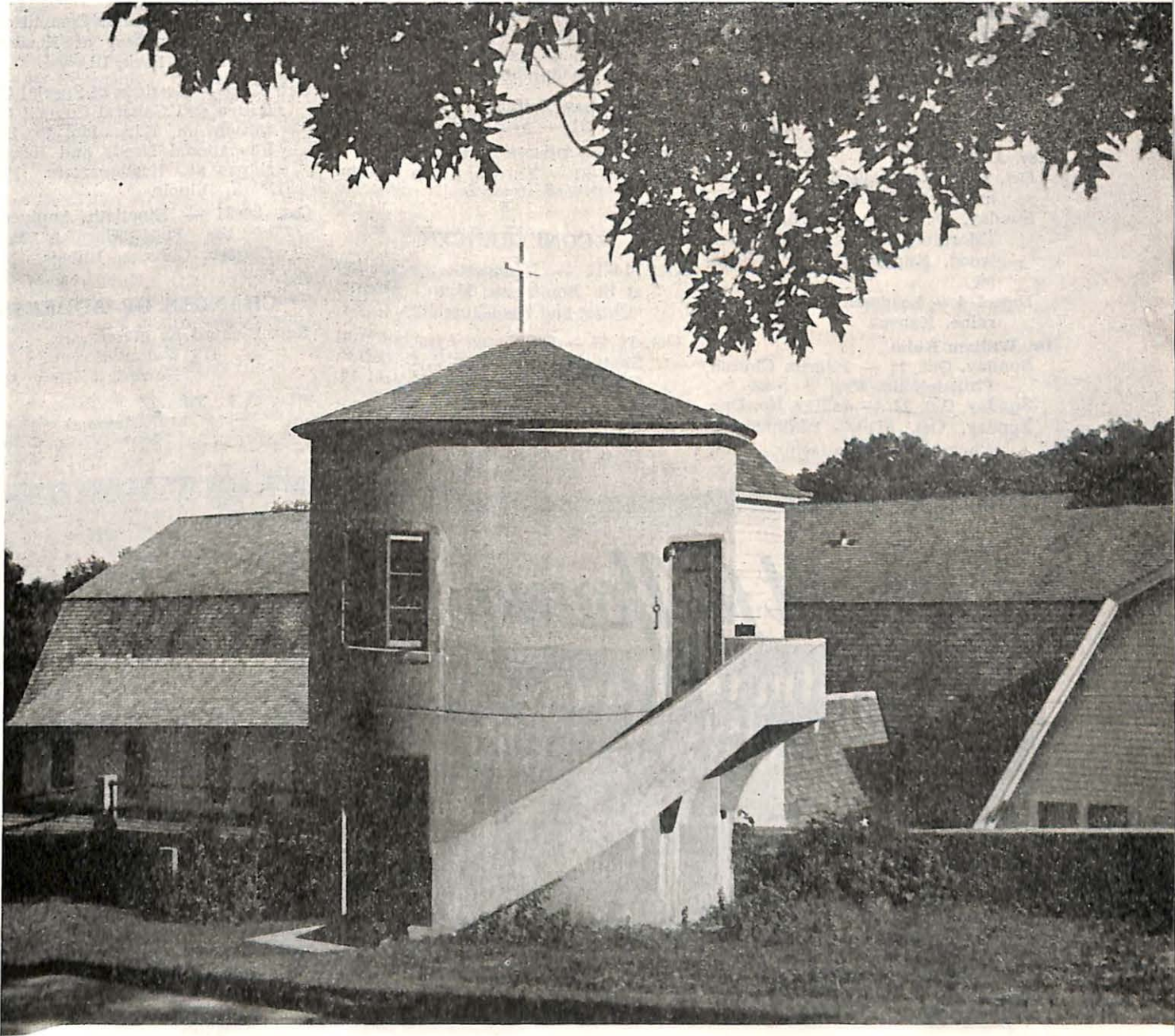


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# Denominational Reminders

## ENGAGEMENTS

**Rev. Frank H. Woyke**  
 Sunday, Oct. 17 — Emery, South Dakota.  
 Sunday, Oct. 31 — Harvest Festival, Lorraine, Kansas.

**Rev. H. G. Dymmel**  
 Sunday, Oct. 17 — Ebenezer and Bethany Churches, Vancouver British Columbia.  
 Oct. 20-24 — Pacific Northwest Association at Tacoma, Wash.  
 Sunday, Oct. 31 — Kankakee, Ill.

**Rev. J. C. Gunst**  
 Oct. 15-16 — Oklahoma Association at Shattuck, Okla.  
 Sunday, Oct. 31 — Bison, Kansas (Morning Service) and Ellinwood, Kansas (Evening Service).  
 Nov. 1-4 — Leadership Course, Lorraine, Kansas.

**Dr. William Kuhn**  
 Sunday, Oct. 17 — Pilgrim Church, Philadelphia, Pa.  
 Sunday, Oct. 24, — Ashley, No. Dak.  
 Sunday, Oct. 31 — Minnetrista Church, St. Bonifacius, Minn.

**Rev. M. L. Leuschner**  
 Sunday, Oct. 17, to Tuesday, Oct. 19 — White Ave. Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio.  
 Wednesday, Oct. 20, to Thursday, Oct. 21 — Bethel Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich.  
 Sunday, Oct. 24 — Wisconsin Young People's Rally, Wausau, Wis.  
 Oct. 29-31 — California Association at Elk Grove, Calif.

**Rev. Herman Palfenier, Evangelist**  
 Oct. 17-31 — Fredonia, North Dak.

**Rev. Henry Pfeifer, Evangelist**  
 Oct. 20-31 — Eureka, South Dakota.

## CONFERENCES

Oct. 14-17 — Minnesota Association at St. Bonifacius, Minn. Theme: "Christ and His Church."

Oct. 14-17 — Oklahoma Association at Shattuck, Okla. Rev. J. C. Gunst, Guest Speaker on Oct. 15 and 16.

Oct. 20-24 — Pacific Northwest Association at Tacoma, Wash. Rev. H. G. Dymmel, Guest Speaker.

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Oct. 23-24 — Wisconsin Y. P. and S. Workers' Fall Rally, Wausau, Wis. Rev. M. L. Leuschner, Guest Speaker.

Oct. 28-31 — California Association at Elk Grove, Calif. Rev. M. L. Leuschner, Guest Speaker.

Nov. 5-7 — Christian Workers' Conference of the Southwestern Conference Area, Lorraine, Kansas. Rev. J. C. Gunst, Guest Speaker.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

Oct. 15-17 — Eighty-fifth Anniversary of the Temple Baptist Church, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Oct. 18-19 — Editorial Committee of "Youth Compass" at Headquarters, Forest Park, Ill.

Oct. 22-23 — Sessions of Special Committee and General Council Committee on Education to Study Educational Needs and Relationships at Headquarters, Forest Park, Illinois.

Oct. 28-31 — Ninetieth Anniversary of the First German Baptist Church, Chicago, Illinois.

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## AMONG OURSELVES

The first missionary couple for the Indian mission field in Alberta, Canada has been appointed. Mr. and Mrs. Reinhold Neumann are assuming their ministry on the Bobtail Indian Reserve with a great deal of joy and with high expectations. They studied at the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton. Mr. Neumann's experiences in the Canadian Army during World War No. 2 were frequently described by him in the pages of "The Herald." Their appointment will be greeted with thanksgiving by those who know the missionaries and by all who have become interested in this mission work of ours among the Indians.

## IN THIS ISSUE

Indian summer is still with us! We must take a last backward look at the wonderful experiences of the past summer as this issue will indicate. The Rev. O. E. Krueger's article deals with some questions aroused at the Pastors' Conference. Missionaries from Africa (Rev. George Henderson) and from the Spanish-American field in Colorado (Miss Rachel Zoschke) relate their adventures. Mr. Harold Gieseke describes his summer holiday. Even the editorial on "long-suffering" was inspired by several events of the past summer. We can thank God for the memories of yesterday in this last lingering look at the summer months of 1948.

## COMING

**Keep Pace With God's Blessings** — In preparation for the observance of Thanksgiving and Sacrifice Week, the general secretaries of our Forest Park headquarters will present the story of our denominational advance and the need of everyone's financial support.

**Our Seminary's Advance** — Several articles and reports will describe the seminary's new Fall program and student body, the ground breaking exercises at Sioux Falls, S. D., and testimonies by students of the past summer's experiences.

**Special Pictures** — From the front cover picture of Missionary Lois Ahrens with her new accordion to the many illustrations for the reports from the field, there will be a grand pictorial feast in the next issue.

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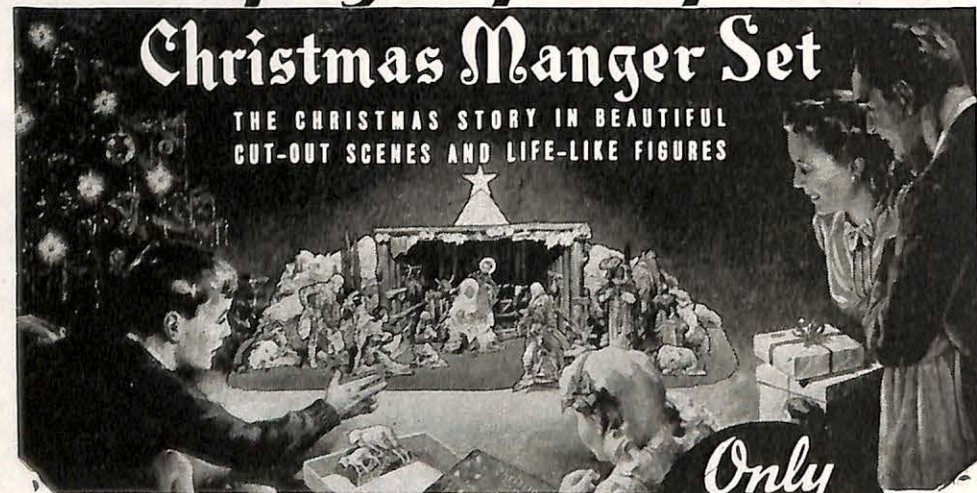
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# EDITORIALS

Martin L. Leuschner

## The Lesson of Longsuffering

**L**ONGSUFFERING is one of the fruits of the Spirit, according to Galatians 5:22. But we of this modern day have had only a passing acquaintance with this word. Our assertiveness and fighting spirit have completely overshadowed it, but it still remains that longsuffering is one of the brightly shining jewels in every Christian's crown. We need to renew our acquaintance with this word.

In the list of traits that compose the fruit of the Christian spirit, longsuffering appears between peace and gentleness. That is where it belongs! It is not appeasement that permits one to be kicked around by opposing forces. It is more than mere endurance that is willing to become a martyr to the cause. Longsuffering seeks the way of peace, and by gentleness and sweetness goes the second mile to win others to Christ and to witness for him. It doesn't hit back when others unsheath the sword. It believes that love is the greatest thing in the world. It asserts that vengeance belongs to God, and so it seeks to overcome evil with good.

Our lives need the fruitfulness of this Christian trait of longsuffering. It will mean that we cannot be desirous of vain glory (Gal. 5:26). It will necessitate our walking in the Spirit (Col. 5:25). With unflinching spirit we shall have to take unto ourselves reproaches and endure misunderstandings and face opposition for Jesus' sake. That is the spirit of longsuffering!

This word also describes our Christian vocation, according to Ephesians 4:2. Our walk calls for lowliness and meekness, longsuffering, forbearing one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. Those who have learned this lesson of longsuffering have seen how Christ was meek and lowly in heart (Matt. 11:29), and so they go about "showing forbearance to one another patiently."

It should not be an anomaly for Christians to live together in strife or anger. Even if we believe that we have been wronged, longsuffering in the spirit of Christ constrains us to forbear one another in love, to forgive our brother seven times seventy, to endeavor to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. That unity of Christ must be maintained at all cost, even if our pride is pricked and we have had to swallow many things. That is the glory of longsuffering!

This word also depicts the greatness of our Christian example to those who might believe on the Name of Christ, according to Timothy 1:16. Paul says that he obtained mercy so that in him "first Jesus Christ might show forth all longsuffering for a pattern to them which should hereafter believe on him to life everlasting."

By longsuffering, by enduring the shame, by bearing the cross, by the exercise of patience, by being maligned and reviled for Jesus' sake we are being prepared of God to give an example to others to believe on Jesus Christ. Isn't that worth all the indignities that may be heaped upon us? That too belongs to the lesson of longsuffering in the Christian life. It is a very important Christian trait that needs to be learned anew in this modern day!

### BIBLE TEXT

"In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you" (John 14:2).

Jesus has told us all that we need to know about heaven in order to make it a wonderful abode. His reassuring words have intensified our yearning as pilgrims for heaven. He has made us spiritually homesick for the mansions above. Thus he has removed the sting from death and thrust the crown of victory into our hands.

Not only has Christ shown heaven to be a place of blessing and beauty, but he has opened the windows of heaven to us that we might be assured of its reality. He himself is the Way, even the Portal, into the heavenly eternities. He has gone to prepare the place for us. Heaven must be a glorious place because the Lord Jesus Christ has made it so wonderful for everyone of his disciples!

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### LETTERS TO MISSIONARIES

A letter can be written in a few minutes. It can be dispatched to a place thousands of miles away for a few cents. It is one of the easiest and cheapest things we can do, but its value in terms of excitement and encouragement for the one who has received it in a lonely hour cannot be computed in hundreds of dollars. It is absolutely priceless!

When did you write your last letter to one of our missionaries in far away Africa or China? This ought to be one important phase of our Christian service. It affords us an opportunity of learning more about the blessings of intercessory prayer. Letters which are now prepared and dispatched to the foreign field will reach our missionaries before the Christmas season. Do not delay! Send that letter now! It will return to you in a hundred fold blessings!

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### THE CHRISTIAN'S SMILE

There is nothing so contagious as a smile. It is so beautiful that one imagines the glory of God is trying to break through. It warms the deepest recesses of one's heart and performs miracles beyond the ability of the rational mind to grasp. It breaks the ice of coldness that freezes a group of people into frigid, haughty disdain towards one another. It breaks down the barriers of opposition when forgiveness and understanding between two people are impossible. It is one of the golden traits of life that a Christian ought to have in superabundance. A smile in the spirit of Christ! The spirit of Christ within you must radiate from you in an infectious smile. Brighten the world about you with miles and miles of smiles!

# The Gospel in New Bekondo

The Story of the Dedication of a New Chapel in the African Bush

By the REV. GEORGE HENDERSON, Missionary of Victoria, the Cameroons

"**W**HEN thou enterest, bid peace to the house (or village) if they receive you with the Gospel." One of the happiest experiences of a missionary's work is to see work of the Gospel begin in a village. It was the writer's privilege to be asked to come and to dedicate a new chapel in the village of New Bekondo during a recent month. New Bekondo is located some twelve miles from the largest town in our Balondo Field.

Final arrangements had been made and the missionary was off at day-break on Sunday morning. The word had gone forth through the entire mission field of "the big activity," so the appearance of the missionary had to be seen. Over the rough and muddy roads the "Dodge pickup" glided until at last the sights of Kumba-town appeared. A brief visit was paid to our chapel there and advice was given by the deacons that, if we hurried on, we could drive some nine miles toward New Bekondo before the daily rains fell. Surely enough! "We reached," as the natives say, and in a few minutes we were off through the bush.

Over the slippery, muddy path we walked, but within an hour we could hear voices of singing in the distance. Looking before us, we saw for the first time a large choir of some two hundred or more men, women and naked children marching and singing. Everyone was excited, putting heart and soul into welcoming the missionary and the evangelists. Louder and louder the music rolled from the hearts of the people. After "saluting" and thanking the people, the missionary passed in front followed by the large choir. The footsteps of almost every person in the village were directed toward the new chapel. In the middle of the town, we were greeted by the chief and the elders of the town.

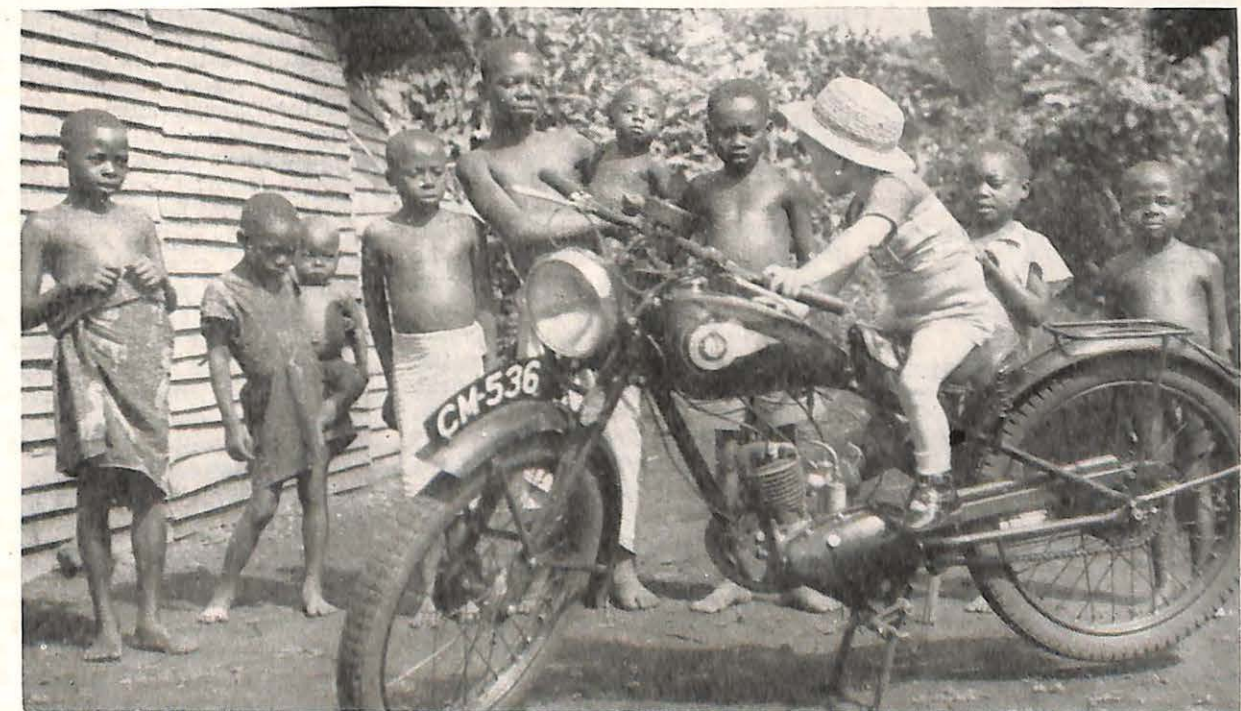
Before the people, there stood only a small bush chapel with a thatch roof, posts of bush sticks, walls of thatch and knife-planed bush boards. No iron beams or nails were used to hold the construction together but rather bush vines tied strongly. Across the doors, a fence of tree-limbs blocked the entrance into the chapel. No foot was allowed to walk on the ash-covered floor nor sit on the log benches until God had been thanked

and songs of praise had been sung. Into the life of the village people a small thatch chapel had not come but a Temple of God.

Immediately after the songs and the prayer of dedication, all the people rushed inside to choose their places. The first arrangement consisted of the women on the right side and the men on the left, together with the children at the front. Looking out over the audience, one could see only a mass of black smiling faces, dotted with white pearly teeth. Suddenly the second inflow of people arrived — this time, the entire staff of singing Balondo church teachers. Another arrangement was necessary, so the children were shifted to the floor, men moved behind the women and the church teachers occupied the left side of the chapel.

Viewing the sight from the front of the church, one could obtain a perfect picture of the approximately fifty homes of the people. The houses were built side by side down the long avenue with the chapel located at the end of the town. The clean church yard and the decorations of the standing

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Paul Michelson, Son of the Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Michelson, Demonstrating a British-make Motorcycle to a Group of Interested African Children at Soppo, the Cameroons

# Pastoral Changes in Baptist Churches

The fifth article on the Church of Jesus Christ based on the answer to questionnaires distributed at the Pastors' Conference at Green Lake, Wis.

By the REV. O. E. KRUEGER of Rochester, New York

WE HAVE 265 churches and only 200 pastors in active service. That does not mean that there are 65 pastorless churches among us. Several pastors serve more than one church. Some churches, still on the list, are so small that they could not offer an adequate field for the energies of an upstanding pastor. Nevertheless, just at the moment there are a number of challenging churches without pastors.

Pastoral changes in democratic churches offer peculiar difficulties under the most favorable circumstances. In our situation the distances intensify the difficulty. Not many of our churches can call a man across the continent. Even the financial assistance offered from headquarters does not solve the problem.

Our German origin and background add to the difficulty. For nearly a century our men came from our own seminary or from our ranks in Germany. Now and then a Paedobaptist pastor accepted immersion as the only Scriptural method and joined us. Since the language barriers are down and the distance barriers are up, it is very natural that churches call men from other schools and nearby churches.

The Pastors' Conference at Green Lake did much to knit the hearts of our men together. It is not so much the question, "Where do we come from?" as the question, "Where are we going?" that concerns us. The men who have come to us seem very happy in our fellowship. They are glad to get away from theological controversy. Let us hope, pray and strive that such divisive questions may never drive a wedge into our ranks.

## GREEN LAKE QUESTIONNAIRE

Several questions on pastoral changes were submitted in the questionnaire to the men at the Green Lake Conference.

**Should a church call a man unknown to the denomination?** Thirty-four said, "No!" Other answers: "Sure." "If otherwise well recommended," "Not so good." "Cannot be avoided." "Beware." "Depends on the man." "Not advisable." "If God leads." "Be careful." "Not without the consent of the denominational leaders." "The facts concerning the unknown man

should be ascertained." "Proceed in faith."

**Should a church call a man unknown to the congregation?** Twenty-eight think that it should not be done. How can it be avoided? Several churches have called as many as a dozen men only to be turned down. How could a small church get acquainted with so many men? The general opinion seems to be that if a man comes well recommended from headquarters or from other reliable leaders, the church can proceed if it is under the assurance of God's guidance to call such a man. This brings up the matter of candidating which will be considered a little later.

**Should men who are cold and indifferent toward the denomination be called?** Fifty out of fifty-six said, "No." Only two checked yes. Four left the space blank. It may not be ideal, but in the world of today God is doing the most of his kingdom work through denominations. Why do people who go on parading as "interdenominational" come to the denominational churches for support? Let them go to the interdenominational churches! Interdenominational schools try to place their graduates in denominational churches. Is it not an effort to break down old denominational walls, only to build up loyalties around their own projects and thus create another "interdenominational" denomination.

Let us hasten, in all fairness, to say to the credit of one of our great interdenominational schools that it advises its graduates who want to go into the ministry to take a course in their own seminary. It is refreshing to note that our men, new and old, young and old, are all for denominational loyalty. We are not advocating narrowness. We do want to remember, however, that God has assigned a sector of his work to us and that we cannot do it unless we stick together.

**Should men indifferent to the denomination be admitted to the Pension Fund?** Forty-seven said, "No." Other answers: "Don't know." "Hard to make a distinction." "We should not be selfish." "Every man is worthy of his hire." "We might win his heart." Since there are so few who are indifferent to the denomination, the question has little significance. If

our Pension Fund were equal to that of other groups, it might do much to keep our men from leaving our ranks after integration. If we get a great deal of coming in and going out, our unity will be impaired.

**Is it ethical to divert funds to projects outside the denomination?** Thirty-one checked, "No." Other answers: "The local church must decide." "Sometimes." "To a degree." "Hardly." "In small amounts." "That depends." Of course, it depends. For many years we did not have a foreign field of our very own. Our European projects could not use our own young people. The missionary-minded young people among these had to seek contacts with other missionary boards. It was only logical and natural for their home churches to undergird their efforts.

## DENOMINATIONAL LOYALTY

But for strangers to come into our churches, only to discredit our seminary and our missionary projects and to turn the tide of missionary money into channels of their own choosing, does not seem the honorable thing to do. While we do not claim our projects to be more worthy than others and while we recognize the responsibility of churches to their own young people who have gone to other fields, it would seem that the projects sponsored by our denomination should have first consideration.

**How shall pastoral changes be effected without doing violence to the Christian spirit?** "Variety is the spice of life." If that be applied to pastoral change, it may well be said that some churches and some pastors have too much spice and some too little. Folly and tactlessness often destroy a man's usefulness, or it may be misdirected zeal. Some lose their heads in pride; some in praise; and some in preaching the truth, as did John the Baptist. Faithfulness to the high calling may make a change necessary.

When that day comes, what steps can be taken by the pastor to effect a desirable change? Eighteen men have confidence that our leaders at headquarters are the best qualified to render assistance. Twenty-one wish to rely on prayer alone. It is to be taken for granted that all seek divine guidance in prayer, but that does not preclude human agency. Would there be anything wrong for a churchless



Some of the Many Pastors and Laymen (Left) at the Pastors' Conference Held at Green Lake, Wisconsin; and Members of the Rochester Seminary Class of 1902 (Left to Right — Reverends John Leypoldt, Peter Geissler, H. R. Schroeder and H. P. Kayser)

pastor to ask a pastorless church for the privilege of paying a visit for mutual acquaintance? If he is a man who is known as a faithful servant of God among us or if the church would take time to discover his record, there would be no hazard. It will readily be seen that a pastor can do very little that is regarded as legitimate to effect a change, outside of constant faithfulness through which he will become favorably known to the denomination.

## PASTORAL CHANGES

When a church feels that a change is necessary, what should be the procedure? Nineteen men felt that for the church too the very best way is the reliance upon divine guidance secured through prayer. Eleven would have the church seek the help of headquarters. A strong feeling is growing among us which expresses itself repeatedly in these words: "Never should a church consider more than one man at a time. Let a church invite a man and get acquainted with him, and then vote for or against calling him as pastor. If satisfactory, the whole matter is ended. If not satisfactory, another man can be invited."

Other answers on the matter of candidating: "To hear a man one Sunday does not furnish adequate opportunity to evaluate the minister's ability and attitude." "It does give an opportunity for mutual acquaintance, but it seems to put the minister on the sales basis." "It is all a matter of showmanship." "I never candidate." "It is okay." "It shows lack of faith." "It is not reliable." "I prefer not to do it." "If a church would spend enough time in prayer and fasting, the Lord would give definite guidance." "There should never be a parade of candidates."

But consider the church that still has its pastor, who should make a change and be given the chance of a change. It is unpardonable for a pastor to remain when it is evident

that his presence is splitting the church. It is a disgrace for the church to starve the minister out. Situations of that sort make us feel that the Episcopal churches have the better system. Distant fields look green!

No one can blame the church for desiring an acquaintance with the man to whom it is to look up as shepherd and leader. One does not even want to buy a cat in a bag. But the churches do not realize how humiliating it is to a pastor, to be lined up in a parade of a dozen men only to be left in the dark. His church finds out that he has been candidating and has not measured up! The formula then seems to be: Fast and pray; call a man you know; if you do not know the man, have headquarters or some other reliable leader recommend the man; if that is not sufficient, invite him to visit your church and then vote on him without placing him in line with other competitors; if he loses, begin again!

A long, faithful, fruitful, joyful pastorate has made an impact upon the church and the community. How wonderful it has been to see a constant flow of converts come into the fellowship, to share in all the festivities, to join the lovers in marriage, to watch the young Christians grow, to see those boys about whom you worried so much grow into pillars of the church and watch those "flappers" grow in grace under the responsibility of motherhood. It has been your lot to be at the bedside of the dying and you have walked with the sorrowing in the valley of the shadows.

But now the time for separation has come. The only reasons against it are sentimental. A call has come from a smaller church at a lower salary. You do not carry the call in your pocket for months in the hope of receiving a "louder" call from a larger church giving a bigger salary. You respond graciously, thanking the church for the confidence placed in

you, asking for a reasonable time to consider the call.

Do you strike a bargain with the church? It seems quite the fashion now for pastors to demand a clear understanding about points of privilege, while considering the call. Paul accepted the call to Macedonia without striking a bargain. Of course, he was a comrade of the cross! We seem to run away from it every chance we get. Unfortunately some churches expect the pastor to carry the cross for the whole congregation. What a pity that they have dealt with the messenger of God so shabbily that the next man feels he must make a clear contract before putting his neck into the yoke!

## THE PASTOR'S ADJUSTMENT

You have accepted the call. You have presented your resignation. You are preaching your farewell sermon. This is no time to even up old scores and rip open old sores, and certainly no time to belabor the tearducts of the sentimentalists. It is your last opportunity to say a word for your Lord. Let it be a wonderful Word of Life.

You come to your new church. It may be a wonderful challenge. No, this time you are disappointed. If you had candidated, you would never have accepted. You did buy a cat in a bag! Is it going to get you down? Are you going to make this congregation feel your disappointment? Are you going to tell the good people what a wonderful church you have left, or are you going to forget the things that are behind and reach out to the things before! By the grace of God, that must be done! You are a comrade of the cross! You did not expect to be bedded on roses! You have the backbone to take a hard job! You are, for the time being, where you are by the will of God, and yours is the victory by the grace of God!

May grace, mercy and peace be with you, and all the men of God!

# Our Witness for Christ in Colorado

The Story of Missionary Adventures of Two Consecrated Young Women Among the Spanish-Americans of the San Luis Valley During the Past Summer

By MISS RACHEL ZOSCHKE, a Member of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church of Kansas and at Present a Student at Rockmont College, Denver, Colorado

*Stations NS and RZ, in Saguache, Colorado bringing you the last minute news of the North American Baptist mission field in the San Luis Valley of Colorado! There'll be no commercials—so—don't touch that dial!*



Misses Nadine Schade and Rachel Zoschke (Left to Right) Beside a Stream in the San Luis Valley of Colorado

FIRST OF ALL, we'd better get some of the preliminary facts out of the way. Probably you know that my sister Betty couldn't come out this year with me and that the Reimers spent the summer in Oklahoma because of health conditions. I couldn't feature myself keeping those rowdy, little children quiet without their help, but I thank God that he gave us a very excellent substitute in Miss Nadine Schade.

Many of you are acquainted with her uncles, Arthur and Hugo Schade. Miss Nadine is not a North American Baptist but she'd certainly make a good one! She's a little partial towards us, too. She has been overheard to say that she has never worked with as spiritual workers as those we have in the San Luis Valley. Shouldn't we praise God that he has been so gracious to our denomination that it should rate such a comment?

## VACATION SCHOOL AT CENTER

We preceded our first school at Center with several days of visitation. My, what dividends visitation pays! The fact is that we were hardly able to handle the forty wiggly, giggling dividends that stormed our old abandoned storehouse for the first day of school. They were looking forward to some sort of unique picnic with plenty of noise, pranks and laughter.

It took practically the entire first day to teach them that even a dark and dank adobe store with its windows boarded shut could hold the holy Presence of our God. Possibly that store was not very conducive towards a worshipful attitude, but how thankful we were for it! God provided it for us in a miraculous way, without cost.

In our Center School we had an enrollment of approximately sixty children and an average attendance of about forty-five. Miss Nadine thinks

she had an average attendance of about 25 in the Primary department, although she really cannot be sure because some of the tiny tots seemed to be nameless, besides they were trotting in and out the door upon any slight stimulus. We couldn't blame them, though, for Miss Nadine's excellent English was "Greek" to them. I had an average of twenty children in my Junior class, so you can see that I had my hands full too. One boy especially seemed possessed with an incurable spirit of mischievousness. Steve came from a non-descript Catholic home, nominally a Catholic home, that is. His grandmother asserted that she wanted her children to learn the Protestant way in case they should want to be Protestants when they grew up!

So since grandparents rule in the Mexican home, Steve was allowed to come to school. And his mischievous spirit came right along with him. Although we had considered seriously dismissing him, we never had the heart to do it, for he truly wanted to please us. Besides, we could not overlook the potentialities in that boy. What a leader he would make for the Lord's cause!

Our last day's program in the Community Hall culminated Steve's two weeks of naughtiness in a brilliant finale. Everyone had been "touched off" by our last day parade, which we had inaugurated as an advertisement of our program that night. So the afternoon's practice in the community hall became nothing less than a mad house. At last, completely exasperated, somehow I obtained quiet to deal the death-blow.

"All right, we're not having a program!" I sternly announced. "Go on home, now, every one of you!"

They stared at me dumbfounded.

"Go on home!" I commanded, and stalked off the stage myself. After consulting Nadine, I came back to the stage and found a group of frightened, quiet angels. Steve, my troublemaker, had gone.

"Do you want a program?" I asked the children.

"Oh yes, Miss Rachel!" they cried at once.

"All right, then," I said. "You'll have to be quiet or we won't have one!"

## STEVE'S TRANSFORMATION

Steve came back later but from then on he was so good that it almost made my heart ache to see the transformation. And that night at the program, Steve, a perfect gentleman, kept all the other little boys quiet. I truly praised God for that evidence of his undertaking. It was quite beyond my control.

All through our work we have been amazed how God has so abundantly taken care of all the little details. Although occasionally our money supply drained to only a few pennies, we were never in want. One day when I was doing some serious thinking about finances for food, little Julia Medina brought forty-five cents to school "for Miss Rachel." She was thrilled to pieces in her shy, coy manner when I told her that God must have put that in her heart because it was a day when I needed it very much.

Julia's mother and father, fine Christian people, were like godparents to us. We had a standing invitation at their house for meals. Possibly

you would like a glimpse of the menu we had there one day for dinner: BEANS! Meat, a strange kind of potato patty, gravy, fresh rolls and butter. Dessert—ice cream, watermelon, banana pie, and fresh cherries! This is a typical Mexican dinner plus a few extras. The chief course is generally beans and tortillas (a flat, pancake-like bread, browned on top of a range.)

## A WONDERFUL CONVERSION

The two most wonderful news items I have for you from Center are these: First, the evidence of growth in the life of fourteen year old Virginia Olgouyn, who was saved last year. We were sorry that her father, a staunch drinking Catholic, refused to let her come to Vacation Bible School very much this year.

Second, the salvation of beautiful, little, pigtailed Sadie Garcia. I had been particularly burdened for Sadie and had prayed earnestly for her but it seemed that the Holy Spirit had not prepared her heart for that step. Then one day when we were rehearsing her verses for the final program, as I was explaining I John 1:9 to her, she suddenly stopped me and asked with a little tremor in her voice: "How can I confess my sins to Jesus, Miss Rachel?"

So we had a long talk as I tried to reveal to her our wonderful Christ. After prayer, her face lit up and she exclaimed, "I'm so glad I have Jesus in my heart now!" Miss Nadine said that when we came into the trailer house she guessed almost immediately that Sadie had experienced salvation by the expression on her face.

All through the afternoon Sadie would make exclamations such as: "This has been such a wonderful afternoon," and "I'm so happy since Jesus is in my heart." To me this experience was the highlight of the Center school although several others made a profession of faith.

## A TERRIBLE TRAGEDY

One of our little Bible School boys, Laby Trujillo, was tragically struck by a truck and killed shortly after the close of Bible School. Naturally, as his Bible School teachers, it was our duty to visit the parents of this boy. This was our first experience in comforting the bereaved parents unaccompanied by more experienced faces.

I imagine we must have looked like two timid girls fearfully approaching a haunted house. I tell you, before we tried that venture, we had practically lived on our knees! But my! How glad they were to see us! They even wrote down the reference of the Scripture which we read to them.

Visitation played an important role in our program this summer. I'm sorry to say that very often it took an extra push on my part for that initial start, but once we were "on the beat," it seemed the blessings were never



Some of the Spanish-American Children at the Vacation Bible School Held in the Baptist Chapel, Saguache, Colorado With Miss Emma Lindholm (left) and Miss Rachel Zoschke (Right) Serving on the Teaching Staff

ending. We were especially thrilled about the reception given us by most of the Catholic mothers. We were able to pass out many little Gospels into eager hands. One Catholic mother even offered her home for a Bible class.

In our school at Saguache, we had an enrollment of 57 children and an average attendance of 43. There we worked with our missionaries, the Rev. and Mrs. C. L. Young, and their sisters, Miss Lindholm and Mrs. O'Connor, a visitor in the household. If you would like a no-charge lesson in Christian living try working a summer with the Youngs. God truly enriched our lives by our contact with them.

Our third Bible School which was to be held at Monte Vista was cancelled by the pea-picking season and a three-week Presbyterian Bible School.

How thankful we are for this wonderful opportunity which we have had out there! We are both amazed that God entrusted us, two ignorant girls — well, just average anyway — with this responsible work. We felt rather sorry for you who had to stay at home and bring in the physical harvests.

But there is one thing of which we can all be certain — that anywhere we are, if we allow our Christ to live out his life through us, we can have just as thrilling a time in our prayer life and Christian work. It is strange and wonderful that God can use such rusty and worn-out vessels when they are placed unreservedly in his hands.

"But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us."

"For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake."

2 Corinthians 4:7, 5.

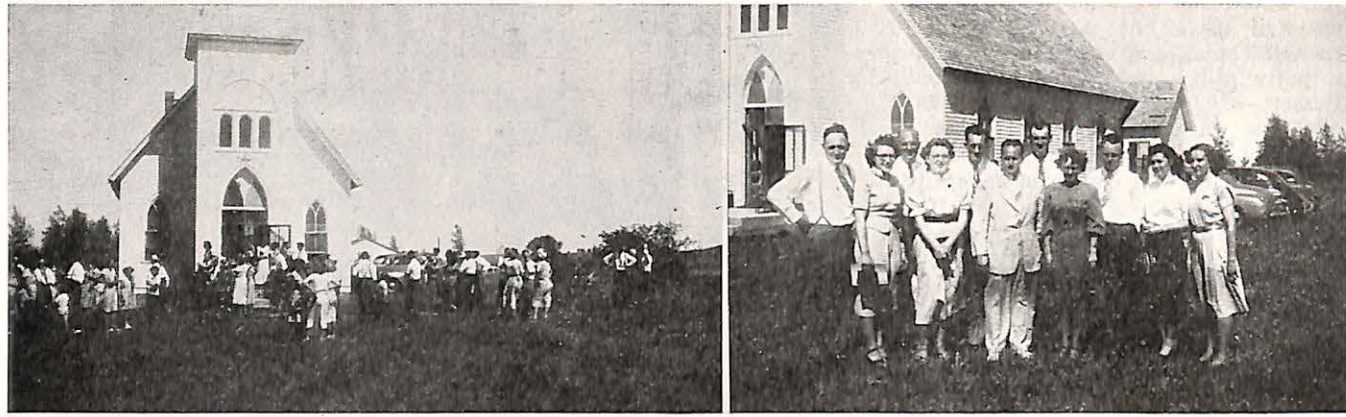
## FRONT COVER PICTURE

The Story of a Silo Transformed Into a Prayer Tower at Green Lake, Wisconsin

A silo on the Northern Baptist Assembly grounds at Green Lake, Wisconsin was transformed into a prayer tower through the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Kraft of the North Shore Baptist Church of Chicago, Ill. That prayer tower, shown on the front cover of this issue, was visited by many of our ministers and laymen during the Pastors' Conference held at Green Lake during July.

A large iron key hangs outside the door at the top of the spiral staircase that leads to the Upper Room. Persons entering the room for prayer take the key in with them and may lock the door. Others who come for prayer and find the key inside will understand that the Upper Room is then in use.

Miss Esther Burger, formerly of the White Ave. Baptist Church of Cleveland, Ohio and a former student at Chicago's Baptist Missionary Training School, who is now serving as director of Christian Education at the North Shore Church of Chicago, is preparing an article about Mr. J. L. Kraft and his many contributions to Green Lake in the Indian village, the Prayer Room and the Indian totem pole which will be published in the 1949 ANNUAL. Mr. Kraft is widely known as an outstanding Christian business man, Sunday School superintendent of many years, and generous benefactor of missionary projects. Watch for the article about Mr. Kraft and the Green Lake Prayer Tower in the 1949 ANNUAL.



Young People of the Northern North Dakota Churches Fellowshiping Together (Left) in Front of the Church on the Assembly Grounds at Lake Bentley, North Dakota, and Officers of the Union and Assembly Program Speakers (Right) Pose for a Picture, With Missionaries Lois Ahrens and Edwin Michelson in Front Row

## A Summer Holiday

A Review of Our Summer Assemblies and Conferences

by MR. HAROLD W. GIESEKE of Trenton, Illinois, the Vice-president of the National Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union

WITH only seconds to spare, I climbed aboard the train at Chicago's Dearborn Station. It was the first of June—the perfect time to start a summer holiday! I was off on a two months' tour of North American Baptist territory under our National Youth Service Plan. Unpredictable joys, happy fellowship, and immeasurable blessings from the Lord were to be mine!

### MINISTRY IN LANSING

My first stop was Michigan's capital, the city of Lansing. Here I was to spend three weeks with our Holmes St. Baptist Church, challengingly located in a fine residential district in this city of almost 100,000. Pastor Herman Riffel and I embarked on a visitation campaign that took us to nearly 300 families in the twelve surrounding blocks, brought to light many contacts, and swelled the attendance at a highly-successful Bible School, where boys and girls were led to Christ. Visitation, this experience convinced me, is the indispensable part of a city church program. Continuing it, building up the Sunday School, and expanding its radio ministry, the Holmes St. Church is buying up its opportunities for the Lord.

Included in my June schedule was the annual board meeting of our Children's Home in St. Joseph, Mich., and a brief stay at the Central Conference at Benton Harbor, Mich. What a thrill to see, for the first time, our Home in St. Joseph in its ministry of love to boys and girls under the direction of the superintendent and matron, Rev. and Mrs. A. F. Runtz! Inspired by the high missionary chal-

lenge of the conference program and with some of the best congregational singing I have ever heard still ringing in my ears, I was back in Chicago, ready for a thousand mile ride to Wolf Point, Montana.

### MONTANA HOSPITALITY

Three o'clock in the morning is no time to arrive anywhere, but Pastor Henry Lang of Wolf Point, Montana, expressing real Montana hospitality, was on hand to meet me. Here at our Badlands Assembly I was struck by the sacrificial spirit that keeps our widely-scattered family together. Some came hundreds of miles to Wolf Point. In giving, too, this group tops many larger assemblies. But it is what we sacrifice for that we love! In Montana and North Dakota, Professor Albert Bretschneider of our Seminary faculty was my colleague, and our fellowship was an added delight.

A long motor trip, with a never-to-be-forgotten Sunday at the New Leipzig Baptist Church, with the Rev. B. C. Schreiber as pastor, brought us to the Northern North Dakota Assembly at Camp Bentley. I came to Dakota expecting much, and I was not disappointed. For I saw God work a miracle in the lives of young people here. I saw tears of repentance and I saw the joy of surrender. Only once before have I felt as vividly the Spirit's presence and transforming power. When faith flags, I shall remember Camp Bentley. Mrs. Lois Ahrens was one of the leaders during this week and captivated the assembly with her stories of Camerons' Christians. Everywhere God used her ministry to his glory.

A week's "breather" gave me time to visit my friends, the Rev. and Mrs. Theodore Frey, and their church at Napoleon, North Dakota for a Sunday, and to stop briefly in Grand Forks, North Dakota, where I saw studious Missionary Edwin Michelson and Secretary J. C. Gunst and went to prayer meeting in our newly-purchased church, just then being scrubbed and polished. God is opening doors for Pastor Gideon Zimmerman and his people in this fine university city.

### CANADIAN ADVENTURES

Then to Canada! How I loved it and its friendly people on this my first visit outside the States. Warmly they welcomed this "foreigner" and laughed good-naturedly at the way he said "Saskatchewan"! After a glorious Sunday in Pastor R. Kanwischer's sparkling-new and crowded church in Springside, we traveled on to the lovely Qu'Appelle Valley for the Saskatchewan Assembly at Echo Lake. Here I joined Rev. A. F. Runtz of St. Joseph, Mich., on the faculty.

How eager we found these Canadian young people in classes of evangelism and the Holy Spirit. The spiritual leadership of those in training at Edmonton and Rochester was a joy to see and their singing a joy to hear. With a hurried "hello" to Pastor H. Lueck's church in Regina and a view of the gorgeous Parliament gardens, we were on our way to Green Lake and its abundant blessings.

Going home via Iowa, I was glad to see our church in Elgin, Iowa and the full-time work which Pastor Wm. Jeschke is beginning in Sumner. This is advance! My holiday closed with

one more thrill—a three-day visit to the Northwestern Conference in Kenosha, Wisconsin — where I delighted in the fellowship of young people from Minnesota, Iowa, and Wisconsin. I look forward to seeing them again in St. Paul, Minnesota in November.

### THE SUMMER'S IMPRESSIONS

Three impressions crowd upon me as a result of my summer's trek. First, that the way to keep our North American Baptist family fellowship is never to take it for granted. I am convinced that God has called us together and miraculously held us together for his purpose. But we must continually wait on him for his present will, and work at maintaining the fellowship with him. Hyper-critical attitudes must give way to self-forgetful love and intercession; the smallest church and the farthest frontier must be on our hearts. Here we may all help.

Second, it is my impression that our talented young people are at once our greatest resource and our greatest unmet problem. Hungry for the deeper life in Christ Jesus, they are still, in all too many places, neither trained nor at work. Assembly "mountain-top" weeks will never take the place of year-long intensive training in our societies and churches back home. At this, we must work with renewed energy and devotion.

Third, I believe that the Holy Spirit is at work among North American Baptists! All summer I felt that we are at the brink of a genuine, Spirit-inspired awakening. As if to compensate for rising tides of doubt and pessimism in our world, God is calling to increasing numbers of our young people, laying his claims upon them. There is a new urgency about the lost; a new compulsion to pray and give and go. Could the revival which we all long for come through us? It will, if we humble ourselves and seek God's face and pray to be Spirit-filled.

Lift up your eyes, North American Baptists, and look on the fields; they are ripe already to harvest. Pray ye, therefore, the Lord of the harvest that he way send forth reapers — perhaps even you! — into the harvest!

### "YOUTH COMPASS" TOPICS for young people's meetings.

Nov. 7 — "The Odds Are Against You" by Dr. A. Dale Ihrie, Bellwood, Illinois.

Nov. 14 — "Becoming Acquainted With Ephesians" by Rev. John F. Crouthamel, Philadelphia, Pa.

Nov. 21 — "A Study in Christian Unity" by Rev. John F. Crouthamel, Philadelphia, Pa.

Nov. 28 — "Pleasing the Holy Spirit" (and a Review of Ephesians) by Rev. John F. Crouthamel, Philadelphia, Pa.

# You Should Know-!

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



Miss Marjorie Vogel of the Carroll Ave. Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas, the First Girl to complete the National Scripture Memory Course Sponsored by the National Y. P. and S. S. Workers' Union

MARJORIE VOGEL of Dallas, Texas, is the first among the girls of our churches to win the Grand Award in the National Scripture Memorization work. Being the first girl to complete all the verses in the memorization program, she was also entitled to a special prize. This prize was an attractive study Bible.

Majorie is a member of the Carroll Avenue Baptist Sunday School of Dallas, Texas. The awards were presented to her by the Rev. J. C. Gunst, the general secretary of the National Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union in connection with the North Texas Association sessions at Dallas. Seven other Sunday School scholars were presented with awards for completing the memory work required for one year.

Mr. Herman Balka, Jr., is the well liked, very able, and energetic Sunday School superintendent of the Dallas church. He is keenly conscious of the importance to bring the Word of God to the Sunday School scholars. In his efforts he is most effective in accomplishing just that. Incidentally, the first boy, Benjamin Kepl of the Dakota Conference who several years ago was the first to complete the entire Scripture memory course, is now making definite plans to enter our seminary and to prepare for the ministry.

It will interest our readers to know that nearly every one of our nine conferences has introduced the Scripture

Memory Course in local Sunday Schools. Thus, our boys and girls everywhere in our churches are being introduced to the words of life, the Holy Bible. Sponsors and leaders are rendering an unselfish and much appreciated service in clarifying the Word to these boys and girls, thus leading them to Christ. These Christian workers are sowing seed for life eternal. Parents everywhere should be much in prayer for this work and give it every support possible.

### SCRIPTURE MEMORY COURSE REVISED

A committee of Christian workers has recently revised the National Scripture Memory Course completely. The topical heading for each age group is one of the new features. This will simplify to work for the sponsor and the leader. Passages of Scripture more suitable and appropriate for each age group have been carefully selected. A long range plan is outlined whereby the pupil is introduced to verses of Scripture dealing with salvation, Christian growth, and the great promises of God. These verses also are particularly suited to the ages when the passages are best understood and most readily learned.

The newly revised material has been ready for some time for distribution. Sunday Schools that had been enrolled in the Scripture Memory work last year have already received their supply for the new year. These schools are well under way with their program. The program is arranged for a period of eight months of the year, from the first week of October to the last week in May. We are confident that the sponsors and the leaders are well pleased with the newly revised materials. The new attractive leader's leaflet and assignment sheets will be much appreciated. These are handy, neat and concise.

We encourage all Sunday School superintendents, officers and teachers who are not already using this fine memorization program in their church to get acquainted with it at once. It is still more urgent that you get your boys and girls enrolled in the Scripture memory work. All supplies and materials are made available to you free of charge. Orders are to be mailed to: Rev. J. C. Gunst, Box 6, Forest Park, Illinois. Note box for the complete set of materials.

At our headquarters office a complete record is kept of every boy and girl enrolled in the Scripture Memory Course.

# WHAT'S HAPPENING

Information has been received that the Rev. Vincent E. Sprock, formerly the pastor of the Greenvine Baptist Church of Texas, has enrolled in the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary of Fort Worth, Texas where he is studying for his bachelor of theology degree. He has been at the school since August 2nd. His new address was given on page two of the last issue of "The Herald."

The Calvary Baptist Church of Aberdeen, South Dakota has extended a call to the Rev. Rudolf Klein, who has been living with his family for several months in the city of Aberdeen. He has been serving for the past two years as a promotional representative of the Bismarck Home for the Aged. Mr. Klein has accepted the call and has begun his pastorate in the Aberdeen church.

The new pastor of the Rock Hill Baptist Church of Boston, Mass., is the Rev. Arnold Ralph Vail of Boston who began his pastorate there on Sunday, Sept. 9. He was graduated from Gordon College of Theology and Missions of Boston. He has succeeded the Rev. Robert D. Hess, now pastor of the Calvary Church of Bethlehem, Pa. Mr. Vail's address will be published as soon as it is known at headquarters.

The Rev. and Mrs. Earl H. Ahrens of Tacoma, Wash., our missionaries in the Cameroons, sailed from the harbor of New York City for Africa on Sept. 24. They are traveling on the freighter, "S.S. Tai Yin," of the Barber Lines to Lagos on the African coast. The trip will probably require about three weeks. They were able to speak at services in several of our churches of Detroit, Mich., and Philadelphia, Pa., shortly before their departure.

The Walnut Street Baptist Church of Newark, New Jersey has called the Rev. Richard K. Mercer, Jr., as its pastor. He is a former student of Gordon Theological Seminary of Boston, Mass., and a recent graduate of Eastern Baptist Seminary of Philadelphia, Pa. He was ordained into the Baptist ministry on Sunday, Oct. 6. On September 12 he began his pastorate in the Walnut Street Church where he succeeded the Rev. John P. Kuehl. He and his family are residing in the parsonage next to the church.

The Baptist Church of Paul, Idaho has extended a call to the Rev. J. J.

Lippert of Waco, Texas to which he has responded favorably. He hoped to begin his ministry in the Paul church about the middle of October succeeding the Rev. Emil Riemer. Mr. Lippert formerly served the Greenvine Church of Texas before he and his wife moved to Waco, Texas, where he supplied pulpits and from where he served the Elgin Baptist Church once a month.

Recently the Womans' Missionary Society of the Shell Creek Baptist Church near Columbus, Nebraska observed its 50th anniversary with Dr. Charles W. Koller, president of Northern Baptist Seminary of Chicago, Ill., as guest speaker. Several weeks ago the pastor, Rev. John Borchers, baptized eight persons on confession of their faith in Christ. These converts were the result of evangelistic services conducted in the church by the denomination's evangelist, Rev. Henry Pfeifer.

The Rev. J. J. Reimer of Monte Vista, Colorado, one of our missionaries on the Spanish-American field in Colorado, has been given a leave of absence for one year due to illness. He and his family have moved to their former home in Oklahoma in order to recuperate. The Rev. and Mrs. C. L. Young and their family have moved to the mission parsonage in Monte Vista and will direct the missionary program in the San Luis Valley of Colorado.

Several weeks ago Mr. Paul J. Alexy, Sr., of Bethlehem, Pa., died of a heart attack while visiting with members of his family in Atlantic City, N. J. Mr. Alexy was well known in our denominational circles as one of the founders of the Calvary Baptist Church of Bethlehem and as an outstanding business man and proprietor of a shoe store. In recent years his membership has been in another church of Bethlehem. On June 11th of this year he observed his 80th birthday with a family dinner at the Hotel Bethlehem.

The current issue (Oct.-Nov.-Dec., 1948) of "The Secret Place," the devotional booklet of the Northern Baptist Convention with a circulation of several hundred thousand, features a number of pages by North American Baptist pastors. The Rev. John

Wobig of Portland, Oregon has the message for the first day, Oct 1st. Other contributors are Rev. B. C. Schreiber of New Leipzig, No. Dak. (Oct. 24); Rev. Frank Veninga of Peoria, Ill. (Nov. 14); Rev. John C. Schweitzer of Vancouver, B. C. (Nov. 19); and Rev. George Hensel of Bridgeport, Conn. (Dec. 11).

On Sunday evening, Sept. 5, the Clay Street Baptist Church of St. Joseph, Mich., welcomed its home missionary and church worker, Miss Norma Robertson of Hawarden, Iowa. The pastor, Rev. William Hoover, assisted by the deacons of the church, held an impressive dedication service for Miss Robertson following the program of musical numbers and greetings. Miss Robertson will direct the missionary outreach of the church in its ever expanding evangelistic and Sunday School program in order to reach the people of the community.

The General Missionary Committee has appointed Mr. and Mrs. Reinhold Neumann of Camrose, Alberta as our new missionaries on the Bobtail or Montana Indian Reserve near Hobema, Alberta. This appointment was necessitated by the resignation of Miss Twila Bartz and by the conviction that a missionary couple ought to be on the field. They have already begun their ministry to the Indians. Both of these talented young people have studied at the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton. An illustrated article about them will appear in a forthcoming issue of "The Herald."

On Sunday evening, Sept. 19, the Rev. H. John Vanderbeck, pastor of the Ogden Park Church of Chicago, Ill., baptized two persons on confession of their faith in Christ. The day was observed as Homecoming Sunday with a message by the Rev. Martin L. Leuschner, editor of "The Herald," in the morning and with the film, "Beyond Our Own," in the evening service. On Oct. 16 the Rev. H. John Vanderbeck and Miss Edith Glewwe of St. Paul, Minn., will be married in the Riverview Baptist Church of that city with the Rev. M. Vanderbeck, the groom's father, and the Rev. E. W. Klatt, the bride's pastor, officiating. They will be at home in the parsonage of the Ogden Park Church by Oct. 31st.

## The Gospel in Bekondo

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palm branches gave the final attractive touch to such a picture. Just as the opening song was announced, (the chorus leader giving the four pitches), the chief entered carrying his small "pikin" (child) in his arms. Often the way in which news travels is amazing to the missionaries, even so in this case, for now all the late comers were bringing their own chairs.

### DEDICATION MESSAGES

The hour of worship was holy. During the first portion of the program beautiful hymns of praise were sung in the Douala language. Reading of the Scripture followed with devotions chosen from Psalm 122. Another prayer of thanksgiving was offered by the Senior evangelist Etimbe Ngale. I quote a portion of the introduction of the new church teacher, Thomas Nangana, by Evangelist David Mokey.

"We, the Baptist Christians, have come to your village like a woman going to her farm. The woman will need helpers to make a large farm. God needs helpers or laborers, and we want you!"

Evangelist Etimbe Ngale gave this example (or pineapple, as the natives say): "We watch two men prepare themselves for a wrestling match. Each man first gets his footing to overcome the others. Therefore, today I notice you that every man get his footing on Christ to overcome Satan. Keep your feet on Christ and your church will grow like a stick (tree)."

The morning message was delivered by the new church teacher, Thomas Nangana, who was trained in the Belo Bible School under the supervision of Missionary Donald S. Ganstrom. His words were powerful as he explained how Christ came to give life and to save all who called upon his Name. The conclusion of his message was most impressive as he stated, "I have come to you as a man receiving his wife. Now let us work together!"

Words of encouragement to our small number of five Christians and our twenty inquirers were spoken by the missionary. It is believed by the Christians that soon the church will be strengthened, if they continue to work as they have started in constructing the chapel to the glory of God.

### THANKSGIVING TO GOD

As the shadows of night begin to fall outside the missionary's door, the voice of the chief and the people said, "Accept these ten eggs, a chicken, a goat, and this basket of fruit as a gift of thanks and good-will." The missionary remembered the words of

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# Do You Know That....?

Interesting Things to Read and to Remember  
by the REV. A. R. BERNADT, Pastor of the Oak Street Baptist Church, Burlington, Iowa

After all, everybody believes, for even the atheists believe that they don't believe — so it does make a difference what you believe.

*A vacation consists of 2 weeks which are 2 short after which you are 2 tired 2 work and 2 broke not 2.*

Men occasionally stumble over the truth, but most of them pick themselves up and hurry off as if nothing had happened.

*The reason a dog has so many friends is because his tail wags instead of his tongue.*

It isn't the load that breaks you down as much as the way you carry it.

*The little boy who was introduced to an old family friend said, "How do you do. My how I have grown! May I go now?"*

At the beginning of some speeches applause expresses faith; in the middle, hope; and at the end, charity.

*Some people's voices are hard to extinguish over the telephone.*

Conscience sometimes gets credit that really belongs to cold feet.

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

If none of the fighters wore clothes, would it be impossible for any fighter to distinguish his enemy, and peace would be automatic?

*An economist claims that money is the greatest force in the world, but for most of us it is only a spent force.*

Every member of the Southern Baptist Convention Sunday Schools above the age of 10 was given an opportunity recently to sign a commitment to abstain from beverage alcohol.

*It is said that a speeder is one who plays the hearses.*

If each American communist had a round trip ticket to Russia, you can be sure that they would use both halves.

*The height of something or other is a dumb girl turning a deaf ear to a blind date.*

Beware of half-truth for you may find that you got hold of the wrong half.

*The doctor was examining the little girl and pushed on her chest, but she claimed it wasn't any use because she tried that and found she didn't squeak.*

A lie will go around the world before truth can get its shoes on.

*Don't throw your mouth into high gear until you are sure your brain is turning over.*

Obstacles must be either overcome or avoided for only the blind can be excused for getting hurt by them.

*The trouble with the average man is that he seldom increases his average.*

A clever person is one who puts his problems away for a brainy day.

*The woman didn't recover from her cold because she was trying to cure herself by reading daily health hints and is now suffering from a typographical error.*

The trouble with many graduates after commencement is that they don't commence.

*The boy explained that his little sister couldn't talk yet because even though she had her teeth, her words hadn't come in yet.*

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

*It seems as if Hollywood is the place where so many people go to write their wrongs.*

One ordinary father can support four children, but it takes four extraordinary children to support one father.

*Silver coins are no longer dangerous to children who put them in their mouths, for no germ can live on less than a dollar bill these days.*

Most people stand up when they hear the national anthem played — and fall down when they try to sing it.

*The tramp didn't want his friend to go East because he would see things he couldn't believe — namely, people running to work.*

Small minds talk about people, while average minds talk about things, and great minds talk about ideas and ideals.



—Photo by Herman Siemund  
Forests of Trees Can Be Seen on the Way to Paradise Valley on the Slopes of Mount Rainier, Washington.

# Cloud Across the Sun

A Novel by G. FRANKLIN ALLEE

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## SYNOPSIS

Larry Brantwell, a famous radio announcer and singer, was told by the doctor that he was through with his radio career because of a bad throat condition. All that the doctor could further suggest was to get out-of-doors, to go logging in the Northwest country. It wasn't long before Larry was on his way to the white-capped Olympics in Washington to begin life all over again at Camp One, of which Big Jim Rand, a bold, dynamic labor leader, was the foreman. It seemed as if labor trouble were brewing at the camp.

## CHAPTER TWO

CAMP ONE, nestled snugly against the southwestern breaks of the Olympic Mountains, lay quietly basking in the mild spring sun — a welcome change from the cold rain that had beaten in from the Pacific all the previous day. Every small depression in the ground was still full of rainwater, and the big semitrailer log trucks, rolling in empty from the landing below, threw sheets of muddy water up from the deeply rutted roadbed. Steam curled upward in little wisps from each rain-soaked log, from the roofs of the low, squat buildings of the camp, and even from the red and black checked wool jacket that covered the broad shoulders of Big Jim.

"Well, Jim, everything's fixed up, they say, and I reckon you can go

back at it tomorrow," Slim Fairwood called, as he stepped from the cab of his truck, leaving the motor to idle jerkily.

Rand rose from his seat on a log without taking his hands from his pockets. He spoke, and his voice was soft, despite its deep rumbling quality.

"Anything official, Slim?"

"Well, practically. The supe's on his way from Seattle now. He was in town when I came through. From what he said I gathered that everything was in the bag."

"It'd better be pretty soon or we won't have a man left to start up the outfit. S'pose you drivers'll be the next to go out."

"I reckon. Just heard the teamsters officials are in meetin' in Tacoma now. Say! You've got a soft-handed greenhorn comin' up. He was in the car with the supe. Great big lunk of a guy, pretty nigh as big as you, but his hands are as soft as a baby's, and he don't look to me as though he's ever done a day's work in his life. Anyway, I know he's never worked in the woods. Supe's told me that much."

Rand groaned, shrugging his great shoulders and grimacing as though he had tasted something unpleasant.

"Guess we'll be glad to get most anything in the way of help pretty soon. Maybe I'm to get the can," he said.

"Nope. Washington put its O.K. on you, so Farmer couldn't do anything but keep you. Looks like the supe's car coming now. I'll bet he's had a hard time to keep from high-centering. Road's cut all to pieces."

Grinding slowly along in second gear, bouncing back and forth as the driver fought to keep out of the deep ruts slashed in the dirt roadbed by the heavily loaded trucks, the car came to a stop. Slipping from under the wheel, the superintendent, a stout, florid-faced man of about fifty, grinned and said, "Phew! There's work attached to that kind of driving." Then, lifting his voice, he called, "Come 'ere, Jim. Got something to tell you, and want you to meet this fellow."

Rand sauntered nonchalantly toward the car, appraisingly eyeing the stranger who stepped from the auto to stand beside Farmer. By the time he held the other's soft white hand in his own he had made this inventory; twenty-eight years old . . . six-one . . . one hundred and ninety-five pounds . . . lots of schooling but little hard work . . . in trouble of some kind and pretty badly beaten

down . . . won't last more than a week. What he said, was, "Mighty glad to meetcha, Mr. Brantwell. It's good to see some help comin' in, and not all goin' out."

"Thank you, Mr. Rand. But you're not likely to find me very helpful, at least not at first; my experience in this thing is listed as zero. But I'm willing and anxious to learn."

"That's more'n a lot of fellows can truthfully say," the logging boss replied, a smile of rare quality lighting his weathered face. "Well, we shall see what we shall see. I'll find you a bunk and show you around."

Larry followed him to a low frame building that snuggled tightly against a giant cedar. He was aware of the wide grins passing from face to face of the idle loggers, the undertone of comment and the covert winks of his fine leather luggage and recently-purchased work clothing brought forth. But these were as nothing in comparison with the caustic and vitriolic remarks of long, lanky Ole Peterson when he was informed by Big Jim that he had drawn the greenhorn as saw partner, or "bucker".

Ole wore a long, sad-looking handlebar moustache, and he had a way of giving it a quick flip upward with a movement of his upper lip, first one point of it and then the other.

"Yah," he said in his broad Swedish brogue, "Ay s'pose dat big lunk will not only ride the saw, but he'll be draggin' dose big feet t'rough the brush, too."

Larry caught several of the Swede's sarcastic remarks as he growled his way through the evening and as they rode back into the timber aboard the man-haul truck the next morning. But he kept his silence, even when he felt a hot retort rising to his lips. He was not certain but that the buckler's complaint might be fully justified. Although in his boyhood days he had put in many a long day at the end of a crosscut saw, he did not know how valuable that experience would prove now in timber such as he had never seen. Trees considered large back home would scarcely make a branch of these mighty forest giants.

The truck rumbled, rocked and swayed along the rough road that followed a boisterous mountain river into a canyon, flanked on either side by bottomland timber and dense brush that reached out for a half-mile on both sides of the stream. Rising from there, the mountainsides, clad in the dark green of fir and the lighter green of spruce, inclined steeply for several miles. Beyond that rose the glistening white-lad peaks of Mt. Olympus and Mt. Constance.

White cloud wisps clung affectionately to the mountainsides and moved slowly and caressingly around them toward the east. To the north one huge cloud blotted an entire mountain from view, with the exception of the

sharp white pyramid-shaped crest that appeared to be riding in midair, supported by the soft folds of the white vapors beneath it. The glacier fields glistened and flashed in the bright morning sun like enormous and fabulous jewels.

Larry felt a thrill of delight tingling through him as he sat with the other men on the hard wooden benches and braced against the swaying and bumping of the truck. A sudden feeling of freedom from the opinions of men surged over him, a momentary release from the terrible strain that so many who live in the public eye find almost unbearable, the weight of suspense and fear. Then his peace of mind was as quickly gone, as he overheard the Swede mutter to another woodsman, "Somet'ing when you got to saw wit' a greenhorn!"

The truck came to an abrupt halt, throwing Larry violently against the back of the cab, and he saw five deer leaping nimbly across the narrow road ahead of them. A mile farther they crossed a swaying bridge, constructed by the simple expedient of felling two trees, each three feet in diameter at the stump, across the river and then spiking a floor of poles to them. The crude structure made a springing movement as the truck crossed, much like a boat caught in the swells of a larger ship. The men leaped from the truck as it came to a stop beside the log landing; Ole gave Larry a nod and, with a saw carried between them, they started off through the timber. A half-mile tramp up a steep hillside through rank growths of salal brush, tangled masses of Oregon grape, and over slashings and fallen timber, brought them to the place where the Swede indicated their work was to begin. The fallers had been there ahead of them and everywhere lay the fallen monarchs of the forest. A "bullbucker" had followed the fallers, measuring and marking the trees for log lengths. Larry and the Swede were "buckers," whose task it was to slash the great trees into logs.

Ole grumbled something, which Larry took to mean that he should clear a place where he could stand while making the first cut. Inwardly he was shaking with amusement at the dour old logger's pessimistic frown and continual muttering. Clearly he was not confident of the newcomer's sawing ability.

When the long, narrow-blade saw was finally swung into position, Larry heard his partner growl, "Now dis will be somet'ing."

As he squared himself into place and grasped the saw handle, the singer realized he had forgotten nothing of his earlier woodsman training, although this great fir was vastly different from the woodlot timber on his father's farm in Indiana.

The saw bit sharply into the green fir, quickly burying itself. Straining

every nerve and sinew to keep it running true and smoothly, Larry was conscious not only of the ease with which he found himself handling his own end, but he soon felt a change in the mental atmosphere. Fifteen minutes passed with no sound other than the zing-zang, zing-zang of the sharp-toothed saw as it ate its way swiftly downward.

Feeling the blade slowing down, Larry glanced across the log and saw a broad smile on the face of the old logger. He leaned across the log, his moustache twitching spasmodically, first one end and then the other, and said, "Hey! Who said you was a greenhorn? Dis ain't so bad! No, sir!"

Nights of heavy solid slumber followed days of back-breaking muscle-straining labor, and before Larry realized, a week had passed. The week turned into two weeks, and two weeks swiftly became a month. At first there had been the pain of blistered hands, the ache of overtaxed flabby muscles. Many nights it had seemed to him that another day of such agonizing labor was completely an impossibility, but the next morning would find him pulling on his heavy hobnailed boots and "tin" (waterproof canvas) pants, determined to see the thing through at any cost.

There had been compensations, too. Not once during that month had he heard that hated phrase "I'm sorry," not even when he had become careless and allowed the sharp-toothed saw to slash across the back of his hand, laying the knuckle bones bare. They had given him first aid and rushed him to town in the pick-up to be attended by the company doctor, but not a word of maudlin sympathy had those rough loggers expressed. This was a common experience to them.

Here among the tall, whispering fir and spruce trees, away from all his former associations, the memory of Lorraine had been gradually growing dimmer each day. Already Larry found himself wondering how he could have allowed his infatuation for her to cause him so much misery. Sometimes he seemed to be putting forth a subconscious effort to retain her image in his heart. Now he wondered if much of that which he had thought love was not a part of his own ego-centered worship of self.

Another compensation was the wonderful healing quietness of the forest, broken only by the zing-zang of the saw, the sighing of the wind through the tree tops, and the occasional crash of falling timber as the fallers dropped another six-hundred-year-old tree.

The freshness of the air was a constant delight to Larry: no coal smoke; no gasoline fumes; no city stench; only freshness, sweetness and purity that made him draw in great breaths of the air.



He found that he was learning many things here in this wilderness—learning to appreciate the beauty of the dawn, the sweetness of quiet rain, the blessing of untroubled slumber, freedom from the nervous, restless haste of the city. He was also discovering for himself a new consideration for the common man; he was coming to a realization of the problems of the workingman and he saw the impassable barriers of outlook that lay between him and his employer. Although he did not have a great deal in common with many of the workers, yet he was learning to appreciate their viewpoint, and he was discovering that among them were many broad-minded, honest, big-hearted and courageous men.

Larry watched and studied Big Jim with interest, although at first he had been deeply prejudiced against him. But he kept aloof from the logging boss, observing him from a distance. The man intrigued him. Dynamic, bold and masterful at times, retiring, shy and self-conscious at other times, he presented a study in psychology that puzzled everyone who was acquainted with him, but no one professed to "know" Big Jim.

The morning of his sixth Monday at camp, Larry came perhaps as close as anyone in camp ever came to seeing behind the veil that was always drawn about the big fellow's personality.

Rand had transferred him from the buckers to the yarding crew, whose

job it was to drag the logs from the woods with the aid of a donkey engine and load them upon the trucks. He was to work with Dean Carlyle, a slender, pale-faced boy of about nineteen. A big fir, left standing purposely, had been stripped of its branches by one of those "glamour boys" of the logging woods, a high rigger. Its top had been cut off one hundred and eighty feet from the ground, and then rigged up with numerous cables that stretched from it in every direction. A donkey engine with its huge drums had been anchored near by, from which several hundred feet of steel cable ran down into the cut-over area, making a circuit back through several massive steel pulleys. A choker line with a hook which formed a noose was attached to the heavier cable. It was the job of the choker gang to secure this noose around the log to be moved. Posted on a high stump in a safe place was the signalman, or "whistle punk." When Larry and Dean had secured the choker line around a log, they would give the sign, and the signal punk would press a button, which in turn sounded a bell on the donkey. The donkey puncher would then throw a switch, pull a lever and the log would move slowly toward the landing.

It was just ten o'clock, Larry noted, when the last of the logs was pulled from a little hollow, and with Dean he climbed a steep bank. They secured a pulley block to a huge stump

from which the line might reach the great tangled mass of timber which had been pushed down a steep hillside by the "cats" (caterpillar tractors) so that they could be hooked onto and pulled to the landing. Big Jim had gone out to supervise the stripping of another tree for a spar, and was coming back through the slashing, unseen by the workmen at the landing. Larry was down among a twisted heap of logs passing the choker line up to Dean. The hook snapped into place. Dean called, "O.K., come on out."

But suddenly, without warning, other than the distant roar of the donkey motor and the swish of the cables, the great log directly above Larry began to move. Something had gone wrong, he knew that instantly, but there was no time to speculate on it now. Glancing up, he saw that to attempt an escape by the way of the gap down through which he had crawled a few minutes earlier would mean to be caught and cut in two. To remain there under that great mass of logs offered small hope. There was no telling how many logs would move when the top one slid from its place. He heard Dean screaming to the whistle punk at the top of his voice, but for some strange reason the log continued to move, slowly but inexorably.

His mind working at top speed, Larry saw but one solution. Near by was a six-foot length of sapling about five inches in diameter which some buckner (Continued on Page 24)

in the chapters, "Stories of Answered Prayer".

Have you ever found it difficult to forgive someone who had wronged you? Then read the chapter, "How God Taught Me to Forgive", and you will say with Mrs. Goforth, "I will never dare not to forgive again."

One experience after another crowds the pages—filled with humor, pathos, soul-stirring emotion. I recommend it to all as a missionary book that is intensely interesting; an inspirational book that will help you on your spiritual climb. It may be obtained from the Roger Williams Press for \$2.00. Other books by the Goforths are:

- "Goforth of China" (\$3.00)
- "How I Know God Answers Prayer" (\$1.50)
- by Rosalind Goforth—a personal testimony of her life.
- "Miracle Lives of China" (\$1.50)
- by Jonathan and Rosalind Goforth—vivid pen-sketches recording the conversion of men in the villages of China.
- "Chinese Diamonds" (\$1.50)
- by Rosalind Goforth—written in answer to the question "Do missions pay?" This book contains intimate sketches of lives that were transformed by the Gospel.

# We, the Women

By MRS. FLORENCE E. SCHOEFFEL, President

## CLIMBING

"If you have gone a little way ahead, O friend, call back—'Twill cheer my heart and help my feet along the stony track."

We are all climbing up life's hillside, striving to reach the highest plane of life. From the experiences of those who have gone the same path, we can gain inspiration and help. It is for that purpose that the veteran missionary, Rosalind Goforth, wrote the book to which we are calling your attention today.

The name "Goforth" is outstanding among present-day missionaries to China. Dr. Jonathan and Rosalind Goforth began their work in 1888, and labored sacrificially and successfully for over 40 years, going through the terrible time of the Boxer Rebellion. Perhaps you have read the biography of Dr. Goforth, written by his wife, "Goforth of China."

The book which we are recommend-

ing to you now, however, is not an autobiography in the strict sense of the word. Its sub-title is, "Memories of a Missionary's Wife." There are intimate glimpses into the life and heart of this great Christian woman—her struggles, disappointments, victories and achievements, through the years on the mission field.

You mothers will feel a tug at your heart as you read the chapter, "A Mother's Tragic Journey", the trip from Canada to the interior of China, with five small children, to meet her husband—only to find him sick with typhoid.

With gentle humor she describes the efforts of missionaries home on furlough not to look "dowdy," though they find it difficult to keep up with prevailing styles, in the chapter "Missionary Modes". Throughout the book runs the thread of ever-increasing faith and dependence on the Lord, but specific, striking examples are told

# CHILDREN'S PAGE



## A HAPPY HALLOWEEN

"Pumpkins yellow,  
Apples mellow,  
All for Halloween,"

sang Paul and Polly lustily at the top of their voices as they danced around Grandmother, who had just arrived for a long visit. They were learning a new song at school and this was all they could remember of it, and so they sang it over and over again.

"Oh, I wish you kids would keep still for a little while!" snapped Robert, their older brother, and his face was dark and ugly like the sky before the thunderstorm.

Grandmother, who had by this time made herself comfortable in her favorite armchair looked up from her sewing and said kindly, "Paul and Polly, you run outdoors and play until I call for a surprise."

For a few moments Grandmother sat in his chair sullen and quiet.

At last Grandmother said, "And just what is it you want to do on Halloween, Robert?"

"I want to do like the rest of the boys. Tim, Tom and Ted have made plans to go out after dark to ring doorbells, then run away. They are going to take old man Hall's gates off the hinges and hide them. Then they have lots of fun while I have to sit you at home. I don't like it! I tell you that mother and dad won't let me in town."

"Robert," said Grandmother, "I Ned knew a boy. We shall call him very white, who did some of those things you long to do so much with the other boys at Halloween. Ned took a widow's barnyard gate off the hinges and that night her cow got so much corn that she died. Nearly all the rest of the winter Ned had to storm one-half mile every day, snow-frozen or freezing cold and carry milk from his home to the poor widow and her two children.

"He had his wish. He soaped another neighbor's windows and by the time he got all the soap cleaned off he had decided that never again would he be soap windows. You see, he never thought of the trouble or work his Halloween pranks might cause.

"However, when the next Halloween



—Samuel Myslis Photo  
"It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto thy name, O Most High." Psalm 92:2

night came around, what a happy, busy boy Ned was! You should have seen him as he carried a big basket of vegetables and fruit, also some cookies and fresh bread his mother had baked for him to take to the poor widow's home.

"He started to knock on the door when he heard the voice of the widow. She was on her knees praying: 'Dear heavenly Father, who dost not forsake the widows and orphans, please send us something to eat. We are very thankful for the corn cakes and milk, but we need fruit and green vegetables for little brother. The doctor said if he had more fruit to eat he would get strong again. We have no money to get it ourselves, but we know thou art strong and willing

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to help us, so please help us now in our time of need, and we will praise thee and serve thee forever. Amen."

"Then the children began to sing, sister in her sweet, little girlish voice, and brother in his weak, sick voice:

We thank thee, Father for our home,  
And for our darling Mother,  
And may we always be polite  
And helpful to some other very

"Ned set the basket down very carefully on the doorstep, knocked twice, then hid behind a tree near the door. When the children saw the basket and its contents they laughed and cried for joy.

"See, Mother," said little brother, "Jesus has answered our prayers like Ned White. Then I can take care of you when I grow older, and help other folks like Ned does."

"Ned's face burned with shame, in the dark outside the door. He thought of all the trouble he had caused then year before. But he decided to and there with the help of Jesus to be worthy of such trust and faith as the little, fatherless boy had in him. As he went on his way homeward, the last verse of a Sunday School hymn kept ringing in his heart.

"Dare to be brave, dare to be true,  
God grant you courage to carry  
you through;  
Try to help others, ever be kind,  
Let the oppressed a strong friend  
in you find."

Robert did not say a word when Grandmother had finished her story, but got off his chair and quietly left the room.

But if you could have followed him that Halloween night you would not have found him soaping windows or taking gates off their hinges. He was hanging small packages on the door knobs of several houses where poor families lived. He would knock, and then run away. And if you had been there as the children have you had been there as the children would have you would have found good things to eat—cookies, sandwiches, and apples.

As soon as the last package was delivered, Robert ran home as fast as his legs could carry him. He was whistling happily as Grandmother asked, "Had a good time, Robert?" "Never had so much fun in all my life," he declared. "I know now what I am always going to do on Halloween night."

# REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

## Dakota Conference

### Church Activities Are Climaxed By Baptism of Twelve Persons at Presserville, Montana

The First Baptist Church of Presserville, Montana, better known as the Vida Baptist Church, has been the scene of much activity during the summer months. From June 28 to July 2 our church was host to the Badlands Assembly. From July 11 to 17 our evangelist, Rev. Henry Pfeifer, was with us for special meetings. We are happy to report that the attendance in these meetings was good. Brother Pfeifer's messages brought Christians closer to God, and eleven persons found peace in Christ.

On Sunday, July 25, we had the rare privilege to baptize twelve persons on confession of their faith in Christ. In the communion service which followed the baptism, these and one other person were received into the church's fellowship. Thanks be to God for his manifold blessings. The Rev. Henry Lang is pastor of the church.

Henry Lang, Reporter.

### Harvest Festival and Baptismal Service Are Held by Baptist Church, McLaughlin, So. Dak.

On Sunday, August 29, we of the First Baptist Church of McLaughlin, South Dakota held our Harvest and Mission Festival with the Rev. Fred J. Knalson of Underwood, No. Dak., as guest speaker. He brought a striking sermon on home and foreign missions. In the afternoon he gave a German message. The offerings of the day amounted to \$795.92.

It became a perfect day for us by holding a joint baptismal service in the evening with the neighboring Baptist Church of Mobridge, So. Dak. Six persons were baptized, five of whom were baptized by our pastor, Rev. Alex Sootzmann, and received into our church. The Rev. Fred Knalson also delivered the sermon at this baptismal service on the passage found in Acts 8. It was a full day for us and the Lord richly blessed us! On August 21st two persons were also received into our church by letter.

Reuben Friez, Reporter.

### Reception by Grace Church of Grand Forks, No. Dak., for Two Guest Families

The members of the Grace Baptist Church of Grand Forks, North Dakota met at the church on Wednesday evening, August 11, to say "Goodbye" to Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Michelson and to Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Gunst and their respective families.



Rev. Henry Lang of Presserville, Montana (Formerly Vida Baptist Church) and Twelve Baptismal Candidates

The Michelsons arrived here early in the year for Mr. Michelson to attend Wesley College. He graduated and received his B. A. degree on August 12. The Rev. J. C. Gunst attended the summer session at Wesley College and also received the B. A. degree on August 12. His wife and family came here to join him for the last three weeks of his stay. It is needless to say that that was a pleasant stay for them as well as for the members of this church since Mr. Gunst was a former pastor.

The meeting on August 12 was conducted by two of the church deacons in the absence of the vacationing pastor, Rev. G. K. Zimmerman. A representative of each organization of the church was given a few minutes to tell of the blessings they had received from the Michelsons. God certainly has been good to us to permit us the company of such wonderful people. Mrs. Orville Feickert, Reporter.

### Ruth and Wanda Kaiser of Hettinger, North Dakota Are Married to Seminary Students

On Thursday evening, September 2, Miss Ruth Kaiser, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. R. G. Kaiser of Hettinger, No. Dakota, became the bride of Mr. Colvin Caughey of Brainard,

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Minnesota. The Rev. M. A. Wessman performed the ceremony at Central Baptist Church of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, in which city the bride has been practicing nursing at Sioux Valley Hospital and the groom has been completing his college work at Sioux Falls College. The couple left Sioux Falls after the wedding to make their temporary home at Kansas City, Kansas, where Mr. Caughey is enrolled at Central Baptist Seminary.

Wedding vows were spoken by Miss Wanda Kaiser and Mr. James E. Merrill at the Baptist Church of Lake Norden, South Dakota on the evening of September 10th. Dr. Earl V. Pierce of Minneapolis, father of the groom by adoption, and the Rev. R. G. Kaiser, father of the bride, performed the double-ring ceremony in a setting of garden-cut bouquets and candlelight. Sisters of the bride, Lydia and Esther Kaiser, were among the attendants.

Mr. and Mrs. Merrill will be at home at Lake Norden, where Mr. Merrill is serving the church as pastor before entering the seminary in preparation for missionary service. Bride and groom are both graduates of Sioux Falls College of the class of 1948.

Esther Kaiser, Reporter.

### Wanted, Baptist Doctors and Dentists for Health Center at Gackle, North Dakota

The community of Gackle, North Dakota is building a modern Health Center which will be completed about January 1, 1949. The center contains approximately 4900 square feet and includes lobby, business office, dental office, dental laboratory, doctor's office, examination room, dressing rooms, X-Ray room, laboratory, kitchen and miscellaneous utility rooms, delivery-operation room with utility rooms, four double bed rooms with bathrooms. The building is modern and equipped with radiant heat.

The Center will serve a very large territory including numerous adjacent towns. The community is conservative and progressive with fine churches and school. Its business section is alert and the surrounding farms are largely owned by the operators.

A real opportunity is now available for a doctor and dentist to take charge of this fine facility. It will be an opportunity for personal financial success and for service to mankind in this worthy endeavor.

The center will be pleased to hear from Baptist doctors and dentists who are qualified and interested in this opportunity for a successful practice of their own and an opportunity to be of Christian service to one's fellow-man in this good community.

Communications may be addressed to Mr. A. F. Lehr, Gackle, No. Dak.

## Central Conference

### Revival Meetings at the Pin Oak Creek Church of Mt. Sterling, Missouri

From August 17 to 29 revival meetings were conducted by the Rev. Frank Veninga of Peoria, Illinois, at the Pin Oak Creek Baptist Church of Mt. Sterling, Missouri. The old time Gospel was proclaimed in word and in song. A full program was planned for each evening. Mrs. Veninga led us in the singing of favorite hymns and old and new choruses. She also inspired the audience each evening with an appropriate solo preceding the sermon. The children were not forgotten, for each evening brought a delightful surprise by either the Evangelist or his wife in the form of an object lesson or a story on the flannelgraph board. Each of the evangelist's sermons was based on a verse of Scripture — some great Biblical truth. A prize was presented to all who memorized five or more of the verses.

We were encouraged to see a good sized group — mostly young people — come forward to show publicly their desire to live a more consecrated life. On Sunday morning a large group linked hands with the evangelist and the pastor, thus expressing their desire to do more for the Lord Jesus Christ and for our church in the future. It was thrilling to see this human chain strengthened by bonds of love.

We praise the Lord for the ministry rendered for the rededication of lives, and for the decisions made. May these splendid meetings be a forerunner of greater things to come in the historic Pin Oak Creek Baptist Church of Mt. Sterling, Missouri.

Arthur A. Voigt, Pastor.

## Atlantic Conference

### Farewell Service at the Ridgewood Church for Rev. and Mrs. A. E. Kannwischer

With the farewell meeting of August 22, the eleven year ministry of our beloved pastor Rev. A. E. Kannwischer, came to a close. The many people present attested to the esteem in which Mr. Kannwischer was held.

The program which had been planned by a committee of the church, was ably conducted by our moderator, Mr. F. C. Arnold. The Scripture was read by Rev. Herman Kuhl of Union City, N. J. Prayer was offered by Rev. John Schmidt of New York, N. Y. Our choirs provided some appropriate music.

An opportunity was given each pastor present to speak briefly to Mr. Kannwischer and the congregation. Among those who gave the departing pastor and the church words of encouragement and advice was Rev. D. McAlpine, a friend of his and long associated with the church, who came from Washington, D. C. for the occasion. Rev. H. Kuhl, Rev. Robert

Cook, Rev. J. Schmidt, Rev. Assaf Husmann, Rev. Frank Orthner and Mr. A. Wetter, student pastor at our sister church, Evergreen of Brooklynn, all brought suitable messages. Mr. Orrin R. Judd, eminent Christian layman and son-in-law of one of our first pastors, Rev. J. C. Grimmell, made some pertinent remarks.

Then a member of our church spoke on behalf of the membership. Our moderator gave a summary of Mr. Kannwischer's 11 years of service among us, recalling that during this time our mortgage of \$22,000 had been liquidated. He also reminded us that 100 members had been baptized and 78 others taken into the church. Many improvements were made on the building and a parsonage fund was started. A sound projector was acquired last year. Altogether, Mr. Kannwischer's ministry was a fruitful one.

Soon it was time to hear from the pastor, and he compared his stay among us to Jacob's service with Laban, who started out as a young man with nothing and ultimately obtained many possessions and blessings.

He also paid tribute to the fine cooperation he always received from the various organizations of the church, the choirs, deacons and trustees, and was especially grateful for the prayers of the members all through the years. Mrs. Kannwischer also expressed regret at leaving the church. A purse was presented to them and the meeting adjourned to the lower floor where the guests sat down to refreshments and social fellowship. The two women's societies presented Mrs. Kannwischer with gifts. The Sunday School gave gifts to the children—Stephen, Dickie and Lois.

The Rev. A. E. Kannwischer has begun his service as Protestant Chaplain at the U. S. Penitentiary in Lewisburg, Pa.

Marion von Ahnen, Reporter.

## Pacific Conference

### Fortieth Anniversary of the Woman's Missionary Society of Lodi's First Baptist Church

On Sunday evening, August 29, the Woman's Missionary Society of the First Baptist Church of Lodi, California celebrated its 40th anniversary. The society was established in 1908 and there are four surviving charter members who are Mrs. Martha Meyer, residing at Medicine Hat, Alberta, Canada, Mrs. Emilie Meyer of Lodi, Calif., Mrs. Malvina Gatzert and Mrs. Pauline Helwig of Stockton, Calif.

A very interesting program was planned. Mrs. August Auch brought the welcome. Mrs. J. George, Mrs. J. Fandrich, Mrs. F. Fried, Mrs. A. Gentiner sang as a quartet. The male quartet rendered a fine vocal number. A review of the activities of the past 40 years of the Woman's Missionary Society was given by Mrs. George Schmidt. A solo was rendered by Mrs. Wanda Lippert and a reading by Mrs. Malvina Gatzert. The play, "Laura Reddig Called to the Mission,"

which was written for a previous occasion by Bertha Wolff was presented again at this memorable service.

Since we have been pastorless, Rev. W. W. Knauf, pastor of the Elk Grove Baptist Church, was guest speaker. In closing Mrs. Elvera Mertz presented a piano solo.

After the program refreshments were served on the church lawn. We pray that God's blessing may be upon us as we go forth in this work, and that together with our new pastor, Rev. G. G. Rauser, much may be accomplished in the Lord's work.

Thelma Forsch, Reporter.

### Council Meeting and Ordination of Dr. Leslie Chaffee and Rev. Henry Barnet

On Tuesday afternoon, August 31, thirty-one delegates, representing thirteen churches of the Pacific Conference, our headquarters at Forest Park through Rev. F. H. Woyke, and our Cameroons mission field through Rev. and Mrs. E. Michelson, met at the Bethany Church of Oregon to examine and ordain the brethren Dr. Leslie Chaffee and Henry Barnet. Both men presented their statements of conversion, call to the ministry and doctrinal beliefs to the satisfaction of the council.

Since Dr. Chaffee is our first appointed medical missionary to the Cameroons, it may interest the readers to have a few excerpts of his oral statements: "When I came face to face with the question, 'Are you born again?', I was willing to accept Christ as my personal Savior." "My call to the mission field as a doctor dates back, with a growing conviction, to the age of ten." "Being an inquiring young Christian, I was awake to God's bidding even concerning my preparation for this ministry." Dr. Chaffee stated also, "I am yielding my services as a medical missionary not separated from, but in harmony with a spiritually evangelistic work."

After a tasty supper served by the ladies of the church, the council and many friends entered the church to the strains of uplifting organ music, as played by Mrs. Lilly Croeni, for an impressive ordination service. The opening portion of the service was in charge of Rev. F. Friessen as chairman, and Rev. Lester Spencer, as song leader. The church choir sang two fitting selections. The chairman of the council, Rev. J. Wobig of Portland, acted as leader of the remaining portion of the service. Rev. F. H. Woyke gave the ordination address. His message was based on II Tim. 2:15.

Dr. J. F. Olthoff, veteran in our ministers' ranks, offered the prayer of dedication. The charge to the candidates came from Rev. E. Wolff. Rev. Leland Friesen gave the charge to the church. Rev. Edwin Michelson welcomed the two brethren into the ranks of ministers and missionaries. The chairman presented to the candidates their ordination certificates. Prayer and benediction by Rev. Henry Barnet brought the blessed sessions of the day to a close.

Rubin Kern, Clerk.

## Northwestern Conference

### Golden Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Vilhauer of Milwaukee, Wisconsin

A very warm reception awaited Mr. and Mrs. Fred Vilhauer of Milwaukee, Wisconsin when they came to the evening service of the Bethany Baptist Church of Milwaukee on Sunday, Aug. 29th. We had quietly planned to celebrate their golden wedding anniversary. While Mrs. Lydia Abitz played the wedding march, the pastor, Dr. John Leyboldt, led the happy couple to the front of the church. An intimate friend of Mrs. Vilhauer, Mrs. Clara Kehrein, had made a beautiful red cushion of silk in the form of a heart with the golden numerals: 1898—1948. This gift graced the communion table.

Appropriate musical numbers were rendered by our choir, the Ladies' Chorus and Mrs. L. Erbak. The pastor delivered a brief message. Mr. Adolph Baudisch as moderator of the church brought words of congratulation and presented a bridge lamp as a gift from the congregation. Mrs. J. Leyboldt spoke on behalf of the Ladies' Missionary Society and presented the guests of honor with a console set. Mr. and Mrs. Vilhauer responded. Mrs. Pearl Vilhauer Godfring of Buffalo, N. Y., the only daughter, and her brother, Charles of Cascade, Wis., responded for the members of the family. Although it was a warm evening we had a large attendance. After the benediction all were invited to partake of the delicious refreshments served in the basement.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Vilhauer were married on July 10, 1898 in Oklahoma. For the past 25 years they have lived in Milwaukee, Wis. Life has had its joys and sorrows for them but the Lord has dealt very kindly with them. We thank God for Brother and Sister Vilhauer and for their faithfulness. As an expression of their gratitude they later gave \$50.00 to the church.

John Leyboldt, Pastor.

### Golden Wedding Anniversary of Rev. and Mrs. Carl Swyter at Steamboat Rock, Iowa

The First Baptist Church of Steamboat Rock, Iowa, of which the Rev. and Mrs. C. Swyter are members, extended an invitation to members, relatives, and friends to honor this couple upon the occasion of their fiftieth wedding anniversary. A well filled church auditorium greeted them on Monday evening, August 30th.

After presenting the bride with a corsage and the groom with a boutonniere by the Ladies Aid, congratulatory talks were extended by various members of church organizations. Rev. C. F. Lehr of the Aplington Baptist Church and our local pastor, Rev. Howard Johnson, interspersed with several musical numbers. Afterwards a social hour was spent in the church's dining room which had been beautifully decorated with flowers and a



Pupils and Teachers of the Vacation Bible School Held by the Baptist Church of Olds, Alberta

special table set for the bride and groom and immediate family with a large three tier wedding cake.

Mr. Swyter was ordained into the ministry forty-eight years ago marking nearly a half century. During this period he served churches in Buffalo Center, Iowa; George, Iowa; Chancellor, So. Dak.; Los Angeles, Cal.; and Steamboat Rock, Iowa. A few years ago the family moved here to make this their home in view of retiring. However he is still too young in spirit and physically strong to retire, and he continues serving by having a young men's Sunday School class which he ably teaches when not engaged in filling pulpits in various churches in the neighborhood.

From their family of five living children, two of the girls are active in the Lord's work. Mrs. Carrie Tober is missionary in Nigeria, Africa and Mrs. Lydia Rhoades and her husband will sail in October for China under the China Inland Mission. We appreciate the service of the remaining daughter, Mrs. Deane Luiken, in our local church in choir and young people's work. Recognition should be given to Mrs. Swyter, a consecrated mother and helpmate, for her devoted service. This church was happy to be able to show them this small recognition for their life's work and wish them many more years of service and God's blessing in the sunset years.

L. G. Johnson, Reporter.



Teachers of the Vacation Bible School at Valleyview, Alberta

(Left to Right: Christina Hufnagel, Gertrude Detert, Mr. Robert Jaster, Pastor; Mrs. Bill Kramer, Mr. Bill Kramer)

## Northern Conference

### Thirty-two Children at the Vacation Bible School at Olds, Alberta, Canada

Beginning August 2nd the boys and girls in the vicinity of the First German Baptist Church near Olds, Alberta, Canada were privileged to attend one week of Vacation Bible School. The school with an enrollment of 32 was divided into three departments. The Intermediates were taught by Ruth Unger, the Juniors by Ruby Schultz, and the Beginners by Deloris Weidman, with the Rev. J. P. Schultz as supervisor and general assistant.

A most enthusiastic and co-operative group of children absorbed all they could of the Bible knowledge imparted to them by the teachers. Besides Bible study, the daily schedule of the week included periods of constructive memory work, singing, varied stories and handwork.

On Sunday, August 8, a demonstration program was held in the church auditorium. This gave the parents, who faithfully sent their children to school, and others who helped to make the school a success, an opportunity to see and to hear what the children had learned.

Ruby Schultz, Reporter.

### Vacation Bible Schools and Mission Activities at Valleyview and Vicinity, Alberta

With thankful hearts we of Valleyview, Alberta look back on the rich blessings which were ours in laboring for the Lord in the Peace River Country of Canada during the past summer. During the first part of July, our church and district were well taken care of by Mr. and Mrs. Bill Kramer who served the Lord in helping us out in conducting Vacation Bible Schools. They held a school of two weeks at Little Smokey, 14 miles west of High Prairie.

We started with the Valleyview district schools on July 19th with morning sessions at the South Smokey School house with an enrollment of 22 pupils and afternoon sessions in the village of Valleyview with an enrollment of 46 pupils.

Sunday evening, August 1st, was the closing program for our Valleyview schools. The parents were delighted over the way the children performed, and thought they did well in the two weeks of Bible training.

From August 2 to 6 Miss Christina Hufnagel and Miss Gertrude Detert conducted a Vacation School at a district near Fish Creek, about 30 miles from Valleyview. With no Sunday School throughout the year there, we had 11 pupils attending the school eager to learn the Bible. Five children gave their hearts to Jesus. We also had five decisions for the Lord in the Valleyview Schools for which we rejoice. We covet the prayers of our fellow-believers for our Peace River country.

Robert Jaster, Pastor.

### Seventy-two Children at the Vacation Bible School of Leduc, Alberta, Canada

July 26th was the opening day of another Vacation Bible School at the First Baptist Church of Leduc, Alberta. The school was under the supervision of Mrs. C. H. Seecamp. We had four days of "all day" school which covered an eight day course. On the closing day we held the Sunday School picnic.

There were 72 children enrolled with the average attendance of 65. The school was divided into four classes: Beginners were taught by Helen Grunwald, Ruth Grabia and Lorraine Lessing; the Primary Department by Margaret Benke and Clara Seecamp. Lorraine Grabia and Bernard Fillenberg taught the Junior department, and Mr. and Mrs. Ardon Frederick the Intermediates.

On Sunday evening the children gave a demonstration of their work. The teachers also gave reports so that the parents saw what had been taught to the children. A mission offering was taken which went for the Indian work.

Bernard Fillenberg, Reporter.

### Vacation Bible School and Baptism of 28 Converts at Minitonas, Manitoba

"Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it." This is the verse that the teachers had in mind as they began the Vacation Bible School sessions at the Baptist Church in Minitonas, Manitoba, Canada. The attendance numbered about 60 children each day. The teachers were Mr. Fred Sonnenberg, superintendent and teacher of the Seniors; Miss Adeen Tullman, Intermediate Class; Miss Lydia Lepholtz and Miss Ida Eisner, teachers of the Juniors; and Miss Erna Kokot and Miss Lillie Boymook, Beginners teachers. A very fine program was rendered at the close. It was wonderful to hear all the verses of Scripture that the children had learned from memory.

On Sunday morning, June 27, the congregation of the Baptist Church of the Swan River to witness the baptism of 28 young people who had given their hearts to God in full surrender. The day was very beautiful, and our hearts were lifted to God in gratitude for his saving power that had been revealed anew in the church for the reception of the newly baptized into the church. We were all blessed with the solemnity and sacredness of this service.

During the last five months we have had the joy of receiving and adding 63 new members to the church. We are thankful for the faithfulness in attending church services shown by our people. Our seating capacity of 500 is very seldom sufficient to accommodate the Sunday morning and evening services. Although the church has been remodelled twice, plans are being made again to enlarge the church.

J. B. Kornalewski, Pastor.



Rev. A. Buhler, Pastor of the Onoway and Glory Hill Baptist Churches of Alberta, Canada, and Eight Young People Whom He Recently Baptized

### Baptism of Eight Persons for the Glory Hill and Onoway Churches of Alberta

On Sunday, August 29th, the Glory Hill and Onoway Baptist Churches of Alberta, Canada assembled on the shore of Lac Ste. Anne Alberta for a baptismal service. The Lord granted favorable weather to us making it possible for a large number to be present.

Eight young people, which included two married women, followed the Lord in baptism. Three of the candidates were from the Glory Hill Church while the remainder were from Onoway. Some of the young people were converted last fall when the Rev. J. P. Schultz of Olds, Alberta assisted in revival meetings here.

Two other adults were received into the church by testimony. Our prayer is that God will bless the new members and make them true servants of his.

A. Buhler, Pastor.

## Southwestern Conference

### New Car for the Pastor and Special Services at Ellinwood, Kansas

On Sunday morning, Sept. 5, at the First Baptist Church, "The Church by the Side of the Road," the chairman of the board, Mr. G. F. Koch, took great delight to present the pastor, Rev. Theo W. Dons, with the key to a new Fleetmaster Fourdoor Chevrolet car. The oneness and the joy with which it was given speaks of the love and fine relationship of the people to the pastor's family. Considering that this gift was not given out of the abundance of means but rather be-

cause of tithing, it has even more significance.

The Lord has been gracious to us during the past year. The Gospel ministry has not been in vain as God has added to the church those who should be saved. Among these is a young man whom the doctors had pronounced an incurable alcoholic. He has grown in grace and is a happy witness for the Lord. Our Sunday School has maintained a good average attendance and our morning and evening attendance is most encouraging.

Two outstanding Sundays will not be so soon forgotten. On Sunday, August 15, two visiting pastors preached. On the surface that is nothing unusual, but both young men are sons of the Ellinwood church and both were baptized by the present pastor some years ago. The third pastor who recently graduated from the Northern Baptist Seminary with a B.D. degree, also a child of the church, led the singing. These men were Rev. Oliver Ringering, pastor of one of our churches in North Dakota and president of the Northern Bible Institute, Minot, N. D.; Rev. H. Schaibe, pastor of the Northern Baptist Convention Church in Illinois; and Rev. and Mrs. Milo Haynes serving the Lord in the Ozarks.

On August 22 we had a recognition service for the returned Service Men who had appeared in full uniform. Following this ceremony two couples marched down the aisle to the strains of the Lohengrin "Wedding March." This was their 25th wedding anniversary. The surprised couples, Mr. and Mrs. Chester DeWerff and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Meyer, were presented with silver plates bearing appropriate engravings.

Theo W. Dons, Pastor.



Vacation Bible School Group in Front of the Baptist Church, Minitonas, Manitoba, Canada

### Eastern Conference

#### Mrs. Wm. Schoeffel Addresses Women's Session of Eastern Conference at Killaloe, Ontario

The women of the Eastern Conference met on Friday afternoon, August 27th, in the Baptist Church of Killaloe, Ontario. The entertaining church led us in our devotions with Scripture, music and a few well-chosen poems. Mrs. Herbert Hiller presided for the business session after which a duet was sung by Mrs. Hine and Mrs. Carl Weisser of the entertaining circle.

Mrs. Hiller then welcomed the guest speaker, Mrs. Wm. Schoeffel of Cleveland, Ohio, who spoke to us about the more abundant life found in Christ. We were delighted and blessed as we listened with interest to her message. She mentioned that the wedding vows were for all of life; our conversion experience is for all of life; the power of Christ for all of life; the great commission to go into all the world and preach the Gospel for all of our Christian life. The challenge is to each one personally. As Mrs. Schoeffel took us to the mission field she made the need for workers very real to us and from those of us who are mothers, a silent prayer went up to God to take our children for this great need in his Kingdom.

It was an inspiring afternoon spent together in the interest of the Kingdom, and we left with a desire to attempt greater things for God and be faithful to him who loved us.

Mrs. W. D. Ross, Secretary Pro-tem.

#### Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the Calvary Baptist Church of Killaloe, Ontario, Canada

Some anniversaries are more outstanding and unusual than others. The Calvary Baptist Church of Killaloe, Ontario, celebrating twenty-five years of progress, presented a record of achievement that credits her with honorable mention. The anniversary was a happy event during the Eastern Conference Sessions and proved a source of inspiration and blessing to all. Great numbers were in attendance and a loud speaker system was installed to take care of the overflow.

The Killaloe Church is situated in a very strategic part of the town. An amplifying unit, attached to the bell tower, makes it possible to represent a chime system pealing forth the old hymns of the church. In the twenty-five years of her history a deep impression has been made upon the people of the town.

Stepping inside the church one becomes conscious that it is the "House of God." The tasteful decoration and the arrangement of furniture lend themselves to the spirit of worship. Even the floral tributes, donated by Mrs. Emil Wilkie in memory of her mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Gietz, reminded one of a garden, the Garden of God, where he "walks" and "talks" with his people.

During the afternoon session a history of the church's progress was

outlined by the leaders of the various organizations in the church. Following the church officers came the pastors of the Conference. The ten ministers present brought greetings and congratulations and, I believe, established a record for brevity.

Church and pastor are to be congratulated on an amazing achievement. In a day when church advance is difficult, this church under the able leadership of the Rev. Carl Weisser has made almost unbelievable progress. Well done, pastor and people! William D. Ross, Reporter.

#### Activities of the Calvary and First Baptist Churches of Killaloe, Ontario, Canada

Last May the Rev. Alfred Weisser of New Haven, Conn., held special meetings in both the First Church and the Calvary Church of Killaloe, Ontario, Canada. The result of these meetings brought eleven persons to the confession of their faith in Christ. Every Sunday evening during the Sunday School period special instruction classes were held with the baptismal candidates. The booklet, "What Saith the Scriptures," was used.

On August 15th fifteen persons were baptized upon confession of their faith. Of these, one was a young married woman and another young man in his late twenties.

In July our annual Vacation Bible School was held. Again the children of both churches came together in the Calvary church for the school. Due to illness there were only 57 children enrolled. The daily offerings amounted to \$23.06. Since we were not able to secure a student this year, the members of our churches volunteered to do the teaching. Evidence of their fine work was seen in the demonstration program, which was held on the closing night of July 16.

In the Beginners class Mrs. Louis Felhaber and Mrs. C. R. Weisser taught; the Primary department, Mrs. Henry Kuehl, Mrs. Lawrence Getz, assisted by Miss Vivian Hartwig; Juniors, Mrs. J. H. Zummach, assisted by Mrs. Walter Kuehl and Miss Betty Kuehl; and the Intermediates, the pastor, Rev. Carl R. Weisser. Mr. Warren Kuehl was the driver for the children from the First Church.

For the 25th anniversary of the building of the church, the members decided to secure a bell for the church. The appointed committee after much deliberation presented the church with the idea of a set of chimes. When the Rev. Alfred Weisser came to hold the special meetings, he brought part of his chime system along. This made the decision for the chimes unanimous.

On August 22nd we dedicated the chime system to the honor and glory of God. For this occasion we had the privilege of having the Rev. L. B. Holzer of Pittsburgh, Pa., as our guest speaker. We also had the Rev. John Kuehn, our neighboring pastor, who assisted in the service. The chimes have already been favorably accepted by the surrounding community.

Carl R. Weisser, Pastor.

## OBITUARY

#### MR. WILLIAM WENGEL of Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Mr. William Wengel of Milwaukee, Wisconsin was born in Germany on May 29, 1867. Johanna Malschewski became his wife in 1891. Two years before they came to America, they gave their hearts to God and were baptized and received into a Baptist church.

Arriving in America in 1893, they made their home in Milwaukee. Mr. Wengel was a member of this church since 1894. The day of July 27, 1948 brought Mr. Wengel his heavenly reward, joining Mrs. Wengel who had died the year before.

God blessed this union with ten children. Four sons preceded the parents in death. Six children remain to glory in the memory of the father and mother. They are the Rev. Paul Wengel of Adrian, Michigan; Mr. Elmer Wengel of Detroit, Michigan; Mr. William H. Wengel, Mrs. Mae Shepherd, Mrs. Fred Neubauer and Miss Edna Wengel of Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Thus endeth the account of the earthly life of William Wengel, servant and loved one of God.

Immanuel Baptist Church,  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin  
George W. Zinz, Jr., Pastor.

#### MRS. KATHERINE MUELLER of Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Mrs. Katherine Mueller, nee Schwendener, of Milwaukee, Wis., was born on Feb. 1, 1859 at Wayne, Washington County, Wisconsin. She was one of eight children of the Rev. and Mrs. Michael Schwendener. On Nov. 15, 1886 she was married to Mr. Albert Mueller who pre-deceased her 20 years ago. On Feb. 26, 1888 both husband and wife were baptized by Rev. Machholz in the Second German Baptist Church of Milwaukee, now known as the Temple Baptist Church.

When our sister passed away on Aug. 30th, her pastor, Rev. Peter Pfeiffer, was out of the city. The undersigned therefore conducted the funeral service and spoke on John 14:1-3. The numerous floral tributes were a silent token of the love and esteem in which the departed was held. She was a sister of the Rev. Henry Schwendener who served our denomination as evangelist for over 30 years.

She is survived by two daughters, one son, a daughter-in-law, three grandsons, one sister, many nieces, nephews and friends. Her life was a sermon and her memory a benediction.

Milwaukee, Wisconsin  
John Leypoldt, Officiating Pastor.

#### MR. LEONARD POWELL of Lansing, Michigan

Mr. Leonard Powell was born on Nov. 23, 1879 at Okemos, near Lansing, Mich. He accepted the Lord as his personal Savior in the Spring of 1905 at the age of 25 years and was baptized soon thereafter in Lake Lansing, becoming a charter member of the Holmes St. Baptist Church of Lansing. In the following November he married Emma Alf, daughter of Rev. Mr. Alf, the founder of the German Baptist work in Poland. They made their home on the farm near Lansing. In the fall of 1947 Mr. and Mrs. Powell moved to Portland, Oregon to be with their sons. Very suddenly Mr. Powell was called home to be with his Lord near Lansing, Mich., on July 29, 1948 while working there for the summer.

He maintained a consistent testimony for Christ to the end. Rev. Elmer Marquardt, a member of the same church, conducted the funeral service in the absence of the pastor. His text was taken from I Thess. 4:13-18. He leaves to mourn his loss two sons, Waldomer and Seymour Powell and their families of Portland, Oregon; and five brothers, Harmon, Jacob, Cornelius, David and Arnold of Williamston, Mich.

Holmes St. Baptist Church,  
Lansing, Michigan  
Rev. Herman H. Riffel, Pastor.

#### MR. DALE RATZ

of Midland, Michigan

Mr. Dale Ratz was born on August 28, 1929 in Beaver Township, Midland, Michigan. In 1942 he was converted, baptized and united with the Beaver Baptist Church.

Dale was a 1948 graduate of the Midland High School, along with his twin brother, Raymond. On July 10th of this year he was married to Reathel Mason, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Mason of Midland. He died at 11 P.M. on Friday, September 10th, at the Dow First Aid Department from burns received earlier in the day when a boiler tube exploded at the west side chemical power plant of the Dow Chemical Company of Midland.

Besides his parents, widow and twin brother, three sisters and one other brother survive: Carol, Donna and Kathleen, and Donald. His grandmother, Mrs. Anna Weber of Auburn, also survives.

Dale departed at the early age of 19 years and 13 days. Only one week prior to his death, together with his twin brother Raymond, Dale served his Lord and his church by ushering at the morning worship service. Truly, one cannot understand why such a young Christian should have to lay down his task in the morning of life, but we can console ourselves in the knowledge that Dale now abides in the house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Funeral services were held on Monday, September 13th, at the Beaver Baptist Church. The pastor brought words of comfort from II Cor. 5:1. The church choir, a duet and a solo added messages in song.

Beaver Baptist Church,  
Midland, Michigan  
Fred Mashner, Pastor.

#### MRS. HELEN ZENA of Kelowna, B. C., Canada

The life of our deceased sister, Mrs. Helen Zena, nee Klapstein, began on August 19, 1874 in Stefanow, Lublin, Poland, and came to close on June 22, at the age of 72 years, 10 months and 14 days. Mrs. Zena emigrated to Canada in her early youth with her parents and the Klapstein family settled near Edmonton, Alberta.

She was united in marriage the first time with John Vogel on Sept. 15, 1890. To this union 7 children were born as follows: Leo, Great Falls, Mont.; Fred, San Francisco, Cal.; and Henry, Taylor, British Columbia; Lillie Ayr, Peachland, B. C.; Annie Donis, Kelowna, B. C.; Ida McBride, New York; Victoria Feenie, Taylor, B. C. Her first husband preceded her in death, and she was united the second time in marriage with her present husband, Martin Zena, on May 26, 1920. With her second husband they had 5 step-children: Peter Arnold, Winsor, Ont.; Arthur Walter, Delbonita, Alberta; Mrs. Marshall, Edmonton, Alberta; Wallie Wilhelmina and Mrs. Kennedy, Edmonton, Alberta.

The deceased lived mostly in Alberta. In 1944 they bought a place in Kelowna, British Columbia and moved here to enjoy their last years of life. But in July 1945, she had a stroke and suffered terrible pain for nearly three years.

Our sister realized in her early life her need of a Savior and found forgiveness in the blood of the Lamb. She was baptized by Rev. Charles Thole and joined the Temple Baptist Church at Leduc, Alberta, and on January 25, 1945 she became a member of our church in Kelowna, B. C. Our sister was a true child of God, a loving and beloved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother and a great life-companion to her husband, under which she found the tenderest care to make the evening of her life pleasant till her departure. She will be greatly missed in our circles as a member of our church as well in her home but especially by our young people who have been so kind to her during her suffering and illness until she went home to her Lord.

The funeral was conducted at our church on June 25th. The many flowers and the great attendance were proof of the friendship that she enjoyed while she was with us.

Kelowna, B. C., Canada  
A. Kujath, Pastor.

#### MRS. WILLIAM SORGE

of Olds, Alberta, Canada

Mrs. Martha Sorge, nee Falkenberg, of Olds, Alberta was born on August 22, 1891 in Russia. As a little child of two years she migrated with her parents in 1893 to Canada and settled at Leduc, Alberta. Here she received her schooling and made her decision for Christ and was received through baptism into the First Baptist Church of Leduc.

In 1908 she moved with her parents to Edmonton, Alberta. In 1914 she was married to Mr. Wm. Sorge who shared the joys and sorrows of life with her. Three daughters were born to this union. In 1929 they moved to Olds, Alberta where they settled on a farm 13 miles east of town.

About seven years ago her health began to fail. She suffered from arthritis, and in spite of the best medical care and counsel suffering continued. During the three years her health was precarious. Loving care and the comforting nearness of her family sustained her in the trying hours. However, the silver cord of life was broken on August 27 and she entered into the glory of her Lord and Master. She reached the age of 57 years and 5 days.

She is being mourned by her husband; three daughters: Erma, Ivy and Hazel; two sons-in-law; one sister at Prince George, B. C.; two brothers, August and Dan of Edmonton; two sisters-in-law, Mrs. Wm. Falkenberg and Mrs. Fred Falkenberg. The funeral was held on August 29th at the Reed Ranch Church. The undersigned endeavored to speak words of comfort on Philippians 1:20-26 to a very large audience. Olds, Alberta, Canada

J. P. Schultz, Pastor.

#### MRS. HERMINA SCHRODER of Avon, South Dakota

Mrs. Hermina Schroder, nee Van Gerpen, of Avon, South Dakota, was born near Ackley, Iowa on February 13, 1876 and died on September 7, 1948 at the age of 72 years, 6 months and 24 days. When but three years of age her parents moved to the Avon community. Here she grew to womanhood. As a girl of 16 years she came to know Christ as her personal Savior and was baptized into the fellowship of the First Baptist Church of Avon on April 19, 1892 by the late Rev. O. Olthoff. On the 29th of June, 1899 she was united in marriage to the late Theodore H. Schroder. The Lord blessed their happy union with eight children, all of whom are living.

Her husband, two sisters and two brothers preceded her in death. She leaves to mourn her demise eight children: Mrs. Johanna Hayward, Avon, So. Dak.; Frieda Schroder, Choteau, Montana; Mrs. Rena Popkes, Waverly, Iowa; Harold Schroder, Avon, So. Dak.; Mrs. Thelma Baldwin and Mrs. Erma Lenzner, Rainier, Oregon; John Calvin Schroder, Chicago, Illinois; Wilford LeRoy Schroder, Avon, So. Dak.; 13 grandchildren; one brother, William F. Van Gerpen, Windom, Minnesota; and her twin-sister, Mrs. Martha Voigt, Avon, So. Dak.; a host of other relatives as well as her church of which she was a charter member, and in which she served in various capacities.

Of course, all her children loved her, but her son Harold did more for his mother than many sons and daughters would ever think of doing for their parents. May God in his great mercy comfort and bless all the bereaved unto life eternal through Christ Jesus, our blessed Savior!

First Baptist Church,  
Avon, South Dakota  
P. Geissler, Pastor.

#### MR. JAMES W. HASSON of Ingersoll, Oklahoma.

Mr. James Walter Hasson of Ingersoll, Oklahoma was born at Medicine Lodge, Kansas on March 6, 1890 and was called to his heavenly home on August 16, 1948. As a young man he came to Oklahoma with his parents and settled near Carmen, where he lived until the year of 1917 when he moved to Ingersoll, Okla., to take over the mail route there. In 1918 he was united in marriage with Mollie Smith and to this union two daughters and one son were born.

As a young man he was converted at a street meeting of the Salvation Army, was baptized and joined the Carmen Baptist Church. In the year 1942 he transferred his membership to the Bethel Baptist Church of Ingersoll, and in 1943 was elected Sunday School superintendent and served in this capacity until illness prevented him from being active. He was elected as honorary Sunday School officer as a token of appreciation for his services. As a Sunday School superintendent he was an able leader for the young people and a good spiritual advisor. The services which he rendered in this capacity will never be forgotten among his friends and neighbors.

He is survived by his wife, Mollie; two daughters, Mrs. Wanda White and Mrs. Willa Hughes; two sons-in-law, Jack White and Jack Hughes; one son, Marvin; and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on August 19 with the Rev. John Heer officiating. The many beautiful flowers sent by friends bore a silent witness to the memory of his life. The text used for this service was: "But when morning was come, Jesus stood on the shore." John 21:4.

Ingersoll, Oklahoma

John Heer, Pastor.  
The Family, Reporting.

#### MRS. D. S. WIPF of Emery, South Dakota.

Mrs. Elizabeth Wipf of Emery, So. Dak., was born July 14, 1896 to Jacob and Sarah Mendel at their farm home near Menno, So. Dak. In 1909 she moved with her parents to their new home four miles south of Bridgewater, So. Dak.

It was during her teenage years that she became aware of her spiritual need and accepted the Lord as her own personal Savior, whose intimate fellowship she cherished until death.

On August 21, 1919 she and Mr. D. S. Wipf were united in marriage and shared the joys and sorrows of life for 29 years and 16 days. Their home was blessed with three children: Melvin, aged 21; Lucille, 16; Donald, 9 years of age. They lived on the farm until 1921, when the Lord called them into special service. During the six years of school life and the seventeen years in the teaching profession they experienced many of the discomforts associated with moving, but every move resulted in a new circle of friends and neighbors.

In 1925 after much earnest prayer for definite leading of the Lord, Mr. and Mrs. Wipf followed the Lord in scriptural baptism and were taken into the fellowship of the Salem Krimmer Mennonite Brethren Church. In April 1947, after Rev. D. S. Wipf had accepted the call to become pastor of the Emery Baptist Church, their membership was transferred here.

Mrs. Wipf had been losing in weight for some time, and after seeking medical aid, was advised to go to the Mayo Clinic at Rochester, Minn. There after a thorough examination, she was told that they could not do anything for her and that only the Lord could help her. Satisfied that she would not need to be operated, she returned home, hoping and praying that it would be the Lord's will to restore her health. On Saturday, September 4, she was taken to the Methodist Hospital in Mitchell, So. Dak., in hope that she would find relief, but the plans of the Lord were far greater, and after some suffering from the final results of cancer of the liver, she passed into a coma and quietly went home to glory on Tuesday, September 7, with a sweet smile of victory. Mrs. Wipf reached the age of 52 years, one month and 23 days. The order of service on Saturday, Sept. 11, at the church was as follows:

Rev. Jacob I. Walter in charge; processional, Mrs. J. Terveen; invocation, Rev. Rutsch, pastor of the Plum Creek Baptist Church; prior, Glanzers Sisters, Salem Mennonite Church; obituary and German message, Rev. Walter; minister, Salem Mennonite Church; duet, Mrs. Olthoff, Mrs. Edwards; message and closing prayer, Dr. Martin L. Leuschner, promotional secretary, Forest Park, Ill.; recessional, Mrs. Terveen.

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THE FAMILY.

## Cloud Across the Sun

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had used for a lifting lever when a saw had been pinched. If that was strong enough to carry the weight of one of the logs that lay near the bottom of the heap, he might crouch down and be saved as the mass of timber moved over him, for there could be little doubt that a large portion of the upper logs would roll on down the bank.

Seconds seemed like years as Larry reached for the piece of timber. A broken branch held it to the earth and it stuck, while above him the great log was groaning louder as it swung about. The foundation log began to twist and turn. Another second and it would be too late! Straining every muscle to the limit—and even in that terrible moment he could remember to be thankful that they were not so soft and useless as they had been a month earlier—he jerked the pole loose. In a flash he had it around and in place with one end over the bottom log, which he hoped would remain fixed. It was not a second too soon, for already the entire mass of timber was beginning to move.

Throwing himself prostrate in the pocket thus formed, he watched the movement of the threatening log. Down, down upon the pole it came, bending it perilously and pressing it deeper and deeper into the ground, until the man lying there knew that only inches lay between him and death. Then as, pressed down in the narrow niche with fifty or more tons of logs rolling above him, he held his breath, he saw the skid become stationary and the log move upward slowly protestingly. A projecting stub of a branch jabbed him in the shoulder, tearing at his flesh and bringing a gush of warm blood down across his arm.

Then with a sudden lurch the entire mass above him surged over and rumbled off down the bank. He heard Big Jim shouting, "Jump, Dean! Jump!" A splatter of rain fell upon his neck, and someone was trying to pull him from the life-saving crevice into which he had been pressed.

It was Big Jim, his hands torn and bleeding from clinging futilely to a log as in desperation he threw in every ounce of strength he possessed in a vain effort to save his men. A quick look at Larry told him that by some miracle the man for whom he had held no hope had been saved. A hoarse, dry sob shook him as a leaf is shaken in the tempest. He shouted, "Thank God! Thank God! You're alive!"

As soon as Larry could speak, he asked, "Where's Dean? Did he get away?"

"Yes. He made it by the skin of his teeth. Stayed up on top too long looking for you, and I think he's got a busted leg."

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Suddenly Big Jim stood erect and shouted, his voice sounding terrible in its fierceness, "That whistle punk did that on purpose! I'll show him how to try to kill my men!" Like a flash he was away, bounding off down the hillside.

Rising stiffly to his feet, Larry saw him, his long hair streaming in the wind and rain, leaping from one log to another as he wildly pursued the whistle punk who was running for his car beside the logging road below the landing. Conscious of a sharp pain in his shoulder, and aware that he was bleeding dangerously, Larry looked about then and discovered Dean sitting with his back against a stump, one leg stretched straight out before him on the ground. Two truck drivers and the donkey puncher were hurrying toward them through the slashing.

In a few minutes Rand was back, face pale and hair a tumbled mass, his eyes blazing with a terrible anger, but as he applied first aid to stop the flow of blood from the wounded shoulder, Larry drew him into conversation and became aware that beneath his fierce anger his bared soul revealed a great consuming concern for his men and a depth of emotion and affection that was surprising.

"Didja ketch that whistle punk?" a truck driver asked.

"No," he replied tersely.

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## The Gospel in Bekondo

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Christ, "And into whatsoever house ye enter, first say, Peace be to this house. And if the son of peace be there, your peace shall rest upon it; if not, it shall turn to you again." (Luke 10:5-6).

The entire staff of missionaries join to offer to God their thanksgiving over the opening of this chapel in one of the most unusual villages in the whole Balondo Field. It is unusual because the chief and the people do not allow any person who practices the evils of the "Ju-Ju" society to live in the town. Yes, the missionaries and Christians rejoice that the Gospel has won a victory over the evil forces of the "Ju-Ju" society, which often defeats the efforts of the church teachers and Christians in the Balondo Church area. We plead that daily in your devotions of prayer you may remember the Seed that has been sown in the village of Small Bekondo.

The harvest field is awaiting with our twenty churches, approximately seven hundred Christians, two hundred inquirers, and many village and people untouched as yet with the message of Life. To our dear Christians in the homeland, we send forth another challenge, that soon you may speed some laborer to help us in the vineyard of the Balondo Field.