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Denominational Reminders

ENGAGEMENTS

Dr. William Kuhn
Wednesday, Jan. 21 — Forest Park Baptist Church, Forest Park, Ill.

Rev. H. G. Dymmel
Sunday, Jan. 11 — San Luis Valley, Colorado.

Jan. 13-15 — Pacific Conference Pastors' Retreat, Immanuel Church, Portland, Oregon.

Sunday Afternoon, Jan. 18 — Dedication of Baptist Church, Glencullen, Oregon.

Rev. J. C. Gunst
Jan 17-18 — Executive Committee Meeting of National Y. P. and S. S. Workers' Union at Headquarters, Forest Park, Illinois.
Jan. 25-30 — Teachers' Training Course, Durham, Kansas.

Rev. Martin L. Leuschner
Jan. 11-16 — Venturia, No. Dakota.

Sunday, Jan. 18 — Lehr, No. Dakota.
Sunday, Jan. 25 — Bethany Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

IMPORTANT DATES

Sunday, Feb. 1st — Baptist World Alliance Sunday (See editorial).
Friday, Feb. 13th — World-wide Day of Prayer (See Article by Mrs. Adam Huber on Page 10).

MORE MISSIONARIES FOR AFRICA

Plans are being made for the departure of the Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Goodman and their son Larry from New York City on January 20th bound for the Cameroons of Africa. They will sail on the "S. S. Tai Yin" of the Barber Steamship Lines. They will bring the total of our African missionaries to 23. God bless them as they go forth with our prayers and best wishes!

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TOPICS FOR FEBRUARY from the "YOUTH COMPASS" of Young People's Meetings

Feb. 1— "A Man of Faith" (J. Hudson Taylor) by Rev. Roy Anderson, Chicago, Ill.

Feb. 8 — "Finding Myself in Christ."

Feb. 15 — "Finding Others for Christ." by Rev. Henry Pfeifer, General Evangelist.

Feb. 22 — "Christiar. Builders" (Christian Statesmen and Leaders) by Rev. Fred Knalson, Sheboygan, Wisconsin.

Feb. 29 — "Women of Conquering Courage" by Miss Eva Yung.

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AMONG OURSELVES

The Baptist World Alliance is again on the march. Its program is making the headlines of today. It has set great, challenging goals before the Baptists of North America. The article by Rev. Frank H. Woyke and the editorial in this issue deal with this important account. The offering on Baptist World Alliance Sunday, Feb. 1st, as received at the Communion Service in our churches is to be designated for the Baptist World Alliance Fund, the purposes of which are announced elsewhere in this issue.

IN THIS ISSUE

Many bells are rung in this issue. The evangelistic program of the local church is emphasized. Glimpses of our Spanish-American mission field can be had. The world program of Baptists and the world picture of Christians at prayer go hand in hand together. "Did You Know That . . . ?" will test your knowledge of the Cameroons. The work of your pastor is also remembered in a timely challenge by our executive secretary. If you read this number from cover to cover, you will hear a carillon of bells producing a lovely melody as unto the Lord!

COMING

"The Power of a Single Purpose" is the theme of the Rev. Adolf Reeh's sermon to be featured in the next issue. This message by our pastor in La Salle, Colorado packed such power when he preached it, that requests have come for its publication.

"Home Visitation Evangelism" will be reviewed and graphically presented by the Rev. Wm. H. Jeschke of Chicago's Grace Baptist Church in a well prepared and very practical message.

The Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Goodman and their son Larry will be introduced to the "Herald" family as our new missionaries soon leaving for the Cameroons of Africa.

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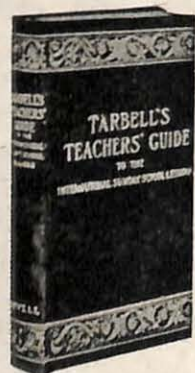
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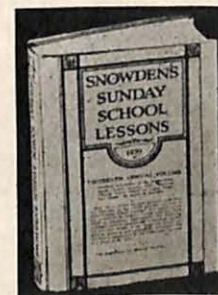
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EDITORIALS

Martin L. Leuschner

A Sunday for the Baptist Cause

THE FIRST SUNDAY of February is annually observed as Baptist World Alliance Day. For twelve million Baptists around the world this is the occasion to thank God for his blessings to our fellowship and to remember the ties of love that bind us together.

But this year that Sunday will have unusual significance. The needs of our Baptist brethren in European lands have aroused the Baptists in other countries to extend a helping hand in the Name of Christ. The Baptist World Alliance has launched an inspiring program of relief and spiritual help for those who are destitute. This worldwide Baptist drive calls for "Clothes for a Million People and a Million Dollars for Food." That campaign is already under way.

One of our former pastors, the Rev. Otto Nallinger of the Salt Creek Church of Oregon who served as a United States Army Chaplain in Germany, has been appointed by the Baptist World Alliance executive committee as its Relief Administrator in Europe. He began his important ministry on January 1, 1948. Before long he will go to Europe to serve in his official capacity, to be followed by his family as soon as circumstances will permit.

This tremendous relief program now being initiated and supervised by the Baptist World Alliance will require a great deal of administrative work and expense. It is hoped that almost all of the monies contributed by Baptists and their organizations can be used exclusively for relief to feed the hungry and to clothe the poor.

For this reason Baptists in their church services everywhere are being asked to contribute their communion offerings on this Sunday, February 1, for the Baptist World Alliance office. This money will be used for the administrative expenses that are a necessary part of this relief program of the Baptist World Alliance. The General Council of our North American Baptist Conference has concurred with the Headquarters' secretarial staff in approving this plan and calling upon our churches to designate their communion offering on Sunday, February 1st, for this purpose. After the offering has been received, send it to North American Baptist Headquarters, Box 6, Forest Park, Illinois and mark it clearly as "Baptist World Alliance Offering."

As you observe your communion service on this Baptist World Alliance Sunday, remember the memorable words of the late Dr. J. H. Rushbrooke, former president of the Alliance: "I marvel at the unity of our Baptist communion. It has no parallel on earth. In many parts of the world Baptist communities have arisen without their members even knowing that there were anywhere others like them — born of the study of the New Testament under the guidance of the interpreting Spirit. Our origins are sporadic and varied; yet when we discover one another, we find ourselves one. I do not question the reality of Christian experience beyond our borders, but this I maintain: that there is nothing, and nothing has been since the earliest days of the preaching of the gospel, comparable with the phenomenon of the conscious oneness of the Baptist people, secured by no external machinery but by spiritual forces alone." That is reason enough for this Sunday set aside for the Baptist cause!

BIBLE TEXT

"One is your Master even Christ; and all ye are brethren." Matt. 23:8.
"First of all, and explaining all the rest, is the doctrine of the Lordship of Christ. That doctrine is for Baptists the dominant fact in all their Christian experience, the nerve center of all their Christian life, the bedrock of all their church policy, the sheet anchor of their hopes, the climax and crown of all their rejoicings. They say with Paul: For to this end Christ both died and rose and revived, that he might be Lord both of the dead and living. From that germinal conception of the absolute Lordship of Christ, all our Baptist principles emerge. Just as yonder oak came from the acorn, so our many-branched Baptist life came from the cardinal principle of the absolute Lordship of Christ. 'One is your Master, even Christ; and all ye are brethren.' One clear note is ever to be sounded concerning him, even this, 'Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it!'"

—Dr. George W. Truett.

OUR PENSION FUND

The new Pension Fund plan for our churches has been inaugurated. Every pastor and church clerk have received comprehensive letters with full particulars how the Pension Fund plan works. The churches are being urged to enroll their pastors in the plan as a part of their God-given ministry. The entire Pension Fund has been revised after a great deal of study by leading laymen of the denomination which will provide more adequate pension fund payments to our retired pastors. Further letters will be sent and explanatory articles will appear in our publications from time to time to inform our constituency of the benefits of the new Pension Fund Plan.

THE 1948 ANNUAL

Orders are pouring into the Publication House for the 1948 Annual. It looks as if the supply of 4000 copies will soon be exhausted. This edition of the ANNUAL scintillates with pictures and memorable messages. Judith Michelson's appearance among the calendar pages and the illustrated poem, "The Hand of God," are typical of many good things within the 68 pages. Our mission fields in Africa and China are graphically presented. Twelve pages are devoted to the important biographies of all of our pastors and to denominational facts and statistics. All of this is yours for only fifty cents! Your copy can be secured through your pastor or publication society agent or from the Roger Williams Press, 3734 Payne Ave., Cleveland 14, Ohio.



A Guitar Player on the Streets of Saguache, Colorado Soon Attracts a Crowd of Other Spanish-Americans

"Muchas Gracias" for the Gospel

Missionary Adventures on the Spanish-American Field of Colorado

By Miss Rachel Zoschke of Ottawa, Kansas



Misses Betty and Rachel Zoschke of Kansas, Who Helped on the Colorado Mission Field Last Summer

"BUENOS DIAS (good day)," I ventured timidly as an elderly Spanish lady slowly opened the door of an unusually clean Spanish hut.

"Buenos dias," she frowned suspiciously at me. I gulped a little and sized her up. She looked definitely like the non-English speaking type. Mustering up my courage, I asked, "Comprende usted ingles (Do you understand English)?"

"No, no comprendo ingles," she mumbled.

I gulped twice this time, making a rapid mental inventory of my vocabulary lists I had learned in school the past year. Finally I made a brave plunge.

"Tiene usted niños (Do you have children)?"

I'm really not quite sure whether she understood me. At any rate she said, "No," which was all I needed. I heaved a sigh of relief, said a hasty "Muchas gracias (thank you)," and bolted out through the white picket gate.

It is only one of the incidents my sister Betty and I experienced last summer while recruiting for Vacation Bible Schools in our San Luis Valley mission field. However it wasn't very often that we left homes with such hasty thanks.

As I sit here reflecting, I can really only think of one other time when I scoured my mind for a tactful way of retreat. In this instance, the lady simply refused to talk, either English or Spanish. Most of the time we were very cordially welcomed, especially whenever we thought to mention the name "Reimer."

"Oh, are you Meester Reemer's people?" they would query joyously, and immediately we were one of them. We soon learned to pave our way with that name, especially in Center where Rev. J. J. Reimer has done a great deal of his work recently.

Our Vacation Bible Schools always required a lot of visitation because the people themselves do very little recruiting. In Del Norte we had a difficult time trying to dig them out of their huts. In Del Norte, being the center of Catholicism in the valley and sheltering most of the priests, we found an unseen barrier in almost every home we entered, which we realized had been built by the priest on a previous visit.

If ever we did succeed in crumbling it a bit, he was soon back to rebuild it. In Center, the people considered the priest a necessary evil but to a certain extent lived their own lives as soon as he left the town. Here, however, we found the barrier to be pure laziness.

Disciplined by only two teachers, the Vacation Bible School in Center brought many harassing but interesting experiences. We were quite at a loss in handling all the superfluous items that youngsters dragged along with them, such as dogs and dirty, little baby brothers and sisters. Since the younger ones could not speak English (nor understand my Spanish), we had to contact them by sign language and forceful actions.

Mr. Reimer was unable to be with us very often, so everything was in our power — or not. We were really happy to have him drop in whenever

the boys of the street got out of hand and casually tossed a rock or firecracker at our house.

The children as a whole were very interested and it was truly a pleasure to teach them. However, home training seemed to make it quite proper for them to run in and out of the school.

Since there were many Catholic children in attendance whose parents allowed them to come because we didn't "make fun of their religion," we sometimes encountered difficulties when we accidentally bumped into their doctrines.

I really withered one time when after my statement that Christ was the only perfect man, little hands popped up at me and little voices cornered me with a swarm of questions. "Isn't Mother Mary perfect?" "And the priest?" "St. Joseph?" "St. Somebody-or-other else?" It particularly grieved us when these wee tots seemed to deem it necessary to confess their sins to us.

In spite of the down-to-earth problems we encountered in all of our Bible Schools, there was always plenty of glamour, although not of the type that most people connect with the mission field. There is only glamour so long as one's chief desire is to see souls won to Christ. Now let me tell you one of the "glamour" experiences that thrilled us in the Center school.

Most of the Vacation Bible School pupils who had attended school the previous year had since been indoctrinated by a local church of the Arminian belief to the extent that they lived constantly in a state of insecurity. One day Virginia Olguin, a thir-

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Young People's Forum at the Immanuel Baptist Church, Kenosha, Wisconsin, Discussing "Methods of Winning Young People for Christ" With Mr. Arthur Klein as Leader

Making Friends for the Church

"No Church Can Win the Community to Christ, Unless It Has First Won That Community To Itself." This Is Now Being Demonstrated at the Immanuel Baptist Church of Kenosha, Wisconsin

By the REV. NORTH E. WEST, Pastor of the Immanuel Church

"YOUNG MAN, if you want to win a person to Christ, you must first win him to yourself!" Thus spoke an elderly seminary professor nearly twenty years ago. And with the passing of time I have become convinced that all evangelistic effort must be based on this principle. No church can win the community to Christ, unless it has first won that community to itself. The making of friends for the church must become a major task.

This truth can be described through the use of three concentric circles. The outer circle is the community; the intermediate circle is the constituency, or friends of the church who are interested and attend occasionally; while the inner circle is the church membership itself.

Now, rarely does anyone ever come into the church fellowship, either by letter or baptism, unless he has first become a friend of the church. Residents of the community just do not jump from the outer circle to the inner circle. Invariably they must step into the intermediate circle and become friends of the church before being won for Christ and his service.

That such is the case is evident from past experiences. In every church, of which I have been pastor, I have compiled a constituency list; the names and addresses of those who have become friends of our church. These persons have then become the object of our prayers and evangelistic effort. And in every instance God has literally brought forth, "some an hundredfold, some sixtyfold, and some thirtyfold."

In cold statistics alone our additions have annually averaged between 15 percent and 30 percent of the number on our constituency list. And the larger our constituency list the greater were our gains. Consequently, I have come to believe that any church with a normal evangelistic program will have numerical increase in direct proportion to the size of its constituency (Matt. 13:8). Therefore, if a church wishes to win greater numbers for Christ, it must tackle the problem of "making friends for the church" on an ever increasing scale.

To some churches the problem of enlarging the constituency may seem staggering and impossible of attainment. But let us begin right where

we are. In every Sunday School and church service there are at least a few unsaved persons.

When I first became pastor of our church we were about to enter a union evangelistic campaign. I believed that there would be few results because there were so few unsaved persons in contact with our church. Yet, when the secretary compiled our constituency list, I discovered that there were 57 persons connected with our church, who were either unsaved or had never joined. They became the immediate object of our ministry. As a result 23 were added to our church by baptism and by letter within two months. Frequently, a lack of evangelistic success is due to a failure to cultivate the contacts which the Lord has already given us.

However, we are constrained to make new friends for the church that we may enlarge our evangelistic ministry. Let us, therefore, begin with the easiest methods. One of these methods is the use of a Prospect Card. Some months ago such cards were printed and distributed to the members of our congregation. They were only 3 by 5 inch index cards with spaces

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for the names and addresses of friends and relatives, whom the Christians desired to see won for Christ. The names of about twenty persons were submitted, and of these a number have already been won.

A second means of adding to the church constituency list is through the use of Church Registration Cards. In the smallest of churches it is not at all uncommon to have visitors. Often they receive little attention, and no effort is made to secure their names and addresses. Consequently, many never return. But with the use of 3 by 5 inch Registration Cards information can be secured, which will serve as the basis for a friendly call by the pastor or some of the church members. Through the years, the churches of which I have been pastor, have secured many of their finest members through this device of registering visitors.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL SURVEY

A third method for the making of friends is through the Sunday School survey, in which workers go from house to house looking for children who attend nowhere. The procedure in our church has been very simple. We usually begin with a conference between the pastor and the Sunday School superintendent. A specific territory is selected which contains approximately 300 homes. We then prepare a pencil drawing of the area with the streets and their intersections carefully marked.

Following this we drive from one street to another, counting the houses in each block and then marking the map accordingly. If we were in a rural area we would proceed in the same fashion. Then having determined the number and location of the houses, we draw a circle on the map around 15 or 20 houses which are situated rather closely together, thus forming one assignment. This is repeated until all the houses have been similarly encircled. The circles are then numbered with a colored pencil, thus making apparent at a glance the specific location of every assignment.

A Master List is then prepared in which each assignment is carefully described by streets, the number of houses noted, and on which is recorded the name of the person receiving the assignment, thereby preventing overlapping and also providing a check-up on the completeness of the survey in a given district.

Individual assignment cards are then prepared, carrying in duplicate the description on the Master List. This makes it possible for every worker to know exactly the specific area in which he or she is to work. After all of this preliminary work is completed, we invite members of the congregation to

assist in proportion to the number of assignments to be given out.

HOUSE TO HOUSE VISITS

We usually have lunch at the church immediately after the Sunday morning service. Each worker is given an assignment, and helped to locate the position on the map. Then the instructions are given. Every house is to be visited, and the visitor will say, "Good afternoon! I am from the Immanuel Baptist Sunday School. I am looking for children who do not go to Sunday School. Do you have any children in your home?"

in new friends for the church, and eventually in new members.

Another effective way of making friends is by means of a Cradle Roll enlargement program. We have a Cradle Roll Committee in our church which is charged with the responsibility of adding new babies to the Cradle Roll as rapidly as possible. The secretary of the committee reads the Birth Column in our local newspaper daily. Whenever a baby is born within a mile of our church, its name, birth date, and the parents' names and address are recorded on duplicate filing cards. A Baby Congratulation Card



The Sunday School Staff of the Immanuel Church of Kenosha, Wisconsin Is Always on the Job

(Rev. North E. West, Pastor, at Left in Front Row. The New Superintendent Since Jan. 1, 1948, Mr. Walter Kopf, Is Not Included in Picture)

If the answer is, "No," then the visitor is instructed to leave a piece of church literature, express appreciation for the courtesy shown, and go to the next house. If there should be children in the home, the next question is, "Do they go to Sunday School?" If the children already go to Sunday School, then the interview is closed as in the first instance.

But if there should be children in the home who do not go to Sunday School, the worker asks, "Would you mind telling me their names?" Rarely is the request refused, and so the names and ages of the children, together with the names and address of their parents, are then recorded on small Prospect Cards prepared for that purpose.

These cards are given to the Sunday School superintendent or the pastor, who then arranges for a return call to urge Sunday School enrollment. Such a program can be carried out in one afternoon, and always results in new additions to the Sunday School,

is then mailed to the parents.

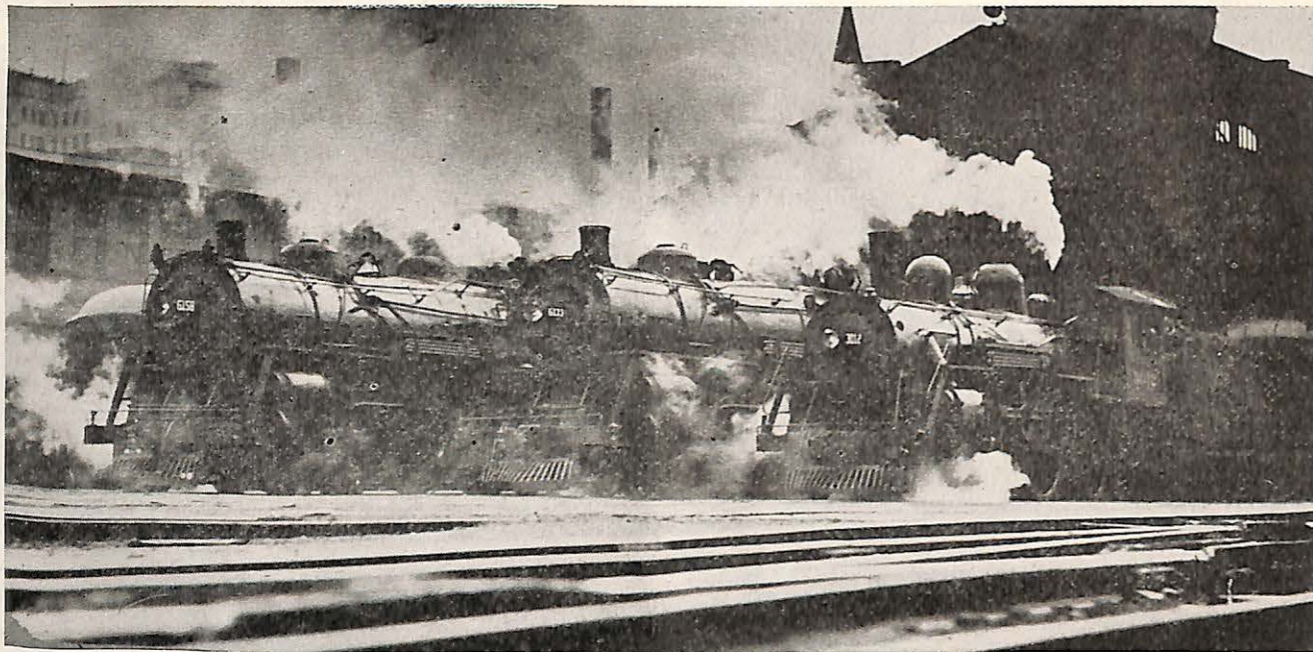
The duplicate record cards are then given to the chairman of the committee who files one for her personal use. The second card is given to a Cradle Roll caller who visits the home in a friendly way, inquires as to the family church relationship, and if there is none invites the new mother to enroll her baby in our Cradle Roll Department that it may receive the ministry of our church from its earliest days.

If she is successful the family is added to our constituency list, and becomes the object of our evangelistic outreach. This is followed up by the distribution of a quarterly Mother's Magazine, periodic Cradle Roll parties, and a Service of Dedication For Babies conducted by the pastor at a Sunday Church service.

What has been the results of such an effort? What has been the reaction in our community?

A young salesman stopped at the home of one of our members a few

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—Milwaukee Journal Photo

Like Powerful Locomotives Ready to Go, the Baptist World Alliance Is Preparing to Advance in a Great Relief and Spiritual Ministry and With New Leadership to Serve the 12 Million Baptists Around the World

Baptist World Alliance News

By the REV. FRANK H. WOYKE, Executive Secretary of Our North American Baptist General Conference

SINCE our North American Baptist General Conference is one of the constituent groups composing the Baptist World Alliance, readers of "The Baptist Herald" will be interested to hear the latest Alliance news.

ALLIANCE OFFICE MOVED

One of the decisions reached at the Baptist World Congress in Copenhagen, Denmark last summer was that the Alliance office was to be moved from London to Washington, D. C.

The formal service of recognition of the transfer of the Alliance Headquarters to Washington, D. C., was held at the First Baptist Church of Washington, D. C., on Tuesday evening, October 7, 1947. The auditorium of the church was packed with eager listeners.

Participating in the program were representatives from Denmark, Norway, Australia, Canada and the United States.

President Harry S. Truman was present to bring greetings and to extend an "official" welcome to the Alliance, as he termed it. He referred to the opening prayer, which had contained a petition for world peace, and stressed the thought that the entire energies of the United States government are directed toward the attain-

ment of a just and lasting peace. Although he expressed regret that such a peace was not yet a reality, nevertheless he emphasized that we must not lose hope and requested the prayer support of all Christian people.

In the greetings that were extended by other speakers it was repeatedly stated that the Alliance Headquarters belong in Washington because the whole world today looks to America for leadership; because of the strength of the Baptist movement in America; and because America has become the symbol of religious freedom to all the oppressed and persecuted peoples of the world.

The main address was delivered by the new president of the Alliance, Dr. C. Oscar Johnson. He stressed four things that should be the immediate urgent concern of every Baptist today: **relief, evangelism, freedom and cooperation.**

Removal of the Alliance Headquarters to Washington naturally created a housing problem. This was solved in November, when the Alliance, together with the Washington, D. C. Baptist Convention, purchased the residence of the late Captain John Rufus Edie at 1623-16th Street N.W.

A large four-story building, it will provide ample facilities for the offices of both groups. The Alliance will own

approximately half of the building, which was purchased at a total cost of \$100,000.

At Copenhagen the Executive Committee of the Alliance was charged with the duty of selecting a new General Secretary to succeed Dr. Walter O. Lewis, present secretary.

It was recently announced that Professor A. T. Ohrn of Norway has been chosen for the office. If he accepts, his service will begin on July 1, 1948.

Professor Ohrn is a gifted and highly esteemed Baptist leader of Norway and has long been active in Alliance circles. Born in Wisconsin, he returned to Norway with his parents when he was twelve years of age.

Dr. Walter O. Lewis will continue as Associate General Secretary and Relief Commissioner for Europe. His office will be in London, England.

RELIEF NEWS

A new Baptist World Alliance Relief Committee was appointed in Copenhagen. Its immediate concern was to be relief for the Baptists of Germany and Austria, but beyond that for all the needy everywhere.

Through this committee, the Alliance is at present sponsoring a great world-wide Baptist relief program. For the sake of brevity, permit me to enumerate some of its features:

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1. "Clothes for a Million People, and a Million Dollars for Food" is the goal for this year.

2. Representatives of the Southern Baptist Convention have pledged their group to raise half of the above amount and other groups will contribute according to ability. It is hoped that our combined efforts will make it possible to exceed the goal set before us by the time the winter is past.

3. Each individual convention is to be responsible for promoting, collecting, processing and shipping its relief goods.

4. The Alliance office will coordinate the relief activities of the various groups, receiving monthly reports and making occasional recommendations.

5. The Alliance has become a member of Cralog under the name, "American Baptist Relief."

6. The distributing agency in Germany is to be the "Bruderhilfe" of the Baptists. An additional truck is to be purchased for the use of the "Bruderhilfe" and a larger gasoline allowance is to be requested.

7. The Rev. Otto Nallinger, an Army Chaplain of the recent war and formerly pastor of our church at Salt Creek, Oregon, has been designated as special relief representative for Germany. His duties will begin on January 1, 1948, and he will proceed to Germany as soon as the necessary papers are granted.

Your Pastors Salary

An Open Letter to Our Church by the Rev. FRANK H. WOYKE,
Executive Secretary

DEAR CO-WORKERS in Christ:

This letter is addressed primarily to church officers, but it deals with a matter that should be of vital concern to every church member. For that reason I am taking the opportunity of publishing it in our denominational periodicals.

I am sure that you will agree when I say that we as a denomination have much reason to praise God for a very devoted, efficient and spirit-filled group of pastors. Year in and year out they spend themselves in sacrificial labor for the cause of Christ.

HIGH COST OF LIVING

We are also united in feeling that these pastors and their families, while they are not in Christian work for the money that they receive, deserve salaries adequate to meet their everyday needs. They should be free from financial worries, so that they can give themselves unreservedly to the spreading of the glorious message of Christ, the Savior.

During the past ten years we have witnessed an unprecedented rise in the cost of living, especially in the items of which a pastor's salary is mostly needed: food and clothing. The cost of living index on December 15, 1947 stood at approximately 165, compared with the figure of 100 for the years 1935-1939. What is more, all reliable forecasts are for a continuing rise in prices, particularly for food and clothing.

It is, of course, obvious what these high prices have done to the purchasing power of the dollar. For every dollar that was needed ten years ago, \$1.65 are now needed.

Most American people have had an increase in income of at least 65 per cent during these years and have therefore not encountered undue hardships. Generally speaking, our farmers have been blessed with good crops and high prices. Business concerns have enjoyed a period of unparalleled prosperity. Labor has received numerous wage increases, and still more are being negotiated.

What has happened to our pastors? Have their salaries been raised suf-

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Every possible effort is being made to get this booklet to our ministers as soon as possible. Production difficulties are responsible for the delay.

ficiently to help meet the increase in the cost of living? Only each local church can answer this question accurately. Many churches have been very conscientious in this matter and have kept the pastor's salary at an adequate level.

PASTORS' SALARIES

You may ask: "How much should we pay our pastor?" The answer to that question will depend largely on local conditions. Exactly how much the salary should be depends on some of the following considerations: (1) Is your church in a small town or in a large city? (2) Does your pastor need an automobile for his work, and must he do much driving? (3) Does he receive gifts other than money, such as meat, eggs, milk, butter?

It may be best to compare your pastor's present salary with what it was ten years ago. Where does it fit into the list of comparative salaries based on a present cost of living index of 165, as shown below?

Where salary was \$1,200, it should be now \$1,980.

Where salary was \$1,600, it should be now \$2,640.

Where salary was \$2,000, it should be now \$3,300.

Where salary was \$2,400, it should be now \$3,960.

Although we are all affected by the high cost of living, groups such as pastors are always hardest hit. They cannot dramatize their difficulties by means of a strike, nor do they wish to do so.

And, I am sure that we all agree, there should be no need for them to do so. As Christian churches we should set an example of consideration and liberality toward those who serve us.

THE SPIRIT OF SHARING

It has been thrilling to witness the generosity of our people in their giving toward missions and relief. We thank God for this spirit of sharing, and we pray that it may continue.

At the same time, we want to remind all of you that your local pastor is one of Christ's missionaries just as truly as if he had gone to Africa or Asia. Do not neglect him. And do not increase your missionary giving at his expense. What was said so long ago still remains true: "Charity begins at home."

May all of us, in the year which we have just begun, receive from God a rich abundance of his grace — "above all that we can ask or think."

The World at Prayer

Suggested Order of Service for Women's Groups and Churches for the
World-wide Day of Prayer on Friday, February 13, 1948

Prepared by MRS. ADAM HUBER of Leduc, Alberta, Canada

Song Service.

Scripture: Acts 12:1-17 or Luke 11:1-13 or James 4:1-10.

Introduction to be Read by the Leader.

IT IS ENCOURAGING to know that on this day, all over the world, likeminded women are united in the bond of prayer. Not only those who have gathered in prayer groups for special intercession, but also those who are quietly active at their daily duties, intercede for a world sorely in need of the smile of God. But God cannot smile upon a world that is forgetting him and is busying itself in the service of its own personal gods and the lust of the flesh, which this world serves. It is to be compared with a mother who cannot smile upon a child that has forgotten her in order to love and serve such who wilfully lead it astray. Therefore we, the praying women of this world, must pray wisely and earnestly for the definite needs of this age.

From the early beginnings of Christianity, there have been saints who have upheld the work of our Master by prayer. How our hearts thrill to hear a heart stirring, sincere prayer of faith and within us we have the longing to be able to pray likewise — even as the disciples did when they came to Jesus and said, "Lord, teach us to pray." How thankful we are for the prayer which he then gave them, "the Lord's Prayer," for it makes provision for all human needs.

There is a longing within us, too, to have heard the Master pray, for we know that he lived very close to God and yet felt the need to pray often. It is a proven fact that the closer one lives to God, the more conscious he is of evil, and the more burdened he is for prayer. Today we have assembled to bring our combined petitions before God's throne of grace. We are thankful for the promise he made when he said, "Ask and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full" (John 16:24). (A solo, preferably "The Lord's Prayer" by Albert A. Malotte, can be sung at this time.)

(A woman should be appointed to read the following and also lead in the prayer

of reconsecration, or another person can be appointed for the prayer.)

BEFORE WE CAN PRAY

"Ye ask and receive not because ye ask amiss" (James 4:3).

Will a child that is not on friendly terms with its parents ask a favor of them? No! Before a child asks anything of its parents, it is sure that the relationship between them is good. So we as Christians, before we ask anything of our heavenly Father, ought to make certain that we have been living close to him. Our prayers often go unanswered because we walk in our separate, selfish and sinful ways. The beautiful bond of fellowship between ourselves and our Father does not exist; so our pleas and petitions do not reach him.

Before we can pray a true prayer of faith, all hindrances must be removed. Then we begin to see the greatness and majesty of a loving God, who in his great love to man is ready and willing to hear and to heed an unselfish prayer of faith. We must first of all now reconsecrate our lives to the service of God.

Prayer of reconsecration — "Recognizing God's love and power — Jesus as Savior of the world — Confessing our sinfulness and weakness — Praying for forgiveness and power to work and live for Christ."

PRAY FOR A SPIRITUAL REVIVAL
(To be read by another person of your group)

"O Lord, revive thy work in the midst of the years" (Hab. 3:2).

In our modern world there are far too few signs of active Christianity. We have become so accustomed to the gospel and its wonder-working power, that we are not stirred by its divine truths any more. If we could transplant the fervor of the New Testament church into our modern world, it would stir us to greater service and sacrifice in the work of the Kingdom of God. Those members were courageous even under affliction and persecution to witness for their Lord. They were filled with the power of the Holy Spirit to the extent that through their joyful testimony and abundant living the church was so alive, that new

converts were added to the church DAILY.

It is for this sort of a revival that we must pray. But before we can expect a revival in the midst of these years, Christians must be ready to dedicate their lives and possessions to God. They must have a burning passion for lost souls, and must be ready to take up the cross and follow Christ.

If we are ready to do this, God can empower us with his Holy Spirit to be joyful witnesses for him. To experience a world-wide revival, denominational leaders, church leaders, Sunday School teachers, women's missionary leaders, parents and all Christian people must be ready to surrender fully and to heed the command of Christ, "Go Ye." We as praying women of the world can be a torch to kindle the fire of revival in our world.

(Prayer for a revival by the same or another person.) Song by all present: "Revive Thy Work, O Lord."

PRAY FOR PEACE

(To be read by another person)

"Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love Thee" (Psalm 122:6).

Peace is the perfect gift of God's love. Where there is love, there is peace. So long as man did not betray the confidence of God, there was wonderful harmony. Satan always was and shall remain the enemy of peace. Therefore, where there is a broken vow of confidence, there is disharmony, the evidence of the work of Satan, and it becomes necessary to restore the relationship of love in order to have peace.

God surely knows the terrible conditions that exist in the world at large today. Christ's commandment of love has been forgotten, and therefore the leaders of the nations of the world stand perplexed before an uncertain future.

Isn't it remarkable that God, who is all powerful — who could change the destiny of man and of the world in the twinkling of an eye — desires us to come to him in prayer, asking for him to supply our needs even though he knows them long before

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Women of the Forest Park Missionary Guild and Mr. Helmut Schmidt, Formerly of Kassel, Germany, Who Busily Helped the Women, as They Prepared and Packed the Fifty Boxes of White Cross Supplies for the Mission Field in the Cameroons, Africa (Mrs. H. G. Dymmel, Vice-president of the National Woman's Union, Is at the Extreme Left)

White Cross Supplies for Africa

By MRS. H. G. DYMMEL,
Vice-president of the National Woman's Missionary Union

THERE IS MUCH that needs to be done on the Cameroons Baptist Mission Field. There are such anxious souls waiting to hear the message with healing in its wings and, along with that, perhaps as many souls that need the healing of bodily pains and ailments.

LETTER FROM LAURA REDDIG

Laura Reddig, our senior nurse on the field, writes: "Dear Friends of the Woman's Missionary Union: Happy New Year, even if it will reach you late. We hope, for each one of you, God's richest blessing in this New Year. May God in a special way bless all of you for your faithfulness in his work, and, as you serve him, may many new doors of service be opened to you. It is just the same out here as it is at home — the more you do, the more you see to do. When we are so busy about ourselves, there seems to be nothing to do, but when we look out to others who need help, we just can't seem to find time to do it all. So the more we do, the more we see to do. And we must not forget, God helps us to do it all!"

"Beginning the New Year is a real challenge — what lies before us? How much of the planned for work will be accomplished? When will the new missionaries get there? How will they adjust themselves and will they like their new work? How will the individual Christians grow and meet their

trials, temptations, and opportunities? The questions could go on and on. The tasks and responsibilities are great.

"Two big boxes of bandages, baby blankets, diapers, etc., have now arrived. More are still expected. I wish you could see how nice it feels to be able to have something nice like that to give out to those who have never owned a stitch of cloth, or felt the warmth of flannel next to their tiny bodies. One of the blankets helped a little girl recover from pneumonia. Another couple of blankets were used when the house of one of our faithful medical workers, Peter Giyo, got burned, causing complete loss of everything they possessed. Because of you faithful women with willing hearts and hands, such needs and many more will be supplied — — —"

WHITE CROSS SUPPLIES PACKED

As if in answer to her undaunted faith in the women of our denomination, December 2nd was set aside by the women of the Forest Park Woman's Missionary Guild to itemize and to pack the White Cross supplies which have been steadily coming in to the Mission Headquarters. A previous shipment was made in July and at that time the women of the Humboldt Park and Grace Churches of Chicago assisted in the work. And what bountiful supplies came in!

It meant to segregate and to pile up the various items until the long table

became a veritable mountain of surgical gauze, absorbent cotton, pneumonia jackets (three weren't so many of these although they are so sorely needed in the Cameroons, especially during the rainy season), children's shirts, baby blankets, bed blankets, hospital towels, T bandages, etc. Many of the blankets were beautifully embroidered with the words "Baptist Mission."

Added to this list, hot water bags, medicine droppers, toys, sacks, scotch tape, adhesive tape and other miscellaneous items. Bottles of all sizes and shapes filled with clips, needles, pins, etc., were packed in between the materials — in fact, the bottles were so bountifully supplied, many had to be left over.

Just think, there were 19 wooden boxes of rolled bandages alone totaling some 600 pounds, while the entire shipment brought the figure to 50 boxes of materials, one bale of large and baby blankets, and one barrel. And what surprises it held! A basket ball and six or more of the large Sunday School lesson picture rolls which our missionaries welcome so much. Our women were happy to include the colorful pieces of gingham and muslin and the school supplies which will be choice items for the missionary teachers to give to their pupils as they endeavor to bring every day Christian living along with the love of our redeeming Savior.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

● Recently the Rev. Wesley Simonson began his ministry as pastor of the Rosenfield Baptist Church near Anamoose, North Dakota. On Thursday, Dec. 4, he was ordained to the Gospel ministry in a service held at the Rosenfield Church, about which a report appears elsewhere in this issue. The church has been pastorless for several years.

● Special meetings were held in the Baptist Church of Wishek, No. Dak., in November, which were a blessing and a fine spiritual uplift to all. A Bible study course on the book of Romans was conducted by the Rev. H. G. Dymmel, general missionary secretary, for a week thereafter. This course was deeply appreciated by the large class. The Rev. Arthur Weisser is the pastor.

● On Dec. 19 a baby was born to the Rev. and Mrs. Wilmer Quiring of Elmo, Kansas, who has been named Richard David. The Rev. Wilmer Quiring is pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church near Elmo. The Rev. and Mrs. Mashner of the Beaver Baptist Church near Midland, Michigan have announced that a son was born to them on Dec. 20, who was given the name of Melvin. This is the second son in their family, the first being Marvin.

● Sunday, November 23, was another happy day for the Seventh Street Baptist Church of La Crosse, Wis., when four persons were baptized and raised with the Lord to a newness of life. To a well-filled house Christ was bearing witness to the mighty power of the Gospel. The young people's society is growing and is taking a very active part in the program of the church. The Sunday School held its Christmas program on December 23. The Watch Night service was a great spiritual blessing to many. The Rev. M. Vanderbeck is the pastor.

● The Rev. Roy B. Anderson has resigned as pastor of the Ogden Park Baptist Church of Chicago, Ill., and has announced that he will become the minister of a Baptist mission in San Bernardino, Calif., shortly after Feb. 1st. This mission in the northeastern section of San Bernardino has about 65 Sunday School scholars. It will be organized as a church after January 1st. The first unit of the building program was to be finished before Christ-

FRONT COVER PICTURE

"The Pioneer Family" by Avard Fairbanks, Sculptor, on the North Dakota Capitol Front Lawn, Bismarck, North Dakota

Our forefathers were pioneers.

They came like shadows through the Alleghenies, exploring and hoping.

They saw the red azaleas, the white shadbush, the bloodroots, the Judas trees.

Our forefathers could drive their oxen through the dangerous mountain valleys. They could shield their families from savages, knew how to deal with the wild and strange, had the points of the compass in their blood.

They built a new city where these rivers meet and died victorious in their faith in Christ.

mas. There are good prospects for this work to which Mr. and Mrs. Anderson will devote themselves.

● On Thursday evening of Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 27, the young people's Society of the Calvary Baptist Church of Tacoma, Washington held a special musical program. It consisted of several vocal and instrumental numbers and two short messages; one on our "Material Blessings," and the other on our "Spiritual Blessings." The Sunday School orchestra, which now consists of eight pieces, played for the occasion. An offering of \$64 was also received for the Indian Mission Chapel of Alberta, a project sponsored by the Pacific Northwest Y. P. and S. S. Workers' Union.

● The Baptist World Alliance office in Washington, D. C., has announced its appointment of the Rev. Otto Nallinger of San Carlos, California, as its relief administrator for Europe. He began his ministry on Jan. 1, 1948 and hopes to sail shortly for Germany where he will supervise the great relief program for the Baptist World Alliance. Mr. Nallinger was formerly pastor of the Salt Creek Church of Oregon. He has been enrolled as a student in the Berkeley Baptist Divinity School since the Fall of 1947. More information about the Alliance's relief program will be found in the "Editorial" of this issue of "The Herald."

● On Sunday, Nov. 9, an impressive recognition service was held by the Bethel Baptist Church of Anaheim, Calif., for the Rev. Ernest Sitenhof, field secretary for the Friends of Israel Missionary Society. A number of other churches and the pastor of the Bethel Church, Rev. G. P. Neumann, participated in the program. Mr. Sitenhof, whose wife is the former Ella Grauer of the church, gave an excellent testimony as to his conversion, baptism, call to the ministry and ordination. Mr. Neumann reported: "God certainly has blessed him, and it gives our church great joy to recommend him to all of our Baptist brethren."

● From Nov. 17 to 25 the Round Lake Baptist Church of Gladwin, Michigan held a series of study courses, for which the average attendance was 35. The Rev. Fred Mashner of the nearby Beaver Church conducted a course on the Book of Revelation and the relation of the prophecies with Matthew 24. The Rev. Victor H. Prendinger, local pastor, brought a study on soul winning and personal work. An impressive Thanksgiving service was also held. The spirit of gratitude was deeply felt in the many testimonies of the people. The offering of \$260 for the denomination's Million Dollar Offering was the largest amount ever given in this church for the Thanksgiving service.

● On Jan. 5th the Rev. Fred J. Knalson presented his resignation as pastor of the Bethel Church of Sheboygan, Wisconsin and announced his acceptance of the call extended to him by the newly organized Baptist Church of Underwood, North Dakota. He hopes to begin his pastorate in Underwood about Feb. 15th. There are great possibilities in this new field. With the large Garrison Dam being planned on the Missouri River nearby, the town of Underwood has doubled in population in one year. The Sunday School is twice as large as the church membership. A new parsonage awaits the pastor and his wife. Mr. Knalson has been ministering to the Sheboygan congregation since 1945.

● In December the Rev. Thomas Stoeri resigned as the associate pastor of the Forest Park Church of Forest Park, Ill., due to ill health. He was unable to carry on his ministry in the German services at the Forest Park

Church for several months prior to that. He has been in the St. Joseph's Hospital of St. Joseph, Michigan for medical attention. The Forest Park Church accepted Brother Stoeri's resignation with deep regret and by means of flowers and other tokens expressed its high esteem for him and his ministry. A report about the Forest Park Church's tribute by the pastor, Rev. C. B. Nordland, will be found among the "Reports from the Field" in this issue.

● On Thanksgiving Day the Salt Creek Church near Dallas, Oregon held its annual Thanksgiving dinner in the church's dining hall. The Cameroon missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. Earl H. Ahrens, were guests of honor and afterwards brought messages and showed slides of their work in Africa. The offering of the service amounted to more than \$2,200. The young people's society presented its Thanksgiving program on Sunday evening, Nov. 23, in the form of a candlelight service, "Why Give Thanks." Nine young people gave readings and the young people's choir sang several appropriate selections between the readings. The Rev. Emanuel Wolff is pastor of the Church.

● Mrs. Bertha Grimmell Judd, the wife of Orrin R. Judd, vice-president and treasurer of the Kings County Savings Bank of the New York City area, and a daughter of the Rev. J. C. Grimmell, former German Baptist pastor and general missionary secretary, passed away on Nov. 20 at 76 years of age. Mrs. Judd was a leader in home mission activities in the Northern Baptist Convention and a frequent contributor to missionary publications. She is survived by her husband and their son, Mr. Orrin R. Judd, a well known lawyer in Brooklyn, N. Y. A memorial tribute to Mrs. Judd will be published in the next issue as prepared by a good friend of the family, the Rev. Paul Wengel.

● The Sunday School Teachers Union of Chicago, Illinois and Vicinity held its annual banquet on Nov. 22nd at the Austin Y. M. C. A. Mr. Herman Siegmund, president, presided, and Mr. Fred A. Grosser, vice-president, assisted in the preparation of the program. The Rev. Robert Schreiber, pastor of the First Church of Chicago, was the speaker. The Rev. Roy B. Anderson of the Ogden Baptist Church was the song director, accompanied by Mrs. Anderson on the piano. Excellent food was served and a varied program of music and novelty numbers was given, including selections on a vibraharp by Mr. E. Gouens. The Ladies Trio of the East Side Baptist Church also rendered several numbers. Approximately 140 Sunday School teachers and workers were present.

Did You Know That -?

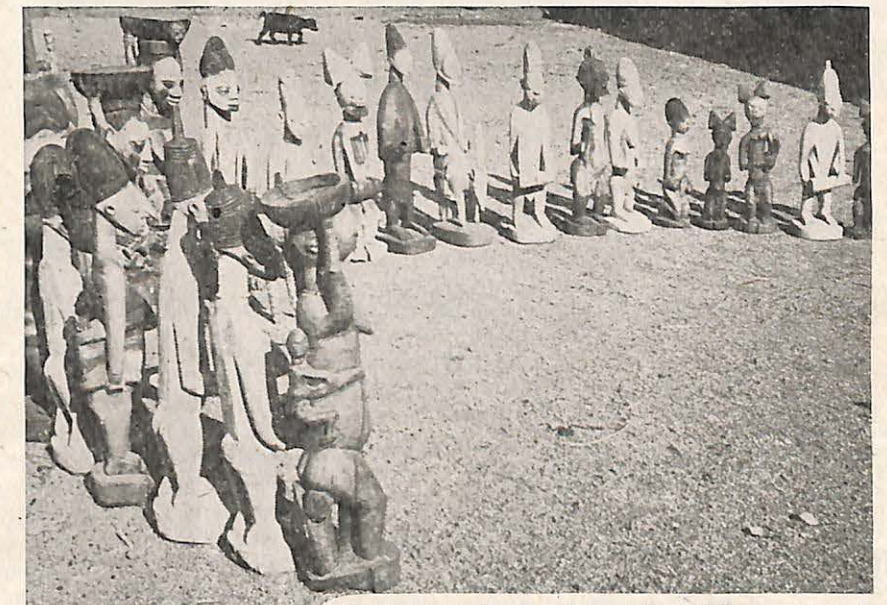
Facts About the Cameroons by Missionary EDWIN MICHELSON

THE BRITISH Cameroons under mandate in West Africa, where we carry on an aggressive mission work, is a mountainous strip of land, 50 to 75 miles wide and 400 miles long, extending from the coast into the heart of Africa. Here live one million Africans in need of the Gospel of Christ.

In all of the British Cameroons there is not one Leper Hospital. Sometimes entire villages are wiped out by the disease. The British Government has asked the Baptist Mission for a Leper doctor, but we have no man to offer. The Roman Catholic Mission may take over the Leper work.

family). Wife Number One is not jealous because African marriages are not built on love, as we know it, and besides, Wife Number Two becomes practically the "ninga" or slave to Number One and friend husband.

The Soppo English Mission School has up to 350 students enrolled in its classes which run up to Standard VI or the African equivalent of the American eighth grade. There are 13 African teachers in that school supervised by the missionary teacher (she also supervises many outschools). Many of these students will become our pastors, evangelists and church teachers. We have opened a Bible School at



Idols of a Famous Nigerian Tribe in Africa as Displayed for Our Missionary, Rev. Paul Gebauer, and Photographed by Him

Most of the Cameroons missionaries consider sun glasses far more essential than a tropical helmet. Sun glare sometimes causes serious headaches when colored glasses are not worn.

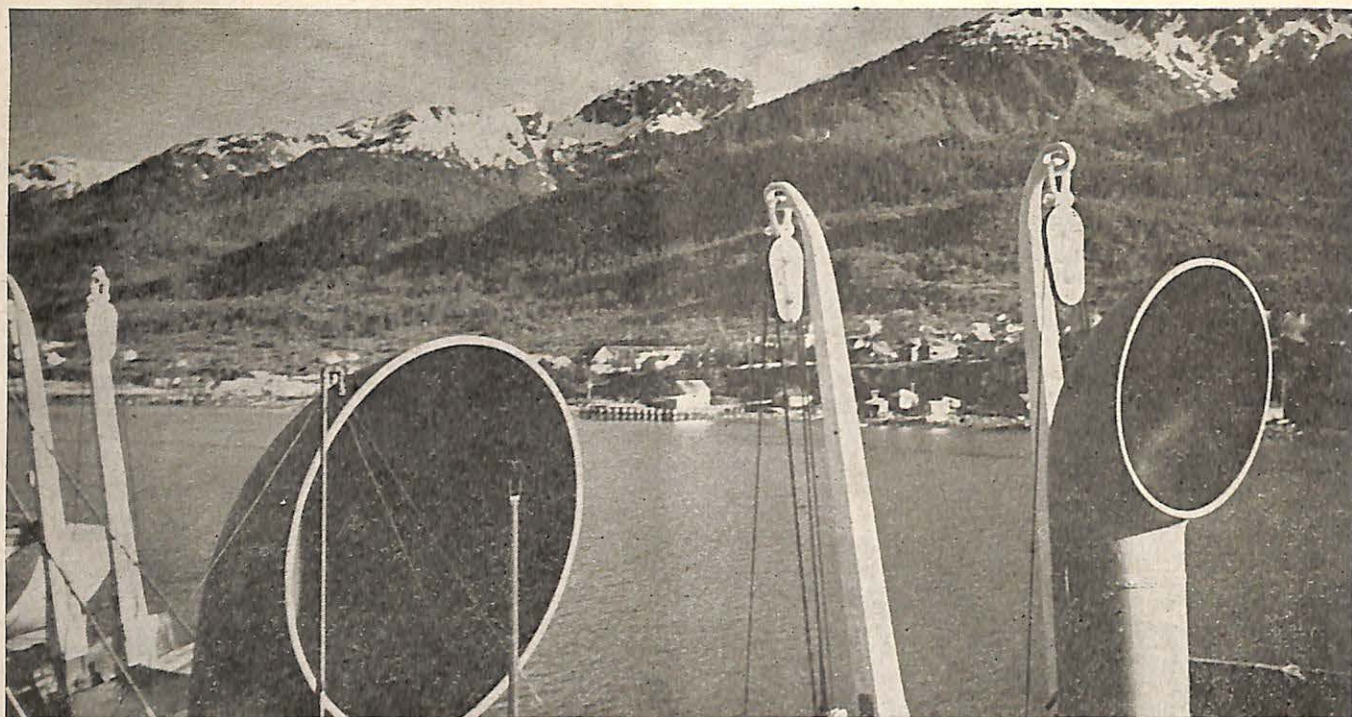
In 1934 we had 51 churches with 58 African pastors, evangelistic and church teachers (licensed preachers). Now the blessing of the Lord has increased our churches to 206 and our African workers to 222. With an increase of almost 2,000 born again Christians in the last few years, we now have 6,000 African Christians in our Cameroons churches. The Cameroon missionaries are praying for and expect the total number to increase to 10,000 within the new year. Continue in your prayers for African souls.

An African polygamist marries the second and more wives with the consent of the first. In fact, the first wife usually proposes to the second (or her

Belo Station in Bekom Field in which we have students from all the Cameroons mission fields. Here the Belo missionary is teaching the men God's Word to prepare them for effective soul winning among their own people. Most of our missionaries consider this one of the biggest forward steps taken in many years. Many boys from the English schools will go to this Bible School before entering the "fields white unto harvest."

Following British driving laws, all driving is done on the left hand side of the road in the Cameroons.

Many natives consider it very impolite to give or receive with the left hand. Doing so is very disrespectful. African souls are won not by evangelistic campaigns but by personal work of missionary and African workers. The converts go through a year of Christian instruction and observation before being baptized.



—Ewing Galloway Photo

Land of Tomorrow

A Novel by CHARLOTTE KRUGER

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SYNOPSIS

After the war Chris MacKay went back to Alaska — "the Land of Tomorrow" — not only to the mountains and the forests, but to love and dreams. On the steamer that pushed steadily to the northland he met Julianna Barrett, who was going to Alaska with the message of the Gospel. In the little fishing village of Beaver Creek Julianna held meetings for the children in the old schoolhouse. How they enjoyed her stories, especially Molly, the granddaughter of drunken "Cookhouse Mike!"

CHAPTER TWO

"JULIE dear, I'm so glad you were able to come again. Sorry you can't stay longer, but this little visit has been better than none at all. This summer I insist that you come and stay for a few weeks . . . or a month if you can spare that much time."

Lydia Wilson, capable government schoolteacher at the small fishing village of Beaver Creek, hustled about her tidy kitchen just behind her schoolroom. She was preparing a lunch for her missionary friend who would be leaving in a few minutes on the small mailboat.

Juliana Barrett smiled appreciatively. "Honestly, Lydia, you don't know delighted I was to be able to come again. And there's nothing I'd love better than a good long visit with you this summer. We'll see how it works out."

Seating themselves at the hastily

spread table, the two girls enjoyed the delicious luncheon of home-canned salmon, hot muffins dripping with butter and strawberry jam which Lydia herself had made last summer with the berries her schoolchildren had brought to her. The schoolteacher noticed that her missionary friend bowed her head in silent prayer, as was her custom, before touching the food.

Who would ever have dreamed that these two would run into each other up in this northern country . . . Lydia Wilson, a government schoolteacher under the Bureau of Indian Affairs and Juliana Barrett, a missionary? The two had been classmates back in a small Pennsylvania town. After high school their paths had separated. Now, after ten years, their paths had converged again. Was it, perhaps, for some purpose? Juliana prayed it might be her joy to lead her friend to the Savior she had come to love and serve. Perhaps this summer . . . living together . . . she could point Lydia to the Way.

A knock at the door interrupted the girls' conversation following their luncheon.

"Come in!" Lydia turned her eyes toward the door. A friendly young fellow poked his curly dark head inside the door. It was the young chap

whom Neal Jones hired to help him on his mailboat.

"Ready, Miss Barrett?" he asked.

"In a minute," replied Julie. She excused herself and hurried into the next room for her belongings. There she hastily changed from her dark blue skirt to a pair of slacks, the proper apparel for clambering around on a boat.

At the rickety dock the young women said good-bye to each other, and Juliana promised to return for a longer visit if it was at all possible.

The children in this particular place had been most attentive and interested both times she had visited them and told them the Gospel story. If she were able to hold several meetings it would be far more effective. Perhaps she would even be able to win some for the Lord . . . bring new joy and hope into otherwise desolate lives. Most of the little ones knew only a wretched existence . . . homes where drunkenness and immorality prevailed could not be filled with love and understanding, with the warmth and comradeship for which they craved.

As the fifty-foot mailboat with its Diesel motor pulled away from the Beaver Creek dock, Juliana Barrett waved to Lydia for a last time, then walked to the bow of the boat. She wanted to miss nothing of the beau-

ties round about her . . . the splendor of sea and sky and graceful gulls circling overhead.

In her heart was a prayer that the Lord might lead her back this summer to accomplish a great and eternal work for Him there.

"Say, Neal, take a look at this!" Young Bob Carter, his voice registering disgust, handed a letter to the husky skipper of the government mailboat, "Nushagak." They were loading up prior to a fortnightly trip to distribute mail and freight around the Sound. Bob, right-hand man, had dashed into town to take a last look in his own post-box, and had found one long envelope that must have come in on the red and black plane that morning.

Jones took the envelope from Bob, noted the telltale words, Selective Service, in the upper left-hand corner, pulled a single sheet from the envelope and read:

Robert Eugene Carter, having been forwarded for pre-induction physical examination and having been examined, I hereby certify that you have been found physically fit, acceptable for general military service.

It was signed by the Induction Station Commander at the Induction Center.

"Won't be long now till I get that other notice," growled young Bob, "the one that says, 'Greetings . . . You are invited to become a member of the United States Army' . . . or somethin' to that effect."

Neal looked at the curly-headed eighteen-year-old.

"I'm going to hate to lose you, Bob." There was genuine sincerity in his voice and gaze.

A disappointed look crept into Carter's hazel eyes, "Aw, it's not that I mind goin' into the Army, Neal," he admitted, "but . . . but I hate like everythin' to leave you. You . . . you've been swell t'me. I've loved bein' on the boat. It's been just what I like t'do. Shucks! I hate like everythin' t'go . . . especially now that the war's over . . . wouldn't have minded goin' so much if they needed me." He took the letter from Neal, folded it and placed it in his pocket.

"Maybe compulsory military training's O.K. . . . maybe it's a good idea," consoled Neal. "I couldn't say. One thing I do know. The Army does make a man out of many a young kid . . . not that you're not a real man already, Bob . . . but . . . say, I think you'll rather like it in the Army, kid." Jones grinned widely.

"I hate to get up early . . . ugh," growled young Bob.

"Don't we all?" laughed Jones. Since this would probably be Bob Carter's last trip on the "Nushagak"

for a long time he meant to make the most of it. It was especially beautiful at this time of the year . . . June. The islands they passed on the trip were often covered with bright flowers, as were the hillsides and fields surrounding several of the native villages.

Miss Wilson, the friendly government teacher at Beaver Creek, had once remarked that "you couldn't take a step in the summertime without crushing some beauty." She was referring to the hillside that ascended from that one particular village. It was so in many other places, as young Bob knew from observation.

By noon the "Nushagak" was all set to leave. But before pulling out, Neal and Bob hitched a ride down the long dock to get some coffee and sandwiches at the most popular eating place in town. Neither cared to cook. It was Carter's job on the trips. Neal jokingly declared that the young fellow's chief culinary accomplishment was scrambled eggs and bacon, and that this particular dish became rather tiresome when served three times a day! However, it was not quite that monotonous. There were canned foods that could be quickly opened and heated. Even then the menu was not very interesting . . . pork and beans . . . vegetable soup . . . vegetable soup . . . pork and beans. Both men were delighted for the occasional invitations to luncheon or supper at the homes of the schoolteachers in the different villages. Usually these lonely ladies were delighted, too, for the occasional company of young men of their own race, for they lived among the Aleuts who insisted that they were Russian.

It was a jewel of a day . . . sapphire sky, emerald grass and trees along the beach, distant peaks of amethyst adorned with crystal and pearl glaciers.

As the "Nushagak" skimmed through the water, Neal Jones and Bob Carter looked forward to a time of recreation on this trip. They were loaded very light . . . just a few sacks of coal for the Beaver Creek teacher, a few cases of groceries for some lone men on different fox islands, and the regular mail sacks which happened to be rather lean this time.

"Pretty soft for you, this last trip." Jones, perched on a high stool at the helm of the ship, grinned at his young helper. Bob returned the grin. He was not sorry. It was especially keen, that there was not a single passenger on this trip . . . just the two men on the "Nushagak."

They watched the familiar scenery in silence as the mailboat plowed through the waters of the Sound . . . beautiful waters, yet most treacherous . . . waters where many lives had been lost . . . waters dotted with spruce-wood studded islands and rocks . . . waters with narrow rock-filled channels and

passages, walled in by towering mountains covered with glaciers . . . waters that offered a challenge to navigators.

One by one their regular mail stops were made at the lonely fox islands. Occasionally the men who, with cormorants and gulls and other wild creatures inhabited these rocky domains, were down on the beach to welcome Neal Jones and his mail boat. Sometimes they inquired as to the latest news from the outside world they had long ago left behind for this life of solitude. There were entire families on a few of the islands. At one regular stop a gaunt native woman with two children stood waist-deep in high grass . . . three statues silhouetted against a gray sky with a backdrop of towering spruce. There were stops at canneries located in coves that were breath-taking in their beauty. Though the skipper of the mailboat and his helper had seen these places again and again, they never failed to appreciate the magnificence and splendor of the scenes.

It was evening when the "Nushagak" nosed her way around a familiar rocky spruce-covered peninsula and aimed for Beaver Creek. Neal noticed the tide was in. They would have to dump Miss Wilson's sacks of coal overboard and drag them up in the morning. The coal would be out of water at low tide.

After the heavy coal sacks were dumped overboard and the slim mail bag deposited on the slippery dock, Jones took the mailboat a few hundred yards back from the dock. She would be beached by morning otherwise. When her anchor had been dropped, the two men rowed to shore in their skiff. They intended to stay overnight and continue their trip in the morning. Though it was nine o'clock, it was still broad daylight. The abundance of sunlight in May and June was most welcome. It accounted, too, for the rapid and profuse growth of plant life. December and January days, on the contrary, were very short with long starry moonlight nights interspersed. The farther north one proceeded the more noticeable this difference became.

"Where is everybody?" Jones asked as they reached the beach and secured the skiff to a small bush.

Not a single human being had come to the dock to welcome them . . . a most unusual situation. It was quite the accustomed thing for the entire village to come down to the dock whenever the "Nushagak" arrived. The two "boat days" a month were the most exciting days of all . . . especially when the mail sacks bulged with mail order catalogs for the various native families. June and July were usually slow months for mail. However,

August was a good month, for then the new fall catalogs would arrive, and these simple folk would spend many happy days poring over the pages with their brightly colored pictures of the wonderful things that could be purchased "Outside."

As the men left the beach and climbed the pathway leading to the village, they were mystified by the failure of the natives to meet them as was customary.

"Maybe everybody's gone out to hunt or fish," suggested Bob lamely.

"What'd be the sense? They've got one of the best fishing places in Alaska right here." It was true that schools of herring and salmon could be glimpsed in the waters off the Beaver Creek dock if one took the trouble to look down as the boat was pulling in. "As for hunting, they wouldn't be piling out as a whole town just when the fishing season's beginning."

"There's not even a single kid around," observed Carter.

"Nor a dog," added Jones.

"Mighty peculiar!"

Suddenly Neal's expression changed. "I know," he exclaimed, "Somebody is having a party . . . something like the Eskimo potlache. That's what it must be!"

"What's that?" Bob was keenly curious.

"Oh, somebody's probably died and a member of family is having open house . . . throwing a big feed for the whole town."

"You mean . . . for everybody?"

"Sure. Everybody's welcome . . . even the dogs. They'll literally eat somebody out of house and home during the next few days. It's customary."

By now they had ascended the pathway to the spruce-covered knoll and were approaching the green-shingled red-roofed schoolhouse which was the first building to be reached in the town.

"Miss Wilson'll know all about everything," reasoned Jones, as he proceeded to the teacher's doorway at the rear of the school building. He knocked sharply. At first there was no answer. He knocked again . . . still no answer.

"Maybe Miss Wilson's gone out for the summer," offered Carter.

"How'd she get out of this forsaken place if we didn't take her?" There was a tone of impatience in Neal's voice. The people in this part of Alaska were dependent upon him.

"Maybe some old native's got a boat and offered to take her to a port where she can get a steamer."

"You know how she'd trust one of those old guys!" Jones laughed.

At that very instant the door swung open and Miss Lydia Wilson was inviting them in with a warm smile of welcome.

"My, but I am glad to see you!" she exclaimed as the two entered her spotless kitchen and took the chairs she offered them.

"What's up around these parts?"

"Old Grandma Andrewvich died last week. Since the day before yesterday the old man has been having a party. Half the town has been drunk for two days. I haven't dared to go out much. You don't know how relieved I was to see you. I peeked through the shed window in the other wing to see who was knocking before I went to the door. For two days I've had drunks clamoring for something or other. A few that have been badly cut I've tended to, but it surely wears you out to have them bothering you night and day."

"That's part of the Alaskan school-teacher's job," Jones said with a laugh.

"It's certainly the truth. You've got to be a little bit of everything . . . storekeeper, nurse, teacher, lawyer. Honestly, sometimes I have to laugh at the jobs I get to do." The government teacher's plain face lighted with an attractive smile. The was one of the most pleasant young women they encountered on their mail runs, always most hospitable.

Though it was already way past mealtime she now insisted that they partake of a little lunch. Neither remonstrated for they knew something good awaited them. This time it was fresh strawberry pie served with canned whipped cream.

"You should have seen me sneaking between my strawberry bushes this afternoon," she said with a chuckle, as she placed a second wedge on each of the men's plates. "I was scared that old Cookhouse. Mike or Snoose Pete might come past, and they're really ugly and mean when they get drunk. I always avoid them when they've been drinking."

White Cross Supplies

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One box of the small items was packed for Miss Leona Ross, our newly departed missionary to South China as she begins her work there.

Surely we have done our part — now we can rest! But listen — the figure of Thorvaldsen's Christ graced one of the parks in London. It came under the blows of severe bombing. Curiously enough, just the outstretched hands of the pleading Christ were broken off. And a crudely painted sign at the base of the figure read: "Christ has no hands but your hands." Truly, Christ has no hands but your hands to help the missionary nurses bind the wounds of those who sit in darkness and "inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, ye have done it unto me."

"Sometimes I wonder what keeps you government teachers out in these lonely places," Jones regarded Miss Wilson frankly. Young Carter nodded his head, agreeing with his boss.

"They need someone to watch over them, Mr. Jones. They're like children . . . even the old men and women. Then too . . ." her voice took on a softer tone, "I've fallen in love with Alaska. There's something about life up here that satisfies me. The few times I've been Outside to visit I've always been delighted to return to where it's peaceful . . . where life goes on without the rush and hurry of the city."

"What about this sort of thing? Do they have these potlaches often?" Jones was trying to reconcile her statement concerning peace and quiet with the feast that was in progress.

"Our people don't call them 'potlaches' as the Eskimos do . . . but these parties are very rare, Mr. Jones. Usually you can count on three or four a year."

"I see."

It was between midnight and one o'clock when the two white men returned to the "Nushagak." Neal had offered to roll up in his sleeping bag on the kitchen floor and stay with the government teacher if she were afraid, but she assured them she was quite accustomed to coping with this sort of thing and it really would not be necessary.

"She's a plucky soul," observed Jones as he unfastened the rope tied to the bow of the skiff. In a few minutes they were rowing out to the anchored mailboat.

"Seems silly to go to bed when it's light like this," remarked Carter.

"Yeah . . . maybe," agreed Jones, "but my bunk's sure going to feel good!"

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Friends of the Church

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days after receiving a Baby Congratulation Card, and incidentally discovered that she belonged to the Immanuel Baptist Church. "Where is that church?" he asked. "You know, that must be a pretty nice church. When our baby was born they sent us a card, and our own church didn't even do that much."

Needless to say, the good will that we have won in this way is already paying dividends. In our first year, more than 60 babies were added to the Cradle Roll, and from the Cradle Roll families have come many new Sunday School scholars. Further, families are already being added to the church membership that were contacted through Cradle Roll visitation. Winning the babies has been important in making friends for our Church.

"Muchas Gracias"

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teen-year-old Catholic girl who had been one of the best students in the 1946 school, expressed the desire that she wanted to go to one more show and then "take God into her heart."

The next day when she came to me I reproved her gently for thinking that Jesus had "slipped out" after she had accepted him last year. "But," she cried, "I didn't take him into my heart last year! My daddy wouldn't let me!" Astonished and ashamed, I resolved to be very discreet henceforth about my conclusions I might make. "Now I'm not going to any more shows so I can be a Christian," she continued.

"But Virginia," I explained, "Do you realize that if you ever go to another show in your life you still won't be a Christian?"

Her eyes widened as she gasped: "But — how can I be a Christian then?" I tried to show her the sufficiency of Christ and how, after we are saved we should refrain from doing things that will grieve our dear Lord. As we knelt for prayer, tears peeped out of her eyes and as we arose again her first question was: "Shall I quit confessing to the priest?"

How we should be praying for precious converts like this one! They are so apt to be dragged back again into the clutches of Catholicism from fear of ostracism, perhaps even actual bodily abuse, or their inherent mania for the dance and theater.

Possibly the very greatest thrill of all was the one that led us way up the mountainside to an isolated Spanish home living hand in hand with Mother Nature. Never have I seen people more greedily devour the Gospel, like ravenous dogs after weeks of starvation.

I stood there in awe, watching these extremely fastidious people sit on the edge of their well-swept porch reading the little Testaments that Mr. Reimer had given them. Almost oblivious of us, they sat there reading, long after the sun said goodbye to their squatty adobe hut, and finally, when it was positively too dark to tell one page from another, they listened hour upon hour to Mr. Reimer's simple exposition of the Gospel.

When I saw these people consume the Gospel as though it were a long, withheld delicacy, once again I bowed my head in shame. How dare we steep ourselves in indifference and fear of criticism when there are people who are longing for the love of our Savior?

Yes, when once again we hear a sweet little voice whisper, "You're the best 'Sistehs' we ever had," when we think of the words found scrawled in the back of a hymnbook, "I love you Jesus and I want to serve you,"

"You Should Know -"

A National Young People's and S. S. Workers' Union Feature

THE REGIONAL unions or organizations of our National Union play an integral and important part in our denominational ministry. All of these are listed in our denominational directory. This directory is available to every leader at the nominal sum of 50 cents from our publishing house in Cleveland, Ohio.

You should know that there are 31 such conferences and regional Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union organizations in the nine conferences. Each organization has its own officers. The organization is kept alive and functions entirely through the local officers of the unions. Any number of these organizations are energetically active, some more, some less, throughout the year depending upon the alertness, willingness and capability of the officers of the organization. You will be interested in the various activities carried on by some or all of these unions.

The major activity that keeps the interest of every group alive and definitely adds to a strong spiritual impetus is the missionary project of the local conference union. Every conference organization is engaged in a larger or smaller missionary project. Every officer or leader and particularly the Sunday School superintendent and the young people's president of your local churches should be thoroughly familiar with this project and promote it wholeheartedly.

In the last year or so, a number of Workers' Conferences or Leaders' Re-

treats, as they are sometimes called, have been held in state or conference areas. These are meetings for local church leaders. The officers of the regional union plan the program for these gatherings. Sunday School workers and young people's leaders' problems, adequate materials and improvement for leadership are discussed at these meetings. The conference rally really turns out to be a workers' clinic.

Once or twice a year Sunday School and young people's rallies are held. These are more along the inspirational nature rather than an effort to tackle vital problems and to study an enlargement program in Sunday School and young people's work. They are, however, significant from the point of view that often the organizational leaders present the annual over-all program to the local leaders for them to carry out in their respective churches.

Institutes and summer assemblies are more of a study and training type of "get-together," especially so the assemblies. There the young people get down to studying the Bible and to train in Christian leadership. Youth leaders are given special opportunity to use their talents in Christian service. This is an excellent period for young people to get acquainted with Christian youth from the various churches in the state or conference area. For many young people it gives opportunity to make known their desires for full time Christian service.

when we marvel anew at the bold testimony of Tomaz Benitas, a former spiritualist in old Mexico, when we hear how the Spanish folk enjoy the radio program, when we remember the godly Youngs in action at Saguache, when we read, how courageously the Reimers are pushing the Christian frontier farther into the valley — then we can say: "It was good to have been there!"

The World at Prayer

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we ask? As he asked Israel to pray for the peace of Jerusalem, so he is asking of us today to pray for the peace of our world.

In praying for the peace of the world, we must make sure that we are at peace with God and man, for it is only the prayer of the righteous

that availeth much. Let us pray for peace within our own lives, in our families, in our churches, within our nations, and finally for the peace of the world.

(Prayer for peace by the same or another person.) Song by all present: "Sweet Peace, the Gift of God's Love."

This day of prayer and dedication
Of women over all the world,
Will cause the voices of all nations,
In humble prayer to God be heard.

If all our hearts in love united,
And we our Master's word would heed,
Our gracious Lord would be delighted,
To remedy the lost world's need.

A call goes out for consecration,
To noble women of all lands;
Be true — be faithful in your mission,
Bear witness to our God's command.

CHILDREN'S PAGE



The Heart of a Hero

John was not what we would call a hero, though he had his heart set on being one. This was the greatest wish of his life. But then, he lived in a large, smoky factory town in that part of the city, where streets are drab and houses are huddled together as though they were frightened of the great chimneys that sent out black smoke, just like so many dragons.

Do you wonder, he was just a bit discontented with his lot, and the work he had to do made him feel that he could never be anything in life. What work? We must whisper this, for John was ashamed of letting any of his friends in Sunday School know about it. His mother had taught him to sew!

Every day when he got home from school, the poor boy had to sew

John knew that he was kind and understanding, so he told him all about his home, the work he had to do, the plans he had formed. He went on enthusiastically: "You see, sir, I don't care much what it is, whether I'm a price-fighter or an outlaw, a sailor or a sailor, but I've got to be a hero!" Suddenly he stopped. What would the minister think of him, talking like that?

The pastor gave him a smile of understanding and said, "Quite right, my boy! But you have got the idea wrong. The answer to your question, 'Where can I be a hero and how?' is in the very word, only you must turn it around. A hero? You can be a hero by doing your duty cheerfully and helping your mother just where God put you right here!"

John's face fell. This was not the answer he had expected, but his friend went on. "You have the hero's head; what you need is the hero's heart. Some show their bravery by fighting and exploring new lands; you must fight against sin and things that are un-Christian in this our land. Think how heroic your mother must be, working so hard to make a home for both of you. You must show her how brave you can be about those bundles that you are hero enough to help her even if it means something you don't like. It is much more difficult to be a hero at home, then going to some foreign land and dreaming of doing great things."

You can imagine, John was greatly disappointed. He had hoped the good man would show him the way at once when his mother got back from the factory that night, what do you think she found? The table was laid for supper, and a cheerful voice said, "I say, Mother, you look tired! I'm doing the lion's share of the work after supper, while you rest a bit!"

She did not know what it meant, for she had no idea where John had called on his way home from school when she heard him washing the dishes and whistling:

"I want to be a hero and bravely take my stand
Whatever duty calls me, or work
awaits my hand,"
she felt like joining in.



Carol Neumann of Spruce Grove, Alberta Feeding the Sheep on Her Father's Farm Last Summer

John had lost his father in a coal mine accident, and in order to keep the humble, little home going, his brave mother had to take in sewing. All day long as well as far into the night, you might have heard the sewing-machine buzzing away in the one room, that was called home.

During the day the boy went to school. It was not that he liked it, but he knew that he must study so that he could lighten the load for his mother when he grew up. However, there was one thing he did like about going to school. He could hear and read about famous men who had done daring deeds of courage. How he wished he could have been a soldier in Washington's Army or be one of the explorers of the North Pole and how he envied the pirates of the olden days.

You can guess how tired John became of the tiny room in which he and his mother lived after reading of the rolling seas and the towering mountains, for the only things he could see from the window were narrow streets and bricks.

the buttons on the garments his mother had made. It was almost as bad as carrying the bundles of finished clothing back to the factory and hearing the other boys laughing and teasing as they played in the street. How he wished he could be a hero and get away from it all!

One day, he had a great idea. There was the friendly minister of the little neighborhood church who loved boys and girls and wanted to be their friend. So John made up his mind to see him.

He was shown into a room with rows and rows of books. "I guess there's something in those books about Abraham Lincoln and all those fellows," said the boy to himself. But he had no time to dream about his heroes, for in walked the pastor.

THE EDITOR

The talented editor of the "Children's Page" for 1948 is Mrs. Adolf Reeh of La Salle, Colorado. She will have many fine stories for the children from month to month. In February we shall show you a picture of her and her husband and their family.

REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

Dakota Conference

Ladies' Mission Circle of the Spring Valley Baptist Church near Canistota, So. Dak.

Yes, we as a Mission Circle of the Spring Valley Baptist Church near Canistota, So. Dak., are still active. We are few in number, but we do what we can for the Lord's work. Our pastor's wife, Mrs. Kenneth Nelson, is our president and does much to make the meetings interesting. We have studied missions and feel much better acquainted now with our own missionaries in Africa.

Not long ago we gave our yearly program. We presented the play, "The True Meaning of a Ladies' Mission Circle." This showed us how everything we do must be to the honor of God and for his glory. In a report given by the secretary, it was shown that it will soon be 15 years since we started and that three of the original members are still with us. We also had a reading, several poems and special numbers in song. Our offering of \$69.43 was sent away for the Cameroons mission field.

At the beginning of the year we drew names for our "Prayer Pal" for the year. The names were revealed at our Christmas party. May the Lord be with us in the future!

Mrs. Katie Buseman, Secretary.

Recent Activities of Re-organized Woman's Missionary Society of North Dakota's Rosenfeld Church

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Rosenfeld Baptist Church near Anamoose, No. Dak., gained new life after having been inactive for a period of about two years. All but one of the members of the former society have moved away. So the newly organized group are almost all new members.

We organized on July 27, 1947 under the direction of Mrs. Russel Schmidt, student pastor's wife. Officers elected were: Mrs. Emil Fandrich, president; Mrs. Walter Eble, vice-president; Mrs. Dave Dieterle, treasurer; and Mrs. H. A. Nyreen, secretary. We have now thirteen members.

Because of a late start the time was limited for the group to prepare hand made articles, and so we decided to hold a miscellaneous sale to which the members and friends donated generously. We had one sale on Nov. 6, 1947 and cleared \$500.

We have a young pastor, the Rev. Wesley Simonson, who was ordained in our church on Dec. 4th and with the help of both Mr. and Mrs. Simonson, we hope to grow spiritually.

Mrs. H. A. Nyreen, Reporter.



Some of the Many North American Baptist Students at Sioux Falls College of South Dakota Who Attended the Dinner Meeting Recently With the Rev. J. C. Gunst, Guest Speaker

Rev. J. C. Gunst Visits North American Baptist Students at Sioux Falls College

In the form of a dinner meeting on Tuesday evening, Dec. 9, the North American Baptist students of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, together with some members of the faculty including President and Mrs. E. E. Smith, Dean A. O. Larson, Dr. F. A. Early, Dean of Men; Miss Marie Langdon, Dean of Women; Rev. and Mrs. M. Wessman of the Central Baptist Church; and Rev. P. Wiens of Chancellor, So. Dak., welcomed the Rev. J. C. Gunst, the general secretary of the Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union.

After an informal time about the tables and singing choruses, Christmas carols and German hymns, Mr. Gunst spoke to us. He presented the Achievement Plan, and through it he emphasized the fact that we must be witnesses for our Lord wherever we are. Our national theme chorus states that "We Are Saved To Tell Others," and in Acts 1:8 we read, "And ye shall be witnesses unto me." The students were given the opportunity to ask questions concerning the work of our Union and of our denominational work.

On Dec. 10 Mr. Gunst spoke to a Christian Education class, telling of Christian education in our denomination at the present and future plans.

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He brought out the fact that we all have a definite work in God's Kingdom. That same day he was guest speaker in our college chapel service, speaking to the entire student body. Again he brought a challenging and inspiring message, using as his theme, "A Winning Witness," from the Scriptural text found in Acts 4:13.

At noon Mr. Gunst met with those students who were unable to attend the dinner meeting on the previous evening. Again, he stressed the need of letting our lights shine here on the campus among our fellow students and bearing witness for our Lord. We students, here at Sioux Falls College, were happy to have had the privilege of this time of meeting and fellowship with our National Secretary.

Myrtle Weeldreyer, Reporter.

The Ordination of the Rev. Wesley Simonson of the Rosenfeld Church of North Dakota

On Thursday, December 4, the pastor-elect of the Rosenfeld Baptist Church, near Anamoose, North Dakota, Mr. Wesley Simonson, was ordained to the Gospel ministry. The local church invited the following churches to organize into a council: Anamoose, Martin, McClusky, Mercer and Turtle Lake. Rev. A. Bibelheimer was also united. Rev. K. Gieser was appointed temporary chairman, and Rev. A. J. Fischer temporary secretary. They also served later as permanent officers of the council. Eight laymen and five pastors comprised the council.

The candidate was introduced by the deacon of the church, Mr. J. Martin. Then Mr. Simonson proceeded to relate his Christian experiences, the call into the ministry, and carefully and scripturally presented his doctrinal views. Several questions were asked of the candidate, which were all satisfactorily answered. The council declared itself satisfied with the testimony of the candidate, and, assembled by themselves, it was voted unanimously to go ahead with the ordination of the candidate.

The program of the ordination service was presented at the evening meeting, which consisted of the following items: Rev. K. Gieser had charge of the program; Rev. A. J. Fischer brought the ordination sermon, speaking on the subject, A CHOSEN VESSEL SEPARATED UNTO THE LORD, based on Acts 9:15; 13:2.

The dedicatory prayer was offered by Rev. John Kepl, and the charge to the church was given by Rev. Alfred Bibelheimer. Rev. K. Gieser extended to the candidate a warm word of welcome and gave the charge to the candidate. With the benediction given by the Rev. Wesley Simonson, this beautiful service came to a close.

A. J. Fischer, Secretary.

Pacific Conference

Evangelistic Meetings, Baptismal Service and Missionary Festival at Bethel Church, Salem, Oregon

We of the Bethel Baptist Church of Salem, Oregon have been greatly blessed and inspired during our recent evangelistic meetings. The Rev. Joseph W. Johnston of the Fuller Evangelistic Foundation was with us for two weeks and truly gave heart-searching messages. A number of persons were won for the Lord and others came forward desiring membership into the church.

On Sunday evening, November 23rd, our pastor, Rev. G. G. Rauser, had the privilege of baptizing seven persons, and later extending the hand of fellowship to them and also five others who came into the church by letter or by the confession of their faith.

On Thanksgiving Day evening we had a blessed time together. There were around 200 present. We were honored to have as our guests for the evening our missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. Earl H. Ahrens. First we fellowshiped together around the tables as one large family at which everyone enjoyed a delicious turkey dinner. After the dinner Earl and Lois Ahrens brought to us the blessings and needs of Africa in words and pictures. May the Lord bless them as they continue to serve him!

An offering was taken this evening and on the following Sunday which was designated for the Million Dollar Fund.

Mrs. Arnold Kuper, Reporter.

Inspiring Sessions of the California Association Held at Wasco, Calif.

The 38th California Association was held in Wasco, California from Nov. 13 to 16. The conference was opened by Dr. D. G. Davis of the host church. The response was given by the moderator, Rev. P. G. Neumann, and the evening message was brought by Mr. Neumann on "Christ and Men."

On Friday morning the Rev. Henry Hengstler of the Los Angeles Ebenezer Church conducted the morning devotion, his topic being, "Christ and a Prophet." The Rev. Ernest Sitenhof of the Bethel Church of Anaheim was welcomed into our convention and the California Association. Mr. Hengstler was elected as vice-moderator for the coming year. Rev. W. W. Knauf of Elk Grove brought the morning address, "Christ and an Outcast."

On Friday afternoon, Dr. A. S. Felberg brought the first afternoon message, "Christ and the Despised." The second address was by Dr. Davis, "Christ and a Ruler." The Friday evening program was in charge of the Woman's Missionary Union, led by the president, Mrs. Donald Davis. The message, "Christ and Women," was brought by the Rev. Edmund Mittelstedt.

The Saturday morning devotions were led by Mr. Mittelstedt on "Christ and a Beggar." The first morning ad-

dress was brought by Mr. Hengstler, "Christ and a Criminal," and the second address by Mr. Neumann on "Christ and a Family."

On Sunday morning the Rev. W. W. Knauf brought the first message in German on "Christ and an Alien." Mr. Mittelstedt brought the second message, "Christ and an Apostle."

On Sunday afternoon, the Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union was in charge of the program. The evening message on Sunday and closing message of the conference was delivered by Dr. A. S. Felberg on "Christ and a Missionary."

We of the California Association are deeply grateful to the Wasco Church for its kindness to us. We were spiritually uplifted and richly blessed by these meetings.

M. Feldmeth, Reporter.

Northwestern Conference

Joint Anniversary Program for Woman's Societies of the Faith Church of Minneapolis

The Woman's Missionary Society and the Dorcas Club of the Faith Baptist Church of Minneapolis, Minnesota held a joint anniversary program on Sunday evening, November 30th, the Woman's Missionary Society having been in existence for 61 years and the Dorcas Club for 37 years.

Before the evening service a Five O'clock Fellowship Luncheon was sponsored for Mrs. Edwin Michelson and for our Junior organization, Mary-Martha Club, for the purpose of becoming better acquainted.

Upstairs Mrs. John Adam, president of the Woman's Missionary Society, graciously presided and after the reading of a portion of Scripture and prayer, a sextet favored us with the number, "Go Forward." Mrs. Adam gave a brief review of the work done by the Woman's Society the past year and Mrs. Henry Fluth, Dorcas Club President, reviewed the past year's activities of that club. Our pastor's wife, Mrs. L. B. Berndt, sang a solo, "Spread the News." Mrs. Michelson from the Cameroons, our guest speaker, gave a picturesque comparison between a pagan African girl and a Christian African girl. Before the offering for the Nurses' Training School Project Offering was taken, Mrs. Adams recited an original poem about the missionaries in the Cameroons. The offering amounted to \$46.00.

Although our efforts and contributions from a human standpoint are not spectacular, the Lord can bless our meager share for the furtherance of his Kingdom and for the salvation of souls.

Mrs. Fred Woyke, Reporter.

STUDENT BANQUET, TWIN CITIES

The banquet for North American Baptist students or young people working in the area of the Twin Cities of Minnesota will be held on Friday, Jan. 23rd, at the Daytons Bluff Baptist Church, St. Paul, Minn. This is an annual event for the churches and young people.

Organ Fund Launched by the King's Daughters Society at Watertown, Wisconsin

A church that desires to be its best never suffers from a lack of projects. We find it that way at the First Baptist Church of Watertown, Wisconsin, for no sooner is one task completed, then another presents itself. This year the wisdom of planning for the purchase of a better organ became evident.

The program presented by our King's Daughters Society on Sunday evening, December 7th, marked the official beginning of our Organ Fund. The King's Daughters Society consists of women of our church vitally interested in the work of the church.

The main feature of the program was a play entitled "God's Arithmetic." This play was written by Sara K. Stang. The play tells how a family learned "God's Arithmetic" and thus was led to seek "first the Kingdom of God." The following took part in the play: Shirley Bender, Norman Schroeder, Mrs. Paul Albrecht, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Senn and Rev. Rudolph Woyke. Mrs. Glenn Sutton and Mrs. Buford Luedtke directed the play. Solos were rendered by Mrs. Roger Norman and Mrs. Gordon Stroub.

The offering amounted to \$182. The King's Daughters Society contributed \$100 of this amount. The church appreciates the efforts of this group of women.

Rudolph Woyke, Pastor.

Southwestern Conference

Bible Studies and Evangelistic Services at Mt. Zion Baptist Church of Kansas

The Mt. Zion Baptist Church near Junction City, Kansas held a series of special Bible studies and evangelistic meetings from Nov. 12 to 21. Inspiring messages were brought in word and song by the Rev. John Walkup of St. Paul, Minn. Although the church could not report much visible success, still there were many blessings which we received, and everyone present was renewed in spirit and faith to continue in the work of God. It was, indeed, gratifying to see friends coming as far away as 45 miles to these meetings. A love gift was presented to Mr. Walkup by the church.

On Sunday, Nov. 23, the Sunday School was very happy to present a birthday flower to our eldest scholar, Mrs. Theda Zeckser. She is one of the charter members of the church and through her prayers the church and Sunday School have been strengthened.

Our pastor, the Rev. J. R. Kruegel, is now bringing messages on "The Christian Guide" every Sunday evening. The Dorcas Missionary Society has made bandages for the Cameroons mission field and food bags for relief, and at every meeting an offering is taken for the needy across the seas.

Mrs. Noton Martinitz, Reporter.

Almost \$15,000 Raised for Inspiring Mission and Thanksgiving Offering at Lorraine, Kansas

Each year it has been the custom of the First Baptist Church of Lorraine, Kansas to set up a project or goal for Harvest and Mission Sunday. The deacons and pastor usually determine the goal, and then ask for the approval of the church. This is usually done about one month before the Sunday. When we discussed it this year, the Board suggested an offering of about \$3000 to go for missions. Somehow or other I felt a little disappointed in that goal. After considerable discussion, it was raised to \$5000. Well, that sounded better. But I was planning to ask them to provide a car for a carload of flour for Thanksgiving, so I decided to put that up to them at this same time. After discussing that, I suggested that we combine the two offerings into one offering to be ingathered from Sunday, Oct. 26, through Thanksgiving Sunday, which would be our tenth anniversary, and thus make it \$10,000. This would be a thousand dollars for each year of blessing in our new building.

We launched that offering with a letter to all church members. The magnitude of it carried it beyond our fondest expectations into the hearts of the people. A definite series of letters was planned for the month.

We had the Rev. and Mrs. C. L. Young, our Spanish-American missionaries with us as guest speakers on Harvest and Mission Sunday, and truly our people fell in love with them. God blessed, and the people responded. The morning offering was considerably over \$8,000. My, what a start! When the evening offering was received, we had passed our goal the very first day. The offering was \$10,045, all in cash . . . no pledges whatever.

But the ingathering was not over. This thing was doing something to our people that was good for them. The next Sunday the offering went beyond the \$11,000 mark. Then it rose to \$12,200, and kept on climbing until the close of the Thanksgiving and 10th Anniversary Sunday. When we officially declared it closed, we had received \$14,552.45. Truly we had reason to stand and sing, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow." We especially found great joy in the reactions of our people when they realized these things can be done without high powered financial drives.

At the time we were trying to give to God, he was in turn giving unto us. Precious souls were saved in our services, so that we are now planning a baptismal service. We know we cannot get ahead of God in giving!

Fred G. Ferris, Pastor.

The 1947 Oklahoma Associational Meetings at the Salem Baptist Church of Gotebo

This year the Oklahoma Association convened with our church at Gotebo from Nov. 20 to 23. God's guidance was manifest at the outset in that the program committee was led to select



The Rev. Fred G. Ferris of the First Baptist Church of Lorraine, Kansas Standing Behind the Communion Table and the Decorations for the Harvest and Mission Festival Prepared by the Young People of the Church

as the theme of the association, "The Holy Spirit and the Believer," based upon Acts 1:8. The church at Gotebo is located in the country, but in spite of rainy weather and muddy roads the attendance at these meetings was good, especially over the weekend. The Rev. Menno Harms, the energetic minister at Gotebo, extended a hearty welcome to all visitors and guests, and the members of his congregation proved the truth of his welcome by opening their church, homes, and hearts to all present.

Each of our five ministers had at least one message to present concerning the Holy Spirit. On Thursday evening Rev. Robert Stark, the new minister at Okeene and moderator of our association this year, preached the opening message entitled, "The Holy Spirit and Regeneration." On Friday morning Rev. F. Armbruster had charge of the devotional period during which he emphasized, "Praying in the Holy Spirit." The various churches then gave their reports of the past year which told of many encouragements as well as some discouragements. A very needful message was then presented by Rev. John Heer entitled "The Holy Spirit and Sanctification."

On Friday afternoon the business of the Oklahoma Scripture Memory and Reading Camp was transacted and the report given. An item of great interest to all was the fact that our association had received enough money from its churches to send another carload of flour to Europe for relief. During the afternoon meeting Rev. George Neubert, pastor of our church at Bessie, spoke on "The Holy Spirit and the Deacons." Later on the afternoon Mr. Harms presented a message entitled, "The Holy Spirit and the Ministry." The evening meeting was an evangelistic service during which the young people's chorus under the able leadership of Rev. John Heer sang two numbers. The message entitled "The Sin against the Holy Ghost" was bought by Mr. Armbruster.

On Saturday morning the devotional period was in charge of Mr. Harry Geis of Okeene whose topic was "Reaching Out." In his mission report Mr. Geis presented an encouraging report about our mission field in Colorado. It was also a matter of great interest to know that our six Oklahoma churches are now supplied with pastors with the coming of Rev. J. W. Blackburn from Kansas to Loyal, Oklahoma. One of the highlights of the Saturday morning meetings was the fact that a Victor Sound Projector was demonstrated. This projector was purchased that afternoon by the association and the Oklahoma Young People's Institute.

The Woman's Missionary Union was in charge of the afternoon meeting. In the evening a youth rally was held. A lively song service, a special number by the young people's choir, and a fine testimonial meeting were part of the evening program. A film entitled, "The Rich Young Ruler," was also shown. The message of the evening brought by Mr. Dale Geis was entitled, "Christ, the Great Difference."

On Sunday morning, representatives from the various churches spoke briefly after which Mr. A. Schmidt of Bessie interpreted the lesson to the congregation. The Rev. John Heer brought the message entitled, "A True Confession," based on Matt. 16:18. He also officiated at the Lord's Supper which followed. In the afternoon the youth gathering was addressed by Mr. Kenneth Reisinger, president of the Oklahoma young people. On Sunday evening Rev. G. W. Neubert of Bessie brought the closing message.

The associational officers for 1948 are: Camp Manager and Director, Rev. John Heer; Recording Secretary, Rev. Robert Stark; Treasurer, Mr. Rufus Vilhauer; Program Committee, Rev. John Heer, Rev. J. W. Blackburn, and Mr. Roy Kretz; Mission Committee, Rev. George Neubert, Rev. Menno Harms, and Mr. Walter Laufer.

Frank Armbruster, Reporter.

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