# Thankful Song

My thanks are due for shining things: For golden sun and dusk's blue wings; For desert stars, chrysanthemums, And sumac leaves like ripening plums; The flare of fires both red and gold; The white of snowdrifts deep and cold; My thanks for every breath I draw, For bounteous grace and love's good leaves

Christine White

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#### Telegrams . . .

Kankakee, Illinois-Wisconsin District, under leadership of Rev. D. J. Gibson, superintendent, has for the ninth consecutive year paid the edu-cational budget in full. The check was presented to Dr. Harold W. Reed, president of Olivet Nazarene College, in the annual distaint concention in the annual district convention at Racine First Church on October 23. Rev. Gibson is serving his first year as district superintendent. He has the enthusiastic co-operation of a loyal group of pastors and laymen.—J. W. Swearengen, Field Secretary, Olivet Nazarene College.

Pasadena, California—A wonderful revival is (October 24) sweeping Pasa-dena College campus. Tuesday morning without any preaching God broke in and 200 seekers filled altars and front seats; 75 more at night. Altars overcrowded Wednesday morning and over 125 forward Wednesday night. Thousands of prayers are being answered—to God be the glory! -Russell V. DeLong, President.

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It was a happy occasion when members and friends of the Hawthorne, California, church met to help Mr. and Mrs. John Felmlee celebrate their golden wedding anniversary. Brother Felmlee served as secretary of the Northern Indiana District for twenty years, and has signed the credentials of over one hundred preachers; for four years he served as a lay member of the General Board. He was a charter member of Chicago First Church when it was organized in 1904, and Mrs. (Minnie) Felmlee, joined the same church the next year. Mr. Felmlee has served as teacher or superintendent in the Sunday school for over fifty years. At present he is teacher of the Bible class at Hawthorne; also church treasurer and chairman of the building committee. Mrs. Felmlee has always been interested in the young people's and missionary work; she is treasurer of a local chapter of the N.F.M.S. Our new fellowship hall has been named "Felmlee Hall" by popular request, in honor of this wonderful Christian couple.

Rev. J. W. Henry, Nazarene minister, was guest of honor at a special party for him in celebration of his seventyfifth birthday. Members of the Redlands (California) church arranged the affair, with about one hundred people present. Special guests, as a surprise to Mr. Henry and his wife, were their daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. John G. Myers, of Pasadena. Mr. and Mrs. Henry came to Redlands Herald of Holíness November 13, 1957 Vol. 46, No. 37 Whole Number 2377

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about a year ago. He served the Southern California District for many years, and before that the Northern California District. In March of '58 he will have reached fifty-five years of service in the ministry. The special program included Mr. Henry's favorite scripture passages and songs presented by different members of the church.

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from the Office Editor's Desk

It was a special privilege for the office editor to be guest speaker on Sunday morning, October 27, in our church in Fort Scott, Kansas, where Rev. J. R. Smith and wife are the good pastors. Brother Smith is chairman of the Herald of Holiness subscription campaign for the new Joplin District (organized from the Kansas City District early in September). There were 192 in Sunday school, and the people gave a splendid response in the morning service to the Herald campaign. We were able to secure 51 subscriptions promptly, and I am sure within the next two weeks they will go well over their quota of 74, with some to spare.

One of our fine seminary couples, Bob and Lona Scal, drove down with us from Kansas City. Brother "Bob" led the singing, and sang a special. which was of much blessing to all our hearts. After a good dinner with the pastor and wife, we returned to Kansas City, reaching home in plenty of time to attend the evening service at our own church.

Thank God for the experience of heart holiness, for local pastors who preach the doctrine and live the experience, for our wonderful lay people who stand by and co-operate in every phase of our church program-including going "over the top" for the Herald of Holiness, that we might spread holiness "over these lands."-VELMA I. KNIGHT.

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# **A Prayer of** THANKSGIVING

By F. W. DAVIS

Dear Lord, I thank Thee for my life, The joys that come to me;

- That blessed hope I now possess
- That only comes from Thee.
- praise Thee for that peace and rest That linger in my soul

Since that great hour You came to me And made my spirit whole.

- I thank Thee, Lord, for health and friends,
  - Plus courage to succeed;
- For Thou, dear God, hast kept Thy word-

And well supplied my need. Oh, please accept my thanks to Thee.

For pardon and Thy love-And may I ever grateful be

Until I dwell above!

Thanksgiving—a Basic Personality Need

By LEWIS T. CORLETT President, Nazarene Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Missouri

Man is so constituted that he must live outside of himself to be healthy. God made him with both a capacity and an appreciation for beauty and values. To reach his greatest efficiency, man must express his appreciation for good, for blessings, for persons, and for God. To refuse, consciously or unconsciously, to give expression to this stifles his ambitions, warps his concept of values, reduces his sphere of usefulness, and limits God in bestowing the grace and benefits that He desires to pour out on His children.

The glory of a Christian is a victorious life in Christ. Nehemiah told his people that "the joy of the Lord is your strength." Anything that contributes to increasing "the joy of the Lord" in an individual's life is a necessity in Christian living. A spirit of gratitude, a purpose to appreciate values, and a program of expression of thankfulness, all contribute to release the inner capacities of man so that God can increase his joy.

The expression of thanksgiving is the best tonic for nervous tensions. Invariably an extremely nervous person gradually centers thoughts, imagination, and expressions in himself. Everything is interpreted and understood in the light of his fears, his tensions, and his symptoms. There is no hope for any lasting improvement until such a time as the person begins to sense others beside himself, to recognize the good and beauty around him, and to definitely plan to express appreciation and gratitude to God and man.

When God directed the writer in Holy Writ to say. "In every thing give thanks," He was not stating an arbitrary decree but was giving a law to man which can and should be his greatest source of health and happiness. Many persons with serious nervous disorders and some sick with psychosomatic diseases can cure themselves by beginning a program of looking for persons, things, and incidents to be grateful for and then expressing thanksgiving in every circumstance of life. Even if there is not a cure, this habit of life will improve the mental, spiritual, and physical condition greatly.

Man without the spirit and habit of thanksgiving soon becomes less than God planned for him. He closes his heart and mind to the riches of life; he impoverishes himself mentally and spiritually. He weakens himself physically, for complaining and a spirit of adverse criticism poison his physical constitution. God's directive to man, "In every thing give thanks," is more than a divine order; it is an absolute necessity for each person if he would live life at its highest point of efficiency. Thanksgiving Day is one of the many recognitions history presents of this basic law.

The spirit and habit of expressing thanksgiving is God's basic law for proper human relations. The tendency of an individual is to magnify the disagreeable in the life of the one with whom he is at variance. The stronger the differences become, the less good the person can detect in the life and character of his opposer. As this grows he becomes prejudiced and biased in his judgment of the person. God's method for His children is for each one always to look for the good and beneficial in the other person and make this the first consideration in the evaluation and judgment of the members of the group.

Often the members of the church are much more kindly in their attitude to those outside the church than to their fellow members. This feeling has a tendency to magnify the faults and shortcomings of each other and soon the church is a group of dissatisfied, bickering, faultfinding people. As this spirit continues, the church is handicapped, if not thwarted, in the work for Christ in the community and it often causes many persons to throw away their confidence and leave God and the church out of their lives.

Thanksgiving is the secret of a strong Christian home. Marriage is based on love as a principle, an affection, and an emotion. Any principle, affection, or emotion must be renewed by continual choices or it will lose the primacy of control. Mutual appreciation of one another binds man and wife, parents and children together. The good points of character are emphasized, the home has an atmosphere of thanksgiving, the mood is one of confidence in the desire of each to help all, the home becomes a place where God can pour out of His blessings for the good of all. Divorce would rarely if ever break up a home if the members of the home appreciated each other and gave expression to that gratitude. God not only commands men to be thankful; He also challenges them to excel in this virtue.

Man must worship to be satisfied and useful. Gratitude is the primary element of worship. Unless an individual has a strong feeling of thankfulness he will find it difficult to worship God privately or publicly. The stronger the sense of gratefulness, the easier it is to pray, the better one can sense the will of God, the keener the perception of truth, and the greater the awareness of God in daily life. A church composed of grateful persons is a victorious church, anxious for opportunities to serve God and man, appreciative of all blessings from God and man, and good examples of what God can do for persons in this wicked and perverse generation. This attitude of thanksgiving makes it easier for the minister to preach, the singers to sing, and it produces an atmosphere where it is attractive to people to seek to be saved or sanctified. A church controlled with the spirit of thanksgiving becomes an invincible part of God's army.

The spirit and expression of gratitude is a must in this day of pressure, strain, and heartache. It enables man to draw nearer to God, provides God with a better channel through which to release His blessings, and counteracts the spirit of greed, selfcenteredness, resentment, and hatred in the world. Best of all, the child of God becomes more useful for God and His Church as he expresses thanks to God and to man.

### NOTICE

### To All Our Ministers Who Have Not Signed for Social Security as Ministers

The President has recently signed a bill which extends the time until April 15, 1959, for a district licensed or ordained minister to elect coverage in the social security program. The bill also provides that those who sign during this period of extension must pay the social security tax on taxable income retroactive through January 1, 1956.

The new minister still has approximately a two-year period after he becomes a minister to elect the coverage.

> BOARD OF PENSIONS T. W. Willingham Executive Secretary



when serious inness strikes, a missionary is faced with a real financial emergency. I have seen the General Budget come to the rescue of many veteran workers who have forfeited their health in the line of duty on foreign mission fields and have looked to the church for assistance.

Medical aid is not guaranteed in the Foreign Missions Policy, but it has been the practice of the Department of Foreign Missions for many years to consider the emergency medical needs of the missionaries and to offer financial aid on an equitable basis to all missionaries.

"With our September pension check," wrote Peter Kiehn from Taipei, Taiwan, Free China, on September 6, 1957, "we received an additional one hundred and ninety dollars to cover hospital and doctor fees incurred during my recent illness. We feel most grateful to our board for this generous gift and we thank you." Thus your General Budget helps to meet the emergency medical needs of the missionaries.

Within the past year Rev. and Mrs. P. L. Beals, veteran missionaries to India, have deeply appreciated extra General Budget assistance. For the seven hundred and eighty-eight dollars forwarded to them from General Budget funds for medical needs, they are grateful to each of you. Through your giving, the General Budget comes to their assistance in a time of great emergency in their lives. Thousands of people are praying for a miracle of divine healing in Sister Beals's present circumstance.

Mrs. Mozella Davis served the church faithfully for twenty-three years before retirement in 1945. She went to her eternal reward on August 15, 1957. While she was seriously ill last spring and summer, having had twenty-three blood transfusions, we were able to write as follows: "It has been a pleasure for the Department of Foreign Missions to send \$792.45 toward your current medical emergency."

In this way the General Budget is the "flesh and blood" of world evangelism. This is, of course, just one of the numerous avenues of service through which your General Budget giving has been a part of the Great Commission. Literally thousands of pressing field needs are met each year as the General Budget goes into action.

Keep these mighty acts current. We must not

arrive with "too little-too late." The Thanksgiving Offering is a grand opportunity for you to share the gospel with a lost world.

Poetry

for

**REMISS REHFELDT** Foreign Missions Secretary

We should use our money as though we were God's banker.-John Stockton.

Thanksgiving **By JEAN LEATHERS PHILLIPS** The Psalmist sang with thankfulness When life was filled with cares. The Master prayed with gratitude For heard and answered prayers. With grateful praise our hearts we lift To Thee, our Sun and Shield, **My Thanks** Our Source of all that's good and right In life, in sea, in field. By ENOLA CHAMBERLIN Our saving Friend, our House of Rest, I thank You, God, for beauty: Our living Drink and Bread,

Without whom earthly wealth is dust And life a vale of dread!

With bounteous hand the year is blest With gain from field and tree. For these, Thy gifts, and for thyself, We lift our thanks to Thee.

# **Give Thanks!**

#### By OVELLA SATRE SHAFER

Oh, give God thanks and praise, Creator, Blesser of our days! 'Tis He provides the air we breathe; He sends the rain that we receive, Gives us the sunshine bright and pert, Makes beauty grow from blackest dirt. Our God created birds and flowers And then formed man to bless His hours. Let's offer thanks for joys of earth, For this dear country of our birth.

Oh, give God thanks and praise, Creator, Blesser of our days! 'Tis He provides the "double cure," The blood of Christ, that makes us pure. He hears our prayers-sends us replies; Forgives, protects, and sanctifies. Our God sends mercies, small and great; The list's too long to tabulate. Just now let's pause-fall on our faces Before a God of love and graces!

For a flaming maple tree, For the sunrise on a mountain, For the sunset on the sea. I thank You, God, for music:

For the crystal songs of birds, For children's happy laughter, For a loved one's cheery words.

I thank You, God, I thank You, Day by day and year on year, For eyes to see Your beauty And for ears with which to hear.

### Questions **By EDNA HAMILTON**

Shall pumpkins, turkey, trimmings, And football in the air Make up our Thanksgiving Here . . . and everywhere?

These are all nice pleasantries But none are ours to claim. Ultimately all things Are in His precious name.

Are we glad for the moment The Pilgrims claimed our sod? Do our hearts hold thanks . . . giving Genuine thanks to God?

Mary of Bethany expressed her gratitude to Jesus by giving her most costly possession—perfume. Let us express our thanks by giving a sacrificial gift for the Thanksgiving Offering, November 24.—Dean Wessels.

# "GRATITUDE Is the Memory of the Heart" By KATHERINE BEVIS

Someone has said, "Thinking much of small mercies will help us to forget small miseries." There are those persons who think that prayers are only requests, asking God for what we want. God knows what we need before we even ask.

A part of our prayer time should be spent in thanking God for what He has already done for us. And the more we think about the blessings He gives us, the more we feel like thanking Him. Thankless persons are thoughtless persons!

There is the story told of a country which suffered very much for want of rain. The brooks dried up, the trees were drooping, the crops were wilting, the grass was scorched, and the earth cracked open. One day the people all met in the church and prayed that God would send rain. The prayer was answered, and soon the refreshing showers came. The people were very happy because of the relief. But there was one little boy who was not happy like all the rest. He was troubled about something. He went to his mother and said: "Mother, when are they going to have a 'thank-you meeting?"

His mother did not understand and asked him what he meant. "Why," said the child, "when there was no rain, all the people met to pray God to send rain. And now He has sent it, but they are not meeting to thank Him. Why are they not having this meeting?"

It is not enough that we give thanks on Thanksgiving Day, but we ought to thank God every day. We ought to have a thankful spirit at all times, and give thanks to God always! "In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you" (I Thessalonians 5:18).

We are not to just give thanks for everything, but *in* everything. In our thinking as well as in our words and our actions we must give thanks. Thinking and thanking come from the same root. Only the thoughtful are thankful. The late Charles E. Jefferson once said, "Gratitude is one of the celestial plants which grow in the soil of meditation. It is only when we lay our mind upon a mercy and allow it to remain there for a while that the mind passes into a grateful mood. It is when we run over the list of loving-kindnesses which have been showered upon us that we become able to say: 'Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name' (Psalms 103)."

A deaf and dumb girl, known for her beautiful, sweet spirit, was asked to define the word gratitude. With such a handicap many of us would have found it difficult to give any definition. This was her answer, "Gratitude is the memory of the heart."

If we are to truly thank God on that day set aside for us to celebrate Thanksgiving Day we need to begin to think now. As someone has said, "Thinking will issue in thanking when memory does its perfect work."

A happy and thinking Thanksgiving to all!



Religious News Service Photo

This little lad is proud of the Bible he is holding, for it is his own, a gift from his mother, and he has learned to love it. But there are thousands of Negro homes without Bibles in the United States. The Church of the Nazarene has responded to the challenge God has given us to win them to Christ and establish a genuine holiness church among them. There are now over 600 Negro Nazarenes in the United States and this work is the most encouraging it has ever been. The cost of holding revival meetings, training pastors, securing property, and supvorting the beginning churches is provided by the General Budget. This work and the work among the Chinese on the West Coast are under the Department of Home Missions.

> Remember November 24 . . . Give Thankfully!



By Ellen Rittenburg Follett

Holidays are the outgrowth of historical happenings. Thanksgiving Day, one of America's oldest holidays, is a fusion of history and religion. Although the religous significance is sometimes overshadowed by a spirit of feasting and merrymaking, the name of the day itself implies gratitude for goodness and mercy.

Throughout the ages man has revealed a spirit of thanksgiving. The Hebrews were undoubtedly the first to express gratitude nationally by observing the Feast of Tabernacles. Greeks and Romans gaily celebrated harvest festivals in honor of Demeter and Ceres, their respective deities of agriculture and harvest. In more modern times the English commemorated Harvest Home, which was established by the Saxons in 827. Such forerunners of this holiday, however, lacked the true spirit of Christian gratitude of our American institution.

Thanksgiving was originally observed in October, 1621, at the first harvest of the Pilgrim exiles. Unprepared, they had suffered cold, starvation, sickness, and death, during the long, unexpected rigors of winter. Hope, renewed by spring planting, was rewarded by a bounteous harvest. Governor Bradford of the Plymouth colony officially announced a day of rejoicing and thanksgiving. Democratically the colonists invited the friendly Massasoit and his ninety braves as guests of honor. At sunrise on the appointed day Captain Standish signaled the Indians by a cannon shot. With weird shouts they answered the summons. Gathered about rude tables, under leafless trees, they feasted upon the famous turkey, venison, fish, wild fruits, vegetables, and pastries. But the importance of that first Thanksgiving was not so much the feast as it was a time of giving thanks to God for what He had given them. They

One who does not believe in foreign missions does not believe that God calls missionaries. God calls missionaries, but "how can they go, except they be sent?" We can send more if we give a sincere expression of our love in the Thanksgiving Offering.—Ray Hance. felt dependence upon God and knew, because of their faith and trust in Him, all hardships would be worked out.

Days of feasting or thanksgiving were proclaimed frequently among the colonists. During the Revolutionary War the Continental Congress appointed thanksgiving days upon some important victories. President Washington issued a proclamation recommending November 26, 1789, as a day of thanksgiving for a government which made for peace and happiness.

In spite of these first national celebrations Thanksgiving was observed almost exclusively in the New England states; there it became known as a family or reunion festival. Gradually the custom spread west and south, in spite of indifference or opposition to this "piece of Puritan bigotry."

In 1789 the Episcopal church and later the Catholic church recognized the authority of the government to appoint days for thanksgiving. Many states followed the example of Governor Johns of Virginia, who in 1855 ordered the state legislature to set aside a day for this purpose. Nevertheless, the celebration was not general nor permanent.

Thanksgiving as a national holiday was revived during the presidency of Abraham Lincoln. It was made possible by the eleverness of one woman, Mrs. Sarah Joseph Hale, Philadelphia. She sent, without any word of comment, a copy of Washington's thanksgiving proclamation issued in 1789. Lincoln characteristically took the hint and in 1864 appointed the last Thursday in November as a day of thanksgiving. Thus he became the example for all successive presidents. The president's proclamation is usually followed by one issued by each governor. Throughout the nation business is suspended as folk meet in union church services or a visit home.

A religious atmosphere pervades the day as Americans pay tribute to those daring pioneers who, with undaunted courage and faith in divine providence, established our nation. The day is also a reminder that we too have many blessings for which to thank our Heavenly Father, and we ought to give, in gratitude, our lives in service to Him. THANKFUL



in a Troubled World

#### By ALPIN P. BOWES, Home Missions Department

It is not difficult for one who lives in some areas of the world today to be thankful. He enjoys freedom, prosperity, leisure, means for physical health, inventions for his personal convenience, and entertainment to a degree that the world has never before known. Further, his cities and homes are free from the ravages of war. One does not have to be a Christian to enjoy the privileges of a civilization built on principles of Christian truth and the blood of patriots who risked their lives and many times met death in facing a tyrant or standing firm for a conviction.

#### **Basis for Thanksgiving**

But of all persons, the Christian has the most for which to be thankful. "Both riches and honour come of thee, and thou reignest over all: and in thine hand is power and might; and in thine hand

### First Corinthians 15:57

#### By E. WAYNE STAHL

- Who truly has the happiest Thanksgiving Day? 'Tis he who by his life and with his lips will say, "Thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory Through Christ!" More blissful gladness there can never be.
- He is himself the mighty Saviour's conquest; so
- The conquered is the conqueror, where'er he go. Oh, holy, glorious paradox, for his surrender
  - Puts in his soul transcendent, supernatural splendor!
- The Victim, who became the Victor, crucified.
- Must rise and in death's darkness could not long abide.
  - With the redeemed He shares His own bright victory;
- A sweet interior triumphing that soul will see, Chained to his Conqueror's chariot, which is "paved with love."
- He knows a royal triumphing, like that above,
  - Where all the saved of earth forevermore will sing

Their gratitude to great Immanuel, their King. And so I feel I speak the truth when I sincerely say That such a soul has happiest Thanksgiving Day! it is to make great, and to give strength unto all. Now therefore, our God, we thank thee, and praise thy glorious name" (I Chronicles 29:12-13).

A Christian is thankful for salvation through Christ. The first reaction of some to such a statement is that the Christian is selfish; yet he is not. For one who was dead and now is alive, who was lost and now is found, who was blind and now can see—is it selfish to rejoice? These are figurative expressions for a reality that is equally vivid. The Christian has found forgiveness in place of inner condemnation. No longer does it seem that he is being pulled apart by the opposing demands of inner conflicts; his life possesses a unifying purpose he never before knew. Over and beyond the marvelous fact of salvation is the Object of salvation— Christ is real and lives within.

A Christian is thankful for a transformation of human relationships. Unselfish love is not native to the natural man; the one who receives a favor must be on guard against the ulterior purpose. All this is changed when Christ reigns supreme in the human heart. Relations within the family, among friends and neighbors, in employer-employee situations, and with those who don't like us or who are our enemies are transformed by a divine love that has possessed us. Jealousy, envy, and selfishness cannot survive in His presence.

A Christian is thankful for the fellowship of the saints. To become a Christian is to join a great family of like-hearted people. The joys of Christian fellowship within the Christian family are an unexpected by-product for the one who was seeking originally the cure for a sinful heart. And those who have not experienced it do not understand the strength and blessing of corporate worship.

A Christian is thankful that he has a share in God's work of making the world Christian. Within the heart of every true Christian is born the desire to serve his Christ and Lord. It is at this point that my thanksgiving becomes an awareness of responsibility. "I am debtor."

#### The Penetration of Trouble

How is this responsibility focused? Our world is torn by the threat of war and the horrors of possible destruction through nuclear weapons. The secret of the power wrapped up in God's universe, in the hands of unregenerate men, may destroy all that man has been able to achieve in centuries of the growth of knowledge. My contribution and my knowledge about diplomatic relations-even my understanding of the fundamental issues between nations-is meager. I applaud and pray for the United Nations and every human effort to postpone a global conflict that may be inevitable; but a Christian on his knees with his Bible sees more than the skilled diplomat. He sees that God has not abdicated the throne of the universe and that men cannot defeat or thwart His ultimate purpose. He sees beyond the things of time and space to an eternal city where there will be no more war. The Christian shares in the reconciliation of the world to God with a weapon that is greater than atom bombs-prayer. I am thankful for this opportunity in a troubled world.

In my own land I see the evidences of sin in juvenile and parental delinquency, crime, vice, broken homes, drunkenness, immorality, and the perversion of life's assets and goals. There are conflicts within industry, labor, government, and over racial differences. These results of sin and these conflicts are never found in the abstract, but only in association with people in situations where God's redeeming grace has not been allowed to penetrate.

I cannot escape my participation in the human race nor my responsibility to the sinner and potential delinquent, for I have surrendered to that which—or rather, Him who—alone can give victory over sin. "O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death? I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord...." (Romans 7:24-25).

In the area of conflicts, I likewise have a responsibility, for I have found a Presence through whom every conflict may be resolved. Where I have opportunity for contact with sinners and situations of conflict, I may let Christ's presence be revealed through me in a love that bridges opposing prejudices—a love that will be used by Christ to bring healing and redemption. In situations that are beyond my reach, there is again the instrument of prayer.

#### Thankfulness in Trouble

Thanksgiving is usually equated with joy, but being a Christian does not exempt one from sorrow and trial in a troubled world. He is human and subject to illness, disease, disappointment, accident, and death. He is tried by circumstances, people, and Satan. Yet even in the midst of a seeming conspiracy of disaster the Christian is aware of a oneness with God's will and purpose and on this foundation he can say with Samuel, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us" (I Samuel 7:12). In such faith and confidence the Christian is thankful in a troubled world. His faith is resting on a foundation that is eternal.

# NEWS in PICTURE



REV. A. J. LOWN, Lisburn, North Ireland (right), and M. Lunn watch the large offset press at the publishing house, which is running over two million copies of the special issue of the fiftieth anniversary "Herald of Holiness."

# I GIVE GOD THANKS!

#### **By KATHRYN BLACKBURN PECK**

I give God thanks for sweet content In blessings that His love has sent: The sunshine and the rain; His mercy, boundless, without measure; The love of precious friends to treasure; Bright wayside blossoms for our pleasure, And rest that follows pain.

I give God thanks for eyes to see The lighted path He grants to me, And for the pow'r of thought; For truth in darkness ever shining; For clouds of storm with silver lining; For sweet home ties my life entwining; For patience Time has taught.

I give God thanks for faith that knows Calm follows every wind that blows

As dawning follows night. And comfort from this truth I borrow— Earth's darkest day with all its sorrow Shall seem as naught in God's tomorrow Where all is peace and light.

I give God thanks for prayer that wings Beyond all dull and transient things. I thank Him that He sees My joy in His divine indwelling, Praise to His name my heart outswelling With deep devotion past all telling. I give God thanks for these! MUSIC

#### IT WAS the day before Thanksgiving in a modern and homey kitchen, and

Mary Lou Lane was preparing her first Thanksgiving dinner-the first in her own home, at least, for she had been married but six short months. She already had the turkey and dressing in the oven and now her nimble fingers were busy fashioning a pumpkin pie crust. She was happy, oh, so happy, this Thanksgiving! She had such a wonderful Christian husband, and a fine class of junior girls in the new Church of the Nazarene just organized at Hill Crest. Her heart felt so light that almost unconsciously she burst into song. Since Indian summer was still in the air with the sun's warm, penetrating rays, and also since her kitchen was small, she had left the door ajar and her melodious voice floated out into the street. Mr. Knight paused to listen as he was passing by and heard these words:

When upon life's billows you are tempest-tossed, When you are discouraged, thinking all is lost, Count your many blessings, name them one by one, And it will surprise you what the Lord hath done.

Count your blessings, name them one by one:

Count your blessings, see what God hath done!

Count your blessings, name them one by one;

Count your many blessings, see what God hath done!

Mr. Knight stumbled on down the street muttering to himself, "Count your blessings, indeed— I wonder what mine are. Surely not wealth." But just then a vision of his Christian mother flashed before his face and his cynical smile vanished as he further thought of his Christian wife and baby son who had been snatched from him to enter the glories of heaven. Could these be blessings? he

The "power" of the gospel of Jesus Christ has motivated millions to lay down their lives, unnumbered young people to consecrate their lives, and hardened enemies to love one another. It is the world's best and only hope! How can anyone be ashamed of the gospel of Christ?—Ruth Williams Crooks.

# **MEMOETTES**

#### By Ovella Satre Shafer

mused as his face grew more thoughtful. Yes, treasures in heaven they were. Tears came to the eyes of Mr. Knight as the song's meaning brought back stirring recollections. As he went down the street, it seemed that his old bitterness somehow had left him and a new-found peace crept into his heart as he hummed and sang phrases of Charlotte Elliott's

Just as I am, without one plea But that Thy blood was shed for me, ... O Lamb of God, I come! I come!

Mary Lou's neighbor, Mrs. Archie Wade, across the street, listened to the second stanza as Mary Lou sang on:

Are you ever burdened with a load of care? Does the cross seem heavy you are called to bear? Count your many blessings; ev'ry doubt will fly, And you will be singing as the days go by.

Mrs. Wade shut the door with a slam, saying, "She has nothing to do now but sing and count her blessings. Wait until three or four years from now-then we'll see." Still she couldn't get away from the thought—"Count your many blessings, name them one by one"— in spite of the fact that she had closed the door. "Well, we have our home, such as it is, and paid for. Fred and the children are well and Fred has had a raise recently. Come to think of it, guess I should count my blessings." Right then and there Mrs. Wade found the words of the song held a new meaning and she tried to hum the tune as she continued her morning tasks.

Johnnie Paxson, Mrs. Lane's paper boy, out collecting, stepped on the porch and listened to her singing this stanza—he did not knock until after she had finished it—

So amid the conflict, whether great or small, Do not be discouraged: God is over all. Count your many blessings: angels will attend, Help and comfort give you to your journey's end.

He knew Mrs. Lane from Sunday school; in fact, she had been the first one to invite him to Hill Crest Church of the Nazarene. He had no encouragement from home, and he had been rather discouraged. These thoughts entered his mind: Didn't everything go wrong last Sunday? I tried every way I could to bring my mother and dad to church. Yes, but I did manage to get Joan and Ours is a world mission. Give gratefully and generously to the Thanksgiving Offering.—M. Lunn.

Jim, my little sis and brother, out—and they liked it a lot and want to go again—guess these are blessings. Then he mumbled further, "At Trail Blazers I had the time of my life and I've gained five new customers on my paper route this week yes, I need to count up my blessings."

The pumpkin pie was finished, and so was Mary Lou's song, as far as she knew. But three souls had touched their Maker that day—no, four, for the singer had too. Little did Johnson Oatman, a Methodist Episcopal minister, know when he authored the song in 1897 that it would live on through the years to bless thousands, not only during the Thanksgiving season, but whenever this song is sung by grateful hearts the world over. Surely song writing, songs, and singing are all a part of God's divine plan!

# MY FRIEND

#### By MARIAN L. KNORR

When heartaches come and tears must fall, I know on whom I need to call. Jesus is the Friend who'll hear And understand it all.

When I blunder, try and fail, On His mercy I can prevail. Jesus wipes the tears away And doth all my fears assail.

When bleak and cold I feel the world, When Satan's darts are fiercely hurled— I will comfort, heal, and cheer." Jesus whispers, "I am near;



## "We Would See Jesus"

By ROBERT E. HARDING

Pastor, First Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota

When the Greeks came to the disciples of Jesus with this inquiry they were expressing the desire of all mankind.

The man who wants nothing to do with religion does not necessarily mean that he wants nothing to do with Christ. In all probability he is thinking of someone who has failed to exemplify the spirit of Christ. In fact, he is likely still crying out in the deep recesses of his heart, "Oh, that I could see Jesus!"

To those who profess the name of Christ, may this serve as a reminder that our first task is to *re-present* Christ. He is to live through us. We are to manifest His spirit of love, compassion, forbearance, sympathetic understanding, and sweetness of spirit. We must love the sinner and at the same time not condone the sin. We must stand up for Christ and righteousness, yet at the same time we must always be courteous and kind. People within the Church and without are saying, "We would see Jesus."

To those who say, "We would see Jesus," may this serve as an admonition to look to Jesus. Quit looking at people, when you *can* "see Jesus." Your whole outlook (yes! and your spirit within) will change when you actually do look to Jesus. Others may have their faults, but the fault of looking at them instead of to Christ is yours. Oh! that "we would see Jesus"!

### Thoughts on Thanksgiving

Thanklessness—"But where are the nine?" (Luke 17:17) Here we have the climax of the story of a classical example of thanklessness. Ten hopeless lepers stood afar off and cried: "Master, have mercy on us." Jesus heard their pleading and healed them; but only one, a Samaritan, came back to thank Him. The ingrates were nine to one.

The sin of ingratitude is one of the most common. Gratitude, "a warm and friendly feeling," does not easily well up in the heart of the sinner, who is naturally selfish. Worse still, the Christian sometimes falls short at this point. The kindness which others show him is too often carelessly passed by without any feeling of appreciation. And often when there is gratitude we fail to give expression to it. There is never a word nor deed which reveals what is in our hearts. How recently was it that you failed to say, "Thank you," or some other word or deed which would have saved you from apparent ingratitude? Perhaps this is more true of our attitude toward God's blessings than toward what our fellow men do for us. Thanksgiving Day is at hand -a time when we are especially to thank God for His goodness and mercy. "O give thanks unto the Lord."

Deeds as well as words may be expressions of thankfulness. We can manifest our appreciation to God by what we do as well as by what we say. Thanksgiving presents Nazarenes an opportunity to give a special offering to God. It is wonderful the way our people have brought in their gifts from year to year at Thanksgiving. This offering helps in meeting our needs at home and abroad. It will mean the salvation of sinners and the sanctification of believers. How thankful will you be to God this year for His manifold blessings to you? What you give will be the measure of your thankfulness. Remember every gift, large or small, will count. God will take note. He will see the spirit of gratitude which prompted the gift.

Man is the thanks-giver. Thanksgiving Day is a day when men give thanks unto God: finite, mortal men, men who are dependent upon God for so much. They are the creatures who are to meet in their churches on Thanksgiving Day or at Thanksgiving time and render thanks unto God. Animals know nothing about the sentiment of gratitude and have but meager ways of expressing their appreciation to those who are their masters. Not so with men: they are persons, they have the power of speech, and the gift of action on a personal level, and they can celebrate Thanksgiving Day as no other part of God's creation can. Thanksgiving Day, from one viewpoint, is man's day: man's day to catch up on his thanksgivings. Let us, then, as the climax of God's creative activity and those who are in the fold of Christ, especially thank God on this occasion and try to make up for our past failures, our carclessness in expressing to Him our thanks for what He has done for us.

God is the Giver of every good and perfect gift; He is the Source of our existence. Not only did He create us, but He sustains us day by day. Further, He is a holy God, and is interested in doing for us that which is beneficial, which helps and blesses us, which enlarges our vision and gives more meaning and value to life. It is not enough for us as men to say, "Thank you," to each other; we must especially say, "Thank You," to God. We should



give a Godward thrust to Thanksgiving Day. It is men who give the thanks, but it is God to whom the thanks are given on this His special day. Paul's "Thanks be unto God" sets the ideal for us. We as Christian men and women should have genuine appreciation, or gratitude, in our hearts for the blessings which God has bestowed upon us. More than that, we should give expression to this "warm and friendly feeling" which takes possession of us.

We have so much to thank God for from the standpoint of our salvation. We should never cease to thank Him for saving us from our sins and cleansing us from our sin. Our role here as a thanks-giver is a never-ending one. No wonder we have our testimony and praise meetings, when we not only sing the praises of God because of what He has done for us in salvation, but also we stand up and testify, or witness, to His saving grace. While this is true, we must remember that the regular Thanksgiving Day which we celebrate annually is especially slanted toward material blessings. It is in the fall of the year, after the crops have been gathered, and it was started by our forefathers in order to major on thanking God for His manifold material blessings.

We must never forget that we are in debt to God for the material as well as the spiritual blessings of life. If it were not for His rain and sunshine, there would not be the plenteous crops which we have. We are told that in raising a corn crop God does 95 per cent of the work and man only 5 per cent; we couldn't get along without the 95 per cent. It is fitting, then, that we have each year not only a special day on which to thank God for His material blessings, but it is also proper and right that every time we sit down at the table to partake of a meal we give thanks to God. If He should withhold His rain long enough, all of us would soon be in the bread line.

Especially should we Americans thank God for His material blessings, for we are embarrassed by the plentiful crops which we have. One of the problems which face us today is the oversupply of foodstuffs which is ours. No other people on the earth have so much of plenty, from the material standpoint, as we have. If any nation ever had a Thanksgiving Day, America ought to have one; and if any nation ever made much of a Thanksgiving Day, we in America ought to make much of it—



thanks expressed by men unto God, especially for the material blessings which He bestows.

### I Believe in the Organized Church

I believe in the Church, the organized Christian Church–denominations with their local churches and rolls of membership. This belief is mine, first, because I was reared in such an organization. My parents and most of my relatives grew up in the Church. For fifty years now my name has been on some church roll. In all of these contacts with the organized Church, I have been impressed with it as an agency working for the kingdom of God. The Church has had a checkered history, but it has definitely made a contribution to those who have been a part of it and to the world as a whole. I thank God for the organized Church, and I believe in it more today than ever before. I am glad that I have had the honor of being a part of the organized Church for so many years.

Second, I believe in the organized Church because the New Testament tells us about a number of churches—the church at Corinth, Ephesus, Thessalonica, Rome, Jerusalem, and many other places, all organized in the early days of Christianity. We have every reason to believe, as we read the New Testament, that these local churches made a contribution to the work of God in that day. Paul, Peter, James, John, and the other apostles believed in the organized Church. Church history is a story of the organized Church. No one can read the New Testament or Church history and doubt that there have been organized churches The depth of our consecration can, in a measure, be gauged by how deep we reach into our pockets and contribute to the Thanksgiving Offering.—*M. Lunn.* 

We should all give generously and sacrificially to express our abundant thanks this Thanksgiving.—Dean Wessels.

from the beginning. They have been created by men under the leadership of the Holy Spirit.

Third, I believe in the organized Church because of its responsibility, not only for those who belong to the fellowship, but also as to those we hope to bring into the fellowship. In other words, the work of the Kingdom can best be perpetuated by organized churches—churches which have pastors, members, and membership rolls.

Again, I believe in the organized Church because the spirit and teachings of Christianity can be best preserved by such organizations. Here, even those who say they do not believe in the organized Church and do not want any church rolls more or less move in that direction if they accomplish anything worthwhile. Organization is necessary for the growth and development of the Church. There cannot be organization without denominations, and that implies local churches with their organization, church rolls, and accepted doctrines.

I would go even further and say that I believe every Christian ought to have his name down on some church roll! Take your stand and let the world know that you are not only a Christian but that you believe in organized Christianity. This indicates that you are willing to take your part of the responsibility and share with others effectively in the conquest of souls. Wars are not carried on successfully without organization, and the war against sin, the devil, and hell, cannot be forwarded as it should be without organization.

*P.S.* But I hear someone say that these organized churches have sinners in them. They are not perfect. You are correct in this claim. The Christian churches in this world cannot be equated with the invisible Church, the body of Christ. There will always be some on their membership rolls who are backsliders or perhaps slipped in without being Christians. Nevertheless, the organized Christian churches are in divine order. They provide the best means for holding up the banner of Christianity. I believe in the organized Christian Church!

The Thankful Heart

#### By Evangelist E. E. WORDSWORTH

Out of it [the heart] are the issues of life (Proverbs 4:23).

The real basis of true gratitude is found in the infinite love of God for mankind. How wonderful is God's love—unfathomable, redeeming, saving, keeping, eternal! God is gracious in mercy and compassion. His love is as boundless as the sea, as eternal as the throne of God, and as wide and universal as the throne of God, and as wide and universal as the whole human race. And gratitude is the full response of the soul toward its God; to Christ, God's Son, for His redemptive scheme: to the blessed Holy Spirit for His operations in the hearts and lives of men; and for the divine Book, the Bible, as our Compass and Chart along life's way.

Too often we limit our expression of thanksgiving to gifts received, and in particular our material blessings. For these we should render praise to our kind Heavenly Father, but the thankful heart is not so circumscribed; in weal or woe, in joy or pain, in sunshine or shadow, in night or day, in plenty or impoverishment—it finds cause for heartfelt rejoicing and praise.

A radio commentator at a Thanksgiving season was heard to ask: "Were you ever thankful for clean sheets?" "Foolish question," you say. Wait a moment, please. The announcer went on, "The common items in our homes that most of us consider necessities would be luxuries in some countries. A lot of people sit on the floor," he remarked. Look around at the electric clock, the upholstered furniture, the comfortable chairs, the electric appliances, the warm rugs, the modern inventions, the cars, the lovely homes! And then remember that millions of earth's vast population do not have so much as a clean sheet and not even a bed upon which to rest at night.

Obeying God, seeking His will, and following His directions brings a harvest as certainly as a life of wickedness. The glory of the fruits of righteousness is that they increase more and more to personal benefits and to the glory of God and the upbuilding of His kingdom.—Lewis T. Corlett. Then the commentator told a story that deserves repetition. There was a certain minister who had in his parish a poverty-stricken widow, aged and alone. She lived in a little hut out on the edge of town. Her income was very meager, so kind friends sometimes supplemented her scanty supply of food. There were times in their hurry, however, when they forgot all about the old lady and her troubles. But she was always cheerful and had a kind word for everyone.

Thanksgiving time came around, and it was bitter-cold. As he watched the busy preparations for dinner in his home, the minister thought of the little old widow down at the edge of town, and decided to share his dinner with her. His wife prepared a basket of good things and the minister set forth for the widow's house.

When he arrived, he knocked loudly, but there was no response. Knowing that his parishioner was quite deaf, he opened the door and walked in, intending to call to her. But he heard a voice, so he tiptoed to the kitchen to see if she had company.

There sat the little widow, at the humble kitchen table, with a bowl of thin soup and a handful of soda crackers. She was saying grace at her Thanksgiving dinner. "Dear Lord, I thank Thee for all this, and for Thine own self, too. Amen."

Let us be genuinely thankful for all our material blessings. Read Psalms 65:8-13. But let us learn also to be filled with gratitude in times of adversity. A minister prayed thus: "Lord. I thank Thee for these glorious hard times." Listen to the prophet Daniel in faraway Babylon: "Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house: and his windows being open in his chamber toward Jerusalem, he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime" (Daniel 6:10).

Furthermore we should be thankful for physical healing, complete victory over all sin and death, and the promise of life everlasting through Christ, our wonderful Lord. Thankfulness is a state of the heart, an inner response of devotion and love to Christ; it is vastly more than a mere ejaculation of the moment: it is sustained, deep, profoundly sincere, and spiritual in its content. Anything less than this is religious veneer and hypocrisy.



SCRIPTURE: I Corinthians 16 (Printed: I Corinthians 16:1-14)

GOLDEN TEXT: And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily as to the Lord (Colossians 3:23).

Christian giving is a privilege as well as a responsibility and is to be shared by all. "Even so do ye." The bearing of one another's burdens in the Christian faith strengthens the bond of fellowship.

Paul's strength and wisdom in leadership are very evident in this lesson. He had dealt with the problems of the church, first, in this letter. Then he had endeavored to lead them out into the unfailing love of God. In the fifteenth chapter he had encouraged them relative to the resurrection and eternal life. Now last he deals with the matter of the collection or their giving of money.

Christian giving is to be a proportionate giving, according to what God hath prospered the individual with for giving. The tithe is the Lord's but giving is the over-and-beyond according to the ability that God gives.

Christian giving is to be regular or systematic and then gatherings or pressure appeals for money are not necessary. However, often those who object to special offerings are those who do not practice systematic giving.

The handling of church finance is of great importance for the welfare of the church and also for the promotion of liberal giving. Paul was careful in avoiding the handling of the money himself and thus kept clear of any suspicion. The world may not understand doctrine and have little appreciation for sound theology but the unconverted are quick to detect any irregularities in the handling of money. "Provide things houest in the sight of all men" (Romans 12: 17).

Paul depended upon the Holy Spirit to direct his ministry and while he had definite plans for his work, he yet added, "if the Lord permit." The giving of ourselves to the will and work of God is as much a part of Christian giving as the offering of money. Paul and Apollos both portrayed excellent wisdom relative to their attitude toward church division. This Corinthian church was given to leader worship and some wanted Paul and some Apollos. Evidently they had written Paul asking for Apollos. Paul had no jealousy and refused to be a party to the spirit of division and declared he greatly desired Apollos to come to them. On the other hand Apollos recognized the critical situation that could be made worse by his going to Corinth and he refused to go at that time. Most church troubles are due to the lack of wisdom on the part of leadership and usually center around personalities. May we all pray for grace and ability in the Spirit to live according to the last two verses of our lesson. "Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong. Let all your things be done with charity."

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#### Prayer Request for Trinidad

Our Trinidad field is praying especially for a great outpouring of the Holy Spirit in revival fire upon all of the work there. Will you not add your prayers to theirs that God will come upon them this year?

#### **New Address**

Miss Ruth Brickman, who recently returned to Africa after a year of furlough, has been stationed at P.O. Box 3, Stegi, Swaziland, South Africa.

Rev. and Mrs. D. H. Spencer will furlough from Africa on November 28. They hope to reach the United States during December.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Karker will furlough October 28 from Swaziland, South Africa.

#### Japan

#### By S. SGT. THOMAS BLAXTON

Japan is a country made up of four main islands. Each city has its own characteristics. Yokohama is famous for its harbors and canals; Kyoto, for ancient culture, a stronghold of Buddhism; Tokyo, a city of noise, for here live about one-tenth of the population of Japan; Sapporo is almost like an American city.

On the island of Hokkaido is the dairy country of Japan. You see large apple orchards, large barns, big silos, lots of cows, and sometimes rice fields. There are millions of people in Japan who need Christ and have never heard about Him.

As you walk down the streets of Sapporo, you can smell the charcoal burning in the *hibachi*, the fish and other sca foods being prepared for the evening meal, the clean, fresh smoke of wood fires, pine trees, and salt air. You hear many strange sounds, ringing bells, buzzers, whistles of all kinds. A bell rings for the train to start and stop; buses and streetcars also have bells. The street peddlers all have their own whistles and use them constantly. Frogs croak in the rice paddies at night, and you can hear the hollow sound of wooden shoes over the cobblestones.

The first impression of Japan may be that there is nothing there but tiny houses; they are so close together. Inside there is no furniture; the beds are rolled up and put away in the daytime. There is usually a small table which can be carried from room to room, if there is more than one room. Much of the food is eaten raw because fuel is expensive.

In these small houses often live families of six to eight, and the grandparents. The rooms are usually not more than twelve feet by twelve feet, and in the middle of the room will be a small earthen pot filled with ashes or dirt, glowing with charcoal. This is both heater and cookstove.

Japan is more than earthquakes, oxcarts, typhoons, temples, waterfalls, hot springs, cherry blossoms, arched bridges, and small homes. Japan is a country of about ninety million people, who are very polite. They bow when they are praised and when they are scolded, when they begin to speak and when they have finished. They are a very proud people and will not be obligated.

In America we go at something with a rush. Here they have learned, through despair and disaster, not to run too fast. They try over and over again until they have mastered a task, seeming to be immune to discouragement.

Japan is a challenge to us because only one-half of one per cent of the ninety million people are Christians. Seventy per cent are Buddhists. The greatest threat is materialism. The



#### Chaplain on the Move:

"This last quarter has found us steaming from Long Beach, California, our home port, to the Far East. En route we stopped in Pearl Harbor, where I had the pleasure of fellowship with our good pastors at Honolulu First Church, Rev. and Mrs. Harold Kiemel.

"Our next port of call was Pago Pago in the American Samoan Islands. We were there over a Sunday and I not only preached on our ships but also in the courthouse for the American and Samoan colony. God's presence was evidenced in a wonderful way as the blessed Holy Spirit dealt with hearts.

"Wellington, New Zealand, was our next stop. We shared a week with the hospitable people of the 'down under' country. Unfortunately we did not meet any Nazarenes in this area.

"On up the famous Solomon Island slot. New Guinea, to Guam, and then on to Japan. This week I have plans to go to Tokyo and visit our work there. This is an unsettled area of the world and much unrest is evident. The gospel is the answer here, as it is the world over. Our prayer is that our men who represent Christian American will so conduct themselves as to make the presentation of the gospel easier for our missionaries who so faithfully labor for souls.

"This has been a good quarter for our ministry to these destroyer men. We have had sixteen precious boys find Christ as Lord and Saviour and we give God the glory.—CHAPLAIN LEONARD W. DODSON, JR."

A father and mother carnestly request prayer in behalf of a son who is now terminating his time of service in the armed forces and returning to civilian life. He is not a Christian.

Rev. Ralph Ahlemann, new pastor of the Central Church of the Nazarene, writes that he will be happy to contact any naval personnel stationed in Norfolk at the request of pastors or friends. His address is 405 W. 27th Street, Norfolk, Virginia.

Rev. Milton B. Parrish. 4023 Church Street, Greenville, Texas, was tendered an appointment as Chaplain (Captain), National Guard of Texas. effective 14 May 1957.

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younger people are turning away from all religions. They want things they can see, feel, and use. They are sometimes easy prey for the Communists. it will come to mean the place where and turned away from their worship of they parted company with heathenism demons to the worship of the true God.

### Ekuhlamukeni

By SAMUEL HYND, Swaziland We recently had fine tent meetings down in the deep bush country at our new outstation there. It is the area from which Busisiwi came—the little girl who lost her leg to the crocodile a few months ago.

The Sunday I spent with them in this meeting was a tremendous chal-lenge to us. To think that in spite of nearly sixty or more years of the gospel being preached in Swaziland, more than half of the people in the services that day were hearing the preaching of the Word of God for the very first time in their lives! We are praying that God will help some of these new converts to come out and out for Him and start this new work on a real and sure footing. The name of the place is Ekuhlamukeni, which means "the place where they parted company" or "the place where they were turned aside from their purpose." We trust that for many



### Regarding Church Membership

The Washington Religious Report quotes layman Willare Johnson, of Barrington, Illinois, who has written to challenge what he says is a "belief of many Protestants that Roman Catholics are increasing by leaps and bounds." "It simply is not true." says Mr. Johnson, "and it is surprising that so few Protestants are familiar with the statistics which are to be found, incidentally, at periodic intervals in the 'Information Service' bulletin of the National Council of Churches." He points up these facts which he says all should be acquainted with. "In 1906, Roman Catholics were 37% of all church members in the U.S.A.; in 1956, they were 34%. In 1906, Roman Catholics were 16.5% of the whole American population; in 1956, they were 20%, an increase of 3%." During that time much of the immigra-"Durtion was Roman Catholic. ing the same fifty years, non-Catholics increased from 24.3% in 1906 to 40% in 1956, for a gain of over 15%. In other words, from 1906 to 1956, Protestants and Jews increased at a ratio of four times as rapidly as Roman Catholics, and of the 48 governors, five or 9.6% are Roman Catholic. Interpretations of these statistics may vary but at least there are the figures."

### **Charles Wesley's Anniversary**

More people are learning more about Charles Wesley this year than ever before. The man who wrote some 6,500 hymns has long stood in the shadow of his more famous brother, John, founder of Methodism. But this year-anniversary of his birth-Charles has the spotlight. Born December 18, 1707, Charles lived most of his eighty years in England. Many Protestant denominations besides the Methodists are commemorating his birth, 250 years ago, with special services and hymn festivals. Climax of the year-long celebrations will

be the U.S. premiere of a new oratorio at the University of Kansas next New Year's Day.-Together.

### **N.A.E.** Celebrates Fifteenth Anniversary

Marking a fifteen-year effort to frame an ecumenical movement on a creedal basis, National Association of Evangelicals observed N.A.E. week, October 20 to 27. A fellowship and service organization, in a decade and a half the movement has gathered together scattered conservative groups, both denominations and churches, until it claims a membership of two million and a service constituency of ten million evangelicals whose theological viewpoint is fundamental and conservative. N.A.E. leaders point out that their program has helped to give positive thrust and content to the evangelical center of American Protestantism; that it has helped to reverse the extreme fragmentation of the Protestant movement; that it has given the evangelical movement unity and voice it had lacked with the tendency toward liberalism of the other chief thrusts of united Protestantism. Congratulations to N.A.E. and her officers and leaders for these fifteen years of progress!



#### V. H. LEWIS, Secretary

#### Evangelistic Honor Roll

The Crusade for Souls Commission is publishing again this year a list of churches with the pastors who received an Evangelistic Honor Roll Certificate.

Qualification standards as set up by the commission are as follows: A church must receive into its membership during the assembly year at least the number of new Nazarenes designated by the commission for its group.

		Minimum	
Group	Membership	Gain Required	
I	1-24	5	
11	25-74	9	
III	75-149	12	
IV	150-299	18	
V	300-499	25	
VI	500 and over	35	

The commission is happy to report that the number of churches qualifying during the past assembly year is a great increase over the number of any previous year. We know the entire denomination rejoices with these churches and pastors for the new Christians who have joined our ranks. The list will be continued until all are shown.

		Present					
Church	Pastor	Membership	Gain				
	ALASKA DISTRICT						
Sitka	S. T. Shelton	11	6				
Ketchikan	C. H. Lewis	25	6				
Anchorage 13th Ave.	M. R. Korody	112	30				
ALBANY DISTRICT							
Ithaca	W. Chase	27	9				
Oswego	M. Olson	35	9				
Saratoga Springs	L. Warner	50	14				
<b>Rochester Trinity</b>	M. E. Wilson	72	30				
	ARIZONA DISTRICT						
Phoenix Monte Vista	E. Roe	35	12				
Mesa	C. Burns	64	17				
Phoenix Alzona	B. G. Stillion	145	15				
Glendale	G. Roberson	164	18				
Phoenix Eastside	C. W. Elkins	385	53				
Phoenix First	H. Daniels	402	40				
Сл	NADA WEST DISTRICT						
Swift Current	J. Clerc	14	7				
CE	NTRAL OHIO DISTRICT						
Kingston	A. A. Boyer	20	7				
Berea	G. W. Spaulding	g 33	11				

		Present				
Church	Pastor	Membership	Gain			
South Point	H. Doerle	33	14			
Darbyville	L. Martindale	54	9			
Chesapeake	R. M. Templeto		16			
McArthur	F. Roddy	50 59	12			
Rutland	H. Klingel	62	17			
Columbus Frank Rd.	L. Strahm	65	14			
Delaware	J. White	66				
Waterford	N. Anderson		13			
Jackson	A. E. Pusey	66	9			
Columbus Whitehall	C. W. Brown	77	13			
Nelsonville		86	15			
	L. Gullett	93	16			
Wheelersburg Athens	W. W. Weddingt		20			
	C. L. Wooten	113	22			
Gallipolis	V. C. Shafer	118	12			
Bucyrus	J. F. Nielson	135	14			
Ironton Elm St.	K. L. Coil	149	14			
Wooster	C. D. Westhafer	193	21			
Columbus Linden	E. B. Marsh	200	20			
Columbus Wilson Ave.	D. E. Clay	208	28			
Portsmouth First	B. W. Knox	301	52			
Columbus Warren Ave.	H. B. Anthony	445	28			
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Recently I heard a person who ought to have been informed on the subject say that God did not mean that the seven thousand who had not bowed the knee to Baal (I Kings 19:18) were right with God. I did not agree with this in the light of Romans 11:2-5. What do you think?

I agree with you. I believe that God right with Him.

did mean that the seven thousand were

I have been burdened about some of our beloved Nazarenes; I fear that some are watching television indiscriminately. If we do this, we cannot be loyal to God and our church "Manual." One of our good preachers says that we cannot have the Holy Ghost and look at the ungodly scenes on television, for the Holy Ghost will not look at anything ungodly. Are my fears well grounded, and is this good, holy man of God correct in this statement?

I too fear that some of our people are too careless about what they look at on television. If they are not careful, they will have a generation of boys and girls grow up who will have become accustomed to some things which holiness people have never believed in, Tele-

vision is one of the most wonderful inventions of our day, but it cannot be swallowed whole without detriment to our morals and religion. A person who has the Holy Ghost cannot look at everything on television very long and still have the Holy Ghost.

#### What is your opinion of a person who professes to be a Christian and yet writes all during a sermon?

It all depends on what he's writing. If he is writing something which has no relation to the sermon, it seems to me that he would neither be worshiping, himself, nor contributing in any way to the service. On the other hand, if he is taking notes on the sermon, I

would not criticize him. He will probably get more out of the sermon and service than most of those present. Besides, he may get blessed after the service is over as he reads over the truth which the preacher brought out during his message.

What would you consider generous support for a pastor in a small church? That is an interesting question. However, it is one that I could not answer. To answer it intelligently, one would have to know what you consider a small church, where the small church is located, and many other things. I know of no one who could answer your question better than your district superinneeds.

#### Is it possible for Nazarenes-both ministers and laymen-to overdress? I mean by this, Is it possible for them to be extravagant as to clothes?

Certainly, what you refer to is possible. Still, I would not want to be too ready to criticize someone as to this or any other type of extravagance unless I was sure that I did not have some pet extravagance myself. I have lived long enough and met enough different people to find out that most of us are

tendent. Our district superintendents

#### In the light of the second commandment (Exodus 20:4-5), how can we have pictures of Christ in our homes and our churches, knowing that they are made by men? In Colossians 1:15 we are told that Christ is the image of God. Is a painting made in the image of God a good thing?

We must remember, first of all, that it is really the worshiping of an image that is sinful. In that way, the image is made into an idol. We must not have any idols, and anything that we worship becomes an idol. We must not make a god of anybody or anything except the only true God, the God of Israel. Also, we must bear in mind that Jesus Christ was the Son of God as well

are genuinely interested in the generous support of our pastors. Further, as I travel over the country, I find our laymen, as a rule, ready and anxious to give our pastors a generous support. The pastor can do his best work only as he is free from worry as to his financial

guilty of having some pet extravagance. Further, it is very casy for us to see the other fellow's extravagance and not be aware of our own. Therefore, before you check up on the other person's extravagance, be sure that you have taken care of your own.

as the Son of Man. He was not merely the image of God in the sense in which that term is usually used. He was very God. I have seen many pictures of Christ, but I have never worshiped one or made an idol of it. Nevertheless, the pictures have been a blessing to me because they have helped me to come to a better understanding of the real, living Christ.



### "Caring, and Changing"\*

#### Monday:

Jerusalem lieth waste, . . . that we be no more a reproach." The challenge comes afresh. The devil is always tearing; always there is some waste place to be built up. And every waste placeevery strayed soul, every barren altar, every lukewarm service, every still ungospeled spot-is a reproach that should shock us into action. "No man cared for my soul." Those who care much for God are jealous for His name and care for His lost ones. (Nchemiah 2:17.)

#### Tuesday:

'My God had put in my heart." The initiative comes from above. That urge to do something for God, that special concern over some particular need-it is God speaking. Better listen; He has a promise for your waste places. (Nehemiah 2:12.)

#### Wednesday:

"If you don't like it, change it"-Louise Robinson Chapman's slogan. But how?

"I . . . mourned certain days, and fasted, and prayed." "And it came to pass." "Every emergency is a call to prayer." "We can do nothing until we have prayed; after we have prayed (really prayed) we can do all things."

Before you have "prayed through" about a situation, how worried and weak and irresolute; after, how quiet and confident and strong-in God and His Word! Prayer is the first step toward victory, and a sure one. (Nehemiah 1:4; 2:1.)

#### Thursday:

The good hand of my God [was] upon me." This is the refrain of the advance: "the . . . hand of my God upon me." That hand will open locked doors in the nick of time; that hand will shield from danger, seen and unseen. If you know you are in the will of God, you can trust surely the safe conduct of God. He will not let you down if you obey and trust.

One step at a time, and the way is revealed. "As thou goest, the way shall

open up before thee." Blessed exhilaration of keeping step with the Guide who knows! (Nehemiah 2:8, 18; Ezra 7:6, 9, 28; 8:18, 22, 31.)

#### Friday:

"God . . . will prosper us; . . . we . . . will arise and build." Co-operate with God. Genuine faith leads to action. And our efforts are successful in proportion as they are blessed.

"We made our prayer unto our God, and set a watch against them." Trust in God never rules out common sense; nor does it lie down on God. We do the best we are capable of; God completes our incompleteness. "Our God shall fight for us." "I am doing a great work, so that I cannot come down." "Trust in God as if everything depended on Him; then work as if everything depended on you." We'll make it together. (Nehemiah 2:20; 4:9, 20; 6:3.)

#### Saturday:

Co-operate with one another. "The people had a mind to work." "All of us to the wall, every one unto his work." It takes only one unguarded spot to let in the enemy. No gap at "your small corner"—or mine! It has been trusted to you—or me—alone. (Nehemiah 4:6, 15; 3:2, 4-5, 7-9.)

#### Sunday:

And so, the victory; so, "the joy of the Lord." Nothing new. Obstacles, yes: the same old opposition, ridicule, discouragements, cajoling to compromise. But also the same "old" eternal, unchangeable values; the same everlasting, dependable laws, never outdated, provable by each new age, by every child of God as long as time shall last.

There are many things we can do without; there is one thing we cannot afford to miss: the joy of knowing and working with God for ourselves. (Nehemiah 8:10.)



Topeka, Kansas-Oakland Church, under the leadership of Rev. C. E. Fulton. is moving along with the blessing of God, and it is not unusual to have seekers at the altar in both the Sunday morning and Sunday evening services. Recently we had a most unusual service with a young woman coming to the altar before the preaching; then at the invitation, fifteen others-young and old-followed. God graciously blessed and all but one prayed through to victory; one young woman was saved and then returned to the altar to be sanctified. The young people have a prayer and fasting service, with visitation, on Friday evening: the adults have a prayer meeting on Sunday during the N.Y.P.S. hour, also a prayer and fasting time on Thursday at 10:00 a.m. We have four young people in our Nazarene colleges this year.-C. E. WILLIAMS, Reporter.

Bloomington, Indiana-After months of planning, praying, and overcoming many obstacles we have finished the Sunday school annex for First Church. It is a two-story building, 50 x 90 feet. and provides nine thousand square feet of extra floor space. This gives us six additional department auditoriums and nineteen classrooms. The building is fireproof, made of Waylite blocks and split-faced Bedford stone. It was crected at a cost of more than \$73,000. Our Sunday school attendance has increased for each of the first fifteen Sundays of this new year over the same Sundays of last year; average for September was 312. and 323 for October. Best of all, God is with us. Some of our people have gathered at the altar for prayer each Sunday morning at six-thirty for fifteen months; also we have a special prayer meeting Sunday at 6:00 p.m. for

the evangelistic service. Since coming here in 1953, we have received 90 into church membership and raised about \$132,000. We give God all the praise. If you have friends here in the university, write us.-GRANT M. BARTON, *Pastor.* 

Evangelists William and June Schmidt report: "We are now in our fourth year of evangelism, and have appreciated working with our good pastors and people. The Lord has given us good revivals with a goodly number of victories in every meeting. We have an open date. February 26 to March 9 (1958), which we'll be glad to slate with any church desiring our services. We carry a program of preaching. singing. and Sing-o-felt pictures which are spiritual and impressive. Write us, Box 331, Vicksburg, Michigan."

Pleasant View Church, Ridgefield, Washington



June 16-dedication day-was one of great rejoicing for members and friends of the Pleasant View Church. The communion service in the morning, with God's presence manifested, spoke of the unity and love of a courageous people who left their home church to start a new work in a needy community north of Vancouver, on Hi-way 99. In the afternoon, 350 friends and neighboring Nazarenes met for the formal dedication service, with Dr. Roy F. Smee bringing a challenging message. Dr. B. V. Seals, our district superintendent, Rev. H. S. Palmquist, and Rev. Paul Wordsworth assisted in the service. Pleasant View

Church was organized on January 1, 1956, with 37 charter members, and material possessions of 40 hymnbooks and 25 folding chairs. Services were held in a country schoolhouse for one year. On May 5, four months after organization, God led us to begin erection of a church building; nine months later we held the first service in the new structure. God had answered prayer. The sanctuary is of masonry construction; it is 70 x 35 feet and, with the balcony, will scat 300 people. The two-story annex forms a T at the rear of the auditorium; in it are included a nursery and ten classrooms. The total cost of the structure, including pews, piano, and other furniture, plus a well for water supply, was \$37,000; a conservative value estimate is placed at \$80,000. The building was financed through the sale of bonds and a completion loan from the Division of Church Extension, most of which has been repaid. The church now has 65 members, a Sunday school of 125, and is carrying its full load of responsibility on both district and general level. We give God praise .- HowARD D. STEPHENS, Pastor.



Evangelist J. P. McIntosh writes: "I thank all the churches and pastors with whom I have labored during the past cighteen months in revival work. God has helped me to work on eight districts, conduct twenty-seven meetings, and has given many souls, for which we praise Him. I am now accepting the pastorate of the Westside Church in Long Beach, California. If you have friends in that area you'd like to have us contact, write me (2911 Santa Fe Avenue). Please pray for me as I assume this new task."

Pastor Eugene Williams writes from Sebring, Florida: "We are happy to be located here in this beautiful country, surrounded by orange groves and lakes. Our church is coming along well. Last spring I preached at the community sunrise service, and also brought the baccalaurcate sermon at the high school. We need some good Nazarenes to come and help us. The superintendent of Highlands County public schools is a good friend of mine, and he said he would be delighted to have some Nazarene teachers in the school system. If you are interested, write direct to me (P.O. Box 372), and I'll help you in every way I can to get located here."

Evangelist W. E. Boggs writes: "Because of a pastoral change, I have an open date, March 19 to 30, 1958; can go anywhere from Texas to New York. Write mc, % Nazarene Publishing House, P.O. Box 527, Kansas City 41, Missouri."

Columbus, Kansas-Recently God gave this home mission church a stirring oneweek revival. Mr. Don Parker, layman and businessman of Granby, Missouri, spent his vacation with us and filled in as special worker. He is a fine baritone singer and lay speaker. Coming here four months ago we found a membership of eighteen loyal Nazarenes; we appreciate the labors of the former pastors. The pastors of this new Joplin District are 100 per cent back of the work of home missions, and we appreciate the leadership of our new district superintendent, Rev. Dean Baldwin.-C. B. McCAULL, Pastor.

El Sereno, California-Our church has had a blessed time of revival with Evangelist L. C. Miller. His forceful and Spirit-anointed messages have encouraged and strengthened pastor and people. God gave souls at the altar. Brother Miller is a gifted Bible preacher, and his rich, mature experience so flavors his ministry that God's presence was felt in each service. Our church is growing, and our people are enthusiastic. With the help of the district home mission club, we recently acquired our property and the building has been completely renovated, the work being done by our people. We thank God for a united church and a working people .- "BILL" FLYGARE, Pastor.

Evangelists Jack and Ruby Carter write: "We have two open dates we'd be glad to give to any churches needing our services as preacher and singers: January 15 to 26, and January 30 to February 9. We would prefer to slate this time in the Southland or Southwest, since we will be in the South the first part of January. Write us at our home address, 609 N. Mueller Street, Bethany, Oklahoma." Severy, Kansas-Our recent revival with Evangelist Bob Mickey and wife as the special workers was blessed of God. The services were well attended, and the people appreciated Brother Mickey's preaching and singing, as well as the chalk drawings of Sister Mickey. God's Holy Spirit moved on the services in a special way at the beginning of the second week, giving about forty-five seekers to be saved or sanctified. Average attendance at the revival services was sixty-three. We give God praise for the wonderful victories in this meeting.-RUSSEL R. MCCOLLUM, Pastor.

Peru, Indiana-In October, First Church had a very successful revival meeting under the direction of Evangelist Thurman Oren and Sherman and Elsie Gillespie as singers. God moved in upon us, and used Brother Oren's work in a gracious way, both in his great revival preaching and also in his personal work. The Gillespies sing in the Spirit and are good altar workers. God gave about ninety seekers, with a class of eight members (five new Nazarenes) added to the church. We are in our third year here, and the best so far. We are near Bunker Hill Air Force Base; if you have friends there, write us (Peru, Indiana), and we'll be glad to contact them.--RUSSELL SHALLEY, Pastor.

#### **District Tour of Alaska**

A district tour of Alaska by General Superintendent Hardy C. Powers and District Superintendent Bert Daniels proved to be a great spiritual and practical boost to our district and the cause of home missions. Dr. Powers and Brother Daniels visited churches in Ketchikan, Juneau, Sitka, Seward, Kenai, Anchorage, and Fairbanks. More than six thousand dollars was raised to purchase new lots, buy buildings, and strengthen our present churches in Alaska.

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Dr. Powers' messages were powerful and lifting to the spirit of the Alaskan churches. His visit was greatly appreciated by all. Brother Bert Daniels, our beloved district superintendent, is loved and respected for his courage and leadcrship.

There is much sin, but we believe grace is greater; there are many obstacles, but we have been lifted up and can see our way through them. When you think of the northland, join with us in prayer for the awakening we believe God is sending to a frontier people. -M. R. KORODY, Reporter.

#### Seventh South African N.Y.P.S. Convention

Our seventh N.Y.P.S. convention on the South African (European) District was held on September 28 during the youth camp. Until now the convention was an integral part of the annual district assembly, sharing a day with the N.F.M.S.; now, for the first time, the proceedings occupied a full day.

This convention, held on the banks of the Vaal River, which was flooded to peak level by recent heavy rains, proved a great and blessed experience. Many visitors were present, the pro-ceedings were watched with great interest, and a wonderful spirit of blessing prevailed.

Our ex-president, Ds. Chris. D. Botha, who reaches age limit in January, was presented with a beautiful Parker pen and pencil set in token appreciation of his grand and able leadership during the opening years of the N.Y.P.S. work. He left us a great legacy of high standards to emulate.

The well-liked pastor of our Parys Afrikaans church was elected president. Ds. Louis J. Kriel, and so we are assured of sound and inspired leadership currently.

A word about the youth camp: Some 240 young folk attended this camp from the Union and Rhodesia. Although floods attended as well, there was a great time of interest, useful activities, and much blessing for the many who entered into salvation or the fuller, freer life of the sanctified. Our best camp yet!-T. H. M. BARRON, Reporter.

Evangelist D. D. Mackey and family report: "Since our district assembly we have conducted six revival meetings and have seen the evidence of God's special unction upon our ministry. We are grateful for the manifestation of His Spirit and power, precipitated by the faith, works, and prayers of spiritual pastors and concerned people. As a result there have been seekers at the altar and members added to the church. We were at Yuma, Colorado, with Rev. Merrill Bassett: at Avondale Church in Phoenix, Arizona, with Rev. Edwin Roc; in a great revival with Rev. L. A. Whitcomb at El Cajon, California, where God gave about seventy-five seekers. There we showed our colored slides of some of our missionary travels in Ha-vana, Cuba. We appreciated our association with Rev. James McClellan at Santa Barbara, California, and Rev. W. I. Young at Flagstaff, Arizona. At this writing we are in Banning, California, with Rev. Weldon H. Stone and God is blessing. We travel as a party, singing solos, trios, and quartets, with music on a dozen or more instruments. We have a few open dates in 1958; write us, P.O. Box 113, Bethany, Oklahoma.'

Now having the greatest spiritual tide in the remembrance of the people in South Flint (Michigan) Church. Such a manifestation of the presence of God in several morning services that there was no place for preaching; souls prayed through to glorious victory. Wonderful revival with Evangelist Charles Lipker and Wayne and June Haas as singers. Sixty-five souls seeking God, many for the first time, and a fine class of new

members received. Seventeen teen-agers at institute, twenty-one boys and girls attending summer camps-all coming home in victory. The teen-agers have their own prayer meetings on Wednesday with as many as twenty-four present. We thank God for His blessings. -WM. O. WELTON, Pastor.

Evangelist Hugh Slater writes: "I will be attending the Evangelists' Conference in Kansas City in January, and have an open date, January 9 to 19, that I'd like to slate in that vicinity or between there and Ohio. Also have another week following that I'd be glad to give for a youth revival, or break up the time-January 13 to 19, and January 20 to 26. Write me, % our publishing house, P.O. Box 527, Kansas City 41, Missouri."

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#### Deaths

**Deaths** REV. WILFRED L. WILLIAMS, age sixty, pastor of West Flint (Michigan) Church for more than four years, died Sunday, September 29, in a Detroit hospital. He had been active in evangelistic work for several years before serving pastorates in Detroit West. Ann Arbor, and Fint West churches. He was a diligent student of the Word, an effective preacher of the gospel, and beloved by the people of his congregation, to whom he ministered tire-lessly. He is survived by his wife, Edna; two brothers; and one siter. Funeral service was held at Flint First Church, with the district superin-tendent, Dr. W. M. McGuire, officiating, assisted by Rev. Leslie Parrott, Rev. J. E. Van Allen, and Rev. R. C. Johnson. Forty-three of the Eastern Michigan District pastors were present at the funeral. Palbearers were minister friends, John W. Metlish, Willingan offertig parents were present at the funeral. Pallbearers were minister friends, John W. Mellish, Wm. Vermilya, Mertan Wilson, U. B. Godman, John Spees, and Wade Roberts.

MRS. ELIZABETH S. ROGERS, (nee Sorrell) wife of Rev. R. C. Rogers, died May 6, 1957, at El Centro, California, after several months of illness. She was born in Sparta, Tennessee, and married to R. C. Rogers in 1910. Soon thereafter she united with the Church of the Nazarene, of which she was a faithful and devoted member for more than forty years. She was very active in the N.F.M.S. work, and served as president of the local society in the churches where her husband pastored. She was a gifted writer and kent up a large correspond. In the churches where her husband pastored. She was a gifted writer and kept up a large correspon-dence. Through her painful illness she was a model Christian, always patient and thoughtful of others, with a sure faith in God. She is survived by her husband; two daughters, Mrs. Billye Olander of Placentia, and Mrs. Martha Myhres of El Centro; also one sister and three brothers. The message at the funeral was given by Rev. Jess Wheeler, pastor of the Holtville church, with burial in Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Glendale, where Rev. J. W. Henry, who knew her so well, gave a beautiful committal service. committal service.

committal service. FRANK BERKLEY JEFFRIES was born at Langley, Virginia, September 28, 1894, and died August 23, 1957, in San Diega, California. In 1916 he was united in marriage to Elsie Irone Bayliss. To this union were born two daughters, one of whom pre-ceded her father in death. The family moved to San Diego, California, in 1945. Brother Jeffries was converted and united with First Church of the Naarene, Washinaton, D.C., in 1925. He was an active and faithful member, serving on the church board for many years and as church treasurer for seventeen consecutive years. For the past twelve years he had been a faithful member of University Avenue Church in San Diego. He is survived by his companion of forty-one years, and a daughter, Mrs. Irene Huffman, of China Lake, California. Funeral service was conducted by his pastor, Rev. W. Herman Burton, assisted by the district super-intendent, Rev. Nicholas A. Hull.

MRS. GEORGE (Mom) GATHERER died in her-home, Cleveland, Ohio, on Sunday morning, Sep-tember 15, after an illness of five weeks. She died beacefully and was rational during her ill-ness, telling us she was going to go home to be with Jesus. "Mom" had been very faithful dur-ing the past twenty years in writing to all the Nazarene missionaries. I know of one time when she wote five hundred letters in one year. All her friends will miss her and her faithfulness to do al she could for Jesus while she lived. She was a ways the first to send cards when folks were sick, Funeral service was conducted by Rev. Law-rence Walker, of Powhaten Point, West Virginia.

MRS. MABEL LUTTRELL was born August 12, 1896, and died August 16, 1957, in Lenoir City, Tennessee. At the early age of twelve she dedicated her life to Christian service, and served with un-

fultering faithfulness until death came. She was a charter member of First Church of the Nazarene in Lenoir City. She is survived by her husband, Vernon; six daughters, Mrs. June Farren, Betty Wiggins, Shanna Chesser, Ruby Jones, Edna Wise, and Nancy; also two sens, Vernon and Glenn.

MRS. NANNIE ASHBY of Hammond, Indiana, died July 18, 1957, at the age of seventy-eight years. She is survived by three daughters and two sons. Funeral service was conducted by her pastor, Rev. Ted Martin, with interment in the Elmwood Cemetery.

#### Announcements

RECOMMENDATION—Rev. C. H. Lucas, 108 King Street, Houston, Jexas, is a commissioned evan-gelist on our district, and I hereby recommend him to our pastors and churches. He will go anywhere the door opens and do his best for God and the church.—R. C. Cunstream, Superintendent of New Mexico District.

#### WEDDING BELLS

Mr. Robert E. Ferrell and Miss Marilynn Smoker, both of Muncie, Indiana, and Mr. Kenneth E. Smok-er of Muncie and Miss Velma Shipe of Pleasant Lake, Indiana, were united in marriage on September 22, in a double ceremony in Muncie First Church of the Nazarene, with Rev. A. E. Woodcook officiating.

Miss Rebecca Baird of Lake Worth and Mr. Robert E. McKay of Miami, Florida, were united in mar-riage on September 19, at Lake Worth Church of the Nazarene with Rev. Sam McKay of Farmer City, Illinois, father of the groom, officiating, assisted by Rev. Richard Moore, pastor at Lake Worth.

Miss Anna Stucki of Jackson, Mississippi, and Wendelt Williams of Nashville, Tennessee, were united in marriage on August 17 at College Hill Church of the Nazarene, Nashville, with Rev. Otto Stucki, father of the bride, officiating, assisted by Day, Church of disease Rev Claude Galloway

BORN-to Dr. Carl E. and Shirley (Arthur) Shiff of Portland, Oregon, a son, Kimberly A., on October 14.

-to Rev. and Mrs. Roy T. Nix, of Vicksburg, Mississippi, a son, Roy Tilliman, Jr., on October 12.

- to Rev. Scott and Dorothy Newell of Zelienople, Pennsylvania, a son, Scott Robert, on October 12.

to Al and Ruth Braswell of Glendale, California, a daughter, Cheryl Lynn, on October 8.

to Mr. and Mrs. Jesse G. Firestone of South San Gabriel, California, a daughter, Denice Rene, on October 4.

-to Mr. and Mrs. (Donna Woodruff) James Gee of Pontiac, Michigan, a son, Randy Lee, on September 23.

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SPECIAL PRAYER IS REQUESTED by a friend in Okiahonia for an unspoken request, "Very important"; by a christian lady in Kenucky that God will heal her-she believes He is able; by a friend in Michigan, who lives alone, not well in body, that God will heal the body and answer prayer for an urgent unspoken request; by a christian brather in Michigan, who lives alone, not well in body, that God will heal the body and answer prayer for an urgent unspoken request; by a christian brather in Illinois who needs help in soul and bedy, that he may overcome all simfor the salvation of a half brother—and for an aged stepmather who is not well in body; by a lady in Georgia that a backslidden brother and his wife may get back to God and come to church and bring their children, and that she, a cripple, may find a way to attend the church services regularly.

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AT CAMP MacArthur, Texas, in World War I, it was necessary to move a Y.M.C.A. building. An officer of engineers offered his services. He had the floors taken up. Then he had 600 men placed around the joists and 200 around the outside of the building. When the command was given, 800 men lifted together; and at the command, "Forward march!" the 800 men marched together, carrying the building to its new location about half a mile away. No one had to lift more than fifty pounds. It was co-operation that did it.—Alva J. Bradsted in the "Chaplain."

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- " Untold millions have not heard the story of salvation from sin-they are the "for WHOM'S."

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