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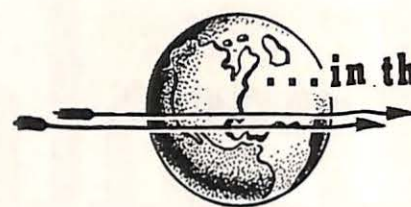
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Miss Laura E. Reddig

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...in the course of human events

● It has been said that to duplicate Solomon's temple today would cost over 87 billion dollars. Here is the breakdown: gold, silver and brass, \$34,399,110,000; jewels, about the same; vessels of gold, \$1,876,481,515; vessels of silver, \$3,246,720,000; robes and vestments, 10,385,440; trumpets, \$1,000,000; food for workmen, \$344,385,440; and rough materials, \$12,726,685,000.—Prophecy Monthly.

● The Friends Committee on National Legislation (Quakers) in Washington, D. C., reporting recently on the President's request for 60.6 billion dollars for military expenditures in 1951 has pointed out that during the first 135 years of United States history as a nation, the total expenditures of the federal treasury approximated only 66 billion, and of this approximately 56 billion dollars were for war and preparation for war.—The Churchman.

● Asked for his impressions of church affairs in the Eastern Zone of Germany, where he recently made a lecture tour, Dr. Martin Niemoeller told of a small town in the Spreewald district where a church has been rebuilt within a year out of free will offerings and church tax proceeds. Four years ago services there were attended by scarcely 100 people. Today two services are held every Sunday with a total congregation of 1,000. Dr. Niemoeller cited this as a significant example. (It refers to the Evangelical Church.)—The Churchman.

● World Radio Missionary Fellowship, with its general offices in Quito, Ecuador, has over 4,000 on its enrollment. The Bible students are scattered over four continents, and 25 countries. During the past year, over 500 programs have been broadcast by the Institute; 229 Gospel records have been cut for the disc library, and another course has come off the press. Several missionaries are taking the Bible course.—The Evangelical Christian.

● General Lucius D. Clay is heading a "Crusade for Freedom" radio broadcast in Europe. It began in Frankfurt, Germany, in July 1950. The broadcasts hit Communism where it hurts. They pin-pointed the weaknesses and ludicrous aspects of the "people's democracies." If a Communist bigwig in Poland besotted himself with drink and made an incautious statement, Radio Free Europe let the Poles know

about it soon afterward. It told the people of Rumania about the trainloads of Rumanian grain which were rolling eastward into Russia while they were tightening hungry belts.—The Watchman-Examiner.

● The Salvation Army has been extending its field of relief operations into rural United States areas (known as "no-corps territory") by means of Rural Service Units which operate through local committees organized to advise on individual cases and channel the army's efforts to points of greatest need. In connection with the program, rural Gospel units have been set up to travel by trailer from place to place and conduct indoor and outdoor meetings. It is not uncommon to see Salvation Army teams conducting meetings on the street corners of country towns on Saturday evenings, when most farmers come to town.—Christian Century.

● During 1950 a total of 169,430 immigrants entered Israel, making a total of 510,399 since the establishment of the State. Forty-five percent hailed from Eastern Europe, 34.5 percent from Asia (including the Yemen), 15.3 percent from Africa. The largest number of immigrants, 47,000, came from Rumania. The second place was occupied by Iraq with 31,500, followed by Poland with 25,000. Taking figures from May 1945 to September 1950, Israel with 533,000 absorbed 76.14 percent of Jewish immigrants, the United States with 115,000 absorbed 16.43 percent, and was followed by Canada (23,000), Latin America (17,000), and Australia (12,000).—Prophecy Monthly.

● A total of 21,000,000 Bibles and New Testaments have been placed in hotels and other public places by Gideons International, delegates to the 52nd annual convention of the non-denominational Christian businessmen's organization were told recently in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. It was reported that placements have been made in jails, hospitals, doctors' offices, banks, firehouses, railroad club cars, airliners, ships, the US Congress and the White House. Nearly all of the organization's Bible distribution work is done on a volunteer basis by its 16,000 members in this country and abroad. Gideon "camps" in fifty-eight countries have distributed 1,314,000 Bibles and Scripture portions outside the United States.—United Evangelical Action.

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Editorial

The Benke Memorial Chapel

YOU CAN NEVER THINK of the late Rev. Fred W. Benke and not be vividly reminded of the Good Shepherd, roaming over the wooded hills in search of a lost sheep. He had a true missionary passion. He was really happy only when he was helping somebody and introducing them to the Lord Jesus Christ.

Brother Benke could have spared himself and probably have added a few years to his life. But this would have been so unlike him, for he never thought of his own health or physical strength if the Lord Jesus Christ could only be magnified. In his early days of youth he wanted to go as a missionary to India, but God had planned otherwise for him. A far greater work awaited him in teaching the classes on missions at the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton, Alberta, and in serving as the Christian friend of the Indians.

The Indians of Canada were his greatest love. For many years as pastor of our church in Wetaskiwin, Alberta, he made the acquaintance of the Cree Indians on nearby reserves, won their confidence and friendship, helped to bury their dead and to dedicate the children. With his own money he had a small Cree hymnal published. Over a period of many years he kept every promise that he ever made with the Indians. He was "God's man" in their eyes until the glory of Christian saintliness could be seen in his countenance and ministry.

The crowning joy of his life was the Sunday in June 1949 when ten Indian converts were baptized on the Montana Reservation. He was happy to know that Mr. Reinhard Neuman was following in his footsteps as a missionary to the Indians. He believed fervently that this mission work was by God's ordination and with his seal of approval. But he could hardly have foreseen the harvests of blessings which have been garnered since his untimely death in February 1950.

The Indians are rejoicing over the announcement that the General Missionary Society will build a new chapel on the Bull Reserve and that it will be named the Benke Memorial Chapel. It will cost approximately \$10,000 providing a worshipful chapel and living quarters for a missionary couple or family.

The many friends of Brother Benke have been equally overjoyed over this announcement. The Northern Conference churches in Canada under the supervision of the Reverends William Sturhahn and Rudolph Milbrandt, mission secretaries, have contributed generously to the memorial chapel. It was announced at the Northern Conference sessions in Winnipeg recently that the offerings at the conference sessions and by several churches for this purpose had amounted to \$3522.77. Since then the special contributions of the Northern Conference churches for the Benke Memorial Chapel have now totaled more than \$5000.00.

With the proposed chapel on the reserve and missionaries appointed for the field besides one of our young women, Miss Bernice Stober, serving as the teacher in the school, the Bull Reserve has become our second important mission field among the Cree Indians of Alberta. The Benke Memorial Chapel among these Indians will always serve to remind us that only with a missionary passion to make Christ known can we truly walk in the footsteps of the Master!

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The Christ-like Life of Service

The stirring Sunday morning sermon preached at the Laymen's Conference
at Green Lake, Wisconsin, on July 29, 1951

By the REV. FRED FERRIS of Lorraine, Kansas

THE TRAGEDY of the world today is that so many people say, "Lord! Lord!", who know not the Lord Jesus. The tragedy of Christendom today is so many believers saying, "Lord! Lord!", who DO NOTHING for the Lord Jesus. One cannot read the Scriptures without coming to deep conviction that Jesus looked upon the profession of faith as the beginning of a changed life. His words made plain his concept of this changed life. It will be a life of service for others. "Why call ye me Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?"

LESSON OF SERVICE

Scripture puts much emphasis upon deeds. God summarizes the life of his Son with these brief words, "who went about doing good." Paul's life

saving grace was trumpeted to the ends of the earth.

We lack that spirit today. Our Christianity is a dull, deviated sort of thing. It pacifies us, but seldom gets beyond us. Our profession of faith hasn't changed us a great deal. Our service consists primarily in attending church if we feel inclined; in giving if the cause seems worthy; nothing much beyond that. We need to grasp something as yet not grasped; to see something as yet unseen. We need to experience something as yet not experienced, if we are ever to live a life that manifests the spirit of our Lord. Orthodoxy consists not so much in being able to say the words of the Book, but in believing and doing them.

Paul, in writing to the Corinthian Church, records for us motives for Christian service. When these truths

to you? How close does it get to your own case? We know Jesus taught it, and Paul writes of it, but just how real is it to you?

A minister once remarked to a member of his church, a cobbler by trade: "I marvel that you give yourself so faithfully to such a humble task." The cobbler replied: "It is not a humble task; it is a holy task. Some day Christ will hold up my work to examine it to see what kind of shoes I made, just as he will hold up your work to see what kind of sermons you produced."

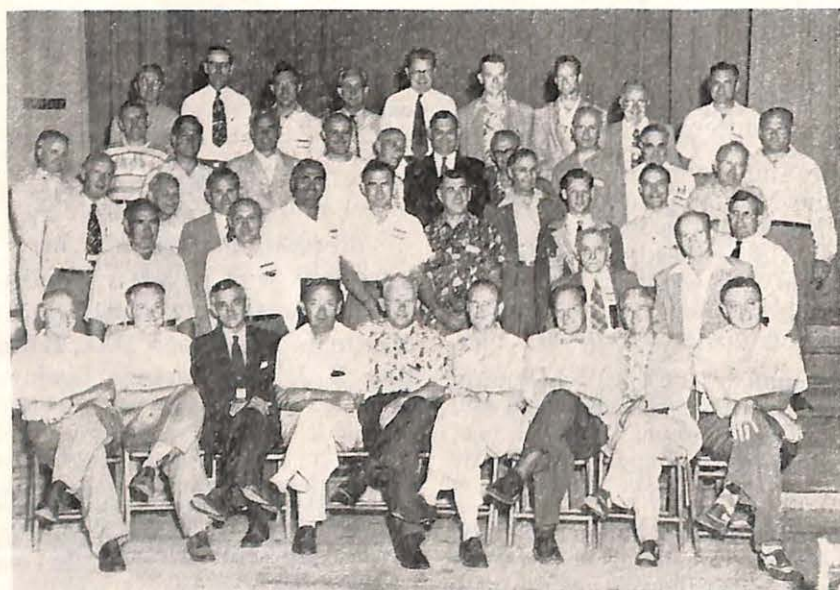
What a solemn thought that is! Everything we say, everything we do, is to be examined by the Lord in that day. One needs only to recall the anxiety of examination days in school to realize the importance of that day when we stand in judgment before the Lord. Will he approve your present behavior, attitudes, desires? Is your prayer life all it ought to be? What about your efforts to reach others? Will it pass the test in that day?

The curse of the church today is the lethargy and indifference that marks the average church member. Paul had a burdened heart, knowing he must one day stand to give an account. He worked to that end, and was able to say: "I am free from the blood of all men." O my friends, let us clean our record. Let us clean our hands of the blood of men, for the hour approaches when we shall stand in judgment.

TERROR OF THE LORD

The second great factor motivating to service is the terror of the Lord. "Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord we persuade men." This is a forgotten note in much of the preaching of today. Scripture declares: "It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of an angry God." "The wicked shall be turned into hell." As Paul thought of Christians having to answer to God in judgment he also thought of the lost at the Great White Throne. The impact of this truth drove Paul relentlessly night and day, on land and sea; in sickness and in health; in favorable conditions and unfavorable to help others. He left his home, his loved ones and became the offscouring of

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North American Baptist Laymen in attendance at the Laymen's Conference at Green Lake, Wis., who with their families heard the sermon by the Rev. Fred Ferris of Lorraine, Kansas.

is captured in the words, "Paul, a servant." The disciples must have been amazed that Christ expected them to serve, for they learned their lesson well and gave their lives in unstinting service for all mankind. The early Christians took up the banner of the cross. They were stoned; they were sown asunder; they were tempted and were slain with the sword; they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented. But the message of God's

take hold upon our soul and become deep seated convictions, our lives will in turn be given in sacrificial service for others.

JUDGMENT OF OUR WORKS

The first of these truths is this: the judgment of our works. "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad." Just how real is this

Divided Opinions About Jesus

God grant that we might always have an open mind for the divine truth
as it is revealed in the Person and teachings of our Savior!

An Exposition of John 7:25-52 by DR. JOHN LEYPOLDT

WHILE JESUS WAS attending the Feast of the Tabernacles and teaching in the temple, some of the inhabitants of Jerusalem said: "It not this the man they are wanting to kill? And look! he is speaking boldly and they are saying nothing to him. Can it possibly be that the rulers have really discovered that he is the Christ?"

Some of the people in Jerusalem were more aware of the murderous designs of the religious leaders than were the Galileans. They were therefore surprised that Jesus was now speaking in public and no one was interfering. Could it be that the rulers had actually discovered that Jesus was the Messiah? But immediately they reminded themselves that they knew who he was and from where he came. How could he be the Christ? When the Messiah comes, no one will know from where he comes.

SUPERNATURAL ORIGIN

The Jews knew that Jesus came from the home of Mary and Joseph in Nazareth. Although the Scriptures speak of the Messiah coming from the seed of David and from the town of Bethlehem (John 7:42), it says nothing of his immediate parents. His origin and manifestation were to be supernatural. It seems there was a current belief that the immediate parents of the Messiah would be unknown. This belief may have arisen from a passage like Isaiah 9:6.

But Jesus answered them: "Yes, you know me, and you know where I am from. But of my higher origin you know nothing." They knew his parentage, but they didn't know his heavenly Father who sent him on a unique mission. Jesus knew his Father, because he came from above (Matt. 11:27). The Master's words about his origin, knowledge and mission increased the deadly animosity of the members of the Sanhedrin but they were afraid of the people and therefore hesitated to arrest him. A higher power restrained them. The hour appointed by God for his passion had not yet come.

While the religious leaders were violently opposed to Jesus, the crowd was friendly toward him and many believed on him, saying: "When the Christ comes, will he perform more signs than his teacher has per-

WHAT THINK YE OF CHRIST?

YOUTH: Too happy to think. Plenty of time left yet.

MANHOOD: Too busy to think. Seeking more gold.

PRIME OF LIFE: Too anxious to think. Worry has taken over.

DECLINING YEARS: Too old to think. Life wasted, old hearts harder to get.

DYING BED: Too ill to think. Weak now, and suffering alone.

DEATH: Too late to think. The spirit has flown. Opportunity is lost now!

ETERNITY: For ever to think. God's mercy is past; into hell I am forever cast, for ever to weep my doom!

formed?" (In Jerusalem and Galilee.)

For them the Messiah had come. He was in their midst. This new following aggravated the situation. The Pharisees heard the crowd muttering these things about Jesus. They were becoming desperate, and so the Pharisees combined with the Sadducees and sent officers to arrest him.

MANY QUESTIONS

Jesus said to the Jews: "I shall be with you a little longer, and then I go to him who sent me. You will seek me and you will not find me. Where I am, you cannot come." Jesus is reminded by the animosity of the religious leaders that his end is near and that then he will return to the One who sent him. They will kill him in their unbelief but he will go to the Father. Later they will seek his help but will not find him. Because of their unbelief they cannot come to the place where he is (John 14:3).

When the Jews heard these words of Jesus, they said to one another: "Where does this fellow intend to go, so that we shall not find him? He is not intending to go to the Dispersion among the Greeks and to teach the Greeks, is he?" By the Dispersion was meant those Jews who were living among the Gentiles outside of Palestine. (See James 1:1 and 1 Peter 1:1.)

The Jews sarcastically said: "Is he going to the Jews in other parts of

the Roman Empire and win them for his teaching and through them the Greeks round about them?" What was said in sarcasm later became a glorious reality through the ministry of the apostles.

On the last day of the festival, "the great day," which was not the seventh but the eighth day, according to Leviticus 23:36 and Neh. 8:18, a day of special sacredness, when the people left their booths and went to the temple, Jesus cried: "Whoever is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. He who believes in me, from within him—as the Scripture has said—rivers of living water shall flow."

It was a custom during the seven days of the feast for a priest daily to bring water in a golden vessel from the Pool of Siloam to the temple and to pour it out upon the altar. This was probably symbolic of the water that proceeded from the rock in the wilderness. Jesus compares himself with the rock in the desert (Ex. 17:6; 1 Cor. 10:4).

LIVING WATER

Because Christ is our rock, spiritual water flows from him. Thirsty is a picture of our spiritual needs (Matt. 5:6). Christ alone satisfies all our spiritual needs. We must only come and believe on him. "As the Scripture has said," may have reference to Exodus 17:6 and Numbers 20:11 which may have been read at the Feast. As the water flowed forth from the rock, so spiritual water comes forth from Christ. As we drink from him, we, in turn, become fountains of spiritual blessing, sending forth streams of holy influence.

John explains that Jesus referred to the Spirit whom they should receive. The Spirit however, was not yet given, because Jesus had not yet been glorified. Not until after Jesus' resurrection and glorification on Pentecost and thenceforward would the believers produce rivers of living water. Think of the results on Pentecost Day!

After listening to his words some of the crowd began to say: "This is beyond doubt the Prophet" (Deut. 18:15, 18). Others said: "He is the Christ." But others again: "Not so; is the Christ to come from Galilee? Has not the Scripture declared that

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Two Warwar men at the Christmas celebration held by our missionaries at the Bansa Baptist Hospital in the Cameroons.

Africa's "Big Men" See the Light

"Yes, I will follow Jesus. I believe it will not be easy at first, but I see power in the lives of people who really follow Jesus."

By MISS LAURA E. REDDIG,
Cameroons Missionary

WHILE VISITING Koffa on this last trek, a meeting was held with several chiefs and many native quarterheads attending. Before going into the business of school problems, the message of salvation in Jesus Christ was brought to them. "Would any of you like to leave your old ways and follow the way of Jesus?"

The chief of Bang, a little wisened man with a dirty cap on his head, stood up. "I am going to follow Jesus. I am tired of my old way. I will no longer make ju-ju or ngambi or medicines. If Bang people want this, they will have to find someone else to do it for them."

A big medicine man, also serving as a quarterhead of Malla, a nearby village, got up. "I have heard much about Jesus from others. Now I want to stop my old ways and learn to know him."

A quarterhead of Koffa said: "Yes, I will follow Jesus. I believe it will not be easy at first, but I see power in lives of people who really follow Jesus."

The meeting which followed the simple prayers, was a success. The Bang chief who usually disagreed with others, was the leader in planning for community improvement. This all sounded good. But just how much of this do they really mean?

TEACHER'S LETTER

Two weeks later a letter came from the teacher of the Koffa School. "I am pleased to let you know that those three big men who said they would follow Jesus are still holding very

firm. On Thursday I went to Bang and met the Bang people in the native drinking house. I heard much noise inside, and when I reached the door, there was the Bang chief in the center of all the people. He was talking openly and clearly that he was now a follower of Jesus.

"The people told him, 'if you say you are for Jesus, we will give you no wine.' The Bang chief replied: 'I have better wine in heaven for me and, even now, Jesus is giving me something much better.' As soon as he finished talking he left them and went to work on his farm. It was wonderful to see how God had changed that chief. Never before would he absent himself from the drinking house.

"On Friday I took the other teachers to the quarter of Tanji. We had prayer with him on his farm and then in his house. I brought them a Bible story of Jesus helping people. The old mother of Tanji was lying sick beside the fire. She asked whether she can also accept Christ as she was very old. I told her that Christ wants everyone, young and old to follow him, and he would accept all who come to him. Tanji's wife also said she wanted to follow Jesus.

"I read from John 14:1-7, and when I read this, Tanji gave a shout for joy, and said he thanked God that he could hear about Jesus. When we were leaving that place, the old mother asked me the name of the One who would help her. 'Jesus!' She said she wanted to remember it at night when sleeping.

"I also asked about the man from

Malla. He goes to church regularly, and brings his wife along. Though he is a famous medicine man for all of the Mfume and Mbembe areas, he was leaving that all. Eight people who brought goats and chickens to him with requests that he cure their diseases were sent away. He was now following Jesus. We must pray that more of these big people will follow Jesus. I have had great joy in seeing what God did to these people."

THE CHRISTIAN WAY

At Nkot's meeting, all twenty-four of the people present said they wanted to be Christians. "But ma, we all have two wives, and we cannot join the church." Three men said they only had one wife, and that they wanted to become Christians. The chiefs with their several wives all said that they had seen that the Christian way of life is really different from other ways. "We have learned many fine things and are living in a better way now."

At Ntong, five of the "big men" listened carefully as the plan of salvation was explained to them. Three of these men said they were ready to leave their old way and follow Jesus. "I know other people will laugh at me, but I have no peace now in my life," said one of them. In the closing prayer, all three called on the name of Jesus.

Returning to Mbem, I heard of a medicine man who is now attending church. He had said a girl would surely die. But the girl was brought to the dispensary at the mission and

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Presenting a Missionary Family

The life-story of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Holzimmer of Detroit, Mich., our most recently appointed missionaries for the Cameroons, Africa

By the REV. RICHARD SCHILKE, General Missionary Secretary

TO Fred and Dorothy Holzimmer the news that their application for missionary service to the Cameroons had received favorable consideration by the General Missionary Committee in its annual session and that their appointment had been approved was good news, indeed! Their decision to give themselves to the Lord as missionaries had been reached after much prayer and heart-searching, and their determination to prepare themselves for this service could not be swayed in the face of many difficulties and obstacles. Thus, to them their appointment came in answer to their prayers and to the marvelous leading of God in their lives.

FRED'S RADIANT WITNESS

Fred Holzimmer was born on February 13, 1919 in Detroit, Mich., the youngest of five children. When he was two years of age, his parents embraced the living faith of Christ and became members of the Burns Avenue Baptist Church in Detroit. He has thus been privileged with the background of a religious home, devout parents and a wholesome Christian upbringing. The influence of home and church led him to a personal knowledge and acceptance of Christ as his Savior at the early age of twelve.

He found his first Christian activity in the choir of his church, singing the glories of God. During the years that followed he was called upon to serve his God in various capacities and various offices: as president of the young people's society, as Sunday School teacher, as a member of the "Echoes of Heaven Quartet" (a radio ministry of Burns Avenue Church), as a member of the executive committee of the Detroit Baptist Union and of the "Voice of Christian Youth." He was also elected to the office of treasurer and then president of the Great Lakes Baptist Assembly. During the latter term of office he entered the Armed Forces of the United States.

For almost four years Fred Holzimmer was stationed at Edmonton, Alberta, Canada serving his country. Among his buddies he was known as a sincere Christian. Chaplains often called on him to assist them. For one year he was president of the Christian

Servicemen's League. At Central Baptist Church of Edmonton he was regularly seen among the young people and in the choir of the church. The writer, being pastor of the church during those years, greatly appreciated his service and learned to know Fred as one upon whom we could depend.

DOROTHY HOLZIMMER

In August 1944, while still in the Armed Forces he went back to his home church and married Dorothy Nienhuis whom he brought with him to live at Edmonton. In Edmonton their first child, Juanita Joy, was born bringing great joy to the hearts of the proud parents.

it was difficult to obtain work in her home town. She thus went to Detroit where she became a member of the Burns Avenue Baptist Church and where she also met Fred. Her engagement to him changed her plans somewhat for the time being, since Fred at that time felt that his work was at home.

MISSIONARY PREPARATION

After release from the Armed Forces of the United States, the family made its home in Detroit and again became very active in the home church. Fred soon became chairman of the mission committee of his church. It was while in this special service for his Lord that the hand of



Rev. and Mrs. Fred Holzimmer and their two children of Detroit, Mich., who have arrived in the Cameroons of Africa, for the beginning of their missionary service.

Mrs. Holzimmer was born on November 11, 1921 at Holland, Michigan. The influence of her Christian home, her Sunday School and church brought her to an early realization of her need of Christ as Savior. At the age of thirteen she made the great decision and accepted Christ. She lived and testified for her Lord and Master in church and in school.

As time went on she became burdened with the need of missions and the Lord laid his hand upon her that she might prepare herself for missions. However, times were hard, and

God was laid upon him. At a missionary conference in his church in the Spring of 1948, the call of the Lord for full-time missionary service came clearly and distinctly to him. Both Fred and Dorothy dedicated themselves for full-time service for the Lord. The decision was not an easy one to make. Preparation was necessary and the responsibilities toward the family had grown. Their answer to God's call was a step of faith that he would also provide and see them through.

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I Walked Where Jesus Walked

The second of a series of two articles about a memorable pilgrimage to the Holy Land over Easter Sunday of 1951

By MRS. EVA GOODEN of Anaheim, California

HARMONIOUS strains of the beautiful song, "Jerusalem, Jerusalem, lift up your voice and sing: Hosanna in the highest; hosanna to your King," rang out from our bus as we all joined in singing the lovely music, as we approached the Holy City, the high point in our trip to the Holy Land. Here we were to stay over Good Friday and Easter Sunday. The capital city of over 100,000 population is a modern metropolis, similar to those in our own country with one distinct difference—it was impossible for us to read any of the street signs since they were all written in Hebrew!

The immense and beautiful YMCA building was our headquarters for most of our meetings and meals. The YMCA was donated by a well-to-do American and was built about twenty-five years ago. It is four stories high, has a four manual pipe organ and a 150 foot high tower with a set of tremendously large bells near the top which are played on an instrument that looks like an organ.

GOOD FRIDAY

On Good Friday morning I arose before dawn in order to go to the roof of our hotel to take sunrise pictures. It was a very impressive sight about 4:30 in the morning as I gazed in every direction looking over the city. As I looked about and listened to the awakening city, I thought, too, of that Good Friday so long ago. The light colored buildings against the dark blue sky proved to me that the pictures so well known of Jerusalem were actually real scenes.

That day we toured through the main parts of the city and surrounding area, stopping at both the ancient and modern landmarks. From one of the heavily bombed buildings we were able to look over three miles distant to Bethlehem but were unable to go there and into the old city because it was in restricted territory. We climbed Mt. Zion where we entered the Upper Room and saw where the Last Supper was held. We had a short moment of silent devotion, because we were not permitted to hold a public service. We could see the Garden of Gethsemane in the distance—a group of trees clustered around a Russian three-turreted mosque.

David's Tomb was one of the shrines we saw, and many of the Jewish people go there daily to recite their prayers from the little books on the table just outside the barred enclosure. The ruins of the old city wall were plainly visible and are still in remarkable condition considering the fact that they were finished by the Turks over four hundred years ago in 1530.

When we returned to the YMCA that afternoon, a number of us saw the city from the Y tower where we took pictures of the various points of interest. We saw the American Embassy, the United Nations building in the distance, the various quarters of settlements of the different nationalities from Europe, as well as the University, the Hospital, and also the famous King David Hotel just across the street which was bombed during the recent war, ruining one wing of this finest hotel in Jerusalem and killing several Americans. Near the city wall we saw the Valley of Gehenna, broad and deep.

Good Friday evening was spent in a communion service conducted by some of the leaders of our tour group. It was a most impressive experience since it was held in the Holy City, and the quietness and beauty of the service were enhanced by the light of only four candles during this momentous hour as we worshiped together.

Two other points of interest near Jerusalem were the Valley of the Tree where a church stands to commemorate the spot where the tree came from that was used for the cross of Christ, and the village of Karim where a church honoring the birthplace of John the Baptist is located. Most of these religious shrines have been placed there by the Catholic Church, others by Jews and still others by Mohammedans. The State of Israel has agreed to protect the shrines of all religions within its borders.

CITY OF BEERSHEBA

Beersheba, the old Biblical town mentioned in Genesis 21:31, is nearly a hundred miles from Jerusalem, going the long way around as we were required to go, since the direct route is in restricted territory administered by Jordan. Only a few years ago most

of this area was entirely desert but already there is a great deal of irrigation and pipes have been laid for miles and many more are going to be laid throughout the new state. Already the desert is blooming like the rose. The soil is rich and grows four crops of alfalfa in a year. All this land belongs to the government and was bought from the Arabs, as stated by our guide.

We followed the road near the sea and a short distance from the road was Gaza built right near the site of the ancient city of the same name. A few yards away from us was the borderline of Egypt. In Judges 16:3, referring to Gaza, is related the fact that Samson took hold of the doors of the city gate and the two gateposts, pulled them up, and putting them on his shoulders, carried them to the top of the hill that faces Hebron.

As we approached Beersheba we saw many camels and sheep with Arab shepherds in their flowing garments and typical white headdresses. The Bedouin Arabs had their huge, long tents pitched in a camp site only a few hundred feet from the road. They are a nomadic Arabic people of very pure Semitic stock, organized by tribes, whose migrations are undertaken periodically in search of water and pasture.

BAPTISTS IN BEERSHEBA

Genesis 21:27 refers to Beersheba, meaning "the well of the oath," because it was there that Abraham and Abimelech took their oath. We were reminded that Abraham gave bread and water to Hagar and sent her and her son away and she wandered about in the desert south of Beersheba. Today there are about 10,000 inhabitants and there is also a small nucleus of Christians who number twenty.

This area is being served at present by Baptist missionaries sent out from Jerusalem to organize a little group of Christian friends into a church in this rapidly growing city. A large ceramic and glass establishment will be built in Beersheba, and it is estimated that the population will be 50,000 by next year. Three missionaries who were in Beersheba have returned to America and until further replacements are sent, one of the young Hebrew Christians from Jeru-

salem, who had only part of his missionary training, will carry on.

Returning to Jerusalem we passed some areas where some of the heaviest fighting of the war took place, where complete towns were demolished. One of the forts which we saw was so full of bullet holes that it reminded us of Swiss cheese. One of these villages was in the same area as the town of Gat mentioned in 1 Samuel 17 as the home of Goliath. Many of these areas are now entirely new settlements where a year ago there was not a single dwelling. There are six characteristic types of rural settlements: (1) communal collective, (2) workers' cooperatives, (3) non-communal collective, (4) cooperative villages, (5) villages in which land is private owned, and (6) immigrant settlements, where newcomers are housed in tents, then in temporary encampments, and finally in government project work centers. We saw all of these types of new settlements.

In Jerusalem we found certain sections restricted and enclosed with barbed wire because they were in military areas. We discovered that they were serious about such restrictions and we had a healthy respect for their orders. One of the drivers of our station wagon did not move on promptly when he was told to do so and as a result there is a bullet which just missed his ear but landed in the door frame of his car, just behind his head!

Another instance of military restriction which we encountered was when we viewed Bethlehem from the distance and were not permitted to take any pictures of it, even three miles

away, for on the top of the building next to us from which we viewed was a guard who had his rifle pointed directly at us. We found, too, that when we viewed some of the distant views from one of the ruins of the Notre Dame Church in Jerusalem that we had to leave our cameras on the ground floor with the army guards while we climbed the bombed-out four-story building on the four tall ladders which were set in place of the completely shattered stairways, now only stair wells.

However, it was worth the effort for from here we could get a much closer view of the Garden of Gethsemane, containing many olive and cypress trees, where the disciples fell asleep and Judas betrayed Jesus with a kiss, as related in Matthew 26.

EASTER SUNDAY

Easter Sunday morning was cloudy, but we arose early to go to the sunrise service at the St. Andrews Church of Scotland whose members are largely Arab Christians. Although we met outside, it soon rained and we were forced to finish the meeting inside the church. The regular morning service which was attended by some of our tour party was at the Christian Missionary Alliance which meets in the basement of a church on the Street of the Prophets in Jerusalem.

The church building is restricted against use until the ceiling is repaired, since there is danger of the loose plaster falling on the heads of the worshippers. The Christian Missionary Alliance is the headquarters for Bibles and Testaments in many translations which are distributed to

Israel's newcomers from nearly every country and nationality.

A small Baptist church is located in Jerusalem, and with the generous assistance of two guides, it was possible for me to see the little church and to meet the pastor and his family who are fine people from Oklahoma, and have been located in this place for the past three years. He told me that although a bomb struck the ground in the backyard, no damage was done either to his dwelling or to his church other than that some of the windows were broken and had to be replaced. The church has a seating capacity of about sixty, and although the group is small, they do have a congregation of faithful Christians who meet regularly.

Late on Easter Sunday afternoon we went to an organ concert by the leader of our group who favored us with a fine program on the four-manual organ in the YMCA in Jerusalem. That evening a meeting was held and the final program was a concert of recordings in the main lobby where Easter music was presented, concluding with excerpts from Handel's "Messiah," particularly the glorious "Hallelujah Chorus" "And He shall reign forever and EVER!"

What a wonderful week of rich experiences it was! It was so worthwhile to see all the places mentioned in Biblical history and to get a much better understanding of their geographical relationships and, above all, to have had the privilege of walking in the very streets where our Lord Jesus Christ walked when he was in the Holy Land.



The Wailing Wall is a familiar sight in the old historical section of Jerusalem as orthodox Jews lament over the tribulations that have befallen their people and seek blindly for the fulfillment of their prophets' words.

Good News from Our Seminary

Reports About the Appointment of a New Professor, Purchase of Apartments and Adventures of the Seminary Quartet

New Faculty Member and Apartment Houses for Our Seminary at Sioux Falls

More good news can be reported from the North American Baptist Seminary of Sioux Falls, South Dakota. As we prepare to open the Fall semester, we are encouraged by God's continued blessings showered upon us. Apartment houses for married students have been purchased and our faculty has been enlarged and strengthened.

Pictures of the apartment houses which we purchased accompany this report. The house at 1225 South Covell Avenue has four apartments. Each of the two upstairs apartments have three rooms and bath. The two downstairs apartments have four rooms and bath.

The house at 616 West 12th Street has three apartments—two upstairs and one downstairs. The two upstairs apartments have two rooms and kitchenette, with the bathroom being shared. The downstairs apartment has three rooms and bath. About half of the apartments were ready for married students by the first of September.

The Board of Trustees extended a call to Dr. George A. Dunger, former Librarian and Professor of Missions at our Seminary. Dr. Dunger has accepted the call and expects to assume his duties at the Seminary about the last of September. Dr. Dunger received his Ph.D. degree in anthropology at the Kennedy School of Missions of the Hartford Seminary Foundation at Hartford, Connecticut. Our strengthened by Dr. Dunger.

George A. Lang, President.

CHANGES IN SCHEDULE CONFERENCES ON EVANGELISM

Oct. 5 (Friday)—Detroit, Mich.
Oct. 9 (Tuesday) — Spokane, Wash. (Not at Colfax).
Oct. 11 (Thursday) — Beaver Church, Michigan.
Oct. 18-19—Plevna, Montana.

privilege to herald forth God's praises from day to day during the past summer months. Our tour brought us through the western half of our denominational work where we visited approximately 120 churches, comprising a total of four conferences.

Besides our regular concerts every evening, it was our joyous opportunity to make several calls on shut-ins and aged folk. Included in these visits were our Homes for the Aged at Bismarck, N. Dak.; Medicine Hat, Alta.;



The apartment houses for married students at the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., with the house at 1225 S. Covell Ave., at the left and the house at 616 W. 12th Street, at the right.

Adventures and Appreciation of the King's Stewards Quartet of Our Seminary

"Sing unto the Lord, bless his name; show forth his salvation from day to day." Psalm 96:2.

As the King's Stewards Quartet of the North American Baptist Seminary of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., it has been our

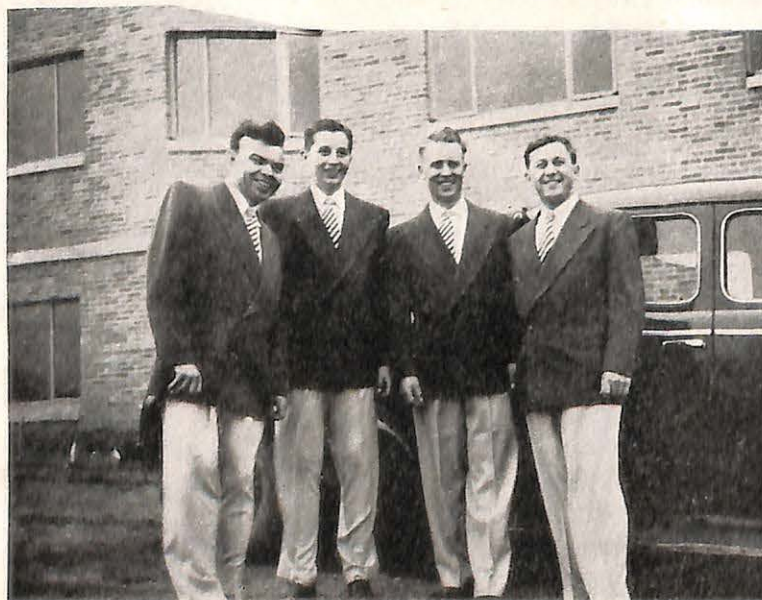
and Portland, Oregon. As a quartet we feel that the Lord has blessed us especially in these moments which stand out as some of the high lights of our tour.

In this type of work one always appreciates moments of relaxation and spiritual refreshing. For this reason we looked forward to attending our Northern Conference at Winnipeg, Manitoba, and also several of our youth camps. Among those in which we participated were the Central Dakota Assembly at Jamestown, N. Dak.; the Saskatchewan Tri-Union Assembly at Echo Lake, Sask.; and the Oregon Baptist League Assembly at Suttle Lake, Oregon.

We will long remember and cherish the experiences which have been ours in meeting many people of our denomination and in becoming better acquainted with the great task which is ours as North American Baptists. Our heartfelt thanks go out to the churches and pastors who so graciously received us and supported our efforts spiritually as well as materially. Your response, particularly in regards to the recordings (a new venture on the part of our Seminary quartets) was indeed gratifying.

Above all, we are thankful to God for his guiding hand which brought us safely over the 15,000 mile tour. To HIM be all honor and glory for the blessings received and for the success of this venture!

The King's Steward Quartet.



The King's Stewards Quartet of the North American Baptist Seminary of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., in front of their car and seminary building just before the start of their summer tour.

THE CHRIST-LIKE LIFE OF SERVICE

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the earth in order to persuade men for Christ.

God's record is that Paul "warned every man night and day . . . in humility and tears." Paul was driven night and day with a broken heart. That is what God is telling us. Hear me, brethren, the primary thing in Christian service is not what we know or what we say, but what we feel toward sinners. When we get broken hearts in our pulpits and in our pews, we are going to see sinners coming to Christ in our churches.

I'm caused to wonder who there is who really cares if a sinner goes to hell. Who is there who cares enough to sacrifice his name, comforts of life, to become nothing if need be? I know God the Father cares. I know Jesus Christ the Son cares, and the Holy Spirit cares. But do you? Tell me, do you care? Must the world go on saying, "No man careth for my soul"?

CONSTRAINING LOVE

The third motivating factor is stated in those words of Paul: "The love of Christ constrains me." One sees so little of genuine Christian love these days. We worship without love; we give without love; we pray without love; and we criticize without love. We preachers, altogether too often, enter our pulpits to minister to souls in need, and our own hearts are barren of love. Such a ministry is not worthy of the name of Christ.

It was this same love for souls that made Philip cross the desert place to help a soul in need. Deserts are never easy to cross. Spiritual deserts are infinitely worse. Between you and the soul in need may be the desert of ridicule, of insult and abuse. Are you reluctant to cross that desert? Can you joyfully suffer, take every abuse, every blow that unkind, ungodly people proffer, if only you may reach them for Christ?

Have you crossed your desert? Only the overwhelming, all-consuming love of Christ will enable you to do it.

That same love has compelled others to suffer, to endure, to bury themselves in the dregs of humanity for the glory of Christ. The redemption of souls has never been easy. It cost our Lord his life on Calvary's Cross. This we know, it was not the nails that held him there, but his love for the souls of men.

The father of two wayward daughters asked a friend to pray with him for the salvation of his girls. Fervently he prayed for their redemption whatever the cost, even if it meant the blotting out of his own life if need be. Later that day while driving to Kansas City with his friend, there was a serious collision, and in a

moment of time that father was taken from this world. But it was not without purpose. God was answering the soul winner's prayer, for at their daddy's funeral, those two wayward girls found their daddy's Savior.

The world stands in need today of the kind of service which only the Christian can render. We can launch programs, discuss methods, and pledge our loyalty most readily, but unless our service stems from a conviction of personal obligation and responsibility for which we must someday answer, those methods and programs will fail. Unless our service is motivated by the compulsion of compassion for souls already lost in sin, a compassion which is born in the heart of God, that service will be barren and lifeless. God grant us as pastors and laymen alike rich understanding of these abiding truths, and by his Spirit we shall be motivated to Christ-like lives of service in his Name.

DIVIDED OPINIONS

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the Christ is to come of the family of David (Psalm 89:3-4) and from Bethlehem, David's village?" (Micah 5:2.) The people were divided in their opinion about him. Some were for him; others against him. Some of the citizens of Jerusalem were ready to seize him but they were restrained in some way, probably because the majority of the people were for Jesus.

Meanwhile, the officers returned to the high priests and Pharisees, and they asked them: "Why have you not brought him?" The officers answered: "Never yet did a man speak like this man." The officers were sent to arrest Jesus. But he arrested them by his matchless words. Christ overawed them by the majesty and power of his words. Augustine said: "His life is lightning; his words thunder."

But the Pharisees, jealous of their orthodoxy and envious of Jesus were greatly disappointed in the officers for not having seized the Master and said: "Surely, you too have not been led astray, have you? Not one of the rulers has believed on him, has he? nor one of the Pharisees? As for this mob, who do not understand the law, they are accursed!" The proud Pharisees looked with contempt upon the people who were not so familiar with the law as they were. They practically pronounced a curse upon those who adhered to Jesus.

But there was one of their number who would not remain silent. He would not consent to the condemnation of Jesus without a fair trial. It was Nicodemus, the Pharisee, who had formerly visited Jesus, who said to the Pharisees: "Our law does not

condemn the accused, does it, before hearing his defense and finding out what he is doing?" Their words imply that Nicodemus' statement seemed absurd. In their rage they apparently forgot that Jonah came from Galilee. They must have also forgotten Isaiah 9:1-2. (See Matt. 4:15-16.)

OPEN MINDS

The religious leaders had a closed mind. Many of the people however had an open mind. Therefore "many believed on him" (John 7:31). Even Christ could not do anything for a person with a closed mind. Because the Pharisees had such a mind, they were in danger of committing the sin against the Holy Spirit. (See Matt. 12:22-32.)

God grant that we might always have an open mind for the divine truth as it is revealed in the Person and teaching of our Savior!

AFRICA'S BIG MEN

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got well. "I cannot make medicine anymore. People will say I am a liar. I have seen God has real power and is helping those who trust him."

The old woman was recovering from another severe illness. "Yes, I believe in Jesus. I have believed in him for a long time, but I am afraid to tell others." Now it is over two years since she first believed. Would she come out now and let others hear of her faith in Jesus? If she would lead the way, other older women would follow her.

"You have given me a dress to wear, and I have come to church. But I see that the dress didn't change me. Jesus can do that for me. I will be coming regularly now to the Inquirers' Class." The grey hair was clean and shining, and the light in her eyes revealed a deep joy within. If this woman really were touched by God, she would lead many other older women to Christ.

"WONDERFUL THINGS"

It is not easy for older people to break away from their old superstitions and beliefs. Being medicine men, gives them a ready and adequate food supply which is their "payment" for their medicine-man services. To give all this up means finding another means of livelihood. That is not easy when one is getting old.

These older people are seeing "wonderful things" because of God's power at work in the lives of these people and his healing power through the mission dispensary. Remember to pray that more of these older people and "big men" might be changed through God's healing power. Pray that the younger people who are now in the churches of Africa, might be "living by the power of God."

WHAT'S HAPPENING

• The Rev. Martin De Boer of Spring-side, Sask., Canada, had the privilege of baptizing eleven young people on Sunday, August 26. Of these ten were united with the Springside Baptist Church and one with the Ebenezer West Baptist Church. Mr. De Boer is the pastor of both churches.

• The Union Baptist Church of Arnold, Pa., has called the Rev. Dale Chaddock of Victor, Iowa, as its pastor. He will begin his ministry in the Arnold Church on Nov. 1st, succeeding the Rev. William D. Ross. Mr. Chaddock has been the pastor of the church in Victor, Iowa, since 1948 in his first pastorate.

• On Thursday, Aug. 16, the pastors and their families of the Central Dakota Association of churches met at the Linton Park of Linton, N. Dak., for their annual retreat. There were nine ministers present in addition to the families. The Rev. and Mrs. A. Huber of Linton were in charge of the gathering. A fine day of fellowship was enjoyed by those in attendance.

• The Rev. Kenneth Nelson of Gatesville, Texas, resigned as pastor of the Bethel Heights Baptist Church of Gatesville on Sunday, Aug. 26 and announced that he had accepted the call of the Baptist Church of North Royalton, Ohio, a suburb of Cleveland. He will begin his pastorate in the Ohio church on Oct. 1st. He has served as minister of the Gatesville church since 1948.

• The Rev. John Kepl of Martin, N. Dak., pastor of the Martin Baptist Church since 1937, was called to his lingering home on August 15 after a Hospital of Minot, N. Dak. The Rev. A. Buhler of Harvey, N. Dak., was in charge of the memorial service and has prepared a beautiful tribute to Brother Kepl which appears as an obituary in this issue.

• A Vacation Bible School was held by the Baptist Church at Onoway, Alberta, during the first two weeks of August. The Rev. and Mrs. John Wahl, Miss Ruth Breitzkreuz and Miss Elsie Adam composed the teaching staff. On Sunday evening, Aug. 12, the closing exercises were held in which the children demonstrated what they had learned so effectively during the school days.

DR. H. VON BERGE'S BIRTHDAY

Dr. H. von Berge of Dayton, Ohio, will observe his 80th birthday on Oct. 5th. He is widely known in our circles as a former General Conference moderator, outstanding pastor and speaker, contributor to denominational publications and programs, and member of many boards and committees. Birthday congratulations can be sent to Dr. von Berge at 1426 Grand Ave., Dayton 7, Ohio.

• The Baptist Church of Edenwold, Sask., Canada, has extended a call to the Rev. Fred Ohlmann of White-mouth, Manitoba, to which he has responded favorably. He will begin his pastorate in Edenwold on Oct. 7th, succeeding the Rev. E. L. Thiesen now of Fenwood, Saskatchewan. Mr. Ohlmann has served the White-mouth church and its mission at Bousejour since 1946.

• The Baptist Church of Buffalo Center, Iowa, has extended a call to the Rev. W. G. Gerthe of Hutchinson, Minn., to which he has responded favorably. He will begin his pastorate in Buffalo Center on Dec. 15, succeeding the Rev. Martin DeBoer, now of Springside, Sask. The Rev. Carl Swyter has been serving the church as interim pastor for the past year. Mr. Gerthe has been minister in Hutchinson, Minn., since 1948.

• The Calvary Baptist Church of Carrington, N. Dak., has extended a call to the Rev. Carl R. Weisser of Killaloe, Ontario. He has given a favorable response to the call, and hopes to begin his pastorate in Carrington on Oct. 1st, succeeding the Rev. Wilmer Quiring, now pastor of the Bethany Church, Milwaukee, Wis. Mr. Weisser has served as pastor of the Calvary Church of Killaloe and of the First Baptist churches of Hagerty Township in Ontario since 1942.

• The Rev. Edgar W. Klatt of the Riverview Baptist Church, St. Paul, Minn., has announced that Bethel Seminary of St. Paul has conferred the Bachelor of Divinity degree upon him, following his special studies at the school and the writing of the thesis, "Programs for Young People in the Field of Religious Education." Mr. Klatt

also received his Master of Arts degree from Wesley College, Grand Forks, N. Dak., last Spring. Wesley College is affiliated with the University of North Dakota.

• The Emery Baptist Church of Emery, S. Dak., has extended a call to the Rev. Roy Seibel, pastor of the Central Church of Waco, Texas, since 1943, to which he has given a favorable response. He will begin his ministry in Emery on Nov. 4th. In the Waco church Mr. Seibel has seen the church's membership grow considerably and has led the church in constructing a beautiful edifice in a very promising new neighborhood of the city. In Emery he will succeed the Rev. D. S. Wipf, now of Minneapolis, Minn.

• On Thursday evening, Sept. 13, the Rev. Harold W. Gieseke, pastor of the Carroll Ave. Baptist Church of Dallas, Texas, and Miss Hilda Tobert of Spruce Grove, Alberta, formerly a missionary-nurse at Banso, Africa, were married at an impressive church service held in the Central Baptist Church of Edmonton, Alberta. The Rev. Henry Pfeifer, pastor, officiated at the ceremony. Following a brief honeymoon trip, Mr. and Mrs. Gieseke returned to Dallas to occupy the new \$14,000 parsonage built by the Dallas Church.

• The Rev. George W. Zinz, Jr., a chaplain in the United States Army and now serving overseas, has resigned as pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wis. He has been on leave of absence since his call into active service as a chaplain about a year ago. His resignation will be effective about November 1st. The Rev. Louis Johnson, formerly pastor of the East Side Church of Chicago, Ill., served the church with great success as interim pastor for 10 months, bringing this ministry to a close on August 26. The Immanuel Church is prayerfully seeking a pastor for its pulpit.

• On Sunday, July 1st, the Rev. N. Schumacher of Wetaskiwin, Alberta, baptized 10 young people on confession of their faith in Christ at an impressive service held by the Pleasant Prairie Baptist Church at nearby Pigeon Lake. On Sunday, July 8, these converts were received into the fellowship of the Pleasant Prairie Church. The West Side Church of Wetaskiwin, which is also served by Mr. Schumacher, held its first Vacation Bible School in

many years with an enrollment of 45 children. The closing program by the pupils was held in the West Side Church on Friday evening, Aug. 3rd.

• The Rev. C. L. Young of Monte Vista, Colorado, recently resigned as missionary to the Spanish-Americans in the San Luis Valley. He had served with his wife and family in this missionary service since 1946. The health of his wife and the challenge of further studies prompted his resignation. Mr. Young has enrolled in the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago, Ill., for a year of Bible study as a special student. He also expects to do part-time pastoral work. Mrs. Young hopes to do some nursing in the Chicago area. The General Missionary Committee of the denomination is endeavoring to secure a successor for the Spanish-American mission field.

• Three ministers, who have faithfully served churches in the Northwestern Conference for many years, are quite ill at present and were remembered in prayer by the delegates at the Northwestern Conference which convened in the Temple Church of Milwaukee, Wis., from August 15 to 19. They are the Rev. C. Fred Lehr of Aplington, Iowa, pastor of that church for 16 years who recently resigned and has now gone to live at Grundy Center, Iowa; the Rev. August G. Lang of Parkersburg, Iowa, who has been very ill for several months; and the Rev. Henry W. Wedel of Milwaukee, Wis., former pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church. Your prayers in their behalf will be appreciated.

• The Woman's Missionary Society of the Germantown Baptist Church near Cathay, N. Dak., observed its 54th anniversary on Sunday evening, July 22. A report of the year's activity and the treasurer's report were read. Several readings, vocal and instrumental music and a talk by the Rev. Daniel Klein were enjoyed. A birthday offering was received. During the hour of fellowship that followed, the 38th wedding anniversary of the Rev. and Mrs. Daniel Klein was celebrated. A beautifully decorated cake was baked by Mrs. Albert Reddig, the only one of the Klein children present. Mr. and Mrs. Klein were presented with a potted plant, a shower of cards and money gifts.

• On Sunday evening, August 12, the members and pastor of the Carroll Ave. Baptist Church of Dallas, Texas, worshiped with the First Baptist Church of the city, which was formerly served by the late Dr. George W. Truett. The Carroll Ave. Church choir of 25 voices sang the anthem, "Onward, Christian Soldiers" and the choir director, Mrs. Gordon Coover, played a violin number. The Rev. Harold W. Gieseke, pastor of Carroll Ave. Church read the Scripture

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C.B.Y. and S.S.U. HERALD NEWS

YOUTH COMPASS TOPICS

September 23—FAMILY RE-UNION by Rev. Paul Wen-gel, Brooklyn, New York.

September 30—KNOW THESE PEOPLE by Rev. John E. Grygo, Chicago, Illinois.

CBY STANDARD

Copies of the CBY Standard have been sent to all CBY presidents. These are available in leaflet form and also 8½ by 14 sheets, attractively designed for the bulletin board. To make the chart more attractive, color the pictures and put it in a prominent place in your youth room. You will want your young people constantly to see the ten goals in the Standard. Inform the CBY office, Box 6, Forest Park, Illinois, as soon as your CBY officially adopts the Standard.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS

Vacation Bible School time has come and gone. Out of our 267 North American Baptist churches, 106 schools have been reported. This report is not as encouraging as our report last year with 114 schools. The enrollment in 1951 is reported thus far as 6,396 while in 1950 it was 7,649. If you have conducted a Vacation Bible School in your church and have not sent in a report, please do so immediately. We are very happy to report 187 conversions during 1951 as a result of the schools. Watch for the final statistics at a later date.

JUNIOR CAMPS

During the past summer hundreds of North American Baptist boys and girls made their way to camps where it was their privilege to worship God in their own way in the great out-of-doors. Classes, recreation, worship services, messages and prayer groups were all geared to the age level of the boys and girls. It is at camp where boys and girls, finding themselves among others of their own age, learn to give testimonies and pray aloud for the first time.

Junior Camp can be used by the local Sunday School as the climax for boys and girls enrolled in the National Scripture Memory Course and who have completed the course for the year.

Junior boys and girls need to have this opportunity to get away for a few days in order to learn to worship God in their own childlike way and to realize that they as Juniors too have a place in serving God and in the carrying out the Great Commission of "Go ye . . ."

Begin plans now for a camp next summer if your conference or regional Union does not already have a Junior Camp.

SUNDAY SCHOOL WEEK

Sunday begins "Sunday School Week" in our North American Baptist churches. By now your plans will be completed and you will be ready for a wonderful week ahead. Pray that God will bless the activities of our Sunday Schools during coming days. Remember to send in your report to the Sunday School Union office so that we can inform our people of the activities held in our churches during Sunday School Week. This week should be just the beginning of spiritual blessings and great progress in our Sunday Schools this Fall.

PLAN A YEARLY PROGRAM

This is an excellent time to outline a program of activities for your Sunday School and your youth group for the entire year. In the **Sunday School**, plan a yearly program for your local workers' conferences. Know the emphasis to be given at each meeting. Schedule guest speakers well in advance. Make proper provision for audio visual aids for teachers and workers. Set the dates for your leadership training course. Emphasize and re-emphasize and plan to achieve the goals of the Sunday School Standard.

In your **CBY**, ask each commission chairman to outline a tentative list of activities which his commission will carry out for the year. Schedule a special cabinet meeting where all officers and commission chairmen will attend. Ask your pastor to join you. Fill in your calendar of activities for the year. This will help give you direction for the year's activities and will give you a well rounded and well planned program.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STANDARD

Has your Sunday School adopted the Sunday School Standard? If so, kindly inform the Sunday School Union office, Box 6, Forest Park, Ill., stating the date when it was adopted. Provisions are being made to give special recognition to the Sunday Schools that have adopted the Sunday School Standard. Make your Sunday School a Standard Sunday School and let us hear about it.

Withering Grass

A Christian Novel by **BERNARD PALMER**

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ous for me. But I don't think he knows what he's talking about."

There was a long silence.

"Did he go into detail?"

"No, darling." The word slipped out and Ernest thrilled to its casual tenderness. "At least not very much. The only thing he said was that I ought to rest this summer rather than work."

He was thinking of the hikes they had taken up Signal Hill, of ice skating until both he and Karen were exhausted, of the tennis they had played. "It gives me cold chills to think of all the chances you've taken. Believe me I'm going to watch out for you from here on out."

"Oh now, I'm not an invalid," she laughed.

"Darling, will you do something for me?"

"If I can." She laid her hand tenderly across his own.

"Would you go to see your family doctor as soon as you go home and then do exactly as he says?"

Their gaze met and held for a full minute.

"Of course I will."

Gradually the conversation drifted to other climes, but somehow the spontaneity was gone. They forced gaiety, saying absurdly silly things and going through the motions of laughing in the proper places.

Her letters during the summer were gay and newsy, filled with the common, ordinary things told in a way to make one long to be a part of them. She wrote of the bashful couple her father had married, of the aging spinster organist who, after failing to be re-elected at the annual congregational meeting, had hid all the organ music and it had taken the better part of a day to find it. She wrote also of the spiritual growth the church was making. Every letter was a charming reflection of herself and with each succeeding one he grew to understand and admire her the more. Had he not loved her before, he would surely have come to love her then.

In the months before, Ernest had been able to think of ministering to a congregation in a very abstract manner. After all he had his degree to earn and then all of Seminary before him. But now the first phase of his education was over and he was ready to begin his specialized training. He

viewed it in an entirely different and personal light.

It was a long, lonely summer during which all the doubts and fears and perplexities Ernest had ever known crowded into his mind. He doubted his call to full-time Christian service and his own ability as well. It did not seem possible that he would ever be capable of ministering to a congregation, to prepare messages that would convict the sinner of his sins and the saved of his shortcomings, to counsel the perplexed and comfort the sorrowing. More than once he was certain that the Lord would have him give up plans to enter the ministry. On one occasion he had even explored the possibilities in another field. But when Fall came he packed his bags and went to Chicago to begin another three years of school.

Seminary was entirely different than Indiana Christian. The classes had a more serious air. There were few parties and socials and most of the extra-curricular activities were church and mission assignments. Here the embryo pastor came face to face with the human element in his profession even as he began his training in theology.

He enjoyed the practical training most because it gave real opportunity to begin serving the Lord. Under-staffed churches, usually a small nucleus of consecrated Christians struggling valiantly against the growing indifference and worldliness about them, appreciated the students who were sent to them as Sunday School teachers, personal workers, or even pastors. There the prospective ministers learned something of the problems confronting a small church and the courage and tact that a pastor must have.

There were also assignments in the missions located in the heart of the slums. It was difficult working where sin and filth were commonplace, but occasionally one knew the unspeakable joy of leading one of those homeless shapes of humanity to the Lord and back to respectable living. Through it all they learned that there are sorrows and perplexities in serving God as well as happiness.

Ernest wrote vivid, glowing letters to Karen and Burt, describing what he was doing in great detail and telling

of the peace and satisfaction that was his as he labored in the center of God's Will. Karen's letters in return were pleasantly eager to know everything he was doing: where he preached, how his messages were received, how he liked working in the slums. Each letter from her was added incentive to strive a bit more to better serve the Lord.

Burt's answers mirrored only studied indifference, and no interest whatever in either the classes or the mission and church assignments that were part of the curriculum. Ernest's heart filled to bursting on the night a tattered old pan handler stumbled down to the altar, his blurred eyes shining with an unfamiliar light, to become the first soul Ernest's preaching brought to the Lord. With the thrill and joy of it still upon him he wrote to Karen and then to Burt, striving to share with them a bit of the happiness he knew at the moment. Karen was as happy as he had been, but Burt did not even answer his letter. It was not like him.

His younger brother's new attitude was disturbing. When Ernest had been at Indiana Christian, Burt had been quick to serve the Lord. He had dared to speak at street meetings when other Christians had refused, and the gospel team which he had helped to organize had been in great demand. This change, that had been increasingly evident for weeks, was disturbing. Ernest had often felt led to pray for him; however, the matter came to a climax a week later in a letter he received from Burt.

"... I've been thinking a lot about you lately, Ernie. Are you sure you're not throwing your life away? I can't see that you can do either yourself or the Lord any good buried in an obscure little church somewhere. The people in such places don't really appreciate what one tries to do for them. They'll involve you in their petty differences and quarrels if they can. You'll get in on all their sorrows and problems. Then when you've given them the best years of your life you'll most likely discover that you haven't accomplished anything for either God or yourself. And by that time it'll be too late for you to build a career in any other business or profession."

"A Christian layman has opportunities for service too, with none of the attending risks. I'd like to see you reconsider, Ernie, before you've become too far involved in education and promises. A consecrated layman can do a lot more good than just another poor, broken-down preacher..." There was more but it hurt Ernest's heart to read. Burt seemed to take it for granted that he did not have the ability to serve more than a small country church where the congregation would not make too strong demands.

The letter contained ill-disguised contempt. He could see what had happened. In a moment of fancy Burt had looked into the future twenty years to see himself at the heights of whatever field he chose to enter, commanding the admiration and respect of the world, living in wealth and ease but oblivious to it all in his quest for greater goals. And then he had looked across the road to where Ernest was struggling along in one small, half-dead charge after another, preaching his heart out but never able to rise above a mere existence such churches offer. A lifetime of serving the Lord without enough money on retirement to keep himself and his wife in their old age. As Ernest considered the matter the harsh cold light of reality was focused upon his career. He saw it stripped of all its romance and satisfaction which his mind had built around it, leaving the naked skeleton of mediocrity.

Ernest strove to regain confidence that he was in God's will and that God's will was the best for him. But—for a time at least—his heart was gone out of his work. His studies lost their savor, the mission became a barren, unattractive room with splintery benches and a battered piano, filled with men who were scarcely worth the effort. The little church where he helped was but a group of self-centered, bickering individuals who took morbid delight in causing trouble for the pastor. Now it was his own attitude that astonished him. Heretofore, he had looked forward eagerly to each new evening at the mission as an opportunity, while the church, with all its faults, had been a challenge to the best that was in him.

He prayed, but the heavens were closed. The freedom and warmth of the Spirit that had blessed his prayers previously was gone. And when he got to his feet the same heaviness of heart, the same emptiness of soul enveloped him. At night he could not sleep. The spectre of his own bleak future against the brilliance of his brother's had plunged him into despondency as nothing else could do.

Almost at once Karen noted the change reflected in every sentence of his letters to her. She could only guess at the reason but began to piece together the doubts and fears that besieged him. Quite deliberately, she told him much of her father, how he had served starvation pastorates all his life and yet how happy he was. "I have no doubt but that you could handle any charge you were given, Ernie," she wrote. "But after all that is of secondary importance. You will be happier and accomplish infinitely more in the center of God's Will than by charting your own destiny and I say that sincerely whether He calls you to a Montana prairie or a large congregation in the heart of a city."

Her letter comforted him a great deal but it was during his evening devotions some nights later that he came to full understanding with the Lord. As he read the fifth chapter of Ephesians one verse gripped him.

"Let no man deceive you with vain words."

His gaze clung to the verse. Vain words, that Burt had written to him, words that ridiculed the ministry, words that depreciated the value of souls and, had they had their way, would have made his life of little effect for the Lord. Understanding and remorse filled his heart.

Another verse came to him out of the dim reaches of his mind and he quickly thumbed to I Corinthians 1: 26, 27:

"For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble are called. But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things that are mighty."

Perhaps God did not have an important post for him to fill; but, weak and imperfect as he was, God had chosen him for some specific purpose. Somewhere there were men who knew not Christ and He was looking to Ernest Henning to show them the Way. The truth of the simple statement was overwhelming.

Slowly he dropped to his knees. "Oh, God in Heaven, forgive me for these thoughts and doubts I have harbored. Forgive me for wanting any other position, any other glory than serving Thee. And Oh Lord, take away the jealousy in my heart. If it be Thy will that I serve in small charges all my life than Oh God, give me the grace to accept it without rancor or resentment. . . ." While he prayed, the floodgates of Heaven that had been so tightly closed the past days, dropped and he was submerged with the Spirit.

Time ceased, and when at last he got to his feet it was past midnight. Burt's unanswered letter lay in a crumpled heap on his desk. No longer did it breed discontent and doubting. Now there was an answer. In spite of the hour he put on his overcoat and sought an all-night telegraph office. The operator looked at him queerly as she took his message.

"Is—is this right?" she asked, dubiously, reading it aloud.

"It is."

She turned away, then came back. "I know I shouldn't ask this, but I'm curious. Is this code?"

"No," he grinned. "No, I think he'll understand."

BURT HENNING
INDIANA CHRISTIAN COLLEGE
CENTRALIA, INDIANA
EPHESIANS 5:1 I CORINTHIANS
1:26-27 **ERNIE**

(To Be Continued)



—Eva Luoma Photo

SYNOPSIS

The Rev. Ernest Henning had finally arrived! The greatest opportunity of his career was at hand, that of candidating in the big, influential church of Elba City. Always his illustrious younger brother had soared to heights in the spotlight ahead of him. If only Karen could have known the glory that now had come his way. Suddenly his mind was flooded with memories, meeting Karen at "an open house" party the first week of college. How vividly he remembered those days of many years ago at Indiana Christian College. Ernest and Karen's friendship blossomed with the days until graduation was at hand and he was now ready for the seminary. They talked gaily about the summer ahead. "You'll be here all summer," he said. To which she replied with a quivering lip, "But I won't!" Ernest's answer showed how puzzled he was.

CHAPTER THREE

"I thought that was settled last week when you got that playground job."

"So did I." Her face darkened and he thought he saw tears glistening beneath her lowered eyelashes. "Until I took the physical examination."

He eyed her quizzically. "What do you mean?"

"It really isn't anything. That's what makes me so mad. You see I had rheumatic fever when I was nine or ten and I guess it must have weakened my heart a little. At least that's what the doctor said."

"Karen, you're talking in riddles." His voice raised unnaturally and the first chilling tentacles of fear groped hesitantly about his heart.

"No, I'm not. The doctor told me that playground work was too strenuous

We, the Women

News and Views of the National Woman's Missionary Union

By MRS. FLORENCE E. SCHOEFFEL, President

WHITE CROSS NEWS

Anyone who has helped to pack White Cross supplies at headquarters has been impressed with the beautiful work our women are doing, and with the large quantities they continue to send in. We as leaders are grateful, and we gladly pass on to you the thanks of the missionary nurses and doctor for these invaluable materials.

However, sometimes the work, while beautifully done, is not according to instructions, and therefore cannot be used. In order to help you avoid making such a mistake, as you begin your Fall work and increased White Cross activity, we want to tell you about a package and a letter that arrived at our home recently from Nurse Margaret Kittlitz in the Cameroons.

The package contained samples of "What **not** to do," things that could not be used out there.

BABY CLOTHES

There was a baby shirt that would fit a small doll. Margaret writes: "We have several cases full of these. They fit a 3 to 4 pound baby, but not these robust 7 to 8 pounders I've been delivering."

The other shirt in the package, neatly sewed out of new flannelette, was so out of proportion that one wonders what sort of a creature it might fit. It was twice as wide as it was long. Margaret's comment on this was: "A bit 'fat,' don't you think?"

With regard to the baby clothes, Miss Kittlitz in her letter gives us some further helpful information. About a year ago, in the July 1950 "Broadcast," you were notified that baby shirts in the small sizes were not needed any more. In the meantime, however, many more "pikins" have been born, and now they can again use baby garments in the small sizes. To quote Miss Kittlitz: "However, I do hope the women will meas-

ure some ready made baby garments or some eight-pound babies for size so that too many of them won't be too small . . . The clothes (most of them) could be large enough for a 3 to 6 month old infant. We do not use so many garments for the new born babies, and in any event they are used over and over. But our chief 'drawing card' for having the women come and deliver at the hospital or dispensary where they can have proper care, is the fact we give them each a layette and two dresses and two blankets to take home. If the dresses are small in the first place, they do not fit the baby very long after he goes home and the mothers come back with the outgrown garment, and we have nothing to replace it. In any case, we don't like to replace them. We would rather give them one to fit the baby for several months after they go home. That keeps them happier."

BANDAGES

Also included in the packages were pieces of white sheeting in the 4-inch width for rolled bandages. But the pieces were only in short lengths, 5 to 10 inches each. Here is the tragic story of what happens when we don't follow instructions to sew the pieces together into no less than three-yard lengths:

"This is one of twelve beautiful large rolls of bandages with which I tried to bandage a splint onto a man's fractured leg. Every time I came to an end like that and started anew the bone slipped. Before I finally found a bandage long enough, the man had gotten tired of holding the leg steady. **The bone did not heal together.**"

We trust that these comments from our missionary nurse will be of help to you, and that you will continue to keep the supply of useful and needed articles coming in.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

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passage, offered prayer and sang a duet with Mr. Gordon Coover. The guest speaker for the service was Dr. Charles W. Koller, president of Northern Baptist Seminary of Chicago, Ill., who spoke on "Living Above the Snake Line."

● Mr. Edward Kopf, a Senior student in the North American Baptist Seminary of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., served as student pastor of the Baptist

Church of Mound Prairie, Minn., from May 27 to August 19. A Vacation Bible School was held from June 18 to 22 with 16 children and teachers in attendance. At the community wide Fourth of July picnic held on the grounds of the Baptist Church about 80 people were present. Mr. Eldon Seibold, another Seminary student, serving the Seventh Street Church of La Crosse, Wis., for several weeks, brought the message. The largest attendance at the Mound Prairie Church during the summer months, as reported by Mr. Kopf, was 32.

ENGAGEMENTS

Dr. Frank H. Woyke

Oct. 12-14—75th Anniversary Services, Tyndall, South Dakota.

Oct. 16 (Tuesday)—Dedication of Chapel Home for the Aged, Bismarck, North Dakota.

Rev. Richard Schilke

Sept. 30 (Sunday)—Underwood, North Dakota.

Oct. 1—New Leipzig, North Dakota.

Oct. 2—Hettinger, North Dakota.

Oct. 3—Bison and Isabel, S. Dak.

Oct. 4—McIntosh, South Dakota.

Oct. 5—Selfridge, North Dakota.

Oct. 7 (Sunday)—Harvey, N. Dak.

Rev. Martin L. Leuschner

Sept. 30 (Sunday) — Dickinson County Church, Elmo, Kansas.

Oct. 7 (Sunday) — Cottonwood Church, Lorena, Texas.

Oct. 8—Kyle, Texas.

Oct. 14 (Sunday)—40th Anniversary Services, Calvary Church, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

Rev. J. C. Gunst

Sept. 28-30—"Sunday School Week." Aplington, Iowa.

Oct. 14 (Sunday)—Sunday School Rally, Holmes St. Church, Lansing, Michigan.

Oct. 15-16—"Youth Compass" editorial committee meeting at Forest Park headquarters.

Dr. John Leypoldt, Interim Evangelist

Oct. 7-19—Hebron, North Dakota.

Minnesota Association

Sept. 28-30—Hutchinson, Minnesota. Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Michelson, Missionaries, Guest Speakers.

Church Dedication, Dayton, Ohio

Oct. 5-7—Dedication of Shroyer Rd. Baptist Church, Dayton, Ohio.

MISSIONARIES'

ENGAGEMENTS

(Due to the extensive itineraries of our missionaries, only the general areas to be visited can be given.)

Rev. Gilbert Schneider

Oregon and California churches.

Rev. Edwin Michelson

Minnesota, North Dakota and Montana churches.

Miss Esther Schultz

Central Conference, Iowa and Dickinson County Church of Kansas.

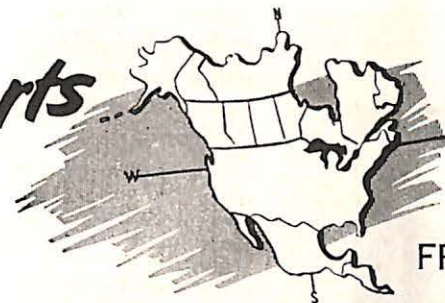
Miss Florence Miller, Appointee for Japan

Churches of Ontario, Canada and States of New York and Pennsylvania.

Mr. Jay Hirth, Appointee for Japan

Churches of Texas and Louisiana in the Southern Conference

Reports



FROM THE FIELD

Dakota Conference

Vacation Bible School With 59 Children at Baptist Church Herreid, South Dakota

A Vacation Bible School was held at the Herreid Baptist Church of Herreid, S. Dak., from July 9 to 13 from 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. o'clock each day. We had an enrollment of 59 boys and girls from Beginners age through the Intermediate department. Worship, study, memorization and expression activities filled the school hours each day.

A closing program was given before a large audience on the evening of July 15th. This program consisted of a demonstration of work accomplished during school hours and an exhibit of the handcraft and work books.

The teachers were as follows: Rev. E. S. Fenske, Intermediate Class; Mrs. E. S. Fenske, Junior Class; Mrs. E. Bischke, Primary Class; and Mrs. E. Quenzer and Darleen Fenske, Beginners' Class. We are indeed grateful for the opportunities of bringing the Gospel to these boys and girls.

Darleen Fenske, Reporter.

Inspirational Days at Central Dakota Young People's Assembly Held at Jamestown, North Dakota

"On to Victory" was the challenging theme of the Central Dakota Young People's Assembly held at the Jamestown College Campus, Jamestown, N. Dak., from June 25th through July 1st. We are pleased to report that a large



The Vacation Bible School group of the Baptist Church, Herreid, South Dakota.

number of young people attended the assembly this year, and it certainly was a week full of blessings and good times for everyone.

We were very happy to have the Rev. E. P. Wahl from the Edmonton Christian Training Institute with us. He was our evangelist and delivered most of the sermons for our evening services. Later on in the week Dr. Frank Woyke of Forest Park, Ill., came into our midst and his interesting and inspiring sermons and lectures were enjoyed by all. We also had the privilege of having Missionary Esther Schultz with us this year, and one of the main highlights of each day was our assembly period when all of the classes combined and she told us many interesting facts about our Cameroon Mission Field.

The courses offered were taught by the following: "How to Win to Christ" by Rev. E. P. Wahl; "The Ministry of Friendly Guidance" by Rev. E. Kary;

and a class for Intermediates taught by Mrs. E. Kary. Our daily program included morning devotions with various societies in charge, classes, assembly periods, recreation and evening service followed by a period of fellowship. On one afternoon we enjoyed our annual picnic at a park in Jamestown. Another highlight was a program rendered by the "King's Stewards," our seminary quartet. Our project for the coming year is a goal of \$2,000 for the Cameroons Crusade.

Many thanks go to our officers and especially to our dean, Rev. Adam Huber, who worked hard to make our assembly a success. We are also thankful to our heavenly Father who showed many blessings upon us.

Roselyn Walth, Reporter.

Vacation Bible School and Evangelistic Meetings at Baptist Church, Presserville, Montana

The First Baptist Church of Presserville, Mont., held its annual Vacation Bible School from July 9 to 13 with 42 children enrolled. Mrs. Gary Buechler, Mrs. Glyshaw, the Rev. Henry Lang and the Rev. G. P. Schroeder served as teachers. The church was filled to capacity at the closing program on Friday evening, July 13.

Revival meetings were conducted the same time and closed on July 19. Every night we presented the glorious Gospel of Jesus Christ to those who were willing to come long distances in order to receive the Word. We often fail to appreciate the distance that some people have to come to church. Here they had to come 23 miles northwest from Wolf Point and 31 miles southwest from Richey and some between these points. The Rev. Henry Lang has been doing sacrificial work on this field for the past six years and the Lord has visibly blessed his ministry.

On Friday, July 13, the Shell Oil Company discovered oil about 12 miles southeast from our Presserville church. The well, it is estimated, should produce about 1000 barrels of oil daily. Other companies are beginning to drill for oil.

G. P. Schroeder, Reporter.



The large crowd of young people, guest speakers and pastors in attendance at the Central Dakota Young People's Assembly held on the campus of Jamestown College at Jamestown, North Dakota.



Forty-one converts from the five Baptist churches of Goodrich, McClusky, Turtle Lake, Mercer and Underwood, N. Dak., who were baptized in Brush Lake by their pastors. (Rev. Fred J. Knalson and Rev. Arthur Fischer are at left.)

Forty-One Converts From Five Churches are Baptized at Brush Lake, North Dakota

Sunday, July 15, dawned as a cool rainy day and most of the people from our Goodrich, McClusky, Mercer, Turtle Lake and Underwood churches of North Dakota were of the opinion that our planned outdoor baptismal service could not be held as scheduled for that afternoon. But as the time arrived for the morning worship services at 11 o'clock, the sun was shining and the day turned out to be an ideal one for the baptism. This service had been planned for some time by the four pastors of the churches.

Early in the afternoon the cars started to arrive. Hundreds of people come to witness this great united tes-

timony of the power and grace of God in our churches. The service was in charge of the Rev. Fred J. Knalson of Underwood. The Rev. Fred Schmidt of Turtle Lake spoke in the German language. The Rev. H. Hirsch of Goodrich spoke in English. Both gave stirring messages from God's Word on the subject of baptism. The men's quartet of McClusky sang, as did the men's chorus of Turtle Lake.



Children and Teachers of the Vacation Bible School held by the Berlin Baptist Church of Fredonia, North Dakota.

It was a beautiful scene to see 41 candidates line up to have their pictures taken as a group just before the baptism in Brush Lake took place. It was a blessing to see mothers, fathers and their own children follow the Lord

Vacation Bible School for One Week by the Berlin Church, Fredonia, North Dakota

From June 4 to 9 the Berlin Baptist Church of Fredonia, N. Dak., held a successful Vacation Bible School. We had an enrollment of 28 children from beginners' age through the intermediate department. Due to the distance the children had to travel, the school was held from 9 o'clock in the morning to 3 o'clock in the afternoon. In this way we could complete two weeks of work in one week.

Our faithful teachers were: Mrs. Adam Harr, Ardella Hoffmann, Arlene

Meidinger, Mrs. J. Kraenzler and the pastor. Worship, study, and expressional activities occupied the hours which passed only too quickly. Missions were stressed and the daily offerings were given to assist the healing of Africans under the direction of Dr. Leslie Chaffee in the Cameroons. We are grateful to the Lord that several children accepted him as their personal Savior. At the close of the school, a demonstration program was given, and parents and friends had an opportunity to observe in word, action and singing what the eager children had learned and accomplished during the school days. We pray that some of the seed sown may bear fruit for eternity!

J. C. Kraenzler, Pastor.

Baptismal Service and Wedding Ceremony at Baptist Church, Corona, South Dakota

The Rev. E. Gutsche, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Corona, S. Dak., had the joy of baptizing seven converts on Sunday, July 8th, at Big Stone Lake, Minnesota. An open-air meeting was arranged at the lake shore with a crowd of people attending. The pastor delivered the message based on Bible proof texts setting forth the truth, value and validity of believers' baptism. In the afternoon the congregation assembled around the Lord's Table at which occasion the hand of fellowship was extended to the newly baptized. An additional member was added to the Corona Baptist fellowship by testimony.

On August 1st the Rev. B. Fritzke, pastor of the Baptist Church of McLaughlin, S. Dak., and Miss Lorraine De Boer of Corona, S. Dak., were joined in the bonds of matrimony by the pastor, the Rev. E. Gutsche. For the occasion the platform was exquisitely decorated with two large seven-pronged candle holders and a gorgeous display of floral beauty by our local artificer, Miss Ann Kampen. The couple was attended by the groom's brother, Mr. A. Fritzke, as best man and the sister of the bride, Miss Ruby De Boer, as maid of honor. They were further attended by Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Hoeckman. The Rev. A. Braun, pastor of the Plum Creek Baptist Church, and former quartet member, sang two appropriate selections. After the double ring ceremony the couple turned toward the audience and sang, "Together With Jesus," which made a unique impression, dedicating themselves to the greater service of God. Mrs. E. Schulte functioned as proficient and skilful pianist.

Mr. Chris. Weintz, student at Sioux Falls, S. Dak., and also a former quartet member, presided over the social program. Visitors from distant places included the parents of the groom and also the brother who had come by motor from Vancouver, B. C., the Rev. Martin De Boer and family from Springdale, Sask., who is an uncle of the bride; the senior deacon and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Schweigert of McLaughlin, and several other members of Mr. Fritzke's congregation.

E. Gutsche, Pastor.

Northwestern Conference

Eighteen Converts Are Baptized and Received Into Baptist Church of Holloway, Minnesota

During the month of June the Baptist Church of Holloway, Minn., held its annual Vacation Bible School with good attendance. Thirty children were enrolled in the school. At these sessions we sought to impress upon the children that they needed to confess personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. When the invitation was given 17 children stepped out and testified by so doing that they wanted to give their lives to Christ. Thirteen of these who came forward during the Bible School were found to be ready for baptism.

Others also surrendered their lives to the Lord, making a group of 18 converts whom we baptized on Sunday, July 29. On August 5 the church received these converts into the membership, extending to them the hand of fellowship. Besides the baptismal candidates, we have received one adult into the fellowship of the church making a total of 19 new members. For these joys we praise the Lord!

Elmer Buenning, Pastor.

Ordination Service for Rev. Donald P. Patet at Dayton's Bluff Church, St. Paul, Minnesota

A council composed of 16 delegates representing nine churches met at the Dayton's Bluff Baptist Church of St. Paul, Minn., on July 28 to consider the propriety of ordaining Mr. Donald P. Patet who recently graduated from Bethel College and Seminary. The council organized itself by choosing Rev. Russell Blank of the Dayton's Bluff Church as moderator and Rev. Ben Zimmerman of the Randolph Church as clerk. The candidate was presented by Mr. Blank. The council then heard a report from Mr. Patet concerning his Christian experience, his call to the ministry, and his views of Christian doctrine.

When relating his experience of conversion, the candidate paid tribute to the influence of the Christian home wherein he was brought up. Concerning his call to the ministry, Mr. Patet stated that there was nothing spectacular about it, but rather that it was a growing conviction since early youth that God desired him for the ministry. Mother's prayers, he stated, were a definite factor in the call. In presenting his views of Christian doctrine, the candidate gave a comprehensive and concise presentation of the important articles of faith. This was followed by a series of questions by various members of the council to which the candidate responded graciously and satisfactorily.

Upon a motion by Dr. E. A. Finstrom of the Twin City Baptist Union, the candidate withdrew for a few moments at which time the following resolution was adopted, "Resolved, that being satisfied with the results of our examination, we approve the setting apart of the candidate, and

recommend the church to proceed to the public service of ordination."

The ordination service was held the following Sunday evening at the Dayton's Bluff Church. The recommendation of the council was heard after the opening hymn. Mr. Blank read from God's Word and led in prayer. The charge to the church was given by Rev. A. Olson of the Bethel Seminary; the charge to the candidate by Dr. H. Wingblade, president of Bethel College and Seminary; the ordination prayer by Rev. John Walkup, former pastor at Dayton's Bluff Baptist Church. The highlight of the evening was the ordination sermon by Rev.

Pacific Conference

Vacation Bible School With 130 Children Enrolled at Ebenezer Church, Vancouver, B. C.

The Ebenezer Baptist Church of Vancouver, British Columbia, shares with "Baptist Herald" readers a report about the Vacation Bible School held for two weeks in July. There were 130 students enrolled with an average attendance of 105. But of this group 62 pupils had perfect attendance. On Thursday evening a closing program



Eighteen converts who were baptized by the Rev. Elmer Buenning (right, back row) and received into the fellowship of the Baptist Church, Holloway, Minnesota.

Edwin Omark, Dean of Bethel Seminary, who spoke on "My Gospel." Musical notes were added to the service by the church choir under the direction of Maurice Lundh, and by a solo, "He Shall Feed His Flock," sung by Mrs. C. Venarchick. After Mr. Blank had extended the hand of fellowship into the ministry, the candidate was presented with a Bible from his church by Mr. Milton Jahn, deacon. The happy and memorable service was brought to a close with the benediction by the Rev. Donald P. Patet after which the congregation proceeded to the church parlors for refreshments and fellowship.

Rev. Ben Zimmerman, Clerk.

was given by the children to which their families and friends were invited. The school was supervised by Miss Leona Miller who, together with a number of others, taught God's Word. We share the joy that some of our pupils made the decision to accept Christ as Savior during these days.

We were indeed happy to have Mr. and Mrs. Harold Weiss in our midst this summer. Mr. Weiss is a student at the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., and we have much to be thankful for as this consecrated and talented couple served in our church and Sunday School. We certainly learned to love them!

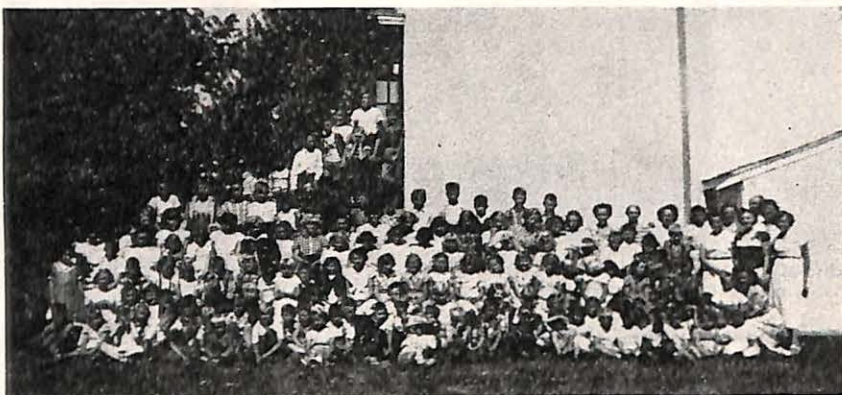
Miss Ruth Miller, Reporter.



Vacation Bible School children and teachers of the Ebenezer Church, Vancouver, British Columbia, on the front steps of the church.

Successful Vacation Bible School Held by Victoria Avenue Church of Chilliwack, B. C.

The Vacation Bible School held at the Victoria Avenue Baptist Church of Chilliwack, B. C., from July 23 to August 3 came to a close on Friday evening with fitting exercises at which both the work and methods of the school were demonstrated for parents and friends. Outstanding features of the school were the splendid interest of the children and the consistent daily increase in attendance. Beginning with a total of 96 present on the first morning, the enrollment increased from day to day until it reached an all time high of 220, and, likewise, the attendance increased daily to a high of 151, reaching the peak successively on the two last days of the school, with a daily average attendance of 132. Forty-eight had perfect attendance for the full ten days, while 102 after they started.



Some of the 220 children enrolled in the fine Vacation Bible School of the Victoria Avenue Baptist Church at Chilliwack, British Columbia.

By the grace of God this fine result was achieved largely by the consistent personal work of the children in inviting their friends to the school, and also was made possible by the splendid cooperation of many members and interested friends. It required 15 autos placed at our disposal for this service to transport the many children, who were eager to come from distant points. An excellent staff of 18 workers under the direction of our pastor, the Rev. F. W. Bartel, did an outstanding piece of work in training our youth to live more effectively for Christ and country in days like these.

The school laid strong emphasis on the necessity of a vital personal faith in our Lord Jesus Christ by every boy and girl for salvation, and sought to combine and promote a fuller appreciation of, and a deeper love for our country, with a more vital love for Christ and our fellowmen, in a practical application of Christian principles in character, conduct and patriotism. Christian hearts rejoiced when several received Jesus as their Savior. An offering of \$26.61 was given by the children for our mission in the Cameroons.

It was both a pleasure and a great blessing to the staff to work under the capable leadership of our new pastor and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. F. W. Bartel.

Mrs. Henry A. Tepper, Reporter.

Recent Programs and Activities at the First Baptist Church, Lodi, California

We of the First Baptist Church of Lodi, Calif., again want to share with you some of the many blessings which we have experienced during the past months. God has truly been gracious towards us and with his help and under the leadership of our beloved pastor, the Rev. G. G. Rauser, we desire to continue the great work entrusted to each of us to win souls for his Kingdom.

During the month of June we conducted a two-week session of Vacation Bible School. It was a joy to our hearts to see the boys and girls attend classes every morning learning of the Word of God. Our pastor's wife, Mrs. G. G. Rauser, was in charge of the Primary and Beginners' department of the Sunday School, Mrs. Ella Schmiedt, was in charge of the Intermediates and Juniors. We had an en-

rollment of 160 boys and girls who were taught the Word of God by 18 teachers and helpers.

Again it has been our joy to witness the glorious testimony of nine converts, as they entered the baptismal waters and made known to the world that they are confessing Christians and love the Lord. The hand of fellowship was extended to these nine as well as to three others who came to us by letter and testimony.

Approximately 60 of our people were able to attend the summer assembly at Hume Lake. Our pastor was dean of the assembly this year. It was truly a joy to listen to the reports which they brought back to us telling of the mountain-top experiences and the dedication of many young people to serve the Lord wherever he will lead.

We were privileged to have Miss Esther Schultz, one of our wonderful African missionaries, with us and it made our hearts rejoice to know that there are those who will say, "Lord, here am I, send me," and truly mean it. Miss Schultz told us of the work of the missionaries in Africa and challenged us to go ourselves if God calls us and, if we cannot go, to help send others.

It is our prayer that we may be worthy of God's continued blessings as we work and pray together.

Thelma Forsch, Reporter.

California Assembly With 263 Young People and Leaders at Hume Lake Camp

The annual summer conference of the California Assembly of the Commissioned Youth and Sunday School Union of the North American Baptist churches was held from July 28 through August 4, at California's most scenic conference center, Hume Lake, in the Sierra Mountains.

"We Would See Jesus" from John 12:21 was the conference theme, and those who desired not only a week of spiritual, inspirational Bible teaching, a challenging missionary message, and blessed Christian fellowship, but a willingness to know and follow our matchless and adorable Lord completely, did behold him—some for the first time, as they received him as Savior—others, realizing his redemptive and sanctifying power, acknowledged him as Lord in their life! Numbers were not counted in the prayer room, which was crowded after every evening service where young hearts made real decisions for Christ, but the Master Bookkeeper knows.

Our guest speakers were Miss Esther Schultz from the Cameroons in Africa, who during the missionary hour each day challenged us with the needs and opportunities among the dark-skinned there, as well as sobered us to our lethargic inactivity; and Professor Herbert Hiller, teacher at our Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., whose humble, profound, yet simple teaching was felt by all to be most precious and moving. Others on the faculty included: Rev. W. W. Knauf, Elk Grove, the Juniors and Junior Hi Bible Hour; Rev. P. G. Neumann of Costa Mesa, "Apologetics"; Rev. Henry F. K. Hengstler of the Ebenezer Church, Los Angeles, "Colossians"; Rev. G. G. Rauser, of the First Baptist Church, Lodi, dean of the assembly; Miss Helena Wiebe, Ebenezer Baptist Church, Los Angeles, leader of the Juniors.

The officers elected for the coming year are as follows: dean, Rev. G. G. Rauser, Lodi; president, Mr. Ed Schuh, Elk Grove; first vice-president, Mr. Ray Jantz, 15th Street Church, Los Angeles; second vice-president, Mr. Bill Acton, Costa Mesa; secretary, Miss Helena Wiebe, Ebenezer Church, Los Angeles; treasurer, Mr. Alfred Hartman, Anaheim; registrar, Miss Barbara Wunsch, Ebenezer Church, Los Angeles; representatives, Miss Elizabeth Michelson, Temple Church, Lodi; camp host, Mr. Milton Fischer, First Baptist Church, Lodi. Our designated project is \$1000 to be used in sending a missionary to Japan, that open and ready harvest field.

It is definitely believed that the high spiritual tenor of the entire camp was due to the hours of prevailing prayer months before the conference, as well as the "power hour" each day after the noon meal. The 263 registered "Lake Humers" could not return to their homes and churches in the same condition they arrived at camp if each at the conference has seen Christ in all his power and loveliness.

Helena B. Wiebe, Secretary.

Dedication of Enlarged Church Costing \$13,600 by Baptist Church, Paul, Idaho

Sunday, July 8, was a day of victory for the First Baptist Church of Paul, Idaho. The building of a larger church and of Sunday School facilities has been the desire of the progressive members of this church for several years. By the grace of our Lord the impossible was made possible.

After welcoming all the visitors the superintendent, John Reidlinger, took over. The Rev. Warren Davis, missionary to the Indians, taught the Sunday School lesson to the upper classes. At the dedication service the choir rendered the anthem, "It Is a Good Thing to Give Thanks Unto the Lord." The Rev. J. C. Gunst, our youth secretary and guest speaker, brought an inspiring and timely message: "The Church a House of God."

The afternoon meeting was opened with a short song service. The Rev. Carter of Rupert, Idaho, brought a short talk and the Rev. K. K. Mayer gave a congratulatory message. Miss Sylvia Hornbacher favored us with an appropriate piano solo. Dave Kraus, building fund treasurer, gave a summary of the financial report and also the donated labor. The church choir presented, "What Did He Do?" with the ladies taking the lead from the platform and the men giving the response from the balcony. Mr. Gunst again brought a heart searching message.

At the evening service the choir again rendered an anthem, "Awake, Put on Thy Strength, O Zion." Mr. Gunst once more lifted our hearts with his message. This brought to close a day that will long be remembered.

The women of the church and friends not only served a free, delicious dinner and lunch on dedication day but also helped with painting and varnishing several days previously. They covered the platform with a wool rug, and sponsored the baptistry painting. The Rev. Chas. Wagner of Portland, Ore., who has painted quite a number of baptistry pictures in our churches, also painted ours.

In 1949 the church purchased three fifty-foot lots by the parsonage. This is where the church is now located. The old church building, shown in the picture to your left, was moved against the main building to serve as an annex which is now used for the young people's classroom, other activities and dining room. The church as it now stands with lots and donated labor added comes to approximately \$13,600.

For two years the church planted sugar beets. In this undertaking practically all members—men, women and children—helped along. The proceeds of the beets, other donations and special offerings went into the building fund treasury, so that the indebtedness of the church is now \$2250. This amount and more we were able to borrow from the Church and Parsonage Revolving Fund of the denomination. For this help we are very grateful.

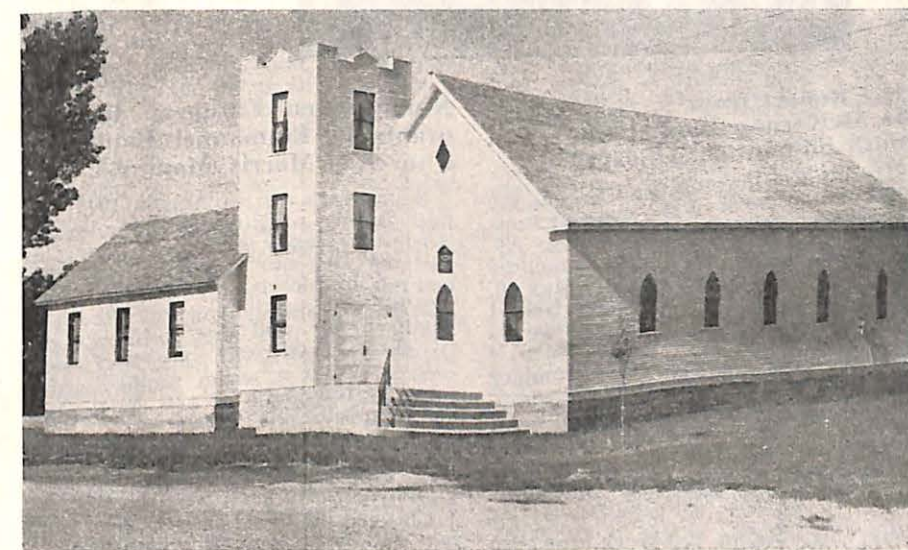
J. J. Lippert, Pastor.

Inspirational Farewell Meetings for Rev. and Mrs. R. Kern at Vancouver, British Columbia

The Ebenezer Baptist Church of Vancouver, British Columbia, has felt a great sense of loss in the leaving of its beloved pastor, the Rev. Rubin Kern, and his family. The church decided to express this in a definite way, and therefore arranged two special evenings at which time "good will" wishes and words of gratitude might be expressed.

After Mr. and Mrs. Kern had spoken words of appreciation to the church and its organizations, the ladies served a delicious lunch which added to the family spirit of the evening. Even though the members still cannot understand why their pastor had to leave, they are proud to be able to send such a dedicated and consecrated man to Forest Park, Ill., where the Lord surely will use him in a mighty way even as he has used him here in Vancouver.

Harold Weiss, Reporter.



The enlarged edifice with Sunday School facilities of the First Baptist Church of Paul, Idaho, which was recently dedicated.

On Sunday evening, July 15, the official farewell service under the direction of Harold Weiss proved to be one of unusual significance to all present. Since Brother Kern also revealed Christian concern and interest for the work of neighboring pastors, even from different fellowships than our own, the church had invited a number of these pastors to participate in this special service. As these speakers shared with us their thoughts of regret in Mr. Kern's leaving, thoughts of appreciation for his consecrated Christian ministry, and thoughts of God's sustaining power and blessing on his future efforts, we could sense in the audience a feeling, not of sadness, but of joy and pride in the recognition of achievements in the man who had served them faithfully for almost five years.

The following Wednesday evening was to be the occasion for a more intimate Church Night. The program was under the leadership of the chairman of the Board of Deacons, Mr. R. Fiedler. It was impressive to hear the words of love and appreciation from the representatives of the various branches of the church, which revealed the close relationship of the members to their pastor. A gift of money was also presented to them from the church. This was a comparatively quiet evening when thoughts were expressed that came from the heart. This is to be expected when we realize that 173 members were given the hand of fellowship during Brother Kern's ministry—68 through baptism, 19 by testimony, and 86 by letter.

Northern Conference

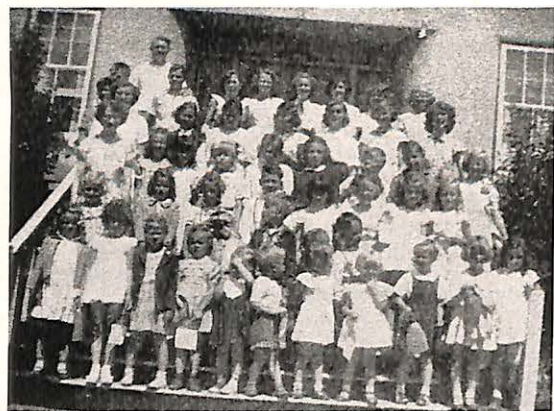
Reception for Rev. and Mrs. David Berg by Baptist Church, Trochu, Alberta

The First Baptist Church of Trochu, Alberta, recently extended a call to the Rev. David Berg to which a favorable response was given. On July 22 the Rev. D. Berg brought an inspiring message in the morning with the choir rendering two numbers.

In the evening we had the reception for our new minister and his family. Arthur Rode led the song service, after which Mr. Harry Stroschein, chairman for the evening, read the Scripture passage and led in prayer. A solo entitled, "Jesus Whispers Peace," was rendered by Delores Haller.

The chairman then called on the different branches of the church for words of welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Berg. The church and choir were represented by Mr. D. L. Frolich; the Sunday School by its superintendent, Mr. John Schmirer; the Woman's Missionary Guild by two of its members with a duet number. The young people were represented with a duet and a few words of welcome by the president, Reinhold Mensch. Helga Rode represented the "Missionary Echoes." A solo was then given by Jean Haller.

Emil Schimke, Church Clerk.



Children and teachers of the first Vacation Bible School held by the McKernan Baptist Church of South Edmonton, Alberta, with Mr. Robert Hoffman, student worker, at left, top row.

First Report from the McKernan Baptist Church of South Edmonton, Alberta

The McKernan Baptist Church, the new mission work of the Central Baptist Church in South Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, is only a few months old. We began our services on May 20, 1951, and have enjoyed God's richest blessings in many ways. We have an active young people's work, which is carrying on all through the summer in spite of difficulties, and a thriving Sunday School which shows great possibilities. We have also organized a choir and orchestra and our services are enriched through their participation.

When we began the work we were concerned about a Vacation Bible School for the summer months, which we held from July 3 to 13. Although we began with only nine children on the first day, we ended by having 45 coming to study more of God's wonderful Word. These children were very eager and it was a real privilege to teach them the living Word of God.



Immigrants from Europe and their families who are now attending the services of the Baptist Church at Morris, Manitoba, at the recent Sunday School picnic.

The teachers in our school were: Beginners, Miss Jenett Buchner and Miss Betty Kisser; Primary department, Miss Erna Schwanke; Juniors, Miss Eva Burton; and Mr. Robert Hoffman taught the Intermediates.

We thank God for the opportunity of doing this work for him! We began to experience even greater blessings when our pastor, the Rev. R. Schmidt, took over on Aug. 19th. We will work together for the winning of many precious souls for Christ!

Robert Hoffman, Reporter.

Ninety-seven European Immigrants in Emmanuel Baptist Church of Morris, Manitoba, Can.

Four years ago in August 1947, the first family of European immigrants started a steady arrival of new Canadians to our Emmanuel Baptist Church in Morris, Manitoba.

With anticipation we awaited this family of Mr. and Mrs. E. Rapske and daughters, and with joy they were welcomed on a warm Sunday afternoon at the home of Mr. A. Rapske. This expectation did not lessen as the months went by, but every new family brought forth in us the Christian spirit of sharing with such who are in need.

Coupled with their zealous work was their wise budgeting so that many of these families have already secured farms, homes, trucks and cars, and are establishing themselves in the land of their adoption.

It has been our privilege to welcome 97 new immigrant members into our church. Most of them have come by letter, but also a goodly number through baptism, because they did not

have the opportunity in Europe due to the war. We especially praise the Lord for the ones who, coming to Canada without knowing Christ as their personal Savior, found him here and were added to the church. On August 5th it was our joy to be witnesses to such a baptism when nine converts were baptized by Rev. Ertis, who also has come to this country recently.

This influx of immigrants to our church is due to two reasons: first because so many of our people them-

selves were immigrants of the late twenties, and, secondly, because our former pastor, the Rev. Wm. Sturhahn, did much to foster this work and is doing even more in his present position. The accompanying picture shows most of our new brethren from Europe and their families at our Sunday School picnic.

Lynda Rempel, Reporter.

Saskatchewan Assembly for Young People and Children at Echo Lake Camp

It was the privilege of a large number of Saskatchewan young people and children to enjoy the study of the Word of God and the Christian fellowship at Echo Lake from July 9 to 23, when the Saskatchewan Baptist Tri Union Assembly took place. The guest speaker during the young people's camp was our denominational evangelist, Rev. H. Palfenier. His timely messages, suited especially to young people, were a source of real encouragement and inspiration to those present. The topic, "Revival," for one of the morning classes, and ably taught by Mr. Palfenier, brought out the different phases of revival and things that prevent revival among Christians in our day.

The second class had as its topic, "The New Birth," and was under the instruction of several of the local pastors. The afternoon was taken up with various forms of recreation and each evening an evangelistic service was held, with the messages being brought by the guest speaker. On Wednesday evening, a very thought-provoking message was brought out in the film entitled, "Out of the Night."

At the annual business meeting, the following officers were elected: president, Rev. E. H. Nikkel; vice-president, Rev. J. Engel; dean, Mr. H. Fenske; secretary, Miss Artrude Ziolkowski; treasurer, Mr. Reuben Ziolkowski; pianist, Miss Grace Hoffman; music director, Rev. R. Kanwischer; young people's director, Mr. H. Gerhardt; and Sunday School director, Rev. E. Thiessen.

The offerings held during the assembly were designated for three different purposes: the Christian Training Institute in Edmonton, Alberta; the Benke Memorial Chapel on the Bull Reserve in Alberta; and equipment for missionary nurse Ardice Ziolkowski, now in the Cameroons. God blessed the efforts of his people during this camp and as a result, several young people and children came to know Christ as their own Savior and Lord.

Artrude Ziolkowski, Reporter.

Baptismal Service and Evangelistic Meetings at Baptist Church of Moosehorn, Manitoba, Canada

Many have been the blessings of the Moosehorn Baptist Church of Moosehorn, Manitoba, of which Rev. A. J. Milner is the pastor. On August 5 eight converts were baptized upon confession of their faith in the Lord and Savior, thus witnessing before a large gathering their desire to follow the Lord and to do his will. All candidates were adults, one being 68 years of age who after a difficult strug-

gle found peace in his heart. The Rev. Wm. Sturhahn brought a message on the importance of baptism and performed the baptism at Lake Manitoba where the choir of the church sang suitable numbers.

Following the baptism a service was held at the church where the hand of fellowship was extended to the eight persons baptized and to two others, after which the Lord's Supper was received. The Rev. and Mrs. Wm. Sturhahn favored us with a duet and Mrs. Sturhahn also rendered two solos. This was a great day of blessing for all who were present.

The blessings came as a result of the special meetings held the last two weeks in June with the Rev. J. Kornalewski of Minot, N.D., as evangelist. During these two weeks much effort was put forth by the Rev. A. J. Milner and others who worked with the evangelist. We thank God who sent us his servant and for the messages through him, and we are grateful to those who helped along with stories for the children and special music, especially Miss Edith Striechart of Winnipeg and the Rev. J. Wiebe and those with him from Ashern who helped in song and word.

Happy are they who accepted Christ as their personal Savior. God grant that many more will follow Jesus all the way.

Mrs. B. E. Milner, Reporter.

Fiftieth Anniversary Celebration of the Bethany Baptist Church of Camrose, Alberta

On August 12 the Bethany Baptist Church of Camrose, Alberta, celebrated its fiftieth year of existence. Neighboring churches with their pastors, friends and visitors crowded the church and the tent for the festive occasion.

During the regular Church School hour, Mr. G. F. Schmitke, one of the pioneers who now resides in Portland, Ore., told us about the experience of the group which emigrated into the Camrose district from Oregon in April, 1901. The first Sunday was spent in fighting a ravaging prairie fire, but on the second Sunday of April the group met for the first Sunday School session in the new land. The Rev. H. Schatz, a former pastor, brought the morning message on the subject, "Rejoice in the Lord."

The afternoon session was devoted to a glance across the path of years. A history of the church was read, which revealed that its birth took place on August 22, 1901, with a membership of 16 persons. Mrs. Sophia Weisser, a charter member who is still with us (the mother of the three Weisser brothers in the ministry), responded to the roll call by sharing her vivid memories of the organization. The Rev. K. Korella, a former pastor of the church, brought a timely and challenging message on, "The Present Task of the Church."

During the evening service we tried to change the direction of glance from the past to the future. The messenger, the Rev. C. H. Seecamp, made plain to us one certainty of tomorrow. It is

what God expects of us as a church. "We Must Grow."

Special music by the Wiesenthal brass band, the Leduc male chorus, the local church choir, and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Link helped to enhance the services. Furthermore, it was a joy to have had in our midst the many visiting friends and pastors of various churches. Together with ideal weather, the day was rich in blessings.

Often we do not realize the many contributions the smaller churches make toward the Kingdom of God. From Bethany Baptist Church have gone forth ten young men and six young women who have either served God, or are serving him, or are now preparing to serve him in some capacity. This is a testimony to the fact that God has a place for us in his vineyard.

Pastors of the church have been: F. A. Mueller, 1903-1904; A. Baettig, 1904-1914; F. A. Mueller, 1914-1921; A. Knaut, 1923-1925; J. Toyne, 1925-1928; F. A. Mueller, 1929; A. Kujath, 1929-1933; H. Schatz, 1934-1936; H. Waltreit, 1939-1941; R. Kern, 1941-1942; A. W. Teske, 1942-1944; K. Korella, 1945-1949; J. Sonnenberg, 1950 to date.

Jce Sonnenberg, Pastor.

Atlantic Conference

Sunday School Enrollment of 300 at the West Baltimore Church, Baltimore, Maryland

Under the leadership of the Rev. E. L. Grose, the West Baltimore Baptist Church of Baltimore, Maryland, has made good and solid progress in the first year of his ministry. The Sunday School now has an enrollment of nearly 300, and has far outgrown the present equipment. The church has 225 members, of which number 60 were added this past year. A Vacation Bible School was held this summer with an enrollment of 118, which crowded the church to capacity.

Miss LaVerna Mehlhoff of Tripp, So. Dak., was the missionary worker for the summer and she did a wonderful job in finding new families for the church.

A survey of the West Baltimore area (which has nearly 150,000 population) showed that the section is not over-churched, and that vast areas where new housing projects are being built are untouched by any religious group. West Baltimore plans on making immediate improvements in its physical property so as to be better able to take care of the growing work. They contemplate establishing mission Sunday Schools in neglected areas, as well as mission churches.

Because of its strategic location on U.S. Highways No. 1, 40 and 29, the leaders feel that the West Baltimore Church has a wonderful future in ministering to the teeming multitudes at its very doorsteps, and everything indicates that the church will develop into a Christian organization that will contribute much to the work of the Kingdom.

E. L. Grose, Pastor.

REV. JOHN KEPL of Martin, North Dakota.

The Rev. John Kepl of Martin, N. Dak., was born Oct. 31, 1883 in Koenigsnad, Hungary. In 1905 he came to America with his father, Wenzel Kepl, and settled in Bethlehem, Pa., where in 1908 in the Evangelical Church he was converted and baptized by the Rev. H. H. Schmidt. Later he became a charter member of the First Baptist Church in South Bethlehem, this church being welcomed into the fellowship of the conference in July 1911.

On January 1, 1910 Mr. Kepl was united in marriage to Miss Amalia Hahn. Nine children were born to this union, four boys and five girls. Two girls passed away in infancy. In 1917 the Lord led Mr. Kepl to our Seminary in Rochester, N. Y., where he prepared himself for the Gospel ministry. His family joined him and was with him during the years of preparation. During the summer of 1919 he served his home church as student pastor. In 1920 he accepted a call to the Baptist Church at Durham, Kans. In September of that year he was ordained. After nine years of service he was called to the church at Regina, Sask. Although it was during the difficult years with many trying times, nevertheless, he had a blessed ministry there of eight years. In 1937 he came to Martin, N. Dak., where he served the church with true devotion until he answered the summons to higher service.

MESSAGE OF THANKS

We wish to extend our heartfelt thanks to all who gave flowers, cards, memorials and helped in any way during the illness and death of our beloved husband and father. Everything was greatly appreciated.

MRS. JOHN KEPL and children.

On November 15, 1931 it pleased the Lord to take his dear wife to her reward, leaving him with seven children. After more than a year he was united in marriage to Miss Bertha Knopf, missionary to our church at Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Brother Kepl was known as a true man of God, a man of prayer and faith. His ministry did not stop with his illness. While a patient in the Minot Hospital he visited other patients and prayed with them so long as he was able to do so.

We give a brief quotation that we received from his lips two days before his death when he gave us the outline of his funeral service. "I am only a sinner saved by grace. I thank God for all his mercy to me. God makes no mistakes. All things work together for good to them that love God. I have no fear. My heart is filled with peace. I have had some of the most wonderful times of fellowship with my Lord during the hours of loneliness. I thank God for all that you pastors have meant to me. I feel that I'm going to leave this world." On August 15 he was called home at the age of 67 years, 9 months and 16 days in the Trinity Hospital at Minot.

He leaves to mourn his dear wife, Mrs. Kepl; and seven children: John of Regina, Sask.; Anna, Mrs. Schultz, Olympia, Wash.; Paul, David and Martha, Portland, Ore.; Elizabeth, Mrs. Legan, Cleveland, Ohio; William at home; six grandchildren; three sisters: Mrs. Amalia Koenig, Koenigsnad, Hungary; Mrs. Josephine Kluge, Bethlehem, Pa.; Mrs. Barbara Prendergast, Gladwin, Mich.; two brothers, Frank Kepl, Philadelphia, Pa.; Wenzel Kepl, Jr., Bethlehem, Pa., besides his church at Bethlehem, many relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held from the Martin Baptist Church on Monday, Aug. 20, with Rev. A. Buhler of Harvey, N. Dak., officiating, assisted by Rev. A. Bibelheimer of Drake. The following pastors served as honorary pallbearers: A. Huber, A. Fischer, V. Link, D. Klein, P. Galambos, L. Bienert, F. Alf, F. Fuchs, R. Stading, G. Rutsch, R. Rieker, L. Seibel, G. Warkentin, and C. Reimche. In all 18 pastors were present. Interment took place in the Martin Cemetery.

Martin, North Dakota

A. Buhler, Pastor.

Central Conference

Reception

for Rev. and Mrs. Otto Roth at Chicago's Home for the Aged

The dining room of the Central Baptist Home for the Aged in Chicago, Ill., was a very cheerful place recently as a large group of members and friends from our Chicago churches gathered to greet Rev. and Mrs. Otto Roth as superintendent and matron.

The officers and Board of Directors first met formally to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Roth and to give attention to some necessary business matters. The formal meeting was then adjourned and the public reception followed.

We were happy to have two of our denominational secretaries with us. The Rev. J. C. Gunst read the Scripture portion and led in prayer. Dr. Frank H. Woyke brought the message of the evening, appropriately suited to the occasion. The Rev. Robert Schreiber extended words of welcome from the Ministerial Fellowship of our Chicago churches. The program included musical numbers by Mrs. Robert Schreiber, and members of the Home family, as well as group singing led by the Rev. William L. Schoeffel.

After words of welcome by our president, Mr. Roland E. Ross, both Mr. and Mrs. Roth responded to the welcome. Then the Rev. John Grygo led in closing prayer, giving thanks for the refreshments that were enjoyed during the time of fellowship that followed. All in all it was a most enjoyable evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Roth took up their duties as of June first and have already established themselves in the life of our Home and the hearts of our Home family.

Carl H. Jenkins, Reporter.

Southern Conference

Revival Meetings and Picnic Held by the Cottonwood Baptist Church of Texas

From June 27 to July 8, the Cottonwood Baptist Church of Lorena, Texas, conducted revival meetings. The Rev. Kirby McGuire of Waco, Texas, brought the messages, with the pastor, the Rev. J. O. Zillen, leading the singing. We thank the Lord for the many blessings received during these ten days. We saw many people rededicate their lives to God. There were seven conversions. Three of these were from our church. These three were baptized on Sunday, July 29th.

On Tuesday, July 10th, we held our annual picnic in the church yard with games and entertainment for all, from the youngest to the oldest. The supper, a basket lunch brought by all, was served at 6:00 P.M. Walter Gordon Gummelt had charge of the devotional service.

Mrs. H. D. Lynn, Reporter.

A MISSIONARY FAMILY

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Fred's education at the time was high school and two years of business college. He had gained much in practical experience serving his God wherever he could, but further preparation for missionary service was of paramount importance. He enrolled at the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago, Ill., and took the three year intensive missionary course. His family joined him at Chicago during the three years, where the Lord gave them another little girl, Miriam Sue.

The years of preparation required sacrifices on their part in many ways, but even those sacrifices were a part of the training for foreign service. Great was the joy when graduation came and greater still when the news of their appointment as missionaries to the Cameroons could be announced to them.

Their home church under the guidance of its pastor, Dr. A. Dale Ihrie, shared this joy by adopting them as their missionaries and sharing in the financial support to send them out. The First Baptist Church of Costa Mesa, Calif., whose pastor, the Rev. P. G. Neumann, was a former pastor of Burns Avenue Church and thus very close to the Holzimmers, also asked to have a share in the financial obligations toward this missionary family. We are confident that many blessings of God will come to these two churches through the services of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Holzimmer.

On June 6, 1951 Fred was ordained into the Christian ministry by his home church. May he prove himself true to the calling of God. On Aug. 8, 1951, he and his family waved "Good-bye" to the shores of the United States as the steamer "S.S. Britannic" sailed from New York harbor and they were bound for Africa. We at home pray that God will keep his hand over his servants as they carry out his will on the Cameroons mission field.

Special Events, Vacation School and Baptismal Service at Central Church, Waco, Texas

The month of May was full of happy, special events for us. On Friday evening, May 4, the fathers and sons of our church met at the "Kliff Club" for a banquet. Mr. Douglas Boyd was the toastmaster. Fifty-seven attended. Then on May 11, the mothers and daughters held a banquet at the "Spinning Wheel." Fifty-five were seated at the tables, which were decorated with lovely flowers. Mrs. Roger Edens was the toastmistress. The program featured a piano duet, "Melody of Love," by Dorothy Niederer and Joyce Wilhite, a reading "A Toast to Mother," by Louise Kittlitz, a vocal duet, "Mother," by Mrs. L. Landureth and Miss Gracelia Brenner, and a mes-

sage, "American Beauties," by Mrs. Tilson Maynard.

On Sunday, June 10, Mr. Edwin Kern, summer worker from our Seminary, brought a fine message an "Excusing One's Self from Life's Privileges." He had charge of the CBY program in the evening and was a great help in our Vacation Bible School, held from June 4 to 13. The enrollment was 107 with an average attendance of 89 and the highest 94. Commencement exercises, with a fine program and an exhibit of the children's work, was held on Wednesday evening. A love gift of \$40.90 from the children to be used for missions was presented to our Sunday School superintendent. Our Sunday School made the playgrounds most enjoyable for the children by placing slides and swings on the grounds. This Bible School was one of the finest and most successful and was under the able leadership of Mrs. Roger Edens, director, and Mrs. Roy Seibel, assistant director.

On Sunday June 24, after the evening service, we had a baptismal service in which Jimmy Landureth was baptized by our pastor, the Rev. Roy Seibel. May God continue to bless our church in the future days and may we always be a beacon light in this community.

Mrs. J. N. Kittlitz, Reporter.

Central Church of Waco, Texas, Represented at Conference and Makes Evangelistic Plans

On Sunday, July 15, twenty-nine members of the Central Baptist Church, Waco, Texas, attended the Southern Conference at Hurnville, near Henrietta, Texas. Some of our people had the privilege of attending every session from July 11 to 15. They report definite spiritual blessings, enthusiastic fellowship with old friends and the pleasure of making new acquaintances.

It was an especial privilege to meet our new general missionary secretary, Rev. Richard Schilke, and his messages regarding our mission fields and mission work were not only inspiring but challenged us to more sacrificial co-operation and participation in the mission effort of our denomination.

The ladies were especially impressed with the charming personality of Mrs. Walter Stein of Tyndall, S. Dak., the vice-president of the Woman's Missionary Union of the North American Baptists as she addressed the union at their program on Friday afternoon.

At the present time our church is making extensive plans for our series of evangelistic meetings scheduled for Sept. 5 through 15 with the Rev. P. G. Neumann of Costa Mesa, Calif., bringing the messages. Numerous methods of advertising the meetings will be used. Groups of men, women and young people will meet for prayer and re-dedication. Cottage prayer meetings will be held in various parts of the city. We are anxious that the Lord may pour out his Spirit upon us and give us an abundance of his blessings that souls may be saved.

Mrs. Ernest Steindam, Reporter.