MAORI MEETING HOUSE
HOT MUD POOLS.
PO HUTUKAWA FLOWERS
MAORI CHILD IN TRADITIONAL COSTUME
MITRE PEAK, FIORDLAND-STH.IS.
GEYSER
KARAKA BERRIES
ROTORUA-NTH.IS. THERMAL AREA
KIWI
POMETUM FLOWERS
NEW ZEALAND
THE CHRISTIAN LIFE is a profitable business for anyone who chooses to avail himself of its values. “Invest for eternity as well as time” is its theme. The scope of its possibilities never ends. Every day becomes important. So does each year. So does all of life. This Thanksgiving season stands out as a highlight in the great adventure of Christian investments.

Christ gave us all a strong push toward active good in this life. To Him good and goodness is desirable for all people. It is beneficial both subjectively (to the one doing good) and objectively (to the person receiving the results of goodness). The Christian life becomes in a real sense an excursion into the good life.

Jesus also taught very clearly that life has recompense. Results happen and their fruits return to us. Because this is so, He urged the investment in eternal holiness. In Matthew 6:20 He advises, “Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven.” We accomplish this by serving God, by seeking first the kingdom of God and His righteousness. Christ also assured us that in doing this, the material needs would be supplied. Since He spoke thus, time has verified His truth.

The Church, in being His agent on earth, must offer the riches in eternal values to its constituents. It can do this in various ways of service for Christ. But one of the best ways it offers this to us is in the great Thanksgiving Offering as follows:

1. It gives unlimited challenge to each one of us.
2. It calls our attention to world evangelism.
3. It invites us to be a part of the world endeavor of our church.
4. It provides us an opportunity for extra investment in our recompense.

Yes, Thanksgiving Offering is ours—ours to use for Christ, for His kingdom. And for ourselves—in keeping His kingdom forging ahead on earth and increasing the good recompense.

The goal this year is $5,200,000. It is our largest; we can do it. I intend to have a part in it. How about you? You too! Good! Together we all can and will! God will be pleased. And the world will get some “good” from it. It needs it!
ON DECEMBER 21, 1975, a new Church of the Nazarene was organized in the Bishopdale area of Christchurch, New Zealand. The new work was started the previous September with services being held in a rented school hall. The district purchased a three-bedroom parsonage in the area. A building site has not yet been secured for a church building.

Rev. and Mrs. Jervis Davis, the pastor and wife of the Kerrs Road Church in Christchurch, felt led of the Lord to accept the challenge of starting the new work in Bishopdale. They resigned the church where they had pastored for four years and moved into the recently purchased parsonage.

Two other families active in the Kerrs Road Church decided to go along with the Davises to the new work. The Bishopdale Church was organized with 11 members—8 were transfers from the Kerrs Road Church, and 3 were by profession of faith.

Jervis Davis was born and raised in Augusta, Ga. During World War II he joined the United States Marine Corps and served in the South Pacific area. While in New Zealand on leave, he met and later married a New Zealand girl, Maisie Stratton, of Auckland.

In 1952, when the Church of the Nazarene began its work in New Zealand under the ministry of Rev. Roland Griffith, the Davises became charter members of the new organization. The first church to be organized was the Dominion Road Church in Auckland.

It wasn't long until Jervis felt the call of God to go into the ministry. His first assignment was to begin a Church of the Nazarene in the lovely city of Hamilton, on the North Island.

Through the years to come this couple found themselves charter members of four of our churches in New Zealand—Auckland Dominion Road, Hamilton, Christchurch Breezes Road, and Christchurch Bishopdale. They were the pastors who were instrumental in establishing the last three of these churches.

Rev. Davis was ordained in 1959. He has been a member of the district advisory board since the district was organized in 1967, and has been a member of the Australia-New Zealand Bible College Board for the last six years. Both of the Davises were sent to the General Assembly in 1972 as elected delegates.

This loyal, faithful Nazarene pastor and wife have been effective soul winners through their years in the ministry. They are the parents of two children, a married son living in Georgia and a married daughter living in Christchurch.

The recently purchased parsonage for the newly organized Christchurch Bishopdale. The pastor, Rev. Jervis T. Davis, is pictured beside the house.
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HE FOLLOWING STATEMENT is issued to amplify and substantiate a ruling made several years ago and reaffirmed in the Quadrennial Address given at the recent General Assembly.

It is our considered judgment and ruling that any practice and/or propagation of speaking in tongues either as the evidence of the baptism with the Holy Spirit or as a neo-pentecostal ecstatic prayer language shall be interpreted as inveighing against the doctrines and usages of the Church of the Nazarene (Par. 25, Section 3).

Our doctrine of entire sanctification is clear and straightforward. The Manual states the doctrine as follows:

We believe that entire sanctification is that act of God, subsequent to regeneration, by which believers are made free from original sin, or depravity, and brought into a state of entire devotion to God, and the holy obedience of love made perfect.

It is wrought by the baptism with the Holy Spirit, and comprehends in one experience the cleansing of the heart from sin and the abiding indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit, empowering the believer for life and service.

Entire sanctification is provided by the blood of Jesus, is wrought instantaneously by faith, preceded by entire consecration; and to this work and state of grace the Holy Spirit bears witness.

This experience is also known by various terms representing its different phases, such as "Christian perfection," "perfect love," "heart purity," "the baptism with the Holy Spirit," "the fullness of the blessing," and "Christian holiness."

We urge our ministers to preach this experience clearly and plainly. We encourage our people to receive the promise of the Father, which is the baptism with the Holy Spirit. This experience brings cleansing from all sin, power for holy and useful living, and great peace of mind and heart. The Spirit bears His own witness to every sanctified...
soul, giving satisfying assurance of inward purity.
Inwardly to know that the temple has been cleansed
by God, who remains in the fullness of His Spirit, is
to have the full assurance and true rest of faith. Our
strongest defense against erroneous teachings
about the Spirit-filled life is a people enjoying the
fullness of God's grace and true spiritual freedom
in their worship.

Early in its history the Church of the Nazarene
stated its opposition to tongues-speaking as taught
and practiced by so-called Pentecostal groups
which identified this as the evidence of the baptism
with the Holy Spirit. The 1919 General Assembly
voted to delete the word "Pentecostal" from the
official name of the church to dissociate it from
this doctrinal aberration.

From the beginning we have believed that the
authentic gifts of the Spirit belong to the Church.
While it is God's will that every believer should be
baptized and empowered with the Holy Spirit, it is
not God's promise that every believer should re­
ceive any particular gift. On the contrary, the gifts
are distributed by the Holy Spirit to the various
believers according to the Spirit's sovereign will
(1 Corinthians 12:11).

The gift of tongues is related to the miraculous
gift of many languages on the Day of Pentecost. On
that great day the Church was enabled to cross
language barriers. The people present were aston­
ished because each one heard the gospel being
preached in his own native dialect (Acts 2:6, 8).
This special miracle was an expression of God's
desire to reach every man everywhere through the
spoken and written word. Language is the vehicle
of God's truth.

We believe that the biblical material supports one
authentic gift—a language given to communicate
the gospel and not an unknown babble of sounds.
It is our understanding that in 1 Corinthians 12; 13;
14, Paul was seeking to prevent the abuse of the
authentic gift and condemning that which was
spurious and of the flesh. We believe that the re­
ligious exercise called "tongues" which is not a
means of communicating truth is a false gift and a
dangerous substitute. We do not believe in a so­
called prayer language.

We have concluded that what is being practiced
and promoted today is not the true scriptural gift
and is therefore not to be condoned by our church.

It is our belief that people working together in
the local church can better advance God's work
and kingdom if they are of like faith and doctrinal
persuasion in all of these matters. Therefore, we
counsel that people practicing "tongues speaking"
or promoting it in any way should be encouraged
and advised to seek membership elsewhere unless
they are willing to discontinue their practice and
their advocacy.

Furthermore, we believe that our people should
not participate in services or meetings which in­
clude or encourage the practice of speaking in
tongues, or schedule in our churches speakers or
singers who are known to be active in the so-called
charismatic movement.

In taking this stand, we do not wish to reflect on
the sincerity or integrity of those who differ with us
on these matters. We recognize as fellow members
of His universal body all who are in Christ and
extend to them the right hand of Christian fellow­
ship. However, our direction as a church is clear,
and we desire this direction and stand to be un­
derstood by all.

We believe that good stewardship would dictate
that we unitedly expend our energies within the
framework of those biblical doctrines and practices
to which we are firmly committed. Only by so doing
can we most effectively advance the kingdom of
God and fulfill our mandate to spread scriptural
holiness to the ends of the earth.

BOARD OF GENERAL SUPERINTENDENTS

OCTOBER 15, 1978
WOULD YOU LIKE to live in a city that boasts 26 volcanoes? This describes our home, Auckland, New Zealand.

When we were first told that Auckland was built around 26 volcanoes, we immediately wondered just how “inactive” they were. We are told that the most recent eruption within this area occurred about 450 years ago. That seems to be a fair margin of safety, and yet scientists say they are never certain that a volcano is really dead.

When guests from overseas visit us, we always drive to the top of one or more of these volcanoes and give them a good look into the crater and a magnificent view of the city. There are good roads to the top of most of these mountains.

A number of the areas or boroughs of the city are named after the volcanoes. The Maori people, upon arriving in New Zealand from some of the smaller islands in the South Pacific in the 1300s, chose the volcanoes as their place to live. They used them as fortified forts, or pas, to give them the added advantage of being able to see any approaching enemy. They dug into the rocky soil and leveled out areas so they could live comfortably in a place of safety. Each volcano still has these leveled areas.

The Maoris were a fierce, cannibalistic people who fought many battles between the different tribes. They resisted the intrusion of the white man in the mid-1850s but soon learned to live peaceably with them. Today New Zealand is a showplace of the world for the goodwill between races of people.

Auckland is called the “Polynesian capital of the world.” There are more Polynesians here than in any
other place in all the world. These include the Maoris, Samoans, Niue Islanders, Cook Islanders, Tongans, and those from the Tokelau Islands.

I love my Polynesian and Fijian Melanesian friends. They are a friendly, warmhearted, gentle, lovable people. They love to sing, and at a church camp or similar gathering, they will sing for hours—their voices are sweet and easy to listen to.

When they lived in their own island homes in the South Pacific, they were conscientious in their observance of Sunday—all were church people and faithfully attended the Sunday services—but few ever knew that Jesus died for them and could forgive their sins.

Those who have become a part of the Church of the Nazarene have found forgiveness in Christ and have invited the Holy Spirit to live in their hearts and lives. Pray with me that more Polynesians will be reached and will become a part of the family of God.

“What’s His Face”

IT HAS BEEN an identity crisis. Our home has been blessed (?) with a new beagle puppy. Our eight-year-old son cannot finalize on a name for his new canine. Already we have worked through Flopsy, Miss B., Pretzel, Pepper, Pepsi, and others. No one knows what her name may be tomorrow.

It is confusing not to know the name of one who resides in your own house. Somehow “Hey you” or “What’s His Face” seems inadequate—even for a pet.

Could it be that we parents, although knowing our children’s names, are not really sure about who they are? Is our own child or teen a “What’s His Face” when it comes to his true identity? Do we really know the things our children feel, believe, fear, dream about, and aspire to become?

We really do want to know our kids. Awkwardness which exists between strangers is uncomfortable. HOW do we move in close and become intimate? There may be a few clues.

1. Clearly identify the areas of the parental people-making task. Parents are both responsible and privileged to deal with their children’s behaviors, character qualities, and values/belief system.

2. Consciously arrange time together. Structure daily sessions for sharing with one another. Some reports relate that dads average as little as seven seconds with their child—others indicate only a paltry few minutes.

Try sitting across the table from one another. Shut off the TV and quiet the 8-track. Address the family and say—in some subtle way, of course—“Let’s talk about what is happening in our lives and between us.”

3. Be honest about feelings and aspirations. Do our children know our life’s purposes? Matters of meaning? Frustrations? Failures? A display of honesty about ourself, and with others and God, may reciprocate honest sharing by our youngsters.

4. Listen intently. Avoid the temptation to blurt out with shock and/or immediate “lectures” (a skill for which most parents are known by their children).


A child relates something he did. The parent reacts with “The J kids never do that. Don’t you know our family will be the laughingstock in the church?” Result: It will be a long season before the child dares to level again about some of the significant but unobvious things in his life.

4. Constantly strive to be a better parent. Talk about “parenting” with others who seem to be doing an effective job. Our day is flooded with scores of books and articles on family life—many of them excellent. Purchase and read some of them.

5. Pray a lot. It is impossible to be more direct. Each day we can pray for and with our children. Who can estimate the lifelong impact?

6. Trust God to act in our behalf. Parents may be helped by much of Psalm 37. Verses 5 and 7 are examples of its sources of courage for parents: “Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act. . . . Be still before the Lord, and wait patiently for him” (RSV).
Just What Is PALCON?

An interview with General Superintendent Eugene L. Stowe

QUESTION: Dr. Stowe, what is PALCON? Is it something new for the Church of the Nazarene?

ANSWER: PALCON is an abbreviation of the more descriptive name, Pastors Leadership Conferences. This is a brand-new concept of continuing education for all Nazarene pastors. These conferences will be held this fall and next summer on every Nazarene college campus. The dates and locations have been widely announced to Nazarene pastors. In just a few weeks, the first PALCONs will be held in the British Isles and at Trevecca Nazarene College.

Q: Why are such conferences necessary?

A: PALCON’s essential purpose is to help Nazarene pastors update their skills for ministry in this day of unlimited opportunity. That is not to say that Nazarene pastors have not been doing their work well and succeeding in winning a great number of people to Christ. In fact, we have just closed a four-year period of unprecedented growth. But in most occupational fields including law, medicine, education, and business, both professional and nonprofessional personnel are now required to participate in training conferences to equip them to do their work better. That is precisely what PALCON is designed to do—to help pastors find greater fulfillment and productive achievement in their ministry. We hope every Nazarene pastor goes home from PALCON with new skills and a deeper respect for his own ministry.

Q: Are you suggesting that pastors need to improve the quality of their work?

A: Yes, but I think the real issue is that these days require more skills and more knowledge if the pastor is to win people, disciple them, and involve them meaningfully in the life of the church.

Q: Some say these conferences are similar to other things the church is already doing, like preachers meetings and area conventions sponsored by various departments of the general church. Do you agree?

A: Not really. PALCON is much different. The Pastors Leadership Conferences are not planned to promote anything. These conferences are for learning, sharing, renewal, and personal growth.

Q: Who are the speakers and leaders of these conferences?

A: All resource people are Nazarenes. Many are pastors who are engaged in effective ministry in churches of all sizes. Others are administrators and educators with special areas of expertise which they will be sharing. One evening in each conference will feature two dedicated Nazarene laymen who are at vice-president rank in large corporations like Xerox, DuPont, and Sears.

Q: Dr. Stowe, does the conference have a theme?

A: As you know, “Lifting Up Christ” is the denominational theme for 1976-80. So we seek to find practical ways to do just that by discussing biblical preaching, church management, ministry to families, evangelism, plus personal and spiritual growth.

All of these concerns grew out of a survey of needs from Nazarene pastors taken in the recent past by the Department of Education and Ministry. And as the PALCON planning committee saw the survey, they were anxious to build the conferences around these real issues in the local church today.

Q: Could you tell how the PALCON planning committee was formed? Who serves on it?

A: The PALCON planning committee is comprised of Rev. Tom Cox, Rev. Larry Humrich, Rev. Clarence Kinzler, Dr. Ed Mann, Rev. Art Mottram, Dr. Leslie Parrott, Mr. Paul Skiles, Dr. Curtis Smith; and I serve as chairman. This committee, named by the Board of General Superintendents, represents pastors, district superintendents, general church leaders, and college presidents. The planning committee has met three times. The longest and most productive meeting was held in Denver in the summer of 1975.

At the Denver meeting, Dr. Neil B. Wiseman, chairman of the religion department and college chaplain at Trevecca Nazarene College, was named PALCON director. He has been loaned by the college to the general church for this project and is now setting up the conferences.

Q: Who sponsors PALCON?

A: Officially, PALCON is sponsored by the Board of General Superintendents. We feel that pastoral development through renewal and continuing education for ministry is vital to our denominational future. But PALCON is quickly becoming a denomination-wide effort. As early as the fall of 1974, PALCON received the enthusiastic endorsement of the college presidents. Then at the district superintendents conference in January, 1976, the idea was wholeheartedly supported by the district superintendents.

And now, a gratifying response is being heard across the church from pastors and laymen as they understand that the Church of the Nazarene wants its pastors to continue to grow so as to be the most effective, Spirit-filled leaders it is possible for them to become.

One district leader said it so well, “A holiness preacher who is not interested in self-improvement is a contradiction in terms.” And he is right. Real holiness preachers always want to improve, and the church needs to make such opportunities available to them.

Q: Do the Board of General Superintendents and the district superintendents expect every Nazarene pastor to attend a PALCON conference?

A: Yes, we expect every Nazarene pastor to attend simply because this kind of training is needed every-
The following dates are for each college zone:

- **British Isles—European**: November 8-12, 1976
- **Trevecca Nazarene College**: December 6-10, 1976
- **Canadian Nazarene College**: May 16-20, 1977
- **Eastern Nazarene College**: May 30—June 3, 1977
- **Mount Vernon Nazarene College**: June 6-10, 1977
- **Olivet Nazarene College**: June 13-17, 1977
- **Mid-America Nazarene College**: July 18-22, 1977
- **Bethany Nazarene College**: August 1-5, 1977
- **Northwest Nazarene College**: August 8-12, 1977
- **Point Loma College**: August 22-26, 1977

These dates avoid conflict with district assemblies.

where in the church. Each district will be responsible for collecting the registration fee for all of its pastors. Financial assistance will be provided for home mission pastors from district funds.

Our insistence on 100 percent attendance is not intended to place a hardship on anyone. But our purpose is to call our pastors to excellency and to stimulate the church through improved pastoral leadership to the most productive period in Nazarene church history.

**Q: What about costs?**

A: The below-cost fee is $75.00 for each pastor. This figure includes food, lodging, and learning materials. The learning materials alone are worth more than $35.00 and will include four books, a learning materials notebook, and four cassettes. The colleges are working hard to keep food quality up and costs down. In fact, the colleges are preparing to be the best hosts that any conference has ever had.

So PALCON is a massive effort for pastoral development which involves the colleges, district superintendents, the Nazarene Publishing House, every Nazarene pastor, and the Board of General Superintendents.

**Q: I hear interesting rumors about the format of the conferences. Can you give some details?**

A: Well, there are enough traditional elements to make them like other conferences, and there are enough innovative techniques to make them unique.

In addition to the general sessions, practical workshops will be conducted for the pastors of various sizes of churches. This guarantees that there will be “something for everybody.”

Colleague groups consisting of a group of six to eight pastors will meet each day for peer learning and sharing. I am excited about the valuable contribution Nazarene pastors can make to each other.

The evening sessions of each conference will be recorded on cassettes and given free to pastors. Two general superintendents will be present in each conference to bring the keynote and closing addresses and to share in the devotional periods. We are vitally interested in listening to hear the concerns of Nazarene pastors.

In a massive printing venture our Publishing House is preparing nine new books for the conferences. Four full-length, hardback books are to be given to each pastor. These are just a few of the novel features included in PALCON.

**Q: What about the basic library for Nazarene pastors?**

A: At the request of the PALCON committee, Dr. W. T. Purkiser has developed a basic library for Nazarene pastors. This basic library will be available to Nazarene pastors at a significant discount on a time payment plan.

**Q: Will any out-of-print classics on pastoral ministry be available?**

A: The commemorative reprint program is another PALCON “first.” Four important books from our Nazarene past are being reprinted. They are: *Attitudes and Relationships*, by R. T. Williams; *The Preaching Ministry*, by J. B. Chapman; *Preaching Scriptural Holiness*, by G. B. Williamson; and *Reendezvous with Abundance*, by H. C. Benner.

**Q: This information makes PALCON sound like a very useful conference. What can laymen and pastors do to make PALCON really succeed?**

A: Laymen can urge their pastors to attend and make financial arrangements to cover registration and travel. A small amount set aside weekly or monthly will take care of these costs.

Pastors can give PALCON top priority, pray for its success, and come expecting great benefits.

**Q: What does the Board of General Superintendents and the PALCON committee hope PALCON will achieve?**

A: It is stated in summary form in the Quadrennial Report of the Board of General Superintendents: “To provide fresh spiritual motivation and intellectual stimulation for every pastor in Europe, Britain, Canada, and the United States, the Board of General Superintendents will sponsor a series of Pastors Leadership Conferences on the campuses of our colleges in 1976-77. This is the major opening thrust of a program of continuing education which will involve every Nazarene pastor. Under God may it launch our church into the most productive period of her history.”

**OCTOBER 15, 1976**
I WRITE THIS ARTICLE, I am looking out on a lovely English scene. The sun is shining, crocuses and daffodils are already blooming or beginning to bud, reminding me of the beauty of God's earth. I feel a deep need to discover afresh the inner beauty of a spirit remade in the holiness of God. How—in the midst of a despairing world—can we discover a message of hope and resurrection? Paul, writing to Titus in 2:13-14, reminds us that our Saviour Jesus Christ "gave himself for us." Whatever value life has or lacks, it is in direct relationship to that fact.

Most men live without recognizing this vital truth, and the values of our age are "mass-produced," reflecting a basic selfishness where each man does "that which is right in his own eyes." The pattern is always the same: greed, self-seeking, sinful pride—serving one's own selfish desires.

In contrast, the life of the believer is distinctive. The great Potter has made each of us "another vessel." "He gave himself" to make us anew.

Paul says, "He gave himself... to redeem us from all iniquity." Fanny Crosby expresses the joy of this in the words:

Redeemed—how I love to proclaim it!
Redeemed by the blood of the Lamb!
Redeemed through His infinite mercy,
His child, and forever, I am.

Born in sin, shaped in iniquity—marred and broken, unable to find meaning in life—suddenly we hear the voice of the Spirit, reminding us that God in His infinite mercy has sent His Son.

God has provided "himself" a Lamb. The wonder of the New Testament message is that the guilt of sin can be removed. As Isaiah reminds us, "He hath borne our sins and carried our sorrows and we esteemed him stricken, smitten of God and afflicted." By His sacrifice we are justified freely—made new creatures.

"He gave himself... to purify us."

The truth of heart holiness is included in the treasure chest of the New Testament—that is, spiritual health. He gave himself that we might live in newness of life. But we cannot enjoy the new life and persist in holding on to the old life.

For five years we lived, as a family, in Winnipeg, Canada. We soon discovered that we could not enjoy our new home if we persisted in comparing it with the Old Country. So it is in the life of the believer—there must be a complete break with sin.

The old-timers talked about "separation." It is a meaningful term. For Israel in the wilderness there was separation from the familiar. But crossing the Red Sea was only part of the experience—to get into Canaan they needed to cross Jordan. That was the test of obedience and faith—separating themselves unto God.

Positively we must place our confidence in God. He will take care of our Jerichos, Ais, and giants. Separation does not mean that every battle is over—but it does mean that the war is being fought under the direction of God with victory already insured.

To purify by definition involves cleansing. Wesley expresses this when he writes:

Wash me and make me thus thine own,
Wash me and mine thou art;
Wash me, but not my feet alone,
My hands, my head, my heart.

Oh, the wonder of redemptive love—to cleanse us from within. John says, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." So many, with good intentions, try to work at being clean. When they fail,
as inevitably they must, they deny that God has power to cleanse.

It is the prerogative of God, through the Holy Spirit, to apply the merits of Christ’s atonement and make us clean vessels. Our role is to be available to Him.

Jesus gave himself to purify us unto himself “a peculiar people, zealous of good works.” God reminded Israel, “Thou art an holy people unto the Lord thy God. The Lord thy God hath chosen thee to be a special people unto himself, above all people that are upon the face of the earth” (Deuteronomy 7:6).

What God provided for ancient Israel He has available for the new Israel, the Church. His own people He has called to be a “peculiar” people. Some have interpreted the description to mean “isolated” or “insulated” from the world. This view is inconsistent with Jesus’ prayer in John 17:15: “I pray not that thou shouldst take them out of the world but that thou shouldst keep them from evil.”

The term “peculiar” as used here means “special.” Two things made Israel special: their love for Yahweh and their concern for each other. In a unique way ancient Israel was a “classless” society. Yet each person, however lowly, was of equal value before God. The breakdown of this relationship was a tragedy for Israel.

The “special” nature of the Christian must ever be a “concern” to do God’s will. This can only be realized as we allow God to have his way with us, that is, to purify us. We are enabled to be zealous of good works. As a consequence the fruit of the Spirit develops

Joy—contentment within
Love—care for others
Peace—harmony with God and others
Long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance.

We become special persons:

Pardoned from iniquity
Purified from inbred sin
Filled with the Spirit
Empowered to live aright.
Don't Retire From Life!

Perhaps it will help in overcoming some of the negative feelings about this word retirement if we look at one or two factors which lead to such feelings.

First, we attach a tremendous importance to work as much more than a means of earning a living. Our job provides our identity, often a sense of status, our daily association with other people, an awareness of involvement in a service or a product—and, if nothing else, it occupies eight or more hours of the day. It gives us a pattern, a familiar routine, which keeps us comfortable.

The second reason for the negative attitude toward retirement is the fact that it is usually related to growing old. We have long been propagandized with "How to Stay Young" philosophy. Advertising media, current literature, television drama, and available opportunities for work and play and services all tell us how desirable it is to be young.

If this were not enough, we also have the myths which tell us that most older people are disabled, dependent, and disengaged. So long as we persist in thinking of older people in terms of diseases, problems, and categories, we deprive them of their personhood and their sense of self-worth.

The acceptance of such stereotypes by contemporary society places a barrier between retired people and their opportunities for fulfillment. Small wonder that we avoid any movement toward joining their ranks!

How then are we to live creatively in the retirement years?

For one thing, it is important that we face the reality of retirement—the fact that it will bring changes in life-style; an awareness of the great opportunities for meaningful, productive living; and, in particular, the knowledge that it does happen.

Too many people nearing retirement respond to this challenge of the future with an "I'll think about it later; I'm not ready now" answer, which is no answer at all, of course. It's a bit like the story of the two caterpillars crawling across the grass when a butterfly flew over them. They looked up, and one caterpillar nudged the other and said, "You couldn't get me up in one of those things for a million dollars!"

Second, we must acknowledge the fact that we probably will have some feelings about leaving the
familiar routine of the job, some anxiety about the future, and perhaps some feelings of anger or depression. Such feelings are neither unusual nor fatal!

And now, having accepted these two realities, we can begin dealing with this new phase of life in a positive, creative way.

Determine what life-style you want to follow in your retirement years. Are you most interested in study, pursuit of hobbies, family activities, being with friends, recreation, travel, adventure (learning new things, going to new places, making new friends), or being of service in your church and community?

Make a list of your priorities and refer to your list as you plan the various aspects of your life. Do a little rehearsing in your mind, but don’t be afraid to include in your plans new ideas and more than one or two kinds of activities.

Begin by sharing with others your concerns, your fears, and your plans. It is wonderful how much information and inspiration you will gain in this way. Read some of the books, articles, and pamphlets available. There are many resources to be utilized as you make your preparations. Inquire at your public library, your community council of health and welfare agencies, and the state or area agency on aging.

But do consider every aspect of life. Too many retirement plans begin and end with an assessment of the company pension and Social Security. While this is probably a very good place to begin, it is in no way the end of a plan for successful retirement.

It is essential to give careful thought to maintaining good health; to the availability and quality of health services and health insurance; to housing as related to life-style and retirement; to legal matters; and to the use of the great gift of time which comes with retirement.

Become acquainted with the vast panorama of activities which exists and from which the retiree may choose. Above all, engage in some real thinking so that your life in retirement is the result of decision-making and carefully laid plans.

Jesus once said to His disciples, “I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.” He taught us in many ways what He meant by “abundant living,” and it seems quite clear that He was talking about a life centered on others rather than self.

Let it not be said that all this attention to one’s financial status, health, housing, and use of time is intended to be the total picture of life in the later years. Rather, let it be the framework within which to live the abundant life.

The writer is personally acquainted with many retired persons, and it is her belief that those who are most successful in living meaningful lives are those who continue to look outside their own needs and who reach out to share their abundance—whether it be knowledge, skills, enjoyment of the arts, or service.

The years of retirement can be years of growth, years of fulfillment, and years of abundant living. Retire to life! □

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THE SALARY INCREASE

WE’VE GOT TO get a new preacher,” Torrence said as we left church last Sunday.


“I do. I do. He’s right on target almost every Sunday. Sometimes he’s even great. But,” his voice fell, “he’s got to go.”

“I’m sure you have some overpowering reason,” I said.

“The fact is, the district superintendent asked—no, strongly suggested—a 15 percent raise in salary.”

“So what? That’s only a cost-of-living increase these days. Surely you wouldn’t give up all that good preaching for a mere 15 percent!”

“Not under ordinary circumstances. But the church heating bill doubled last year, cost of maintenance on the church properties has risen sharply, and the new hymnbooks are coming in at $5.00 a throw. We can’t afford Hailfellow too.”

“I get your point. Couldn’t you talk the superintendent and preacher into waiting a year for his raise?”

“We tried that two straight years. The D.S. suggested we should all increase our giving—just to pay the preacher. We already give him $8,000 a year and the D.S. wants $1,200 more. How ridiculous can you get?”

“How much did you make last year, Torrence?”

“After taxes, only $18,000. Why?”

“Just wondering,” I said. □

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ONE OF THE MOST EXCITING accounts in the Word comes from the Book of Nehemiah. Here we see love, courage, planning, fearlessness, hard work, and commitment.

Nehemiah held the important position of cupbearer to the emperor of the Persians. He loved Jerusalem and his people whom that city represented. He heard the woeful tale of their tragic existence and of the pitiful condition of the city.

Love and knowledge resulted in a burden. He went to his knees before the King of Kings, then presented a plan to the Persian monarch. Permission was granted for him to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem.

After meticulous preparations he set out for Jerusalem, where he first paid court to the social customs by spending three days greeting the people. By night he surveyed the city firsthand. He summoned the people and inspired them with what God had done and could do. They all joined in to build the walls.

How marvelous, everyone in Jerusalem got to work—the businessmen, the builders, the goldsmith. Even the undertakers and delicately scented perfumers got into the wall-building business. Can you believe it—the priests were there with their families! Only the haughty leaders of Tekoa refused to work for Nehemiah, but the people of Tekoa were of a noble breed—they not only did their portion, they asked for a second stretch of wall! What wonderful church members they made. They were concerned about doing more than their share.

Of course, there were problems. The Word does not try to cover the difficulties which we face in this world. It was written to help us face and triumphantly overcome them.

Nehemiah faced discouragements from within. The task was great, the laborers few, and they did get tired. Nehemiah turned their attention to God and pitched in with his own men, working around the clock.

They faced wrong relationships among themselves, but Nehemiah helped the people to turn to God and set right matters among themselves. It is almost as if he had read John's words, "How can a man love God whom he has not seen and hate his neighbor whom he has seen?"

They also faced problems from without. Sanballat and Tobiah were leaders at Samaria. They opposed the rebuilding of Jerusalem and set out to put a stop to Nehemiah's work. They tried about everything that one could imagine. First it was mockery: "Why, even if a fox should scramble up on that wall, it would collapse." They brought along their soliders to laugh at Jerusalem. Nehemiah worked harder.

Next they spread gossip and called on Nehemiah to refute it. They brought their army to attack by night or by day. Nehemiah buckled on his sword and worked harder. They enrolled a prophet and sent him to tell Nehemiah that God wanted him to go cower in the Temple, for he was going to be murdered. "Shall such a man as I hide?" came the reply. The walls were finished.

What rejoicing spread through Jerusalem. They had done the impossible. They had rebuilt the walls of Jerusalem, set the gates, hung the doors. Nehemiah's task was done. He packed his bag and headed back to resume his job as cupbearer to the Persian king. As he left he gave warning, "Never leave the gates unguarded. Guard the gates!"

Years later Nehemiah returned. The gates had not been guarded. Tradesmen violated the law in the very gates of Jerusalem. Sin had become rooted within the walls of the Holy City. The high priest's son...
had married Sanballat’s daughter. Tobiah had taken rooms in the Temple!

Why? Why? Why? The gates had not been guarded. Time passed within Jerusalem and corruption grew until the very Son of God was rejected there—and crucified.

Guard the gates of Jerusalem. Of what use are walls if the gates be not guarded? An angel guarded Eden. David wanted to guard the Temple. Jesus is the Door to the Father.

Is it not wonderful that the gates of heaven are so guarded that no evil can enter there, no abominations, nothing that worketh iniquity, nothing that maketh a lie?

But what of the gates of our Jerusalem, the gates of the Church of the Nazarene? We have the walls, they have been well built. We have sound rules. We have clear standards. We have a just governmental sys-
tem. Just this past General Assembly we have again had the courage to examine ourselves and to repair and strengthen our walls, to fortify the gates.

But it means nothing if we do not guard the gates. If we fail to require of persons a clear testimony of salvation before bringing them inside the walls, if we fail to require an observance of God’s standards of all who would join with us, then we fail to guard the gates.

“Know ye not that ye are the temple of God?”

Dear Jesus, help me to guard the gates of my life. Help me to keep evil influences from penetrating into the sphere of my activities. Help me to guard my reading, the programs my eyes observe, the thoughts my mind entertains, the influences that enter my home. Help me to guard my gates, that Your temple may be suited to Your dwelling.

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Guppies. Groupers. and GROWTH

RECENTLY I VISITED the Cleveland Aquarium. I was surprised to see many of the same fish there that I keep in my small fish tank at home. There was one big difference. The fish at the aquarium were much larger than the ones in my living room.

I asked why this was so. I found out that fish will only grow to the size of the tank that they live in. If I took the fish from my 20-gallon tank and placed them in one of the Cleveland Aquarium’s 1,000-gallon tanks, my fish would grow to their full potential.

As I thought about this, my mind turned to the growth patterns of Christians. So many seem never to have grown at all. Others leap ahead in new growth. The fish have taught me a lesson. Some don’t mature in Christ because their tanks are too small.

We may have too small a Bible tank. It is easy to read our Bibles on Sunday only. Some of us have favorite biblical books or passages that we read over and over again, completely ignoring the rest of the Bible. How long has it been since we have even looked in the Old Testament?

Others of us have never attempted committing passages to memory. Still more of us are stuck in the rut of one translation. A larger Bible tank could allow us to grow faster.

We may have too small a reading tank. For many the daily newspaper is the only mental stimulation they have. That is a pretty small tank for a Christian to grow in.

There are scores of excellent books written for Christian families. Some are devotional in nature. Others enhance child-rearing and marriage. Still others instruct in the doctrines of Christ and His Church.

The Apostle Paul in Philippians 4:8 gives a whole list of things for our minds to think on, and now a host of contemporary Christian writers are helping us do just that. Expanding our reading tank to include them would increase our growth.

We may have too small a prayer tank. Praying before meals and bed is very little communication with God.

We could enlarge this tank by making a list of prayer requests and praying for them every day. Then as the requests are answered, we should give thanks and cross them off our list. We would do well to cultivate the art of praise in praying. The “spiritual gimmies” have limited our growth too long. An attitude of thanksgiving would enlarge our lives.

There are many other tanks that could be enlarged; our love tank, our participation tank, our discipline tank, and so on. But one thought challenges me—that while my fish have no choice in the size of tank they live in, I do.

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By JAMES H. MULLINS
Macedonia, Ohio

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New
"Herald" Editor

It is a personal pleasure to present to readers of the Herald of Holiness its new editor, Dr. W. E. McCumber. He needs no introduction to Nazarenes and other evangelicals who know him by his writings and preaching.

An able exponent of the doctrine of Christian holiness, Dr. McCumber has contributed significantly to holiness literature through his books which include: Holiness in the Prayers of St. Paul, Our Sanctifying God, and Preaching Holiness from the Synoptic Gospels. In addition to numerous articles, he also has authored the volume on Matthew in the Beacon Bible Expositions on the New Testament.

Teaching has been a vital part of Dr. McCumber's ministry. Following 26 years in the pastorate, he served for five years as professor of biblical literature at Pasadena College (now Point Loma). Since 1974, he has been head of the Department of Religion at Eastern Nazarene College.

Dr. McCumber holds the A.B. and M.A. degrees from Pasadena College and the honorary Doctor of Divinity from Trevecca Nazarene College.

When Experience Counts

Recently in Philadelphia I heard a management consultant say, "Experience counts only in a static organization."

The statement was made in the context of a discussion regarding desirable qualities that employers look for in considering employees for promotion or new jobs. It set me to thinking and challenged me to test its validity in the area of the Christian ministry and also one's personal spiritual life.

One of the great problems of our time is the rapidity of change. New discoveries in almost every field of study and service are being made daily. The difficulty of remaining informed even in one's own discipline or activity grows increasingly greater.

Novel ways of doing things are continuously being sought and found. Consequently, industry or business does not always look for the person it needs among the "experienced." There may be no "history" in the product or process they desire to perfect, and therefore no one with experience in doing exactly what they want done.

In a relatively changing society, perhaps it has been more justifiable to claim that one has had 20 years experience in a particular job role. However, it may be more correct to say that one has had 1 year's experience repeated 19 times.

Experience counts most when the methods involved in accomplishing a task seem not to change. It is important primarily in a static organization.

In a changing situation, employers and corporation directors are inclined to choose leaders who are persons of integrity, intelligence, flexibility, and imagination for the important roles they wish to fill. They discover that persons without "experience," but with...
Success or mediocrity in the ministry has little to do with age (though a good bit to do with maturity), or with experience as such. It has a great deal to do with one's willingness to "keep up" and to "keep on" learning.

Other desirable qualities, frequently get the job done where "experienced" personnel—those who are locked in to a specific way of doing things—may falter.

There are parallels in the Christian ministry. Success or mediocrity in the ministry has little to do with age (though a good bit to do with maturity), or with experience as such. It has a great deal to do with one's willingness to "keep up" and to "keep on" learning. All of this assumes, of course, the anointing and blessing of the Holy Spirit on one's ministry. Such anointing nurtures the desire to be better equipped, so one may be a workman before God who is unashamed.

Because our modern society is not static, the modes of fulfilling one's ministry are not static. Pastoral experience 10 years ago is very different from pastoral experience today. Many years in the pastorate cannot provide the same guarantee of effectiveness that it seemed to in a less mobile and unchanging society.

But there is another side to this coin. Pastors are dealing with people who have enduring qualities and needs. Man's basic hunger for God is perennial, a part of the human situation. As long as there are persons, the gospel will be pertinent and the preaching of the Cross will be needed.

Pastoral experience, then, is valuable so long as the minister remains close to people's spiritual hunger and his own relationship to the Christ he preaches is healthy. This kind of experience counts in the realm of the personal at the point where God and man must meet.

The pastor to be effective must have both tools appropriate for ministry to persons in a rapidly changing society, and also the stability of an intimate relationship with God.

It is precisely to meet these needs that the Board of General Superintendents is planning Pastoral Leadership Conferences (PALCON) to be held on every Nazarene college campus in the United States, Canada, and Britain during the next year. In making these learning conferences possible, the church is tacitly acknowledging that "experience [in terms of years] counts only in a static organization," and that the minister's spiritual vitality must be replenished continuously.

This kind of thinking seems to apply to one's personal experience of salvation as well. If experience is understood to mean a personal relationship with Christ, then it is an imperative. But if it means simply so many years in the dim past during which one followed the Lord, then its value is diminished.

It is one thing to point back to a crisis experience of conversion or entire sanctification, and to say that's when it all happened. But if there has been no spiritual growth since that time, it has little significance now.

One must be able to say, "Now, in this moment, by the grace of God, my relationship with Christ is intact, my sins are forgiven, I am a new creation in Christ, and the love of God is shed abroad in my heart by the Holy Spirit."

"Experience counts only in a static situation." The only kind of experience that counts in spiritual matters is present experience, a now relationship with Christ.

Here, too, there is another side. One cannot walk with the Lord in a vital, moment-by-moment life of obedience without developing some "history" of experience. One learns something of the faithfulness of God, for example.

Polycarp, the early Christian martyr, did. Just prior to being burned at the stake for his devotion to Christ, he testified, "Eighty and six years He has stood with me, and He will not forsake me now." He was confident of this because his experience was fresh, his relationship with his Lord was not static.

There is nothing quite so exciting as daily living in the Spirit. Every new day is thrilling, so that one—though grateful for the past—need not rely on yesterday's blessings.

One's work experience counts only in a static situation. One's experience or relationship with God counts only when it is up-to-date and dynamic.
HAPPINESS IS . . .

SELF-ACCEPTANCE

While traveling, we enjoy the journey much more if we harmonize with the bumps and jolts, blending into the rhythm of the ride. If we stiffen every time the driver applies the brakes, if we resist every lurch and swerve the car makes, we are worn to a frazzle by the time we reach our destination.

Likewise, our journey through life is less strenuous and demanding if we take a yielding attitude. Resistance causes tension. Many people forfeit happiness because they go through their daily existence fighting the inevitable. They need to learn to change what can be changed and then accept those things they can do nothing about.

First of all, we must accept our personal uniqueness. Personality is the sum total of many things—physical traits, temperament, degree of intelligence, strengths, weaknesses, habits, experiences, ambitions, hopes, and dreams. Individuality is that certain something that distinguishes us one from another. It is our “identification tag.”

Teen-agers, especially, find it difficult to be individualistic. They seek (at great expense to their appearance and pocketbooks) to look and act like their peers. Usually this tendency decreases somewhat with age and experience, but not always. Many adults knock themselves out trying to “keep up with the Joneses.” Others try frustratingly to measure up to unrealistic mental images and ideals they have acquired.

I greatly admire tall, willowy, chic women. But I know I shall always be the “pleasantly plump and pleasant” motherly type of person. Nature decreed it. So I may as well accept it.

Self-acceptance is especially needed where our temperamental differences are concerned. Some people must live more quietly than others. Contrarily, if a person is restless and active, he should not feel guilty because he cannot sit by the hour drinking coffee and “chewing the fat.” He simply has to “keep on the go.”

We must say, “Blessed is the one who accepts his individuality and goes through life happily being himself.”

Sidney Smith, an English clergyman, author, and wit, made a judicious observation when he said, “It was not very long before I made two very useful discoveries: First, that all mankind were not solely employed in observing me—a belief that all young people have; and next, that shamming was of no use—that the world was very clear sighted and soon estimated a man at his true value. This cured me, and I determined to be natural and let the world find it out.”

God loves variety. He has given each of us a special task to accomplish in this life. No other person can “fill our shoes” and do the work God has cut out for us to do. “As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards . . .” (1 Peter 4:10).

Since we are “but men and women,” we must also accept our imperfections, knowing there is no such thing as a perfectly adjusted individual. Because of Adam’s fall, we all suffer. Some more. Some less. While our motives may be the purest, we must recognize that we can never be entirely free from mental and physical flaws.

In his book Problems of the Spirit-filled Life, William S. Deal writes: “Some persons are shocked to learn that there is no such thing as a ‘normal’ person, psychologically speaking. All persons are subject to emotional patterns which at times are either above or below normal. Normalcy is merely a standard of emotional and mental behaviour patterns somewhere between two extremes” (Kansas City, Mo.: Beacon Hill Press, 1961), p. 98. Mal-adjustments (complexes) grow out of the habits and attitudes we develop, usually early in life, while endeavoring to adjust to our environment and circumstances.

Self-acceptance does not mean resignation or satisfaction. It means we have found the spots which need correcting or strengthening. And the Christian who strives to be more like the Master will keep “darning” and “mending” his ways until he exchanges his earthly garment for a white robe in God’s eternal habitation.

Then, too, we must learn to accept many limitations. This was clearly illustrated to me one day while I sat looking out on beautiful Grand Traverse Bay in northern Michigan. The blue-gray waters extended into the hazy horizon. Dozens of majestic swans rested on the glassy surface while a lone mallard swam among them. “How does that duck feel?” I wondered. “Is he aware of his plainness among those beautiful creatures?”

A duck can never be a swan. But a swan can never be a duck. A swan may be more attractive, but it cannot travel as far. Both have their limitations. And so do we. They accept theirs. We must, also.

According to Dr. George A. Stevenson, a sign of good mental health is the ability to take a tolerant, easygoing attitude not only toward oneself but toward others, also. Some people continually look for weaknesses in others in an effort to console themselves. Often the people who irk us most are those who possess the same traits we dislike in ourselves.

To be healthy and happy we must accept others as they are and ourselves as we are. Certainly we will change what can be changed in our world, but we must learn to "make the best" of the inevitable.

"Happiness is . . . self-acceptance."
"For thou, Lord, hast made me glad through thy work:
I will triumph in the works of thy hands.
O Lord, how great are thy works!
and thy thoughts are very deep." Psalm 92:4-5
Rev. William Porter was appointed the district superintendent of the New Zealand District in July, 1976. He arrived to take up his duties in September.

Mr. Porter was born in Newkirk, Okla. He is a graduate of Bethany Nazarene College and also holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in music from Puerto Rico Music Conservatory.

After graduation from college, Rev. and Mrs. Porter pastored in Texas, serving for three years as pastor of a Spanish Nazarene church and teaching at the Spanish-American Nazarene Seminary in San Antonio. In 1954, Rev. and Mrs. Porter were appointed as missionaries to Puerto Rico, where they served as district superintendents until 1976.

When they were asked to go to New Zealand as superintendent, Rev. Porter flew over to become acquainted with the New Zealand Nazarenes. He received a warm welcome and felt immediately at home in the friendly atmosphere of the New Zealand Nazarenes.

Porter not only visited the growing congregations but saw the many cities with no Nazarene church. He was gripped by the challenge and became excited about the future of the Church of the Nazarene in New Zealand.
PIONEERING WITH CHRIST IN NEW ZEALAND

by DARRELL TEARE,* Area Coordinator
Department of World Missions

The doors of outreach for the New Zealand Church of the Nazarene are opening, and pastors and people are eagerly accepting the opportunities provided.

Jim and Dorothy Dunkley moved from Scotland into the Mangere area of Auckland, joining Auckland First Church, 10 miles from their home. They and Pastor Philip Burton began Sunday afternoon classes in the Dunkleys' home. There are now over 50 enrolled. A beautiful property is being purchased in the center of the area. Soon they will be needing a pastor.

George and Linda Brown, recently converted in the Hamilton church, moved to the seacoast town of Tauranga. God led them to open a Sunday school in their home. Both are schoolteachers, and they find it a joy to reach children and parents for Christ.

A pastor and church are urgently needed in the Wellington area to minister to the Samoan people.

The Auckland Otara Church, a rapidly growing congregation, is predominantly Niue Island (Polynesian) people. They drive in from as far away as 15 miles. At least three more churches could be started from this group.

The 10 churches and 2 missions are located in only eight areas of New Zealand. Please pray as our churches and people reach out to new areas.

*Mr. Teare was district superintendent in New Zealand from 1971 to 1976 when he was asked to join the World Mission staff as area coordinator for Africa, the Middle East, Europe, the Orient, and the South Pacific.

At least 15 communities of over 10,000 population without a Nazarene church...numbers of smaller towns and cities...opening doors among the Polynesians in New Zealand...the challenge to the Church of the Nazarene in New Zealand is a challenge to all of us. In prayer and personal contact and support, we can help.
Northwestern National Life Insurance Company recently informed the Department of Pensions of the reopening of the Supplemental Group Term Life Insurance program for ministers.

Normally a medical examination is required before enrolling. During the reopening, however, ministers under age 65 may enroll in this insurance program without taking a medical examination. Ministers presently enrolled in the program may increase their coverage on the same basis.

Several changes in the supplemental insurance program brought about this reopening. Many ministers enrolled in the program requested more extensive coverage. Maximum coverage available has, as a result, been increased from $15,000 to $50,000 (depending on the age of the minister).

Secondly, this insurance is now purchased in units. Each unit of personal insurance provides $5,000 life insurance coverage. Each unit of dependent insurance provides $1,000 coverage on the minister's spouse and $500 coverage on each dependent child over six months and less than 19 years of age. The number of units of personal and dependent insurance a minister may purchase, and the cost of each unit, is based on the minister's age.

These changes in the supplemental insurance program have not increased its cost per $1,000 coverage. In fact, the cost of insurance for dependents is as much as 17 percent less under the new plan.

If the local church pays the premium on this type of insurance (group term), the minister would not be required to report the amount of that premium as income for federal income tax purposes. The church may extend this benefit to paid ministerial associates as well as to the pastor.

Mrs. Joy Dawson Harmes, of Auckland, New Zealand, is pictured designing the cover for the October 15 Herald. Mrs. Harmes has commercially painted plaques, tea showers, fire screens, tables, wooden boxes, dress materials, handpainted scarves and trays. These have been sold in New Zealand's largest department stores—Milnes, Smith and Caughey—and the D.I.C. Store in Wellington. Occasionally she has painted in the street windows of the D.I.C. Store and the Maple Furniture Store where the customers could watch her as she worked. She spent 10 years as an artist for the G. B. Scott Publishing Company in Auckland. She painted scenes for New Zealand scenic calendars (with a feature pictorial art map in the center), New Zealand Christmas cards, notepapers, stationery, rulers, bookmarks, etc. She is now employed in photographic coloring. Mrs. Harmes and her daughters, Felicity, 17, and Jennifer, 13, are members of the Auckland Dominion Road Church of the Nazarene.

"Showers of Blessing"

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

By Dr. Ted E. Martin

"Men and Women for the Times"
October 17
"Who's to Blame?"
October 24
"Not Done in a Corner"
October 31

"WE MUST DO EVEN MORE!"

from the QUADRENNIAL ADDRESS of the Board of General Superintendents

"We ... recommend a quadrennial goal of $65 million for world evangelism and challenge every local church to contribute a minimum of 10 percent of its total giving to General Budget and approved missionary specials. To do less is to compromise the Great Commission."
“MONDAY NIGHT IS FAMILY NIGHT”

College Pastor Calls for Quality in Family Night

Dr. Elton Trueblood, in his article “The Recovery of Family Life,” states: “It is not necessary to invent a religious program for the home, because the home is intrinsically a religious institution.”

This statement rests upon strong biblical truth. However, as a religious institution, the home has encountered some fragmenting influences. One of these is a lack of “family fellowship.” The pressure of modern living seems to afford little time for the family to be together on a regular, uninterrupted basis.

The home must provide time for family Bible reading and prayer. But not only so, it must also allow time for “family fellowship.”

Making a conscious effort to keep Monday nights for the family will give appropriate opportunity for cultivating the quality of “family fellowship” which results in happy and enduring experiences.

—BILL DRAPER, Pastor
College Church of the Nazarene
Kankakee, Ill.

“MONDAY NIGHT IS FAMILY NIGHT”

Dean of Students Praises Family Night

Tonight (as I write) is Monday. I stayed home with the children. We spent time on—homework, dishes, wrestling (my children are ages 8 and 12—I wouldn’t advise it if they are older), reading scripture, correspondence, talking about some principles of life, discussing family conflict, and prayer.

One of the children prayed, “Thank You, God, for the nice time we’ve had.” The evening was most satisfying.

I wonder if the children would have grown as much if they had attended with me the meeting which I really should not have missed?

My prayer is “God, give me many more Monday evenings which provide as much meaning for our family as this one has. Amen!”

—JERRY D. HULL, M.S.W.
Dean of Students
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TWO NEW NIROGA SITES FOR 1977

Two new locations and dates have been added to the NIROGA schedule. By popular demand the Southeast and the Northwest have been awarded retreats.

The 1977 NIROGA season will start with a Sno-Bird Retreat February 28—March 4 at Lake Yale, Fla.

Another exciting addition is Banff, Alberta, Canada. The date is September 5-9 and will be held at the Fine Arts Center.

A full NIROGA schedule for 1977 will be announced as soon as it is finalized. Normally, registration is opened six months in advance of the retreat.

For information, write Melvin Shrout, Director of Senior Adult Ministries, 6401 The Paseo, Kansas City, Mo. 64131.

THE LIVING WORD

The oral interpretation of God’s Word had been a hallmark in the life of Mrs. Williamson, wife of General Superintendent Emeritus G. B. Williamson. Over the years her readings have inspired hundreds of thousands.

By popular request, 10 of her favorite scriptures have been recorded. All who have had the privilege of hearing Mrs. Williamson in person as well as those who have “just heard about her” will want to take advantage of this opportunity and obtain this record.

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In the recent Sunday school drive on the North Florida District, one Sunday’s emphasis was on “Grow with Enrollment.” During that week, under the leadership of the Adult Department Superintendent Joel Cassady, the teachers and workers at Pensacola, Fla., First Church made 1,865 contacts. Rev. Ed Bullock is the pastor.

PLC STUDENTS HELP REJUVENATE CHURCH IN SOUTHEAST SAN DIEGO

Several Point Loma College students have helped revitalize the San Diego Southeast Church of the Nazarene in the past year. Five students, Vicki Brenneman, Joe McCoy, Yolanda Robinson, Deanna Rose, and Dennis Swift, were mainstays. “They were there all the time—involved,” said Dr. Clifford Fisher, PLC associate professor of religion, who transferred his membership to the Southeast Church and filled in as pastor for almost a year.

About 30 members of the PLC Circle K Club pitched in one Saturday last spring to do the work of a bulldozer. Using tools provided by the college, they cleaned four truckloads of trash from a vacant lot which they then staked, bordered, and leveled for blacktopping.

The Southern California District of the Church of the Nazarene paid for the paving as well as other property improvements totalling over $6,000, according to District Superintendent Robert Scott.

The vacant lot now has a basketball hoop on it which was used for the summer for a recreation outreach effort by Dennis Swift, a member of the church staff since December. Student involvement went further. For example, Joe McCoy instituted an Alpine retreat for 30 youngsters who had never been out of the city.

Three or four families have stayed with the once-faltering home mission church and worked. Their time invested in vacant lots, remodeling a church building, and believing is bearing fruit.

Others have joined the endeavor. Jim Huffman, a layman at the University Avenue Church, has donated many hours to supervising physical plant improvements. The Point Loma Community Church contributed $500 for replastering walls, installing a gas heater for two rooms, and purchasing children’s furniture.

This summer Rev. Clifton Collymore joined the congregation as full-time pastor. From Guyana, he recently graduated from the Nazarene Bible College in Colorado Springs. He is accompanied by his Jamaican wife, Beverly.

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SHUMAKE, C. E.: Longwood, Fla., Nov. 1-7; High Point, N.C. (1st), Nov. 29-30

SLACK, DOUGLAS: Louisville, Ky. (West), Nov. 2-7; English, Ind. (West), Nov. 9-14

SMITH, CHARLES HASTINGS: Kansas City, Mo. (Grace), Nov. 2-7; Saint Louis, Mo. (1st), Nov. 17-21; Hacienda Heights, Calif. (1st), Nov. 30- Dec. 5

SMITH, FLOYD P.: Monroe, Ind. (1st), Nov. 2-7; Oklahoma City, Okla. (Community), Nov. 9-14; Tucson, Ariz. (Northside), Nov. 16-21

SMITH, HANOLD: Livonia, Mich. (Columbia), Nov. 5-7; Mariette, Mich. (zone rally), Nov. 20

SMITH, OTIS E.: Swartz Creek, Mich. (2nd), Nov. 16-21; Gower, Mo. (West), Nov. 22-28; St. Joseph, Mo. (1st), Nov. 30- Dec. 5

STAFFORD, DANIEL: West Blockton, Ala. (Bible Meth.), Nov. 2-7; Spartanburg, S.C. (1st West), Nov. 18-28; Six Miles, S.C. (West), Nov. 29- Dec. 5

STEWART, PAUL J.: Stratton, Ohio (1st), Nov. 9-14

STRAIGHT, DAVID: Paris, Ill. (Un. Meth.), Nov. 1-7

STICKLAND, NOEL: Richmond, Ind. (1st), Nov. 2-7; Painesville, Ohio (1st), Nov. 9-14; Parkersburg, W.Va. (Broadway), Nov. 16-21; Charleston, W.Va. (Calvary), Nov. 23-28; Poca, W.Va. (lst), Nov. 30- Dec. 5

SWANSON, ROBERT: Clermont, Ind. (1st), Nov. 2-7; Frankfort, Ky. (1st), Nov. 8-14; Wilmore, Ky. (Mountains), Nov. 16-21; Westerly, N.Y., Nov. 23-28

SWEENEY, ROGER & EILEEN: Louisville, Ky. (Fairdale), Nov. 5-7

TAYLOR, CLIFF: Davis, Calif. (2nd), Nov. 2-7

THOMAS, J. MELTON: Paducah, Tex. (Red Mud), Nov. 2-7; Jacksonville, Fla. (1st), Nov. 9-14; Ft. Myers, Fla. (1st), Nov. 16-21; Sanford, N.C., Nov. 23-28; Uhrichsville, Ohio (2nd), Nov. 30- Dec. 5

THORNTON, RON & BONNIE: Silvis, Ill., Nov. 2-7; Lake City, la. (1st), Nov. 9-14; Walmsley, Ill. (lst), Nov. 15-21; Gibson City, Ill. (lst), Nov. 30- Dec. 5

TRIPP, HOWARD: Hollywood, Fla. (lst), Nov. 2-7; Norfolk, Va. (Calvary), Nov. 16-21; Indianopolis, Ind. (University Heights), Nov. 23-28; Lake Wales, Fla., Nov. 30- Dec. 5

TUCKER, BILL & JEANETTE: Greenfield, Ohio (2nd), Nov. 2-7; West Lafayette, Ind., Nov. 9-14; New Carlisle, Ind. (West), Nov. 16-21; Gas City, Ind. (J3st), Nov. 30- Dec. 5

TURNBOW, J. I. & DELMA: Dallas, Tex. (Trinity), Nov. 2-7; Sulphur Springs, Tex. (lst), Nov. 8-14; Lason, Ill. Nov. 16-21; Vandalia, Ohio, Nov. 28- Dec. 5

VARIAN, WILLIAM E.: Clarksville, Tenn. (lst), Nov. 2-7; Canton, Ohio (Springfield), Nov. 9-14; Dallas, Tex., Nov. 29- Dec. 5

WARD, LLOYD: Reserve, La., Nov. 1-7; Farewell, Mo., Nov. 22-28; St. Joseph, Mo. (1st), Nov. 30- Dec. 5

WELCH, JONATHAN & ILORA: McLoth, Kans. (lst), Nov. 2-7; Kansas City Mo., (Summit View), Nov. 10-14; Prairie Village, Kans. (Nail Ave.), Nov. 19-21; Olney, Ill., Nov. 30- Dec. 5

WADE, E. BRUCE: Dalhart, Tex. (lst), Nov. 1-7; Muskogee, Okla. (2nd), Nov. 9-14

WARD, LLOYD & GERTRUDE: Wellington, Ohio (lst), Nov. 2-7; Lowell, Mich. (1st), Nov. 9-14; Salem, Ill. (Grace), Nov. 16-21

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WELCH, W. B.: Bellefontaine, Ohio (lst), Nov. 9-14; Greenville, S.C. (Westside), Nov. 16-21; Laurens, S.C., Nov. 23-28

WEG, C. EDWIN: Kirksville, Mo. (lst), Nov. 3-7; Brookfield, Ohio (lst), Nov. 15-21; Battle Creek, Mich., Nov. 23-28; Walmsley, Ill. (lst), Nov. 30- Dec. 5

WILLIAMS, LAWRENCE: Willmar, Minn., Nov. 1-7; Lamar, Mo., Nov. 16-21; West Columbia, S.C., Nov. 16-21; Meansville, Ga., Nov. 29- Dec. 5

WISEHART, LENNY: Colorado Springs, Colo. (1st), Nov. 17-21; Blythe, Calif., Nov. 24-28

WRIGHT, E. GUY: Titusville, Pa., Nov. 2-7; Orefield, Ohio (lst), Nov. 16-21; Timbland, Ba., (lst), Nov. 23-28

WYCK, DRINN: Dublin, Ga. (lst), Nov. 2-7; Gallatin, Tenn., Nov. 9-14; Athens, Ohio (Central), Nov. 16-21; Huntington, W.Va. (Walnut Hills), Nov. 23-28; Tallmadge, Ohio, Nov. 30- Dec. 5

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INSURANCE REOPENING EXTENDED

The reopening of Supplemental Group Term Life Insurance for ministers has been extended to November 1. Initially the reopening was to close October 1.

During this reopening, ministers who are not presently enrolled in this insurance plan may enroll without taking a medical examination if they meet other requirements.

Also, ministers who are enrolled may increase their insurance coverage to a new maximum of $50,000 (the maximum amount of insurance available is dependent on the age of the minister) without taking a medical examination.

In both cases, new coverage or increased coverage, application must be made before November 1 if enrollment is to be effected without taking a medical examination.

If this type of insurance premium (group term) is paid by the local church, the minister would not have to report the amount of that premium for federal income tax purposes.

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Take a wise look ahead

Evangelist Lawrence Williams of Bethany, Okla., who has helped the Publishing House by interpreting letters received in Braille, was elected to the Board of Directors of the National Church Conference of the Blind at their annual Bible Conference held in Chicago. The purpose of the organization is to nurture believers in the faith, win sinners to Christ, and to provide fellowship among the blind. Rev. Williams is president of the Oklahoma chapter of NCCB this year.

NAVY ENGINEER HELPS MISSIONARY BUILDING

Jerome Richardson, USN engineer of Loogootee, Ind., is a committed Nazarene layman. He is deeply involved in the “Men for Missions” program on the Southwest Indiana District. He has visited several Nazarene mission fields in the Caribbean and South America to give advice and assistance with building plans.

Mr. Richardson has just returned from Guatemala and visited Nazarene headquarters in Kansas City to report to the staff of the Department of World Mission.

In Guatemala he inspected the building sites and checked plans for the reconstruction from the severe earthquakes. Specifically, he laid out the design for the earthquake-proof church at San Miguel which was dedicated September 19.

Funds for the construction of this church were given by Kansas City First Church.

Dr. Jerald Johnson and Mr. Jerome Richardson discussing plans for building and reconstruction in Guatemala, and ways they can be expedited.
DISTRICT ASSEMBLY REPORTS

CAPE VERDE

GEORGIA
The sixty-second annual assembly of the Georgia District was held at Atlanta First Church. District Superintendent Jack H. Lee, completing his second year of an extended term, reported:

General Superintendent Orville W. Jenkins ordained David L. McCracken and Ronald E. Ray. The credentials of Randy Burnett were recognized.

Ordinands (I. to r.): Rev. and Mrs. David McCracken, Rev. and Mrs. Ronald Ray, and Rev. Randy Burnett.

GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT
The General Superintendent said:

Ordinands of the Kentucky District pictured (l. to r.): Mrs. Dennis E. Fink, Mrs. Michael Wayne Legg, Mrs. Paul A. Bass, Paul A. Bass, District Superintendent D. E. Clay; (back row) Robert L. Rawlins, Dennis E. Fink, Michael W. Legg, and Dr. Eugene L. Stowe.

JOPLIN
The nineteenth annual assembly of the Joplin District was held at Carthage, Mo. District Superintendent James C. Hester was reelected for a four-year term.

General Superintendent V. H. Lewis ordained Leon Hendrix, Larry James, and William Stults. Elected to the advisory board were (elders) Floyd Hess and John Moles; and (laymen) A. R. Motley and Don Van Dyne.

KANSAS
The sixty-seventh annual assembly of the Kansas District was held at Wichita, Kans. First Church. District Superintendent C. Marselle Knight was reelected for a four-year term.

Ordinands of the Kansas District are pictured (l. to r.): Rev. and Mrs. Richard Ray, Rev. and Mrs. Stan Clark, Rev. and Mrs. Dennis E. Fink, Mrs. Michael Wayne Legg, Mrs. Paul A. Bass, Paul A. Bass, District Superintendent D. E. Clay; (back row) Robert L. Rawlins, Dennis E. Fink, Michael W. Legg, and Dr. Eugene L. Stowe.

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MINNESOTA
The thirty-seventh annual assembly of the Minnesota District convened at Lake Koronis, Paynesville, Minn. District Superintendent Norman W. Bloom, completing three years of an extended call, reported the organization this year of a Native American Church in Minneapolis.

General Superintendent George Coulter ordained Galen Bennett, Jerome Hancock, David C. Molz, Dale Taylor, and Philip Trigg. Elected to the advisory board were (elders) Gene Williams, Harold Jones, and Leon Jennings; and (laymen) Dwight Sauer, Don Bird, and George Snowberger.

MONTANA
Ordinands of the Montana District are pictured (l. to r.: Mrs. Betty Knight, Dr. Joseph L. Severson, and Rev. and Mrs. John W. Fuller.

NORTH CENTRAL OHIO
The second annual assembly of the North Central Ohio District was held at Bedford, Ohio, church. District Superintendent D. E. Clay, re-elected to a four-year term, reported:

General Superintendent Eugene L. Stowe ordained Paul Arnold Bass, Dennis Eugene Fink, and Michael Wayne Legg. The credentials of Robert Lee Rawlins were recognized.

Ordinands of the Montana District are pictured (l. to r.: Mrs. Dennis E. Fink, Mrs. Michael Wayne Legg, Mrs. Paul A. Bass, Paul A. Bass, District Superintendent D. E. Clay; (back row) Robert L. Rawlins, Dennis E. Fink, Michael W. Legg, and Dr. Eugene L. Stowe.

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Reelected to their posts were Mrs. D. E. Clay, NWMS president; Keith E. Martin, NYI president; and R. Dale Freuhling, church schools board chairman.

ILLINOIS
The thirty-third annual district assembly of the Illinois District convened at Springfield First Church, Springfield, III. District Superintendent Dr. James E. Hunton, completing the third year of an extended term, reported.


Elected to the advisory board were (elders) Gilbert Hughes, Dwight P. Millikan, and John Ruzich; (laymen) Cecil Carroll, Jr., Kent Nisbet, and Kenneth Whittington.

Reelected to their posts were Mrs. Kenneth Whittington, NWMS president; Rev. James Spruce, NYI president; and Rev. John Ruzich, chairman of the church schools board.

SOUTH CAROLINA
The thirty-fourth annual district assembly of the South Carolina District was held at the Fort Mill, S.C., church. District Superintendent Otto S. Stucki on the second ballot.

Reelected to their posts were Mrs. Kenneth Whittington, NWMS president; Rev. James Spruce, NYI president; and Rev. John Ruzich, chairman of the church schools board.

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Dr. Eugene L. Stowe
General Superintendent

From the Quadrennial Address delivered at the Nineteenth General Assembly, Dallas, Tex., June 20, 1976.

KENNETH MARTIN from Rock Falls, Ill., to Glenwood, la.
LARRY MARTIN from Houston Friendswood to Holdenville, Okla.
WALTER F. MASTERS from Highland Springs, Va., to Lynchburg, Va.
ANGELO MATERA to associate, Civitavecchia, Italy
HERMAN MAZION from San Antonio (Tex.) Morning Glory to Nazarene Bible College, Colorado Springs, Colo.
WALTER MINGLEDORFF from Ft. Walton Beach (Fla.) to Cullman, Ala.
ROBERT MORRIS from Rock Hill (S.C.) Emmanuel.
SAMUEL PICKENPAUGH from Lawrence, Kan. to Lawrence, Kan.
MARVIN PATTON from Indianapolis South Side
JAMES H. PETERS from Wister, Okla., to Potomac, Ill.
Herman Padgett from evangelism to Muncie
ARTHUR MULLIS from Rock Hill (S.C.) Emmanuel.
ROBERT MORRIS to Ashwood, S.C.
JEFFREY PADGETT from evangelism to Muncie
ROBERT VISER from Sarasota (Fla.) First
FORREST STONE from Wilmington, Calif., to Turlock, Calif.

MOVING MISSIONARIES
REV. AND MRS. GEORGE AOKINS, Chile, new furlough address: Casilla 15292, Santiago (11) Chile, South America
REV. AND MRS. JAMES H. BILYEU, 82, died July 17 at Stillwater, Okla. Services were conducted by Rev. Eugene Moore and Rev. Lamar Smith. He is survived by 3 sons, Virgil, Vernon, and Doyle; 4 daughters, Mrs. Roy (Vema) Morgan, Mrs. Hazel Ford, Lora Mays and Mavis Earl (ila Grace) Carter; 2 sisters, Mrs. Nona Blumer and Mrs. Ethel Ham; 17 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

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ANNOUNCEMENT
Miami, Okla., First Church will celebrate its fortieth anniversary October 24. District Superintendent W. T. Daugherty will speak in the morning service. There will be special features throughout the day, Contact Pastor Alvin B. Hayes, Box 486, Miami, Okla. 74354, or annivarsary chairperson Mrs. Clint Nichols, Rte. 3, Miami, Okla. 74354.

RECOMMENDATION
REV. STEVE ZUMALT, who has been serving as the associate pastor at Marion, Ind., First Church, is entering the field of full-time evangelism, registered by the Northeastern Indiana District Assembly. It is a privilege for me to recommend him to the confidence of our pastors everywhere. He may be contacted at 2580 E. Tulip Dr., Marion, Ind. 46952. Phone: 317-674-3409—Bruce T. Taylor, Northeastern Indiana district superintendent.

GERALD D. LAING is entering full-time evangelism. Previous to his 17 years experience in the pastorate, he served 8 years as an evangelist. I highly recommend him. He may be contacted at 2417-2 E. Jolly Rd., Lansing, Mich. 48910—Harry T. Stanley, Michigan district superintendent.

VITAL STATISTICS
REV. RICHARD J. KUNZE
Rev. Richard J. Kunze, 87, died May 27 in Van Nuys, Calif. He was ordained by General Superintendent John W. Goodwin at the Chicago District Assembly in 1917.

In 1924 he wrote an article on prayer and fasting for the Other Sheep (now World Mission). This plan for the support of missions was accepted enthusiastically as the answer—thus the Prayer and Fasting League (now Prayer and Self-denial) became a denominational emphasis.


He is survived by his wife, Rose; a daughter, Naomi, of Chelmsford, Mass.; a son, Lyman, of Van Nuys, Calif.; 2 sisters, May Davis and Emry James; both of Nebraska; 7 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

The memorial service was June 1 in Van Nuys, Calif., conducted by Rev. Darrell Roz of the Santa Rosa church.

REV. AND MRS. DUANE SRADER, Rep. of Cape Verde, new field address: Fco. Araucho 1314, Montevideo, Uruguay, South America

REV. AND MRS. GORDON JOHNSTON, Middle East, Box 416, Amman, Jordan

REV. AND MRS. GEORGE HURST, Rep. of S. Africa South, R.O. Box 114, Eshowe, Natal, Rep. of S. Africa

REV. AND MRS. J. T. DRYE, West Lafayette, Ohio. Services were conducted by Rev. Ray Burnette. She is survived by one son, Lyman Stockman. She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Ruth Wilson, and three sons, Alfred Brown, Franklin Kimball, and Everett Kimball.

REV. JOHN E. BRUCE, 82, died May 18 at Medway, Ohio. A memorial service was conducted by Rev. L. L. Bush, 94, who was given by Rev. James R. Blankenship. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Lina Bruce; five daughters, Mrs. Nae Mikel, Mrs. Mattie Bell Arnold, Mrs. Jo-Ann Flowers, Mrs. Ruth Wilson, and Mrs. Nancy Duty; and two sons, Mr. Charles H. Bruce and Rev. John W. Bruce.

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SAMUEL PICKENPAUGH from Lawrence (Kans.) First to Jacksonville (Fla.) Oak Hill

SAUL ELICK from Innsfjell, Alberta, Canada
d to Calgary (Alberta, Canada) North Hill

JOSEPH SHIMKO from Erick, Okla., to Mulvane, Kan.

LILLIE SEDLAECHE from Burr Oak, Kan., to Kendallville, Ind.

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JOSEPH SHIMKO from Erick, Okla., to Mulvane, Kan.

WILLIAM SIMPSON from Beeville, Tex., to evangelism

JOSEPH W. SMITH to St. Joseph (Mo.) Northside

JACK STEPP from association, Shawnee, Kan., to Troy, Mich.

FORREST STONE from Wilmington, Calif., to Camarillo, Calif.

JAMES V. TAYLOR from Fritch, Tex.

ROBERT VISER from Sarasota (Fla.) First to Fort Walton Beach, Fla.

EMERSON C. WALKER to Pleasant Ridge, Pa., Tabor, Pa., Churchmore, Pa. (circuit)

JOHN WELDON to Fremont, la.
MR. VELMER KELLY, 63, died Aug. 8 at Jamestown, Ind. Services were conducted by Rev. Larry Ellis and Rev. Aliek Ulmet. He is survived by his wife, Pearl Morgan Kelly; his mother, City Melson Kelly; 2 daughters, Mrs. Rogina Bradshaw and Mrs. Nancy Haleope; 2 sons, Darwin Kelly and Donald Kelly; 3 sisters, Mrs. Lillian Fox, Mrs. Ice Davy, and Mrs. Euline Riley; 2 brothers, Elsa and Clyde Kelly; and 10 grandchildren.

CALVIN J. LEE, 78, died July 28 at Galesburg, Ill. Surviving are his wife, Myrtle S. Lee; a son, Jack M. Lee; two daughters, Shirley Braden and Marcia Duke.

Cleo Elder McGraw, 81, died Aug. 22 at Bethany, Okla. A memorial service was conducted by her son, W. D. McGraw, Jr.; two grandchildren, Rende and Michelle.

JAMES JOHN MCKEMY, 4 months, died July 31 at Ukiah, Calif. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Ray Wisner. He is survived by his parents, Jim and Marsha McKemy; paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry McKemy; and maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Archie McManah.

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ANNIVERSARIES

MR. AND MRS. F. G. BLOUNT of the Meansville, Ga., Pine Mountain Church celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary July 3. The ceremony was conducted by Pastor H. B. Corley.

MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM R. FROST celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary August 7 in the fellowship of the Pasadena, Calif., Central Church. The reception was hosted by their son, Jack Frost of Pasadena, and their two daughters, Mrs. Marcella Watts of Mission Viejo, Calif., and Mrs. Janice White of Sioux Falls, S.D.

There are six grandchildren and two great-grandsons.

MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM B. GALLEY of Eagle Rock, Calif., recently celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary. They have seven children. They are: Rev. Robert Galley, Tempe, Ariz.; Darlene Walker, Eagle Rock; Barbara Cook, Monrovia, Calif.; Marilyn Graley, Pasadena, Calif.; Joyce Simmons, Eagle Rock; Kathy MacLearn, Pilot Rock, Ore.; and Dianne Ennis, Eagle Rock. The Galleys have 26 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

MR. AND MRS. BILL JOHNSON recently celebrated their golden wedding anniversary with an open house at their home in Edmond, Okla., hosted by their children and grandchildren. The Johnsons have five children: John F. Johnson of Del City, Okla.; Marjorie Minor of Bethany, Okla.; Pauline Kitchell of Bethany, Okla.; Eddie Johnson of Smyrna, Ga.; and Norma Nuckolls of Ellicott City, Md. The Johnsons have 13 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

REV. AND MRS. JAMES W. SHIRTON recently celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary. They were married August 23, 1916, in Methuen, Mass. The Shirtons have a daughter, Mrs. Allen (Ruth) Arthur; and a grandson, Randy Arthur of Portland, Ore.

REV. Shirton pastored churches in Vermont, Massachusetts, and New Hampshire.

MR. AND MRS. EDGAR H. SWARTZ of Ellicott City, Md., recently celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary with an open house at their home, hosted by their daughter and son-in-law, Dorothy and Dave MacPherson. Mr. and Mrs. Swartz have been members of Baltimore First Church their entire married life. The Swarts have two granddaughters.

MR. AND MRS. DELKER THOMPSON of Summersville, Ky., recently celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary in the Great Smoky Mountains of Tennessee. They have been members of the Summersville, Ky., church for over 46 years. They have 3 daughters: Mrs. Mazi Haselwood, Charleston, W.Va.; Mrs. Barbara Burgin, Louisville, Ky.; and Mrs. Shirley Whitlow, Summersville. They have 10 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM WAKEFIELD celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary July 25 with a reception given at the Hemet, Calif., church. The Wakefield homes were converted in 1927 and have been Nazarenes for 49 years. They were married on July 24, 1916, in Pocatello, Ida.

MR. AND MRS. ROBERT RALPH WATT of Columbus, Ohio, Linden Church celebrated their golden wedding anniversary July 7. The Watt home is a house of seven children: Mrs. Jack (Betty Lou) Hott, Mrs. Thomas (Vivien) Griffin, and Mrs. William (Reba) Saunders, all of Columbus; Robert E. of Belleaire, Ohio; Danny J. of Shadyside, Ohio; and Jerry R. and Larry A., both of Westerville, Ohio. They have 16 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

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NUMBER OF COUNTRIES BANNING BIBLE REPORTED GROWING BY DISTRIBUTOR. A report issued in London by the United Bible Societies (UBS) indicates that Scripture distribution is being forbidden in an increasing number of countries.

John Dean, world service officer for the UBS, said, "There seem to be more places closed to the Word of God at present for one reason or another than at any time since World War II."

He reported that the Societies, which embrace more than 50 national Bible distribution groups, are developing special strategies to meet spiritual needs in the so-called closed areas without breaking the law.

APARTMENT OWNER DEFENDS RENT REFUSAL TO UNMARRIED. A St. Paul landlord has begun a legal battle against a contention by the Minnesota Human Rights Department that apartment owners cannot refuse to rent to unmarried couples.

Howard Gelb testified that such a requirement is wrong on legal, moral, and religious grounds. He said the effect would be to have landlords aiding and abetting violation of state laws against fornication.

Mr. Gelb, who is Jewish, and his properties manager, Anthony Steffel, a Roman Catholic, said it violates their religious beliefs to rent to unmarried couples.

Under state law it is a discriminatory practice to refuse to rent housing based on "marital status." This is the first case testing whether that language applies to an unmarried couple, or whether it was merely meant to give single renters the same rights as married couples in the housing market.

U.S. IMMIGRATION SERVICE TO DEPORT MOON DISCIPLES WHO OVERSTAYED VISAS. The U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service has ordered that immediate steps be taken to begin deportation proceedings against foreign members of the Unification Church who have lingered in the U.S. beyond their visa time.

The order would affect several hundred members of the controversial church, founded by the Rev. Sun Myung Moon, who are here from other nations, mainly Asia, to work in Unification Church activities in the U.S.

NEW COURT DECISION, GOP PLATFORM TRIGGER NEW SCHOOL PRAYER DEBATE. There are signs that the issue of prayer and meditation in public schools may be revived this year as a major topic of debate and action.

After three months of deliberation, a three-judge federal panel in Boston recently upheld the constitutionality of a Massachusetts law prescribing a moment of silent meditation or prayer in public schools.

The decision is expected to be appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court—a move welcomed by many prayer proponents who would like the Supreme Court to clarify its landmark rulings on school prayer in 1962 and 1963.

Meanwhile, the Republican Party's endorsement of a constitutional amendment to permit localities to conduct nonsectarian prayer in public schools has already generated some controversy.

National school prayer advocate Rita Warren, founder-president of the Christian Civil Liberties Union, said "a constitutional amendment isn't necessary because we already have the First Amendment." She is urging President Ford to call the Supreme Court to clarify and reconsider its 1962-63 decisions to allow for the free exercise of religion by children in the public schools who want to pray.
Does Revelation 13:8 teach predestination of individuals, particularly in light of the footnote in the “New International Version”?  

It is true that “from the foundation of the world” may be construed with “slain” or with “written.” The NIV gives the verse thus with the footnoted alternate reading (in italics here): “All inhabitants of the earth will worship the beast—all whose names have not been recorded [written] from the creation of the world in the book of life belonging to the Lamb that was slain.”  

This appears to accord with Revelation 17:8, “whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world.” However, Hebrews 9:26 and 1 Peter 1:20 speak of Christ’s suffering, like sin, as an intrusion in the creation of the world. However, Hebrews 9:26 and 1 Peter 1:20 speak of Christ’s suffering, like sin, as an intrusion in the creation of the world in the book of life.  

To suppose that God predestines specific individuals to eternal salvation is to ignore many passages of the Scriptures which speak of these conditions. (See, for example, Isaiah 55:7; Matthew 11:28; John 1:12; 3:16; 6:37; 8:31, 51; Romans 10:9; 1 Corinthians 15:1-2; Colossians 1:22-23; Hebrews 3:6; 2 Peter 1:10; 1 John 1:7-9.)  

The “book of life” is used only in Revelation and in Philippians 4:3. Where it occurs, it seems to refer to Christians. At conversion the Christian’s name is written in the “book of life,” from which there is always a possibility of its being blotted out because one fails to “overcome,” that is, because of disobedience (Revelation 3:5).  

Why does one who has lived faithfully for the Lord throughout his life have to suffer physically in his later years?  

This is one of the many areas of life where it is appropriate to say, I don’t know.  

Of one thing we can be sure—that suffering, like sin, is an intrusion in God’s universe. The all-loving God who is known in Jesus Christ has neither sent it, nor does He desire it. He obviously allows it.  

Our world seems to operate in accordance with certain laws of nature. These work sometimes for our good, sometimes for ill. Individual suffering is not necessarily the result of personal sin in one’s life. The point of the Book of Job is to teach otherwise. Jesus said, “The rain falls on the just and on the unjust.”  

We know that good people sometimes suffer. We know also that Christ enters into our suffering. When Paul asked for the removal of “a thorn in the flesh,” the answer came, “My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness.” Accepting this promise, the apostle added, “Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me” (2 Corinthians 12:9).  

What one does with his suffering is the key both to his spirit and to his ability to triumph over it. Someone has talked about the “advantages of disadvantages.” Suffering becomes an opportunity to become more reliant upon the Lord and less self-sufficient; develop a more Christlike spirit, for He also suffered; and to demonstrate the power of overcoming grace.  

Paul’s “prison Epistles” are beautiful examples of how one of God’s chosen servants handled suffering.  

Is there a verse of scripture which says that the Spirit of God will be removed from the earth after the Rapture? If so, will it be possible for persons to be saved?  

2 Thessalonians 2:7 has been interpreted in this way. The King James Version reads: “For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will, until he be taken out of the way.”  

The words “will let,” which is old English meaning “will hinder,” are not in the best texts and should be omitted. (This is the reason they are italicized in KJV). The verse might be rendered: “The mystery of lawlessness is already working [that is, secretly] until he who restraineth is removed.”  

When this occurs the mystery of lawlessness will be openly manifested. The topic being discussed is the “mystery of iniquity,” or lawlessness, which is already working. However, the man of sin will not appear until the restraining power is removed.  

The “man of sin” is the “man of lawlessness” in the best Greek texts. As early as the second century this referred to the “antichrist” of 1 John and the “beast” of Revelation. It probably suggests the Antichrist.  

In Paul’s day, the restraining power was considered to be the Roman Empire, or the forces of law and order. It has been identified as human rule, the conventions of civil rule, the prohibitions of society.  

It seems best to view it as referring to the Holy Spirit. More specifically, it probably suggests the Holy Spirit in the Church. Dr. Ralph Earle, in his helpful little book Behold, I Come, takes this position and states: “Since the Holy Spirit was sent to indwell believers, it may be supposed that He will be taken up with the Church.” This appears to assume that the Rapture of the Church will precede the reign of Antichrist and the period of the great tribulation.  

There is no reason to conclude that during this period one could not be saved. It may be safely claimed, however, that the power of lawlessness will be so great that one may scarcely hear the call of the Spirit. When the Church is absent, one of the obvious instruments of the Spirit will be removed.
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Annuitant deposits have now exceeded $3 million in the Nazarene Supplemental Retirement Program.

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This annuity is designed for all employees of the Church of the Nazarene. This includes pastors, associates, secretaries, and janitors as well as employees of a district, institutional, or general church organization.

Funds deposited in the Nazarene Supplemental Retirement Program after February 1, 1976, earn 9 percent interest. Funds deposited prior to that date earn 7½ percent interest. Interest is compounded annually. There is no charge as with other annuities, so interest is earned on every penny deposited.

Two of New Zealand's 10 churches are pastored by a brother and sister. Each was ordained during this quadrennium by General Superintendent V. H. Lewis. Rev. Miss Annette Taft was ordained in 1973 and her brother, David Taft, was ordained in 1975. Both of these young pastors are graduates of the Australia-New Zealand Bible College. The Taft family became charter members of the Auckland Dominion Road Church, the first Church of the Nazarene to be organized in New Zealand, in 1952. Mrs. Aileen Taft and her six children, two sons and four daughters, are all members. Pictured (l. to r.) are: Christine Taft, Mrs. Aileen Taft, Rev. David Taft, Mrs. David Taft, Dr. V. H. Lewis, Rev. Miss Annette Taft, and Rosaleen Taft.
Dr. V. H. Lewis presenting the ordination certificate to Rev. David Taft as his wife looks on. Rev. David Taft's first pastoral assignment was the Napier Church. Under his leadership the church was organized in 1974 with 9 charter members—5 of these received by profession of faith—and with a Sunday school enrollment of 70. In October of 1975, David accepted the pastorate of Christchurch Kerrs Road Church, a church of 43 members with a Sunday school that averages 75. He serves as the district NYI vice-president. David and his wife, Christine, were married in 1971 and are the parents of two children, Daniel and Darlene.

**FIRST DOCTOR OF MINISTRY SEMINAR HELD AT NTS**

Seven candidates attended the first Doctor of Ministry seminar on “Communicating the Gospel,” July 5-30, 1976, at Nazarene Theological Seminary in Kansas City. They are: Everett Baker, pastor in Roseburg, Ore.; Eunice Bryant, missionary to Guatemala, El Salvador, and returning to Peru; James Christy, pastor in Greeley, Colo.; Lebron Fairbanks, pastor in West Grove, Pa.; Tom Tinker, pastor in Joplin, Mo.; Ron Wilson, pastor in Cedar Falls, Ia.; and Dick Young, pastor in Shawnee, Kans.

The D.Min. program, which can be completed in two years, includes two month-long seminars each year, in addition to independent study and projects prepared for the seminary faculty. It is a professional degree designed to develop competence in ministry and is open to qualified seminary graduates after they have completed at least three years of experience.

Dr. Willard Taylor is the director of the program and dean of the seminary.

Lively discussion characterized the first D.Min. seminar. Pictured (l. to r.) are: Dick Young, Eunice Bryant, Dr. James McGraw (one of 12 resource people), Dr. Paul Orjala (who with Dr. Oscar Reed coordinated the seminar), Tom Tinker, and Ron Wilson (face hidden).

**OCTOBER BOOK OF THE MONTH**

**A Glad Reunion Day**

By Gene Van Note

Here is an excellent treatment of the subject of heaven, about which not much is written these days. This is not a theological analysis but an inspirational treatment. It puts death in the proper perspective and makes the hope of heaven meaningful.

The modern mind puts heaven in the category of “pie in the sky.” But to the Christian it is a bright reality. So absorbed are we in the struggles of the present that we don’t realize much that is in store for us “over there.” The hope of heaven is a spark that makes the Christian life worthwhile—that gives it eternal orientation.

Heaven is a place of fulfillment; “the temporary become permanent, needs are fully met, irritations are removed, limitations disappear, sorrows vanish, and salvation is completed.” But thoughts of heaven also point out the needs to be ready, so the warning note also is injected.

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IT WAS a wonderful privilege for my wife and I to attend our first General Assembly in Dallas. The Sunday morning Communion service was to us the spiritual highlight of our trip. But the greatest joy of our trip was received when we had the opportunity to lead a lost soul to Jesus Christ.

It happened on Thursday, our first day in Dallas. We were eating breakfast in the dining room of our motel. I became aware that the Holy Spirit was dealing with our waitress.

I began to share and lift up Christ. I told her there was something real to fill and satisfy the longing and emptiness of her soul.

She began to tell us some things from her past. At the age of 23 she was baptized and received into the membership of a church. For many years she pretended to be a Christian. Yet she became an alcoholic and a drug addict.

Recognizing her serious condition, she attended Alcoholics Anonymous. In desperation she went to a psychiatrist and spent $40.00 a visit. All was in vain!

We sensed the deep hunger of her soul and invited her to our motel room for prayer. She quickly assented. In our room I finished sharing the gospel with her, and then we all knelt and prayed. She truly repented of her sins and invited Christ into her heart.

It wasn’t long until God’s amazing grace filled her heart and soul. We began singing “Amazing Grace.” She lifted her hand in testimony, tears flowing down her cheeks.

As we returned to the dining room rejoicing, I said, “I must pay our check.”

She said, “No!”

So I said, “Let me give you a tip.”

She replied, “I just received the greatest tip of my life!”

“By All Means... Save Some”
Rev. Armand Doll

After one year and three weeks of imprisonment by the Mozambique government, without formal charges, Armand Doll, Nazarene missionary, was released.

He flew from Mozambique to Johannesburg, and from Johannesburg to New York City, arriving Sunday evening, September 19. He was met by his wife, Pauline; and Dr. Jerald Johnson, executive secretary of the Department of World Mission; Dr. George Coulter, general superintendent; and other church officials.

Hon. Alfonso Arenales, charge d'affaires of the U.S. State Department, was there to assist in final entry matters. As Armand and Pauline Doll, accompanied by Dr. Jerald Johnson and Alfonso Arenales, came through the door the crowd sang the Doxology and "Let's Just Praise the Lord." Missionary Doll asked them to sing "My Country, 'Tis of Thee," with special emphasis on "sweet land of liberty." More than 300 Nazarenes from the New York area and as far away as New England came to welcome Armand Doll home.

Hugh and Evelyn Friberg were there. Doll hugged them and called Hugh "my fellow prisoner." Rev. Doug Alexander and Mrs. Minnie Hope Singleton, on furlough from Mozambique, were also there. The retired missionaries at Casa Robles took an offering and paid Mrs. Singleton's way.

Rev. Doll expressed his gratitude and said it was great to be free. He wore a shirt, tie, and coat borrowed from Missionary Paul Hetrick in Johannesburg. Although he had no idea why he was released, like the Apostle Paul he is convinced "that the things which happened unto me have fallen out rather unto the furtherance of the gospel" (Philippians 1:12).

DOLL HOME SAFE

of Mozambique, Samora Machel, visited the prison. All the prisoners were marched into an open space and he addressed them. He questioned many. Finally, he looked towards Doll and said, "You, old man there, what is your name?"

The missionary replied, "My name is Armand Doll."

"Oh, yes," said Machel, "I have heard of your case."

Dr. Johnson knew on Friday afternoon, September 17, that Doll was about to be released. But he was requested by the State Department officials not to tell anyone until Doll was safely out of the country.

Hugh Friberg and Armand Doll embracing.

A projected itinerary for Rev. and Mrs. Armand Doll is planned for pre-Thanksgiving rallies to be held between October 15 and November 21.

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Rev. Doll will share his experiences with the entire church. Watch for dates, time, and exact location for the rally nearest you. Dr. and Mrs. William Vaughters from the Department of World Mission will accompany Rev. and Mrs. Doll.

-Dept. of World Mission

Dr. Johnson did phone Nazarene missionary Frank Howie in Johannesburg as soon as he got word and forbade him to tell anyone until Doll was out. When Doll's plane landed in Johannesburg, missionaries within reach sped to the airport, and there was glorious pandemonium for three hours.

At home in the U.S., phone calls expedited plans for meeting Doll in New York. United States Ambassador to the U.N. William Scranton, former governor of Pennsylvania, called Mrs. Pauline Doll to congratulate her. He said, "I know the word is not out yet; but I know you know, and I want to congratulate you."

During Rev. Doll's imprisonment, there were continuous negotiations by church leaders and the U.S. State Department to obtain his release.

At the time of his arrest, Nazarene missionary Hugh Friberg was also detained. Friberg was released April 19. Members of the Church of the Nazarene and others around the world had prayed earnestly for both men, and with greater intensity for Doll since Friberg's release.

The U.S. State Department and U.S. Ambassador Willard DePree gave the Doll case high priority. The DePree family, personally, and families of the embassy staff in Maputo, Mozambique, visited Rev. Doll and took food to him regularly.

Soon the church will hear and see Rev. Doll in person. He is certain the Word is still proclaimed in Mozambique and the labor of the years is not in vain.

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Pictured (l. to r.) are Mrs. Doll, Dr. George Coulter, Rev. Doll, and Dr. Jerry Johnson.
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