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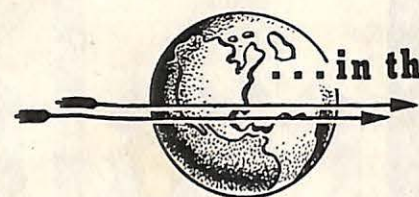
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... in the course of human events

● Attorney General Clark declares that 51 percent of all criminals in the United States are 21 years of age or under. Of each 1,000 burglars, 510 are under 21 years of age; of each 1,000 automobile thieves, 621 are under 21. More persons 17 years of age are arrested than any other group.—United Presbyterian.

● On the Greek Island of Mytilene, the Lesbos of Bible times, the bulldozers of the Marshall Plan construction engineers have dug up an ancient church which archaeologists believe may be the oldest in Christendom. Many different items have been recovered since the accidental discovery. Some silver articles, including offertory trays, have been acclaimed as being definitely Christian.—Moody Monthly.

● Father Zeno, founder of the "boys' town" at Nomadelpia, Italy, has been ordered to give up the work on behalf of unwanted waifs which he started nine years ago. The Holy Office is believed to have acted because of reports that the priest had been too socialistic in his policies, because he and other priests labored as manual workers and lived with the boys on the same level.—The Watchman-Examiner.

● During India's recent general elections, the villagers of a certain village were unable to choose the right candidate because of inability to read the names of the candidates. They overcame the predicament thus: They gathered in the temple and laid paper symbols of the four competing candidates before a four-year-old "holy child." The child touched one of the symbols and the people then trooped to the ballot box and indicated thus their choice.—New York Times.

● Another momentous Biblical discoveries has been made in Transjordan in the region of the Dead Sea. Small fragments of parchment, which had been photographed, disclosed Scriptural verses. The source of this find was traced with some difficulty by an Englishman named Harding, who is director of antiquities for the Hashemite kingdom. The manuscripts, believed to date from the second century, A.D., contain parts of the Gospel and other New Testament writings.—The Register.

● When the new state of Israel failed to range itself on the side of the Soviet, Moscow's hostility became furious. Now the Israeli government is

denounced as a capitalist vassal "sold to the American warmongers." In Russia, Yiddish theaters, newspapers and journals have disappeared, but Jewish religious services and institutions are tolerated, provided they are not associated with the political conception of Zion. Schools for young Jews, preparing for rabbinic careers, have ceased to exist.—Prophecy Monthly.

● Crime increase in America from 1910 to 1938 was 66.3 percent, according to FBI data. In four states where the Bible was read in public schools, Pennsylvania had an increase of 42 percent; Tennessee 30 percent; Massachusetts 20 percent; New Jersey 16 percent. In four states where the Bible reading was ignored or prohibited in the public schools, Iowa had an increase of 154 percent; Indiana 157 percent; Michigan 167 percent. Illinois (where the Bible was ruled out of the public schools in 1910) had an increase of 237 percent.—The Gideon.

● The proportion of freethinkers and non-Christian religionists in West Germany dropped from 4.6 to 3.2 percent since 1939. Ninety-six percent of the population professed either the Catholic or the Lutheran faith, 51.2 percent being Lutheran and 45.2 percent Catholic. Although the gross Catholic population has increased, its proportion to the total population dropped in the same period by 3.6 percent, whereas the proportion of Protestants rose by 1.8 percent. Influx of refugees from the East accounts for the change.—The Register.

● Some of present-day maladjustments make us wonder: "In Bell, Calif., a housewife, after looking at her untidy house, decided it would be easier to set fire to the place than to clean it. . . . In Detroit an eighteen-year-old girl told a judge: "Go jump in the lake. You make me sick." . . . In the same city, a junkman, arrested for going through a red light, won a suspended sentence when he informed the judge his horse was color-blind. . . . In San Antonio, Texas, a five-year-old boy, watching television, saw a desperado creep up on his favorite western star. The boy snatched his father's 22 rifle, and opened fire just in time. The villain bit the TV dust."—America.

The editor of this department, "In the Course of Human Events," is the Rev. John Grygo of the Ogdan Park Baptist Church, Chicago, Ill.

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 - April 15 (Tuesday)—Saint Joseph, Michigan.
 - April 20 (Sunday)—Grace Church, Gackle and Alfred, North Dakota.
 - April 24 (Thursday)—Woman's Missionary Union of Detroit, Mich., at the Ebenezer Church.
- Rev. J. C. Gunst
 - April 20 (Sunday A.M.)—Temple Church, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.
 - April 20 (Sunday P.M.)—Union Church, Arnold, Pennsylvania.
- Rev. Martin L. Leuschner
 - April 20—Union Church, Arnold, Pa.
 - April 27 (Sunday A.M.)—Grace Church, Chicago, Illinois.
- Rev. H. Palfenier, Evangelist
 - April 13-25—Pin Oak Creek Church, Mt. Sterling, Missouri.

ANNUAL MEETINGS

- April 25 (Friday)—Publication Board, Cleveland, Ohio.
- April 28 (Monday)—Committee on Education, Forest Park Headquarters.
- April 29-30—General Missionary Committee, Forest Park Headquarters.
- April 30 (Wednesday Evening)—Pension Fund Committee, Forest Park Headquarters.
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Editorial

In the Resurrection Garden

ARE YOU ALSO among those who regard the hymn, "In the Garden," as one of your favorite songs? For those who love to sing this song, it is soon evident that "the Garden" is the resurrection garden in which the Risen Christ met Mary Magdalene and called her by name. The author of the hymn, C. Austin Miles, has emphasized this truth again and again.

The experience of Mary Magdalene in this resurrection garden has been repeated by hosts of Christians in the days associated with the observance of Easter Sunday. But it is more than an annual adventure. It is a spiritual glow that comes into a Christian's life because of his experiences in the resurrection garden which abides throughout the year. Like Mary of old, we too go from this experience saying that we have "seen the Lord and that he had spoken these things" unto us (John 20:18).

"And he walks with me!" How our hearts are thrilled by the reverberation of those words. Christ has risen from the dead; he is alive! Because he lives, we too shall live. Because of the fact of his resurrection, we shall be empowered by him for every task to which he calls us. This truth can take hold of those who have walked with him and who by this walk have been convinced of his resurrection from the dead. Then he is more than a gardener to us, as Mary at first supposed him to be. For then he is the risen Christ, the living Savior, the gracious Redeemer, the empowering Lord, who has walked with me and I have seen and known this to be true!

"And he talks with me!" It was the living voice of the Master which gave assurance to Mary that Christ had risen from the dead. For it is recorded in John 20:18 that Mary told the disciples that she had seen the Lord and "that he had spoken these things unto her." The warm fellowship of the garden became a reality for Mary when Jesus' voice was recognized and he communicated all the things of God to her. It is always a wonderful Easter day when the Risen Lord talks to us and says: "Peace be unto you!"

"And he tells me I am his own." This is the greatest assurance of all. It is only by the living Spirit of the Risen Christ that we know we belong to him and that he dwells in our hearts. You do not need any such proofs, as Thomas at first demanded, "to see in his hands the print of the nails and thrust my hand into his side" to know that Christ has risen. "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are the sons of God" (Romans 8:14), yes, "heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ" (Romans 8:17).

This is the Easter joy to be shared with others and to be experienced every day of the year by the Christian. It is the unique joy of every child of God. It is our blessed experience in the resurrection garden!

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The Indispensable Book for Everyone

The Bible points us to the Savior who died that we might live, and who arose from the dead to assure us of that life. "O earth, earth, earth, hear the word of the Lord" (Jeremiah 22:29)

By the REV. HERBERT J. FREEMAN, Pastor of the Faith Baptist Church, West New York, New Jersey

THE BIBLE is a peupliar Book. It makes some people angry and others happy. There is no book like it in all the world. From every conceivable approach it is unique. Even the unbeliever is amazed and startled at the power and effect of this Book of books. There should be no doubt in our minds that, if we possessed no books but had the opportunity of selecting just one, that book would be the Bible.

In its field, the Bible stands alone and knows no equal. In truth, it has been challenged, but it still stands as an undefeated champion. Men and books which have opposed the Bible have passed away with the years, finding it unconquerable. The Bible still stands.

A BLESSING TO ALL

The Bible very definitely claims to be indispensable, and proves itself to be just that in the way it works in the individual and in what it does for him. Through his prophet, Moses, God made it known that "man doth not live by bread only, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the Lord."

There is another illustration which will suffice to show what is meant by the Bible's claim to be indispensable. In the Epistle to the Hebrews (11:6) we find these words, "Without faith it is impossible to please him." The answer to the question, "Where does one find the faith that pleases God?" is found in Romans 10:17. "Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." From these verses we learn that, in order to please God, a person must have faith, and that that faith is found only in the Bible.

The Psalmist said, "Thy word have I hid in my heart that I might not sin against thee." Here was a man who rejoiced to declare his need of, and faith in, the Word of God. He said further, "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." This man recognized that the Word of God was important for two reasons. It kept him from sinning against God, and it was a guiding light unto him through life.

There is always a great blessing in the hearing and the reading of the Bible for all who are sincerely inter-



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ested enough to listen and to read. Everyone should read it, for it is clear and simple, and, at the same time, both deep and profound. The Bible knows more about us and than we know about ourselves, and this should certainly interest everyone. It tells us the truth about ourselves. In fact, one of the unique characteristics of the Bible is that it never appeals to the pride of man.

Biographies often attempt to eulogize man and histories seek to glorify him. But the Word of God, which contains much biography and history, tells the truth. The great heroes of the Bible were men of like passions and weaknesses as we. The thing that made them great and acceptable in the sight of God was their faith. They dared to believe and to trust the Word of God.

God's Word is no "respector of persons." For example, mark these words in Romans 3:23: "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God." They burn deeply into our hearts, and we know that they are only too true. But the Bible goes further, and tells why men persist in sin and the consequences which follow if they willfully refuse its salvation.

Listen to the Word of God, John 3:19-20: "This is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light lest his deeds should be reproved." We suspect very strongly that the reason why so many continue to reject the Bible and its message is because the truth hurts too much!

THE BIBLE'S GOOD NEWS

However, the Bible does not reveal our iniquity and hopelessness, and then leaves us high and dry. Quite the contrary! It has a message of real hope and joy and peace. It points us to a Savior who died that we might live, and who arose from the dead to assure us of that life. The Bible makes it clear that this work of Christ is essential to, and in harmony with, the plan of God for the salvation of man. This is what is better known as the Gospel. This Gospel message is summed up briefly in 1 Corinthians 15:3-4, where Paul addresses the Church at Corinth and writes, "... that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures."

There are some who might try to find fault with God's Word by saying that it is not good news to be told that one is a sinner and subject to the wrath of God. The accusation, however, is faulty. It may not be good news to hear that my home is burning, but, on the other hand, it is good if I hear it before I burn! So the Gospel message is good news.

The Bible does not live and then die as other books. It is always alive, fresh, up to the minute, and even beyond. Its penetrating rays have pierced through the blackest epochs of history, leading men and women to the place of safety and assurance. It can do the same for us today in our present crisis, but we must be willing to believe it and to trust the One whom it reveals.

The Bible has stood out among all books as no other has, because this Book is the inspired Word of God to all mankind. The Lord Jesus said, "The words that I speak unto you, (Continued on Page 24)

The Christ of the African Road

Out of darkness and into the LIGHT have come African tribes to join you at Easter morn to worship the Risen Christ. He is walking across the African road today

By the REV. PAUL GEBAUER, Superintendent of the Cameroons Baptist Mission

AFRICA entered very early into the life of our Lord. In the valley of the Nile he and his mother found shelter against the madness of a mad king. Egypt's ancient civilization cradled the child "that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Out of Egypt have I called my son" (Matt. 2:15).

AFRICA went with Jesus that last long mile to Calvary in the person of Simon of Cyrene. "And on him they laid the cross, that he might bear it after Jesus" (Luke 23:26).

THE MASTER'S FOOTSTEPS

AFRICA had a major place in the life and growth of the early church. Mighty scholars and churches arose in North Africa. Their leadership, zeal and learning were felt in Christ's conquest of the Roman Empire. But this early love got lost in the battle of words and the sands of the Sahara. History has little to say about Christian influence south of that great African desert. Only faint echoes speak of early contacts with the tribes of true Negroland.

AFRICA to the east boasted Christian influence in the Nile Valley but these churches of the Nile got lost in time and space. And the Christians who brought the proud peoples of Ethiopia to the feet of Jesus at a very early date would not know the Coptic Church of today. Nor would the treasurer of the Queen of the Ethiopians find much in common between

the Coptic priests of today and the experience he himself gained under the ministry of Philip, the Evangelist, of Acts 8. Stagnation rules. Christ is not in it.

"We need new life from within" my fellow student from the Kingdom of Haile Selassie said last week. Once again an ancient prophecy comes to the fore: "... Ethiopia shall soon stretch out her hands unto God..." (Psalm 68:31).

AFRICA toward and south of the equator did not hear the footsteps of the Master until the modern missionary movement broke beyond its fringes. Moffat crossed the southlands. Livingstone opened up the heart of Africa. Grenfell opened up the unknown trails of the Congo. Rebmann carried the good news to the highlands of the Kilimanjaro. And they are legion who followed in their trail.

AFRICA of your most personal concern—the Cameroons—waited until Jesuitic hatred drove Alfred Saker to the mainland just a hundred years ago. Only one hundred years ago God's last word to lost man was proclaimed to the Duala people. Ninety years ago Christ established his hold at Victoria. Sixty years ago your August Steffens went to this spot.

Only forty years ago your missionaries pushed deep into the heart of the Cameroons to reach the unreached. Only twenty years ago you brought the name of Jesus to the Kaka; and only fifteen years ago to the Mambila. Thus you covered the last unknown

miles of forest and highland for your Christ of the African Road.

His battle rages.

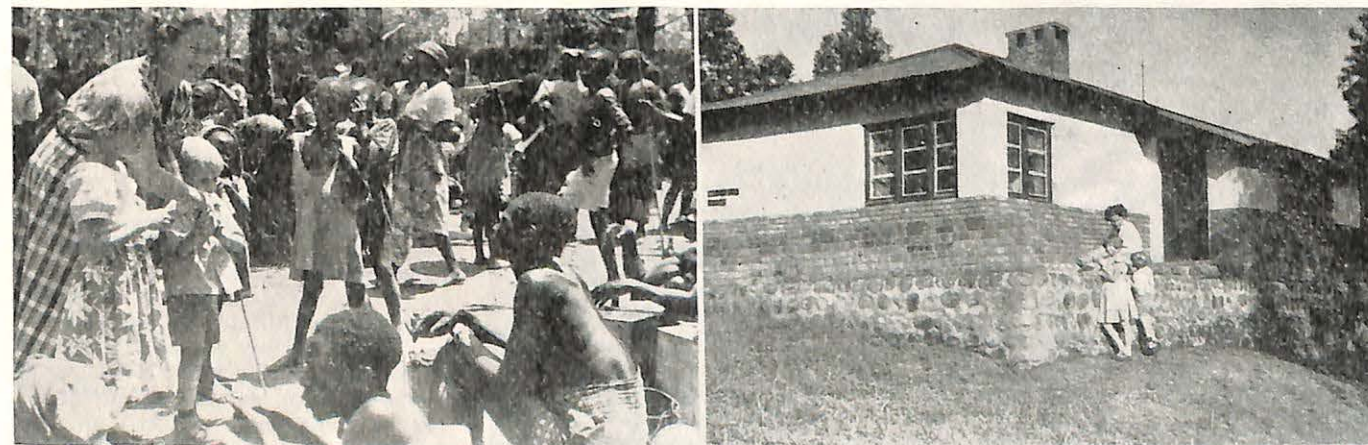
The old breaks. In many places it is broken. Take Duala for an illustration. Saker's early accounts of the Duala people would be unpleasant music to the crowds who will fill Duala's churches this Easter Sunday. They would not believe the ancient reports. Yet—Christ's record stands: a lawless tribe has survived and changed within a hundred years and taken its place in this modern Africa to the everlasting good of many. History has this on record. Baptists rejoice, for Christ is victorious.

THE YOUTH OF AFRICA

AFRICA'S youth of today seeks liberty at all cost. Among these seekers for liberty walks the Christ of the African trail. Be not misled. Many Christians are in this battle for freedom. They are aware of their minority in numbers. They are aware also of their majority in Christ. They know that in Christ they hold forth the balm that heals the wounds of 2000 years of night and neglect.

These Africans do not have an easy time of their witnessing. Unbelief is awake everywhere to hinder them, to laugh at them. But before these Africans walks the Christ of the African road to carry out the prophecies of Mary: "He hath put down the mighty from their seats, and exalted them of low degree. He hath filled

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Mrs. Paul Gebauer, wife of the superintendent of the Cameroons Baptist Mission, is shown with their two children, Ann Elizabeth and Walter ("Butch"), in the crowded marketplace of Bamenda and in front of the missionaries' house at the Bamenda Mission Station.

A Twelve Day Missionary Trek

A remarkable story how our Cameroons' missionaries come to grips with life in African villages and present Christ and his Gospel to them

By MRS. LOIS AHRENS of Mbem Who Was on This Trek
With MISS MYRTLE WEELDREYER

WE HAD COME through grassy hills in the Cameroons of Africa, then lovely, green fields of guinea corn, then into an area dotted with oil palms—a refreshing sight.

It was hot, and since it was the first day of the trek, it seemed long. Now, nearing noon, we arrived at Bom. We were to sleep in the chapel, a little mud and thatch structure, white-washed without and within. The usual curious group of youngsters gathered around us, peeping through the windows to see what manner of strange things the white man had brought with him. Greetings were exchanged all around. "Are you well? Is your body well? Is your family well? Any news?" etc.

INTRODUCING MYRTLE WEELDREYER

This was to be a twelve-day tour of outstations, during which time we hoped to minister both to broken bodies and crushed spirits. This was also to introduce Miss Myrtle Weeldreyer to the people, since she had not yet had opportunity to go to these outstations. Wherever she went, they

marveled at her height. Then too, Billy, our son, ever proved an object of curiosity to them. The children followed him around all day, sitting just outside the doorway while he was napping.

As I sat down in the shade of a palm tree to read a bit, some of the older children broke away from those keeping vigil by the door to peep at me from varying angles, trying to fathom the wonders of eye-glasses, and trying to see what my eyes looked like behind them.

Myrtle and I had prayed about this trek for weeks, and had sent advance word of our proposed visit, inviting all people, the women particularly, to come to the meetings.

Two o'clock! The deacon tipped up his woolly head, squinted at the sun and said, "It is time, ma." Then the drum was beaten, calling the people to the clearing for the meeting. In half an hour the drum repeated its insistent call, and a little later, yet again.

People began coming to the compound, but there were few women among them. This was a great disappointment to us, since formerly the women here had come in good num-

bers, seemingly eager for our message. When we asked, "Where are all the women?" (for we had not seen a one while walking through the village), we were told that they had all gone up into the hills to catch grasshoppers, for was not this "the season?"

Praying that the message would be read to the few who were there, we commenced. Christ was presented as the only way of salvation. Christians were given encouraging promises, and the mothers were taught how to care for their babies so that so many need not die. Most of the old village elders were present and showed interest.

A CHRISTIAN CHIEF

Seated on an intricately-carved chair was the chief, an unusually bright looking young man, who is himself a Christian of our Baptist Church there. He would nod his head with assent from time to time. His very face showed his faith. It is most unusual to find a chief who does not exhibit the Satanic marks of dissipation. Seeing the clean look on the face of this young chief, we had to thank God for the love of Christ which changes even the countenance of those who receive him.

Others of the village told us later that since the inauguration of this chief two years ago, some of the village elders have repeatedly tried to induce him to take additional wives. However, their pleas have been to no avail. This is no small triumph, for in native eyes a chief must be a polygamist to keep face with his people. Still his people respect and honor him because of his everyday living.

Immediately after the meeting people gathered around "the long Missus" as Myrtle is called, asking for worm medicine, etc. Dirt and superstition had taken their toll as usual, for of the mothers present nearly all had had nearly as many children who had died in infancy as those who had lived. Small wonder that we are frequently asked what kind of "magic medicine" or "juju" we use to make us healthy. Billy was a constant source of amazement in this regard because he is so much larger and livelier than native children of comparable ages.

While Myrtle was giving out medicines, Billy and I walked around and

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—Photo by Laura E. Reddig

Mrs. Lois Ahrens with her class of women in the Baptist Bible School at Mbem, Cameroons, with the school buildings and a part of the Mbem Baptist Chapel in the background.

At the Dispensary Door

Stories that will burn their truth into your soul about Cameroons' natives who knock at the Belo Dispensary door for help

By MISS MARGARET KITTLITZ, Missionary-nurse
in the Cameroons, Africa

HE CAME to us in the middle of the night or, perhaps I should say, the early morning hours, since it was about two o'clock in the morning. He thought he was breathing his last. So did we!

The dispensary helper did not even call me because he thought the man would be dead by morning. He put the patient on a mat on the floor, since the last patient had all but burned up the bamboo bed which we provided. The man had been desperately ill for two weeks but he came to us because now he had been hiccupping three days and nights and wanted some relief.

DUALA, A "BIG MAN"

When daylight came, we borrowed a sturdier bed from the maternity center and made the patient as comfortable as possible, still wondering if he would live. He came because of the hiccupping, but his illness was more serious than even he knew. His thigh was swollen with a huge abscess; his feet were swollen and edematous. His formerly brown skin was ashen grey.

He gasped and coughed at every breath. Sedatives and stimulants were given, hot fomentations were applied and all that nursing arts had taught the missionary was done. The day went by and still the patient lived.

More days went by and he began to grow better to our amazement and, most of all, to the amazement of the patient himself and his family. Duala, for this is the graphic name he has chosen recently, stayed with us for two months. During this time missionary, dispensary helpers, evangelist and church teacher preached to him daily, often several times a day, concerning the love of God in sending his Son into the world and the salvation to be had because of Jesus' atoning death.

Today Duala's skin is brown again. He walks about the land visiting his friends and his farms. Each time he passes through the mission compound, he stops to salute the missionary. On each occasion she asks him when he is going to "salute God." Duala is a so-called "big man" in the community. He has many wives, children and goats, denoting riches.

Jesus himself said, "How hardly shall a rich man enter the kingdom of heaven." But Duala can never be the

same again, having heard of the riches of God's grace and mercy. He is a subject of our prayers. Will you make him a subject of your prayers, too?

MUNTANG AND NATANG

Muntang came to us one very rainy afternoon. He had been carried on a folding chair like a steamer chair with bamboo poles pushed through the armrests and then suspended from the shoulders of two men, one in front and one in back. He was unconscious due to a fall from a cola tree during which he all but broke his skull.

A Christian workman of ours lives in the man's compound and but for him the patient would probably not have come to us at all. He would have been advised by the native medicine man and might have died while drinking herbs and being jostled around. Rest and good nourishment and God's grace led to his recovery and restoration to a happy wife and family.

About one month before she came to us, Natang had given birth to a lovely brown-eyed baby daughter. When she came to us, her right leg was swollen the size of a tree trunk and was as hard as wood. In spite of treatment and such medicines as are available in our small dispensary, the leg continued to grow worse. At last, the skin sloughed off from the middle of the calf down to the foot.

Finally, the foot became completely gangrenous and withered. There was no way to remove her to a hospital and we could only hope and pray that her body would have enough resistance to withstand the continual flow of poison into the blood stream until someone could take her. Finally, our own doctor came for a clinic from Banzo and took her along, leaving behind, in Bamenda, needed supplies to make room for the sick one.

At Banzo she awaits the amputation of the limb, so that her life might be spared and the little one may have a mother. The grandmother first argued about taking Natang to the hospital, saying, "What will I do with the baby?" At last she understood that

MISSIONARY ALBUM

Why not start a missionary album or scrapbook by clipping these fine missionary articles and pictures appearing in the "Baptist Herald" and using them later for programs in your church? Additional material or pictures will gladly be sent by the editor upon request.



It's a thrilling hour for our missionaries when the mail bag is opened at Bamenda and letters from home are read!
Left to right: Margaret Kittlitz, Ruby Salzmann and Laura E. Reddig.

if the mother dies, she would certainly have the baby on her hands, and gave her consent for the doctor to try to save the mother's life.

A TRAGIC STORY

Nayah had been having headaches for three months when she came to our dispensary. We gave her everything we had to offer, but for some reason nothing had any effect on her headache. At last preparations were made for her to be taken to Bamenda. Her husband had been instructed to go the day before so that he could meet his wife at the hospital the next day, for there was no room for him on the lorry that was to take the patient.

The night before she was to go she suddenly became completely delirious. We do not know what happened. Perhaps (and this is no doubt the true solution) she was afraid to go to Bamenda, away from her people. We gave her a sleeping draught and left her to sleep.

Early next morning we went to see her and she was perfectly sane. When we looked up, we were much surprised to see the husband, who had bidden us goodbye the afternoon before and was supposedly on his way to Bamenda. The result was that Nayah went to her home and died within two or three days. She was a Christian and her body was brought to the church for the funeral.

At the funeral the old grandmother, who had been staying with her and nursing her young child, went to the front of the church, looked down into

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The Marks of Separation

There are several great separations for which Baptists have stood, for which many have lived and died, and for which we must still stand!

The Fifth of a Series of Articles on "Who Are the Baptists?" by the REV. O. E. KRUEGER of Rochester, New York

"Come ye out from among them, and be ye separated."

"Put away from you that wicked person."

"A chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a peculiar people."

"In the world, but not of the world".

THE TRUE CHRISTIAN, whatever his denominational affiliation may be, is in the world but not of the world. But why say "true Christian?" An unreal Christian is no more a Christian than unreal gold is gold.

Too many church members have their name on the church roll, but their major interests are still in the world. They are in the church but not of the church. We must of necessity be a peculiar people. That does not mean "odd ducks!" There are several great separations for which Baptists have stood, for which many have lived and died; for which we must still stand, for which we may again be called on to die.

We live in a world full of unrighteousness. We cannot avoid contact, but we must not be unequally yoked together with it. We must not expose ourselves to its virus. We must seek our reinforcements in the fellowship of that holy nation, that royal priesthood, which has constant access to God through the one and only mediator, Jesus Christ.

A MINORITY WITNESS

Having accepted Christ as our Savior and Lord, we come into the fellowship of the church by the act of voluntary baptism. This personal acceptance of Christ followed by baptism marks our separation from the world as persons who have been regenerated, that is to say, born again. We recoil from the utter absurdity of claiming

to effect such a separation by imposing upon an unconscious infant the act of baptism, whether by sprinkling, pouring or immersion.

The Roman Catholic Church has regarded baptism so utterly indispensable for salvation that it recognizes its validity, in case of necessity, even when performed by a heretic or an unbeliever, as long as it is carried out through the proper formula: "I baptize thee in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost." The church regards it so utterly necessary that it resorts to the baptism of the foetus in the womb of a dying pregnant woman. This superstitious nonsense is supposed to be believed by 400,000,000 people.

The Baptists who number less than 20,000,000 are a very small minority. Our witness is sorely needed. We must not place our candle under a bushel.

Many Protestants have given up the idea of baptismal regeneration, regarding it merely as a dedication. Why then use water and call it baptism? When it is desired by the parents, any Baptist minister will offer a prayer of dedication for a child. Catholics consistently hold to the teaching of the church, which does not claim to be founded on the Bible. Protestants, many of them, who claim the Bible as their only authority, are inconsistent. Often they are influenced by the tears of distressed grandmothers.

A young man of one of my churches married a Lutheran girl. When their first baby, that had not been christened, became deathly ill, the grandmother prevailed upon the father to have the "great neglect" repaired. The pastor, a very level-headed, fine spirited Christian gentleman and a good friend of mine, performed the rite. What he is reported then to have said

amazed me: "NOW you need not worry. If the child dies, it will be all right." I had told the young couple before that act that they need not worry about what God would do with their innocent child in case of death.

The great fallacy of magical power in baptism is still deeply rooted in the minds of many Protestants! This experience brought home to me the great importance of our clear testimony about Biblical baptism.

A FUTILE PROCEDURE

No one has ever been made a Christian by baptism. After Constantine had made Christianity the state religion, millions of pagans were brought into the church at the point of the sword. Armies were literally driven into the water and baptized. What a way to bring the world into the church! There is a case on record where a Saxon army refused to have their right arms immersed with their bodies because they wanted to continue to use them in battle. They understood that Jesus was a real Prince of peace. Whether you baptize an infant or an infantry man, he remains a man of the world unless something else happens to him.

In all the reports in the New Testament, baptism follows hearing of the Word and believing on the Lord. The reported household baptisms cannot possibly be stretched to include infants. Catholics know that very well, but it does not trouble them, since the Bible is not their authority. Protestant New Testament scholars know it equally well, but inconsistently continue the practice.

No, no! Baptism does not effect new birth, does not secure the remission of sins, and does not insure salvation. It does mark and separate the recipi-

ent as one who has been born again, who has received the forgiveness of sins, who has been saved from a crooked generation, and has begun a new life.

Many have been misguided by what Peter said to the multitude in Acts 2:38: "Be ye baptized, every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins." The Greek preposition "eis" translated "for" does not always mean "in order that." You are thanked for a favor; you are blamed for carelessness; you are commended for bravery; you keep the cake for supper. The Greek "eis" is also translated with "against, among, at, upon."

Since there are so many instances where forgiveness was received without the act of baptism, it cannot mean here that forgiveness is dependent on baptism. It is perfectly natural, and good Greek, to translate: "Be ye baptized upon the forgiveness of your sins." Baptism follows forgiveness.

The thing of outstanding importance in baptism is that it marks the person who is baptized as one who has accepted Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord and is henceforth separated from the world. Many believed on the Lord secretly but were afraid to confess him openly. Joseph of Arimathea was one of those for a while. Nicodemus came to Jesus by night because he feared his colleagues. Jesus told him that he must be born again if he would see the Kingdom of God. He had to be born of water and of the Spirit.

This is the passage quoted to support baptismal regeneration. It is

REV. O. E. KRUEGER

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highly improbable that such is the meaning of the passage. The Holy Spirit is always the creative power in the Bible without needing the help of water. But baptism was the means of the open silent confession. Jesus told Nicodemus: "You must be born again by the power of the Holy Spirit, and then you must make an open declaration of your faith in me. You come to me by night, because you are afraid and ashamed. You must be marked as a disciple of mine by open confession in the silent act of water baptism!"

You have, no doubt, heard the testimony of a converted Jew who was not molested, in spite of his high regard of Jesus. But the day he was baptized, he was cast out, disclaimed and regarded as dead. Baptism marked the separation. Thousands and thousands of Hindus were unharmed in spite of belief in Jesus Christ, but when they confessed him silently in baptism, they were cut off, persecuted, poisoned! It is easy for one brought up in a Christian family and in a Christian community to confess Christ. For that reason baptism has lost much

of its significance as a mark of separation.

Another witness which marks our separation is given at the Lord's Table. What happens there is not magical but memorial. "This do in remembrance of me." We do not receive it as a remedy for sin, but in remembrance of sins forgiven. This separation is marked by Paul in 1 Cor. 10:21, "Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of devils; ye cannot be partakers of the Lord's table and of the table of devils."

With all the efforts to keep the church as a body of regenerated persons by baptizing and admitting only those who confess Jesus Christ as personal Lord and Savior, people come into the church whose spirit has not been touched by the Holy Spirit, who are still unequally yoked together with the world. Jesus had a Judas! The apostles found Ananias and Sapphira in their midst among the baptized. Sometimes our zeal for a pure church has been misdirected. By attempting to put from among us "the wicked", our fathers have acted against "the weak," who needed the strengthening influence of the fellowship of his people.

Today we are going into the other extreme. In many Baptist churches it is enough merely to express the desire to become a member of the church, without inquiring into the beliefs and life of the applicant. That is not Biblical procedure. The mark of separation should not merely be carried in baptism and at the Lord's Table; it must be manifested in daily living.



A beautiful glimpse of Thorvaldsen's portrayal of "The Christ" as the Risen Lord through the open gate to "God's Garden" at Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Glendale, California.

The Church of Jesus Christ

The Church in the universal sense consists of that body of believers whom the Lord has chosen and called out of the world unto himself since the days of Pentecost until the day when he shall return and receive his own unto himself

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 The Fifth in a Series of Articles on Scriptural Prophecy
 by the REV. L. H. SMITH of Corn, Oklahoma
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IN PREVIOUS ARTICLES we have discussed the future of two great bodies of people, that is, the Jews and the Gentiles. Now we devote our attention to a third body of people that has a glorious prospect for the future. The Church in the universal sense consists of that body of believers whom the Lord has chosen and called out of the world unto himself since the days of Pentecost until the day when he shall return and receive his own unto himself.

The church in the local scope consists of every true believer whom the Lord has saved in that given locality. In its Greek form the word "church" or "ecclesia" means "to call out of." "The Lord added to the church daily such as were being saved" (Acts 2:47). We see by this text that the Lord has not left the building of the church to human hands. For Jesus said, "I will build my church" (Matt. 16:18).

Therefore there are no hypocrites in the true Church. For it is not an "organization" but rather a divinely formed "Organism." Therefore, the Church is not the sum total of all the denominational organizations, nor is it any one of these. For every truly saved believer of any organization or no organization is a part of the body of Christ, the Church. It is intended by God that these believers of a given locality assemble together for worship and for the study of the Word, fellowship and prayer.

KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

The term "Kingdom of heaven" more nearly corresponds to the sum total of all denominations. For the Kingdom of heaven represents the whole sphere of Christian profession. The Kingdom of heaven in its mystery form, as set forth in Matthew, chapter 13, includes the counterfeit professors as well as the true ones. In the Kingdom of heaven we find "good fish and bad fish!" also we find the "tares" and the "birds."

All unsaved persons are not "tares," only those whom Satan has induced to accept religion without an experience with Christ. These are imitations of the wheat and are said to be the "children of the wicked one," although in

the sphere of Christian profession. These will grow along in the Kingdom with the true believers (the Church) until the end of this age and then the Lord will bind the tares in bundles to be burned and gather the wheat into his garner.

It should be noted that the Kingdom does include the Church and has much in common with it, but is not synonymous with it. All professed Christendom and the Kingdom in its mystery form are synonymous. For this age the true Church forms a "habitation of God, through the Spirit" just as the holy place of the temple was his dwelling place of old. As such the Church is a "building fitly framed together that groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord." In Christ both Jews and Gentiles are made "one new man" (Eph. 2:21-22). "For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. THERE IS NEITHER JEW NOR GREEK, there is neither bond nor free, male nor female; for ye are all ONE IN CHRIST JESUS" (Gal. 3:27-28).

When Christ began his ministry, the Church was not yet in existence. But he declared, "I WILL build my church" (Matt. 16:18). The revelation concerning the plan and purpose of God in the Church was not revealed to the Apostle Paul. The Church composed of both Jews and Gentiles, "in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men as it is now revealed * * * that the Gentiles should be fellow-heirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel" (Eph. 3:1-9).

Christ and the Church are "one for we are members of his body, of his flesh and his bones; for this cause shall a man leave father and mother and shall be joined unto his wife, and they TOO SHALL BE ONE FLESH. This is a great mystery but I speak CONCERNING CHRIST AND THE CHURCH" (Eph. 5:30-32). The saints of other ages do not hold this relationship of being one with Christ. This relationship will continue throughout eternity, "for then the marriage of the Lamb will have come," and we shall dwell with him as wife for eternity (Rev. 19:7 with 21:9-11).

World conversion is not the objec-

tive of God for this age. His purpose is to "gather out of the Gentiles a people for his name," constituting a bride for his Son. "AFTER THIS I WILL RETURN, and will rebuild the house of David, which is fallen down; I will rebuild its ruins and I will set it up, THAT THE REST OF MEN (those not converted during the church age) may seek the Lord, and ALL the Gentiles on whom my name is called" (Acts 15:14-17). "A hardening has come upon part of Israel, UNTIL THE FULL NUMBER OF GENTILES COME IN, and so ALL ISRAEL will be saved as it is written, the Deliverer will come out of Zion; he will banish ungodliness from Jacob" (R. V. Rom. 11:25-26). "ALL" the Gentiles and "all" Israel will not be saved until after the events herein described, that is, not till "THE FULL NUMBER OF GENTILES COME IN" and "the Lord returns."

Present day Christendom will apostasize from the faith almost completely when the true believers are caught away at the coming of Christ for his own. "When the Son of Man cometh shall he find the faith upon the earth?" (See also 1 Tim. 4:1; 2 Tim. 3:1-9; 4:3-4. 2 Peter 3:3-4; Jude 17-19; Matt. 24:37-39.) So instead of expecting the conversion of the world during this age, we are told that we may expect world-wide apostasy before the Lord Jesus returns to establish his world-wide Kingdom.

After the true Church is caught away, false religious professors will unionize with the church of Rome. The beast, for the sake of power, fraternizes with apostate Christendom and carries her along on his back so long as she serves his purpose. He then turns to devour this apostate church (Rev. 17:3-18).

RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD

The next world shaking event in the history of the Church will be the resurrection of "the dead in Christ." The Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, and with the voice of an archangel, and with the trump of God, and the dead in Christ shall rise first" (1 Thess. 4:16). The resurrection pertains only to the body of

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A Little Child Is Buried at Sea

The deeply moving story of the untimely death of Mary Alice Schneider, daughter of the Cameroons' missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. Gilbert Schneider, was born in Dallas, Oregon, on August 23, 1951 and who died on Feb. 11, 1952 at sea en route to Africa

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 From a Letter by the Parents Sent to the Rev. R. Schilke,
 General Missionary Secretary

NEWS of the passing of our baby must have been a shock to all our friends at home, as indeed it was to us. We lean heavily upon God's promises to sustain us these days, which are filled with grief and loneliness. It is he, we know, who can banish fear, give new life and heal our body and spirit in response to faith and love.

We use these remaining days en route to draw closer to our Christ and we humbly and sincerely pray for strength and wisdom for the responsibilities that lie ahead. We are thankful we shall be busy. Of course, we still have Evan, who gives us much joy and companionship, but we had just begun to enjoy ourselves as a family after a busy season at home when we were seldom all together. Mary Alice was just beginning to enjoy Evan's company and laughed and played with him. All of this has not been without its effect upon him as well.

COLD WEATHER

No doubt, you would like to know how it all came about. Upon arrival at Liverpool, England, we found it to be in the midst of a blizzard with cold, windy, damp weather throughout our stay. Due to the tornado on the British Cameroons coast, which destroyed many bananas, the banana boats were off schedule and not running as often as usual. When at last we were able to get passage on the S.S. Nicoya for February 7 we were happy to be able to leave Liverpool's most unhealthy climate. By this time, however, more than a week had passed and all four of us had colds and coughs.

We did not wish to take undue risks with the children, so on the day before we sailed we took them both to the children's hospital in Liverpool and had them well examined. The doctor said that Mary Alice had a slight bronchitis but it was not serious and with the medicine she would give us it would certainly promptly subside.

Our daughter was given the best care we knew how to give with the prescribed medicine, improvised steam inhalations, tonics, fluids, rubs and even penicillin from the ship's emergency supply, when we saw she was getting worse. The captain of the ship

was very kind and helpful. He cabled a message to another ship at sea that carried a doctor and asked advice as to treatment and further medicine. This doctor suggested oxygen and atropine (to dry up some of the fluid in Mary's lungs) and continued penicillin. A ship of this type, of course, doesn't carry oxygen or atropine and we felt fortunate even to have the penicillin.

CALLED HOME

After a very terrible night and morning of desperate struggling for life, with intermittent convulsions, and gasping from completely congested lungs, our little darling went to be with Jesus. This was Monday morning at 10 o'clock on February 11, 1952.

ship's burial service, which was a series of appropriate Scripture passages. Mr. Scheibler gave us much help during this time with kind deeds of thoughtfulness and words of encouragement and prayer. He is a Swiss Basel missionary, a passenger also on his way back to the Cameroons. As he came to the latter part of the reading, the first mate and his helper gently lifted one end of the tiny platform built near the ship's rail. And so our baby slipped into the sea wrapped in heavy canvas.

The little platform was covered with a British flag. They apologized for not having an American one on board. The service took about ten minutes in all.

At the close, the captain turned to



The Schneider family at Christmas 1951 when little Mary Alice was the source of great joy to her parents, the Rev. and Mrs. Gilbert Schneider, Cameroons missionaries.

The burial service was Tuesday morning February 12, at 10 o'clock. When the hour came, the captain took us to the rear of the ship where the officers and crew were standing at attention. The ship had been stopped at this hour. We were just east of the Madeira Island, between the islands and the African coast.

The Rev. Paul Scheibler read the

his officers and said, "Full speed ahead," and their day went on as usual. We returned to our now so quiet room and prayed for strength to go forward without fear.

Because of the expensiveness of direct cable from here we had the ship cable America and air-mail it on to the Rev. E. Wolff whom we instructed to

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

The new officers of the CBY at the Baptist Church of Plevna, Mont., are as follows: Manuel Lang, president; Richard Opp, vice-president; Ella Hepperle, secretary; David Sieler, treasurer; Anna Bechtold, reporter; Fred Roeseler and Glen Tullmer, ushers; Anita Beutler and Ruth Bechtold, pianists. The CBY presented the church with a set of beautiful draw drapes which had been made by Mrs. Art Hepperle and installed door chimes in the parsonage. The Rev. G. Beutler is pastor of the church.

The Temple Church of Milwaukee, Wis., held special Pre-Easter services with four successive Thursday evenings on guest speakers as follows: Rev. Fred Kern of Forest Park, Ill.; Rev. D. Raymond Green Bay, Wis.; Rev. and a candlelight of Racine, Wis.; conducted by the pastor, the Rev. G. K. Zimmerman. The play, "The Lost Church," was presented by the First Baptist Church of Watertown, Wis., at the Temple Church on Sunday evening, March 23.

Mr. Charles Willeke of Aplington, Iowa, passed away on Feb. 26 in his 80th year. He had been superintendent of the Aplington Baptist Sunday School for many years. In his church, community and denomination he was widely known and deeply beloved. The memorial service was held in the Aplington Baptist Church on Feb. 29 with the Rev. Frank Veninga in charge. He leaves to mourn, his widow, two sons and a daughter, all of Aplington. The obituary appears on page 23 of this issue.

On March 4 the Rev. Asaaf Husmann of New York, N. Y., attended the session of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs in Washington, D. C., at the request of Dr. Frank H. Woyke, executive secretary, who could not be present. Dr. J. M. Dawson, executive director of the Joint Committee, gave the principal address. Other speakers were Dr. W. B. Lippard, editor of "Missions," Dr. D. B. Cloward, Mr. M. T. Rankin and Dr. Arnold T. Ohrn, who spoke for the refugees. The next meeting of the Joint Committee will be on Oct. 7, 1952.

The Grace Baptist Church of Ke-Morris, Man., has extended a call to the Rev. J. B. Kornalewski, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Minitonas, Man., since 1946. He presented his resignation to the Minitonas church

on Sunday, Feb. 24, which was also his sixth anniversary with the church. After some delay the church took action and accepted his resignation with deep regret. In Kelowna, B. C., Mr. Kornalewski will succeed the Rev. A. Kujath who is retiring from the active pastorate. His first Sunday with the new church will be July 6th.

The Emanuel Baptist Church of Morris, Man., has extended a call to the Rev. Reinhold Kanwischer of Regina, Sask., to which he has responded favorably. He hopes to begin his pastorate in Morris on June 1st. He will succeed the Rev. William Sturhahn, who is now serving as a director of relief for the Baptist World Alliance, and also the Rev. Otto Ertis, who has been serving the Morris Church as interim pastor for more than a year. Mr. Kanwischer has been pastor of the Victoria Ave. Church of Regina since 1950.

The Scripture Memory classes of the Calvary Baptist Church of Corn, Okla., rendered a program on Feb. 10 after which the Rev. Marvin Jost brought a brief message. The World Day of Prayer was observed on Feb. 29 with a joint session of prayer and a program with the neighboring churches. On Feb. 29 it was a privilege of the church to hear Miss Ida Forsch, Cameroons missionary who brought an interesting message about the Cameroons mission field and also showed pictures. The Rev. L. H. Smith is pastor of the church. Mrs. Albert Hoock serves as reporter.

All of the Protestant churches of Aplington, Iowa, participated in a community-wide observance of the World Day of Prayer on Friday evening, Feb. 29, held at the Reformed Church. The Rev. Frank Veninga of the Aplington Baptist Church brought the message on "His Glory in Prayer Fellowship." Mr. Veninga also published a provocative message in the local paper on "Why Don't You Pray?" in which he said: "A praying world would be peaceful and confident; a praying church would be joyous and triumphant; a praying man is always strong and without fear."

Dr. Pieter Smit, a former pastor of the Baptist Church of Lorraine, Kans., and for the past eight years minister of the Baptist Temple of Marshalltown, Iowa, will become pastor of the historic First Baptist Church of St. Paul, Minn., on May 4th. This will be

of interest to his many friends in North American Baptist circles. During his pastorate at Marshalltown, Iowa, the church has grown from 250 members to 800, the Sunday School from 125 to 500, and the budget from \$3500 to \$30,000 annually. The Marshalltown and St. Paul churches are associated with the American Baptist Convention.

The State Park Baptist Church has extended a call to Mr. Edgar Wesner of Benton Harbor, Mich., a member of the 1952 Senior Class of the Northern Baptist Seminary, Chicago, Illinois. Mr. Wesner has responded favorably and hopes to begin his pastorate in Peoria soon after graduation in May 1952. Mr. and Mrs. Wesner have a family of three children. Mrs. Wesner is a sister of Mrs. Dale Chaddock of Arnold, Pa., the Rev. Edwin Miller of Cleveland, Ohio; and Miss Florence Miller, our missionary in Japan. In Peoria Mr. Wesner will succeed the Rev. Frank Veninga, now of Aplington, Iowa.

The Faith Church of West New York, N. J., held a series of missionary conference gatherings on successive Thursday evenings from Feb. 28 to March 27. On March 6th missionary films about our Cameroons field in Africa and about our work among the Indians of Alberta were shown by the Rev. M. L. Leuschner, promotional secretary. The offerings amounted to \$70.31. Neighboring churches were represented by their pastors and some of their people. Other programs at the Faith Church represented the Bolivian Indian Mission, the Sudan Interior Mission, India and Ethiopia. The Rev. H. J. Freeman is the pastor.

On Sunday, March 23, the new parsonage of the Carroll Avenue Church, Dallas, Texas, was dedicated with the Rev. Louis R. Johnson of Waco, Texas, as the guest speaker. On Wednesday evening, Feb. 20, a large congregation of 101 persons saw the films of Alaskan missionary work presented by Captain C. F. Stabbert of the Marine Medical Mission, formerly a member of the Calvary Church of Tacoma, Washington. The new president of the CBY is Henry Nuss III with Herman E. Balka serving as vice-president. The Rev. Harold W. Gieseke is the pastor of the church.

A rousing Youth Rally was held by the Pilgrim Church of Jersey City, N. J., on Saturday and Sunday, March

15 and 16, with the theme: "Christ Calls—In Faith We Serve." Mr. Ralph Kletke and Mr. Raymond Yahn of the Pilgrim Church, Philadelphia, Pa., led the song services and brought several messages. The film, "Like a Mighty Army," was shown on Saturday evening. Miss Grace Appel of Brooklyn, N. Y., daughter of the pastor, the Rev. W. J. Appel, sang several solos. Other members of the team were Dorothy Yahn, Mrs. Sandy Grahler, Bettie Yahn and Dan Pfeiffer. The mission project of the Atlantic Conference Union was also promoted.

The Evergreen Church of Brooklyn, N. Y., has been holding a fine Leadership Training Course from March 4 to April 8 with the Rev. Herbert Freeman of West New York, N. J., teaching the church and Sunday School leaders on "Proofs of Christian Faith." On Friday evening, March 21, the anniversary program of the Woman's Missionary Society was held. The church has finished the job of refinishing and redecorating the edifice since the fire last year in its basement. A service of rededication will mark the successful completion of this task. A more detailed report about the extensive repairs and building enterprise has been promised for the "Baptist Herald."

Pre-Easter evangelistic services were held at the Forest Park Baptist Church of Forest Park, Ill., with the Rev. R. Kern, pastor, bringing special messages on Sunday mornings. His topics included: "The Last Life's Portrait," "Jesus, Sinbearer" and "Knocking at the Closed Door." From April 6 to 13 the Rev. O. E. Krueger of Rochester, N. Y., is bringing a series of Passion Week messages, closing on Easter Sunday, April 13. Mr. Krueger has been pastor of several of our most influential churches, professor at our Seminary in Rochester, N. Y., and for several terms moderator of the General Conference. In 1950 he celebrated his 50th anniversary in the Christian ministry.

The CBY of the First Baptist Church of Corona, S. Dak., recently adopted the new Commission Plan and hopes thereby to stimulate the young people's activities. On Sunday, Feb. 17th, the Woman's Missionary Society rendered an interesting program consisting of a variety of songs, readings and two dialogues, "Talking Bandages" and "The Lord Hath Need of Thee." A generous mission offering was given. The interior of the church edifice was beautified by the enlargement of the platform and the laying of a new rug with runners in the aisles. The Rev. E. Gutsche served as pastor of the church until April 1st. "His five and a half years' ministry was a period of mutual blessings and a deepening of ecclesiastical experiences," as reported by him.

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HERALD NEWS

YOUTH COMPASS TOPICS

April 13, 1952—"Does God Come First?" by Rev. Robert Hess, Newark, New Jersey.

April 20, 1952—"No Substitute for God" by Dr. C. H. Seecamp, Leduc, Alta., Canada.

(These two topics are the first in the series on the Ten Commandments.)

MORE REPORTS OF YOUTH WEEK

Reports are still coming to the headquarters office about the profitable activities held in our churches during Youth Week. Some of the churches found it necessary to observe Youth Week at a later date than scheduled but the activities were carried on in the same manner. It is not too late for your CBY to observe Youth Week in your church if you have not already done so. Information is available by writing to Rev. J. C. Gunst, Box 6, Forest Park, Illinois.

Chicago, Illinois

Youth Week was a big celebration at the Grace Baptist Church of Chicago, Ill., where Miss Grace Walther is carrying out an effective work as the president of the CBY. Among many special activities designed for Christian fellowship and spiritual challenge enjoyed during Youth Week, the Snowflake Banquet held on Saturday evening was the highlight of these activities. A delicious meal was served in the beautifully decorated lower auditorium of the church followed by a brief entertaining and inspirational program. The master of ceremonies, "Jack Frost," led in some lively singing. "Snow flurries" of special music, Scripture, and prayer preceded the inspirational talk of the evening given by Snowman Eldon Schroeder.

Dallas, Texas

One of the highlights of Youth Week at the Carroll Avenue Baptist Church was the meeting that the young people led at the Union Gospel Mission. Special music and the message were brought by young people of the church. Tracts were distributed and personal work was done before the men entered the service.

Sunday morning at 7:00 A.M. the young people met at church for house to house tract distribution. Breakfast was prepared at the church for those young people who rendered this service. Henry Nuss, CBY president, acted as Sunday School superintendent for the day.

Morris, Manitoba

Among other activities of Youth Week the young people presented a mission play entitled, "An Appointment with Dr. Chaffee." The mission offering was given towards the Manitoba Tri Union mission project.

Thursday night found the young people divided into four groups, each spending the evening at the home of their CBY group leader. In each home a Bible study was given, followed by refreshments served by the hostess. The small groups and the informality of the evening's activities proved very successful. The young people wish to repeat this activity in the near future. Miss Lynda Rempel is the able president of the Emmanuel Baptist CBY.

Linton, North Dakota

Mrs. Gottlieb Kremer, president of the CBY of the First Baptist Church reported: "Youth Week has been a highlight in our youth activities these last years. We derive wonderful blessings from it, and are very much enthused with it. Our young people look forward particularly to the visitation program. One person in each group is leader and plans the evening. Usually the procedure is a number of songs, choruses, Scripture, prayer, and testimonies. We always make it a point to invite the people to the other services of the week. We make valuable contacts, and it is an enriching experience for the young people."

NEWS FROM MINNESOTA

The Mid-Winter Institute of the Minnesota CBY and SSU, held February 22-24 at St. Bonifacius, Minn., was a real success as reported by Miss Viola Wall, president. Miss Ida Forsch, Rev. William Jeschke, and Rev. James Brygger carried out the theme: "Walk worthily of the calling wherewith ye were called." Much interest was created for camp activities to be held this summer.

DAILY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL POSTER AND CARDS

As you continue to make preparations for another Daily Vacation Bible School this spring, you will be interested to know that there are attractive posters and invitation post cards available at Roger Williams Press, 3734 Payne Ave., Cleveland 14, Ohio. The poster and cards may serve as an excellent means of attracting boys and girls to the school. If you have not already chosen the lesson material to

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Withering Grass

A Christian Novel by BERNARD PALMER

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"Oh, they get hair all over and smell so doggy!"

"Fritz don't. He's a good dog."

"Well, come on, let's go find him." She got up and took him by the hand. It was not long until they found Fritz stretched out stiff and cold, the victim of carelessly placed rat poison. Billy stood and looked at him, struggling to keep back the tears.

"He's dead—he's dead."

Rosalie looked down at Billy and laughed. "You aren't going to be a cry baby and bawl over a dirty old dog, are you?"

With that Billy wrenched his hand free and ran into the house, pushing past Sue with tears blinding his eyes, and went hurriedly into his bedroom.

"What's the matter with him?" she asked Rosalie who had just come in.

"Oh, he found his pup dead! He was standing out there trying to keep from crying." She laughed, "I've never seen such a homely face as he was making."

Sue waited a moment, then tiptoed into his room. He was still sobbing so hard that he did not hear her. Quietly she sat down on the bed and laid her hand gently on his tousled head. The sobbing continued.

"I'm awfully sorry about Fritz," she said softly.

In a moment he raised his head. "She laughed. She laughed at me!"

"That wasn't very nice, either. I don't think she knew how much you loved Fritz, or how much Fritz loved you."

"You—you didn't laugh, did you?" The sobbing had ceased.

"Why of course I didn't. I loved Fritz, too."

There was a short silence. "Why?"

"Because you loved him so much."

His little face lighted up. "Can I have another puppy?"

"We'll have to have another puppy, won't we?"

He nodded happily through the tears. "You talk to daddy about it, will you, mother?"

She nodded as the tears flowed unchecked down her cheeks. Her battle was won.

Ernest could feel the difference in himself and the church since he had backed down at the insistence of Mr. Christy and his companions. His messages, that had rung so clearly in the

weeks just passed, now seemed to lack power and vitality. He prepared as thoroughly every week. He strove to make his messages as strong and uncompromising as ever. And yet something was missing. It infuriated him.

"If that call to Elba City doesn't come our way," he said to Sue one evening, "I think we'll have to leave here anyway."

"What makes you say that, Ernest?"

"I let Nels talk me out of all the tact I ever had. And now I've got to suffer the consequences. Believe me, in the next charge I get, diplomacy is going to be the cornerstone. I'm not going to let things get in the mess they're in here."

She went over and sat on the arm of his rocker, running her fingers through his unruly hair.

"But that call to Elba City is coming, sweetheart. I'm sure of it."

The invitation to speak at Elba City did come by the end of the week in a very friendly letter from the chairman of the pulpit committee. They had taken the liberty of looking into his record and had found it most acceptable. Would he be interested in coming to speak in their church?

Would he? Would he?

He walked slowly into the kitchen where Sue was getting dinner, striving to keep from showing his excitement.

"Was there any mail?"

"A little."

"I've been expecting a letter from Ethel in Washington."

"It didn't come." He crossed over and leaned against the sink. "Do you think you could get away to go to Elba City the second Sunday of next month?"

"Why I—Did it come?" She squealed her delight and ran into his arms.

"Oh, Ernest!"

He had another letter from Mr. Waters after that, a letter that made him think.

"My Dear Reverend Henning:

"I was delighted to learn you had accepted our invitation to speak in our pulpit. We have gone into your past record and find it most acceptable. It is my sincere hope that the congregation shares my opinion.

"You will probably find our church different from others in which you have served. It is not that we are any better than the rest, but most of our flock has a very different background.

There is an exceptionally large number of college graduates among us, including many who have reached very enviable positions in their chosen professions. Quite naturally the general interests of most are on a higher plane than that of the general public.

"I have taken the liberty of writing to you because I personally feel that you are the man for our pulpit. I know that if you understand our needs and requirements as well as something about the congregation, you will choose your subject most carefully.

"With every best wish,

"Yours very truly,

"Jonathan P. Waters."

That letter Ernest did not show to Sue. He read it through twice and laid it carefully on the table. It only confirmed what he had heard about Elba City. The church there was proud and respected, with an enviable reputation in the community. Their pastor was never allowed to forget it. The people went to church regularly, religiously, with a loyalty seldom equalled anywhere, and yet there seemed to be invisible barriers between it and their personal lives.

The letter was written by another "Mr. Christy," wanting to tell him what to preach and what not to preach, wanting to make certain that his messages conformed. To be sure it was carefully written. There was more finesse than Mr. Christy had shown. And yet the same ugly motive fostered it. Ernest had had enough of a man like that the past few weeks. He could not knowingly take a church where there was another. He picked up his pen with haste born of anger and wrote:

"Dear Mr. Waters:

"I find it impossible to candidate for the pulpit of your church. The implications of your letter create intolerable conditions that—"

The words stopped abruptly, his pen poised above the paper. All of these things were undoubtedly true and yet here was a rare opportunity. It was the accepted thing among them to attend church regularly. An entire congregation but with only a semblance of godliness.

He would not be able to blast away with both fists from the moment he took charge, he reasoned, as he might do in evangelistic services on the south side. He would have to use more tact than that.

What Mr. Waters had said was in a large measure true. Intelligent, well-educated people had to be approached differently. It would be impossible to talk to them as one would to a congregation of farmers and mechanics and small shop owners. Their interests, their needs, their whole outlook on life was different. It would not do to choose a subject that would insult them.

Now, as he stood in the study of the Elba City church on the Sunday

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morning he was to candidate, his thoughts went back again to the order of service. In the other charges he had been somewhat lax in organizing the services. They seemed to go smoothly enough to satisfy the congregations, but they had been easily pleased.

This service was different. He grinned nervously. Old Prof. Gregory would commend him highly for the order of worship he had arranged. He had checked it meticulously against the ideal service that was held up to them as the perfect example at Seminary. There would be no verbal announcements. Such interruptions jarred the beauty of the service. The hymns had been carefully selected, chosen for their majestic beauty. A soloist had been engaged by the choir director and had practiced with them only two nights before. He had checked and re-checked every detail until it would run off as smoothly as the works of a finely tooled watch, unhurried as the swinging of a pendulum. It would go off smoothly. It had to go off smoothly.

He had no reason to worry about the message for the morning. He was calmly confident of the power that was packed into it. He had written it, sentence by sentence more than two weeks before and had gone over it times without number, smoothing transitions and polishing the phrases until they rippled like a brooklet on the way to the sea. It was more than a sermon. It was a spoken essay, a brilliant, scintillating play of words that pleased the ear and provoked thought, a message directed toward the well-bred, sophisticated mind he had been told to expect. He sighed deeply and turned from the picture to the window, pulling up the blind to look out upon the hot pavement and stretch of withering grass. There was nothing wrong with either his order of worship or his message. Yet, in spite of all his planning, he was strangely nervous. Perhaps it was because so much, so very much depended upon the approaching hour.

On the church lawn a rainbow was glistening in the sprinkler, its iridescent hues capturing each sparkling drop of water and holding it an instant before allowing it to escape to the thirsty grass below; just as the rain-

bow of success, glistening ever brighter in his heart, captured each golden moment and held it tightly before allowing it to slip away into the past. Success had always been for him, a tantalizing moonbeam dancing on the water out of reach, a little beyond opportunities, and a little above ability.

The organist struck a chord and the choir began to move, two by two. He sighed heavily. So many things had happened the past few years. Some good, some hard to understand. And yet now he was at the threshold of success.

Just as he was about to walk out the door, an usher came to him with a telegram. There was no time to read it now. The great church was almost filled, down to the front rows just below him and halfway back in the balcony. He sat down on the ornate chair and bowed his head momentarily in prayer.

The service he had prepared so carefully began to move, smoothly, effortlessly.

Ernest opened the envelope and read the message while the ushers were passing the offering plates. Sue noticed his face go white and his hand tremble as he folded the yellow paper and put it in his coat pocket. He bowed his head, but only for an instant.

The service went on just as he had arranged it until the time came for him to bring the message of the morning. Slowly he got to his feet and stepped behind the pulpit. The congregation relaxed comfortably.

"I had planned to bring you another message," he began, "a message on the wisdom of Abraham, but—" he stopped as though struggling with words. "Let us turn to 1 Corinthians, the first chapter, verse 17."

His gaze dropped to Sue's, noted the surprise and questioning, then turned away.

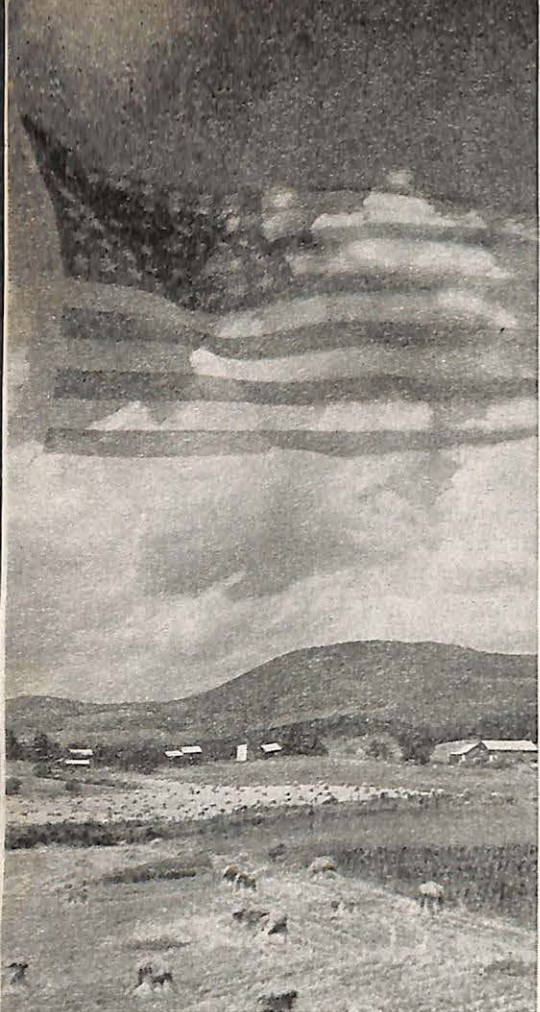
"... Christ sent me . . . to preach the gospel: not with wisdom of words lest the cross of Christ be of none effect."

He began slowly, hesitantly, groping his way.

"Most of us do not like to hear the truth about ourselves. We want it garnished with polished phrases and softened until it is palatable as sugar candy that melts in the mouth. We want to be exhorted to better living. We want to be pointed toward loftier ideals, but we cannot stand to be told that our lives are in sin . . ."

"Christ told us that the well have no need of a physician. And that is as true today as it was two thousand years ago. His work was largely among the sinners, as is the work of every true minister of the gospel. Salvation cannot come unless it be preached . . ."

The message was not smooth or polished. It slugged where he had in-



—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. 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! Later Ernest and Karen were married in the seminary chapel and went to their first pastorate in Kansas. A son came to bring joy to their family life, and also a change of pastorate to a big church at Prairie Grove. Then with tragic suddenness Karen died. Church problems and troubles increased. Months later Ernest married Sue Bailey, the organist of the neighboring church. But Billy, the son, seemed to resent "the new mother." With bitter words he went to his father and complained: "She took my puppy from me and spanked me!"

CONCLUDING CHAPTER

IT WAS the week end that Sue's younger sister, Rosalie, came to visit that the puppy was poisoned. Billy had been playing outside and the pup toddled after him, only to be left behind. An hour or more later Billy came in for a cookie and a glass of milk.

"Where's Fritz?"

"Outside."

"Don't you think you'd better go and get him?"

"O.K."

"Who's Fritz?" Rosalie asked.

"At's my dog. Do you like dogs?"

"Not very well."

"Why?"

tended to spar deftly. It ripped like a bayonet through tradition and good taste as Elba City knew them. At times he faltered and stumbled, fighting for words; but again, when the Spirit gripped him, his voice re-echoed the Sanctuary with a fervor that struck his hearers dumb.

He spoke of sin—sin in high places—respectable sin. He pointed an accusing finger at church membership without salvation. And then, while they were squirming under the force of it he pointed to the Savior. There were tears in the congregation as he told them in a hushed voice of the love of God, the compassion of Jesus for the lost.

There was no chance for him to be given the pulpit now. It did not matter any more. Nothing really mattered excepting to preach the gospel of the Lord Jesus to the unsaved. Sue's shining eyes were fixed on him with new respect and admiration, as though she was just seeing the true stature of the man she had married.

In closing he said, "It probably isn't customary with you folks, and I don't do it often at a morning worship, but I feel led to give an opportunity to those who are outside Christ to claim this salvation. If"—his voice choked and he began again. "If you feel that you want to settle the sin question, won't you come down at the close of the service to talk to me?"

He paused for a full minute looking out over the stunned congregation. He was about to pronounce the benediction when a young man halfway back got out of his seat and came down the aisle. The face was vaguely familiar. Ernest's eyes went back to the

empty seat and there beside it was Jonathan Waters, his face a livid red. There was no mistaking the identity of the well-dressed young man. A girl and a teen-aged boy were next, coming from opposite sides of the Sanctuary. And then a middle-aged couple, making their way down from the balcony.

Finally he was able to go on again. "I didn't tell you why I changed my sermon because I was afraid I couldn't continue if I did. But I want you to hear the message from my father that was handed me during the service this morning. This is about my younger brother, the one who—I am told—you would have liked to have had in your pulpit. 'Just received word that Burt was killed in plane crash over the jungle in . . .'" His voice broke and he forced back the tears.

"I received a letter from him only yesterday in which he wrote these words: 'As for man, his days are as grass: as a flower of the field, so it flourisheth. For the wind passeth over it and it is gone . . .'" His only complaint was that with all their pioneering there was so little time to preach the gospel over there. He didn't realize how little time there was left for him. But, I'm still here, and if it please God, I'm going to keep right on preaching the gospel wherever I am while there is yet time for me."

A hush stole over the congregation, up into the balcony, to the remotest corner of the great auditorium. For a moment there welled up a surge of pity—a sudden sweep of understanding. Then it vanished and Ernest Henning slumped into the pulpit chair he knew he would never fill.

THE END.

THE CHURCH OF CHRIST

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the believer and not to the soul or spirit. The soul and spirit are not in the grave to be raised, but are rather "with the Lord." For during the time that "we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord, * * * but to be absent from the body (as in death) is to be present with the Lord" (2 Cor. 5:6-8).

But when the Lord descends to call forth the bodies of the believers from the grave, their souls and spirits he will "bring with him" (1 Thess. 4:14). "For our commonwealth is in heaven, and from it we await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall change our lowly body to be like his glorious body" (R. S. V. Phil. 3:20-21). "So also is the resurrection of the dead. It (the body) is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption; it is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power; it is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body" (1 Cor. 15:42-44). The day will surely come when unsaved people will visit the graves of their departed friends who belong to Christ, and their bodies will be gone from the grave. The cemeteries will be emptied at the shout of the Lord of all but the bodies of those who have departed this life without Christ.

Accompanying the raising and changing of the bodies of "the dead in Christ," there will be another great wonder of divine grace. For "then we who are alive, who are left, shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so shall we always be with the Lord" (1 Thess. 4:17). This is one aspect of the first resurrection which is in three aspects.

The first aspect was "Christ, the first fruits" and the bodies of those that arose after his resurrection. This is likened unto the Old Testament type when they gathered the first ripe heads of grain for the feast of first fruits. Then came the main harvest which was celebrated by the feast of harvest. At this time they gathered in the crop. This answers to the catching up of the dead in Christ at his shout. After the main harvest, the gleaners would gather the heads that had been dropped during the main harvest. This answers to the third aspect of the resurrection when the martyred saints of the Tribulation Period shall be raised to reign with Christ a thousand years (Rev. 20:4-5).

The rest of the dead do not rise until the close of the thousand year reign of Christ. They then come forth in the resurrection unto damnation, which is the second resurrection. Their bodies will be raised but they are not redeemed from the effects of sin. Following the second resurrection the lost will be "cast into the Lake of Fire which is the second death."

A MISSIONARY TREK

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greeted the women and children. One woman came up to me and with broken pidgin English but with a light in her eye declared repeatedly: "Me Aruda, me be Jesus-man (Christian). Me love Jesus. I no do fear juju. Juju be nothing thing." This came from a child of the land where native superstitions are designed to keep woman-kind in subjection through fear. Few Christian women in this land have grown sufficiently to lose their fear of witchcraft and the like. She was not voicing mere words for the benefit of the missionary.

We were told later that Aruda is the sister to the chief, and that her faith in the Lord is all that she says and more. Yes, God still works miracles today! She was poor in earthly goods, but the riches of the Spirit shone in her face. How we wished the people at home, giving and praying that the Gospel might make inroads here, could have seen this woman's face, and could contrast her with the multitude of her sisters burdened with fears, superstitions, fetishism; with their bodies prematurely old from the magnitude of their physical labors. Truly, of Aruda it may be said, "Her face shone, yet she wist it not."

The testimony of that humble African woman who said, "Me love Jesus," brought to the missionary's mind Christ's own compassionate inquiry, "Do you love me?" . . . and then, "Feed my sheep . . . feed my lambs!" Somehow each face became dearer, the sun less hot, our message sweeter than ever before. This was the perfect prelude to a trek that was to be really blessed of God!

THE CHRIST OF AFRICA

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the hungry with good things; and the rich he hath sent empty away" (Luke 1:52-53).

AFRICA of less than twenty years ago saw Adolf Orthner climb the hills of Kakaland for the first time. None had been there before him. Today you have in this corner of God's earth booming churches, crowded schools, a mission station, your Bible School. "Out of the darkness and into his light" has come another tribe to join you at Easter morn. Less than twenty years ago you directed our ways into the highlands of the Mambila. You gave of your sons and your daughters to build a lighthouse in an ocean of unbelievers.

This day you have at Warwar Mission that lighthouse to stem the tide of Islam and to tell a neglected people that there is one Savior, one who lives, one who lives today. This is the decisive edge we have on Mohammedanism with its dead prophet. It is of importance.



"Love me; love my cat," as Billy Ahrens, son of the Rev. and Mrs. Earl H. Ahrens and Tumi, his chum, play together.

Jeremiah the prophet asked it long ago and our age of cynism and unbelief casts his question into our faces about this Africa of today: "Can the Ethiopian change his skin or the leopard his spots?" (Jer. 13:23.) In reply we, who have given our years to this Africa, have a ready reply in the Africans who have been changed by the risen Lord. He is walking across the African road today. And as he spoke to the disciples of old, so he speaks this day to the "people of the burned faces":

"Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day; and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all the nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And ye are witnesses of these things." (Luke 24:46-48.)

A LITTLE CHILD

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notify the office and both our families. Naturally, it was a great shock to them, particularly since within the past six months we buried both my sister's children — one with polio and one with cancer, who were only five and seven years of age, respectively.

We realize you are upholding us in prayer and sincerely appreciate your faithfulness in this. May God bless and guide you in all things. May he give you and us peace and assurance that we are looking to him and that he is ever near.

LATEST NEWS
The Rev. and Mrs. Gilbert Schneider and their son Evan have arrived in the Cameroons. They are now beginning their new work among the lepers near Bansa along with Miss Laura E. Reddig.

AT THE DISPENSARY

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the coffin and hurled condemnations and epithets down at the corpse, saying, "Why have you left me with this young child? How am I to care for it!" She herself was to blame for the mother's delirium, having frightened her so tremendously. She was the one who had caused her to return to her compound and to try native medicines instead of letting her go to the hospital where she might have had the proper care. It was she who had called the husband back home.

But in her ignorance and superstition she felt she had to put all the blame on the one who had died. Perhaps, the spirits that are ever abroad would then not blame her! Such is the darkness against which we battle.

MANY AT THE DOOR

We have not begun to mention the numerous ones who stand in front of the dispensary door morning after morning. Babies are in mothers' arms with sorely infected eyes, pneumonia, or an abdomen full of worms. Grown people are there with ulcers, sore teeth, infected ears and multitudinous complaints. It's a happy day when someone comes to report that the baby with the fever is better or the one who was so thin and pale is getting fat and strong.

More than for their physical healing, we long for their spiritual healing. To this end the Gospel of salvation is preached daily to those within our gates as well as to those who come and go. Pray with us that the seed which is sown will bear fruit for the Kingdom!

CBY HERALD NEWS

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be used in your school, write to our publishing house for copies of available material.

CBY STANDARD

Three more churches reported the official adoption of the CBY Standard: Ebenezer Baptist Church, Shattuck, Oklahoma. Strassburg Baptist Church, Marion, Kansas. Carroll Ave. Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Commencement Exercises at the Christian Training Institute at Edmonton, Alberta, were held April 6-8. We congratulate the graduating class. We assure these young people of our prayers and best wishes as they continue in the Lord's service now better prepared for these tasks which await them in the churches of their conference.

FEBRUARY CONTRIBUTIONS—NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST GENERAL CONFERENCE

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ALL PURPOSES

	Feb., 1952	Feb., 1951	Feb., 1950
Atlantic	\$ 2,733.22	\$ 1,728.48	\$ 6,581.89
Eastern	1,996.95	3,034.89	3,290.95
Central	9,457.38	3,089.24	7,265.08
Northwestern	3,871.01	3,823.56	9,557.31
Southwestern	3,210.35	2,304.09	10,588.24
Southern	1,280.74	1,038.43	4,014.43
Pacific	4,531.52	3,009.54	4,417.83
Northern	3,857.22	2,159.93	2,658.23
Dakota	7,050.48	3,609.42	14,495.42
Total Contributions	\$37,988.87	\$23,797.58	\$62,868.98

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED

	Budget Contrib.	Other Purposes	Total Contrib.
For the month of February, 1952	\$16,057.68	\$21,931.19	\$37,988.87
For the month of February, 1951	17,454.79	6,342.79	23,797.58
For the month of February, 1950	14,545.44	48,323.54	62,868.98

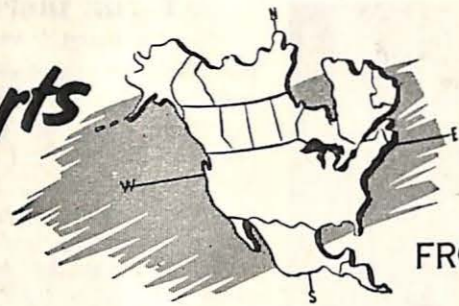
CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR

April 1, 1951 to February 29, 1952	\$410,687.09	\$ 92,248.17	\$502,935.26
April 1, 1950 to February 28, 1951	339,407.62	113,295.01	452,702.63
April 1, 1949 to February 28, 1950	376,493.19	110,807.55	487,300.74

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED FOR THE TRIENNium

August 1, 1949 to February 29, 1952	\$1,042,321.01	\$347,752.64	\$1,390,073.65
August 1, 1948 to February 28, 1951	1,043,225.53	272,568.51	1,315,794.04
August 1, 1947 to February 28, 1950	1,155,620.42	166,324.71	1,321,945.13

Reports



FROM THE FIELD

Dakota Conference

Activities and Anniversary Program by the Woman's Missionary Society, Corona, South Dakota

On Sunday evening, Feb. 17th, in spite of a heavy snowfall and some winds, the ladies of the Woman's Missionary Society of Corona, S. Dak., gave their annual missionary program. A half hour before the program, our organist played on our new Hammond organ. The program was opened by our president, Mrs. Elmer Schulte, with Mrs. Elmer Harms leading in prayer.

Many blessings were received from the program which consisted of poems, solos, sextet numbers, and two dialogues which were: "I Have Need of Thee," and "Talking Bandages." The offering amounted to \$163.22.

We are happy to be doing something for the Kingdom of God. Between now and our next meeting, we as ladies will be busy sewing and rolling bandages for our White Cross boxes, which will be packed after our March meeting. We also send boxes of clothes to the Indians. At Christmas we sent clothing to a family in Germany who requested help. At that time money donations were sent to the Old People's Home, Seminary, and the Children's Home in St. Joseph, Michigan. A total of 28 visitations have been made on the sick. Get-well and sympathy cards are sent to our friends. Each member has a missionary whom she remembers in prayer daily, and she sends birthday cards and letters during the year.

Mrs. Harry Schulte, Secretary.

South Dakota's Unityville Church Celebrates Golden Wedding Anniversary of Dr. and Mrs. Olthoff

The Unityville Baptist Church of Unityville, S. Dak., was happy to honor its pastor and his wife, Dr. and Mrs. John Olthoff, on Jan. 23. The occasion was their 50th wedding anniversary. They were married in Emery, S. D., on Jan. 23, 1902. Dr. Olthoff has been in Christian service for more than 50 years, having served in various parts of the country.

A program followed the supper with Mr. Ernest Wobig acting as master of ceremonies. Memories of the wedding fifty years ago were recalled by those present at that time. Congratulatory letters were read from the churches served: Cleveland, Ohio; Madison, S. Dak.; Salem, Oregon; and Tacoma, Washington. Dr. George Lang, presi-

dent of the North American Baptist Seminary, was the guest speaker. He stressed the many blessings which have been received by others because of their work throughout the conference.

Congratulations were extended and a gift was presented to them in behalf of the church. Dr. and Mrs. Olthoff responded with a hearty "thank you" and expressed an optimistic view of the future. Mrs. William Lubinus favored the group by singing, "Together Life's Path We Tread," while Miss Elaine Koepsell sang one of Dr. Olthoff's favorites, "Holy, Holy, the Angels Sing." About fifty guests were present.

Mrs. Robert Rabenhorst, Reporter.

Southern Conference

Promotional Tour With Mission Pictures and Challenge to All Southern Conference Churches

The Committee of the Southern Conference CBY and Sunday School Union recently sponsored a promotional trip to the churches of the Southern Conference. Through the fine cooperation of the Rev. M. L. Leuschner, the mission films concerning our work on the Canadian Indian Field and in the leper mission in the Cameroons were made available. The Rev. H. John Vanderbeck and the Rev. Harold Gieseke, dean and associate dean of the



Dr. and Mrs. John Olthoff share the joy of cutting the cake at their golden wedding anniversary in the Baptist Church of Unityville, South Dakota.

Conference Youth Encampment, made the trip to the various churches.

Mr. Gieseke visited the churches in the North Texas Association and Mr. Vanderbeck visited the churches of the South Texas, Louisiana-Alabama Association. These films were received with great enthusiasm by our churches and each church made a fine contribution to our Conference CBY and Sunday School Union project which contributes to both the Indian and Leper Mission program.

The Southern Conference has gone forward in faith to increase its projects for this past year and the Lord has rewarded our faith by helping to reach the goal through the consecrated efforts of our churches and the sacrificial giving of our people. This trip which the two pastors made brought in almost \$1,000 for the project in addition to what had already been contributed by special offerings.

Our spirit of unity is being increased in our conference work through greater contact with our churches. We praise the Lord for the increased loyalty and interest in our mission program on the part of our people.

H. John Vanderbeck, Reporter.

Anniversary and World Day of Prayer Observed in Central Church, Waco, Texas

On Friday evening, Feb. 29th, members and friends of the Woman's Missionary Societies of our neighboring Texas churches, Cottonwood and Crawford, joined the members of the Central Baptist Society of Waco, Texas, to observe World Day of Prayer. In connection with this observance the Waco Society also celebrated its 33rd anniversary.

The president of the Waco Society, Mrs. Kittlitz, presided at the meeting and spoke words of welcome to the many who attended. Mrs. Louis Johnson of Waco read Psalm 97 and Titus 2:13-15 and Mrs. Arthur Schulz of Crawford led in prayer. The reports of the secretary, Mrs. R. E. Engelbrecht, and of the treasurer, Mrs. H. W. Schneider, revealed definite signs of progress during the past year. Mrs. Ernest Steindam, chairman of the program committee, spoke on the national theme, "Christ our Hope," and introduced the guest speaker, Mrs. George Miller.

The themes, "The World Without Hope," and "Christ, Our Hope," were illustrated with beautiful chalk drawings. To further carry out these themes a trio composed of Mrs. Douglas Boyd, Mrs. Louis Landureth and Mrs. Harry Hoeffner sang "Nobody Told Me of Jesus," and Mrs. Douglas Boyd sang "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations." After a period of silent prayer in which everyone participated, Mrs. Steindam led in closing prayer.

The offering amounted to \$142.11 and was designated one-half for the Banzo Hospital and one-half for the Seminary in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. We were richly blessed through the challenging message of Mrs. Miller as well as through her beautiful drawings. Following the program a fellowship hour was enjoyed.

Mrs. R. E. Engelbrecht, Reporter.

Northern Conference

Farewell Reception for the Rev. and Mrs. John Engel at Ebenezer, Saskatchewan

On Sunday afternoon, Feb. 3, the local congregation and many friends of the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Ebenezer, Sask., Canada, attended the farewell for our beloved pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. J. F. Engel, and their boys who have gone to Martin, N. Dak., after having faithfully served us for almost two and one-half years.

Mr. G. Falkowsky, deacon, directed the program which consisted of special numbers in song, brief messages of appreciation, and presentations of gifts by various organizations, including the Sunday School, choir, Ladies' Aid and CBY. The guest speaker was the Rev. R. Milbrandt of Calgary, Alberta.

Mr. and Mrs. Engel expressed their joy in having worked here and thanked all for the kindness shown them. Lunch was served in the church basement to approximately three hundred and fifty present.

As we are patiently and prayerfully anticipating the arrival of another pastor, we are carrying on the Sunday afternoon services, CBY gatherings, and mid-week prayer meetings with the aid of neighboring ministers.

Daphne Fandrey, Reporter.

Recent Inspirational Meetings of the CBY at Baptist Church, Golden Prairie, Saskatchewan

The CBY of the Golden Prairie Baptist Church of Golden Prairie, Sask., again has the privilege of sharing some news with others. Among the various activities of Christmas we presented the challenging dialogue, "No Room at the Inn."

For the month of January we had a dedicatory program at which time the play, "The Challenge of the Cross," was effectively rendered. The message of this play made us all conscious of the fact that every Christian has a cross to bear. A candlelight consecration service followed the challenge of the play at which time the officers of the CBY pledged themselves to a faithful ministry for this coming year.

The Rev. R. Neuman, missionary on the Montana Indian Reserve, was our guest speaker on Sunday evening, February 10. He gave us a very interesting message concerning the Indians and also of our work among the Indians.

We hold our meetings on the first Monday of every month. At these meetings we pursue the study of various books of the Bible and also have topical discussions. Every Sunday evening the young people of our CBY have a short program before the Rev. Isador Faszer brings the message.

We are very thankful for our minister, Brother Faszer, and his wife, who help and instruct us in our CBY work. Our prayer is that God may continue to give us strength and courage in our service for him. Dur-

ing the last year our CBY has gained seven members.

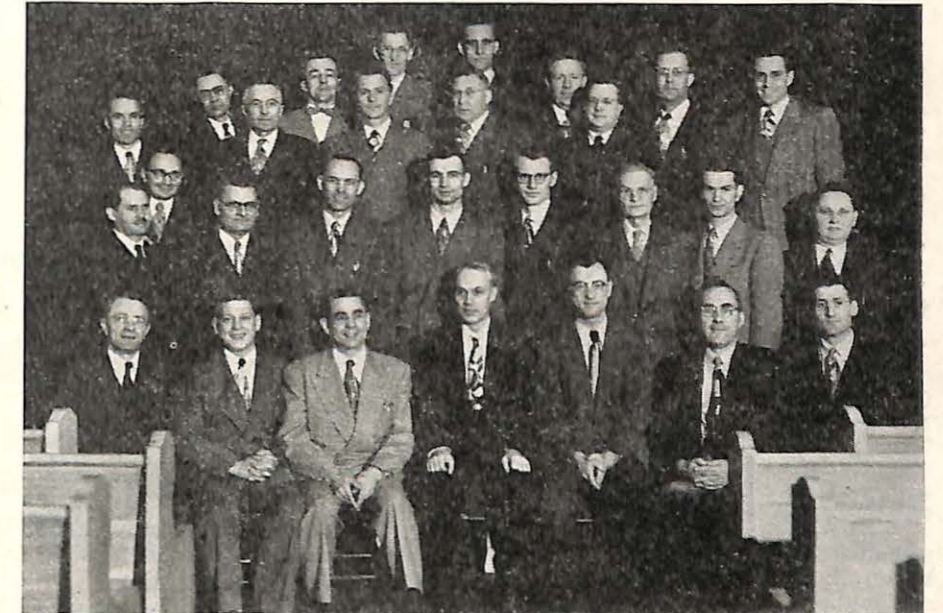
Leona Zeller, Reporter.

Pastors of the Northern Conference Gather for Institute at Medicine Hat, Alberta

During the days of February 6 to 12 many spiritual blessings were experienced by the pastors of the Northern Conference. Thirty pastors attended the Ministers' Institute which was held in the Grace Baptist Church of Medicine Hat, Alberta. We were privileged to have Dr. Ralph E. Powell of our Seminary at Sioux Falls, S. Dak., and the Rev. Hugo Lueck,

Other papers presented were: "A Study of the Parables" by Rev. John Wahl; "Stewardship and Tithing" by Rev. Henry Schumacher. "Home Mission" reports were given by missionaries Reinhard Neuman and Raymond Harsch of Hobbema, Alberta. The enthusiastic denominational report by Rev. R. Milbrandt gave us an insight into the future possibilities and opportunities.

On February 9 the pastors of the Institute were guests of the Haven of Rest Home of Medicine Hat. This was the first visit to our Baptist Home for many of our pastors. The Milbrandts are doing a splendid work. A very delicious supper was served. The



—Photo by Mr. Zeitner

Pastors of the Northern Conference who attended the Ministers' Institute at Medicine Hat, Alberta, with Dr. Ralph E. Powell of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., and Rev. Hugo Lueck of Edmonton, Alta., serving as guest speakers (front row, center).

teacher at the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton as our instructors. Under the capable leadership of the Rev. Henry Pfeifer we enjoyed a full program.

The opening service was held in the Grace Church. Mr. Otto Ertis, interim pastor of the Morris Baptist Church of Manitoba, highlighted the opening service with a soul stirring message to a congregation exhausting the capacity of the beautiful church.

The days following were filled with devotional periods, lectures on various subjects and topics, discussion groups, choir practice and prayer. Dr. Ralph E. Powell presented a series of lectures on "The Church." Mr. Lueck lectured on the book of "Revelation."

NOTICE to All Northern Conference Woman's Missionary Societies.

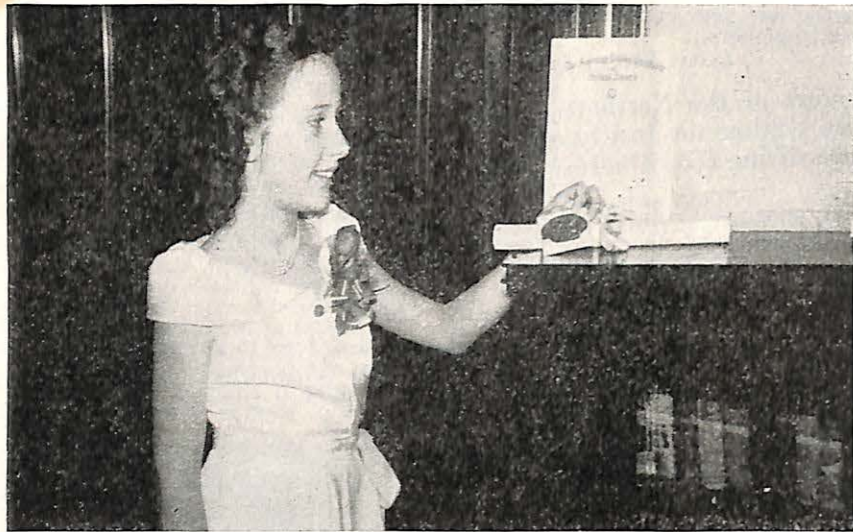
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tables were arranged in the form of a cross, lighted with candles. The pastors visited many of the old people, looked over the various departments and expressed great satisfaction and the splendid facilities and accommodations for our beloved aged.

On Sunday, February 10, the pastors were assigned to the various churches in Medicine Hat and surrounding districts. The evening services held every night at the Grace Church were well attended. These great days of fellowship and blessing came to a close with the final service on Tuesday night. The Pastors' Chorus sang two selections and Dr. Powell climaxed the Institute with a challenging message on "Revival."

Our sincere thanks go to the host church for placing at our disposal the facilities of the church and their homes. To the women we are indebted for the delicious meals provided daily in the basement of the church. We are thankful to the Rev. R. Rapske for all the arrangements. God's presence was with us, bound us closer with one another and challenged us to go forth on our respective fields to make disciples, teaching them to observe all things, baptizing them in the name of the Triune God.

Reinhard Neuman, Reporter.



Janet Elaine Leeb of the Pilgrim Baptist Church, Jersey City, N. J., admiring the American Legion Merit Award which was recently awarded to her.

Atlantic Conference

American Legion Merit Award for Janet Leeb of Jersey City, New Jersey

Honor came to the Pilgrim Baptist Church of Jersey City, N. J., through the bestowing of the American Legion Merit Award upon our Sunday School pianist, Miss Janet Elaine Leeb. Two such awards are given each term to the best all-around girl and boy.

Janet was graduated from Public School No. 8 in Jersey City, and has begun her career as a high school student in Dickinson High School in that city. She was chosen from a class of seventy-three students to give the address of welcome at the graduation exercises.

Mrs. Wm. J. Appel, Reporter.

The Know Your Bible Club Holds A Children's Rally at Bethlehem, Pennsylvania

The "Know Your Bible Club" of the Calvary Baptist Church of Bethlehem, Pa., which meets once a week under the direction of Mrs. Earnest Zentgraf, assisted by Mrs. Wilson Krier and Mrs. V. Schuyler, held a children's rally on Feb. 23rd in the Calvary Church. The Waltan family of Philadelphia, Pa., was in charge of the services. They are better known as Uncle Paul, Aunt Dot, Paul Jr., and Dottie Jr. The children were held spellbound by acts of magic, stories, songs and ventriloquism.

Uncle Paul performed many feats of magic which unfolded into stories about our Savior. Aunt Dot told a flannelgraph story of Jesus and the woman at the well, using magic jugs to describe the living water. Paul Jr., the ventriloquist, took Danny upon his knee and told him the story of Jonah. Although Danny is only a doll, his master could really make him perform to the delight of the children. Dottie Jr. and her trumpet entertained the children as they sang "Jesus Loves Me." She sued a little black Sambo puppet on her fingers as she played.

This rally was a great blessing. There were children present from surrounding Bible Clubs, also a bus load from Egypt, Pennsylvania. Each person felt the presence of our Lord as the Waltan family unfolded the goodness of Christ. The Lord has led them to the children, and what wonderful work they are doing!

Mrs. Harold Masteller, Reporter.

Southwestern Conference

The Woman's Missionary Union of La Salle, Colorado, Observes Birthday Dinner

The annual birthday dinner of the Woman's Missionary Union of the First Baptist Church of La Salle, Colo., was held on Thursday, Feb. 7, at the church with a ham dinner served to about sixty people. The tables were decorated to represent the twelve months of the year and the guests chose the table suggestive of their birthday-month.

Members at each table presented a skit for entertainment. Mrs. David Zimmerman played a piano solo, "The Beautiful City." Mrs. Pete Croissant read a poem, "Angel's Work," and a duet was sung by Mrs. Gottlieb Vogel and Mrs. Harold Boylender as part of the program following the dinner.

Mrs. David Zimmerman, president, was general chairman for the dinner and program. The dining room committee was Mrs. A. Moser, Mrs. J. Keyser, Mrs. E. Jeske, and Mrs. J. Moser. The program was in charge of Mrs. Gottlieb Vogel.

Louise Bohlender, Secretary.

Baptist Church of Lorraine, Kansas, Holds Reception for Rev. and Mrs. A. R. Bernadt

The members of the First Baptist Church of Lorraine, Kans., extended

Remember the denominational Annual Meetings in prayer to be held at the Forest Park headquarters from April 28 to May 2.

their official welcome to their new pastor, the Rev. Alfred Bernadt and family at their annual Fellowship Supper which was held on Tuesday evening, February 19, in the church Fellowship Hall. Mr. and Mrs. Bernadt and their sons, Alfred, Jr., and Jimmy, had arrived a week earlier from their pastorate in New York, N. Y., and had first served in the Lorraine pulpit on Sunday, February 17.

More than 300 church members and friends enjoyed the reception supper planned and served by the Dorcas Society amid a setting of flowers and lighted candles. The young people of the church assisted in the serving.

Pipe organ melodies were played in the sanctuary by Roxanne Kohrs preceding the supper. The program following the meal carried out the theme, "The Servant," and was presided over by Mr. Harry Mollhagen of the Board of Deacons.

The church had the special privilege of having as guest speaker for this very special occasion, Dr. M. L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Illinois. He spoke on "The Nobility of the Servant." It was a message in harmony with the theme of the evening and of special inspiration to the Lorraine church as they look forward to fruitful years of work with their new minister.

Mr. Walter Schmidt, chairman of the Board of Deacons, expressed the welcome of the church and Mr. Bernadt responded graciously and introduced Mrs. Bernadt and their sons. Mr. Delmar Wessler represented the Sunday School in extending his welcome to Mr. Bernadt and introducing departmental superintendents.

Mrs. Walter Hildebrand, president of the King's Daughters Society, gave a word of welcome in behalf of the women's societies and introduced Mrs. W. W. Mollhagen, president of the Dorcas Society, and Mrs. Martha Peters, president of the Woman's Missionary Society.

The Rev. Theo. Dons of the First Baptist Church of Ellinwood, Kansas, represented the Southwestern Conference and introduced the guest ministers in attendance who were: Rev. and Mrs. Herbert Schauer, First Church of Dickinson County; Rev. and Mrs. Norman Berkan, Ebenezer Church, Elmo, Kans.; Rev. Leonard Hinz, Strassburg Church; Rev. and Mrs. Zimmerman, First Baptist Church, Lyons, Kans.; Rev. and Mrs. Fenistel, Hutchinson, Kansas.

Music was furnished by the High School Band and by a men's vocal trio composed of Mr. Leland Janssen, Mr. Alvin Bronleewe and Mr. Sharpe. The group singing was lead by Mr. Gordon Janssen.

Before the arrival in Lorraine of Mr. Bernadt and his family, the parsonage had been completely re-decorated and newly shingled. The pastor's study at the church was also newly decorated as well as other extensive repairs completed on the church building. "May the Lord use pastor and church for the Kingdom's greater work through the years to come!"

Mrs. C. Peters, Reporter.

Central Conference

Organ Is Presented to State Park Church, Peoria, Illinois, by Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Kuck

Now being used at State Park Baptist Church, Peoria, Ill., as the major musical instrument in worship services is a Hammond electric organ, a gift to the church from Mr. and Mrs. Henry G. Kuck, members of the church. The beautiful gift instrument is played by the church organist, Mrs. Walter Broeker, who has served in that capacity well over a quarter of a century.

While the presentation to the church occurred shortly before Christmas, formal acceptance of the instrument was made at the church's quarterly business meeting in February, with the church directing the clerk to write Mr. and Mrs. Kuck an expression of "deep and sincere appreciation," in which the organ was hailed as a "continual source of inspiration . . . which will be a great blessing to the church, now and in the future." First selection played on the organ was "Beautiful Garden of Prayer," when it was used as accompaniment to a vocal solo.

Mr. Kuck has been a member of the church 70 years, joining when he was 16 years old. His service-filled career with the church include 41 years as a member of the Board of Deacons (he is a life member); 34 years as superintendent of the Sunday School; 29 years as choir director; 22 years as a trustee; and service as vice-moderator. He was active in the choir until ten years ago.

Walter Kohrs, Reporter.

Reception at Immanuel Baptist Church, Kankakee, Illinois, for Rev. H. H. Riffel and Family

The Rev. Herman H. Riffel, new pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Kankakee, Ill., was welcomed at a reception at the church on Thursday evening, February 14. Mrs. J. Burton Hertz presided at the organ and Gilbert Luhrs, church moderator, presided and gave the invocation. The guests were also welcomed by Mr. Luhrs.

The Rev. John Grygo, pastor of the Ogden Park Church, Chicago, Ill., was introduced. He read the Scripture lesson from Eph. 4:1-16. The Immanuel Male Quartet sang, "I Will Pilot Thee." Mr. John Gernenz, chairman of the Board of Deacons, gave the welcome to Mr. Riffel. On behalf of the women in the church, Miss Alma Salzman, deaconess, brought the welcome to Mrs. Riffel.

On behalf of the North American Baptist Conference, the Rev. Richard Schilke, general mission secretary, gave a stirring message on the "Challenge to the Church." He said we must lift up our pastor in prayer, and support and cooperate with him in everything. The Rev. Harry G. Bryant, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Kankakee, gave a "Pastoral Greeting" from the churches of the community.

The interim pastor of Immanuel Church, Mr. Fred Sonnenberg, of Chi-

ago, led in prayer. Mr. and Mrs. Riffel and children, Elaine, age 8, David, age 5, and Edward, age 10 months, were present for the occasion. Mrs. Riffel responded graciously to the women's welcome. Mr. Riffel responded and gave the benediction. There was a good attendance from the sister churches in Chicago and many of the preachers and lay people brought welcomes from their churches. Mrs. W. T. Edwards, deaconess, gave an original poem of welcome. Duets were sung by Fred Sonnenberg and Darwynne Pucek, accompanied by Mrs. Hertz, and by Mr. and Mrs. Sonnenberg.

Northwestern Conference

Radio Ministry by Pastor and Chorus of First Baptist Church, Watertown, Wisconsin

"God is not willing that any should perish. . . ." With this in mind, the people of the First Baptist Church of Watertown, Wis., are grateful and rejoice over the new avenue of the radio ministry which opened up last December. We thank God for the privilege of spreading the Gospel every Sunday morning from 8:30 to 9:00



Mr. Henry G. Kuck presents key of Hammond electric organ to Mr. Walter Broeker, organist of the State Park Baptist Church of Peoria, Illinois. The instrument is a gift to the church from Mr. and Mrs. Kuck.

The dining room was attractively decorated in the Valentine theme by members of the Golden Circle Class of the church. This is a young married people's class, taught by Mrs. George W. Salzman. They were in charge of all arrangements. The buffet table centerpiece was a mirror edged with doilies and hearts. A crystal candle and flower holder was filled with red, white and yellow tapers and roses of the same colors. The guest table centerpiece was a container of seasonal flowers and red hearts.

Mrs. Gilbert Luhrs, Clerk.

over the local radio station WITN. The inspirational hymn singing on the program is provided by the newly organized Radio Chorus under the direction of our pastor's wife, Mrs. Jothan G. Benke.

Included on the program besides the hymn and chorus singing are requests from shut-ins and a timely message by our pastor, the Rev. Jothan G. Benke. If it is the will of our Lord to continue this radio ministry, it is our prayer to exalt the name of our Lord Jesus Christ in all that is done, so that souls might be saved and enjoy eternal life through Christ.

Recently, a service of dedication was held for the newly installed Maas Chimes, which are a gift in memory of Mrs. Henry Krueger. The dedication ceremony was conducted by Mr. Horace P. Daggett of Milwaukee, Wis., who played familiar church hymns and compositions on the organ and chimes in a recital.

We were happy again this year to cooperate with six other Protestant churches in our community in presenting the mid-week Lenten services. Each week there was a pulpit exchange in the various churches. The participating pastors chose as their main theme, "What Jesus Taught," with the following subjects for their Lenten messages: Loyalty, Prayer, Faith, Sacrifice, Love and Redemption.

Mrs. Lee Krueger, Reporter.

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Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Herman J. Feldman of George, Iowa

As Mrs. Helen Sudenga played "God Leads His Children Along," Mr. and Mrs. Herman Feldman of George, Iowa, were ushered down the aisle of the Central Baptist Church of George on Sunday afternoon, February 10th, to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. About 300 guests honored Mr. and Mrs. Feldman and a fitting program was rendered.

Our pastor, the Rev. James Brygger, led in prayer which was followed by a solo, "Will There Be Any Stars in My Crown?" by six-year-old grandson, Mike Feldman. The history was written and read by Herman Feldman, Jr. Gloria and Glenda Van Briesen and Bernell Kix sang "Beyond the Sunset." "Never Grow Old" was sung by Mrs. Van Kleet of Spirit Lake, Iowa. Mr. Brygger gave a short talk and also sang "When We See Christ."

At the close of the service a tray lunch was served in the basement of the church which was decorated in gold and white. Many friends and relatives including all of their children were present for the service. Distant towns that were represented were Windom and Staples, Minn.; Buffalo Center, Allison, Aplington, Parkersburg, Waterloo, Arnolds Park and Spirit Lake, Iowa; and Sioux Falls, South Dakota. We wish God's richest blessing for them in the coming years.

Kenneth W. Harms, Reporter.

Exchange Students from Macon, Georgia, Enjoy Breakfast and Services at Manitowoc, Wisconsin

On Sunday morning, February 17, the First Baptist Church of Manitowoc, Wis., had the delightful privilege of serving as host at breakfast to 17 of the 30 exchange students from Macon, Georgia. Others who attended the breakfast were Mrs. Isabel Kinnett and Miss Emily Orr, chaperons for the Georgia group; six Manitowoc students from Lincoln High School who served as hosts and hostesses to some of the Macon guests; and a large number of the young people from our Baptist church.

The Macon visitors made many interesting comments about the "northern styled" breakfast and found it different but quite palatable. During the breakfast, the Baptist pastor, the Rev.



Mr. and Mrs. Herman J. Feldman of the Central Baptist Church, George, Iowa, who recently celebrated their golden wedding anniversary.

Harvey A. Rakow, gave a devotional on the topic, "The Most Important Thing In the World" based upon 1 Cor. 13 and Matt. 22:37-40. The guests also attended Sunday School and the morning worship service.

Already the people of Macon and Manitowoc have good evidence that a better understanding and fellowship have begun and will continue to grow as a result of this unique student exchange between North and South.

Harvey A. Rakow, Pastor.

Pacific Conference

Men's Fellowship Organized and Pastor's Birthday Remembered at Portland's Laurelhurst Church

On Monday evening, February 4, a group of twenty-two men met at the Mandarin Chinese Restaurant in Portland, Ore., for the purpose of organizing a Laurelhurst Baptist Church men's club. A name was chosen for the group which will be called "The Laurelhurst Men's Fellowship." The need for closer fellowship among the men of the church, together with the desire to perform various Christian services befitting a Christian men's organization, was the purpose of organizing the club. A project which is now being undertaken by the group is a church bulletin board.

In order that the young women of the church may take part in the Woman's Missionary Society, meetings are now being held monthly on week-day evenings. This change in time has increased the attendance considerably.

On Sunday evening, February 24, a sound motion picture film entitled, "Daniel in the Lions' Den," was shown to the congregation. A number of boys and girls of grade-school age were present, among whom three decisions for Christ were made. At the close of the service, a party to honor the pastor, the Rev. Lewis Berndt, whose birthday falls on February 25, was given in the lower church parlors. Mr. Ernie Knopf presented a fireplace screen on behalf of the church to Mr. Berndt who graciously accepted and expressed his appreciation. Refreshments were served, after thanks had been given by the Rev. Glenn Campbell.

Mrs. Walter P. Krell, Reporter.

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Recent Program and Activities of the Salt Creek Woman's Missionary Society of Oregon

The Ladies' Missionary Society of the Salt Creek Baptist Church near Dallas, Ore., met in the fellowship room of our church on February 13 for a potluck dinner. The Rev. John Wobig of the Trinity Baptist Church of Portland, Ore., was our guest speaker.

After a short program, Mr. Wobig gave us an inspiring message on women of the Bible. He called this "God's Photo Gallery" and illustrated it with the following women: singing and dancing women, the woman of the street, the woman of self-importance, the society woman and the factory woman. On the other hand, we find the stepmother (of Moses), mother-in-law (Naomi), spirited woman, the woman of quiet, and Dorcas, always wanted, full of good works. Then he asked the question: "Which of these looks most like you?"

In addition to a busy program which we were pleased to carry on to the honor and glory of our heavenly Father, we raised money for implements for the tractor which the Rev. Gilbert Schneider took back to the Cameroons. Also a set of plastic dishes was presented to the Schneiders. A large contribution was sent for the Banzo Hospital in Africa.

We look forward to the new year with our newly elected officers: Mrs. Mabel Voth, president; Mrs. Edythe Wolff, vice-president; Mrs. Viola May, secretary; Mrs. Ruth Aebi, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Louise Nalling, treasurer; Mrs. Mary Giesbrecht, ass't treasurer; Mrs. Florence Schmitke, pianist.

Mrs. Minnie Voth, Reporter.

Obituary

(A charge of five cents a line is made for all obituaries, except for those of our pastors and their wives. If possible, limit the obituary notices to 250 words. Send them to the Editor, Box 6, Forest Park, Illinois.)

MR. JOHN ELMER XANDER of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Mr. John Elmer Xander of Philadelphia, Pa., was born on December 16, 1894 at Pennsburg, Pa., and passed away suddenly on January 1, 1952. In the year 1924 he accepted Christ as his personal Savior and in March of that year both he and his wife were baptized by the Rev. S. A. Kose into the fellowship of the Pilgrim Baptist Church. He remained a faithful member of the church until his untimely death, serving for a number of years in the Male Chorus.

He was happily married to Miss Marie A. Kube, and the Lord blessed this union with five children. His death is mourned by his wife, Marie; two daughters: Mrs. Louise Schweitzer and Mrs. Ruth Broza; three sons: John W. and David R. of Philadelphia, Pa., and Edward L. in the U.S. Navy; as well as seven grandchildren. One sister, Mrs. Mathilda Neidert of Reading, also survives him. His pastor brought a message of comfort from John 14:18-19. The Lord is comforting the bereaved.

Pilgrim Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
WALTER C. DAMRAU, Pastor.

MR. PAUL GIENGER, SR., of Streeter, North Dakota.

Mr. Paul Gienger, Sr., of Streeter, N. Dak., was born on April 12, 1882 in Fundthal, South Russia. In 1902, he and his brothers and sister emigrated to the U.S.A. For one year he lived in Eureka, South Dakota. Then he moved to North Dakota and farmed near Streeter until 1945 when he made his home with his family in the city of Streeter. On Nov. 10, 1910 he was married to Mary Seidel, with whom he lived in happy wedlock for over 41 years. Ten children were born to them of which one son died as a boy.

Mr. Paul Gienger is mourned by his wife; by his children: Peter of Billings, Mont.; Louise, Mrs. Philip Dockter, of Streeter; Magdalena, Mrs. Theodore Meyer, of Montpelier, N. Dak.; Pauline, Mrs. Reinhold Oberlander, of Yakima, Wash.; Wilmer of Gackle, N. Dak.; Paul, Jr., of Streeter, N. Dak.; Jacob of Garrison, N. Dak.; Helen, Mrs. LeRoy Lang, and Marian of Streeter, North Dakota. Besides these he is mourned by his daughters-in-law and sons-in-law, by 22 grandchildren, by his sister, Eve, Mrs. John Kubler of Streeter; by his two half-brothers, John Gienger of Streeter, N. Dak., and August Gienger in Alberta, Canada; and by relatives and friends.

Brother Gienger was converted to the Lord Jesus in 1910, baptized by the Rev. H. Klempel in 1911 and joined to the Baptist Church of Streeter, where he was a member until his death on February 20, 1952. His age was 69 years, 10 months, and 8 days. The funeral service was held in the First Baptist Church of Streeter. The local pastor was in charge of the service and the topics of his messages were: "Fluch und Segen Gottes im Sterben" and "Christians Have a Home in Heaven" (John 14:1-6). Two songs by the Men's Quartet and two duets were sung about this heavenly Home to the comfort of the bereaved family.

First Baptist Church, Streeter, North Dakota
PAUL GALAMBOS, Pastor.

MR. CHARLES WILLEKE of Aplington, Iowa.

Mr. Charles Willeke of Aplington, Iowa, was born November 16, 1871 in Germany and died at his home in the presence of his family on Monday, February 26. He came

to the United States when he was approximately 19 years of age, and resided in Aplington, Iowa, since January 1901.

He was converted and joined the Baptist Church when 17 years of age. He was greatly devoted to his Lord and his church, and found much joy in serving him and his fellowmen. Truly, he was a child of God who remained faithful to his church to the day of his death! In the Aplington Church, where he served long and well, he was greatly esteemed and much appreciated. For many years he served as Sunday School teacher and for 25 years as its superintendent. He was an honorary deacon at the time of his death. His interest also extended to community projects. For 21 years Mr. Willeke served as a faithful member of the local school board.

On April 19, 1905 he was united in marriage to Miss Tillie Spieker. God granted them many years of joy and happiness together. The marriage was blessed with four children: three sons and one daughter. One son, Howard, was killed in the invasion of Guam in 1944.

Mr. Willeke is survived by his devoted wife; one daughter, Mildred; two sons, Leonard and Irvin; three sisters, Mrs. A. L. Ahrens of Tacoma, Wash., Mrs. Minnie Braun of Blackfoot, Idaho, and Mrs. Bertha Ilg of St. Louis, Missouri; two brothers, Henry Willeke of Salem, Ore., and Gus Willeke of Trenton, Ill.; and five grandchildren. One sister and two brothers preceded him in death.

Large numbers attended the funeral service held at the church on Friday, February 29. The undersigned was in charge of the service and a message of comfort and helpfulness was brought by the Rev. Herman Lohr, a former pastor of the church and a friend of the Willeke family.

"Servant of God, well done!
Thy glorious warfare's past;
The battle's fought, the race is won,
And thou art crowned at last."
Aplington Baptist Church,
Aplington, Iowa
FRANK VENINGA, Pastor.

MRS. HELENA GEORGE of Lodi, California.

Mrs. Helena George, nee Rust, of Lodi, Calif., the beloved wife of Mr. Jacob George, was born February 7, 1885 in Adamasha, Rumania. In the year 1892 she came to Canada with her parents who settled near Edenwold, Saskatchewan. In June 1896, they came to the United States and became early settlers in the community

of Martin, North Dakota. In 1907 she was united in marriage with the late Mr. Charles Schultz of Anamoose, North Dakota. This union was blessed with eight children, five daughters and three sons, one daughter preceding her mother in death.

Our departed sister accepted the Lord as her personal Savior when she was nine years old. She was baptized on the profession of her faith and united with the Martin Baptist Church. Throughout her life she invested her many fine talents in the service of the Lord. For 35 years she was a teacher in the Sunday School. She was a leader among the women of the First Church of Lodi, and a real help and inspiration to the pastor. At the time of her illness she was teaching a large Bible Class and was group leader in the Woman's Missionary Society. Her delight was to be in the house of the Lord and with the saints of God. She loved the sincere preaching of the Word of God. Often she said: "One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after, that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life to behold the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in his temple."

In the year 1947, she came to California and was united in marriage to Mr. Jacob George, her now bereaved husband. She was a loving mother to her children, teaching them the way of the Lord. She was a devoted wife and a consecrated and sincere Christian. During her extended illness, she was cared for and nursed by the loving and tender hands of her daughter Esther, who is home on furlough from the Cameroons mission field, and her stepdaughter, Violet, whom she regarded as her own daughter.

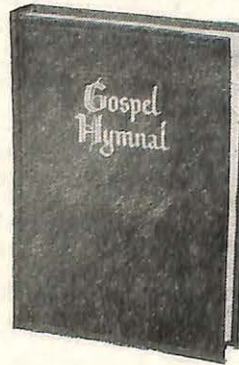
Our sister was called home to glory after much suffering through a prolonged illness on Sunday morning, March 2nd, in the sweet peace of God. She reached the age of 64 years and 25 days. She leaves to mourn: her husband, Mr. Jacob George; seven children: Mr. Alfred Schultz of Bay City, Mich.; Mrs. Laura Spies of Galt, Calif.; Mr. Edwin Schultz, Kalamazoo, Mich.; Miss Esther Schultz, missionary in the Cameroons, West Africa; Mr. Harry Schultz, Martin, N. Dak.; Mrs. Adeline Knudsvig, Willeston, N. Dak.; and Mrs. Florence Brown, of Auburn, Mich.; one stepdaughter, Miss Violet George; 13 grandchildren, four sisters and five brothers; besides her beloved church and many friends.

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saint."
First Baptist Church,
Lodi, California

G. G. RAUSER, Pastor.



Beautiful Long's Peak in the Rocky Mountain National Park of Colorado as photographed by Mrs. Edith Riddle of Chicago, Illinois.



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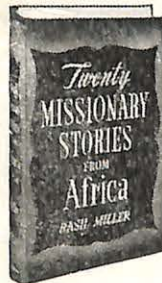


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