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# “THE UNSEEN GUEST”

*Christ is the Head of this house  
The Unseen Guest at every meal  
The Silent Listener to every conversation.*

It was an old, green-colored motto with white, celluloid letters. It hung on the wall of our dining room in our old farmhouse. To add to the force of the verse, the picture of Christ was in the upper-left corner. I guess it was in the dining room because it referred to His presence at our meals.

It hung there for years. There was never any thought of removing it. Its color slowly faded but its message never dimmed.

It expressed in simple verse a firm belief of my parents; it gave to Jesus His rightful place in our home. It made Him welcome at all times and especially in the intimate family act of breaking bread.

It reminded us that our talk was being heard by Him. As a boy I knew He should be within calling distance when we prayed, but this

motto brought Him inside the home at all times.

I'm sure I read that motto hundreds of times. I was glad it hung there. I was ready to accept its message. It was nice to have Christ around.

Our household, our eating, our talking—all shared with Jesus!

No wonder, with this reinforcement, that Mother's efforts to bring us to know Him were successful.

Our home was sparsely furnished but it was comfortable. It had the most important thing of all—a Christian atmosphere.

Is there anything in your home visible, articulate, “speaking” to you and distinguishable by those who visit?

He is here. He wants to be invited inside. Why not make Him real and comfortable there—a part of the house, the family activities, the talk?

Your home will be so much nicer. □

# GOD OF MIRACLES

By Ed Wallace, *Port Angeles, Wash.*



Photo by Max Tharpe

**T**HE YOUNG MOTHER SAT in the living room, her face streaked with tears. She and her husband had recently given their hearts to the Lord. This new crisis in their home was frightening. There was no panic, however; for their faith in God was holding them steady. This time they had God, and that made the difference.

Their little six-year-old, Vicki, was always happy. She had a smile for everyone. Life was exciting and she lived it to the fullest. At night when her daddy came home, she was the first to run and greet him with a big hug.

Now she lay in the hospital with a disease that had caused deterioration of the hipbone. X rays showed the bone had begun to die. The hip joint became stiff and painful, until she could no longer walk.

A bone specialist was called in for a positive diagnosis. The prognosis was that Vicki would be in a body brace for a year and perhaps two. There was also the possibility that she would be a cripple for life.

It is so easy to question and blame God for tragedies that come to our lives. But we must wait patiently upon God to lead us through the maze of life's difficulties. Here was an opportunity for God to bring glory to himself!

We are reminded that the people of Israel were caught between the armies of Egypt and the Red Sea. God moved His pillar of cloud between the Egyptian army and the children of Israel, so there was no danger all night. The scripture said the cloud was darkness to the Egyptians on one side, but it was light to Israel on the other side of the cloud. It depends upon which side we are on when the clouds of life roll in. On the worldly side it can

be very dark. If we are on God's side, life can still be full of light.

On Wednesday the church people were asked to fast and pray. They gathered for the midweek prayer service and were on their knees at the altar at five minutes after seven. At that same time the pastor and his wife were in the hospital room with the parents to anoint Vicki.

As God's presence filled the room, a prayer was offered to God asking for His healing touch. The pastor prayed and yielded Vicki into God's hands. Now if God in His great love and mercy will only loan her back to us well and whole, we will give Him all the praise.

Soon there was a movement in Vicki's hip. The doctor released her from the hospital within a few days. He could not understand why she was no longer in pain, but grateful Christians knew that God had touched her.

The doctor ordered Vicki back for more X rays. He was amazed to find this pretty little girl in no pain and found that she had complete mobility in her hip joint.

The doctor called for the new X rays. A radiologist reported that the hipbone was normal. The surprised doctor, after studying the X rays himself, looked up at a smiling mother. Only three weeks before, the bone was dying; now it was normal! The doctors were astonished.

The entire church has been electrified with the joy of a modern-day miracle. The parents have found a deep faith in God that the storms of life can never shatter. God's hand is not shortened. He is the same yesterday, today, and forever. We serve a God of miracles. □

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## PEN POINTS

### WHAT IS A LAYMAN?

**Loyal.** Not to a church and church program, right or wrong, but loyal to God and to ministries which He has given to him through the church.

**An Ambassador.** The eyes of the world are upon every professing Christian. They read the life of a layman far more often than they read their Bible, and judge Christianity and the Church by the actions and attitudes of its representatives.

**Yielded.** Not weak, but ever sensitive to the personal counsel and guidance of the Holy Spirit. Submissive to God, tolerant of those who differ with him, but strong in the convictions of his own heart.

**Maturing.** Saved and sanctified but never satisfied that he has "arrived" at the pinnacle of spiritual attainment. He feasts on the riches of the Word and seeks unceasingly to learn more of its truths. Prayer is his very breath, and he never closes his eyes to the fact that he can learn from others.

**Awake.** He is alert to danger signals which the Word reveals will plague the Church in the last days. He is awake to opportunities to serve God and his fellowmen. He is awake to the brevity of life and the expanse of eternity.

**Needed.** Regardless of the training and ability of its "coach," no church can succeed without the teamwork of those very ordinary people called "laymen."

Eva J. Cummings  
Lincoln, Neb.



### HE LIVES WHO DREAMS

*Weep not for him whose fondest dreams lie shattered  
Whose every hope, it seems, has been in vain.  
From out the ashes where his dreams lie scattered,  
Full many a dream will rise to live again.*

*But weep, oh, weep for him too dull for dreaming,  
Whose earthbound eyes have never seen the light.  
Above his stolid head is glory beaming—  
While he plods on in darkness through the night.*

Kathryn Blackburn Peck  
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# What's driving YOU?

By Hal M. von Stein, Fort Bragg, Calif.

**T**HE MOST HELPLESSLY TERRIFYING—and exhilarating—sensation I know is galloping down a steep mountainside on a horse out of control. Each wild, flying leap is like being pitched off a cliff, with the awful destruction of the abyss on the wind in your face!

There are horses with an insane bent toward running away down steep slopes. Sometimes they can be broken of this, but many can never be trusted.

Right now, we are alive in a time when people all around us are driving downhill, out of control. The mixture of horror and exhilaration—"I'm alive—maybe I'll make it!"—is an evil magnet drawing the spirit of adventure in the innocent to let go of their innocence and taste the bitter wine of fear.

Ambulance drivers all over the country, picking up strong young men and women, battered and bloody, crippled for life and unfit for death in their alcoholic, drug-driven stupor, ask again and again, "Why do they do it?"

People who are spiritually dead seek the regions of death at the behest of Satan, to get the frustrations of life over with. Why live?

But at some point, somewhere before the soul

mounts into the saddle, at some time before the beast of inevitable destruction takes over, a Voice calls,

"Why die?"

And if you, driven soul, will only listen for a moment—*really listen*—that Voice will tell you life can be beautiful and truly wonderful, and love is yours if you will only hear the words, "Come unto me . . . for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls."

The alternative is not the liberty the relativists assume to represent a superior plane of intelligence and information. The alternative is failure to gain true knowledge which is not dependent upon wideness of information. Contemporary knowledge of many things is not true knowledge, for that which is today is not tomorrow. Knowledge without that wisdom beyond mortality leads to a rigid, inflexible cult of its own.

And unless you first possess, within yourself, a sound understanding of the definition of right and wrong, you won't find it by indiscriminate reading of contemporary writers—the "in" people—because the purveyors of public information generally hold their jobs because they are committed disciples of compromise and relativism. When they do not actually preach this doctrine overtly, it is expressed in the fact that they choose to ignore the existence of God and the possibility of learning to know Him.

This, and not inaccuracies of reporting, is the fault of current communications media. These people are supposed, somehow, to be wiser than the common herd, catalysts of public opinion. Without doubt they help form public opinion.

Contrary to many educators, there is a base of knowledge upon which an individual can set his feet with free, full confidence and without fear of ever being made ashamed.

With such a basis of understanding, a person can find his way even in the conflicting circumstances of modern life.

This basis for confidence is easily, but not lightly, to be received. The faith declared in John's Gospel for "whosoever will" does not come by saying, "Well, I'll try it," and then waiting for something to happen.

The one who turns to the Lord turns from his old ways if he expects something to happen. He must be prepared to accept vital, radical changes in every area of his life, for this is not "the same old thing" with something added. Faith in Jesus Christ brings changes so radical it is called being "born again."

In the newness of life which follows there is sudden, exhilarating acceleration. But it isn't like riding a wild horse out of control down a steep hill. The out-of-control drivenness of this age is replaced by a dawning certainty—*Now this is the way it ought to be!*

And the first thing you want to do is get your best friends to see it too! □



# an extra can of GASOLINE

By Ross W. Hayslip, Tucson, Ariz.

**I**T WAS AN INTERESTING EXPERIENCE. My friends wanted my wife and me to ride in their brand-new Cadillac.

We left their home in Palm Springs and started down a hot desert highway. The air-conditioned car kept us in comfort as we rolled blissfully along the scenic road. Then it happened—a sputtering motor that just got us off the highway told us we were out of gasoline.

After expressing regret to us about his failure to note the gasoline gauge reading, my friend said he thought there was a service station about two miles up the road toward Desert Hot Springs.

Leaving our wives with the car, we began a weary trek toward a source of fuel. Several cars whizzed by us without even a sympathetic glance from the drivers.

A car with two lady occupants pulled off the highway and stopped by us. "Would you gentlemen belong to that Cadillac that ran out of gas back there?" the driver asked with a smile.

"Yes," was our reply. She alighted from her car, opened her trunk lid, and removed a two-gallon can of gasoline. "We'll drive you back," she said, "and we'll pour this gasoline into your tank."

In a few minutes we were back at our car. Soon the gasoline was in the tank and the reassuring hum of the motor warmed our hearts.

When my friend handed the empty can back

to the lady motorist, he handed her a dollar bill with it. She refused to take the money. "I carry gasoline all the time for stranded motorists. I have had the experience of running out of gas and I know how it feels. I don't want money for doing a good turn for someone."

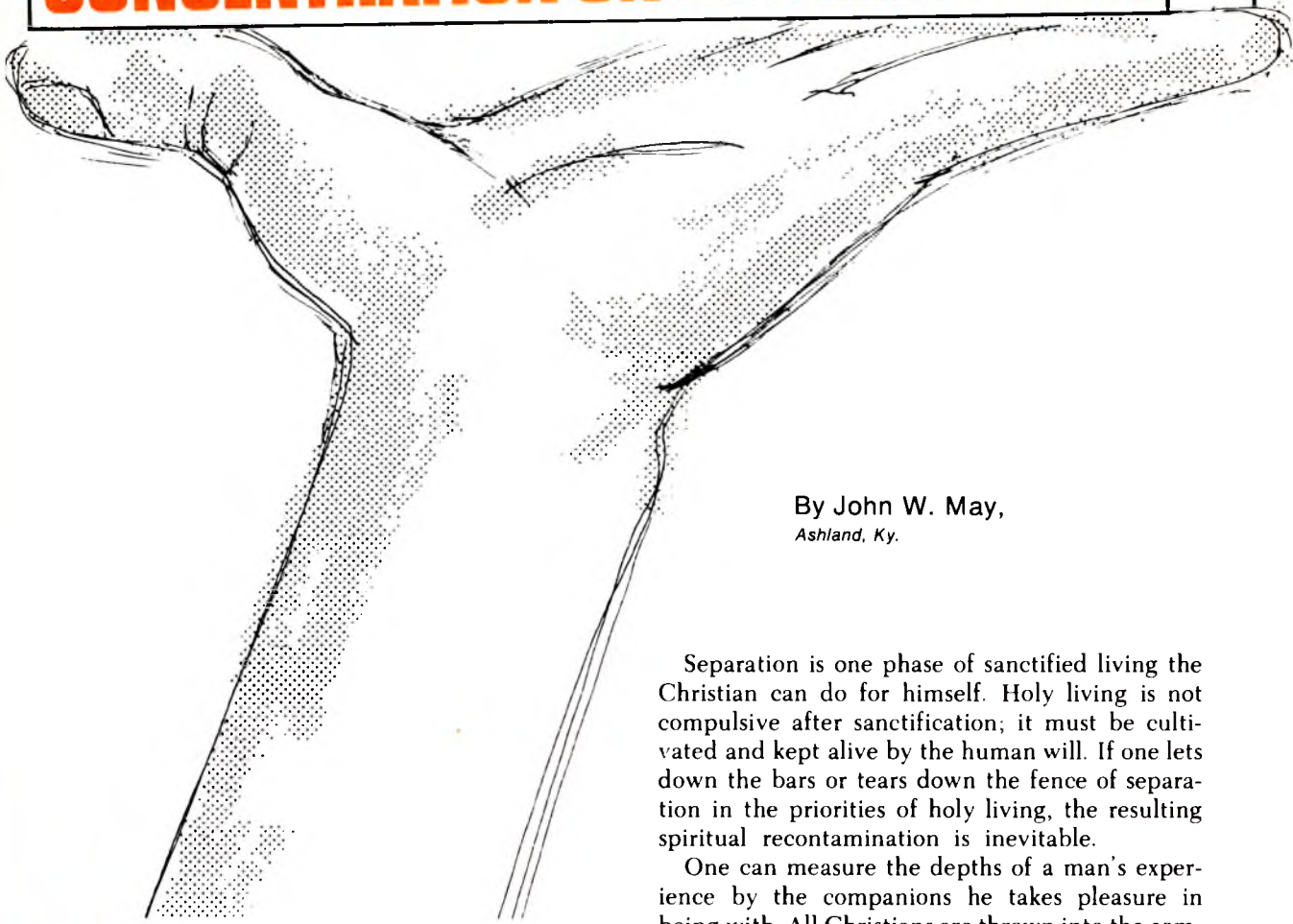
What a better place our world would be if good works were motivated by simply a desire to help others! Carrying a can of gasoline may not be your way of promoting good deeds, but there are many ways of helping our fellowmen. Isaiah 1:17 tells us to "learn to do good."

In I Peter 4:8 we are urged above all to hold un-failing our love for one another. Too often we keep mental account of the favors we do for our friends with the expectation that these good deeds will be returned to us. Our motivation can be so self-centered that soon our help goes only to those who can help us.

What a thrill it is to do something for someone in the name of Jesus and for His sake! A cup of cold water in His name can not only bring satisfaction to the thirsty body but it can also bring the blessings of God upon the giver.

Kindness must never become old-fashioned. By showing a Christlike concern for each person who crosses our pathway we will have a foretaste of heaven here on earth. Where is your extra can of gasoline? □

# CONCENTRATION ON CONSECRATION



By John W. May,  
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Separation is one phase of sanctified living the Christian can do for himself. Holy living is not compulsive after sanctification; it must be cultivated and kept alive by the human will. If one lets down the bars or tears down the fence of separation in the priorities of holy living, the resulting spiritual recontamination is inevitable.

One can measure the depths of a man's experience by the companions he takes pleasure in being with. All Christians are thrown into the company of evildoers at times; this is an inescapable part of living. We do not have to participate, however, in anything that robs us of the keen consciousness of the witness of the Spirit, or makes our relationship with God uncomfortable or untenable.

To seek out spiritually-minded people is to improve one's experience; to seek out worldly-minded companionships which tend to carry him back to old haunts or habits not pleasing to God is to place his experience in jeopardy.

Holy living, however, is not isolationism, else personal evangelism would be impossible. The sanctified individual evangelizing needy souls elevates the situation and atmosphere in innocuous activities, such as a golf game or fishing expedition. This is done by his presence as well as his witnessing.

There is a verse of Scripture which urges man to tie his sacrifice to the horns of the altar (Psalms 118:27). A dead sacrifice needs no tying; it is the living sacrifice that needs to be bound to the altar (Romans 12:1).

**T**HE CRISIS OF SANCTIFICATION is wrought by the powerful indwelling of the Holy Spirit. But the subsequent everyday life of believers also demands concentration on consecration.

Consecration is the human element in holiness. It is not only part of the preparatory work necessary to receive the experience; it is part of the post-crisis life of holiness. Christian holiness must be maintained by a consecrated life, which includes separation, dedication, and mortification.

## SEPARATION

In a day when negatives are frowned on and positives extolled, we must not forget that God has said, "Thou shalt not."

The sanctified individual must separate himself. He is faced daily with choices between gratification of the flesh and self-denial.

Worldliness is too often construed as a mode of dress, but it is more—it is worldly-mindedness. This involves all that endangers Christian experience: sinful influences, bad attitudes, association with the wrong types of people as companions, and anything else evil.

## DEDICATION

Promises made at the altar of dedication must be kept; anything placed on the altar must remain there. To lift any dedicated thing from the altar is to make our consecration incomplete, and it must be full if we are to maintain a holy experience.

How easy it is to forget or to treat a vow as the product of wrought-up emotions! If God sanctified us on the basis of any promise, that promise is valid and we must keep it. As neglected brass, sanctification will lose its shine if any part of our sacred pledge is altered or neglected.

It has been often said that sanctification is God's part and consecration is our part. This principle follows through in maintaining a holy experience. Dedication must be a stick-to-itiveness that is the result of an act of the human will. God will not do it for us, but He acts on the basis of our putting all on the altar of devotement and keeping it there.

#### MORTIFICATION

This word carries with it the note of discipline and self-denial in regard to the body's appetites. It means more than deep humiliation, which is its popular meaning today. It is a vigorous word, used twice in the KJV as "mortify," and deals with the deeds and demands of the body or flesh (Romans

8:13; Colossians 3:5).

Because life is so "daily," mortification must be maintained as a part of consecrated, day-to-day living. The life of holiness is not automatic after the crisis by which we are sanctified. Day by day we must refuse to indulge self in anything contrary to the nature or glory of God.

The matter of separation has to do with relationships with others for the most part, while mortification concerns ourselves. It is difficult to say, "No," to the demands of self, especially in the area of the permissible. Some things are legitimate in themselves but because of excessive attention or ill use they become sinful.

The truly sanctified individual must draw a line and set boundaries for himself. He must learn to say, "No," to himself as well as to others.

He must take himself in hand for devotion and prayer. He must give attention to forming habits that will deepen his spiritual life.

He must not indulge in or harbor attitudes that rob him of a Christlike spirit. He must not submit to desires of the flesh that are contrary to the will of God for him.

This is *his* responsibility, not God's. As a believer, he must continuously concentrate on consecration. □



### ON KNOWING WHERE TO STOP

A second-grader came home from his school's "track and field day" proudly displaying a beautiful blue ribbon. When asked what race he won, he replied, "I didn't win a race. I got the ribbon for stopping at the right place."

Of all of the boys in the race he was the only one who followed directions and ran by the rules. A blue ribbon for knowing where to stop!

If God gives honors to those who win, surely He must also give blue ribbons to His children who know where to stop. Let us consider some situations in

our Christian lives when knowing where to stop becomes quite important.

1. *Stop before talk becomes gossip.* It takes a great deal of discernment to determine where talk ends and gossip begins. Talk is harmless but it can lead to gossip before one is scarcely aware of it. Plautus suggested this sure cure for gossiping: "All tattlers should be hanged by their tongues and those who listen to them should be hanged by their ears."

Several men were engaged in conversation about a mutual acquaintance who was experiencing spiritual difficulty. One asked another how the man in question was getting along. His reply was magnificent in its Christian simplicity: "He needs our prayers."

His reply was calculated to do two things: (1) to end a discussion which could have been damaging; and (2) to enlist support in place of judgment. He knew where to stop.

2. *Stop before concern becomes worry.* Sometimes we assume we are "carrying a burden" when, in fact, we are worrying. A huge sign on a church in Denver twists a phrase by asking: "Why pray when you can worry?"

Concern and worry *feel* much the same but they are quite different. Knowing where to stop leads to a life of trust instead of a life of tension.

3. *Stop before disappointment becomes bitterness.* Life has its disappointments. They are common to all persons. While we cannot always choose what happens to us, we can, by God's grace, choose our attitudes towards what happens to us.

Blue ribbons should be given to those who know where to stop. Have you been winning any lately?





I HAD NOT SEEN my friend for two years after I moved several states away. Recently, when I went back for a visit, I was surprised by the change in her.

"You're different," I said. "What happened?"

"Better, or worse?" she teased.

"You're beautiful," I said.

She laughed. "At my age? With gray hair and all? Come, now."

"I don't mean just the outside," I said. "You seem happier than you used to be, at peace with yourself."

"I am," she assured me. "I have a secret. I've learned to live the Lord's way, and I'm ashamed that it took me so long to learn it. It all started with a new neighbor I had for a while right after you left."

"Tell me," I invited.

"Something about her annoyed me. She was always so cheerful and positive when I felt glum and negative. You remember how I used to be—on edge, always suspicious of everyone's motives. Well, one day I was rude to her. I even did something mean—I won't tell you what. Then I waited for her to get even and planned how to get back at her when she did. I watched for dirty tricks, or at least some answering rudeness. But nothing happened.

"Finally I burst out, 'Why don't you try to get even with people who are mean to you? I always do.'

"She answered gently, 'I'd rather try to live the Lord's way.'"

"The Lord's way," I mused. "Leave vengeance to Him."

"Yes," my friend added. "And return good for evil. Forgive till 70 times seven. Do good to those who spitefully use you. Be kind to one another. I knew those directives, but I hadn't lived by them. I was overwhelmed by guilt. I decided to change."

"How did you start?" I inquired.

"Every time I felt slighted or put upon, I tried to say something kind to or do something helpful for the person involved instead of letting resentment gnaw at me. That's all."

"That's a great deal," I said. "It's hard."

"Yes, if you're self-centered, as I was. I think it became easier when I began to understand something about other people as well as myself. Most of us are not naturally mean and spiteful. We get that way by hitting back at things or people we blame for our own inadequacies."

"But you never were inadequate," I protested.

"I thought I was. I felt inferior. I thought that even the Lord didn't like me very much. Once I started to do things His way, I acquired a new perspective. I've been so busy changing me that I have no place in my life for suspicion or resentment of other people." □

By Nina Willis Walter, Pico Rivera, Calif.



# GOD

## WORKING THROUGH "OUTREACH BUS MINISTRY"

By Georgia Perkins, *Denver*

**T**WO YEARS AGO, January 27, 1971, at my bedside, I found *salvation*. I *praise God* for the happiest, most blessed years of my life. It is only through knowing our precious Saviour as my dearest Friend who shares my joys, continual enthusiasm, and understands my overflowing thankfulness for His grace.

The only way to express my gratitude to hundreds of people for their spiritual help and guidance—especially the "minister of outreach" at First Church of the Nazarene, Denver—is to share my story with others.

Three and one-half years ago, this dedicated man was brought to Denver and started a bus program with *one* child and a donated bus.

Two years ago last September, my husband and I both believe the Lord sent this man to our door. What an answer to *prayer* to have our three precious little girls, one age four, and twins, age three, in Sunday school!

We had been away from God and church for seven years, but it was my earnest desire for them to have spiritual training. We had found only coldness and indifference in several other churches we had tried to attend.

We went for the first time to a lovely "Bus Parents' Reception and Children's Christmas Program" two years ago. How amazed and delighted we were to find such warm, friendly,

happy people! We were especially impressed with the genuine love and concern of all of the bus drivers, supervisors, and Sunday school teachers.

By that time, seven bus routes had been established. The director came by once a week to "scout the route." I felt very guilty. My own life seemed miserable, and I underwent a great deal of conviction. I wanted with all my heart to be close to God again and find salvation after being a backslider for 28 years.

After nine years of marriage and living a life that included 15 years of smoking, drinking, dancing, parties, etc., and never understanding the gospel, I praise the Lord that I can now be an example to our children. Only by His touch and help was I able to quit smoking and drinking and by His amazing grace to "go, and sin no more."

Happiness is now my precious Bible, *outreach*, spiritual reading material, poetry, helpful sermons, gospel records, Sunday school, choir, all the inspirational Wednesday and Sunday services, but especially serving the Lord as a "bus mom."

For more than one and one-half years, it has been my *greatest joy* to "scout a route" of 40 to 60 families of my own friends and neighbors each weekend, to witness and share my faith by phone or in person, and to ride our bus full of enthusiastic, singing children as a bus supervisor. We *all* have a grand time, but what a privilege to see these children from three to 17 years of age grow spiritually!

We now have eight buses, 60 "bus moms" who have volunteered to bake cupcakes once a month for all our "bus kids," six "moms" helping to call by phone, eight helpers scouting each weekend, and six to eight of the parents as a part of the bus crew—including my bus-driving and dedicated husband—who were also found through outreach and whose main commitment to God is finding children and families as *we* were found.

Around Christmas in both 1971 and 1972, a beautiful "Jesus Certificate" was awarded to the child on each bus who brought the most visitors over a six-week period—and we kept most of the visitors.

Our director found another family of an outstanding husband and wife with four children ranging from ages four to 18! The two older children have grown to be such beautiful, spiritual teens in two years and are a part of our marvelous senior high T.A.C.T. singing group. Both parents are cosponsors and leaders with the Senior High Department.

The true beauty of the bus ministry is that there is never any pressure put on the parents. How blessed we were to have at least 150 bus parents at our 1971 magnificent "Children's Christmas Program"!

In October, 1971, we had four families at the altar of prayer *all* on one Sunday, and we're still praising God for such miracles! With great Junior and Junior High departments, 40 of the children

Pictured (l. to r.) Don Moran, Joe Hirte, Bill Allen, Jim Read, Jenny Fernstrom, Georgia Perkins, Keith Heater, Jerry Dershem, Jim Middleton, Don Perkins, Rex Hoffman, Bill Colwell, and Roscoe Wagner





on our bus alone have found Jesus. The Lord has brought in 10 families from our one route who have found salvation and are involved. We have 20 families in the church who were found through outreach, and there are now at least 15 new bus families attending weekly.

It is an *honor* to be part of such a church and see a fabulous growth where the Sunday school attendance has increased from 225 to 1,200 in only four years. How wonderful it is to see souls won by the score—families being led by their children—but mainly to feel God's presence at all times! □



**IF WE TRULY LOVE CHRIST,  
WE CAN DO AS WE PLEASE,  
AS THE ANCIENT  
AUGUSTINE SAID,  
BECAUSE WHAT  
WE PLEASE TO  
DO IS WHATEVER  
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TO DO.**



**THINGS  
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OUT**

By J. Kenneth Grider, *Kansas City*

**W**HILE THERE are things we cannot live without (air, water, food), there are also things we cannot love without—the things we cannot love Jesus Christ without.

We cannot love Him without turning to Him with uncalculated abandon.

When we get married, we do not give our mate parts of our lives finely calculated to be just enough to secure from the marriage partner what we want from him or her. When we find the one our hearts long for, we delight to shut ourselves off from other possible companions and lock ourselves into union with that one person. Ours would not be true love if we all-the-time calculated its cost and kept figuring out if we were receiving a sufficient return for our investment.

It is that way with abandon to Jesus Christ, only more so. If we are only "rice Christians," we are not Christians at all. If we are only "give-me Christians," we are not Christians at all. When we are Christ's we are wedded at a dimension of depth to one Bridegroom. An uncalculated abandon to Christ is one thing we cannot love without.

Something else we cannot love without is keeping His commandments.

"If ye love me," Jesus said, "keep my commandments" (John 14:15). If we love Him, we keep them, and they are not grievous to us; they do not weigh us down and spoil our celebration of human existence in this world where we sojourn. To do them is our delight, our joy, our fulfillment.

If we truly love Christ, we can do as we please, as the ancient Augustine said, because what we please to do is whatever He wants us to do. To keep His commandments is something we cannot love without.

Gossiping Christ is another thing we cannot love without.

One of the translations of Acts 8:4 has it that the earliest Christians went about gossiping Christ, making Him the talk of every town, the Turner-upside-down of all those Roman provinces.

What if Christians were thrown to Nero's lions in the Colosseum, or tarred and lighted as lamps, or dragged behind chariots in Rome's kind of circus? What mattered most was not saving one's skin, but spreading a kind of salt throughout the Roman Empire which would smart in its self-inflicted wounds and save it from itself.

Air, water, and food, we cannot live without. An uncalculated abandon, keeping Christ's commandments, gossiping Christ in love to all and sundry in these times of Christ's special destiny—these are among the many things we cannot love without. □

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AND SPIRITUAL DETERIORATION BEGINS.**



# **LEAN—IF YOU WOULD LIFT!**

By Katherine Bevis, *Houston*

**S**ILENTLY THE SETTING SUN drained the color from the blossoms in my flower garden and tossed it with reckless abandon into the sky, there to burst into one last blaze of glory before being folded into the cloak of night.

Watching the magic of the moonrise, I seemed to find a key that opened the door to relief from the cares and problems that were disturbing me.

As I sat there in that quiet evening reverie, my mind went back to a sermon I had heard the Sunday before. My pastor had said in part that the human race could be divided into two classes, the “lifters” and the “leaners.”

But he had also said that a man could not lift if he didn’t know how to lean; he could not lift if there was nothing to lean on, or the ground would give way under him. He must have faith and hope to stand on; and then, leaning on the Lord, he would be able to lift.

As I felt the profound silence of the night and thought again of this sermon, I remembered the many times in the past when this “prescription” had worked wonders in my life. Thinking of these times, I spoke aloud into the night about me: “Thank You, God, for Your curative agents—FAITH and HOPE—and thank You for helping me to use them.”

New courage came as I thought how the help had always come to me as I leaned on God. He took the heavy end of my burden and left the lighter end for me. Then by leaning on Him, I was able to lift!

We are not so built that we can live healthy spiritual lives without this Power beyond ourselves.

Take away the atmospheric pressure from a human body and death speedily results; take away the presence of God from our lives and spiritual deterioration begins.

The first verse of the forty-sixth psalm declares, “God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.” It is said that in moments when Martin Luther was in despair, he would say to his friend Melanchthon, “Come, Philipp, let us sing the forty-sixth psalm.” Its words would remind them of God’s reassuring presence.

In the darkest days of our Civil War, Governor Ogilvie of Illinois became utterly discouraged. The Union armies had been steadily driven back, and he wrote President Lincoln that he feared all was lost.

Lincoln sent back this telegram: “Dear Dick: Read Exodus 14:13—‘Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord.’”

When life becomes irksome, tedious, or irritating because of pressures from someone or something, remember that if you lean on that never failing Help and have faith and hope in Him who is able, then you can lift.

Remember that the task ahead of you is never so great as the Power behind you.

That Power will teach us how to lean in order to lift! □



## **GOD'S WATCHFUL EYE**

**Psalms 33:13-20**

*What comfort and security  
The saints of God do know,  
Because His eye is ever on  
His trusting ones below!*

*In danger, keeps; each need supplies,  
Their constant Hope and Stay;  
God never sleeps, watch ever keeps,  
Through night as well as day.*

*His watchful eye, His loving glance,  
On these all may depend;  
For He who notes each sparrow's fall  
Sustains us to the end.*

**Byron Maybury  
Tampa, Fla.**



# ALL FENCED IN

By Milo L. Arnold, *Colorado Springs*

**B**ORED PEOPLE are always fenced in, and some people are forever bored. They are difficult people to help, for they believe other people or situations build the fences. They hope I have some magic key which will open their gate to freedom. They are good people and want life's best, but they don't know much about where fences come from.

Everybody is fenced in. Our laws, customs, traditions, and treaties fence us in. Our spouses, children, and neighbors; our jobs, debts, and duties enclose us. Our religion, our past sins, and the sins some people still want to experience are fences.

The reason some people seem more fenced in than others is that they spend their lives leaning over their fences instead of turning about face and looking at life.

One young woman wanted to become an author. However she quit school, married young, and was quickly immersed in a house full of babies, bottles, blocks, battles, bruises, and Band-Aids. Her girl friends would trip by in fine clothes or drive past in nice cars in their free social swim.

One day she caught herself feeling frustrated and fenced in, but she very maturely began to look at the lovely family she had rather than the good clothes she did not have. She picked up a cheap tablet and stub pencil and during a short midmorning breather wrote her mother a letter describing the comical characteristics of her day.

She enjoyed it so much that she found herself writing bits of diary just for the fun of it. It helped her keep her perspective.

A friend read it and liked it. The outcome was a best-selling book. She found fulfillment, for she learned to look at life rather than lean-

ing longingly on fences.

Watching a mother of a family of small boys, I wondered at her endurance and courage. The place was as full of action as a bouncing spring rainstorm. She was thin as a rail, busy as a windmill, and happy with living.

I knew other young women were not so bound down as she but she was less imprisoned than they. A tyke brought a handful of worms and she admired them. A fallen bird's nest and a dead bird were brought by concerned boys, knowing she would be concerned.

She was not fenced in, for her world was too full to spend time in useless longings. She was having fun being young with her family.

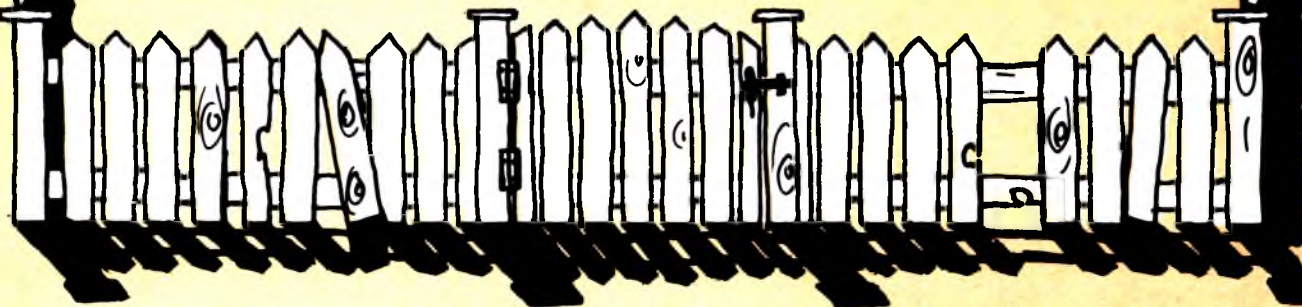
Ford, Goodrich, and Firestone were as fenced in by poverty and lack of know-how as were the thousands of their peers whose names are today unknown. They just accepted the fences and, staying within their limitations, made the best of what facilities and tools they could improvise.

New truth is always learned by people who never stop because they have reached the edge of their training. Great books are always the productions of men who go beyond the common areas of tread-worn thinking.

Abundant living is never discovered by people who daily survey the fences of their limitations. Such people narrow their world day by day.

Why stand always facing the fences? Why not turn your face toward the green pastures through which God leads us, and get so busy with living that you lose that fenced-in feeling?

After all, fences keep our resources grouped rather than letting life dissipate itself by running wild and spilling over the edges. □







By Aarlie J. Hull, Seattle

# A Christian Woman's World

## CHARLIE SHEDD'S FOUR COVENANTS OF MARRIAGE

CHARLIE SHEDD, writer, minister, and lecturer, discussed "Four Covenants of Marriage" in an address at the Christian Life Workshop held at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Tex. I heard his remarks on tape and really liked what he said.

The first covenant on which he and his wife Martha have built their marriage is a COVENANT OF TIME. Charlie Shedd believes that, if marriage is going to be something more than the ordinary, there's going to have to be time involved—time for putting aside pressures and for "re-warming your friendship."

To achieve this, the Shedds go out together for dinner ALONE once a week and they spend 15 minutes a day visiting "in depth" about what's going on inside them. Dr. Shedd reveals that the more time they spend together on a meaningfully personal and honest level, the more they want to spend time together.

The COVENANT OF TRANSPARENCY is the second of their marriage covenants. Psychiatrists say that you can never have total peace in your deepest self "until you have surfaced yourself completely with one other person." Charlie and Martha

Shedd are convinced that this is true, and they believe that Christian marriage is the place to "surface yourself completely with one other person."

For this reason, the Shedds have promised each other that they will not go for more than 48 hours hiding something from each other. If, at the end of that time, they can't surface it or haven't worked it out, they request an extension from each other.

Dr. Shedd asks, "Where do people become strangers 10 or 20 years later? When they hide a little!" So he and Martha do not hide from each other.

This covenant of transparency has led to the beatitude: "Blessed are they who develop a love at home that is total, for they shall know the joy of giving and receiving love beyond their own address." The Shedds have found that the more they relate to each other in mission, the more their mission outside the home has "power and verve and the zip, zam, and zowie that a Risen Christ inside has turned loose in their oneness together."

A great marriage is not wedLOCK, says Dr. Shedd when describing their third covenant of marriage—the COVENANT OF LIBERTY. "Self-actualization can only come when we extend each other the dignity of freedom," he says. And they have found that the more liberty in their marriage relationship, the more they move back to each other in a new and beautiful oneness.

The fourth covenant of the Shedd marriage is the COVENANT OF PRAYER. In his extensive travelling and speaking tours, Dr. Shedd has noted a lack of prayer in the sense of husband and wife sharing before God daily in a way that surfaces the total person for each other and God.

Wonderful things happen when you begin to pray like that, reports Charlie Shedd. For them, it has been the realization and confidence in the leading of the Lord. He says, "Martha and I, after 15 years of praying together, believe that we have arrived at the place where every time that the two of us come out together at the same point, this is the will of God for us for sure."

Summing it all up, Charlie Shedd said to his audience, "Great marriage, if you believe the Gospel, is the Divine in me calling to the Divine in her and the Divine in each of us answering the Divine in each other for His purposes in mission."

Charlie W. Shedd is well known for his books: *Letters to Karen* (about marriage relationships), 95c; *Letters to Philip* (on how to treat a woman), 95c; *Promises to Peter* (on parent-child relationships), \$3.95; *The Stork Is Dead* (about teen-agers and sex), \$3.95; *Is Your Family Turned On?* (about the family), \$4.95; and his latest, *The Fat Is in Your Head* (for overweight people), \$3.95. His popularity is well understood when you read any of his books or hear him speak.

## He Is Able

A great refrain runs through the New Testament. It sings in the shadows and shouts from the mountaintops. It comes with calm assurance and rises to supreme exaltation.

There are variations on the theme, but the same triumphant note sounds clear. It is the repeated conviction: "God is able"; "He is able"; "I am able"; and "to him who is able."

One writer has brought six of these tremendous texts together. They cover the whole range of the Christian life from conversion to the second coming of Christ.

1. "He is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them" (Hebrews 7:25).

This is where it begins. "He is able to *save*." No word in the Bible has more meaning than salvation—to save, and to be saved.

To be saved means to be delivered from the dark and evil forces that threaten human happiness. It means to be forgiven and reconciled with God. It means to become a new creature in Christ, to be "born again."

But salvation in the New Testament is "to the uttermost." Luther's German translation was "*durch und durch*," "through and through." Phillips translates it, "fully and completely." The *New English Bible* says, "absolutely."

The apostles of doubt deny this aspect of salvation. But the Apostle Paul puts it in clear focus when he writes, "God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth" (II Thessalonians 2:13). We cannot have final salvation nor keep a free salvation if we reject God's full salvation.

2. "In that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to *succour* them that are tempted" (Hebrews 2:18). Able to help us in the time of temptation—what comfort and strength is this!

The writer to the Hebrews stresses again and again that Christ Jesus is a great High Priest because He shares our humanity. He does not ask us to go where He has not already gone.

One who has never suffered bereavement may pity those who do. But he cannot really feel with them and therefore cannot really help.

None of us have ever felt the full force of temptation as Jesus did. All of us have broken before the

full weight of the tempter's power was thrown against us. But Jesus never broke. He alone bore without collapse all Satan could hurl at Him.

For this reason, Christ is able to help us—by His example and by His presence—when trial and temptation come. The unknown writer of the gospel song said it well:

*And how sweetly Jesus whispers:*

*"Take the cross; thou need'st not fear,  
For I've trod the way before thee,  
And the glory lingers near."*

3. "Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen" (Jude 24-25).

He is able to *sustain*. He can preserve us to the end and present us faultless in the presence of His glory.

As all other New Testament writers, Jude keeps the balance between perseverance and preservation. "Keep yourselves in the love of God," he wrote in verse 21. As we do this, He will keep us from falling.

We have no promise that we shall be faultless in this life. Blameless, yes; faultless, no. But we have God's assurance that when Jesus comes again "we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is" (1 John 3:2).

4. "Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen" (Ephesians 3:20-21).

This is another doxology—a shout of praise to the One who is able to *surpass* our greatest expectations.

There is no doubt about the size of this promise. Power to do all that we ask would be tremendous. Add to that what we can think. Then multiply the total by "above" and compound it with "abundantly" and "exceeding."

5. "I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day" (II Timothy 1:12).

Not only does He save, succour, sustain, and surpass our greatest expectations—he *secures* forever what we commit to Him. Paul is very careful in his language. He does not say, "I know *about whom* I

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have believed.” He says, “‘I know *whom* I have believed’—I know Him.”

Henry Drummond closed one of his great student rallies in Edinburgh with an appeal for decisions. “I cannot guarantee,” he said, “that the stars will shine brighter when you leave this hall tonight, or that when you wake tomorrow a new world will open before you. But I do guarantee that Christ will keep that which you have committed to Him.”

6. “Our conversation [citizenship] is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ: who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself” (Philippians 3:20-21).

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James S. Stewart, Edinburgh’s eloquent preacher, wrote: “It is an awful thing to hear Christians, as I heard them, bemoaning the world as pessimistically as any unbeliever. It is a mortifying thing to meet Christians so obsessed with disillusioning problems that they forget the victory of their Master. Do let us believe our own faith. . . . The basic fact of history is not the iron curtain, but the rent veil: not the devil’s strategy, but the divine sovereignty. *Sursum corda—lift up your hearts!*”

Indeed, as W. A. Ogden long since wrote:

*’Tis the grandest theme thro’ the ages rung;  
’Tis the grandest theme for a mortal tongue;  
’Tis the grandest theme that the world e’er  
sung,*

“Our God is able to deliver thee.” □

## A Package Deal

A transaction that includes a number of related items, to be taken or left as a whole, is called a “package deal.” One writer commented on St. Paul’s description of love in I Corinthians 13: “The ingredients of love are in a package and not a list from which we select ones appealing to us.”

The list of items in the package is an imposing one. It includes nine elements, each important to

the definition of God’s kind of love.

The first is patience. Love “suffereth long,” or as Moffatt translates it, “Love is very patient.”

The second is kindness. Love “suffereth long, and is kind.” There is a sort of grim patience that really says, “How slow and stupid can you be?” But love is gracious in its patience.

Generosity is shown in the fact that love is never envious. It can look with joy on the good fortune of others.

Love is humble. It “vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up.” It is not “anxious to impress,” Phillips translates it. It “makes no parade” is the Moffatt version. “It does not put on airs” (Goodspeed), “nor does it cherish inflated ideas of its own importance” (Phillips).

Courtesy is the fifth quality of true love. “Doth not behave itself unseemly.” It “is never rude” (Moffatt) or “unmannerly” (Berkeley).

Unselfishness is essential to love. Love “seeketh not her own”—it is “never selfish” (Moffatt). “Love does not insist on its own way” (RSV). “It does not insist on its rights” (Goodspeed).

Love is “not easily provoked”—“not quick to take offence” (NEB). “It is not irritable or resentful” (RSV). “It is not touchy” (Phillips).

Love is not suspicious—“thinketh no evil.” “Love keeps no score of wrongs” (NEB). “It does not keep account of evil” (Phillips).

Love “rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth.” Love “does not gloat over other men’s sins” (NEB); it is “never glad when others go wrong” (Moffatt). Love “joyfully sides with the truth” (Weymouth); it is “always glad when truth prevails” (Williams).

The results of love like this are noteworthy: “There is nothing love cannot face; there is no limit to its faith, its hope, and its endurance” (NEB). “Love can stand any kind of treatment; love’s first instinct is to believe in people; love never regards anyone or anything as hopeless; nothing can happen that can break love’s spirit” (Barclay).

Who could not pray for more love such as this? Not part of it, but all of it. With such love we are partakers of the divine nature—for God himself is Love. □

## OF PEOPLE AND PLACES

REV. OSCAR H. ELLER, Artesia (N.M.) First Church, has been appointed Key 73 chairman for that community of 12,000. □

THE YOUNG CHRISTIAN DIMENSIONS of Amarillo (Tex.) First Church made a 1,800-mile singing tour during 1972. The teen choir worked during the summer to raise over \$1,200 toward financing the trip.

On a five-day schedule, the choir sang in churches at San Antonio, Cisco, Kilgore, and Denton, Tex. Sponsors Ron Gray and Mrs. Fred Field assisted the director, Jean Gray, with special arrangements. □

MR. ROY POWELL from the Texarkana (Tex.) First Church was recently given special recognition for his outstanding achievement in Sunday school attendance. He was awarded his twenty-ninth-year attendance bar by the Sunday school superintendent, Mr. Ned Thompson, during a morning worship service. R. G. Womack is pastor. □

MRS. ADA GOODING, Anderson (Ind.) Goodwin Memorial Church, received a certificate of appreciation from Pastor D. Eugene Simpson for 22 years of continuous service as supervisor of the Primary Department. The congregation honored her on a special day planned to acknowledge her faithfulness.

Mrs. Gooding became Primary Department supervisor in 1950, when the average church attendance was 136. She served until 1972, when the Sunday school averaged an all-time high of 291. She has served under seven pastors and has seen the church build new educational buildings twice.

In 1968, the church moved to a new location on 20 acres of land in the southwestern section of Anderson. □

Pastor D. Eugene Simpson presents certificate of appreciation to Mrs. Ada Gooding.



MR. ROBERT DENSFORD, of Pasadena, Calif., has assumed the position as director of Christian education at Pasadena (Calif.) First Church, with Earl G. Lee, senior pastor. Densford is a graduate of Olivet Nazarene College, Kankakee, Ill., where he received an A.B. degree in education.



Robert Densford

After three years' teaching experience, Mr. Densford and his wife, Sharon, who is also a graduate of ONC, moved to Pasadena, where he taught for four years in the Pasadena school system. He took graduate studies at Pasadena College and Cal State, Los Angeles. During this time, the Densfords were active members in Pasadena First Church, with responsibilities in the Sunday school and music department of the church.

The other two members of the Densford family are Steve, age eight; and Sheri, age one and a half. □

THE BEL AIR, MD., CHURCH YOUTH CHOIR completed a very active year of concerts. They sang for Nazarene congregations and for other churches and groups in three states.

All promotion, advertising, and planning was done by the group under the direction of "Butch" Phillips, a high school senior. Last summer the group witnessed in downtown Bel Air. The NYPS put up large containers of iced orange drink and a banner which proclaimed—"The Living Water." Over 3,000 pieces of literature were distributed and hundreds received a personal witness. Interested people stopped to read the *Conquest* and *Herald*. Hundreds of copies of the *Herald* were distributed.

The group, called "Freedom," has had numerous projects, including church cleanup days; ministering in a nursing home; working as ground and kitchen crew in district camps; assisting in children's day camp, vacation Bible school, and in numerous other activities. J. Weston Chambers is pastor. Lynn Godkin, associate pastor, is director of the group. □

## TWO ELDERS SERVING IN NATIONAL ORGANIZATION

Two Nazarene elders were elected to serve on the steering committee for the formation of The National Alliance for Family Life (NAFL). A group of 2,500 professionals is forming the organization. The NAFL will share pertinent information within the movement and with the public as a positive plan to influence and

strengthen U.S. family life.

It is thought by the NAFL leaders that positive measures should be taken before a crisis is reached in family relationships. It will enable preventive counseling and will provide special services and related education to assist before serious family problems arise.

Included on the steering committee for the newly formed organization are Nazarene elders G. A. Gough and Lloyd E. Northrup, both from California.

Dr. G. A. Gough is now in private practice as a Christian counselor in Montebello, Calif., and works part-time as a staff counselor at Whittier (Calif.) First Church. He directs the research at the American Institute of Family Relations in Hollywood, Calif.

Lloyd E. Northrup is director of the Helpline Youth Counseling in Norwalk, Calif. He also has a part-time private practice while continuing doctoral studies in educational psychology at USC. He and his wife hold special Sunday evangelistic services throughout California. □

## SMALL CHURCH SHOWS BIG SPIRIT

The Syracuse, Ohio, church is a small church with less than 50 members. Located in a city with a population of 900, the Sunday school averages 100 in attendance.

In the Thanksgiving Offering for world evangelism, 1972, the church reached a new peak of \$2,622. Pastor M. C. Larimore presented a check to Dr. Donald J. Gibson, superintendent (Central Ohio District), to be sent to Kansas City.

The Syracuse church received the "Small Church Achievement Award" on its district last year. It was also noted as an honor Sunday school and was on the Evangelistic Honor Roll. The church gave 10 percent of its income for world evangelism. Its district, education, and NMBF budgets were also paid in full. □

Pastor M. C. Larimore (r.) presents check to District Superintendent Donald J. Gibson raised through the 1972 Thanksgiving Offering.





From left to right—The Maurice Halls, Sevilla Smith, Carole Pershall, Alleen Ediger, and Alice Rotz (ladies holding check are the missionary council members).

### CHALLENGING CONFERENCE AT COLORADO SPRINGS FIRST

“THE GOOD LIFE—PASS IT ON” was the theme and challenge of the Colorado Springs First Church in its sixth annual missionary conference, 1972.

The five-day conference speakers were Rev. Maurice Hall, missionary-superintendent to Central Africa; Rev. Geronimo Galindez, national pastor from the Philippines; and Mr. Jim Copple, Student Missionary Corps worker from Nazarene Theological Seminary, Kansas City. In addition, Nazarene Bible College Students Jadalla Ghrayyeb (from Lebanon) and Filipino Robertson (from Samoa) presented special emphases.

Excitement for missions ran high, as did attendance, throughout the conference. A giant step of faith was exercised by the Sunday morning crowd of 764, as Pastor Bill M. Sullivan presented the challenge for missions, resulting in faith-promise commitments for the coming year in excess of \$60,000. This more than doubles the commitments made last year.

During the conference a giant check was presented to Missionary Maurice Hall in the amount of \$2,500 for a project in Central Africa. —FORREST PERSHALL, reporter. □

### CONVERSIONS REPORTED TO SEMINARY STATION

Paul Unterkircher, general manager of KTSR (operated by Nazarene Theological Seminary, Kansas City), recently reported a story related to the program's outreach.

Some months ago, Mr. Unterkircher said, he recorded and played a special music program over KTSR which featured a one-hour special of Gaither music. It was well received

and upon request he announced a date for repeating the program.

A listener called to verify the time for the replay. The listener told Paul that he had 14 people at his house waiting to hear it, and five of them were unsaved.

Before the program was over, the listener called the station and told Paul he already had four of his guests on their knees praying through to victory. He was greatly rejoicing.

Other reports of persons accepting Christ as Saviour have been received recently at KTSR. □

### MASSACHUSETTS MINISTER HONORED

On November 26 the congregation of the Beverly, Mass., church (New England District) honored their pastor, Rev. James E. Baker, and his family with a surprise tenth anniversary celebration. The church gave the pastor a watch and plaque.

Rev. J. E. Baker came to the Beverly church in October, 1962. Six months after his arrival, ground was broken for a new sanctuary. The new building was occupied in January of 1964 and dedicated on May 31 of that

Pictured from left to right: John Baker, Mrs. Marion Baker, Julie Baker, Susan Baker, Rev. James E. Baker, Peter Baker, Rev. Robert Walter, assistant pastor, and Mr. Ed Goodwin, board member and member of the pulpit committee that called Pastor Baker 10 years ago.



year. In January, 1965, Pastor Baker's family moved into a new parsonage.

In the fall of 1964 he organized a day school program. The program began with 10 children and one teacher. In just a few years this program has grown to a current enrollment of over 80 children and a staff of eight people. Two buses have been added to transport the children.

In 1967, ground was broken for an annex to the new church building for a growing Sunday school and day school program.

Pastor Baker has been actively involved in his community. He was responsible for the released-time program in the public schools for three years. He became a very active leader in a positive fight against drug abuse.

Baker has also served as a member of the district church schools board, a member of the board of trustees for the district camp, and for three years as president of the district NYPS.

The congregation commended Pastor Baker's spiritual leadership through the celebration. □

### NAZARENE IN POLITICS

Harold E. Willett, Sand Creek, Mich., was successful in his bid for the election to the office of treasurer in Lenawee County.

Willett has been involved in township politics for 19 years. He served 15 years as township treasurer, and for two years as supervisor.

For six years Mr. Willett served on the Sand Creek school board, and as president during four years. He is serving as vice-president of the Southeastern Michigan Rural Electric Co-op Association Board.

Mr. Willett has been a member of the Church of the Nazarene for 36 years. For many years he was a mem-



Harold E. Willett

ber of the Ridgeway, Mich., church. Presently he is a member of the Adrian (Mich.) First Church, where he is serving as church treasurer. □

## TWO ALUMNI FROM TNC HONORED

CAPTAIN WILLARD G. QUICK, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Reese Quick, of Bennettsville, S.C., was presented the Resources Conservation Award in recent ceremonies at March AFB, Calif.

Captain Quick submitted a military improvement suggestion while assigned at the Thule AB, Greenland, which would improve communications operations and at the same time reduce expenditures, thus saving the air force an estimated \$20,500 over a two-year period.

The captain is now a flight facilities officer at March with a unit of the Air Force Communication Service which provides global communications and air traffic control for the United States Air Force.

Willard earned his B.S. degree in business administration at Trevecca Nazarene College, Nashville, in 1968.

Captain Quick entered the air force in January, 1969, and was commissioned later the same year upon graduation from Officer Training School, Lackland AFB, Tex. □

SECOND LIEUTENANT JOHN A. McWHORTER, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold A. McWhorter, St. Augustine, Fla., has been awarded U.S. Air Force silver pilot wings upon graduation at Columbus AFB, Miss.

Following specialized aircrew training at Castle AFB, Calif., he will be assigned to Loring AFB, Me. He will be a B-52 Stratofortress pilot.

Lieutenant McWhorter received his bachelor's degree in business administration in 1969 from Trevecca Nazarene College, Nashville. He was commissioned upon completion of Officer Training School at Lackland AFB, Tex. □

## ARMY GENERAL SPEAKS AT HAMPTON, VA., CHURCH

General Ralph E. Haines, Jr., commanding general of the U.S. Continental Army Command, spoke in the worship service at the Hampton, Va., church on Sunday morning, November 5. His present command embraces the majority of army units and all army schools and training centers within the continental United States.

General Haines has supervised the training of Army Reserve Component Units and individuals. He has directed the Army ROTC Program. He acts as commander in chief of Army

Forces, U.S. Strike Command, and U.S. Army Forces, Atlantic.

In his message to the Hampton church, General Haines stressed the importance of sanctification and of Christian witness. He was one of the speakers at "Explo '72" in Dallas and has appeared in several of the Billy Graham Crusades.

Recently, General Haines was under fire by a congressman concerning his preaching of old-time religion. He and his staff have a time of prayer and Bible study every Friday at 6 a.m. It is attended by 10 generals and several other high-ranking officers.

In token of appreciation for his visit to the worship service, Pastor R. Gene Anspach presented the general with a copy of the Nazarene *Manual* and a pocket-size edition of the Nazarene hymnal. □

General Ralph E. Haines, Jr.



Photo by Mr. Robert Osburn, Post Photo Facility, Fort Monroe, Va.

## NAZARENE SURGEON DR. ROBERT A. HARDIN IMPLANTS NUCLEAR-POWERED CARDIAC PACEMAKER

Dr. Robert A. Hardin, member of Nashville First Church, and his surgical partner, Dr. Jackson Harris, have successfully implanted a nuclear-powered cardiac pacemaker into the chest of a Nashville man. Taking place at Baptist Hospital, this surgery is the first nuclear pacemaker implant performed in a non-university hospital and the first such implantation in the Southeast. This is the fourth license issued in the United States permitting the use of the nuclear-powered heart device.

The hospitalized patient had led a very active life during the two years since he had a battery-powered pacemaker implant. Battery-powered pacemakers have to be replaced in about two years, while the life expectancy of the isotopic pulse generator is from 10 to 15 years.

Dr. Robert A. Hardin, teacher of the Pate Sunday school class, at Nashville First Church, is a longtime member of the official church board. He served as chairman of the board for the 1971-72 church year. "Dr. Bob," who teaches the class with touches of down-to-earth humor, also imparts spiritual truths to the members of the class. Prayer plays a big part in his success both as a surgeon and as a teacher.

Dr. Hardin is married to the former

JoAnn Hawkins. They have three sons and a daughter. □

Dr. Robert Hardin (r.) works with his partner, Dr. Jackson Harris, (cardiac surgery team) to "complete the nation's first nuclear-powered pacemaker implantation performed in a non-university-affiliated hospital and the first in the Southeast."



Staff photo by Jack Gunter, Nashville Banner

## COLLEGE NEWS

### NEW PHYSICAL EDUCATION CENTER PLANNED AT ENC

The board of trustees of Eastern Nazarene College, Quincy, Mass., has approved the construction of a new physical education center. The facility will occupy the site of the present tennis courts on the edge of Alumni Field. It is scheduled for completion next September.

The new center will have 31,500 square feet of space, a seating capacity for 1,600 at sports events, and space for 3,000 at convocations. □

### TREVECCA ANNOUNCES LARGEST SINGLE CONTRIBUTION

The announcement was made in November that Trevecca Nazarene College, Nashville, was to receive a \$100,000 gift. It is the largest single contribution ever made to the school.

The donor was John T. Benson, Jr., of Nashville, longtime friend and supporter of the school. The news was made public by Dr. Mark R. Moore, president of TNC.

Mr. Benson and his wife attended the college and have served in various capacities. At one time, he was purchasing agent for the school. He has been a member of the board of trustees for nearly 40 years. His interest in the college is well known. He has sponsored a lecture series for over 25 years at the school.

Mr. Benson has been an active

layman in the Church of the Nazarene. He has served on the General Board of the church for 12 years and on the board of trustees of the Nazarene Theological Seminary, Kansas City, for nine years. He has also served for 38 years on the advisory board of the Tennessee District.

In his local church, Nashville First, Mr. Benson directed the music for 30 years. He served on the official board for the majority of that time. In recognition of his service to the church, the board of trustees at TNC conferred the Doctor of Letters in 1971.

Until his recent retirement he was for 37 years the president of the John T. Benson Publishing Company of Nashville, a prominent sacred music publishing firm.

The Benson family has had a long and close relationship with the college. The late John T. Benson, Sr., served the school as president in 1925-26 and was a member of the board of trustees for a number of years as well as a generous benefactor until his death.

Dr. Moore also announced gifts totaling nearly \$22,000 for the construction of six tennis courts, the major gift of Mr. Joe Davis of Davis Coals, Inc.; a grant by a New York foundation of \$20,000; a matching scholarship fund of \$5,000 by Budd Rice; and gifts from alumni totaling \$2,000 honoring retiring Librarian Lyla T. Mackey, making possible the addition of 1,000 microfilm volumes to the library.

The total cash involved in these and other gifts since June 1 exceeds \$51,000, with additional pledges totaling more than \$102,000 to be paid in the near future. □

John T. Benson, Jr., presents check to President Mark R. Moore (left), a gift to TNC.



Photo by Ray Couey

## NEWS FROM ONC

DR. CARL S. McCLAIN has retired from the faculty of Olivet Naz-



Pasadena College, Pasadena, Calif., celebrated its sixty-third annual homecoming, November 10-11, with more than 5,000 students, prospective students, alumni, and other friends participating in the activities. In the photo (l. to r.) Alumni President Ross Irwin ('56), French Professor Francois Therou ('66), Homecoming Chairman Steve Reed ('65), and the president of the college, Dr. W. Shelburne Brown, are with the 1909 Jouvin-Desrosiers Buick used during the homecoming activities. Don H. Hughes, alumni director, was in charge of the weekend event.

The Buick, owned by Therou, symbolized the year Dr. Phineas Bresee and the board of trustees decided to move the college to Pasadena. The move was accomplished in 1910. The name Pasadena College was given in 1924. More than 17,000 students have attended the school in its 70-year history.

arene College, Kankakee, Ill., after 57 years as a student, teacher, and administrator. He has taught English at the school since 1923 with the exception of one year taken off for graduate study and one semester's leave on a sabbatical. For many years, he served as chairman of the English department.



Dr. Carl S. McClain

McClain was the first editor of the college news bulletin. He was instrumental in organizing the Olivet Alumni Association in 1923. He received an honorary degree of doctor of letters from ONC in 1954. In 1967, a women's residence hall was named McClain Hall.

In addition to his teaching responsibilities, Dr. McClain served as dean of the college from 1931 to 1954. He has been involved with church and community assignments in addition to his involvement with the college. He is a member of the board of commissioners of the Greater Kankakee Airport Authority.

Dr. McClain plans to utilize his retirement time in writing and to catch up on his reading. □

ANNOUNCEMENT WAS MADE by Harlow Hopkins, chairman of the Department of Music, ONC, of the

appointment of Dr. D. George Dunbar, associate professor of music, as director of Orpheus Choir—one of eight departmental ensembles.

Dunbar is a 1959 graduate of ONC. In 1960 he received the M.M. degree from the University of Illinois; and in 1970, received the D.M.A. from the University of Southern California. He taught for seven years at Cascade College, Portland, Ore., and headed the music department there for four years.

Since joining the Olivet faculty in 1969, Dr. Dunbar has directed the Concert Singers; for one year he directed the Oratorio Chorus; and for one semester, Orpheus Choir. He teaches choral conducting, church music, class and private voice.

Dr. Dunbar succeeds Mrs. Naomi Larsen, who directed Orpheus Choir for the past 15 years. Prior to her leadership, the choir was directed by her husband, the late Walter B. Larsen, who founded the group in 1932. □

THE NEW TOM MILBY MEMORIAL CLOCK TOWER on the campus of ONC has been dedicated. The tower is located north of the administration building and was built as a memorial to Tom Milby, an ONC graduate who died of leukemia in 1956.

The \$28,000 tower was built with funds from ONC and given by Mr. and Mrs. James H. Milby, of Springfield, Ill. The Milbys and their daughter, Mrs. Sally Davidson, were present for the ribbon cutting.

The tower was built on the spot where the Milbys were informed of their son's disease, according to a college spokesman. A plaque on the floor of the Milby Tower has the following inscription: "Tom walked these paths on his way to heaven." □

Mrs. Sally Milby Davidson cuts ribbon at the dedication of the Milby Memorial Clock Tower.



## OLIVET PROPOSES GRADUATE DEGREE FOR SECONDARY TEACHERS

Olivet Nazarene College, Kankakee, Ill., submitted a proposal to the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, December 1, requesting accreditation of a program leading to the master of arts in education with a major in secondary education. It is expected that a team of examiners appointed by the North Central Association will visit the Olivet campus sometime in the spring.

The examining team will study the need for and philosophy of the program. It will evaluate the faculty, library, financial, and general strengths supporting the program and will summarize its findings in a report to the Association.

The decision of the Association is expected next summer. If the decision is favorable, high school teachers may enroll in the fall semester for graduate work leading to the master of arts in education with a major in secondary education.

At present, ONC offers a program leading to the master of arts in education with a major in elementary education, serving experienced elementary teachers and those desiring a master of arts in religion.

The new program in secondary education will include the basic educational foundations courses im-

portant to all teachers. A 12-hour broad-field-subject-matter teaching emphasis will be required. A science emphasis will be available first. It is hoped that English and social science emphases will follow.

Dr. Edward Eustice, who is director of both the current elementary and the proposed secondary programs, stated that careful program planning should enable the graduate student to earn the degree in three summers of full-time graduate study. □

## RICHARDS SERVING AS BUSINESS MANAGER, BNC

Ray G. Richards was elected business manager of Bethany Nazarene College, Bethany, Okla., last September. He came to Bethany from Trevecca Nazarene College, where he has served as business manager since 1969.

In announcing the appointment of the new business manager, President Stephen Nease said that a broad background of training and experience had prepared Mr. Richards for the important post he is to fill at BNC during the coming months of financial adjustment. He is a graduate of Olivet Nazarene College, and has had a continuing interest in the

future of Nazarene education.

Following graduation from college, Richards went to work as a management trainee at U.S. Steel in Joliet, Ill. During his 11 years with the steel company he advanced rapidly to positions of management responsibility. In 1966 he joined the Arthur Young Company in Chicago, as a management consultant. His specialization has been in the fields of cost analysis and control.

It was while working for the Arthur Young Company that Richards felt led to accept a position in Christian education and went to Trevecca at the invitation of the president, Dr. Mark Moore.

Ray is a dedicated layman in the Church of the Nazarene. He and his wife, Nadene, and four children have entered into the total programs of the local churches they have attended.

The family arrived in Bethany early in November, and Ray has taken over full responsibility for the business operation of the college.

Dr. Harry Craddock, who had served as business manager since September 1, 1948, is continuing to work with Mr. Richards as assistant to the business manager during the period of transition in administrative personnel. □

The Oklahoma Student Education Association has elected two of its four officers for 1972-73 from the Bethany Nazarene College chapter. Miss Cathy Sneed (center) is serving as president of the statewide organization and is a senior majoring in mathematics and minoring in education and art. Cathy is from Terlton, Okla. Miss Kay Curry, state secretary (left), is a junior mathematics major and education minor from Dallas. Professor Obed J. Watters (right), assistant professor of mathematics at Bethany Nazarene College, Bethany, Okla., is the president's advisor on the executive board and has been an advisor to the BNC chapter of the Student Education Association for the past seven years.

BNC has had one of the most active chapters among the 21 college and university chapters in Oklahoma and has had nine state officers during the last seven years. At the beginning of the current fall semester, 486 students indicated their desire to enter the teaching profession at BNC.





## TWELVE BNC ALUMNI HONORED

Bethany Nazarene College Alumni homecoming, November 18, at Bethany, Okla., was highlighted by the recognition of 12 members of the alumni association who were selected for honors because of distinguished achievement.

The Alumni Heritage Award, which is the highest award given by the association, was presented by Dr. John Bumpus, alumni president, to Dr. Robert Lawrence, director of Institutional Research at Mid-America Nazarene College, Olathe, Kans.

Dr. Lawrence served as chairman of the division of natural sciences from 1947 to 1968. He holds the Ph.D. degree in biology from Oklahoma State University. His dedication to teaching and excellence in scholarship has won the admiration of his colleagues and students. He is held in highest esteem by those who have studied in his classes.

With homecoming scheduled at the same time as the all-Nazarene invitational basketball tournament, the association took advantage of the occasion to honor some who had distinguished themselves in advancement of Christian athletics. The following received the Outstanding Alumni Award: John Westmoreland, '58, insurance agent and active athletic supporter; Frances Oakes, '52, medical doctor and state senator in Oklahoma; Gary Hart, '58, Denver attorney and manager of the recent McGovern campaign; Gary Banz, '68, high school coach; Steve Edlin, '69, Campus Crusade; Larry Mills, '66, professor of business at BNC and 1972 tournament director; John A. Knight, '52, president of Mount Vernon Nazarene College; Karen Nobles, '63, minister of children at Bethany First Church; Wanda Rhodes, '52, professor of physical education at BNC; Joe Robertson, '63, medical doctor; Gilbert Westmoreland, active supporter of athletic program at BNC. □

Dr. John Bumpus (l.), BNC Alumni president, presents award to Dr. Robert Lawrence, director of research at MANC.



## ONC VICTORS IN NAZARENE COLLEGE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

The Tigers, basketball team from Olivet Nazarene College, Kankakee, Ill., emerged victors in the Prairie College Conference Tournament recently held on the ONC campus. The

team is coached by Clarence W. Ward.

Earlier, the Tigers became first-place winners in the Thanksgiving Basketball Tournament, annual Nazarene basketball competition, which was hosted this year on the campus of Bethany Nazarene College, Bethany, Okla. The Tigers edged their way to victory in competition over the team from Mt. Vernon Nazarene College, Mt. Vernon, Ohio; the host team from Bethany Nazarene College; and finally the tournament-favored team, Oklahoma Christian. The final score in the ONC-Oklahoma Christian game was 77 to 75.

Other Nazarene colleges represented by teams at the tournament were Eastern Nazarene College, Quincy, Mass.; Mid-America Nazarene College, Olathe, Kans.; Pasadena College, Pasadena, Calif.; and Trevecca Nazarene College, Nashville. □

Coach C. W. Ward (r.) presents President Harold W. Reed the trophy from the Nazarene Basketball Tournament.



## PROFESSOR KRANICH TO TEACH IN EUROPEAN BIBLE COLLEGE

On December 27, Professor and Mrs. Irving Kranich and their four children left for European Bible College in Schaffhausen, Switzerland, where Mr. Kranich will be teaching during a sabbatic leave from Olivet Nazarene College for the winter term of 1973. While there, he also plans to study at the Conservatorium fur Musik in Zurich.

Professor and Mrs. Kranich will teach in the area of music and serve as ministers of music in the Busingen Church of the Nazarene. Kranich's duties will include representing the European college in the churches of Italy, Germany, and Holland.

At the conclusion of the school term, the family plans to travel in Europe for about two months, attending workshops, festivals, and concerts. They plan to visit Athens, Greece; Istanbul, Turkey; and the



Professor Irving Kranich.

Eastern Communist countries of Yugoslavia, Rumania, Bulgaria, and Hungary.

After a short break in Switzerland, the Kranich family will visit Spain and travel north to Sweden, Finland, and Leningrad, Russia. They will travel west to Bergen, Norway, and spend the last few weeks in Scotland, Ireland, and England. They will fly from London to New York on July 31, and return home early in August. □

## PRESIDENT JOHN E. RILEY, NNC, HONORED

During a homecoming chapel service at Northwest Nazarene College, Nampa, Idaho, College Church Pastor Jerald D. Johnson announced the publication of a book of prayers entitled *President Riley at Prayer*. The book is a compilation of prayers collected by friends without Dr. Riley's knowledge. Family members were aware and offered full cooperation in completing the project.

The book, to be printed by Caxton of Caldwell, will feature photography by C. Dene Simpson showing campus scenes and other shots taken throughout Idaho. Each page will be highlighted with partial to full-color combinations.

Proceeds from the sale over the printing costs will be channeled into a special Endowment Fund, and its purpose will be decided by President and Mrs. Riley. The book will sell for \$1.00 per copy, according to Rev. Jerald D. Johnson. □

Pastor Crawford M. Howe, Cedar Rapids (Ia.) Oakland Church (left), is shown presenting a trophy to Marvin McKain in recognition of 10 years of dedicated service as superintendent of the Sunday school. Mr. McKain also received a new sport coat in recognition of the occasion.



## CHURCH DEDICATIONS AND GROUND BREAKING



Pictured (l. to r.) District Superintendent T. C. Sanders, Pastor Ira E. Fowler, General Superintendent Edward Lawlor, and Mr. J. S. Wood, church secretary.



The Payson, Ariz., church was dedicated last fall. General Superintendent Eugene L. Stowe was the special speaker. District Superintendent M. L. Mann (Arizona District) organized the Payson church, May 25, 1969. Rev. Charles E. Bullock was appointed pastor. The new building has a seating capacity of 200.

The Connersville (Ind.) Gortner Memorial Church was dedicated December 5. Appraisal on the new building is \$97,000. It was erected with donated labor and the assistance of Former Pastor Marion Hoard for approximately \$60,000. The congregation began worshipping in the new facility last Easter and the church has shown steady growth in membership, giving, and almost 200 percent gain in Sunday school attendance. S. T. Moore is the present pastor.



### NORTH CAROLINA CHURCH DEDICATED

The Greensboro (N.C.) Rolling Roads Church was dedicated last summer with Dr. Edward Lawlor preaching the dedicatory message. District Superintendent T. C. Sanders (North Carolina District) was also present.

In the words of Dr. Lawlor, "The sanctuary is very modern and contemporary on the outside and very worshipful on the inside."

The new plant includes a fully furnished sanctuary, a baptistry, choir and music room, pastor's office, and an educational building equipped to care for an attendance of 300. A youth-center building with fireplace has been completed.

The entire structure is located on a three-and-one-half-acre tract of land almost in the heart of Greensboro. Property value is \$400,000. Dr. Ira E. Fowler came as pastor in June, 1967, and is serving on his second extended four-year call. □

### OHIO CHURCH CELEBRATES FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY

During 1972, the Hamilton (Ohio) First Church celebrated its fiftieth anniversary. The church was organized in 1922. Rev. C. C. Chatfield was its first pastor.

During the summer of 1920, Mrs. Lizzie Coyle, operator of a general store in the community, felt a concern for children and young people growing up without the influence of a church. She prayerfully raised money to purchase a tent where a Sunday school could meet. The original organization was formed under the name "Union Church of Christ."

In the spring of 1921 a church basement was constructed, and a superstructure was added in 1922. That year the group was reorganized as the First Church of the Nazarene and 30 charter members were received. Mrs. Clyde Sapp is the only remaining member of the original 30. She was present for the anniversary celebration.

The church purchased a seven-acre estate in 1958 for relocation, and construction began on their present building in 1960.

Newman Sheldon, present pastor, came to the church in 1964. Several fund drives conducted during his pastoral ministry have reduced the indebtedness to \$31,091.

Former pastors, former church members, some who have gone out

from the church as ministers, and friends joined in the anniversary celebration. Rev. W. E. Haggard, pastor from 1930 to 1933, preached in the morning service. Rev. S. E. Durbin, pastor from 1953 to 1964, spoke in the afternoon service. Rev. Merle Sapp, former member, spoke in the evening service. Dinner was served on the grounds. □

## BOQUET CHAPEL RECEIVES HISTORICAL REVIEW

The *Valley News*, Elizabethtown, N.Y., recently published a news story about a new book giving a historical account of the Boquet (Nazarene) Chapel located on the Upstate New York District. The newspaper presented the following extract from the book titled *Essex: Village from the Forgotten Frontier*, by Margaret Scheinin and George McNaulty, and copyrighted in 1972:

"Perhaps unique in New York State, certainly a rarity anywhere in the United States, Boquet Chapel (Nazarene), standing serene in its pine woods in the hamlet of Boquet, is one of the most perfectly preserved examples of small Gothic church architecture in America. This structure, a radical departure from the neo-classic past, clearly demonstrates an early appreciation by residents of the town of Essex of the new trends in architecture which swept the country in the second half of the nineteenth century.

"Chapel designer Richard Upjohn, born in England in 1802, and emigrating to America in 1830, was the most distinguished church architect of the day. His use of the Gothic, reinterpreted from the great English churches of the Middle Ages, was in perfect tune with the times which sought a practical but decorative means for the builder to express his identity. With a wide architectural practice, Upjohn was instrumental in changing American ecclesiastical buildings from classical temples based on Greek and Roman forms, to the modified Gothic structures so familiar to us today. Trinity Church, New York, begun in 1841 and consecrated in 1846, is not only one of Upjohn's finest works but was enormously influential in its time.

"In 1852, he published *Upjohn's Rural Architecture*, a book of designs for the use of builders throughout rapidly-growing pioneer America. Included in this were plans for a small mission church, a chapel, and a parsonage. Selecting the chapel, the Episcopal community of Essex

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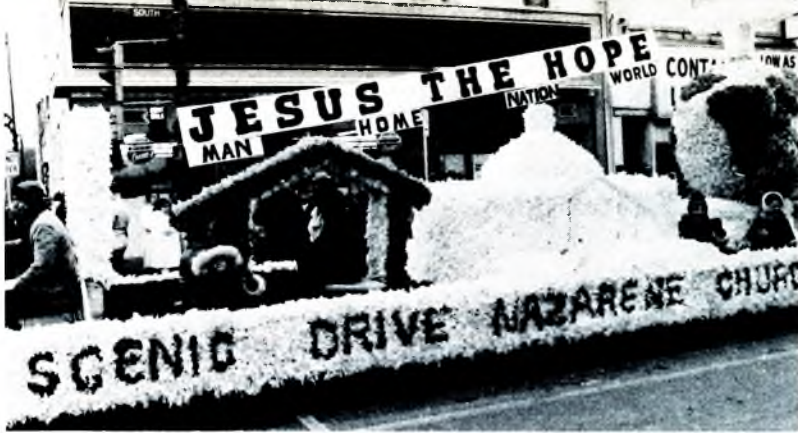
Mrs. Clyde Sapp (center), who is the only remaining charter member, is shown with part of her family. Two of her sons, Jack and Merle, are Nazarene elders.



Teens from the Shenandoah, Ia., church assisted in raising a record Thanksgiving offering of \$1,400. Several teens selected a world area and designed posters representing the country of their choice. A winning poster, drawn by Keddy Bennett, was determined by a vote taken among the adult and junior groups. Teens took pledges for their chosen countries with a goal of \$100 minimum. Donna West (seated, middle) received highest pledges—reaching a \$200 total. Pastor Eugene Mingus reported that all participating teens were taken to Lil Duffer Burger Barn "for all they could eat."

Magnolia (Ark.) First Church sponsored a booth at the 1972 Columbia County Fair. Nazarene Publishing House literature was distributed, including the special issue of the *Herald of Holiness*. Those in the picture are Pastor Bob N. Jackson, Mark Kelley, Pat Kelley, Frank Livingston, Jerri Kelley, Cindy Joyce, John A. Livingston, Mrs. Jerry Kelley, and Jerry Kelley, Sunday school superintendent.





The Springfield (Mo.) Scenic Drive Church entered a prize-winning float in the 60-unit Christmas parade. Teens presented the \$150 first-prize money to the church for the Thanksgiving Offering for world evangelism. Thousands of people along the five-mile parade route read the float's message—"Jesus is the hope for man, the home, the nation, and the world." Ron Durr is NYPS president and Mrs. Beverly DeGraffenreid is teen director. Robert "Buddy" Prentice is pastor.

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erected the structure as a mission for the hamlet of Boquet. The plans were taken directly from Upjohn's book, and it was estimated that the cost would be \$900. Carpenter Gothic in the true sense, the building interior is finished almost entirely in natural wood, imparting a softness and warmth which has undoubtedly been accentuated by the passage of time. Fortunate also has been the congregation's resistance to 'modernizing' by means of paint and vinyl. Of exceptional beauty are the proportions of the interior, where a series of Gothic arches sprung from free standing posts and carved with delicate detail give the worshipper a sense of soaring peace. The wooden floors, worn by generations of past worshippers, add a note of serenity and of 'being home with God.'

"Churches can remain the same, but congregations cannot help but change. By 1880 the population of the area had dwindled and the chapel was purchased by the Baptist and Presbyterian groups for use as a union church. In 1949, the Church of the Nazarene became the current owner of what is a lovely token of a great architect's work and man's deep spiritual need expressed in nature's finest material." □

Boquet Chapel



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## TULLAHOMA (TENN.) FIRST CHURCH BURNS MORTGAGE

A special afternoon service conducted on the last Sunday of a recent revival was held at the Tullahoma (Tenn.) First Church to highlight its note-burning ceremonies. The revival was held by Dr. Glen C. Jones, superintendent of the East Tennessee District, and the New Kingdom Heirs Singers.

The mortgage burning marked the clearing of the church's entire property indebtedness—the first time since its beginning in 1934. The church moved to its present site in 1939 when Rev. C. B. Hale was pastor. Gordon V. Woods is the present pastor. □

## NASHVILLE GRACE CHURCH PLANS RELOCATION

In a special meeting Sunday morning, December 3, members of the Nashville Grace Church of the Nazarene voted to buy 18 acres on Briley Parkway for future relocation. The congregation has worshipped at the present location on Gallatin Road for 48 years.

The property is in a choice location near the site of "Opryland." A lovely home, which will serve as the parsonage, sits on a gentle rise facing Briley Parkway and overlooking East Nashville and the Cumberland River Valley. Gerald Green is pastor. □

## OVER 1,000 ATTEND ANNIVERSARY SERVICES

The Midway City, Calif., church celebrated its forty-seventh anniversary on November 19. It climaxed a revival with Evangelist Dr. Leon

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## NEW CHURCHES ORGANIZED

EASTERN KENTUCKY, Flemingsburg (Ky.) Mt. Hope. Lawrence B. Hicks, district superintendent.

FLORIDA, Wimauma (Fla.) Community. A. Milton Smith, district superintendent.

MICHIGAN, Harbert, Mich. Fred J. Hawk, district superintendent.

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Doyle Henderson from Nazarene Bible College, Colorado Springs, to Fort Smith (Ark.) Trinity

Robert E. Hollis, Sr., from Bentonville, Ark., to Alexandria (La.) First.

Daniel Hunselman from Coatesville (Pa.) First to California, Pa.

James Ray Lanham from Lancaster, Ohio, to Paris (Ky.) First.

Morris V. (Bud) Scutt from Port Huron (Mich.) First to Little Rock (Ark.) First.

Lowell Welker from Hoquiam, Wash., to Tacoma (Wash.) First.

## VITAL STATISTICS

### DEATHS

MRS. ANNA BRECHBILL, 102, died Dec. 2 in Herington, Kans. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Will Haworth. Interment was in Ramona, Kans. She is survived by her daughter, Susie; three sons, Martin, Balford, and Lloyd; two orphaned nieces; three grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

REV. ROBERT MERION GREEN, 64, died Nov. 11 in Durant, Okla. At the time of death he was pastor at Albany, Okla. Services were conducted by Rev. Harold C. Harcourt and Rev. Ark Noel, Jr. He is survived by his wife, Flora; and two sons, William and Robert.

CARL A. SULLIVAN, SR., died Nov. 17, in Sherman, Tex. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Harold C. Harcourt and Rev. Ark Noel, Jr., in Durant, Okla. Interment was in Albany, Okla. He is survived by four sons, Floyd, Lloyd, Fred,

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and Dwayne; three daughters, Lorene Horger, Mrs. Norman O. (Ruth) Miller, and Emma Jo Gannon; 23 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren; and one sister.

BYRON LEE SMITH, 80, died Nov. 20 in San Mateo, Calif. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. E. Redfern. Surviving is his wife, Mabel E.; two daughters, Mrs. Wintred Grosch and Mrs. Eleanor Malony; and three granddaughters.

SONG EVANGELIST LOUIS CURTIS MESSER, 78, died Oct. 22 in Glendora, Calif. Funeral services were conducted by Revs. K. R. Sporleder and L. I. Weaver. Interment was in Whittier, Calif. He is survived by his wife, Ruth; a daughter, Mrs. Rubena Crain; one granddaughter; four brothers; and three sisters.

JOSEPH L. CAUDLE, SR., 77, died Nov. 16 in Orange, Tex. Funeral services were conducted by Revs. M. Sellars and Paul Grundy. He is survived by his wife, Eva; two sons, Joseph, Jr., and Murray Bruce; one stepdaughter, Mrs. Gloria Sellars; one stepson, Roy M. McDonald; 14 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and one sister.

MERLE N. BLACKABY, 49, died Dec. 1 in Pekin, Ill. Services were conducted by Rev. Wilson D. Baker and Rev. Floyd Pounds. He is survived by his wife, Reeda; two sons, Wendell and Larry Lee; three sisters; and two brothers. Merle had traveled as song evangelist for several years.

MRS. CYTHA CORA SHARPE, 86, died Nov. 19 in San Antonio. Memorial service was conducted by Rev. James W. Daniel. Surviving are two sons, Theil W. and Judge T. Gilbert; four grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and two sisters.

GENE WATSON, 58, died Nov. 14 in Bethany, Okla. Memorial services were conducted by Rev. John Calhoun and Wendell McGraw. He is survived by his wife, Edna Maude; three sons, Clifton H., John M., Randy G.; two daughters, Karen G. Anthony, Miss Judy; five grandchildren; two brothers; and one sister.

MRS. MARY VIOLA GROVER, 85, died Nov. 26 in a Nampa, Idaho, nursing home. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Jerald D. Johnson. Interment was near Boise, Idaho. She is survived by two sons, J. Harold and Rev. Virgil; two daughters, Mrs. Wade (Mildred) Stearns and Mrs. Ramon (Ardith) Vanderpool; 12 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and one brother.

## BIRTHS

- to Rick and Nancy (Chaffee) Henson, Detroit, a boy, James Richard II (Jamey), Aug. 18.
- to Marvin and Kathy (Pardue) Van Soest, Colorado Springs, a boy, Gregory David, Nov. 28.
- to Ralph and Neva (Boyd) Underwood, Inglewood, Ill., a girl, Eleanpr Suzanne, Oct. 5.
- to John and Paula (Sodowsky) Thompson, Baton Rouge, La., a girl, Traci Camille, Nov. 22.
- to Tom and Denise (Powers) Reed, Overland Park, Kans., a girl, Laura Dawn, Dec. 3.
- to Rev. Doyle and Kaye (Moore) Henderson, Fort Smith, Ark., a boy, Aaron Scott, Nov. 5.
- to Verlin and Karen (Watson) Anthony, Hot Springs, Ark., a girl, Keri Dawn, Sept. 15.
- to Barry and Becky (Smith) Swanson, Conway, Ark., a girl, Beth Susanne, Dec. 11.
- to Joe and Ramona (Brown) Cunningham, Conway, Ark., a girl, Julie Ann, Oct. 28.
- to Barry and Susan (Tubbs) Trent, Conway, Ark., a girl, April Susann, Nov. 12.
- to Rev. John E. and Barbara (Swift) Borgal, Fawn Grove, Pa., a boy, Ethan Timothy, Nov. 27.

## MARRIAGES

- Shirley J. Batts, Frankfort, Ind., and Carl E. Romey, Fort Wayne, Ind., at Frankfort, Ind., Aug. 19.
- Elizabeth (Beth) Watkins, Chula Vista, Calif., and John Fuerst, Chicago, in Chula Vista, Calif., Nov. 25.

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**JEWS ALARMED AT CONVERSION RATE AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE.** American Jews are mobilized to stabilize their youth in the faith of their fathers in the wake of a swing toward Christianity.

Rabbi Maurice N. Eisendrath, head of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, says the new program will furnish young Jews literature to fend off powerfully organized efforts to convert them to Christianity.

Rabbi Eisendrath's announcement came two days after the launching of a college student outreach program sponsored by the American Jewish Congress to provide Jewish youths with "solid and intellectually challenging information and insights about the Jewish experience."

The Congress president, Rabbi Arthur Hertzberg, said the program is needed because too many Jewish young people "are Jewishly illiterate." The Jewish leaders said they feared the outreach of such groups as Youth for Christ and Campus Crusade for Christ. He said they are "putting unwarranted and unnecessary pressure upon Jewish young people." □

**CHRISTMAS HYMNS CLEARED FOR SCHOOL PROGRAMS.** School officials in Prince George's County, Md., decided to revise guidelines that originally banned Christian religious music and songs from school Christmas programs.

Carl W. Hassel, school superintendent, said his guidelines were altered to allow the singing of hymns in Christmas programs "in the proper setting, but not in terms of a [religious] service."

Music teachers, parents, students, and school board members had objected to the strict guidelines. The superintendent said his guidelines were issued after a visit by Isaac Franck, executive vice-president of the Jewish Community Council of Greater Washington. □

**U.S. BIRTH RATE BELOW "ZERO POPULATION GROWTH."** For the first time, the U.S. birth rate has dropped below the so-called replacement level necessary to achieve Zero Population Growth (ZPG), according to statistics released by the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare in Washington, D.C.

The data show that for 19 consecutive months the birth rate has declined and that for the first nine months of 1972 the birth rate was 2.08 children per family. This is below the 2.1 figure necessary for eventual zero population growth.

In 1971, for the first nine months, the birth rate was 2.39 children for each family. The 1972 drop below 2.1, if it continues, could mean more than 15 million fewer Americans by the year 2000. □

**NAE BRIEFINGS COVERED MANY FEDERAL AGENCIES.** A number of high-ranking government officials gave talks at the annual Washington Leadership Briefing, January 8-12, sponsored by the National Association of Evangelicals.

The program included a briefing at the U.S. Supreme Court by Justice Bryon R. White and at the Pentagon by Army Chief of Chaplains Gerhard Hyatt and Dr. John Broger, director of the Office of Information for the Armed Forces.

There were also sessions with the Department of State; Department of Labor; Department of Health, Education, and Welfare; the Federal Bureau of Investigation; the Immigration and Naturalization Service; the White House; and representatives of the Washington press corps.

Dr. Clyde W. Taylor, director of the NAE's Washington office, told participants in a preparatory memorandum:

"Your reactions are very important to the government personnel that you will be exposed to because you are part of a unique group—interested in issues because they are right, not because you stand to profit. This is a novelty in Washington." □



# the answer corner

Conducted by W. T. Purkiser, Editor

■ **Could you please suggest some reading material that will help me have the victory over judging people whose actions I don't agree with?**

Start with Matthew 7:1-5; Luke 6:37, 41-42; Romans 14:3-13; and James 4:11-12.

A couple of helpful secondary sources would be Hannah Whittall Smith, *The Christian's Secret of a*

*Happy Life* (Spire, 75c); and Everett Cattell, *The Spirit of Holiness* (paper, \$1.65).

■ **It has come to my attention that X-rated movies are to be shown on television. Is there anything we can do about it?**

You can control the dial and write letters of protest to the local stations and the networks involved.

Even better, if you can get the

names of the commercial sponsors or the companies whose products are advertised through this media, address your protests to them.

The people who pay the bills are more sensitive to public reaction, by and large, than are the media themselves.

■ **According to Luke 1:15, John the Baptist was filled with the Holy Ghost from his mother's womb. Does this mean that he could not or never did commit sin? How do we reconcile this with our teaching that every person born into the human race has indwelling sin?**

John 7:37-39 shows clearly that the distinctive New Testament work of the Holy Spirit did not begin until after the crucifixion and resurrection of Christ Jesus.

The references to the Holy Spirit in the Old Testament as well as to

John the Baptist, his father, Zacharias (Luke 1:67), and Simeon (Luke 2:25), have to do with the anointing of the Spirit for prophecy or some special service, rather than to His regenerating and sanctifying power.

There is no evidence that John the

Baptist was any exception to the principle laid down in Romans 3:23; 5:12; 1 John 1:8-10. Truth, not modesty alone, prompted John's words to Jesus, "I have need to be baptized of thee" (John 3:14).

■ **What does the saying, "Plead the blood of Jesus," mean? Is this in the Bible? Is this the best way to resist the devil? I have always used Mark 8:22; Luke 4:8; and James 4:7 to resist the devil. I'm told this saying is used in praying for the sick or for healing. What is your opinion of this?**

To "plead the blood of Jesus" is to base one's prayer on the merits of Christ's atoning death. It is not, as such, a biblical expression, although the idea is.

Those who might use such an expression in resisting the devil would probably have Revelation 12:

11 in mind, "And they overcame him [Satan] by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony."

The verses you use are much more appropriate. Actually, a plea "by the blood of Jesus" would be addressed to God, not to the devil.

It is entirely proper to base one's prayer for the sick on the power of Christ's atoning death. Healing is "in the atonement"—not universally and in the same unqualified way as salvation, but just as truly (Isaiah 53:5; Matthew 8:16-17).

■ **The New Testament talks about Christ giving His life a ransom for man (Matthew 20:28; 1 Timothy 2:6). A ransom means giving something to someone. A hijacker of a plane, who holds hostages under his domination for a ransom of \$1 million or more, agrees to release the hostages from possible destruction provided the ransom terms are met. The ransom money goes to the hijacker for the "redemption" of the hostages. To whom was the ransom for the redemption of mankind paid?**

To no one.

The term "ransom" does indeed commonly imply payment of money to a captor for release of his captives. This interpretation is the basis of the "ransom theory of the atonement" taught in very early Christian theology. The price was thought to have been paid to Satan.

It is now generally agreed that

these ideas are not necessarily suggested by the biblical use of "ransom" or "redemption."

The New Testament term translated "ransom" (*lutron*) is literally "a means of loosing." Leon Morris points out that it includes three ideas:

1. A condition or state of bondage.
2. Deliverance resulting from personal intervention on the part of

another.

3. The new state of freedom that results from the deliverance. In this sense, God redeemed Israel from Egypt at the Exodus. Christ redeems or ransoms us from bondage to sin by His atoning death and resurrection and brings us into the liberty of the people of God.



The men's missionary chapter from Pasadena (Calif.) Central Church donated time to build a new patio at Casa Robles, missionary retirement home in Temple City, Calif. An earthquake had damaged the large tree which gave sun shelter on the old patio. All of the old cement had to be removed and the ground leveled to build the new covered patio. Materials and heavy equipment for the project were donated by several people from the Los Angeles District. Holding jackhammers in the foreground of the Casa Robles cottages are Mrs. Jeannette Frost (left), NWMS president from Central Church; and Mrs. Minnie Schneider, member of the women's missionary chapter. One of the members of the working team (background) is shown preparing materials to be used in construction.

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Chambers and Song Evangelist Roger Brown.

A total of 1,075 people were present for Sunday school and church. Sixty-five people were baptized during the day. Presently the church schedules baptismal services every other week.

To promote the big day, goals were set in each Sunday school class and on each bus route. A pocket radio was given to each child who brought seven or more new people to Sunday school. Special rewards were given to everyone bringing 15 or more guests. One person brought a total of 57 new people that day.

In the area of finance, the church had a theme which was called "Trade Places with God Sunday." Each member was challenged to give God 90 percent and keep 10 percent for himself. The church raised over \$9,000. The special offering was given to world missions.

Following the morning service the church provided fish dinner for all who attended. Marion McCandless is pastor. □

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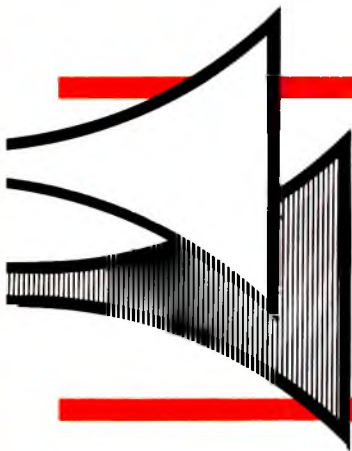
Each week a special visitor is welcomed by the Butler, Ind., Sunday school. She comes and looks in the church windows and doors. Better known by the name Susie, the visitor is a pet deer who makes herself at home in the community.

Susie also appears with the children at the Butler Elementary School each school day as if waiting for classes to start. She roams the city, whose population is 2,500, at will. She loves to eat graham crackers and jelly beans from her admiring friends.

Signs with Susie's picture have been placed on all highways entering Butler, warning—"This is Susie's hometown. Drive carefully." She has been recognized by the Associated Press and many television and radio stations in the area.

Recently, Pastor Roy E. Baker noticed that Susie was on the absentee list from Sunday school. Suddenly she appeared with two fawns.—Mrs. R. E. BAKER, reporter. □





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## His Way Is Best

I had just boarded the Continental Trailways bus headed for Atlanta, Ga., where I was to attend a Campus Crusade for Christ seminar on soul winning. As I took my seat, I breathed a prayer that the Holy Spirit would completely direct my life and use me this day.

I had just started reading from a *Reach Out* copy of the New Testament when a young lady across the aisle saw me reading and asked, “Are you a Christian?”

“I certainly am,” was my immediate response.

She replied, “Praise the Lord! So am I.”

There was a real radiance on her face as this new Christian told me of her escape from Cuba as a child and her wanderings into astrology and drugs, trying to find a ray of purpose and hope in an otherwise dark and dismal world here in America.

Her eyes sparkled as she said, “Then one night a friend introduced me to Jesus.”

While we were rejoicing together in the Lord, I noticed a young black woman sitting directly behind me had been listening to our conversation and had been intently looking at my *Reach Out* New Testament.

I turned to her and asked if she would like to look at it. As she thumbed through it, I quickly prayed that God would give me words to say in this opportunity that had been afforded me to share Jesus with this woman.

As we talked about the *Reach Out* edition, I asked her, “Ma’am, are you a Christian? Do you know that your sins have been forgiven?”

As she held her little son in her arms, she said, “No, I’m not a Christian. In fact, I’m a very sinful person.”

With such an admission of guilt I tried to

share the gospel with her and to lead her to Christ—all to no avail.

I felt let down. She seemed so close to claiming Christ’s promises and yet there was something holding her back.

Finally, I prayed, “O Lord, I’ve done my feeble part. Now this soul and this situation are in Your hands.” Such a peace swept over me and a confidence that the Holy Spirit was in complete command!

After a brief stop, as I was boarding the bus again, a black college student who had been sitting by the unsaved young woman, and who had said nothing until now, walked up to me and whispered that he was a Christian and wondered if he could borrow my New Testament.

I sat down by the new Christian, directly across from the young unsaved woman and the college student, and began to silently pray. Tears filled my eyes and my heart overflowed with joy as I watched the young student share Jesus with the lady.

After about 45 minutes, the student turned to us and said, “She’s just accepted Jesus as her Saviour.” What love and joy filled that old bus when we were informed of the good news!

There was a complete new look on her face as the woman shook our hands and said, “This is the happiest day of my life. I know now that it was God’s will for me to ride this bus today.”

Needless to say, we praised the Lord and rejoiced together all the way into Atlanta.

I had expected things to go a certain way, my way, but when I yielded the situation to Him, He worked it out His way. And *His way is always best.*

—Fred Huff  
Wichita, Kans.

## YEAR-END THEOLOGY CONFERENCE HELD IN K.C.

"The Theology of the Church" was the theme for the Theology Conference held November 27-29 at the Glenwood Manor in Overland Park, Kans. Participants included all members of the Board of General Superintendents, the college and seminary presidents, and two members from the department of theology and one from the department of social science at each of the Nazarene institutions of higher education. Members of the Nazarene Theological Seminary faculty, executives from headquarters, and members of the Book Committee were also in attendance.

The following topics were reviewed: What Is the Church? The Church and Contemporary Issues; The Church and Its Educational Task; The Church and the Problems of the Individual; The Church and Cultural Forces; and The Church and the Ministry of the Holy Spirit. An evening session was given over to a discussion of undergraduate teaching in Bible and doctrine.

The keynote address was given by Dr. W. T. Purkiser, editor of the *Herald of Holiness*, and the closing address by General Superintendent Eugene L. Stowe.

The conference was under the joint sponsorship of the Nazarene Publishing House (Book Committee) and the Department of Education and the Ministry. □

## NICARAGUAN MISSIONARIES SAFE

A report received by Dr. E. S. Phillips, executive secretary of the Department of World Missions, on December 26, from Missionary Robert Gray in Peru, stated that he had been in touch with Rev. Marshall Griffith, of Managua. Griffith said that all Nicaragua missionaries were safe and well. One missionary home was reported destroyed. The three pastors in Managua are safe, but their churches and parsonages were destroyed.

Miss Mary Wallace and visiting missionary friends, Miss Neva Flood and Rev. and Mrs. Maurice Clinger, are staying temporarily at San Isidro. The Marshall Griffiths went to Costa Rica.

Rev. and Mrs. C. H. Rudeen, whose home was on the outskirts of Managua, away from the major disaster area, will stay in Managua. Their home was damaged but livable.

It has not been possible at this date to determine if any of the Nica-

raguan Nazarene church members living in Managua suffered bodily injury.

Anyone desiring to send assistance to the missionaries and the Nicaraguan Nazarenes should send it through the Department of World Missions, 6401 The Paseo, Kansas City, Mo. 64131. Checks should be made payable to Dr. Norman O. Miller, general treasurer. □

## NICARAGUA EMERGENCY OFFERING

Recognizing the tremendous destruction wrought by the recent earthquake in Nicaragua, the Board of General Superintendents calls upon every member of the Church of the Nazarene to respond with prayerful concern to the crying needs of our Central American neighbors. We must give assistance to our Nicaraguan Nazarenes in the rebuilding of the churches and parsonages which have been destroyed.

Therefore we are urging every congregation to receive a special offering for this approved special, for which 10 percent credit will be given. All contributions for this project should be directed to the Department of World Missions, 6401 The Paseo, Kansas City, Mo. 64131, and should be identified for "NICARAGUA EMERGENCY OFFERING." Checks should be made out to Dr. Norman O. Miller, general treasurer.

Let us all be generous in this expression of our Christian compassion.

—Eugene L. Stowe for  
BOARD OF GENERAL  
SUPERINTENDENTS

## FIRST JUNIOR CHURCHMANSHIP DIPLOMA GIVEN

Tammy Sue Arlt, 11, from the Gothenburg, Neb., church, is the first junior in the Church of the Nazarene to receive the Junior Churchmanship Diploma. Many others among the denomination's approximately 45,000 juniors are expected to become involved in the Junior Churchmanship courses sponsored by Christian Service Training.

Tammy is a sixth grader at Gothenburg Elementary School. She is a faithful attender at all services in her church.

To earn the Junior Churchmanship Diploma, a junior is required to complete three churchmanship (CST) courses. The program was inaugurat-

ed during the Eighteenth General Assembly.

Pastor Ronald G. Budd presented the distinguished award to Tammy during a morning service. He also presented her an accompanying letter from the CST office at international headquarters which certified that she was the first junior in the denomination to receive the diploma. □

Pastor Ronald G. Budd presents Junior Churchmanship Diploma to Tammy Sue Arlt—a denominational first.



## AMMONS TO GENERAL BOARD

Rev. Clyde Ammons, pastor of Dallas Central Church, was elected by the General Board in a mail vote to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Rev. Gerald Green when he moved from Little Rock (Ark.) First Church to Nashville Grace.



Rev. Clyde Ammons

Rev. C. Ammons, who has served on the General Board previously from October, 1970, to June, 1972, will represent the South Central Zone and serve on the Department of Publication and the Department of Church Schools. □

## VELMA KNIGHT HONORED

In December, Miss Velma Knight was honored by friends at the Nazarene Publishing House who helped her celebrate 50 years of work for the church. She took the occasion to announce another "retirement"—this time she says she means it.



Velma Knight

Her past "retirement" from the *Herald* office (after 33 years) was less than a vacation, she mused, and found her only changing desks and offices.

Miss Knight was also a guest of honor at the Christmas dinner held for the editorial staff members and families from the *Herald* office. □

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