A highlight of the work was a street meeting on Wednesday night with over 300 people in attendance.



## QUINQUENNIAL REPORT GIVEN FOR PENSIONS AND BENEFITS SERVICES

According to Dr. Dean Wessels, administrator of the Board of Pensions and director of Pensions and Benefits Services, the past five-year period has been a time of growth and expansion. The following achievements for the period 1980-1985 were reported in the Quinquennial Report for Pensions and Benefits Services.

1. The "Basic" Pension Program was codified into a Plan Document

that provides a 100 percent non-forfeitable pension to all vested participants.

2. Church-employed laymen having recognized district credentials and district roles such as commissioned minister of Christian education, commissioned song evangelist, commissioned minister of music, and consecrated deaconess, and who are earning their full livelihood by such ministry, were included in the "Basic" Pension Plan.

3. Pension amendments were adopted to provide an individual par-

ticipant an election at the time of retirement as to the surviving spouse's percentage of benefits.

4. The "Basic" Pension formula increased from \$4.50 to \$5.00 per month per year of service and the maximum pension increased from \$180 to \$250 per month. In addition, a special "13 month" pension check was paid the last two years as a bonus to pension recipients.

5. The total number of retired ministers and widows of ministers served during the quinquennium with a monthly pension check was 2,942.

6. The amount of pension that can be received by a retired minister as tax-free housing allowance was increased to 100 percent of the pension benefit.

7. More districts than ever paid 100 percent or more of their assembly year Pensions and Benefits Fund amounts. This helped to meet the growing pension demands and to continue progress on the funding of the essential reserves. Although progress continued, actuarial consultants reported that approximately \$30 million was still need to completely fund the "Basic" Pension Program.

8. During the quinquennium, the Nazarene Supplemental Retirement Program was expanded to include three plans: the Tax-Sheltered Annuity (403b) Plan, the KEOGH (HR-10) Plan, and the Individual Retirement Annuity Plan (IRA). A new contract was negotiated with the insurance company improving the total program. At the beginning of the quinquennium, almost 2,000 persons had participated in the program depositing annually \$1.75 million. By the end of the period, accumulative enrollment had reached over 3,800 (a 90 percent increase) and annual contributions had exceeded \$4.5 million per year (a 157 percent increase).

9. On July 1, 1983, the Nazarene Health and Hospitalization Program (NHHP) officially began. In just 1½ years, the program enrolled 32 United States districts (over 42 percent of those eligible) and two church agencies. Over 2,060 church employees were covered under this medical reimbursement plan.

10. During the five-year period, those enrolled in the Supplemental Group Term Life Insurance Program enjoyed premium rate improvements in several age-groups. At the same time, maximum coverage available increased from \$50,000 to \$100,000. In 1984, a 21 percent dividend was declared to nearly 3,700 enrolled ministers and church-employed laymen.

11. Over 10,000 Nazarene ministers, church-employed laymen, and their families were covered under the

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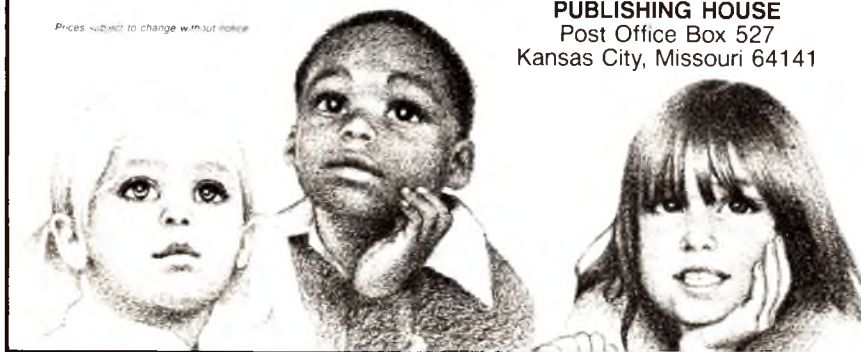
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12. A separate Accidental Death and Dismemberment Plan was introduced and offered to full-time church employees and evangelists. Coverage volume exceeded \$29 million.

13. Two Long-Term Disability Income Protection Plans were initiated during the quinquennium. One was offered to full-time church employees. The other was offered to districts and agencies for their employee benefit packages. Five hundred seventy enrollees were protected with this coverage.

14. Emergency medical benevolence benefits were provided in 757 cases for families needing emergency medical assistance during the five years. Total amount of assistance paid was \$610,730.

15. Funeral Assistance grants totaled \$33,000 for the quinquennium. This benevolence money assisted 45 families of individuals who were not covered under any of the life insurance programs sponsored by the Pensions office.

16. To make known all of the services available to Nazarene ministers and lay workers, the Pensions office expanded its publicity effort to more communication channels, including videotape.

17. In the last two years, Pensions and Benefits Services was asked to expand its services to include "consultation assistance" to other pension plans throughout the international church. Consultations progressed with 14 non-U.S. pension plans.

Dr. Wessels pointed out that each achievement meant that more needs of more ministers were being met through new or improved programs. He emphasized that each success was people and need oriented. ☐

## DIRECTORY OF RETIRED MINISTERS PUBLISHED

Dr. Dean Wessels, administrator of the Board of Pensions, has announced that the traditional, quinquennial issue of the Directory of Retired Ministers has just been compiled. This directory includes those Nazarene ministers and widowed spouses receiving a pension from the Board of Pensions, Church of the Nazarene, as of March 1985.

Copies will be available at the Pensions' exhibit booth during General Assembly in Anaheim, Calif. For those not attending General Assembly,



Pictured (r. to l.) are Rev. Larry Leonard, director of Youth Ministries; Dr. Phyllis Perkins, NWMS director; and Fred Fullerton, Youth Ministries staff member and editor of the new Youth Mission Education Curriculum.

copies may be requested by writing to the Board of Pensions, 6401 The Paseo, Kansas City, MO 64131. Requests will be honored as long as the supply lasts. ☐

## NEW MISSION EDUCATION CURRICULUM FOR YOUTH RELEASED


Youth Ministries, of the Division of Christian Life and Sunday School, has announced the release of a new curriculum for youth mission education.

The purpose of the new curriculum is to inform teens of the biblical, missiological, cultural, administrative, and vocational components of the missionary effort of the Church of the Nazarene. Coupled with this purpose is the activity-based design of the curriculum that goes beyond just the giving

of information. It calls for response and personal involvement in mission on the part of youth and their leaders.

The curriculum is built around four key concept areas that will repeat each year of a five-year cycle. The concept areas are (1) The Bible and Mission, (2) The Mission Support System, (3) The Missionary: One Who Is Called, and (4) Culture. Each year of the cycle these four concepts will be viewed from a different perspective, giving variety and depth to each.

Promotional brochures have been sent to each local church. All the materials for 12 study sessions are contained in the *Youth Mission Education Resource Packet*, which can be ordered at district assemblies and NYI and NWMS Conventions, or direct from Nazarene Publishing House. ☐



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**ADAMS, MICHAEL:** North Michigan Wesleyan Youth Camp, June 17-22

**ARMSTRONG, LEON, LINDA & FAMILY:** Indianapolis, IN (University Heights), June 4-9; Sterling, IL (1st), June 10-16; General Assembly, June 19-28

**ATKINSON, DEAN & PAT:** Southwest Oklahoma District Camp, June 3-9

• **BAGGETT, DALLAS:** Reserved, June 1-30

**BAKER, JOHN D.:** Ellettsville, IN (Agape Community), June 11-16; East Palestine, OH, June 18-23; Spencer, IN, June 25-30

**BAKER, RICHARD C.:** Montezuma, IN, June 4-9; Kingman, IN (Free Holiness), June 11-16; Winchester, TN, June 18-23; Chattanooga, TN (Lookout Valley), June 25-30

• **BALLARD, DON:** Erlanger, KY, June 1-2; West Memphis, AR, June 23

**BALLARD, JOHN:** General Assembly, June 23-28

**NEW BEATY TRIO:** West Monroe, LA (1st), June 4-9

**BEELER, LOWELL:** North Carolina, June 4-9

**BELZER, DAVE:** Reserved, June 1-30

**BLUE, DAVE & DANA:** Louisiana District Camp, June 4-9; General Assembly, June 20-27; Northwest Ohio Laymen's Retreat, June 28-30

**BOCK, DON:** Reserved, June 10-16; Columbus, OH (CCCU), June 18-23; Morgantown, OH (CCCU), June 25-30

**BOICOURT, MARLA:** Lone Pine, CA, June 16-19

**BOND, GARY & BETH:** Gaithersburg, MD, June 8-12; General Assembly, June 20-28

**BOONE, FORD:** Houlika, MS, June 2-5

**BREWINGTON, JANE:** Missouri District Youth Camp, June 10-14

**BROWN, ROGER:** Albion, PA, June 2; Eldon, MO, June 9; Little Rock, AR, June 12; Dallas, TX (Bruton Terrace), June 16; Victorville, CA, June 19; General Assembly, June 20-28

**BROWN, TIM:** General Assembly, June 17-30

**BURKE, OWNE:** Long Beach, CA (Bixby North), June 4-9; General Assembly, June 20-26

**BURNHAM, KEN:** Severy, KS, June 3-7; Santana, KS (Church of God), June 9-14; General Assembly, June 20-28

**BUSH, R. ERWIN:** Jackson, AL, June 4-9

**BYERS, CHARLES & MILDRED:** Knoxville, IA, June 3-9; Cedar Rapids, IA (1st), June 10-16; Oskaloosa, IA, June 27—July 7

**CAYTON, JOHN:** Iowa District Youth Camp, June 3-7; Iowa District Youth Camp, June 10-14; Dero, OH (Sharon Camp), June 27—July 7

**CHRISTNER, JACK:** Poughkeepsie, NY, June 4-9; General Assembly, June 19-28

**CLAY, M. E.:** Reserved, June 1-30

**COBB, BILL:** North Arkansas District Camp, June 10-16; General Assembly, June 19-26

**COVINGTON, NATHAN:** Reserved, June 4-9; Broken Arrow, OK, June 23 & 30

**THE CUNDIFF FAMILY:** Reserved, June 2-29

**DARNELL, H. E.:** Caldwell, ID, June 13-23; Sycamore, OH (Peniel Camp), June 28—July 7

**DEBOLT, TED & DOROTHY:** General Assembly, June 19-27

**DELL, JIMMY:** Oakridge, OR, June 2-5; Klamath Falls, OR, June 6-9; Crowley, LA (1st), June 17-21

**DENNISON, MARVIN:** Lexington, KY (1st), June 4-9; Columbus, IN (1st), June 11-16; Reserved, June 17-30

**DIXON, GEORGE & CHARLOTTE:** Speedway, IN, June 19-23; Concerts in PA, June 25—July 12

**DODDS, LARRY:** General Assembly, June 20-28

**DOOLITTLE, KEVIN:** Sparta, NJ, June 2; Rock Hill, NY, June 4-9; Cressona, PA (Camp), June 17-23; Dallas District Camp, June 27—July 7

**DOROUGH, JIM & CAROL:** Rockdale, TX, June 18-23

**DUNN, DON:** General Assembly, June 19-26; St. Clairsville, OH, June 27—July 7

**DUTTON, BARRY & TAVIA:** Yerington, NV, June 4-9; California Concert Tour, June 11-16; General Assembly, June 20-28

**ESSELBURN, BUD—THE KING'S MESSENGERS:** Coshocton, OH (Bethel Camp), June 13-23; Wadsworth, OH (Sharon Camp), June 27—July 7

**FADER, WES & MARY:** Asheboro, NC (1st), June 4-9; Milford, DE, June 16; Denton, MD, June 21-23

• **FARRIS, A. A.:** Dayton, KY, June 4-9; Somerset, KY (1st), June 23-30

**FILES, GLORIA & DOROTHY ADAMS:** Beckley, WV, June 4-9; Newark, OH (1st), June 11-16; Lima, OH (1st), June 19-23; Newell, WV (1st), June 25-30

• **FISHER, C. WILLIAM:** Reserved, June 1—August 31

**FRANK, RICHARD A.:** Front Royal, VA (supply), June 1-30

**GAWTHORP WAYLAND:** Plainfield, IN (Trinity), June 4-9

**GRAY, BOB & BECKY:** Coquille, OR, June 4-9; Chino, CA, June 12-16; General Assembly, June 20-28

**GREEN, JAMES & ROSEMARY:** Hastings, NE (District Camp), June 5-9; General Assembly, June 10-26; Wadsworth, OH (Sharon Camp), June 27—July 7

**HAINES, GARY:** Rushville, IN, June 8-12; Kendallville, IN, June 13-16; General Assembly, June 17-30

**HECKATHORN, JAMES:** General Assembly, June 20-24; Silver Springs, MD (Washington Community of Hope), June 29-30

**HELMS, MIKE & GLORIA:** Harbert, MI, June 4-9; Worth, IL, June 11-16; General Assembly, June 19-28

**HENDERSON, LATTIE:** Barnesville, OH, June 2-16

**HICKS, DONALD W.:** Georgia District Youth Camp, June 10-14; La Grange, GA, June 14-16

**HIGGINS, CHARLES:** Walnut Creek, CA, June 2-6; Lancaster, CA (Valley View), June 9-13; Running Springs, CA (Baptist), June 16-19

**HILL, BEN:** Davenport, IA, June 30

**JACKSON, PAUL & TRISH:** General Assembly, June 20-27; Reserved, June 28-30

**JAMES, RANDY & MARY JANE:** Jeffersonville, IN (1st), June 4-9; Wabash, IN, June 10-16

**JANTZ, CALVIN & MARJORIE:** General Assembly, June 23-28

**JEFFRIES, JEFF & JAN:** Oxnard, CA, June 9; Lake Elsinore, CA, June 14-16; Riverside, CA (Arlington Avenue), June 30

**JOHNSON, RON:** Colorado, June 2-5; British Columbia, June 9-12; Oregon and California, June 16-19; Oregon and California, June 26-30

**JONES, ROBERT:** Beaver Falls, PA (College Hill), June 11-16

**JONES, TERRY:** Nacogdoches, TX, June 2; Altus, AR, June 7; Fort

Smith, AR, June 9; Siloam Springs, AR, June 10-15; General Assembly, June 20-26; Crescent City, CA, June 30

**JUSTICE, MEL & DONNA:** Springfield, OH (Trinity), June 4-9; Southwest Ohio District Camp, June 10-15; General Assembly, June 19-29

**KEENA, EARL:** Sacramento District Tour, June 1-18; General Assembly, June 20-26

• **KNIGHT, JOHN L.:** Southwest Oklahoma District Camp, June 4-9; General Assembly, June 20-28

**LAING, GERALD:** General Assembly, June 1-30

**LASSELL, RAY:** Farmington, MO, June 4-9; Wright City, MO, June 11-16; Christian Life Convention, June 20-22

**LAWSON, WAYNE:** Alaska District (Outreach Ministry), June 1-30

**LECKRONE, LARRY:** General Assembly, June 17-27; Greentown, OH (Sharon Camp), June 27—July 7

**LECRONE, JON:** Elk Grove, CA, June 4-9; Fresno, CA, June 10-17; General Assembly, June 19-26

**LEIDY, ARNOLD:** Kiowa, CO, June 9-12; Reserved, June 16

**LEONARD, J. C.:** Reserved, June 5-9

**LIDDELL, P. L.:** Bellefontaine, OH, June 4-9; Kennelton, NJ (Holiness Church), June 11-16; Alma, MI, June 18-23; Mountain Home, ID, June 25-30

**LOHR, DON:** Charleston, WV (Davis Creek), June 3-9

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**MILLER, HENRY:** General Assembly, June 1-30

**MILLHUFF, CHUCK:** Louisiana District Camp, June 4-9; General Assembly, June 10-30

**MILLS, CARLTON:** North Miami, FL, June 2; Jacksonville, FL (University Boulevard), June 9; Vienna, VA (Valewood), June 23

**MOORE, NORMAN:** Kona, HI, June 2-5; Maui, HI, June 6-9; General Assembly, June 20-28

**MOSS, UDELL:** Lebanon, MO, June 4-9; Reserved, June 11-30

**MOYER, BRANCE:** Waco, TX (Trinity Heights), June 10-16

**MYERS, HAROLD:** General Assembly, June 1-30

**NEFF, LARRY & PAT:** General Assembly, June 1-30

**OVERTON, WILLIAM:** North Haverhill, NH (Trinity), June 17-23

**PAGE, MARK:** Barberton, OH (Wesleyan), June 2; Lucasville, OH (CCCU), June 7-9; Urichville, OH (Holiness Camp), June 23-30

**PALMER, JAMES:** Reserved, June 1-30

**PASSMORE EVANGELISTIC PARTY:** Coloma, MD (Rising Sun), June 4-9; Waterford, PA, June 11-16; Reserved, June 18-23; Staunton, VA, June 25-30

**PERDUE, NELSON:** Richmond, IN (St. Paul), June 4-9; Tennessee District Camp, June 10-16; General Assembly, June 20-28

**PFEIFER, DON, EVANGELISTIC TEAM:** Fort Mill, SC, June 3-9; Columbia Station, OH (CCCU), June 15-16; Dunbar, WV, June 21; Roanoke, VA, June 22

**PIERCE, BOYCE & CATHERINE:** Excel, AL (Enoch Johnson Memorial), June 13-23

**RICHARDS, LARRY & PHYLLIS:** Evansville, IN (Diamond Valley), June 2; Richmond, IN (St. Paul), June 7-9; Monrovia, IN (Willow Grove), June 16; General Assembly, June 21-30

**ROBINSON, TED:** General Assembly, June 17-30

**SMITH, HAROLD & ORPHA:** Hillman, MI (Pleasant Valley), June 10-14; Hillman, MI (Brethren in Christ), June 24-28

**SMITH, LARRY & FAMILY:** General Assembly, June 20-27

**SMITH, OTTIS & MARGUERITE:** Kane, PA, June 4-9; General Assembly, June 18-26; Glen Falls, NY (Wesleyan), June 30—July 7

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• **TAYLOR, MENDELL:** Macon, GA (Methodist), June 4-9

**TAYLOR, RONNIE:** Chickamauga, GA, June 23-26

**TAYLOR, ROBERT:** Bluefield, WV, June 4-9; Beaver Falls, PA (College Hill), June 11-16; General Assembly, June 20-28

**VARCE, PAUL:** Reserved, June 17-30

**WALLACE, J. C. & MARIE:** General Assembly, June 20-28

**WELLS, LINARD:** Dayton, OH (Northridge), June 4-9; Alamogordo, NM, June 11-16; General Assembly, June 20-28

**WILLIAMS, E. VERBAL:** General Assembly, June 21-28

**WILSON, BARRY:** Middletown, IN, June 23

**WISEHART, LENNY & JOY:** General Assembly, June 23-28

**WOODWARD FAMILY EVANGELISM:** General Assembly, June 20-28

**WYLIE, CHARLES:** General Assembly, June 20-30

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CONTACT participants will be involved in the YOUTH IN MISSION Training Camp at Point Loma Nazarene College, June 23—July 2. During their training they will work with Steve Pennington who created PRO KIDS and is involved in family oriented ministry across the nation. He will help them develop a week of "Sunshine Club" children's evangelistic programs. Upon departure from training camp, the five teams will be assigned to the Canada Pacific, Dakota, Maine, and Central Florida districts to minister in a different church every week.

Each day the CONTACT team will invade a neighborhood, setting up stage equipment in a backyard or

park area. All the children in the area will be invited to come and participate, primarily through the canvassing efforts of the local church. Each "Sunshine Club" lasts for one hour. The children will hear songs, skits, and stories that emphasize God's love for them. The next day they return—bringing their friends.

The week is topped off by a great "Sunshine Club" rally at the church on Sunday morning. Through the efforts of the CONTACT team, the local church makes new contacts of families in the community.

YOUTH IN MISSION participants are chosen from hundreds of applicants across the United States and Canada, involving college and career young adults in summer ministries in local churches, inner-city locations, children's ministries, music groups, and world evangelism. They give of themselves and their summer to serve others.

For further information contact Dale Fallon, program coordinator, YOUTH IN MISSION, 6401 The Paseo, Kansas City, MO 64131. □

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## NEW ROLE FOR DR. FRANCO

Dr. Sergio Franco, who has served as the editor of nearly every Spanish periodical published by the Church of the Nazarene and also as Spanish book editor, has been appointed as administrator/editor coordinator of Spanish Publications. The announcement was made by Dr. Bennett Dudney, director of Publication Services.

Dr. Franco is a popular speaker and writer. He is known for his work as editor of the 10-volume set of the *Beacon Bible Commentary* in Spanish. He also serves as editor of the *El Heraldo de Santidad*.

Having begun work in Spanish publications in 1960, Dr. Franco has served the church in this area of ministry continuously with the exception of a two year absence (1974-76) during which he worked for the Kansas City School District in the development of their bilingual/bicultural education program. His life is committed to the development of Christian literature and sharing Christ with others.

Dr. Franco resides in Kansas City with his wife, Esther. They have four children, David, Paul, Danny, and Debbie. The Church of the Nazarene now has 43 districts, on which Spanish is the primary language, and over 100,000 constituents. The Spanish language group is one of the fastest growing segments of the church. The need for holiness literature is increasing. □

## NSLC DELEGATE CONFERENCE MEETS

The Nazarene Student Leader's Delegate Conference met April 25-27 on the campus of Trevecca Nazarene College for their annual meeting, with Rony McBrayer, TNC student body president hosting the conference of college leaders. Melany Kyzer, of Bethany Nazarene College, presided over the conference as cochairperson. The theme of the conference was "On Becoming World Christians: Leadership Through Servanthood."

Each student body president re-

ported the many types of ministries the students were engaged in, including the money raised for World Hunger. The emphasis for the coming year is once again World Hunger and Compassionate Ministries.

Officers elected for the 1985-86 year are: Dan Chung, student cochairman (ENC); Bill Sunberg, vice cochairman (MANC); Earl Chamberlin, secretary-treasurer (BNC).

Dr. Mark R. Moore, secretary of Education Services, serves as cochairman of NSLC. Dr. Steve Weber of World Mission and Rev. Dale Fallon of Youth Ministries were also in attendance at the conference. □

## FOR THE RECORD

### DISTRICT ASSEMBLY INFORMATION

**NORTH CENTRAL OHIO**—July 9-10. First Church of the Nazarene, 807 Coshocton Ave., Mount Vernon, OH 43050. Host Pastor: Jack R. Archer.

**NORTH ARKANSAS**—July 10-11. First Church of the Nazarene, Corner of Faulkner and Scott Streets, Conway, AR 72032. Host Pastor: Lynn Casseday.

**MICHIGAN**—July 10-11. Indian Lake Nazarene Camp Grounds, 7926 Central St., Vicksburg, MI 49097. Host Pastor: George Whetstone.

**DAKOTA**—July 11-12. Church of the Nazarene, 602 13th St. S.E., Jamestown, ND 58401. Host Pastor: Randy S. Williams.

**CHICAGO CENTRAL**—July 12-13. Kankakee College Church, 250 E. Olivet St., Bourbonnais, IL 60914. Host Pastor: John Bowling.

**CENTRAL OHIO**—July 17-18. District Camp Ground, 2708 More Rd., Columbus, OH 43229. Host Pastor: Elbert R. Speckien.

**NORTHWEST OKLAHOMA**—July 17. First Church of the Nazarene, 6789 N. W. 39th Expressway, Bethany, OK 73008. Host Pastor: Ponder Gilliland.

**COLORADO**—July 18-19. Trinity Church of the Nazarene, 5055 El Camino Dr., Colorado Springs, CO 80918. Host Pastor: J. Donald Freese.

**HOUSTON**—July 18. Civic Center, 3401 Cultural Center Dr., Port Arthur, TX 77640. Host Pastor: K. LaVerne Stinson.

**EASTERN MICHIGAN**—July 19-20. Central Church of the Nazarene, 1261 W. Bristol Rd., Flint, MI 48507. Host Pastor: Allen Dace.

**SOUTHWESTERN OHIO**—July 19-20. First Church of the Nazarene, 1204 West Second St., Xenia, OH 45385. Host Pastor: Larry D. Dennis.

**MINNESOTA**—July 24. First Church of the Nazarene, 1501 W. 54th St., Minneapolis, MN 55419. Host Pastor: Rodger Manning.

**SOUTHWEST INDIANA**—July 24-25. Vanderburgh Auditorium Convention Center, 715 Locust St., Evansville, IN 47708. Host Pastor: Curtis Martin.

**EAST TENNESSEE**—July 25-26. First Church of the Nazarene, Main at Willow St., Chattanooga, TN 37404. Host Pastor: John R. Andrus.

**NORTHEASTERN INDIANA**—July 25-26. District Center, 1950 S. 350 E., Marion, IN 46953. Host Pastor: Preston Theall.

**PITTSBURGH**—July 29-30. District Center, 177 North Road, Butler, PA 16001. Host Pastor: Jim Huggins, district office manager.

### NAZARENE CAMP MEETINGS

**MISSISSIPPI**—July 8-14. Twin Oaks Nazarene Camp, Route 2, Box 117, Florence, MS 39073.

Special workers: Don Pfeifer Evangelistic Team and Richard Strickland. J. W. "Bill" Lancaster, district superintendent.

**OREGON PACIFIC**—July 30—August 4. Rogue River State Park on I-5, Rogue River, Ore. Special workers: evangelist, Bob Hoots; singers, Wally and Ginger Laxson. —August 13-18. Jennings Lodge, Milwaukie, Ore. Special workers: evangelists, Kenneth Pearsall and Chic Shaver; singers, David and Dana Blue. Gerald E. Manker, district superintendent.

**ARIZONA**—August 2-11. Nazarene District Center, 1400 Pine Drive, Prescott, AZ 86301. Special workers: evangelists, Lenny Wisehart and Tom Findlay. Crawford T. Vanderpool, district superintendent.

**AKRON**—August 4-11. Nazarene District Center, 8020 Nazarene Avenue, Louisville, OH 44641. Special workers: evangelists, Reuben Welch and

Ralph Earle; singer, Mark Murphy. Floyd O. Fleming, district superintendent.

**CANADA WEST (ALBERTA)**—August 4-11. Camp Harmattan, 22 km west of Olds, Alta. Special workers: evangelists, Terrell (Jack) Sanders and Harry Rich; song evangelist, Paul Mullen. Alexander Ardrey, district superintendent.

**EASTERN MICHIGAN**—August 4-11. District Center, 6477 N. Burkhart Rd., Howell, MI 48843. Special workers: evangelists, Gary Haines and Crawford Vanderpool; singers, David and Dana Blue. Marselle Knight, district superintendent.

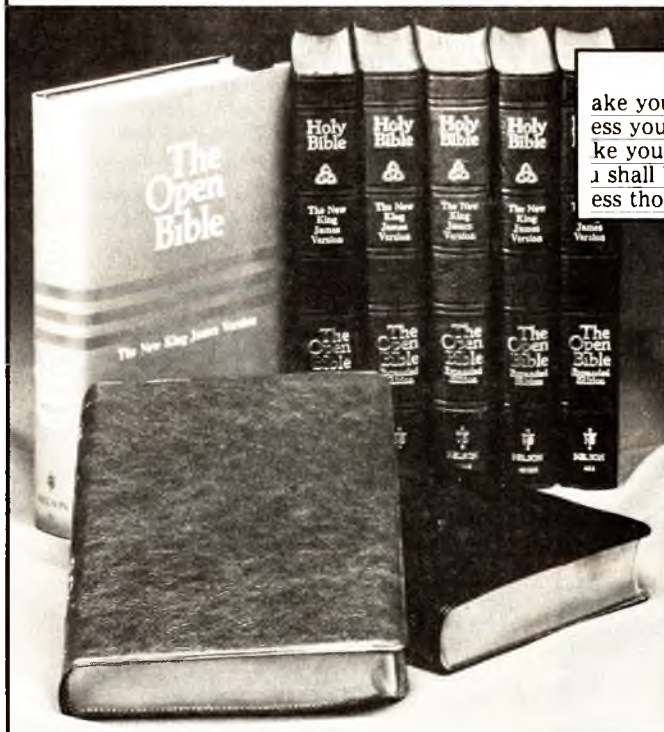
**EAST TENNESSEE**—August 5-11. District Camp Ground, P.O. Box 66, Louisville, TN 37777. Special workers: evangelists, Charles Hasting Smith and Leon Chambers; music, Ralph and Joann Dumire. Doyle C. Smith, district superintendent.

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NEW YORK—August 9-18. Camp Taconic, Red Hook, NY. Special workers: speakers, Windgrove Taylor, Sergio Franco, and Al Truesdale; music, Simon Warner. Dallas D. Mucci, district superintendent.

PHILADELPHIA—August 10-18. North East Nazarene Center, North East, MD 21901. Special workers: evangelists, Robert Taylor and William McCumber; music, Ron and Sharon Johnson. Paul D. Mangum, district superintendent.

WEST VIRGINIA NORTH and WEST VIRGINIA SOUTH—August 11-18. Nazarene Campground, Summersville, WV 26651. Special workers: evangelists, Nelson Perdue and Wilbur Brannon; singers, Harold and Jackie Williams. John W. Dennis (North) and C. Harold Smith (South), district superintendents.

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WEST TEXAS—August 12-18. Camp Arrowhead, Glen Rose Star Rte., Cleburne, TX 76031. Special workers: evangelists, Leon Wyss and Lenny Wisehart; singer, Lewis Thompson. Gene Fuller, district superintendent.

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CH (COL) Curt Bowers, USA (ret.), director of Chaplaincy Ministries, recently spoke at an ecumenical spiritual enrichment retreat from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday at Fort Buchanan, Puerto Rico. The invitation was issued by the post commander and CH (LTC) Billy Sharp, a Nazarene chaplain who has served the army and the Church of the Nazarene for over 18 years. Pictured (l. to r.) following the Easter sunrise service are CH (LTC) Billy Sharp; Chaplain Curt Bowers; and CH (LTC) Edward Kita, Catholic chaplain. Numerous opportunities are opening to serve the Lord and represent the church in military and institutional chaplaincy. If you are interested in serving as a chaplain and feel God's call to this ministry please contact Curt Bowers, Chaplaincy Ministries director at Nazarene Headquarters.

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# EDUCATION SERVICE

FRIDAY NIGHT, JUNE 21, 1985

**NOTE: CHANGE OF PLACE AND TIME**  
**Anaheim Stadium • 7 P.M. • Steve Green**



Steve Green, who received the Dove Award for the Gospel Male Vocalist of the Year, will be singing at 7 P.M., June 21 at the Education Service in Anaheim Stadium. Steve is a former member of the "Bill Gaither Trio" and the "New Gaither Vocal Band."

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The London, England, Clapham Junction Church** will celebrate its 100th anniversary of the beginning of its holiness witness October 5-6. Since its opening in 1885, by Reader Harris QC, the Clapham Junction Church has proclaimed the full gospel in this area. Although drastically changed by rebuilding since World War II, Rev. D. Dixon, pastor, reports the church remains challenged by the hungry hearts in this capital city of Great Britain. For further information contact the church at 2 Grant Rd., London SW11 6PD. Telephone: direct dialing from U.S.—011-44-1-228-9853

**The Longmont, Colo., First Church** will celebrate its 60th anniversary July 14, with an outdoor service and a picnic dinner. Rev. Duane Brush is pastor. The Longmont Mountain View Church, observing 20 years, will join in the celebration. Rev. Larry Rap is pastor. All former pastors, friends, and members are invited to attend or send letters of greetings to the churches. For further information, contact First Church of the Nazarene, P.O. Box 87, Longmont, CO 80501, phone (303) 776-4052.

**The Wisconsin District** will celebrate its 50th year during the week of August 5-11, 1985. Camp meeting and assembly will run simultaneously and will be held on the University of Wisconsin Campus at Stevens Point. All former Wisconsinites, preachers and laymen, are cordially invited to attend. Correspondence should be directed to Rev. J. Ted Holstein, 2807 Waunona Way, Madison, WI 53713.

**The Velva, N.Dak., church** will celebrate its 75th anniversary August 10-11. All former pastors, members, and friends are invited to attend. For further

information, contact Velva Church of the Nazarene, Box 185, Velva, ND 58790, or phone (701) 338-2333.

**The Lancaster, Ky., church** will celebrate its 60th anniversary August 23-25, 1985. Dr. William M. Greathouse, general superintendent, and Rev. Aleck Ulmet, district superintendent, will be special guests. Pastor Daryl Hodge and the church family invite all former pastors and members for the special celebration. For more information contact Rev. Daryl Hodge, 115 Highland Ave., Lancaster, KY 40444. (606) 792-4316 or 792-3254.

**Peru, Ind., First Church** will celebrate its 50th anniversary August 25. The Sunday School and morning worship service will be held at the 4H-Fairgrounds. Dr. Bruce Taylor, district superintendent, will be the special speaker. There will be an afternoon concert at 3 p.m. by the Speer Family of Nashville at the Peru High School (no admission charge). The celebration will conclude with the evening service at 7 p.m. at the church, 331 W. Sixth St. Former pastor, Rev. Ronald Bishop, will be preaching. All former pastors, members, and friends are invited to attend. For more information contact Pastor Ron Shaner, 336 W. Fifth St., Peru, Ind. (317) 473-7675, or Vivian Butler, 508 W. Second St., Peru, Ind. (317) 473-4198.

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

## RECOMMENDATIONS

It is my privilege to recommend REV. JAMES E. AND NANCY MCGAREY to any church or organization needing an evangelist, song evangelist, or children's worker. Rev. McGarey has pastored three churches in Kentucky over the past nine years. He is

a capable preacher. He and his wife sing well together. Mrs. McGarey is a capable pianist. They are effective children's workers, experienced in VBS work. They use puppets and ventriloquism in their children's work. They are slated meetings now, and may be reached at Box 651, Albany, KY 42602. Phone: (606) 387-7870. —Aleck G. Ulmet, Kentucky district superintendent.

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

## VITAL STATISTICS

### REV. HESS AWARDED DEGREE POSTHUMOUSLY



Rev. Leon Dean Hess died April 9 after suffering an apparent heart attack while running. He would have been 52 April 12.

A graduate of Bethany Nazarene College, Rev. Hess was ordained in 1957 on the Kansas District. He pastored churches in Oklahoma, Kansas, Texas, Alabama, and Tennessee.

Since 1974 he had served as director of admissions and records at the University of Tennessee Center for the Health Sciences in Memphis.

Rev. Hess had just completed all the requirements for his Ed.D. at Memphis State University. His degree was conferred posthumously in ceremonies at Memphis State, May 11.

Rev. Hess is survived by his wife, Barbara; three children, Mrs. Cathy Graham of Olathe, Kans.; Mrs. Jamie Messer and Mr. Leon Hess, Jr., both of Memphis; and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were held April 11 in Memphis.



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followed by interment at Memphis Memorial Gardens.

#### DEATHS

WILLIAM B. ATCHISON, 66, Mar. 22, Norwalk, Calif. Survivors: wife Eleanor R.; son Bradley J.; daughter Nancy Buchanan; two grandchildren.

FRANK "JACK" CLARK, 81, Apr. 21, Nampa, Idaho. Survivors: wife Eileen Swann; son Gene E.; three grandchildren; one sister.

MRS. MOLLIE R. GAINES of Thaxton, Miss., 94, Mar. 25, New Albany, Miss. Survivors: son Hollis Gaines; daughters Mrs. Ozelle Gates and Mrs. Loy Greer; 12 grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren; 2 great-great-grandchildren.

LORETTA GRAWBURG, 94, Jan. 8, Upland, Calif. Survivors: sons George, Jr. and Russell; daughter Osella Walker; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

MRS. CHARLENE V. PATE HARRIS, 65, Apr. 7, Jeffersonville, Ind. Survivors: husband Daniel; sons Jesse and Clyde; daughters Charlotte Williamson and Angela Lush; 12 grandchildren; a great-grandchild; her parents; and 1 brother.

CHARLES KENNETH KENNEDY, 72, Apr. 11, Jeffersonville, Ind. Survivors: wife Allie; sons Ronald and Charles; stepson Kenneth Corley; daughters Sharon McMahon, Patricia Hutchinson, Grace Clemons, and Wilma Norton; 23 grandchildren; 5 great-grandchildren; 3 brothers; and 1 sister.

LIDA K. LAWHORN, 90, Feb. 14, Waycross, Ga. Survivors: daughter Jeanne Mills; sons Edward and Charles; 11 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren.

JOHN H. LOOMIS, 86, Feb. 19, Alliance, Ohio. Survivors: wife Ruth (Strang); daughter Ruth Ann MacNeil; three grandchildren; one great-grandchild; one brother; three sisters.

MARGUERITE MATTINGLY, 69, Jan. 20, Vicksburg, Mich. Survivors: husband Keith; daughters Becky Lowe and Carole Rogers; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; three brothers; two sisters.

REV. EINAR L. MILLER, 78, Mar. 12, New Westminster, B.C., Canada. Survivors: wife Myrtle; sons Harry and Roy; daughters Mrs. Esther Rivette, Mrs. Loraine Hopper, and Mrs. Celia Jeffery; 22 grandchildren; 6 great-grandchildren; 2 brothers; 1 sister. Ministry: Canada West and Canada Pacific districts.

GEORGE W. MORTON, 78, Jan. 22, Marysville, Calif. Survivors: wife Opal; sons G. W. and Dorvan; daughters Gymalee Craddock, Dorene Baker, and Carolyn Ayers; 21 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; 1 brother; 1 sister.

OVELL CALVIN WEISINGER of Bellaire, Tex., 80, Apr. 17, Houston, Tex. Survivors: wife Audie; daughters Janie Schoate and Annie Self; sons Albert, Ernest, Joe, and Hugh; 14 grandchildren; 3 great-grandchildren.

JAMES M. WIANDT, 93, Mar. 31, Phoenix, Ariz. Survivor: brother Rev. C. H. Wiandt.

FLOSSIE LUCILLE (REES) WILSON, 83, Feb. 12, Tilden, Ill. Survivors: daughters Willa Blus and Shirley

# NEWS OF RELIGION

**INDIANAPOLIS HOPES TO BE PROTESTANT CENTER FOR U.S.** If Indianapolis officials have their way, six Protestant denominations will join a seventh, already resident, in building national headquarters there in the nation's 13th-largest city.

The three Lutheran church bodies that will merge by 1988 have been asked to choose Indianapolis as the headquarters site for the new denomination. A vote is expected this year on the site for the New Lutheran Church headquarters.

The Episcopal Church and the United Church of Christ have been invited to establish national headquarters in Indianapolis; they currently are headquartered in New York City, but are reconsidering because of high prices there.

Since a 1983 merger, the Presbyterian Church (USA) has had headquarters in two cities, Atlanta and New York. The church is planning to consolidate its offices, but no site has yet been determined.

These six denominations could join the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), which is considering a move from its facilities on Indianapolis's east side.

Indianapolis is an accessible city, having relatively low costs for labor, taxes, meals, and lodging. Another attraction of Indianapolis is funding being amassed by the Lilly endowment, which makes large grants to religious groups. Funds available to attract denominational headquarters have been estimated at \$50 million. □

**NEW AGREEMENT MAY LEAD TO SCRIPTURE PRINTING PLANT ON CHINESE MAINLAND.** The Amity Foundation, being formed by Chinese Christians for the purpose of promoting health, education, and social service projects in the People's Republic of China, may lead to the establishment of a modern printing facility in mainland China under the direction and ownership of the foundation.

The proposed printing plant will give priority to the production of Bibles and Testaments and other Christian publications. Representatives from the foundation and the United Bible Societies are working now to open the plant. Funding for the project will be provided by the United Bible Societies in consultation with the foundation.

The United Bible Societies is the world's largest partnership for Bible work, and was organized so that people everywhere may have the Scriptures in their own language. Major funding for UBS comes from the American Bible Society. □

**EVOLUTION COMING UNDER ATTACK FROM SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY.** Charles Darwin's theory of evolution, long the object of attack by creation-science advocates, is now coming under attack from the scientific community as well, according to a recent issue of *Newsweek* magazine.

"So heated is the debate," said the magazine, "that one Darwinian says there are times when he thinks about going into a field with more intellectual honesty: the used-car business."

Though Darwin's theory of biological change coming about through evolution is still widely accepted in secular scientific circles, his teaching that natural selection is the mechanism responsible for evolution is now greeted skeptically by many secular scientists. "When it comes to accounting for life on earth, natural selection should be relegated here to the [explanation of] last resort," *Newsweek* quoted from a Harvard biologist's book. □

**THE OCCULT IN GERMANY.** According to a West German television documentary, 2,500 witches and satanic priests are active in that country.

The program reported that 2 million West Germans have paid for "occult services" including prophecies, curses, and death rituals.

The West German Evangelical Alliance objected to the documentary and said it should have included warnings from the Bible against occult practices. The objections were ignored. □

## "Showers of Blessing" PROGRAM SCHEDULE

June 9

"Through Judgment or Mercy"

June 16

"Return to the Lord"

June 23

"Judgment Is Coming"

June 30

"A Most Needed Prayer"

by W. E. McCumber, speaker

Hurst; son Charles Wilson; 8 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; 1 brother; 5 sisters.

#### BIRTHS

to DALE AND CAROLYN (EGY) CLIFTON, San Jose, Calif., a boy, Scott Kirby, Nov. 24  
to ED AND SHARON (MILLER) DARLING, Kansas City, Mo., a girl, Wendy Lynn, Apr. 24  
to TIM AND SHARON (BALDWIN) GROVES, Mesquite, Tex., a boy, Stephen Marc, Mar. 27  
to BRENT AND JOYCE (DIXON) McCAMMON, Great Falls, S.C., a girl, Melissa Ann, Mar. 12  
to TERRY AND KIM (LAWSON) NORTH, Olathe, Kans., a boy, Braden Allen, Mar. 7  
to DAVID AND VICKI PLUNKETT, Sardinia, Ohio, a girl, Amanda Kay, Apr. 12  
to REV. STAN AND JOANN (GILBERT) PULLIAM, Athens, Ga., a girl, Gayla Joy, Mar. 5  
to BILLY AND SHERYL (SLONAKER) SANDROS, Albuquerque, N.Mex., a boy, Reid Ryan, Feb. 27  
to RANDY AND JENNY (SPIVEY) SHAW, Garner, N.C., a boy, Derek Benjamin, Apr. 1  
to REV. DAVID AND PAM (MURPHY) STEVENS,

Athens, Tex., twin boys, Jonathan David and Jeremiah Lee, Apr. 10  
to JAMES AND KARON (TEMPLETON) WEATHERMAN, Mesquite, Tex., a boy, Jeremiah Lynn, Apr. 5

#### MARRIAGES

JOYCELYN K. MYERS and VERNON C. DANT at Clovis, N.Mex., Sept. 14  
JANICE MARIE CLIFTON and BRIAN KEITH BUCKNER at San Jose, Calif., Dec. 15

#### ANNIVERSARIES

MR. AND MRS. CLAY RUSSELL of Thaxton, Miss., were honored on their 50th wedding anniversary April 14. A reception was held in their honor in the fellowship hall of the Union Church of the Nazarene. Many friends and family came to greet Mr. and Mrs. Russell. The Russells have five children, eight grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

CHUCK AND CAROL SEIBOLD of Portland, Ore., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary April 20. A reception was held in their honor at Port-

land Central Church. The Seibolds, who were married in North Dakota, have two sons, Robert and Charles, both of Portland. Chuck and Carol are Certified Nazarene Marriage Enrichment leaders, having ministered 5 years on the Oregon Pacific District. At present, they are on staff at Portland Central Church where they have been members for 43 years.

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# THE ANSWER

## CORNER

Conducted by  
W. E. McCumber,  
Editor

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.

**Concerning Jude 6 and 2 Peter 2:4—If the fallen angels are confined, chained and in prison, then where do the demons come from that are on earth?**

I don't know. Scripture doesn't tell me and the guesses I've heard don't help. Since God created all, I assume they are creatures gone astray from Him and seeking enfleshment in people. But their origin is a mystery to me. □

**Would you please comment on why most Christians use the terms clergy and laity. These words cause division of the Church, downgrade a vast number of ministers of the gospel, and are not in the Bible. The Bible edifies the Bride of Christ with words such as kings, priests, saints, ministers, heirs, and brothers. Are not Christ's words better than man's? Applying the truth of Romans 10:17, if we speak God's words the hearer's faith increases and the Body is uplifted, not divided, categorized, or demeaned.**

The terms "clergy" and "laity," as commonly used, are not intended to demean anyone.

"Laity" comes from the Greek *laos*, meaning people. Scripture uses it of Christians as the people of God (Acts 15:14; Titus 2:14; Hebrews 9:4; 1 Peter 2:9).

"Clergy" comes from the Greek *kleros*, which identifies a person chosen for a particular task. While the word is not biblical the concept is. From among His disciples Christ chose 12 to be apostles. In the New Testament the Spirit-guided Church chose certain of its members to be bishops, elders, and deacons (Acts 6:3; 1 Timothy 3:1-13).

Every Christian ministers, but from New Testament times some have been called to full-time ministries as pastors, teachers, evangelists, and

administrators. In Scripture these are *functions*, not privileges.

As W. T. Purkiser used to say (and may still say), a clergyman is a layman who has lost his amateur standing.

The clergy are part of the laity, and they exist to serve the laity. There is nothing demeaning about serving God's people, or being served by them.

If the terms are ever divisive it is because they are wrongly used. □

**In Isaiah 1, God called the heavens to witness the nation of Israel's shocking and unnatural attitude of unfaithfulness: "a sinful nation that had forsaken the Lord."**

**The people of the Old Testament had not Pentecost, or the coming of the Holy Spirit to "cleanse within." Did they know regeneration and not know sanctification? Could they keep from sinning without the inward cleansing of the Holy Spirit? What part did the Holy Spirit have in lives before Pentecost? How could Old Testament people be pure without the Holy Spirit of Pentecost? Scriptures please!**

Old Testament people were aware of the reality and power of the Holy Spirit. They were aware of the possibility of a clean heart and a holy life. At least some of them were and more of them could have been, if they had listened to Moses and the prophets. Israel forsook the Lord through inexcusable rebellion, not through inevitable sinning. See Genesis 1:2; Deuteronomy 30:6; Psalm 51:9-13; Psalm 119:9-16.

The gift of the Holy Spirit in Pentecostal fullness awaited the crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus Christ (John 7:39), but His power was not unknown before Pentecost. There were Old Testament people who lived holy lives, such as Enoch, Joseph, Samuel, Josiah, Elisha, Isaiah, and Job—to name a few.

Then as now, most of the people who heard the word of the Lord did not appropriate its truth and lived below their privileges. Our privileges are certainly greater since Calvary and Pentecost, so that our failure to serve God loyally would incur even greater guilt. □



# THE CHURCH SCENE



The **Allen Park, Mich., church** had a mortgage burning ceremony during the Palm Sunday service. Participating in the ceremony were Pastor

Robert T. Collins; Mr. Onus Hayes, member of the Board of Trustees and one of the oldest members of the church; Mrs. Alice Hall, church treasurer; and Mr. Walt Langer, chairman of the Board of Stewards.

The sanctuary of the Allen Park church was built in 1965 and the indebtedness was paid off March 1. □

The **Hiwassee, Ark., church** celebrated 50 years of ministry with a homecoming April 14. Rev. J. Bryan Jones of Beebe, Ark., and Rev. E. H. Sanders, Sapulpa, Okla., were the speakers in the morning and afternoon services respectively. Both are former

pastors. District Superintendent Thomas Cox brought greetings. Five other former pastors participated in the services and were among the more than 75 former members and friends from six states who were present.

Six persons have been called to the ministry from this rural church. They are Rev. James Hendrickson, Rev. Nona Hendrickson, Rev. Gladys Leosch, Rev. James Sikes, Rev. Nathan Thomas, and Rev. James Cooper. Rev. James Hendrickson was later superintendent of North Arkansas District for many years.

Rev. Ralph Simpson has pastored the church since 1980. □

## MEMO

### to church board members:

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**Fredericksburg, Va., First Church** recently dedicated a new church facility on six acres of land. This 5,000 sq. ft. building seats 225 and is located right across from a shopping mall. Dr. Reeford L. Chaney, district superintendent, dedicated the facility, assisted by Pastor Darryl J. Bogatay, a 1983 graduate of Nazarene Bible College. The old church, located downtown, was used for a hospital in the Civil War and was sold for \$250,000. Cogun Industries, the contractors, donated \$5,000 worth of materials to the church.



The **San Ramon Valley, Calif., church** dedicated its new sanctuary May 5. The sanctuary, seating 250, is the first of three buildings to be built. The San Ramon church is 12 years old. Rev. Doris McDowell, founding pastor, secured 4.6 acres in 1972. Today this property is on San Ramon's main road and in the heart of a major building and population explosion. The church has 65 members. The property is valued at \$700,000, with an indebtedness of \$350,000. One month before dedication, a \$15,000 Yamaha grand piano was given to the church in memory of Pearl Myers, a charter member. Dr. C. Dale German has been the pastor for six years.



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Section 4 helps you to "Develop an Action Plan" which includes choosing your geographical area of conquest and con-

sidering the best methods for reaching the people there.

Among the action plans outlined is the most recent one: *How to Launch an Extension Vacation Bible School*, Action Plan No. 6. This plan has gained in popularity with its success, particularly in reaching ethnic groups and opening the door to new work. (Action Plan No. 6 is automatically sent to registered **MISSION ACTION SOURCEBOOK** owners. Others may order it. See back of this flyer.) No one plan fits every situation. Your church will choose the plan that best suits their propensities and community needs.

In Section 5 the Mission Action Committee prepares the church for spiritual conquest, and Section 6 sends them out to "Cultivate the Target Community."

Tools are provided in Section 7 through 13 for nurturing and carrying the new work through progressive stages to organization and permanent facilities.

### MANKER ELECTED SUPERINTENDENT OF OREGON PACIFIC DISTRICT



Rev. Gerald E. Manker, 49, was elected superintendent of the Oregon Pacific District, Friday, April 26, on the sixth ballot. He succeeds Dr. Carl Clendenen who retired from the post after having served since being elected in 1970.

Rev. Manker has served as associate superintendent to Dr. Clendenen for the past two years. He is a graduate of Pasadena College and Nazarene Theological Seminary, and has pastored churches in Texas, California, and Oregon.

He and his wife, Judy, have three children, Julie Ann, Jim, and Jennifer.

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### NAZARENE COMPASSIONATE MINISTRIES CONFERENCE SCHEDULED

The Office of Compassionate Ministries in the World Mission Division and Nazarene Theological Seminary will host a national conference in Kansas City on Compassionate Ministries in the Church of the Nazarene, November 8-10.

The purpose of the conference is to explore the relationship between the Christian gospel (and the reality of Christian holiness as a part of that gospel) and compassionate ministries, especially as this relates to the mission of the Church of the Nazarene.

The conference will seek to tap theological and practical knowledge now available to the denomination from a number of professional Nazarene "para-church" leaders. It will also generate a series of papers that could serve as an instrument for clarifying and identifying the role of the Church of the Nazarene in compassionate ministries. Another goal of the conference will be to help students at Nazarene educational institutions to understand why compassionate ministry is a vital part of our holiness heritage.

The conference will include major addresses by guest speakers, including: Dr. Paul Rees, editor at large, World Vision; Dr. Richard Schubert, presi-

dent of the American Red Cross; Dr. George Hoffman, executive director, TEAR Fund; Dr. Wallace Erickson, president of Compassion International; Dr. Paul McCleary, past president of Church World Service; Dr. Tom Nees, director of Community of Hope, Inc., in Washington, D.C.; and Dr. John L. Peters, founder and past president of World Neighbors.

Faculty, administrators, and student representatives from all the Nazarene institutions of higher education in the U.S.A. and Canada are invited, along with pastors, lay people, district superintendents, general church leaders, and others who are concerned about compassionate ministries in the denomination.

For more information, contact Dr. Al Truesdale at Nazarene Theological Seminary or Dr. Steve Weber, Compassionate Ministries coordinator at headquarters.

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### GREEN TO SING AT EDUCATION SERVICE



Dove Award winner Steve Green will sing at the Education Service, Friday, June 21, at 7 p.m. at Anaheim, Calif., Stadium, according to Dr. Mark R. Moore, Education Services secretary.

A former member of the Bill Gaither Trio and the New Gaither Vocal Band, Steve and his family are members of Nashville First Church of the Nazarene.

Other highlights of the Education Service include a massive college alumni choir, which will sing at 7:30 p.m., a message by Dr. William M. Great-house, and the honoring of the Citation of Merit recipients.

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### NEW DISTRICT TO BEGIN WORK JULY 1

The Western Latin American District Assembly made two historic decisions when it met in May in Los Angeles, according to Dr. Eugene L. Stowe, general superintendent. First, Western Latin American became the first Hispanic District in the United States to achieve full self-support and to be granted regular status. Secondly, the district voted to transfer nine churches in Arizona, New Mexico, and Texas to join with the three churches

in Colorado from the Central Latin American District to form a new Hispanic District.

On July 1, the Southwest Latin American District will officially begin its work. Rev. Moises Esperilla has been appointed as district superintendent. The formation of this new district has the enthusiastic approval of the Board of General Superintendents. "We believe that it will contribute to the evangelization of American Hispanic people in a very meaningful way," said Dr. Stowe.

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### EASTER SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Easter Sunday School attendance in the United States and Canada totaled 571,672, according to Rev. Phil Riley, Christian Life and Sunday School Division director. This figure is only 3,350 short of the denomination's record set on Easter 1984.

The top 10 districts (U.S.A. & Canada) in attendance on Easter of this year were:

1. Southern California	22,247
2. Oregon Pacific	15,845
3. Central Ohio	13,845
4. Southwestern Ohio	13,359
5. Kansas	13,295
6. Indianapolis	12,942
7. Los Angeles	12,564
8. Northeastern Indiana	11,766
9. Illinois	11,760
10. Southwest Indiana	11,734

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### DR. JOHNSON ELECTED VICE-PRESIDENT OF CHA



Dr. Jerald D. Johnson, general superintendent, was elected vice-president of the Christian Holiness Association for 1985-86 at the recent meeting of the CHA at Bethany, Okla., First Church. The theme for the program was "Holiness and Hope for the 21st Century."



Mrs. Leona E. Self, wife of Rev. Erwin A. Self, pastor of Bluffton, Ind., First Church of the Nazarene, was elected president of the CHA Women's Commission.

Also, Dr. Arthur M. Climenhaga, retired bishop of the Brethren in Christ church, was honored as the Holiness Exponent of the Year by the CHA.

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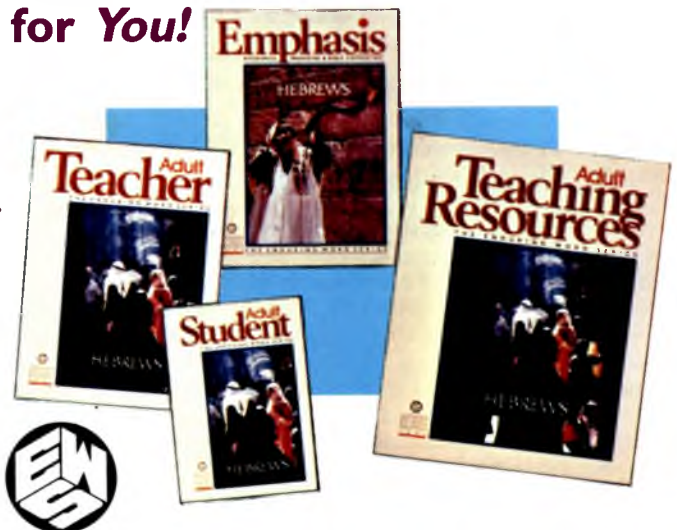
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