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POINT OF VIEW By Lenore Lang

This month's issue features an event which is coming up for us this summer: the Triennial in Sacramento, California.

I was interested in knowing the last time we had the Triennial in Sacramento, and thanks to help from our Assistant Editor, Berneice Westerman, we can print the entire list of Triennials in this issue! Look up that date for yourself on page three.

Also this issue features an important new book which has come off the press, written by the daughter of pioneer missionary Carl Jacob Bender. Look for her comments in our "Guest Writers" section on page two.

We continue to read excerpts of a translation of a book from the German, by William Rentz, himself a former missionary to Cameroon. He makes it look easy – this matter of translating from one language to another, but anyone who has tried it knows that "easy" it is not!

While perusing past issues for items to bring to your attention, I have discovered some "Pointed Paragraphs" culled from other publications by Rev. C.B. Nordland, of Forest Park, Illinois and I think you might be intrigued, as I was, by an item which he found! (See page three)

Church Dedication at Elk Grove, California (near Sacramento)

(from The Baptist Herald, April 15, 1948)

A report by Miss Theodora Wuttke of Sacramento, California.)

"If you could have looked in on the small community of Elk Grove, California on Sunday morning, February 15, you would have seen people assembled before the First Baptist Church well before 9:30 a.m., the time set for the dedication ceremony."

(After the people entered the new building, there were prayers, and a very interesting program, followed by) "a sumptuous dinner prepared by our Ladies Aid., using our fully equipped, modern kitchen. Approximately 490 guests were served in our dining hall..."

"The total estimated cost of our building project is \$70,000. However, since it was not necessary for us to employ an architect to draw up plans as these were drawn by our pastor, Mr. Knauf, together with a number of members who are among the finest carpenters in the country, and since we had the co-operation of willing, loyal men, the church was built at a total cost of \$35,000. Also, the lots whereon the church was built, were presented to the church by Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Schanzenbach. Our Brother Schanzenbach did not live to see the completed building, as the Lord took him Home to worship in a temple not made with hands, whose Builder is God."





**GUEST WRITER:
HELGA BENDER HENRY**

If missionaries of long ago returned to Cameroon today they would happily rejoice over increased churches, schools, medical centers and general economic and political development. Some grand- and great-grandchildren of early converts would be seen implementing government policies and occupying leadership roles.

Western missionaries would be subserving rather than directing. Many tribal languages – but far from all – would now be translated and used in Bible studies.

Television, radio, modern technology of many kinds as well as transportation and even skyscrapers would be seen in larger cities. Many school personnel would have secured higher education.

Histories by African writers would be used as textbooks. Businesses would belong to international commerce. Elected diplomats would be serving worldwide in embassies, the United Nations and other political arenas.

Wherever and however early European powers had formulated colonial foundations and regulations, such so-called imperialism would now be replaced by ethnic politicians in independent countries like Cameroon.

The Lord's call to pray for the rulers of the world still and even increasingly requires concern and attention to multi-religious conditions. God's "Go" and "Tell" command beckons workers to evangelize yet christianly illiterate and unreached peoples.

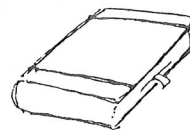
While missionary methods, philosophies and mission societies may have changed within a hundred years, God's call to share

His life-changing, salvific message of love and grace in Christ remains the same.

Today's partnering missionaries of many ages, backgrounds and work shifts may, by and large, be replacing yesteryears' corps of lifetime-serving, multi-purpose missionaries.

For all that, what remains the same forever is God's giving of spiritual increase that endures. The question remains: "Who is on the Lord's side? Who for Him will go?"

I am personally thankful for my heritage and responsibility as a Missionary Kid of long ago. But as *God's* child, I specially revere His abiding call and equipping – both yesterday and today – of whosoever that reflect and represent Him above all other mankind in word and deed. Time is waning.



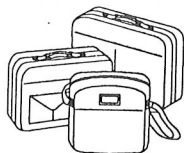
(Editor's Note: The book by Helga Bender Henry is now available to those who would like to purchase a copy. "Cameroon on a Clear Day" is published by William Carey Library, POB 40129, Pasadena, California, 91114.

The book may be obtained at the discounted price of \$9.25 plus \$4.50 book rate (three week delivery) or \$6.50 UPS (one week delivery.) For further information call 1-800-647-7466.

Having been in Cameroon myself, I know that not all days in Cameroon are clear ones. But the author has given a clear-eyed look at the work of the Kingdom done by her parents, and has included details that make those loved parents "come alive" for us. The book contains an insightful foreword by the author's husband, Dr. Carl F.H. Henry.)

(Editor's Note: This column contains Triennial Conference Dates and Places and what a list it is! Can you identify the Conferences you attended?)

1. 1865 Wilmot, Ontario, Canada
2. 1868 Cincinnati, Ohio
3. 1871 New York City
4. 1874 Chicago, Illinois
5. 1877 Buffalo, New York
6. 1880 St. Louis, Missouri
7. 1883 Cleveland, Ohio
8. 1886 Detroit, Michigan
9. 1889 Milwaukee, Wisconsin
10. 1892 Chicago, Illinois
11. 1895 Dayton, Ohio
12. 1898 St. Louis, Missouri
13. 1901 Berlin, Ontario, Canada
14. 1904 Chicago, Illinois
15. 1907 Buffalo, New York
16. 1910 Milwaukee, Wisconsin
17. 1913 Madison, South Dakota
18. 1916 Detroit, Michigan
19. 1919 Chicago, Illinois
20. 1922 St. Paul, Minnesota
21. 1925 Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
22. 1928 Chicago, Illinois
23. 1931 Detroit, Michigan
24. 1934 Milwaukee, Wisconsin
25. 1937 Portland, Oregon
26. 1940 Burlington, Iowa
27. 1944 Milwaukee, Wisconsin
28. 1946 Tacoma, Washington
29. 1949 Sioux Falls, South Dakota
30. 1952 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
31. 1955 Waco, Texas
32. 1958 Edmonton, Alberta, Canada
33. 1961 Minneapolis, Minnesota
34. 1964 Sacramento, California
35. 1967 Detroit, Michigan
36. 1970 Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada
37. 1973 Wichita, Kansas
38. 1976 Portland, Oregon
39. 1979 Bismarck, North Dakota
40. 1982 Niagara Fall, New York
41. 1985 Anaheim, California
42. 1988 Calgary, Alberta, Canada
43. 1991 Milwaukee, Wisconsin
44. 1994 Dallas, Texas
45. 1997 Edmonton, Alberta, Canada
46. 2000 Sacramento, California



Pointed Paragraphs

(from **The Baptist Herald**, April 15, 1947)
by Rev. C.B. Nordland, Forest Park, Illinois

"When the first atomic bomb exploded in New Mexico, the desert sand turned to fused green glass. This fact, according to the magazine 'Free World', has given certain archaeologists a turn. They have been digging in the ancient Euphrates Valley and have uncovered a layer of agrarian culture 8,000 years old, and a layer of herdsman culture much older, and a still older caveman culture. Recently they reached another layer...of *fused green glass*. Think it over, brother."



**THE HOFMEISTERS' MISSIONARY
EXPERIENCE IN KAMERUN;**
translated by Guest Writer William H. Rentz.
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(In the November issue we read of canoe travels by Brother Hofmeister. (1899-1900) Now the journey continues.

"In order to stay up with the carriers, we had to put our loads onto them. On the way, a man gave us some nuts. They were most welcome as we had pretty well used up all of our food.

"Finally at around four p.m. we arrived at Mukunda. We had to stay here as we were all pretty tired and had had enough of trekking for the day. That night we slept on bush beds made of palm frond ribs. There were no mosquitos in the hut but there was lots of smoke and it was very hot.

"The heat felt good at first because we were soaked through by the rain. In time the heat became unbearable because there was no circulation. In spite of everything, we did get several hours of sleep. (Cont. page 4)



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"The following day, hunger was our constant companion."

(Next issue: a trial by ants!)

DO YOU KNOW THAT....(from The Baptist Herald, by the Rev. A.R. Bernadt, Burlington, Iowa.)

(August 15, 1946) "About the only business that makes money without advertising is the mint."

" 'God helps those who help themselves' is a phrase that is not found in the Bible, as many suppose."

" 'Holy Grail' is not in the Bible. It is the popular name given to the cup or chalice that Jesus used at the Last Supper."



(December 1, 1946) "The fellow hammered nails like lightning; not that he was fast, but because he never struck twice in the same place."

"Worry is a thin stream of fear trickling through the mind; which, if encouraged, cuts a channel into which all other thoughts are drained."

(October 15, 1948) "Conscience sometimes gets credit that really belongs to cold feet."

"Don't get too flowery for you may go to seed."

"Some men find that they cannot run for office and away from criticism at the same time."

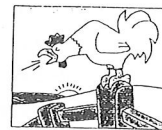


RECYCLED CHUCKLES

(from a column in The Baptist Herald
by Rev. B.C. Schreiber.)

(June 1974) "Hospital costs are going up so rapidly that patients are showing their bills instead of their scars."

(September 1974) "A farmer reported an increase in egg production immediately after posting the following sign in the henhouse: An egg a day keeps Colonel Sanders away."



(October 1974) "The past is valuable as a guidepost, but dangerous if used as a hitching post."

(February 1975) "It sure takes a person a long time to become an overnight success."

DO YOU WANT TO GO AROUND THE WORLD?

An ad in the January 1, 1948 Baptist Herald said, "The Baptist Herald in 1948 will take you around the world."

Then there followed a list of these countries:

Africa – reports by 23 missionaries.

China – colorful articles by Leona Ross.

South America – accounts by Rev. J. H. Landenberger.

Philippines -- report by the Friedericksens

Alaska – new serial story, "The Land of Tomorrow" (by Charlotte Kruger.)

Sure enough! A check through that 1948 volume revealed all of those "round the world" reports! Reading can take you places!

