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What constitutes a fair opportunity to receive the gospel? This question has gripped me for some years. I believe a true answer involves at least two things: (1) a chance to hear the gospel message in its simplicity and power, and (2) an opportunity to see in the lives of believers a practical demonstration of its relevancy for this present day. Of course, all of this presupposes the work and help of the Holy Spirit.

I am sure that in meeting these requirements our church needs to bring her witness to the hearts and homes of people where they live. To do this, the entire church must participate in the business of soul winning in a more personal, active way. In short, it must be

Say, “Come”

I love to tell the story,
It did so much for me;
And that is just the reason
I tell it now to thee.

General Superintendent Young

a lay movement if we would be effective messengers of the Cross in our day. A listening but nonparticipating church soon becomes a listless church. The tithe constitutes the minimum of giving for the average Christian, but it was never meant to substitute for personal service. The strength of the church has always been in her informal missions. A witnessing church is always a winning church. The friendly church is attractive regardless of her architecture, but true friendliness is a spirit born of the desire to share. Likewise, the winsome church today must be a singing church, but the songs must be born first in the hearts of the people themselves.

Not long ago in the East, I attended a powerful meeting made up of forty to fifty laymen (I was the only elder present). After the dinner in the college dining room that Saturday night, the meeting turned to personal testimonies. One by one these men told what God had done for them in their own lives. Their accounts of the miracles wrought in their lives by Christ’s transforming power were not sordid or sensational, but definite and convincing. Before they had finished I had the feeling that if I were still enchained by sin I would have this group of laymen pray for me. They were representative and typical of laymen in the average Church of the Nazarene today. I spoke only briefly that night, for no message was needed. Redeemed men had been witnessing. I went to my room after the service to pray:

O God, our Father, show us how to put the whole church to work for Thee. Help our men and women to testify to their neighbors and friends what great things God hath done for them. Show us the path to men’s hearts and may we not be discouraged by their delays or rebellion. Thou hast won us; help us to be used by Thee to win someone else. In Jesus’ worthy name. Amen.
Telegram . . .

Houston, Texas—Houston District’s tenth annual assembly re-elected Rev. R. L. McClung unanimously as district superintendent and extended him a three-year call with but one negative vote. General Superintendent Hugh C. Benner’s leadership and messages enthusiastically received. Nearly $800,000 raised for all purposes; good increases in both average Sunday school attendance and church membership. Better than 20 per cent increase in General Budget accepted by pastors and laymen. Two churches organized which were self-supporting on organization. Three fine young men ordained on closing night. Houston continues to march forward challenged by the task of evangelizing its area which is one of the fastest growing in the nation. Granville S. Rogers, Reporter.

Word received from Pastor L. S. Oliver of Danville, Illinois: “Marcella Jones, daughter of Evangelist A. K. and Ruth Jones, was killed instantly in a car wreck on August 29. Husband and one child in serious condition at Mercy Hospital in Streator, Illinois. Family desires prayer.”

Word has been received that the ground breaking for the new building of First Church of the Nazarene in Minneapolis, Minnesota, was held on August 25, Sunday afternoon, at the construction site, 54th Street at Humboldt Avenue South.

Church Secretary L. E. Carter sends word from Fort Worth, Texas: “The River Oaks Church closed a pioneer vacation Bible school; Sunday, August 18, gave a closing program to 189 in Sunday school. This new church, only seven months old, plans an extension to its building to care for the growing Sunday school. Rev. Charles McCall is pastor.”

Rev. H. B. Garvin, Nazarene pastor at Augusta, Kentucky, is now serving as president of the Augusta Ministerial Association. This year he gave the baccalaureate sermon for the Augusta high school graduates, on the subject “Challenger to Youth.” The service was held at the Presbyterian church with a capacity crowd.

First Church of the Nazarene, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, was the scene for the golden wedding ceremony of Rev. and Mrs. D. W. Simmons on Sunday, July 21. Rev. Paul R. Holt, pastor, officiated at the ceremony which was held before the altar, beautifully decorated. Both Mr. and Mrs. Simmons are members of First Church and have been for many years. He is known for his radio ministry for the past fourteen years. He has served as pastor of several churches on the district. The couple were honored at a tea in the afternoon. They have six children, twenty-six grandchildren, and fifteen great-grandchildren.

Rev. L. G. Martin, retired Nazarene elder, died August 23, age ninety-five. Funeral service was held from Bresce Avenue Church of the Nazarene, Pasadena, California, on Monday, August 26, with the pastor, Dr. J. G. Taylorson, officiating.

Word has just been received by way of a special booklet, telling of the Golden Anniversary celebration of the Moreland Church of the Nazarene, Portland, Oregon, Sunday, June 30, through Sunday, July 7. The services included a sermon by Dr. W. D. McCraw, district superintendent; missionary messages and pictures by Dr. and Mrs. A. O. Hendricks (Dr. Hendricks was the first pastor); and the Golden Anniversary service with message by Dr. Hardy C. Powers. The choir festival was directed by Mrs. Harold Nixin. Rev. Vernon L. Wilcox, present pastor, came to the church in 1954.

WHY? WHY? WHY?

By F. W. DAVIS

Why do Christians have to suffer, And their health they can’t regain? Why do they live in poverty, While upon this earth they trod? Why do some so blest with riches, Live in pomp and luxury, While so many all around them Are people so ungrateful— Never thankfull for their blessings, Even dare to question God? I am sure the blessed Master Knows the thoughts that cross our mind. We should not doubt our Father’s wisdom, But should trust His love divine.

It is one thing to make a covenant with the Lord, another thing to be done with all evil practices, and still another thing to continue steadfastly in the way. There must be a constant guard and moment-by-moment control on our lives, lest evil creep in and express itself in an antispirtual spirit. There is no antidote to evil like that of loving God with one’s whole heart, soul, and mind. —Paul L. Moore.
Touring the European Work—South Africa

By LOUISE R. CHAPMAN, General N.F.M.S. President

We have just finished a wonderful eight-day tour of our European work in South Africa. Words fail to express my delight at what I have seen and felt.

Eight years ago there was no Nazarene European work. Today we have twenty-three organized churches and twenty-three missions.

The first service of our tour was on Sunday morning in the Johannesburg Central Church. The little building was full and overflowing with bright-faced, happy people. The Spirit of God moved in convicting power. Ten earnest people came to the altar seeking heart holiness. There are great possibilities in this place.

Every service of the tour was well attended. In most places God gave us seekers for forgiveness or holiness of heart. The people were responsive; the Holy Spirit was always present. Numbers of the preachers and people followed us from one church to another. They are real Nazarenes.

One of our very best services was a preachers’ meeting. Rev. and Mrs. Charles Strickland are wisely and efficiently leading this growing district. God has given us a great group of devoted preachers; they are of the best. It was a privilege to fellowship with these fine men and women. In the workers’ service God met with us in a wonderful manner. After the message we had an extended season of prayer where each worker humbly brought his own needs and the needs of his church personally to God. We were all helped and encouraged.

On Thursday evening a home mission rally was held in Duncan Hall. At the close of this service about twenty young people came forward saying that God had already called them or was talking to them about full-time Christian service. We closed with a good altar service.

Yesterday at the Dr. R. T. Williams Memorial Church at Vanderbijl Park we had a Nazarene Foreign Mission Society service. This great group of Afrikaans-speaking people joined heartily in every phase of the service. Then we had a Hallelujah March and poured out an Alabaster offering of over $180. God was there.

Yesterday afternoon we met in a newly organized home mission church in De Deur. This is a country church but the building was full. No one will ever forget God’s glorious presence with us in that great altar service where a great number of people touched God and found help for their various needs.

And now I have just come from a delightful service with our Portuguese brethren of Lourenço

Welcome Dulile (native name). Taken at gate on day of our arrival, Schmelzenbach Memorial Station.

Blouberg. Miss Dixon and I out to see the sick. Before her jeep came this is the way she made all her sick calls.

Rev. Samuel Dhlamini and Rev. Joseph Mkwanazi, the two evangelists who worked with Harmon Schmelzenbach and were with him when he died. Taken on arrival at gate of Schmelzenbach Memorial Station. Louise Chapman and William Young, one of the orphans I raised—now a trusted, faithful businessman.
Marques. The neat little building was full in every available corner with fifty-eight Nazarenes and their friends. Surely God is in this place. There is a great future for the Church of the Nazarene here.

I humbly thank God for this opportunity that has been mine of visiting our European Nazarenes in Africa.

God has done for our church wonderful things on the South African European District during these few years since the work began. They are preparing for a real revival, a great ingathering of souls, an aggressive foreign missionary program, and an advance along every line in 1958, our Golden Anniversary year.

William Lyon Phelps has written: “Everyone who has a thorough knowledge of the Bible may truly be called educated . . . I thoroughly believe in a university education for both men and women; but I believe a knowledge of the Bible without a college course is more valuable than a college course without the Bible.”

NAZARENE PUBLISHING HOUSE

I faced death in a screaming jet plane—

But Someone Prayed

By 1/LT. CARL STOWELL, JR.
Kinross AFB, Michigan (Former student of Eastern Nazarene College)

I reached into Box 71 and anxiously opened the letter sent to me from a local address. When I first began to read it I was bewildered by the particularly unusual contents. The letter stated: “After talking to you yesterday and hearing of your recent narrow escape of death, I felt that I must say something to you.”

I paused and my thoughts drifted back a few days and I reviewed the episode of which the writer was speaking. My friend, Lieutenant Aros, and I had taken off from an air base in northern Michigan in an F-89 Jet Fighter. Our plans were to fly to Miami, Florida, on a navigational proficiency flight and our route required us to land and refuel at an air base in Washington, D.C.

The letter continued: “God has had His hand on you. How do I know? The Lord doesn’t give us burdens for others without a cause. For more than a month I have never had a heavier burden than I have had for your safety recently. I cannot help but feel that this is one reason why your life was spared.”

Again my thoughts drifted back to the air base in Washington, D.C. After refueling we slipped into our parachutes and tightly strapped ourselves in our seats. Then with a tug I pulled my heavily padded helmet on and stretched the rubber oxygen mask across my face. The heavy plexiglass canopy was pulled forward on its rollers, enclosing us in an airtight cockpit. After the twin jet engines were started we taxied to our position on the active runway in preparation for our take-off. The tower called the following instructions to us over the radio: “A.T.C. clears air force jet 335 to Miami International, to climb straight out and to report when reaching 35 angels.” This means that air traffic control authorities gave us permission to fly to a base in Miami, Florida, at a height of 35,000 feet.

As we lined up the jet with the runway the throttle was pushed forward to 100 per cent, and the afterburners, which supply a jet with additional power for take-off, were ignited with a thunderous roar. The brakes were released and the speed increased rapidly. As the runway became blurry, we pulled back on the control stick and the plane commenced to climb. After passing through a thick layer of scattered clouds, we entered into a world of our own; nothing but blue sky overhead and a soft, fluffy bed of crimson clouds, painted by the setting sun, beneath us. Though I’ve seen this scenery on countless occasions I cannot help but marvel at the beauty of it. Neither cares, discouragements, nor disappointments of life exist during moments such as these.

Unaware of any danger I pulled my plexiglass sun visor, which was attached to my helmet, down over my face to compensate for the bright sunset. We were now at 25,000 feet and cruising through the air at 450 miles per hour.

Then it happened! Without warning the force of the wind had blown under the canopy and ripped it from its rails! Everything was hazy for a moment. Then I realized that I was pinned to the back of the seat by the terrific force of the
wind. Everything in the cockpit was sucked out. I would have been, too, had it not been for the straps that held me tight in my seat. Nevertheless, my arms were stretched straight behind me on the outside of the fuselage and my clothing was slowly being torn from me. As the blood in my bare arms was being drawn out through the pores by the wind passing over them, I tried with all my strength to pull them back into the cockpit, but it was useless!

I yelled frantically, "Slow down! Slow the plane down!" to Lieutenant Aros and hoped that he still had some control of the plane. But the wind vibrated my rubber mask so violently that it was impossible to speak in an audible tone.

I pampered the thoughts that he had noticed a malfunction in the aircraft and had jettisoned the canopy himself. Then I imagined that he had bailed out during my moments of haziness, since there was no way of determining with certainty if he had actually ejected or not. Although we sat just three feet apart, we are blinded from seeing each other by panels of instruments. My desire now was to eject also.

The only way that you can bail out is to pull the ejection seat levers, which are located inside the cockpit on the sides of your seat. When the levers are pulled, a mechanism under the seat ejects both you and the seat straight up into the air. A few seconds later the seat is blown away from your body automatically and then the parachute opens automatically. You are floated safely to the ground even if you lose consciousness after ejecting into the cold air.

Fortunately, without knowing the incident was going to occur, I had pulled the thick plastic sun visor down over my face just two seconds before the mishap. This prevented the wind from flowing under my helmet and ripping it and my oxygen mask from my face. At 25,000 feet the oxygen in the air is extremely scarce, and without an oxygen supply the life expectancy is very short.

You say a hasty prayer while continuing to struggle to gain usefulness of your body. Quickly you realize that this is the reason that so many boys crash with the plane—because they cannot eject! Then new hope came. The jet was decelerating and at a speed of 300 miles per hour I was able to sink into my seat and pull my arms into the jet one at a time. I gave a sigh of relief and then gasped to regain that breath of air. Holding the cold rubber mask, which contained oxygen and a microphone, tightly against my face in order to cease the vibration, I called out, "Mayday! Mayday! I'm ejecting!" Mayday is a term used to inform anyone who is listening that we have an extreme emergency in flight. I was not sure that anyone had heard me, for I could not hear myself when I called it out.

At this time I was numb from the sub-zero air and very sore from the continual pounding of the waves of air striking me. It was when I had a firm grip on the ejection levers that I heard a faint cry from Lieutenant Aros stating that he was O.K. At the top of our voices we reviewed our situation and concluded to stay with the jet and to make an emergency landing. A radar station had heard my voice and commenced to give us instructions to get to a landing field.

The sun had now settled beyond the horizon and the crimson clouds, with only the reflected light of the moon to illuminate them, turned gray. The electronic eyes of the radar station on the ground led us down through the dreary maze to a field where emergency vehicles awaited us. A crew helped us from the jet and took us to the base hospital, where we were declared in excellent condition after our 55-minute, high-speed, open-cockpit ride.

Just one month later I was piloting a plane and completely demolished it when I made a crash landing in a valley in Canada. When the plane came to rest, both wings were dangling in the trees thirty feet in the air and the nose was buried in the snow on the ground. I climbed out without even a scratch. The next day I received a letter from a Christian friend stating that she was continually awakened the night before the accident with a compelling urge to pray for my safety in a plane accident.

I strongly believe that the Lord gives burdens to some from time to time to pray for the safety of others. It is a difficult burden to understand since it is a burden without an existing cause. But I'm glad that someone had the faith to carry the burden for my safety.

Have we ever brushed aside an urge to pray for someone simply because we didn't understand the reason for it?

My Heart Knelt Down

By CLARA M. MORRISON

My heart knelt down in prayer today.
I was not on my knees at all,
And yet quite suddenly I felt
The summons of my Saviour's call.

My heart knelt down in prayer today.
In consciousness that God was near;
And in true humbleness of heart
I bowed and tried my best to hear.

My heart knelt down in prayer today.
In reverence, His will to find;
And in the stillness I could feel
His blessing touch both heart and mind.
In a day of willful wickedness and gross indifference—

“Where Art Thou?”

By B. LEON PELLEY, Pastor, Newkirk, Oklahoma

And the Lord God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou? (Genesis 3:9.)

In the world in which we are living today there is a dearth of completely consecrated people. The world is crying for someone to show the way of salvation. We have an abundance of iniquity on every hand. Satan is working hard to keep the church from having that much-needed revival. It is imperative that the world be aware of where we stand as Christian people.

God's call of “Where art thou?” was directed first to Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. God had created man in His own image and had placed him in the Garden with the responsibility of caring for it. Adam was commanded by God to stay away from a certain tree. He disobeyed! Adam disobeyed because the tempter persuaded Eve to eat of the fruit of the tree, and Eve persuaded him to do likewise.

The cool of the day came. That was the time when God walked through the Garden and had fellowship with Adam and Eve, but they were hiding! They were hiding because of their shame! God called, “Adam, where art thou?”

Sin and carnality, suffering and pain, death and punishment entered into the world. The trail of tragedy, as revealed through the pages of history, had begun. The three words, “Where art thou?” brought Adam and Eve to admit to themselves and to God what had happened and where they stood in relationship with their Creator.

Many times down through history God has spoken similar words to men, seeking to know where they stood relative to His will. Some have had to hide their faces in shame; others have responded to God's will and call.

There was the time when Israel was in bondage and needed desperately to be delivered. God's ear heard their cry and He had a man prepared and qualified to do the job. He commanded Moses to return to Egypt and begin the necessary proceedings to free Israel. Underlying the command was the question, “Are you willing to obey My will?” “Where art thou relative to My will?” A great and miraculous deliverance was brought about by the obedience of Moses! God was glorified through him!

Then there was the time when Jezebel's wicked influence pervaded Israel and God needed someone to hold up the banner of righteousness. He called, “Where art thou?” to Elijah. Elijah answered that he was ready to do whatever God wanted him to do. Under the command of God, Elijah called Jezebel's false prophets and priests to Mount Carmel, and there challenged them to a contest which would prove whose God was the real God! Jezebel's priests cried, screamed, prayed, cut themselves, and pleaded with Baal to answer by fire and consume their sacrifice! Evening time came; Elijah prayed briefly, and God sent fire from heaven and consumed the sacrifice! God was glorified because one man dared to say, “I stand in the center of God's will and serve the living God.”

God called, “Where art thou?” to a Roman Catholic monk, Martin Luther cried, “I stand for God and righteousness!” and set in motion the wheels of a back-to-God movement.

This question was asked of John Wesley and he went on record for God and righteousness. Again God found a man who would serve Him devotedly.

These are but a few of the many times when God has needed someone to “make up the hedge, and stand in the gap.” Today the need is great! God has been seeking men and women who would deny themselves and take up their crosses and follow Christ. The world today is rapidly nearing the brink of destruction. Each succeeding generation is finding itself less and less on fire for God and more and more in love with pleasure, comfort, and ease.

A similar thing happened back in the time of Noah, “And it came to pass, . . . that the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair:

Too Short to Be Little!

Don't think that tomorrow will lift every care, And wait until then your blessings to share; But use every moment the Lord sends your way— For life is too short to be little today! 

—PEARL BURNSIDE MCKINNEY
and they took them wives of all which they chose. 

. . . And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually" (Genesis 6:1-5). Stated simply, those who followed God began to associate with worldly people. Their children were naturally worse than their fathers. This went on for several generations. The level of godly living went into a sharp decline until only Noah found grace in God's eyes.

If any generation in the history of the world has needed revival, it is the one in which we live. Our children are beginning at an earlier age to take up the evil habits of ungodly parents. Today's generation, as a whole, cannot remember the old-fashioned, Spirit-filled revivals of the past. The level of expectation is lower. A smaller amount of spiritual success is required to satisfy the people today. Morality has declined, crime has increased to an all-time high, and sinners are plunging into a Christless grave at an alarming rate.

We need people today who will "make up the hedge, and stand in the gap." We need people who will stand behind their minister with their prayers. Dr. Basil Miller relates the following incident:

A young preacher had just settled in his first pastorate in Philadelphia, when he was visited one evening by one of his laymen.

The man said bluntly to him, "You are not a strong preacher. In the normal course of things you will fail here, but a little group of us have agreed to gather every Sunday morning to pray for you."

The young man saw that group of people grow to more than one thousand praying weekly for their pastor.

The minister was J. Wilbur Chapman, who grew to become one of the greatest preachers America has ever known. *

People are also needed to intercede for the lost. Dr. Miller tells the story of "The Praying Cripple."

A little cripple lay upon her deathbed. She had given herself to God and was distressed only because she could not labor for Him actively among the lost. Her clergyman told her that there from her sickbed she could offer prayers for those whom she wished to see turn to God. He advised her to write the names down, and then to pray earnestly; and then he went away and thought of the subject no more.

Soon a feeling of great religious interest sprang up in the village and the churches were crowded nightly. The little cripple heard of the progress of the revival, and inquired anxiously for the names of the saved. A few weeks later she died, and among a roll of papers that was found under her pillow was one containing the names of fifty-six persons, every one of whom had been converted in the revival. Each name was a little cross, by which she had checked off the names of the converts as they had been repeated to her.*

It might be an interesting and revealing project if each of us were to analyze his prayer life as to time, content, and concern. Where do you stand in your prayer life?

Christian, "Where art thou?" You are needed to stand for Christ!

When the revival swept over Wales in 1904-05, it gripped even the children, and made heroes of them comparable to the early martyrs.

One evening the minister asked if there were any in the audience who would like to pray for the salvation of their loved ones. A little boy about ten years old came forward, knelt at the front seat, and prayed: "O God, save my daddy and bring him to the meeting. He is now drinking at the corner saloon."

The next morning one of the men in the mine said to the boy's father, "John, you should have been in the prayer meeting last evening and heard your little boy praying for you."

That evening when the father went home he questioned his little son about it, and warned him never to do it again, telling him that if he did he would whip him within an inch of his life. Then the father went out to spend the evening in the saloon.

The invitation for prayers was given again in the service that evening. After a little deliberation, the little fellow went forward again and offered the same prayer: "O God, save my daddy and bring him to the meetings. He is now drinking in the corner saloon!"

The next morning several men went to the father and pressed him to attend the services, if only to answer the prayers of his own boy. But the father went home that evening angry, and after supper he asked his little son, "Did you pray for me again last night?"

"Yes, Daddy, " the child said, "I tried not to; but I just had to pray, because I love you so." "All right," said the man, "you know what I said to you last evening. I gave you fair warning. Now go upstairs and undress."

The little fellow obeyed, while the father went out and cut a birch switch. Then walking upstairs with a heart of stone, he whipped his own child unmercifully. The mother was frantic, but helpless. After satisfying his wrath, the father went out to the corner saloon.

The mother heard a sweet voice upstairs calling for her. When she came to the foot of the stairs she saw a sight that would melt any heart. The child stood on the landing with the lamp in one hand and the corner of his nightgown in the other.

He said, "Mama, I have shed my first blood tonight for Jesus Christ."*

This youngster would put most of us to shame! Christian, when someone is needed to give, "Where art thou?" When someone is needed to pray and intercede for the lost, "Where art thou?" When someone is needed in a place of service, "Where art thou?"

*Basil Miller, Treasury of Stewardship Illustrations (Kansas City, Mo.: Beacon Hill Press, 1952).
He wasted so many years that now—

**He Is Working Overtime**

*By EVANGELIST HALLIE SMITH*

He had wasted his lifetime in riotous living. In two years he would have lived out his allotted span of threescore and ten, but the merciful hand of God reached down at the late age of sixty-eight years and lifted him out of a life of sin. They called him "Art" by nickname and everybody in town knew him, as he had been in business in the little town for over twenty years. Ill health forced him to retire and the doctor urged him to take up the sport of fishing as relaxation. On the advice of the physician he worked at the job of fishing until now he seldom comes home without a long string of fish.

A young evangelist by the name of "Dick" was conducting a revival at the little Church of the Nazarene. Art and his wife started attending the services. One night they both went forward and knelt at the altar and were wonderfully saved. It was a beautiful scene and most miraculous. Later they were sanctified and united with the church. Within a few weeks Art was elected superintendent of the Sunday school. Immediately, he began the task of "fishing for souls." While a youth he was talented with singing and playing numerous instruments but used his ability in worldly entertainments. The passing of the wasteful years warped his talents. After the Lord had saved him he prayed that God would somehow help him to play an instrument for the service of the Lord. He soon learned to play the Autoharp and dedicated it to the Lord. He often plays special numbers in the services and sometimes plays the piano while he and his wife sing.

We were called for a revival in the little church and Art was the superintendent. A challenge was made for bringing in new people to the services. We were walking along the main street one afternoon and whom should we meet but our friend Art, standing in a main thoroughfare handing out the advertising cards for the meeting! Occasionally he would lead some friend over to one of the windows where the placards were on display and tell him more about the revival. Before the meeting was over he had invited over seven hundred people to the meeting.

Shortly after Art and his wife were saved they learned that there was no parsonage other than a few rooms in the basement of the church. They financed the building of a lovely seven-room parsonage right alongside the church. They are strict tithers and 10 per cent givers. Not only does Art tithe his retirement income, but he pays tithe on what he made from his business while in sin. Some have told him that God didn't require him to do that but his reply is always, "I love to do it." He has a lovely wife and they always attend the services together. They never miss and, to them, prayer meetings and board meetings are just as important as the Sunday services. They often visit other revivals and special services but are never disloyal to their own church. They say, "We can't come tomorrow night, as that is our prayer meeting and our pastor will be expecting us." At one meeting he was elected the church treasurer. Many weeks he was aware of the insufficient funds to meet the bills and the pastor's salary. Art always made up the deficit and saw that the pastor's check was in the full amount.

Art is now seventy-four years old. He has given full time and overtime to the work of the Lord for over six years. His radiant testimony indicates these have been the best years of their lives. In almost every testimony he includes, "I must work overtime for the Lord as I lost so much time for the devil." He prays, "Dear God, give us more Nazarenes who will work time and double time in the great Crusade for Souls Now!"

A housewife discovered that God's promise held true even for ironing clothes.

"So Shall Thy Strength Be"

*By PAULINE E. SPRAY*

He stood at the back of the church with tears streaming down his cheeks. Between the choking of the sobs which interrupted his speaking, this usher testified: "The other day down at the shop where I work, I was having a terrible time. For four long hours I fretted and stewed. Finally it was time for lunch. I sat down to eat. Then I prayed. I said, 'Lord, I can't take it any longer. You will have to help me. I'm not going to worry any more because I am turning everything over to You.'"
“After that I calmed down and the rest of the day went just fine.”

His testimony reminded me of my own experience on a certain ironing day. Before beginning the dreaded task, I sat down to read and meditate and, as is often the case, to jot down a few personal musings.

On a page in my notebook I wrote: “I do not need strength for the family wash today; I did that yesterday. I do not need strength to do the weekly house cleaning today; that can wait until a later day in the week. However, I do need strength for this task of ironing, if it is done. And I have confidence that if God wills that I finish this bit of housework by nightfall, He will provide the necessary physical strength for me to accomplish this task.

“Likewise, I trust Him for daily spiritual stamina. I do not need strength and courage to face the trials and tests that shall come next week or a month from now. I need His touch on my life for this day that I may live victoriously moment by moment and hour by hour.

“Yesterday is past. Tomorrow is another tale. I shall not worry about the challenges awaiting me then. We know not what a day may bring forth, but we can rest confidently because Jesus Christ [is] the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.”

Included in the “blessing, wherewith Moses the man of God blessed the children of Israel before his death” are these words: “As thy days, so shall thy strength be” (Deuteronomy 33:25).

Would you like to know how I made out with my ironing on that specific day? Here is another excerpt from my diary, for at the close of the day I added this note: “I had an enormous ironing task, but because of the strength which I drew from the Lord, I was able to finish the task in record time, do some additional work, and have free time in the evening.”

The promise is ours, it is for you. It is for me. “As thy days, so shall thy strength be.”

A Church’s Prayer

Heavenly Father, whose ways are inscrutable and past finding out, we stand before Thee with sorrow in our hearts and a sense of deep loss because of the shepherd who has been called away from us to another flock. He was dear to us, and we shall miss his challenging and searching sermons and the deep blessing of his rich and talented singing. But we would not be selfish and attempt to deprive others of equal blessing—our loss is but the other church’s gain. And Thou, through whom all things work together for good, hast offset our sorrow and loss by providing us with another shepherd whose humble walk and saintly way are a joy to behold.

We earnestly pray for Thy blessing upon both of these Thy servants. May they continue to lead and inspire the people whom they serve and may Thy name be glorified through their holy ministry.

In Jesus’ name and for His sake we pray. Amen.
Ocean Breezes

By EDWIN ZIMBELMAN, Pastor, Napa, California

Those who live near to one of the oceans, or a large body of water, undoubtedly have been made to appreciate the satisfying refreshment of a cooling ocean breeze. While places farther inland sometimes suffer from the beating heat of a summer sun, we have repeatedly enjoyed the cooling effect of the fresh ocean breeze that comes in from the great Pacific, dispelling what would otherwise be pressing, uncomfortable heat.

This calls to mind the times of spiritual refreshment which come to the Christian’s soul from time to time. They are to our hearts what ocean breezes are when the summer heat moves in. How refreshing when the anointing power and sweet presence of the Spirit of God is made manifest! How invigorating it is! How satisfying to the soul!

It may be at a morning worship service, at an evening evangelistic service, or at a prayer meeting. Or it may come to one’s individual soul when all alone, or even when in a group. How blessed those cooling ocean breezes of the Spirit of God! Somehow they drive away Satan’s searing accusations and the withering flame of cruel temptations; yes, even the burning irritations and discomforts of worldly strife and the hot blast of misunderstanding of those who may not love our Christ.

What a soothing balm to sense the wholesome effect of the Spirit’s love and presence in the soul, making quiet and restful the tensions of life both physically and spiritually. Let us pray and determine to be open channels so that the cooling, refreshing “ocean breezes” of God from the higher spiritual atmosphere of heaven may surround and soothe afflicted souls.

His presence can change our attitude toward all our surroundings until we can forget the burning pressures of life because we have sensed the healing breeze from His Spirit upon the soul.

Sunshine scattered freely on a black coffin, could have brightened . . .

The Cheerless Path of Life

By JOSEPH W. CLARK, Pastor, Waukegan, Illinois

Why is it that so many people keep all their pleasant thoughts and kind words about a man bottled and sealed until he is dead, when they come and break the bottle over his coffin, and bathe his shroud in fragrance? Many a man goes through life with scarcely one bright, cheerful, encouraging, hopeful word: he toils hard and in lowly obscurity; he gives out his life freely and unstinted for others.

I remember such a man. He was not brilliant; he was not great, but he was faithful. He had many things to discourage him. Troubles thickened about his life. He was misrepresented and misunderstood. Everybody believed that he was a good man, but no one ever said a kindly word or pleasant thing to him. He never heard a compliment, scarcely ever a good wish. No one ever took any pains to encourage him, to strengthen his feeble knees, to lighten his burdens, or to lift up his heart by a gentle deed of love, or by a cheerful word. He was neglected. Unkind things were often said of him.

I stood at his coffin, and then there were many tongues to speak his praise. There was not a breath of aspersion in the air. Men spoke of self-denial—of his work among the poor, of his quietness, modesty, his humility, his pureness of heart, his faith, and prayer.

There were many who spoke indignantly of the charges that falsehood had forged against him in past years, and of the treatment he had received. There were enough kind things said during the two or three days that he lay in his coffin, and while the company stood around his open grave, to have blessed him and made him happy all his fifty years, and to have thrown sweetness and joy about his soul during all his painful and weary journey. There was enough sunshine wasted about the black coffin and dark grave to have made his whole life-path bright as the clearest day.

But his ears were closed then, and he could not hear a word that was spoken. His heart was still then, and could not be thrilled by the grateful sounds. He cared nothing then for the sweet flowers that were piled upon his coffin. The love blossomed out too late. The kindness came when the life could not receive its blessings.

“By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another” (John 13:35).
"SHOWERS OF BLESSING"
Tops the List Locally

Recently the Radio and Television Committee of the Council of Churches of Greater Kansas City employed an agency to make a survey of the listening habits of the residents of the 543,000 radio homes in the thirty-five county area served by Kansas City radio stations. The specific purpose of this survey was to ascertain the number of persons listening to each approved religious broadcast in this area. This survey included all of the topflight religious network programs, the program sponsored by the Greater Kansas City Council of Churches, "Showers of Blessing," and all other approved religious programs.

The final report was on the nine most listened to of the above-mentioned programs, in which "Showers of Blessing" tied for first place as an audience getter. It was reported that 27,100 different homes listen to "Showers of Blessing," the radio voice of the Church of the Nazarene, each month. Think of the many faiths, the variety of fields of occupation, and the multiplicity of needs represented by the people in those 27,100 homes!

This report underscores the fact that where "Showers of Blessing" is aired in a community over a long period of time it builds up a large listening audience. More churches should be using this program and here is one way this can be done, in many cases without financial burden.

Many of our churches have within their membership, or as outside friends, prominent businessmen who could sponsor the air time on a local station. Two or more such sponsors could care for the air time without its being any burden on the local church. Each could write in a suitable "plug" for himself on the program sponsored by him. In case this method of sponsorship is used, the Nazarene Radio League reserves the right to approve or disapprove any would-be sponsor.

Remember the transcriptions are FREE. Try this plan. It is working for others and may work for you. Write us if we can be of service.

NAZARENE RADIO LEAGUE
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What Will Our Spiritual Legacy Be?

We want to make 1958, the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of our church, a significant year. This is our objective, not so much that we may rejoice over what God has done for us, but rather that we may seriously look ahead and consider the legacy which we shall leave to those who follow us. Recently there has been much discussion as to the possible evil effects of hydrogen bombs, the danger that might result from the radioactive fallout which accompanies their explosion. The latest word from the government is that we can now make and explode clean bombs which to a large extent are free of this difficulty. Many scientists, however, are still unconvinced. Certainly the bad results which may follow the use of hydrogen bombs cannot be completely excluded yet.

One writer tells us that a single hydrogen bomb could now be made which would have more explosive force than the bombs of every description let loose in all of man's previous wars combined. What a statement! What devastation a bomb of that size could bring upon the world! A war fought with such bombs would affect not only the armies but also those behind the armies—all of the people of the nations involved and perhaps many other inhabitants of this globe. Someone has well said that in the next war there will be total mobilization; all of us will be in it, whether in the battle line or not. In other words, in a nuclear war one will not have to be in the battle line to be wounded or killed.

But, as this writer who was referred to above points out, the worst fact about this nuclear conflict and the exploding of these mammoth bombs may not be those who are hurt or killed in the present, but rather the crippling of the generations yet to come. The very genes of those who stand back of future generations may be poisoned by the radioactive fall-out from these bombs. What right have the men of this generation to thus imperil the lives of unborn generations?

In the face of this possibility, it's hard to imagine the legacy that might be handed down from a nuclear war. All of this suggests the following question: "What legacy will the Church of the Nazarene hand down to succeeding generations from a spiritual and a practical standpoint?" The writer thinks of the blessing the holiness movement has been to him. He came in contact with it first in his home. There it held very high standards and stood for a mighty transformation. Then he spent four years in a holiness college, where the highest of ideals were upheld and some very remarkable revivals were experienced. In this humble college the editor received that which he would not take ten million worlds like this for, something that was far more valuable than what he obtained in several other educational institutions. The holiness college had few resources and facilities, but it had a great God and great ideals. The holiness movement handed down to the editor a religious heritage equal to that which any human being had in that day. Most of the men and women who were involved in passing on this heritage have gone on to the other world; they were faithful to what God had done for them. They handled with care that which had been placed within their possession and passed it on to succeeding generations, unsullied and untarnished. What about the legacy that we are going to hand down to those who come after us? Will it uphold as high ideals as those we received and stand for as mighty a transforming power as we experienced?

This is not the cry of a pessimist—not at all! I believe in the Church of the Nazarene and in what God has done for it. I am concerned that we have the opportunity of leaving a great heritage to unborn generations. Moreover, there is no doubt in my mind but that the next fifty years can be even better than the last fifty. Nevertheless, it will not be easy for us to pass on to those who come after us what has been given to us. But we are obligated to do that very thing— to present our heritage to the next generation as unmarred as it was when we received it. God help us!

One Man Can't Do Everything!

(Exodus 18:13-26)

Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, gave some excellent advice to Moses—advice that many leaders need today. Moses had led the people of Israel out of Egyptian bondage. God had been with him and had given him a wonderful victory. Jethro came on the scene and observed Moses as he governed the people of Israel. Moses was judging the people himself; this kept him on the job all the time, and also did the same for the people. With only one judge some of them had to stand and wait from morning until evening; it seemed to be an unending task. Jethro saw it and advised Moses,
his son-in-law, to change his method. He said, "The thing that thou doest is not good"—you can’t stand up under it, and neither can the people; the burden is too heavy. He told Moses he should become largely the spiritual adviser of the people: "Be thou for the people to God-ward, that thou mayest bring the causes unto God: and thou shalt teach them ordinances and laws, and shalt shew them the way wherein they must walk, and the work that they must do" (Exodus 18:18-20).

As to the judging, Jethro said, "Provide able men for this work, 'such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness: and place such over them, to be rulers of thousands, and rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens: and let them judge the people at all seasons: and it shall be that every great matter they shall bring unto thee, but every small matter they shall judge: so shall it be easier for thyself, and they shall bear the burden with thee'" (vv. 21-22). Moses accepted the advice of Jethro and made the appointments. He chose "able men" and placed them over the people, some over thousands, others over hundreds, others fifties, and still others "rulers of tens." Only the most difficult problems were brought to Moses; the others were judged by the men who had been appointed for that purpose.

One man can’t do everything! He who thinks he must do everything in connection with his job usually doesn’t do anything well. This is a lesson which many of us have not learned as we should. It is too easy to think that no one else can do what has to be done just like we can do it. Whereas, often there are matters that could be taken care of better by someone else than by the one who is the overseer of the flock, or the superintendent of the Sunday school, or the head of a department in the Sunday school. Blessed is the man who is willing and has the ability to delegate responsibility to those who work with him!

"For the Kingdom"

"May God continue to bless and use you in all of your work for the Kingdom." These are the words that I used in closing a letter to an outstanding layman in our church. He is one of the busiest Nazarenes in the country. When I say he "is one of the busiest," I mean that he is one of the busiest from the standpoint of what he does for the church. He is also one of the busiest from the standpoint of the business firm of which he is the owner.

Back to the words with which my letter was closed. They startled me because of the last part of the statement, "in all of your work for the Kingdom." Words somewhat like these are often used when closing a letter to a minister. But the question arose, Are they in order in a letter to a layman? My conclusion was that they were proper. A Christian layman is just as much working for God when he makes money as he is when he invites people to come to Sunday school, or does other specifically religious work. As a sanctified man, he carries on his business for God. It is not his own, it is God’s; he is only God’s steward. His religious activities are no more dedicated to God than are those which have to do with his business.

God bless our laymen! We have thousands of them in our church who are just as dedicated to the work of God as are our ministers. There need be no hesitancy in saying to such laymen, "May God continue to bless and use you in all of your work for the Kingdom." And this means that all they do is for the Kingdom, whether it is described as religious or secular. The sanctified man’s activities for his business are as sacred as those for his church. Such laymen do all that they do, whether in the church or outside of it, as unto the Lord. This is what holiness means. It is not only an experience; it is a way of life. Anyone who gets this experience, whether a minister or a layman, must live on a high and holy level. He does all that he does for the glory of God and for the advancement of the kingdom of Christ.
God moves in mysterious ways His wonders to perform. Cyrus was to be God’s deliverer of His people, according to Isaiah 44:28. It was now time for God’s clock to strike. All of the events of our today’s lesson fit into the prophecies. The events of the future are as plain to God as the past is to men. Truly, God is long-suffering and merciful but also His judgments are sure. Our Golden Text gives us the only source for true strength and power in the crises of life.

Progress, and a Prayer Request

By WILLIAM MOON, Portugal

We have passed the language test required to initiate the proceedings for visa application for Portuguese East Africa. At present I am attending a five-weeks’ course for foreign language students, given by the University of Lisbon. Mrs. Moon was looking forward to taking the licensing exams for nurses sometime in October, but they were given unexpectedly in July. There was not time to send home for a translation of her nursing diploma. We hope that there will be another chance.

Naturally we are by no means perfect in the language; we have only arrived at the place where we can understand and make ourselves understood. There will be much more practice needed to become fluent.

We would appreciate the prayers of loyal Nazarenes as we apply for our visa. There are many problems involved, and we greatly need God’s help. Pray that the visa will be granted speedily and with no complications.

Prayer Request

Please pray for Rev. R. C. Ingram, recently retired missionary in Guatemala, who has spent thirty-six years in missionary service. Mr. Ingram writes:

“Regarding my health, the last word from the doctor is not too encouraging. The immediate cause of my sickness seems to be overcome, but the probable underlying cause, a serious deficiency of the blood in both quantity and quality, is still a problem. My last examination showed red corpuscles three-fifths normal in number, and white one-half normal, and the red corpuscles underneath, indicating poor development, and that they are being pressed into service before they should be. Next week I will have another examination and the doctor hopes that this will reveal a better condition. I am not now bedfast but must spend most of my time in complete rest.

REMISS REHFELDT, Secretary

“\text{It is wonderful how the Lord can adjust one, almost in a minute. Naturally it would be a long process to readjust from a very active life to inactivity, but I find that the Lord has so worked in me that I can lie on the bed four or five hours a day and not seem to be restless, at least not much, or concerned, or impatient. I am happy to take sickness in His will as well as health, which has been my portion for many years, bless God.}\n
Answered Prayer

By DOYLE SHEPHERD, Okinawa

The months of prayer, miles of travel, dollars spent, hours of walking, time consumed in business conversation, and the rocking ship on the blue Pacific have been worth all the cost, for today we signed a contract to buy, and paid the down payment on, a beautiful piece of land on which we plan to establish the headquarters of the Church of the Nazarene in the Ryukyu Islands. Just to stand on the spot and look out over the sea of houses and think of all the souls living there who do not know our dear Saviour challenges one to greater service.

The part of the city in which we are located has no church. Many of those attending our meetings seem very earnest. Please help us to pray for these young people.

New Sunday School

In Lebanon, we have opened a new Sunday school in a village north of Beirut. The first service we had forty-six bright-eyed boys and girls. The only church in the village is a Greek Orthodox, but it has had no pastor for some two years or so. This part of Lebanon is populated by the descendants of the Crusaders. Many of the people are fair, and some even have red hair. I believe that much of the future of our work lies in places like this. Land is cheap and buildings are inexpensive. We will start church services there in about a month.

DONALD REED, Lebanon.
Serviceman Honored

"I was reading in last week's Herald of Holiness in the Servicemen's Corner that two servicemen recently received the honor of being 'Soldier of the Month' in Germany. "I thought you might be interested to know that another of our Nazarene boys has recently won that honor. He is a member of our church here at Memphis, Texas. He is A/SC Charles R. Guthrie, who is in the air force in Japan. Charles was selected as 'Airman of the Month' recently and won an expense-paid trip to Hong Kong, China. Charles is the son of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Guthrie, who are members of our church also. "May God richly bless you in the work you are doing for our servicemen and the young people of the church.—Rev. Maxine Lewis."

From Korea

"I am the chaplain of the first and third battalions and heavy mortar company of the 21st Infantry Regiment. We are a part of the 21st Division, which has battle positions stretched across the main invasion route from North to South Korea. We live under the constant awareness here that our enemy is extremely close and very real. "The opportunity to lift up Christ here presents a tremendous challenge. Already I am feeling the heavy responsibility of having about one thousand Protestant men look to me for spiritual guidance. The job is much too big for me alone, but with God's help I will continue to work. I need the constant prayers of our people, if the prevalent veil of indifference and insincerity is to be penetrated, and the cause of righteousness made to triumph.—Chaplain Calvin C. Causey."

From Newfoundland

"As our four years in the air force comes to an end, we wish to thank you so much for the periodicals that were so faithfully sent us each month. They were certainly a blessing to us, especially when we were sent to St. John's, Newfoundland, where no church or Nazarene people existed. We also enjoyed hearing 'Showers of Blessing' every Sunday morning over YOCM. Although far away from home and lonely many times, we can say from the depths of our hearts the Church of the Nazarene has done its best to keep us close to the Lord, and we can testify our experience is still as good as the day we left home. We praise God for His keeping power.—Mr. and Mrs. Orch Roberts."
answer the question. I felt the correct answer must have been, “Yes.”

How great is the influence of a good leader!

**For Boys and Girls**

**A Safe Walk**

Boys and girls, it is wonderful to know that wherever we may go there is someone who will go with us to keep us from harm.

All of us feel very safe when we have our fathers or our mothers with us. I remember when I was a child, even when it was dark and when I was sleepy, too, if I could hold onto my mother’s or my father’s hand or even if I could just touch my mother’s dress, somehow I did not fear the barking of strange dogs nor was I afraid of falling into a hole or tripping over a log.

I once heard of a little boy named Jack who lived with his father down near the river. One night, without a bit of warning, the river began to flood. Soon water started flowing over the yard of Jack’s home. He was sound asleep, as was his father, who had worked hard all the day before. Both of them were too tired to realize there was any danger.

The water rose higher and higher. Finally the sound of the lapping water awakened Jack’s father. By that time water was standing a foot deep in their house.

Quickly Jack and his father got dressed and started for a high hill. They walked and walked. The water sometimes was up to Jack’s waist. He held tightly to his father’s hand and never once tried to turn back. It was more than a mile before the two reached the safety of a friend’s home.

Once inside the home, they were given dry and clean clothing and were soon comfortably settled for the rest of the night.

“Jack,” asked the friend, “weren't you afraid while you were walking through the water?”

“Oh, no,” Jack answered quickly. “I was walking along with Father all of the time. I knew he wouldn’t let the water drown me.”

There will be times when our parents cannot be with us. If we let Jesus come into our hearts, we will have our Heavenly Father with us to keep us from all harm. He will go everywhere with us.

Then, when we are through with life on this earth, we will reach the safety of Jesus’ home, where we will receive a warm welcome forevermore.

“The Lord is in love with His people. The redeemed of the Lord can rest assured that so long as they walk in the light, and seek to honor and glorify Him, they will never be cast off or forsaken.”

—M. E. Perkins

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**CHURCH EXTENSION LOAN FUND’S ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

April 30, 1957

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**Prayer Request**

Special prayer is requested for a Holy Ghost revival in New Zealand. Rev. and Mrs. R. E. Griffith are in charge of our work there. We have three organized churches and a mission.

**Congratulations**

A new member of the Bibb family arrived July 30, weighing 8 lb. 15 oz. Daniel Eugene is the second son of Rev. and Mrs. Edgar F. Bibb, of Nome, Alaska. Mother and son are doing fine and the father is temporarily on K.P.

**General Church Loan Fund Report**

The wonderful growth and the excellent financial condition of our church extension loan funds is reflected in the statement printed above, for the fiscal year ending April 30, 1957.

The General Church Loan Fund is made possible by the savings deposits of our people and the building funds of churches not immediately needed. August has been the best month recently in the receipt of these deposits, but the demand continues very great. At the time of this writing churches were waiting their turn for loans needed for building programs in the total amount of $86,000 in approved applications above our available funds. If you have savings you could deposit in this fund, write to the Division of Church Extension, Box 6076, Kansas City 10, Missouri, for full information on term of deposits, interest paid, and all other questions you may have.

**New Churches**

District Superintendent Paul H. Garrett organized the Casa View Church in Dallas, Texas, on July 28. This church was sponsored jointly by the district and the district N.Y.P.S. and was pioneered by Rev. I. R. Alexander. It is our ninth church in Dallas, and the second on the Dallas District this quadrennium.

Two new churches have been organized on the Eastern Michigan District by District Superintendent W. M. McGuire. The Westgate Church in Flint was organized May 19 with Rev. James H. Williams as pastor. The Flint Central
The Emmanuel Church at Concord, North Carolina, was organized recently by District Superintendent Leon Chambers. The congregation is supervised by Rev. E. E. Weathersby, as we do not yet have a pastor available. They are worshipping in a church building being purchased by the Gulf Central District. It is the fifth new church on this district this quadrennium.

The Minneapolis Riverside Church was organized July 14 by District Superintendent Roy F. Stevens, following a home mission campaign conducted by Evangelist W. E. Boggs. It is sponsored by the district and Minneapolis First Church. The congregation is supervised by Rev. W. E. Weatherby, as we do not yet have a pastor available. The church property is being purchased. The Sunday school enrollment is forty-five, and property is being purchased. The church, has been appointed pastor.

District Superintendent Glen Jones recently organized a new church in suburban Oklahoma City. The district superintendent and three pastors gave a week each in the home mission campaign. Rev. L. A. Richardson has been appointed pastor. The name for this church on the Southeast Oklahoma District has not yet been chosen.

The Northside Church in Terre Haute, Indiana, was organized July 7 by District Superintendent Leo C. Davis with twenty-two charter members, fifteen of whom joined by profession of faith. Rev. Mrs. Paul Adams, whose burden and work resulted in this new church, has been appointed pastor. A

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Can a person be legally elected superintendent of the Sunday school who has been a member of the church only a few months, does not attend the services of the church regularly, does not pay all his tithe into the church, and has never before held an important office in the church?

None of the shortcomings which you mention would legally bar a person from becoming a superintendent of the Sunday school. They might indicate that it would not be best to elect such an individual to a position so important. On the other hand, you may have unintentionally misstated the facts in the case. Anyway, I am too far removed from the situation to say whether he should or should not have been chosen for this office. Further, if a mistake has been made, you should do everything you can to make his work a success rather than talking against what has been done.

It is wrong to have a picnic on Sunday to raise money for cleaning the cemetery or some other worthy cause?

It would be for me. However, I would not want to be too hard on others who may not have had the light which I have had. I would try to get them to change the day for the picnic, and if I could not do that, I would offer to contribute some cash for the project, even though I could not participate in raising the money on Sunday. We should do everything we can to prevent Sunday from becoming just another day, and yet at the same time show an interest in the needs of the community.

I have just recently come to know about entire sanctification as a second blessing. I was saved last fall, but still have carnal weaknesses. I was baptized as an infant; should I be immersed now or wait until I obtain the second blessing?

If you are not satisfied with your baptism as an infant, I would urge you to be baptized by immersion at once and not wait until you are sanctified wholly.

Are heaven and hell actual physical places like the earth and the planets? Or, since our souls go to heaven or hell and we don't receive new bodies until the Second Coming, are they states of being—everlasting fellowship with or separation from God?

The teaching of the Christian church from the first has been that heaven and hell are places as well as states. They are external as well as internal, environmental as well as conditions within the personality. Jesus said, "I go to prepare a place for you" (John 14:1), and the later chapters of Revelation, as well as other passages in the New Testament, imply that heaven and hell are places as well as states. Heaven and hell as places will undoubtedly be different from the actual physical places which we know now, but this does not mean that they will be nothing more than states.

About a year ago someone wrote you about whether he could deduct the rent on the business building from his income before paying his tithe. Is house rent also to be deducted?

I judge that you mean, by house rent, the rent on your home. If that is what you have in mind, I would have to answer no. The rent for the house which you live in is part of your living expenses, and not part of the expenses of your business. You have no more right to deduct your house rent before you tithe your income than to deduct your grocery bill.

We have always felt that buying on Sunday is all wrong—even going for refreshments after church on Sunday night. If this is the case, isn't it also wrong to eat out on Sunday—at restaurants or cafeterias?

Certainly I am against all unnecessary buying on Sunday. However, people have to eat, and therefore I cannot agree with you as to eating a regular meal at a cafeteria or restaurant on Sunday. An excellent illustration of what I have in mind is what is done at some, if not all, of our camp meetings. The regular dining hall is open on Sunday. An excellent illustration of what I have in mind is what is done at some, if not all, of our camp meetings. The regular dining hall is open on Sunday, and people can eat there. Of course, they will be home on Sunday, and people can eat there. Of course, their meals for the day are not given to them. On the other hand, the lunch stand, where hamburgers, ice cream, and cold drinks are sold, is closed. People have to bring their meals with them, cook them in their tents or cottages, buy them in the dining room, or go off the campground to get them. In spite of what I have just said, I believe that it is best for families, as a rule, to eat at home on Sunday. The latter should be a great family day, especially when the children are growing up.
residence has been purchased and remodeled for church and Sunday school use and already the church is self-sustaining. This is the third new church on the Southwest Indiana District since the General Assembly.

District Superintendent V. V. Seals recently organized a new church at Snohomish, Washington. A home mission campaign preceding the organization was conducted by Evangelist J. E. Williams, with Charles Rushing and wife as singers. Rev. Mcl Laws, zone chairmain, was in charge of the meeting. This is the second new church on the Washington Pacific District this quadrennium.

The fourth new church this quadrennium for the West Virginia District was organized by District Superintendent E. C. Onyx at Cairo, in the Parkersburg area, at the conclusion of a home mission campaign in the district. Evangelist B. W. Murphy held the meeting, assisted by the three Parkersburg churches and the St. Marys church.

Plan for PALS

Teen-age work on the Southwest Indiana District was given a boost in the recent N.Y.P.S. tour under the direction of the Reverend Mr. Childress, district N.Y.P.S. president. Miss Bernice Roedel, evangelist and N.Y.P.S. teen-age supervisor, visited the entire church in the concluding of the tour, the abilities possessed by a normal teen-age, and what the church has to offer teens.

At the close of the afternoon sessions Tenscript and PALS packets were distributed to those who desired them, and Miss Roedel talked with those who were interested in organizing the PALS program or were having problems in those already organized. A few minutes were also given in each evening service, or rally, for a further emphasis of the PALS program and district teen-age work.

Many of the youth leaders of the district felt the PALS program was indeed the answer to helping tie teens to the church and N.Y.P.S., especially where there was no organized Pioneer (teen-age) Department.

Service Where It Counts

The Reverend Miss Minnie C. Wiandt of Bergholz, Ohio, has just concluded twenty-five years of service as a leader in Junior Society work on her district.

During these twenty-five years she has not only served as a district director, but under some of the older organizational plans she also served as the third vice-president of the N.Y.P.S. and a similar office with the W.F.M.S., which gave her direct connections with the work of the Junior Society.

The General Office extends to Miss Wiandt the genuine appreciation of the entire church, and congratulates her on a service and ministry which could not have been invested in a better place. Since the work in the not too distant
tomorrows for our church is always determined by the work we do today with our juniors, she has had the continuing privilege of building and molding for the future of our church.

Selected to Serve

The following have recently been elected, or re-elected, to serve as district youth leaders.

DISTRICT N.Y.P.S. PRESIDENTS:
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You and your Morals

The May, 1957, issue of Consumer Reports contains an article titled “Cancer and Cigarettes: Beyond a Reasonable Doubt . . .”. This article states that an outstanding group of medical experts has co-operated in a thorough and objective evaluation of existing evidence on smoking and health, including the study made by the American Cancer Society and the American Heart Association, and has come to this conclusion: There is now adequate evidence to establish “beyond a reasonable doubt that cigarette smoking is a causative factor in the rapidly increasing incidence of human . . . carcinoma (cancer) of the lung.” Further, the study group reports that the evidence of a cause-and-effect relationship between cigarette smoking and lung cancer is so convincing that “the initiation of public health measures” is called for.

The study group's findings on cigarette filter tips coincide with studies made by Consumers Union which showed that filters proved little reduction in nicotine and tar. They report: “In the case of most commercial cigarette filters, efficiency is not high and accordingly, the amount of smoke reaching the lungs is not reduced to any major degree . . . In this connection it should be noted that filters presently in use do not appear to be selective . . . they reduce tumor actively only to the extent that they remove whole smoke.”

After the original study by the American Cancer Society and the American Heart Association, there was a sharp decline in the purchase of cigarettes. However, time and the high-powered advertising of the effectiveness of filters by the cigarette companies have overcome the fear that the facts of the study developed, so that the sale of cigarettes has soared again.

Nazarenes should feel a sense of responsibility for their loved ones and friends who are ensnared by this evil habit. Fallacious advertising is nog and the prominence of smoking around us make it easy for us to condone rather than condemn this vice. Out of a heart of love for those who are victims, let us pray for and endeavor to enlighten them in the peril that is be position. The following tracts can be ordered from the Publishing House and used as enclosures in letters to help put feet to your prayers for the deliverance of those thus enslaved: H824. A Study of Tobacco in the Light of Scientific Research H820. Scientific Facts About Tobacco H826. Tobacco

Forty-five cents will send you one hundred of either of the first two tracts, and twenty cents will send one hundred of the last one. Join other Nazarenes today in helping the man and woman who are being robbed of their health by this highwaymen—the cigarette. Be a Good Samaritan.

Kenneth S. Rice, Secretary COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC MORALS

There may be times when reverses will come and that for which we pray and labor does not seem to come to pass. St. Paul’s admonition is written for our encouragement, that we are not to become “weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.”—Selected.
Evangelists A. E. and Pauline Miller write: “Due to a change in our slate we have an open date. October 23 to November 3. We are in our fourteenth year in the evangelistic field. We carry the full program—preaching, singing, special music, chalk artistry, and children’s work. We'll be glad to go anywhere the Lord may lead. Write us at our home address, 307 S. Delaware Street, Mt. Gilead, Ohio.”

**Missouri District**

**Boys’ and Girls’ Camp**

The Missouri District Boys’ and Girls’ Camp again proved to be a very worthwhile endeavor. The presence of God was real and the visible results were most encouraging.

Under the capable direction of Rev. A. R. Aldrich and his staff, a plentiful and profitable program was arranged. Mrs. Clarence Castell, pianist; Mrs. J. B. Rose, song director; and Rev. Harvey C. Miller, chaplain, conducted services that, it is presumed, almost every child had a spiritual need finding help at the altar of prayer. Rev. and Mrs. Udell Moss and Mrs. Vera Miller supervised the interesting handwork periods.

The total enrollment of 247 exceeded any previous enrollment. We appreciate our boys and girls and plan to do our best for them.—*Reporter*.

**Illinois District**

**Annual N.Y.P.S. Convention**

The fourteenth annual N.Y.P.S. convention of the Illinois District was held July 4 at Nazarene Acres, Springfield, Illinois, with the district president, Paul Snellenberger, presiding.

Rev. Whitcomb Harding, superintendent of the Nebraska District, was the guest speaker and we appreciated his challenging messages. His combined humor and forcible preaching helped to bring many of the youth to an altar of prayer.

Our beloved district superintendent, Dr. W. S. Purinton, with Mrs. Purinton were on hand throughout the convention.

Rev. Paul Snellenberger was re-elected district president by a large majority. Other officers were elected as follows: Garnett Mitchell, vice-president; Earl Smith, treasurer; Patricia Phillips, secretary; Robert Beatty, teen-age supervisor; and Nancy Ranev and Dale Foster, teen-age representatives.

Reports indicated a year of progress for our young people. Under the leadership of our Spirit-filled president, we look forward to another victorious year. —*Patricia Phillips, Reporter*.

**Evangelists Dayton and Patricia Lockard write:** We have an open date, December 11 to 22, for this year; and two dates open early in 1958: January 1 to 12, and February 26 to March 9. We shall be glad to slate these times as the Lord may lead. Write us at our home address, Route 2, Box 312-C, Charleston, West Virginia.

**Evangelist C. T. Corbett writes:** Due to a turn of events I have two open dates for this fall—October 23 to November 3, and December 4 to 15. Since I am going to Florida in November, I'd prefer to slate these dates anywhere between Chicago and Florida. Write me, Box 213, Kankakee, Illinois.

Dr. Charles A. Gibson writes that he is now conducting revivals and conventions. His new address is 192 Olivet Street, Bourbonnais, Illinois.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**RECOMMENDATION**—It is a pleasure to state that Rev. T. R. Smiley and wife, both elders on our district, are among the very best in character and in loyalty to the church. They have served faithfully and are now retiring from the field of evangelism. Address them at Odion, Indiana. Brother Smiley is a good Bible preacher and the pastors will find him a congenial person with whom to labor. He will put his very best into his meetings and labor his utmost for the success of each campaign—Leo C. Davis, Superintendent of Southwest Indiana District.

**WEDDING BELLS**

Date Galloway of Columbus and Helen Carwile of Wooster, Ohio, were united in marriage on August 17, at the Wooster Church of the Nazarene, with Rev. Harvey S. Galloway, father of the groom, and Rev. C. D. Westfall, pastor of the bride, officiating.

Rev. James Krause of Dayton, Ohio, and Janice Facey of Larned, North Dakota, were united in marriage on August 16, at the Larned Church of the Nazarene, with Rev. Harry F. Taplin, district superintendent, officiating.

Rev. Wendell Addington and Miss Nell Sikes were united in marriage on August 18, at the Church of the Nazarene in Frenzel, Texas, with the pastor, Rev. Kenneth M. Luther, officiating.

Rev. Paul S. Roberts of Oak Lawn and Miss Mary Louise of Chicago, Illinois, were united in marriage on June 22, in the Carrier Mills Church, Illinois, with Rev. C. A. Crane, father of the bride, officiating.

Clifton E. Morgan and Alice Lucille Cooper of Seattle, Washington, were united in marriage on June 8, at First Church of the Nazarene in Seattle, with Rev. Roy Y. Zelder, officiating.

**BORN**—to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Harmon of Nazarene Community, with Rev. C. A. Crane, father of the bride, officiating.

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**SPECIAL PRAYER IS REQUESTED by a Christian lady in Ohio that God will touch and heal her body—and he is the only one who can help her—and then that God will use her to be a soul winner for Him, by a Christian mother in Oklahoma for her son who is drinking quite heavily, that God may understand his purpose and keep his home from being broken up.**

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**SOUTHEAST OKLAHOMA—Assembly, September 18 and 19, at American Church of the Nazarene, 1020 E. Sixth St., Ada, Oklahoma. Dr. D. I. Vanderpool presiding.

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