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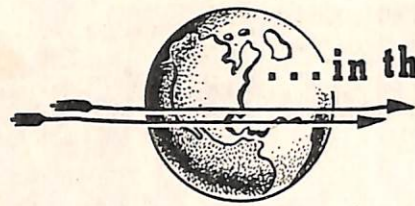
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Dr. Albert S. Felberg

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...in the course of human events

● Southern papers are telling of the new type of "Boogie-beat Gospel singing." The pianist crouches low over the keyboard and with stamping feet beats out a rhythm which irresistibly draws the audience into keeping time. One of the popular songs is: "Rock Me, Lord."—Prophecy Monthly.

● Since the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago was founded in 1886, 3,500 missionaries have left its classes to serve the Christ they love on the foreign field. At least 2,500 of this number, representing 192 mission boards, are active today in 95 countries. Former Institute students who sailed for the mission field in 1951 numbered 121.—The Watchman-Examiner.

● Drug addiction is a serious problem, warns The American Journal of Psychiatry. The addict's character deteriorates because he has quit working steadily, has acquired bad associates, and seeks satisfaction, not from life, but from a chemical. It declares further that narcotics decrease aggressive impulses. Then it makes this important statement: "We can say with certainty that alcohol causes infinitely more murders, rapes, and crimes of violence than do morphine, heroin, cocaine, marijuana, and all other drugs combined."—Signs of Times.

● Protestants comprised 34 percent of the United States population in 1951, while Catholics comprised 19 percent, according to the Yearbook of American Churches. A total of 58 percent of Americans, not including territorial residents, were numbered in some religious body last year, the yearbook said. Protestant bodies reported 52,162,432 members; the Roman Catholic Church, 29,241,580; Judaism, 5,000,000; Eastern Orthodox, 1,858,585; Old Catholic and Polish National Catholic, 337,408; and Buddhists, 73,000.—Moody Monthly.

● A Russian boy who removed an icon from the bedroom of his mother, who "believes in God and often prays," was praised by Komsomolskaya Pravda, official organ of the Komsomol, the Communist Youth League. This league claims a membership of more than 10,000,000 and demands that every member take an active part in the struggle against religious prejudices and he be an active fighter against religion. It is important to know that one of the jobs of the Soviet secret police is to keep track of "those whose

prejudices include a belief in God."—The Watchman-Examiner.

● The First Dail Eireann (session of the Irish Parliament) was opened with prayer, and the man who offered the prayer was the late Father Michael O'Flanagan of Castelrea, County Roscommon. This Irish patriot said to Eva Stuart Watt at her own tea table, "Ireland must have a Reformation or it will have a Revolution. I am tired of hearing Protestants always harking back to the 16th century so contentedly. What we need is a Reformation now, in the 20th century. We must return to the Word of God and to apostolic Christianity."—The Sunday School Times.

● In Japan the New Testament now far outsells any other book, says the American Bible Society. In Korea the prisoners of war from the Communist armies, the increasing membership of the expanding civilian churches, and the soldiers of the armed forces of many nations all clamor for the Scriptures. Missionaries report that the spiritual condition of the church was never better. By contrast, the door is closed on the Society's work in China. However, Hongkong is still producing Chinese Scriptures to meet the needs of Chinese-speaking people in Southeast Asia, Europe, Africa, and elsewhere. Almost 10,000 Chinese volumes were sent to the United States during 1951.—Signs of the Times.

● Here are some of President-elect Dwight D. Eisenhower's religious beliefs: "You can't explain free government in any other terms than religious." . . . "Our forefathers proved that only a people strong in godliness is a people strong enough to overcome tyranny and make themselves and others free." . . . "Today is ours to prove that our own faith, perpetually renewed, is equal to the challenge of today's tyrants." . . . "When God comes in, Communism has to go." . . . "This is what I found out about religion: It gives you courage to make the decisions you must make in a crisis, and then the confidence to leave the result to a higher power. Only by trust in oneself and trust in God can a man carrying responsibility find repose."—Moody Monthly.

THANKS, REV. JOHN GRYGÓ!
This department, "In the Course of Human Events," has been ably edited during the past two years by the Rev. John Grygo of Chicago, Illinois. We appreciate this splendid, informative ministry of his!

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THE STAR OF BETHLEHEM
By ANNIE JOHNSON FLINT

Not to the king the Star,
Flaming in light afar;
Not to the king on his throne apart,
With fear and hate in his evil heart,
Speaking smoothly with lying ruse
To find the new-born King of the Jews;
Not to the king the flame,
The light and the glory came.

Not to the seers the Star,
Shedding its beams afar;
Not to the seers with their downbent
looks,
Poring over their ancient books,
Searching where and pondering when,
He should be born who is Savior of
men;
Not to the seers the flame,
The light and the glory came.

Not to the sword the Star,
Flowing and bright afar;
Not to the sword that sought where
he lay,
Callous and cruel and eager to slay;
Never were bearers of swords so led
Where helpless and innocent blood
was shed;
Not to the sword the flame,
The light and the glory came.

But to the wise the Star,
Lighting their path afar;
Unto the wise who truly sought,
With reverent worship and loving
thought.
These to the Child the Star could bring,
To lay their gifts at the feet of the
King;
Unto the wise the flame,
The light and the glory came.

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Editorial

God in the Highest!

GOD IN THE HIGHEST! That is HIS place! This truth was triumphantly proclaimed by the angels and revealed in the Christ-child of the Bethlehem manger. "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men" (Luke 2:14). Only when men honor God, putting him first, will there be any hope for them or for their schemes. This was the purpose of God's incarnation in Christ Jesus to save men from their sins and to redeem their lives as they came to see the need of God's holiness and redemption and to acknowledge God's preeminence in their lives.

God in the highest! That was the vision which came to the Prophet Isaiah. "I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple." He saw the seraphims and was deeply moved as they cried to one another: "Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory!" That was the message of the first Christmas carol sung by the angels on the Judean hills as they saw that the whole earth would be full of the glory of God's revelation in his only begotten Son, Christ, and announced that truth by singing: "Glory to God in the highest!"

One of the Salvation Army leaders, George L. Carpenter, has pointed out that "God has not come down from his high place in the process of history. He is still in the highest, and we can approach him only when we are humble in spirit. The hope in the angel's message lies in the fact that it comes from outside, from above mankind, bearing the promise that God will draw to himself the creatures whom he has made and whom he loves."

This takes the Christmas festival out of the sentimental celebration of adoring a child in a manger. There is far more to Christmas than that. It lifts our eyes to the heavens above, until the words reverberate in our souls: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." It opens our hearts to the great truth that God's love will not let us go and that his grace is ever drawing us closer to himself and to his holiness.

God in the highest! That Christmas truth also teaches us that only when man sees God in the highest can he have abiding peace on earth. This is the foundation on which men must base their affairs. But so many people are striving in another direction, eager for mastery over others, abandoning themselves to pride and passion, centering all their attention and strength on selfish, sinful pursuits. It is no wonder that there are tensions in human relationships and that war breaks out like a consuming fire among nations.

The recognition of God's glory must inevitably be complete allegiance to HIM. It must be the rule of God's Kingdom in each individual heart. It must be the sway of his Spirit in every life. Then having heard the angels' message, we can pray: "For THINE is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory. Amen."

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Heaven's Glory Seen on Earth

The Christmas message has been tested in innumerable experiences by those who have received the Lord into their hearts: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men"

By DR. ALBERT S. FELBERG of the Ebenezer Baptist Church,
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CHRISTMAS is a time of joy, merry making, secret planning of surprises, giving and accepting of gifts. The very world around us is filled with the glitter, tinsel and business pomp of Christmas.

However, there is a deep and satisfying joy for every Christian with each return of the Christmas observance. We look beyond the things that attract our physical eye and in a spiritual sense we see the glory of God revealed in a mysterious, yet beautiful way, which makes Christmas real to us. The basis for our faith in the revelation of heaven's glory seen on earth is the Scriptures.

The reports of Christ's birth found in the Gospels vary. St. Mark omits entirely to deal with the birth and childhood of Christ and brings us at once face to face with the miraculous Christ. St. John deals with the birth of Christ in an apologetical way. He wrote, "The Word became flesh," thus giving evidence to all doubtful minds as to the reality of God from the very beginning of the world. St. Matthew deals with the historical background, the childhood and early youth of Christ. St. Luke gives us in detail the circumstances of the birth and the experiences of the childhood of the world's Redeemer.

"GLORY TO GOD"

Our text in Luke 2:3-20 deals with a group of shepherds who celebrated Christmas for the first time in history. It is believed that the shepherds were residents of Bethlehem, up on the hill-sides watching their flocks who had settled down for the night's rest. The majority of the shepherds were asleep. The rest were taking watch care against any danger that might befall their flocks.

Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared unto them saying, "Be not afraid," and a multitude of angels joined in a song of praise. This heavenly glory of the proclamation of the Savior's birth impressed the shepherds to the extent that they were moved with a deep desire to behold and worship this new born Savior. Thus they went hastily to salute the Christ-child as Savior, Messiah and Lord.

What a thrill that must have been to Mary and Joseph when the shepherds first came to worship the Christ-child. The shepherds appear no more in the Gospel story. However, the glory of the Christ-child grew to a worldwide story of salvation.

The glory of Christ's birth is so impressive that its beauty and radiance penetrate all aspects of the world's Christmas observance. Even the unbelievers and those who are little concerned with the story of salvation make Christmas the most joyous observance of the year. Some people may not question the fact why they celebrate Christmas. They never think of the fact that it is because of the birth of Christ that a new calendar for most of the world was written. Prophecy has found its fulfillment, and the longing, and spiritually depressed human heart has found its satisfaction in the coming of the Savior.

Since Christ is born and has revealed his love, grace and power to the world, we are compelled to deal

with these facts which the angels proclaimed, the children of God believed, the believers experienced, and the shepherds saw in their first vision. There is something in the Christmas message of our text that sounds like a dream: "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, goodwill toward man." But it has been tested in innumerable experiences by those who have received the Lord into their own lives. Unto them was given the power to become the sons of God, and by virtue of this relationship they see and know God's glory revealed on earth.

How do we know that this Christ here proclaimed, whose birth we celebrate at Christmas, is really the promised Savior of mankind?

1. We see him in prophecy! All prophecy was fulfilled in him. The story of his birth was foreseen and pictured and now in him fulfilled. As Paul puts it in 1 Timothy 3:16, "Great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto



—Photo by Myslis
The joy and glory of Christmas morning reflected in a girl's beaming face!

the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory." All this is fulfillment of prophecy and the very proof of the fact that God was in Christ (2 Cor. 5:19).

2. We find him revealed in nature as the Wise Men saw him in the star. In the fascinating study of astronomy we cannot fail to realize the vastness of God, and to get a clearer conception of David's proclamation, "The heavens declare the glory of God and the firmament showeth his handiwork." The star was the sign that led the Wise Men to seek Jesus, the new born King. The mysterious star, the brightest light that shone in the heavens, was but a dim reflection of the radiant power of Christ's righteousness.

Yet the Wise Men saw God's special revelation written in that star guiding them to the fulfillment of prophecy in Christ who was born the Savior of the world. The appearance of the star revealing Christ's birth must have been so strong that it brought these Wise Men of the East to gather from different places under a unified program of searching after the Christ-child to proclaim his miraculous appearance.

HEAVEN'S GLORY IN US

3. We see him in the message of his Word proclaimed unto us. The shepherds believed the angelic message of the Savior's birth, followed the truth and found the Savior for themselves. We too as we received his Word do find it a power unto salvation through faith, and thus the Christmas story thrills our hearts anew every Christmas season.

4. We see Christ in our own experience when and wherever we open our hearts and lives to his indwelling in us. The shepherds were obedient to the call and rallied around the manger to worship him and they went rejoicing on their way. The Wise Men came and bowed in humble adoration bringing their gold, a symbol of pure love; frankincense, the symbol of the fragrance of true worship and prayer; and myrrh, an ointment symbolizing the preciousness of his atoning death for their own salvation.

Let us truly seek to make heaven's glory a part of our own experience by finding him for ourselves in the books of his miraculous birth, ministry of death and resurrection, ascension and return, and in that experience verify unto ourselves the joy and power of his salvation.

Then truly we will be enabled to worship him like the Wise Men and shepherds, to serve him and proclaim his all-sufficiency to a needy world of today that his glory may penetrate and saturate every phase of our life, and the world's night be driven back by his glorious light till Christ shall be all in all.

Christmas Joys and Blessings

A selection of Christmas poems to commemorate Christ's birth in Bethlehem



—Eva Luoma
The thrill of Christmas surprises!

CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS

By MR. EDWIN A. MAXANT
of Forest Park, Illinois.

If blessings we would have—
Blessings we must give—
It's what we do, not what we say,
That measures how we live.

We pass this blessing on,
Hoping it may be
A help in making really live
Christ's Birthday memory.

CHRIST IS HERE

By ROBERT LOWELL.

Carol, Christians! Christ is here!
Carol for this baby dear!
This is man, but God, the more;
Sing beside the stable door!

This, our King without a crown,
In a manger is laid down,
When the maid with meekest hands,
Wrapped him all in swathing bands.

Ages long ago he came,
Lived and died, yet is the same;
He who slain 'ere things were made
In this stall a Babe is laid!

Sing, good Christians! Come and sing!
Praise our Christ, and praise our King!
Gladdest night! Most happy morn!
Christ our Lord this day is born!

THEY FOUND CHRIST

By THOMAS CURTIS CLARK.

To Bethlehem, long years ago,
The Wise Men came from far
To see God's Holy Child, in whom
The hopes of all men are,
They followed, with joy-brimming
hearts,
A Light that God had sent
To bring new life to men of earth—
Lost men, by sorrow spent.

Those Wise Men cast all doubts away
And sped through deserts wild
To find God's blessed Gift of gifts,
A little, helpless Child.
But in that Babe God spoke to them
Of faith, and hope, and peace.
They found the Child, and as they
gazed,
God bade their strivings cease.

Alas for those, more worldly wise
Than those good men of yore,
Who scorn the luring Light of Hope
That leads to Heaven's door;
They follow still the vagrant ways
Of darkness and of sin . . .
O God, still shines thy Heavenly Star
To bid us enter in!

GOD'S GIFT

By AGNES D. BOND.

The Christmas stars are gleaming
In distant skies tonight;
But one alone is beaming
With a distinctive light.

The star that led the Wise Men,
That led and guided them,
Upon that midnight journey, —
The Star of Bethlehem.

The star that still reminds us,
That years ago, one morn,
An Infant in the manger,
Unto the world was born.

And so we have our Christmas,
A day of kindly thought,
Of peace, and loving kindness,
That Christ's sweet presence brought.

A day of self-forgetting,
When all mankind seems kin,
Because the Christlike spirit,
On this day enters in.

This gift unto all nations,
The gift of God's own Son,
Makes each returning Christmas
A glorious, precious one.

—Christmas Ideals.



The first sulphone pills are given to the lepers at the Bamenda segregation village in the Cameroons (center) by Missionary Laura Reddig. At the left is the leper boy whose picture appeared in the "1952 Annual." (The leprosy nodules on his face are worse.) At the right is a Cameroons boy whose mouth has been completely deformed by leprosy.

Immanuel, the First Leper at the Camp

How fitting that the first patient at the Bamenda New Hope Settlement should have been Immanuel so that those who are sorely afflicted with leprosy in the camp should learn to testify with all their life and soul that "God is with us"!

By the REV. GILBERT SCHNEIDER, Missionary at the Bamenda New Hope Settlement

IT WAS ONE of the rainiest Sundays we had had all season. It was the middle of August at Belo. The darkness of night had fallen and we could still hear rain on the roof. A knock at the door interrupted our quiet evening. We wondered who had ventured out in the cold and wet darkness of this night. His message must be important!

As we opened the door, what a pitiful sight we beheld! There, withdrawing to the shadows of the veranda stood a young man, who became the first leper to be admitted to the Bamenda New Hope Settlement. His very thin face and body were disfigured with ugly nodules. He had a few open sores. He was shivering with cold and dripping wet. The little bundle of possessions he carried was also literally dripping from the rain. Even in his affliction, he had walked 30 miles from Bamenda this rainy day in search of the medicine that could cure his miserable disease.

THE FIRST LEPER PATIENT

He was a leper of the most contagious type. We feared to invite him in to warm himself by our fire. We couldn't have him spend the night with any of the Mission helpers who live on the station. Since there was a house ready for the patient at the New Hope Settlement five miles away, we decided there was no alternative but to take him in the pickup from Belo to the

Settlement. This meant driving at night over very slick roads, narrow bridges, hills and valleys. The journey was completed without mishap, but only by the grace of God and the help of sturdy chains. It is hard for you to realize the treachery of African roads during a rain and at night.

This young man's name is Immanuel. How fitting for the first patient at Bamenda New Hope Settlement. It is uppermost in our thinking and teaching and action that, while these so sorely afflicted are in this Settlement, they shall learn to testify with all their life and soul that "God is with us"!

The curse of "death before death" has been lifted. These despised who have often had to steal to survive can now look forward to family reunions, fellowship with friends and a useful life again. Immanuel continues to be one of the most cheerful and thankful and cooperative patients admitted thus far.

During the following week, after Immanuel had come, the Gabe family arrived at the Bamenda New Hope Settlement. Sam and Kathrina have long been among our most faithful Christian witnesses and Mission helpers. Since her first child was born, Kathrina has had leprosy. Now she praises the Lord for his mercy and comes for the precious pills. Sam was put to work immediately as an overseer supervising a group of laborers in one of the many phases of development

now under way in building up the settlement. His honesty and loyalty are inspiring.

Another week passed and eleven patients from the native segregation camp in Bamenda were transferred to Bamenda New Hope Settlement. Again it was a rainy day and pictures of their arrival were impossible. But rain surely didn't dampen their spirits! They arrived on a native transport truck with a conglomeration of cargo which composed their earthly possessions.

JOBS FOR ALL

These were the "able-bodied" patients who came from the camp at Bamenda to help clear tracts of land, build houses, gather firewood, begin farms and the innumerable tasks that go with setting up a new Settlement. Miss Laura Reddig had been giving this new drug to these patients and over a hundred more at Bamenda for several months prior to this.

Now Bamenda New Hope Settlement population consisted of 13 lepers. Since then room has been made for four more. As accommodations grow, the population can also grow. Many are clamoring to enter, because the helpfulness of this drug is quite obvious even among these who have taken it for less than four months.

From the beginning, our patients here are given jobs to do according to

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Christmas in Old Mexico

The colorful observance of the Christmas fiesta in Old Mexico as seen by the author (in the center of the accompanying star), who is a member of the Fifteenth Street Baptist Church of Los Angeles, Calif., and who served for a number of years as a missionary in Mexico



ALTHOUGH the December-January holiday season in Mexico is traditionally celebrated in quite a different manner than our own American way, yet of recent years there have crept in new and modern additions which make Christmas in Mexico interesting to an outsider as well as to the participants themselves.

One is the Christmas tree, looking still a bit garish and out of place, but definitely there to stay. Another is the trainload of fascinating plastic toys coming down from the States to replace flimsy wood and cardboard breakables. A third is the grudging respect finally accorded to the day of December 25th, the supposed natal day of the world's Savior.

When I first went to Patzcuaro, Mexico, in 1943, this day was considered to be like every other day by everyone in the town except a tiny handful of Evangelicals. Now that handful has grown in strength, and at last, every shop and booth closes on that day, although the selling of toys and tree ornaments is continued on the following day, until the eve of January 6th, or Epiphany, or El Dia De Los Tres Reyes.

HOLIDAY FAIR

Perhaps you would be interested in knowing just what our Christian and pagan Christmas season consists of. Although we wish it were otherwise, each influences the other. For instance, the holiday fair comes to town, and the three leading shops display toys, trees and Santas before the eighth of December, "El Dia Ocho."

That festive day is ushered in at midnight with loud, explosive and brilliant fire works, and thousands of pilgrims, including colorfully dressed Tarascan Indians, Mexican tourists from distant States and many of our own townspeople, dedicate themselves to the idolatrous worship of the Virgin Mary. That idol, newly painted and dressed, is housed in one of the seven places of Catholic worship, the large

Sanctuario, a stone's throw from our orphanage. In the afternoon of that day she is carried in a long, colorful parade up and down the hilly, cobblestoned streets of our town.

But not all in the milling throng came to worship. Many are businessmen, setting up little, temporary booths around the big main plaza, from whom your missionaries buy a good many of the orphan's Christmas toys, and to where the children themselves are escorted, ready to exchange their few centavos for a delightful bit of pottery or straw or cloth.

Over in the other, smaller plaza there is a Merry-Go-Round and a brilliantly lit Ferris wheel always filled with wildly excited children and adults, including our own. We do not feel that it is fair to keep our children away from the tempting toys and commercial entertainments, but still are sorry that the once-a-year affair must be associated with idol worship.

Let me explain that our entire family at the mission spends much time in prayer together during that day, praying God's mercy upon the blind who are being led by the equally blind. On the following day, both children

and workers form into bands to carry and distribute tracts and Gospels to the homeward bound pilgrims thronging the roads leading out of town. Many times, months and years later, we hear of the results of such seed sown.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

So by December 9th the town shops have a Christmas time gaiety, and in the locked cupboard of your orphanage there are the beginnings of the Christmas gifts. Schools are closed until February, so that our children are free for daily rehearsals for the coming Christmas program, and as the months go by, for the general housecleaning, the festive decorating of rooms and halls, and the preparing of bags of goodies and a Gospel portion for the yet to be invited guests. In other years we have spent these weeks in tiring pageant or cantata rehearsals, with the problem of costuming the thirty or more children of all sizes.

Last year we planned a simpler, equally effective program, built around a series of thirty colored slides on the life of Christ, half of which were on the nativity. Pascual, our young



A quiet, lazy street in Patzcuaro, Mexico, which was often visited by Florence Eisele while in that Mexican town.

preacher-to-be, came "home" from Mexico City for Christmas, and read appropriate Scripture portions as each slide was flashed on the screen, after which the children sang in the darkness, either OF the One, or TO the One pictured there.

I said it was simple, but don't be misled. For at least seven of the children it was their first evangelical Christmas at our home, and they, as well as the others, had to memorize from three to six verses, as well as the music of each carol or hymn. Forgive me if I say it, but our musical Mexican youngsters sing not only wondrously loud and enthusiastically, but also wondrously flat! So you can imagine what our rehearsals are like!

"LAS POSADAS"

Our program has always been given on Christmas night, because we seek to invite, first of all, our pagan friends and neighbors who might not otherwise come within sound of the Gospel. If we would choose to perform on Christmas eve these people would not come, because in that night they are busy closing their own beautiful seasonal festivities, "Las Posadas."

Every evening from December 16th to 24th one may see dozens of groups, composed of family and friends, in their own separate candle and song processions, parading up and down the freezing cold, hilly streets of Patzcuaro. In each group one couple represents Mary and Joseph. After the round-about-town march, they end up at a different one of their own homes each evening to view the family crèche and partake of refreshments. On Christmas eve Mary and Joseph form part of the crèche, an infant Jesus doll is placed in Mary's arms, and a grand fiesta follows.

Last year we were surprised that so many of the town's better class citizens came to our program, even the Secondary School director and his wife attended. There were over two hundred visitors crowded into our small hall, and the attention was excellent. A good many of the Baptist and Presbyterian brethren were also there.

FIESTA DINNER

The day following, the older girls helped prepare the traditional Christmas fiesta dinner of turkey smothered in mole (that controversial sauce made of chillies, peppers, chocolate, peanuts, and so on; the overall result looking something like well mixed mud, and tasting, according to our Mexican children, like something out of this world!). It also included ten extra helpings apiece of real corn tortillas, a specially seasoned rice "sopa," and in every year but this one, a Christmas "tub" salad, so christened because so much of it was needed that it be-

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came necessary to use the tin laundry tubs to mix it in! The contents of this is also a bit controversial, although it usually consists of beet slices, orange slices, peanuts, tiny candies, peeled chunks of sugar cane, slices of a crisp potato, like Mexican fruit and shredded lettuce, with a dressing of chillies and lime juice.

The dinner was held on Thursday, and that evening the children had games and refreshments in the decorated dining room around a tree. Later they received their gifts. This Christmas gift giving is always a source of amazement to the children's neighbors and friends, because Mexican non-Evangelicals wait until Epiphany, January 6th, "the Day of the Three Kings," to give and receive their gifts. On that day one can hear the children on the streets shouting to one another, "What did the three kings bring you?" (This is a bit more in keeping with the Scriptures than that which too many of our own youngsters at home shout, "What did Santa bring you? Huh?")

MEXICAN PINATAS

From the "Día Ocho" and onward, the marketplace and some shops are crowded with piñatas, hung from nails and rafters. These are part and parcel of Mexican holiday fiestas, made of pottery pots covered with sticks and crepe paper, fashioned to look like anything from huge watermelon slices, ships, horns of plenty and toys, to any kind of doll or animal. The purchaser fills them with peanuts, oranges, candies, pieces of sugar cane, and so on.

At the party they are hung above the heads of the blindfolded children who take turns trying to break them with a stick. When each piñata breaks, allowing the goodies to fall, the resulting scramble of all the children is something to avoid being entangled with, if possible! At the orphanage we usually have our home made piñatas (one for each age group to avoid too many broken bones!) on New Year's Eve before the year's end devotional hour.

So there you have a record of a Mexican Christmas season, with plenty of reasons to be thankful for your own Christian heritage, and many a reasons for praying for the salvation of those not so singularly blessed as yet, even in Old Mexico!

THE FIRST LEPER

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their capacity to work. No more sitting idly and hopelessly as of old in the native segregation camps. Now they must be prepared to return to active and useful lives in society—until now, an abandoned hope and dream for most of them. These first months and even years, the patients will be able to help a great deal in clearing land, building, planting and cultivating. It will be possible for those who have special interests to learn various crafts and trades as well.

Ever since the arrival of the delegation from the Bamenda camp, we have been going to them and holding a worship service every Sunday. Many faiths, many areas and many tribes are represented. Leprosy is no respecter of places or persons. How wonderful it will be, when they are cured and discharged, if they go back to these various and scattered villages with a testimony of the saving power of Jesus upon their lips! It is a pleasure to sing and teach and pray with them. They are most attentive listeners. They are so appreciative of an attitude of love, kindness and helpfulness after spending years of suffering as wretched outcasts.

The following week Laura Reddig moved from Bamenda to the New Hope Settlement! She realized a dream which she had been hoping and praying for for many years. Until now, we had been giving the medicine at New Hope and she had been giving it to the patients in the native camp in Bamenda, as well as executing her many duties as assistant to the Field Superintendent and Supervisor of Schools.

It was necessary for us to open a "market" to provide food for the patients and laborers now at the Settlement. They have not had time to cultivate farms of their own as yet and so we cleared a plot of land and invited neighboring farmers and traders to come in every Saturday and sell their wares. The response has been very encouraging. Each Saturday there has been a great variety of fruit, vegetables, fufu flour, palm oil, pots, eggs, baskets, cloth, etc., for sale. We kill a cow every other Saturday from our cooperative herd and sell the meat to them.

These Saturday markets have much the atmosphere of a County Fair. There are many open air booths and stalls, and many exhibits, each trying to outdo his neighbor in eye appeal and price. It is a fascinating panorama in vivid color and an intensely interesting study of Africa and Africans in itself.

Because of "God With Us," great things will be accomplished in his Name at Bamenda New Hope Settlement. Continue to pray with us and for this great undertaking!



Indians of the Montana Reserve along with Missionary R. Neuman and Rev. O. R. Schmidt surround Chief John Bear (left, center of group) as threshing continues in the background, and (right) the Indian home of Joe White on the Bull Reserve is surrounded by large bundles of an excellent harvest of oats.

Christmas With the Indians

The Christmas festivities on the Montana and Bull Indian Reservations of Alberta, Canada, into which the Gospel light now shines brightly

By the REV. REINHARD NEUMAN, Indian Missionary

THE FIRST SNOW brings an exclamation such as this, "We shall have a white Christmas, after all." Still I believe there might not have been any snow at the scene of the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem of Judea. Some people would almost have us believe that there can be no Christmas without snow.

The curtain is lifted and we shall look upon a Christmas as it is celebrated in the home of an Indian on the Montana Reservation in Alberta, Canada.

EXCITING PREPARATIONS

The first sign of preparation for Christmas is this. The Indians gather at a home appointed by the chief. Where and when the party is to take place is first on the agenda. Then a finance committee is appointed to collect money for the Christmas party. The most reliable persons are selected and sent out to the Indian families.

These men then go together to the various Indian homes and also into the nearby business stores of the towns in their vicinity. The business man will often give clothes, candy or other edibles. From the money collected, food is usually purchased. The clothes are divided and the poorer families given priority.

It's all done in a very considerate fashion. The money collected from the Indian and the white man is used to

buy nuts, candy, bread, meat, tea, oranges and other sweets and then handed out to the people at the night of the tree celebration.

The Christmas party is always held in the largest home which is always far too small. During the day there is plenty of activity. Usually almost everyone has to go to town, including the missionary, with a load of excited "red skins" to buy the last minute gifts and delicacies. It is also sometime during the day that the missionaries receive their invitation to the party. Sometimes it is given by the head of the house and at times through some other person.

The house on the inside has every appearance of Christmas. The tree is beautifully decked with many colorful trinkets and gifts. The room is filled with ribbons and evergreen palms. Under the tree are the larger gifts and the things to eat for the evening.

When the missionary arrives, the Christmas party really begins. This is between the hour of 8:00 and 9:00 P.M. As soon as we enter the door, our presence is announced by someone. Several chairs are set near the tree for the missionaries who make their way through the crowded room and at the same time we shake hands with as many Indians as possible.

Some of the men are seated on benches along the wall while the squaws are sitting on the floor with

their papooses on their laps. Many in the house are from neighboring reserves. As soon as the missionaries are settled, Mr. Neuman, the missionary, is asked to open the evening with a song and prayer.

WHAT CHRISTMAS MEANS

The true meaning of Christmas is stressed. Then an appropriate hymn is sung with all singing and a prayer is offered. One of the older Indian gentlemen responds with a word of thanks for our coming and for our part in the service.

The jingling of bells is heard and someone announces the coming of dear old Santa Claus. He does not come alone as we were used to seeing him during our boyhood days in school, but he brings a helper. His helper is a fearful looking creature. While Santa makes his little speech concerning his trip to the house, his helper acts up frightfully, making the crowd roar with laughter.

Then from somewhere under the clothes of Santa Claus' helper, an alarm clock rings. Going through awkward motions, he finally is able to shut it off. Santa then is handed the gifts which he distributes to the old and young. After the gifts have been handed out, Santa Claus and his helper bid "Good-bye" and leave. From here several of the older men take over and distribute the sandwiches, apples, nuts,

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Denominational Stewardship Program

Observations by the stewardship leaders on their visitation tour to our churches, presenting the truths of Scriptural Stewardship to our people

Compiled by the REV. M. L. LEUSCHNER, Promotional Secretary

STEWARDSHIP is becoming a very familiar word to North American Baptists. That should not seem strange, for the Scriptures use it frequently and emphasize its truth on almost every page. But as the denominational program and objective for this triennium, stewardship with its unique privileges and exacting responsibilities is confronting every one of our church members. It is the topic of many sermons from our pulpit, the focus of much of our spiritual thinking and the object of our prayerful concern.

A great deal of this is the influential result of the stewardship trips to and services in almost all of our churches in which more than twenty-five of our pastors were engaged. They were appointed by the secretarial staff and the General Council following the adoption of the Stewardship Program by the General Conference in Philadelphia last August. Their messages, personal counsel, supper discussions and deliberations on the important subject of stewardship in the churches which they visited have become a great blessing to many people.

The letters by some of the stewardship leaders with their personal observations written after the trips have become a great encouragement to those who have given direction to this denominational program. We want to share some of the contents with you as BAPTIST HERALD readers.

REV. LOUIS R. JOHNSON
of Waco, Texas.

I am back from my tour of Kansas, and pleasant memories linger of my association with the brethren and the churches there. I followed through the schedule as submitted to me, and found in each instance that the pastors had made the necessary preparations. I was received most graciously. The attendance was good in all instances, especially when all things are considered.

We handled the services differently in the various churches. In some instances, we distributed the cards and asked for an immediate decision. In other instances the cards were handed out at the close of the service to be returned at a later date. As a whole, I felt encouraged by the response of the people and a goodly number of

them expressed their appreciation. Time will tell as to the permanent results of the meetings.

REV. WILLIAM H. JESCHKE
of St. Paul, Minnesota.

I've had surprisingly good (perhaps I was too apprehensive) receptions along the way in Wisconsin and very good responses! It has confirmed to my mind the fact that this emphasis on stewardship could be the key to the solution of a lot of things, releasing potentialities, tapping our "frozen assets" or resources, and generally, if worked at in our churches, affording a very practical and substantial avenue to REVIVAL. As I have written home to my congregation (commending our denominational leaders for this emphasis, with the confidence that their vision and this investment in method will be rewarded), while out among our churches "selling" stewardship, I have found myself even more "sold" on its greater significance of my personal discipline, as well as its being the key to the unlocking of a wealth of unused resources in the church today.

I found the pastors in our Wisconsin churches enthusiastic, promising to take up the matter and to follow it through toward a drawing out of their church's potential and making it a working church. Sparks have been kindled along the way. We preachers know that it now has to be fanned into an energizing flame.

REV. THOMAS D. LUTZ
of North Freedom, Wisconsin.

Well — I'm home again. It was a wonderful time of visitation in the Minnesota churches and as a whole the stewardship program was well received. It was a joy for me to be one of the privileged ones to go and to serve in this way. Very few people were opposed to it; at least only a few said so by their remarks. I always gave an opportunity for questions and it was from the type of questions asked that I felt there was little opposition to the program. Judging from the personal contacts with people, following the regular services, they were glad such a program has been presented.

As for myself it has helped me a great deal. My own spiritual life has been deepened and strengthened and I want to do all I can to carry on the program in our church. I visited each of the nine churches of Minnesota and spoke ten times. In only two churches was the attendance below normal. But the interest that was everywhere shown was good and most encouraging.

REV. ROBERT S. HESS
of Newark, New Jersey.

All the pastors of the churches in Michigan which I visited were very much in favor of the stewardship program and anxious for its success. They promised to follow up the program. I have written to each church which I have visited thanking them for their co-operation and hospitality and urging them to send the results to headquarters. The whole program is very much needed in our churches and the effort will pay in spiritual and dollar results.

We prepared for the coming of the Rev. Edwin Miller to the Clinton Hill Church of Newark, N. J., a month in advance by prayer, announcements and a series of Sunday morning messages. We prepared special tithing and enlistment cards used on the Thursday night when Brother Miller visited us, at both services on Sunday, October 26, and again on Sunday, November 2. At the same time we gave to everyone or to each family head our denominational brochure and a detailed talent sheet to be returned after study and prayer. My secretary reports to me that by Sunday, October 26, there were 100 reaffirmed tithers, 26 new enlistments and a fair return of talent sheets.

REV. ALFRED R. BERNADT
of Lorraine, Kansas.

In the Southern Conference churches which I visited a total of 266 persons heard the messages on stewardship and 165 indicated by the uplifted hand that they were eager to co-operate with the denominational stewardship program. This means that about 62 percent responded. I made it plain that they should raise their hands only if they meant it, and no children are included in these counts. If these peo-

STATISTICS OF THE CAMEROONS BAPTIST MISSION 1951-1952

Compiled by the North American Baptist General Missionary Society.

STATISTICS		EXPENDITURES	
Mission Fields	9	Missionaries' Salaries	\$ 35,012.56
Missionaries	31	Field Operating	29,518.00
Churches	179	Missionaries' Outfits and Shipping	6,585.25
Baptisms	1066	Passage and En Route Expenses	8,980.69
Membership	8580	Deputation and Furlough	6,029.59
Inquirers	4667	Total Building	11,905.68
SS Pupils	4841	Leper Mission	7,604.67
English Schools	33	Miscellaneous	1,512.37
Native Teachers	144	Total Expenditures	\$107,148.81
School Scholars	3061		

that is not the underlying motive of this stewardship program and I tried to make it plain that real Christian stewardship involves far more than the giving of a monetary offering.

Again and again the pastors and I felt that we should have more of these leaflets to place into the hands of the members, and I presume that by this time you have received the requests for additional copies.

Of course, we also explained the Scriptural principle of the tithe and people took all the cards which were sent, promising prayerfully to consider what the Lord would have them do. The pastors will report how many of them have been returned to the church and have been signed. I believe that the people in these Ontario churches have caught a vision of Scriptural stewardship and the results will be evident in the years to come.

THE REV. G. K. ZIMMERMAN
of Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

The attendance at the meetings in the Central Conference churches which I visited on week nights was usually small, and yet the attendance in proportion to the membership was good.

The group present at the smaller gatherings consisted largely of the various organizations. This gave opportunity to make the stewardship program known to the leaders of the church. The meetings in Cleveland, Ohio, which were on Sunday were well attended.

The pastors and leaders gave a favorable response to the order in which the stewardship program is arranged. The emphasis on the stewardship of time and talent to precede that on the tithe of money has a very wholesome effect. I am convinced that if the people became stewards of time and talent, they will readily accept stewardship of material blessings also.

The leaflet was accepted with the comment at several churches: "Why wasn't something like this made available sooner?" I did have the opportunity to meet with some group at every church either before the service or after the service to point out the value of the leaflet and of obtaining definite commitments from individual members of the church as to the way in which they are willing to give of their time and talents for the furthering of Christ's Kingdom.

Statistics of Our Churches, 1952—North American Baptist General Conference

Conferences	Churches	Baptisms	Church Members	Local Expenses	Gifts for Our Mission Fields	Gifts for Other Mission Societies	Total Gifts for All Mission Purposes	Total Gifts for All Purposes	Sunday Schools	S. S. Scholars	Teachers and Officers	Woman's Miss. Soc.		CBY Groups	
												Societies	Members	Societies	Members
Atlantic	24	127	4371	\$ 214,140.35	\$ 30,104.97	\$ 55,289.25	\$ 85,394.22	\$ 299,534.57	24	3291	371	24	773	17	323
Central	27	369	7178	298,555.34	86,800.85	75,455.68	162,256.53	460,811.87	27	4594	478	21	1434	18	971
Dakota	57	298	7052	325,556.51	100,279.93	18,901.13	119,181.06	444,737.57	68	6748	722	50	1414	46	1521
Eastern	15	51	2519	67,893.68	17,904.20	9,778.42	27,682.62	95,576.30	15	1296	171	11	329	9	222
Northern	51	364	6716	152,384.41	79,203.98	17,041.40	96,245.38	248,629.79	51	5468	502	39	893	33	1290
Northwestern	36	219	5943	245,297.12	74,705.25	26,931.74	101,636.99	346,934.11	35	4714	588	37	1073	34	767
Pacific	29	291	6393	375,509.01	75,129.78	20,631.97	95,761.75	471,270.76	33	5874	657	33	1254	33	1222
Southern	12	46	1215	102,390.71	16,622.58	3,653.25	20,275.83	122,666.54	12	1230	167	11	246	16	527
Southwestern	23	86	2632	174,464.02	50,248.10	11,241.59	61,489.69	235,953.71	23	2353	320	27	662	32	643
Totals	274	1851	44019	\$1,956,191.15	\$530,999.64	\$238,924.43	\$769,924.07	\$2,726,115.22	288	35568	3976	253	8078	238	7486
Last Year	270	1841	42561	\$1,879,481.64	\$466,624.57	\$222,573.74	\$689,198.31	\$2,568,679.95	287	35239	3936	255	8273	224	7533
Total Increase	4	10	1458	\$ 76,709.51	\$ 64,375.07	\$ 16,350.69	\$ 80,725.76	\$ 157,435.27	1	329	40		14		
Total Decrease												2	195		47

WHAT'S HAPPENING

● The Rev. and Mrs. Otto R. Schmidt of the McKernan Baptist Church, Ed-
 monton, Alta., have announced that a
 son was born to them on Nov. 11 who
 has been named Robert Roy. This is
 the second child in their family. Con-
 siderable progress is now being made
 on the new edifice of the McKernan
 Church of Edmonton, according to
 recent reports received.

● The First Baptist Church of Lodi,
 Calif., dedicated its new Sunday School
 building and the chapel on Sunday,
 Nov. 2nd. The Rev. G. G. Rauser,
 pastor, brought the morning message
 of dedication. Guest speakers in the
 afternoon and evening services were
 the Rev. Robert Schreiber of the Tem-
 ple Church of Lodi, Calif., and the Rev.
 W. W. Knauf of Elk Grove, California.
 On Sunday evening, Oct. 20, the Rev.
 G. G. Rauser baptized three converts
 on confession of their faith in Christ.

● The Canaan Baptist Church of
 Crawford, Texas, has called the Rev.
 J. K. Warkentin of West Riverside,
 Calif., as its pastor. He has responded
 favorably to the call and will begin
 his ministry there on March 1st. He
 served the Henrietta Baptist Church of
 Hurnville, Texas, for several years.
 During his first pastorate in Crawford,
 Texas, the new parsonage was built. In
 the past years Mr. Warkentin has been
 the pastor of several Mennonite Breth-
 ren churches. In Crawford he will suc-
 ceed the Rev. Arthur Schulz, now of
 the Bethany Church, Portland, Oregon.

● Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Strauss, Sr., of
 Grand Forks, N. Dak., celebrated their
 golden wedding anniversary on Oct. 11
 at the Grace Baptist Church of Grand
 Forks. Wedding vows were renewed
 before the Rev. H. J. Waltereit, pastor,
 and 300 members and friends of the
 church. Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Werre, Sr.,
 who were the couple's attendants 50
 years ago, were again present as at-
 tendants at this occasion. Afterwards
 a wedding dinner of turkey "with all
 the trimmings" was given by their sons
 and daughters in the church's dining
 room.

● Evangelistic meetings were con-
 ducted from Nov. 16 to 23 at the Car-
 roll Avenue Baptist Church, Dallas,
 Texas, with Dr. Thorwald W. Bender
 of Chicago, Ill., as evangelist. On
 Wednesday evening, Oct. 15, Mr. and
 Mrs. Lyman Erickson related their
 summer's experiences on our Spanish-

American mission field in Colorado.
 (See "Baptist Herald," Nov. 6, 1952
 issue, page 9.) The film, "Japan at the
 Crossroads," and the story of the
 Pocket Testament League in Japan
 were presented on Sunday evening,
 Oct. 12. The Rev. Harold W. Gieseke
 is pastor of the church.

● The members of the West Center
 Street Baptist Church of Madison, S.
 Dak., had the joy of witnessing the
 baptism of six young people of the
 church on Sunday evening, Oct. 26. The
 missionary society had prepared white
 baptismal robes, and these were used
 for the first time. The choir sang the
 anthem, "Who Are These Arrayed in
 White?" The church was grateful to
 the Rev. Walter Stein of Tyndall, S.
 Dak., for having assisted the pastor,
 the Rev. Fred Schmidt, in a series of
 evangelistic meetings during Septem-
 ber, during which time these young
 people yielded their lives to Christ.

● The Election Night Concert for the
 churches of New York and Vicinity
 was held at the Second Church of
 New York, N. Y., on Tuesday night,
 Nov. 4, with a good sized crowd in at-
 tendance. The New York section of
 the mass choir of the General Confer-
 ence of last August rendered two num-
 bers. The Rev. Otto Patzia of Detroit,
 Mich., brought a message on steward-
 ship. The Fellowship Church of Pas-
 saic, N. J., was represented with an
 orchestra of 15 accordions. Mr. Richard
 Christleit, president of the Young
 People's Fellowship of New York and
 Vicinity, was in charge of this pro-
 gram.

● The Baptist churches of Isabel and
 Bison, S. Dak., have extended a call
 to Mr. Herbert Vetter, a graduate of
 the Los Angeles Bible Institute, Los
 Angeles, Calif., from which institution
 he received the B.A. and B.Th. degrees.

INFORMATION WANTED!
 Mr. Edward Kuk, born June
 15, 1905 at Kaminko, Volhynia,
 came to Canada in 1927 with his
 wife, Rose, and daughter, Flor-
 ence. The above's brother in Ger-
 many, Adolf Kuk, would like to
 get in touch with him. Any in-
 formation or the present address
 of Edward Kuk should be sent to:
 Mr. H. Streuber, 1087 Mulvey
 Ave., Winnipeg, Manitoba, Can.

He has accepted the call and is already
 on the field, residing with his family
 at Isabel, South Dakota. He was for-
 merly a member of the Baptist church
 of Emery, S. Dak., and his parents still
 have their membership in that church.
 Mr. Vetter hopes to be able to go to
 some mission field in the future. In the
 Isabel and Bison churches he has suc-
 ceeded the Rev. A. G. Rietdorf, who is
 now serving in an interim pastorate at
 Vida, Montana.

● The Woman's Missionary Society of
 the Baptist Church, La Salle, Col., held
 its anniversary program on Sunday
 evening, Oct. 5, with Mrs. David Zim-
 merman, president, presiding. A play-
 let, "The Things That Are God's," was
 presented by Mrs. Alfred Reck, Mrs.
 Reuben Borgens and Mrs. Seward Mc-
 Neil. A ladies' quartet sang and Mrs.
 Ed Jeske gave a musical reading. A
 peace pageant entitled, "Jesus Shall
 Reign," was presented by Mrs. Rhinnie
 Croissant, Mrs. Harold Bohlender, Mrs.
 Albert Croissant, Mrs. Adam Moser
 and Mrs. Paul Croissant. The offering
 was designated for missions. The Rev.
 David Zimmerman is pastor of the
 church.

● The Baptist Church of Avon, S.
 Dak., conducts a radio ministry every
 Sunday afternoon from 1:30 to 2:00
 P.M. (Central Time) over station
 KFSK of Columbus, Neb., at 900 kilo-
 cycles on your radio dial. It is en-
 titled, "Good News From Heaven,"
 with the pastor, the Rev. James De
 Loach, in charge and bringing the
 messages. The music committee of the
 church arranges for the fine music on
 the program. Mrs. Laura Betz and
 Mrs. Rachel Lorenz are especially
 active in the leadership of this com-
 mittee. The broadcasts are transcrip-
 tions of special services which are
 held in the church during the preced-
 ing week.

● The Baptist Church of Lorraine,
 Kans., with the Rev. Alfred R. Ber-
 nadt as pastor, is conducting a radio
 broadcast every Friday afternoon at
 3:15 P.M. over station KSAL. On Sun-
 day, Nov. 9th, Dr. Frank H. Woyke of
 Forest Park, Ill., was the guest speaker
 at the Mission Sunday services. Miss
 Eleanor Weisenburger, Cameroons
 missionary, brought a stirring mission-
 ary message on Sunday evening, Nov.
 30th. At the morning service Mr. Ber-
 nadt's sermon topic was "The Un-

known Soldier Speaks Again." The
 Rev. Theo. W. Dons of Sterling Col-
 lege in Kansas brought the message at
 both services in the Lorraine Church
 on Saturday, Nov. 23rd.

● Dr. and Mrs. S. William Boutwell
 and family, newly appointed Camer-
 oons missionaries, left Bristol, Eng-
 land, on the "S.S. Tortugera" on Oct.
 29 and arrived in the Cameroons on
 Nov. 13. Dr. and Mrs. Paul Gebauer
 and their family sailed from Liverpool,
 England, on Nov. 1st on the "S.S. Te-
 tela," and arrived in the Cameroons,
 Africa, on Nov. 16. The Rev. and Mrs.
 Earl Ahrens and their son, Billy, sailed
 from Africa on Nov. 14 and left Eng-
 land on the "S.S. Mauretania" on Dec.
 2nd for their furlough at home. Dr.
 and Mrs. Leslie M. Chaffee of the Ban-
 so Hospital have announced the birth
 of a daughter, Nancy Marie, on Sept.
 27, 1952. They will return to the
 United States for their first furlough
 early in 1953.

● On Sunday evening, Nov. 9, the
 women of the Grace Baptist Church
 of Gackle and Alfred, N. Dak., pre-
 sented an impressive program with
 the offering of \$243 going toward the
 parsonage debt. Each of the Woman's
 Missionary Union of Gackle and Al-
 fred, N. Dak., also gave \$100 towards
 the reduction of the debt. At the Mis-
 sion Festival on Sunday, Oct. 21, the
 Rev. R. Schilke of Forest Park, Ill.,
 was the guest speaker. The offering
 was \$500. In October the Rev. and Mrs.
 G. W. Rutsch were present at the 50th
 Jubilee of their former church, the
 Immanuel Church of Portland, Ore.,
 and visited their children in Sacra-
 mento, Calif., during a vacation of two
 weeks. Mr. and Mrs. Rutsch recently
 conducted a revival of two weeks at
 the station. Hoffnungsfeld of the
 Eureka Baptist Church of South Da-
 kota.

● On Sunday evening, Nov. 9, the
 Baptist Church of Aplington, Iowa,
 held a Sunday School Rally with 275
 people in attendance. Mr. Don Linde-
 man, superintendent, was in charge.
 The offering of \$84.82 was designated
 for the leper mission in the Cameroons.
 The new church choir director is Mr.
 Frederick (Bud) Lehr, a son of the
 Rev. and Mrs. C. Fred Lehr. Work is
 progressing rapidly on the 9-room, two
 story parsonage which is being built
 alongside the present parsonage. The
 Rev. and Mrs. Frank Veninga and their
 family hope to occupy the new house
 by March 1, 1953. The Rev. Frank
 Veninga recently received a reward of
 merit for his sermon, "Freedom Un-
 der God," which was submitted in a
 nationwide sermon competition spon-
 sored by "Spiritual Mobilization" of
 which Dr. James W. Fifield is the pres-
 ident. Congratulations, Brother Ven-
 inga!

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

YOUTH COMPASS TOPICS
 December 21, 1952—"Singing As
 I Go" by Miss Martha M. Ley-
 poldt, Forest Park, Illinois.
 December 28, 1952—"Yesterday,
 Today, and Tomorrow" by
 Mrs. Adeline Zimbelman
 Kopf, Holloway, Minnesota.

GREETINGS FOR CHRISTMAS
 Blessed Christmas greetings to our
 many readers; a special greeting to our
 many leaders and teachers in the CBY
 and Sunday Schools throughout the
 land! Our faithful missionaries were
 remembered with special greetings
 this year.

May the Christmas Day of 1952 be
 one of joy and gratefulness as we are
 reminded of God's unspeakable gift to
 the world. Let us resolve even this
 year again to be more faithful wit-
 nesses and servants of our Savior and
 Lord Jesus Christ.

IN SPECIAL SERVICE
 Our churches and families have re-
 membered our men and women in the
 armed services of our country long
 before this with Christmas cheer. An
 additional air mail letter telling of our
 last minute preparations for Christ-
 mas and assuring them of our prayers
 can mean more than a large parcel we
 may have sent.

YOUTH WEEK, 1953
 January 25 to February 1, 1953 are
 the dates for Youth Week. You will
 want to make early plans for a glorious
 week of youth activities in your church.
 An outline of program activities for



A group of North American Baptist young people at a recent conference.

Youth Week has been mailed to all
 CBY presidents. If you have not re-
 ceived your copy, write to your Gen-
 eral Secretary, Box 6, Forest Park,
 Illinois. A copy will be mailed to you
 immediately.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING COURSES
 The leaders and workers in our Sun-
 day School and youth groups should
 constantly be on the alert to new ideas
 and new methods. In accordance with
 this, our Sunday School Standard
 states that our Sunday School should
 be a Leader Trained School. At least
 one leadership training class should be
 held during the year.

YOUTH COMPASS!
 Are you looking for a new idea
 for your fellowship hour? If so,
 you will find just the thing you
 are looking for in the current
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SUMMER CAMPS AND ASSEMBLIES
 No, it is not too early for officers of
 summer camps and assemblies to be
 planning for the program activities of
 your particular camp. Some officers on
 program committees have already con-
 tacted instructors and inspirational
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 Publicity is also an important item
 for your camp. Get your date, place,
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 camp out to the young people of
 churches early. Long before they plan
 their vacations or holidays they should
 know on what days the camp is in ses-
 sion. This surely helps if you want a
 large attendance at camp.



A striking, colorful picture of a native village in the heart of the Cameroons, Africa, photographed by Missionary Gilbert Schneider.

Hidden Valley

An African Mystery Novel by DOUGLAS C. PERCY

HIDDEN VALLEY by Douglas C. Percy is being run in serial form by the Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

SYNOPSIS

After Peter Dunning had gone to Africa as a missionary, the "Prof," a chemistry teacher at Melbourne College, often found himself lying awake at night, wondering how his former student was and what was really happening. One day after a Teachers' Convention, the "Prof" and Bill McAdams, another student, made plans to travel to Africa and see Peter's mission for themselves. In the meantime, Peter Dunning in Africa was hearing all kinds of mysterious things. Baru, the evangelist, and Audu led the missionary to a sacred grove one dark night. There they found a Fulani, almost beaten to death, whom they brought to the mission hut. Then, strangely, his body disappeared. A brother of Audu was also beaten as if by a leopard's claw. Peter and Baru left the mission to get help and on the way they were showered with great stones that seemed to come from "blazing trees," one of which struck the missionary and knocked him unconscious. At the same time the "Prof" and Bill McAdams were nearing the village when they heard that "the leopard men" had caused trouble for the missionary. They hastened on their last stage of the journey as they travelled through beautiful country with Amos, their guide.

CHAPTER TWELVE

IMMEDIATELY in front of them, the bush widened, and in that clearing lumbered a whole family of white-seated baboons. Knuckling the ground, they sauntered slowly across the path,

the younger ones barking and spitting at the now still travelers.

Bill cautiously felt for his gun. A black hand was laid on his arm. "No, no," muttered Amos. "You kill one, the rest get mad. Let them go."

Sitting very still, they watched the procession in fascination. Small babies clung to their mother's fur as they moved slowly to the tress at the edge of the clearing. Several greying baboons stopped in the center of the path to stare with unwinking gaze at the three on the path.

At last they, too, turned and off into the trees they swung. The Prof took off his helmet and mopped his head.

"Glad you didn't shoot, Bill," he said. "I imagine that they could be wicked when riled. It's a good thing Amos was here," and he patted the good fellow on the head.

They started off again. Occasionally came unutterable silence, broken only by the plod, plod, plod of the animals they rode.

The morning wore on. A brief stop for lunch, and the men set off again.

Under the boiling, blistering, blazing sun, the horses sagged, and the men reached the peak of enervation.

They had met few people on the road, and none at all since leaving the village of the morning. Amos had assured them that they were getting near the place of the mission, and their excitement mounted.

Winding through the thickly forested area, the horses followed the white-shirted form of Amos, whose stride seemed effortless.

Coming suddenly out of the tree belt, the two white men reined their horses in wonder. Before them lay a grassy plain, with the path snaking through it. But there was no sign of Amos.

Sitting on their horses, hesitant for a moment, they called out. Their voices echoed through the bush and plain. No answer. They looked at each other in consternation.

"He must be here," said Bill. "I saw his white shirt just before we left the trees." Again he called. No answer.

Dismounting, Bill threw the reins to his companion. He walked ahead a few steps, peering on either side of the path. No sign of Amos. He returned to his horse.

"Let us keep on this path," he said to the Prof. "He can catch up with us later. At least he can't be far away. See that range of hills?" and he pointed to them as they showed up across the plain. "I'd say that was only a couple of miles off. Peter must live beyond them. He was always talking about the hill just behind his compound."

The two men stirred the sleepy horses, and headed for the hills.

Whatever the two men thought as they loped over the plain, they kept to themselves. Neither wanted to voice the first stirrings of disquiet that were now mixed with their eagerness to see Peter.

The sun was still blazing overhead when they reached the edge of the plain and stood at the base of the range of hills.

"Where do we go from here?" said Bill, as he surveyed the steep, unmarked hill. "They don't climb up that every time they want to see the other side of the mountain!"

The two men pushed their mounts again, and saw that the path went alongside the rock for some distance. Urging on their horses, they had only gone about a mile when Bill reined in again.

"Here we are," he said to the other, pointing. "There's a cut through the hill. Looks like a huge V. Why this is a natural fortress! A few men could hold this forever if they didn't run out of supplies. This must be the way in," and he turned his horse towards the cleft.

It was weird to the men, this passing through the narrow valley. Great rocks rested lightly on the sides. It appeared as though a slight wind would bring down an avalanche. The men kicked their horses into a trot. The jaded beasts responded as though they, too, felt the depression of the place.

Bill was in the lead and nearing the end of the valley, that opened to a great field beyond. Suddenly he gave a shout, and was off his horse in a moment.

The Prof looked amazed, then he, too, dismounted. Stretched on the road was a white clad figure.

The thought of both men as they ran to the still form was that this was Amos. But as they reached him, they saw it was a stranger. Bill knelt beside the man.

With careful, skilful hands, he turned the man over, then even he, used to the operating room, shuddered. Great lines of flesh had been gouged out of the man's chest. But he was still alive. Bill hurried back to his horse. Quickly unstrapping his medical kit, he opened it and began working over the injured African.

The wounds he left for a moment, and gave his attention to bringing the man to consciousness. He was rewarded with a groan and the fluttering of eyelids.

Taking his canteen, the doctor gently forced a small trickle between the tightly clenched teeth of the man, and had the joy of seeing him voluntarily swallow.

Working swiftly and deftly, he cleaned and bound up the gaping wounds. The huge lump on the head next received attention. By this time the man was coming around. Finally he opened his eyes. He gazed at the white man for a flickering moment than closed them.

"Mai gida, Mai gida," came from the stiff lips.

Bill groaned within himself as he realized his lack of language and the absence of the interpreter. He looked at the Prof in despair.

"I don't know what to do now," he said to the other. "If this chap does come around, we can't talk to him. He did mutter something just now, but I didn't catch it." He looked hopelessly around. As he did so, his eye fell on something a few yards off.

Rising quickly, he reached into the grass at the edge of the path and drew out a water canteen. He picked it up curiously, then called his companion over.

"Look," he thrust the canteen into the other's hand, "see that initial—D.P.? This is Peter's canteen. This fellow must have stolen it or something." He turned back to the patient.

The latter still lay silent on the path. But as Bill returned, he saw the man staring up at him.

"You speak English?" asked Bill. The man shook his head uncomprehendingly. "You know man of this bottle?" and he waved the canteen in front of the man.

The wounded man's face lighted up, then clouded again. "Mishan man," he said over and over again. "Mishan man!"

"Mission man, that's what he said," said Bill turning triumphantly to the Prof. "He knows this belongs to Peter. I wonder if we got him on a horse, if he could lead us there."

The young doctor turned back to the patient. Motioning to the horse then the prone man, and making a sign of lifting him up, the African nodded his head eagerly. Then he winced, as pain surged over him.

Lifting him carefully, the two white men eased the man into the saddle of Bill's horse. Then with one on either side of him, they started down the path to the entrance of the valley.

As they came to the end of the path, the country suddenly opened up before them. A great saucer-like plain dotted with villages and palm trees lay beautifully below.

The sick man motioned to one side, and the man led the horse along a well-worn path. For some two miles they made slow progress. Then the black man spoke.

"Mishan," he said, and jutted his chin forward in that expressive African gesture.

The two men looked up. Shining in the light of the waning sun was the tin roof of a whitewashed building. Pressing eagerly forward, they were soon at the cactus hedge. Following it to the front, they saw the opening and led the horses through.

Then the shambles was seen. Swinging on one hinge was the door of the mission house. Piled inside and out was a mess of broken and torn articles, as though violent rage had led someone to vent it on them.

The men almost released the sick man as they saw what lay before them. Carefully they lowered him to the ground, then pressed forward, their hearts sick with fear of what they might see.

The inside of the house was beyond description. There was no sign of life and no bodies.

"Peter's not here," said Bill. "What could have happened? What can we do?"

As they stood in the house, they heard a slow, dragging step. Turning swiftly, they saw their patient carefully walking into the room.

Bill strode over to him, his face a grim mask.

"You had his water bottle. Where is the Mission man?" and he laid a strong hand on the arm of the man.

Not understanding the words, there was no mistaking their meaning. The African jabbered something, but Bill

only shrugged. Releasing the man, he turned away. As he did so, the native stepped past him. Reaching behind a splintered packing box, he pulled out something, and handed it to McAdams.

It was a glove-like contrivance of leather. And each finger was a great, curving, iron claw.

Bill and the Prof both gasped, and took the thing from his hand. Then they saw the African motioning to his bandaged chest and making raking movements with his fingers.

"He was attacked by someone wearing a thing like this. Prof," Bill almost shouted, "this belongs to the leopard men Peter talked about. They must have him too," and Bill turned sick with the dread and fury that suddenly blazed within him.

He turned back to the African who stood silent watching them.

"You savvy mission man?" asked Bill, pointing to the house then to his own white skin.

The man nodded eagerly. "Mishan man, Mai gida," and the man laid his hand over his heart. "Yesu Kristi," he finished.

Bill nodded. "You know the mission man, and he has told you about Jesus Christ. Now if you can only tell us where he is, you will be really helpful." Then he began slowly and laboriously to try and convey what he wanted to the African.

Finally the latter smiled, and motioned the two men outside.

With Bill supporting him, the man could walk fairly easily and they soon reached the edge of the compound. The visitor estimated at least another hour of sunlight as he looked at the sky. Then the African pointed.

The two white men followed his finger. Immediately to one side of them was a town, curiously silent and deserted. Then beyond the town they noticed the great saucer-like depression in the earth, and saw the tops of a clump of trees, and in that direction the man's finger directed them.

Bill turned back to the horses that were cropping the grass on the compound ground. Slipping his Winchester from the scabbard, and unstrapping a water bottle, he turned back to the two waiting men.

He looked at them. "Prof," he said, "I'm going after Peter. I don't know where he is, but if he is near here, I'll find him. You take care of this chap, and I'll see you soon."

The Prof slipped his glasses off and into the case that he carried. "You're a fire eater, Bill," he said blithely, "and you need me to take care of you. This fellow can care for himself until we get back."

Bill turned to the African. The latter had already turned away from the gateway and was moving along the path. Bill caught up with him.

Motioning him back to the house, Bill pointed to himself then to the trees in the distance. The African looked at him a moment, then smiled. Pointing to himself, he also pointed to the trees.

The three of them set off, Bill marveling at the recuperative power of this African so sorely hurt. At the edge of the town the visitors noticed the absence of all signs of life. Not even a dog's bark broke the silence.

Past several mango trees they went, slowly so that the African could keep up with them. The doctor watched the man in amazement. After losing so much blood and suffering shock, he should have been in bed. Bill had much to learn about the stamina of the sons of the jungle.

At last they came to the little decline that led to the grove of trees. Bill noticed the African was moving slowly and stopping. They followed suit. Edging their way down the slight slope, they moved into the welcome of a great baobab tree. Here the African laid a restraining hand on the two men.

They stopped and peered around the tree. A short distance off was a clearing. In the center stood a great stone altar, a row of gleaming skulls on top. In front of this altar squatted a group of incredibly ancient men and women.

Only one stood erect. He was a wizened, toothless, bent old man. He was peering into the other side of the clearing.

Even as the white men waited with bated breath, they heard the chant begin. Low at first, it gathered way until a great volume of sound was rolling from the squatting group. And as they chanted, the stooped figure of the old man straightened. Motionless

at first, the fury of the chant and the insistent beat of a hidden drum drove him to action. Slowly raising his hands, he turned and faced the baobab tree.

Bill and his companion almost cried out. Two maniacal eyes glared from bushy brows. White foam flecked his mouth. But these did not take eyes of the white men. With irresistible fascination they watched his hands.

Great iron claws writhed on the ends of his fingers, as they spasmodically closed and opened. The man continued turning until he had completed his circle. Then the chanting stopped.

Still watching the central figure, the strangers saw him raise his hands towards a hut at the far end of the clearing, only a few yards from where the witch doctor stood. As his arm pointed, Bill went cold.

Out from the hut spun a nearly naked form. It was Peter!

As the spinning, propelled, half-fainting white man flashed into the circle, the Prof gripped Bill with an iron hand. The chanting was taken up again. The witch doctor moved a pace closer as the white man neared him, taloned hands raised high.

Then it happened. From the shelter of the baobab tree flashed a man. Around his chest glistened a great white swath of bandages. And even as the leopard's claws came down in a great arc, he was there. In an instant the white man was thrust aside and the cruel talons met unresisting black flesh and white bandage.

The demon possessed witch doctor tore the talons from the hapless victim and sprang to where the white man lay on the ground at the foot of the altar.

In that second Bill's gun cracked. The witch doctor gave a great scream, clutched the air with his claws and fell writhing to the ground.

With a bound the white men were in the clearing. But that single crack of the rifle had been enough. With one rush the people were gone, and Bill was leaning over the form of his friend, sobs racking him as the sudden awful strain broke him.

Then he had himself in hand. Tenderly taking the blond head on his knee, he pulled the water canteen from his shoulder. Pressing the cheeks drop after drop of water into his mouth.

With the Prof kneeling on the other side, they forgot time and place. They were seeing Peter.

But such a Peter. His hair was matted with dried blood. Great welts appeared all over his body. Lice crawled over his tanned skin. With tender hands the two men swept the vermin to the ground where they scurried for the dark shelter of the stone altar.

How long they knelt there, they did not know. Then the Prof jumped up.

"We forgot the other fellow," he said in deep contrition, walking over to where the twice wounded African lay, and knelt down at his side.

Night was swiftly falling, and finally Bill looked up.

"We had better try and get them to the mission house," he said. "Do you think we could each carry one of them back?"

"We've got to," said the other. "No telling what night will bring if we don't get away."

Slowly, carefully, they cradled the men in their arms and started out of the clearing. Clambering up the side of the slight incline proved too hard for the Prof and he had to set his burden down at the side of the baobab tree.

Off they started again. Laboriously and slowly they crept back through the silent village until they reached the mission station.

Through the hanging door they walked and laid their burdens down on a cleared space on the floor.

While the Prof looked around for a lantern, the other brought in his medical kit and set to work on his two patients.

The white bandages had been torn from the African's back, and the old wounds deepened. The doctor rather felt that loss of blood and the sudden exertion caused the present condition. Taking a sterile hypodermic from his pack, he gave the man an injection. Then he turned to Peter.

His friend had changed. There was no mistaking the man whom he had known for so long. But an older, worn Peter lay before him, breathing heavily. Bill set to work.

(To Be Continued)

We, the Women

News and Views of the National Woman's Missionary Union
By MRS. WALTER W. GROSSER, President



Mrs. Frank H. Woyke, editor of "Broadcast," bi-monthly publication of the Woman's Missionary Union.

"MEET THE MRS."

By MRS. WALTER W. GROSSER.

Readers of the *Baptist Herald* are familiar with the name and picture of Dr. Frank H. Woyke, executive secretary of our North American Baptist Conference. In this Christmas issue, however, we want our women to "Meet the Mrs."

Those who know Mrs. Frank H. Woyke may have met her at a General Conference, or have come to know her in the Woyke's hospitable home. On Sundays she is found in her local church teaching a Primary Sunday School class, or sitting in church beside her sons, John and Frankie, while their father is keeping one of those many denominational appointments. Then during the week Mrs. Woyke may be found at the Public Library adding another worthwhile book to her reading list. It may be a book she is to review for an adult Bible Class.

Mrs. Woyke is a creative person. As a trained teacher her keen mind and capable hands have been dedicated to the work of Christ's Kingdom. As a Woman's Union we have captured these talents through her editorial work in the *Broadcast*. She was appointed as Editor in 1949 at the General Conference in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. This work has been a labor of love, for her small honorarium has been given quietly each year to our Woman's Union Missionary project. For this discovery we thank her.

Because the *Broadcast* is not a publication accessible to everyone, but is edited for presidents and program leaders only, as their special resource material, the entire mailing list was revised last year. This means that many no longer receive this paper. Therefore we are sharing with you another sample of Mrs. Woyke's editorial ability.

Those who know Mrs. Woyke more intimately call her "Chris." Her given name is Christine. How appropriately the first five letters of her name, C-H-R-I-S prepare us for the general theme of her inspiring article on C-H-R-I-S-T-M-A-S.

PREPARE YOURSELF FOR CHRISTMAS

By MRS. FRANK H. WOYKE

Mrs. Smith felt very pleased with herself and there was a good reason. Here it was just two weeks before Christmas and she was all prepared for it. "Yes, I am!" she said triumphantly. "My Christmas cards are addressed, stamped and ready to be mailed; my gifts are bought, wrapped and piled up on the dining room buffet; my fruit cake is baked and the cookie jars are full." So you see there was just cause for Mrs. Smith to feel pleased and proud and to pat herself on the back. She had worked hard and now she was prepared for Christmas.

For it is a problem. There never seems to be enough money for one thing. And, oh dear, every year there are more nieces and nephews. And the things in the stores get more and more expensive. Well, thank goodness for the Christmas Savings Club. And let's spend every bit of it on gifts, even though we didn't increase our church-giving this year. Gifts are important at Christmas-time and, after all, the Wise Men started it. They brought gifts, didn't they?

Of course. There is no doubt that Christmas is a day of gifts. But—**is it the gifts that make Christmas?**

The fruit cake Mrs. Smith baked was wonderful. She had found the recipe in a magazine and she was eager to try it, but the long list of costly ingredients worried her a little. Then she reflected that she had economized on food all year—why she hadn't even sent one CARE package overseas even though she would have liked to, of course. "Christmas comes but once a year and it is just too bad if we can't splurge a little," she thought, as she decided to make the cake. "Christmas is a time for delicious food, anyhow."

This is very true. How we all love the heavenly, mouth-watering smells that emanate from the kitchen at Christmastime! Part of the fun at Christmas is the eating. Yes, Christmas is a day of feasting. But—**is it the feasting that makes Christmas?**

The truth is that there can be no Christmas at all except where love is. The home that has the spirit of love need not depend upon Christmas cards to spread their good cheer. And the home that has the spirit of love can be very humble but it will be furnished lavishly with warmth and laughter. And the exchange of gifts in such a home can be very inexpensive but they will be priceless because love went into the giving. And the food can be very simple in that home, but they will have a great feast—a feast of trust, of affection, of joy and of good will.

Yes, Mrs. Smith thought she had prepared for Christmas but what she had done was merely prepare the background for it. But does the background matter so much? Think, what was the background of that first holy Christmas? Was it not a very simple stable with some straw and a few animals standing by? But love was there and made it so sacred a place that the
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OCTOBER CONTRIBUTIONS—NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST GENERAL CONFERENCE

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ALL PURPOSES			
Conferences	Oct., 1952	Oct., 1951	Oct., 1950
Atlantic	\$ 2,423.60	\$ 1,588.42	\$ 2,063.12
Eastern	2,473.56	1,360.16	841.76
Central	10,192.93	6,461.69	4,438.23
Northwestern	3,247.08	4,279.37	3,222.08
Southwestern	6,243.95	7,692.21	6,623.47
Southern	1,591.12	1,254.54	533.05
Pacific	7,440.66	7,618.88	5,721.14
Northern	4,202.04	27,190.58	3,849.14
Dakota	15,215.43	12,111.41	9,791.27
Total Contributions	\$53,030.37	\$69,557.26	\$37,083.26

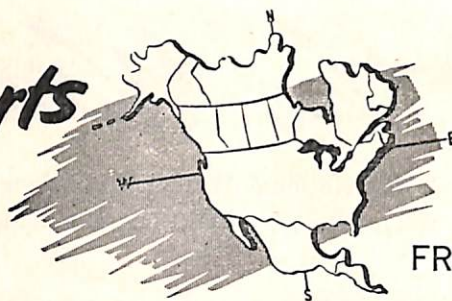
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	Budget Contributions	Other Purposes	Total
For the month of October, 1952	\$ 47,381.94	\$ 5,648.43	\$ 53,030.37
For the month of October, 1951	63,258.89	6,298.37	69,557.26
For the month of October, 1950	31,090.80	5,992.46	37,083.26

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR

April 1, 1952 to October 31, 1952	\$224,197.21	\$43,840.66	\$268,037.87
April 1, 1951 to October 31, 1951	223,183.21	35,083.03	258,266.24
April 1, 1950 to October 31, 1950	175,747.22	66,197.83	241,945.05

Reports



FROM THE FIELD

Dakota Conference

Thanksgiving and Mission Festival is Held at the Baptist Church, Medina, N. Dak.

The Thanksgiving and Mission Festival of the Medina Baptist Church, Medina, N. Dak., was held on Sunday, October 19. The weather was fine and warm and the day was filled with God's blessings for all present.

Professor Herbert Hiller of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., was our guest speaker for the day. It was a great pleasure to get acquainted with Professor Hiller and his family. Friends came from near and far which filled God's house to help us celebrate this great day and share God's rich blessings with others.

Professor Hiller spoke to the Adult Sunday School Class, and brought three very heart-warming and soul-lifting messages. The program was greatly enhanced by the Baptist choirs of Streeter. The singing was led by our beloved pastor, the Rev. Paul Galambos. Mrs. Herbert Hiller also sang several numbers which thrilled our hearts.

The Ladies' Aid of the church served the meals at noon and evening in the church basement. A thanksgiving offering was laid on God's altar which amounted to \$545. This was a great day which will be remembered for a long time.

Gust Martel, Reporter.

Mission Sunday and Farewell Reception by the Berlin Baptist Church, Fredonia, North Dakota

During the last few months God's blessing in the Berlin Baptist Church of Fredonia, N. Dak., was much in evidence. On Sunday, September 14, we observed a fine Mission Sunday. The Rev. J. C. Kraenzler, our beloved pastor, brought inspiring and uplifting messages which brought us into the right attitude to prepare our hearts for a generous missionary offering. Even though the harvest this year was rather meager, we were able to contribute over \$1,100 for missions. As a result we were able to pay off our last debt on our new church. We are very grateful to our Lord for this accomplishment.

On Sunday, September 28, the Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Kraenzler brought their blessed ministry among us to a close in order to take up their new charge with the First Baptist Church, Leduc, Alberta. During the morning service our pastor brought his farewell sermon in which he encouraged us to stand

firm on our convictions and have strong faith in our Lord and Master. For the evening the church arranged a farewell program in which the Rev. R. A. Klein of Aberdeen, S. Dak., was the guest speaker. An overflow congregation filled our beautiful church to say farewell to their pastor and his wife.

Representatives of the Sunday School, CBY and Ladies' Missionary Society paid many lovely tributes and presented our pastor and his wife with appropriate gifts and money in recognition for their services. Refreshments were served by the women of the church in the basement after the program and many tarried to wish Mr. and Mrs. Kraenzler well in their new field of service.

Ted Wolf, Church Clerk.

Eastern Conference

Missionary and Stewardship Services at Calvary and First Baptist Churches, Killaloe, Ont.

During the month of September the Calvary and First Baptist Churches of Killaloe, Ont., Canada, had the privilege of hearing the Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Goodman of the Cameroons, Africa, and their son, Larry. Our hearts were indeed stirred as we heard the messages and viewed the marvelous pictures that brought Africa so near to us. A special mission offering was taken at both services.

A baptismal service was held on Sunday, Sept. 14, at the Felhaber Cottage at Round Lake with the pastor, the Rev. Lawrence George, baptizing three persons, on confession of their faith in Jesus Christ.

During October, the Rev. Walter Damrau of Philadelphia, Pa., visited our Ontario churches and challenged us with his timely messages on the denominational stewardship program. His personal testimony gave assurance of God's rich blessings which are poured out on the church whose members are faithful stewards.

Mrs. Lawrence Getz, Reporter.

Southern Conference

Dr. Charles W. Koller Leads Evangelistic Services at Central Baptist Church, Waco, Texas

The Central Baptist Church, Waco, Texas, with the Rev. Louis R. Johnson as pastor, concluded a week of evangelistic emphasis on Sunday, November 9th, during which time the

members of our church were strengthened in the faith by the re-vitalizing power of the Holy Spirit and felt a renewed determination to be at work in the "fields which are white unto harvest." Souls were saved and lives reconsecrated, yet we feel this is just the beginning of the blessings which God has in store for us because of the efforts put forth in his Name, both in prayer and in service during this week of revival and the weeks of preparation preceding it.

Dr. Charles W. Koller, president of Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, Chicago, Ill., was Christ's ambassador to us for these days of mountaintop experiences. To Dr. Koller our church is "home" because it was here he found the Savior, was baptized and received his early Christian training. Having fellowship with old friends, both in his home church and from churches which he served during his student years in Baylor University, brought a particular joy to his heart and we, his friends, were richly blessed by his association with us.

Dr. Koller left us this challenge to ponder, "Let us not be weary in well doing; for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not" (Gal. 6:9). It is our aim to continue to remember those on our prayer list who were not won for Christ during the meeting and to put forth every effort in contacting those in our church territory who are still without Christ and without a church home.

Mrs. E. H. Steindam, Reporter.

Northwestern Conference

Recent Events and Activities in the Bethel Church of Sheboygan, Wisconsin

A Junior Choir of twelve voices has been organized in the Bethel Baptist Church of Sheboygan, Wis., and the boys and girls are practising to take their place also in some of the evening worship services of the church. This will be quite an addition to the service.

A Family Night was also held again. We had a capacity crowd present that night. The Rev. Wm. Jeschke of St. Paul, Minn., presented a dynamic message on "Stewardship" which really should reach the heart of all who listened. It was a wonderful evening with the Sunday School superintendent in charge of the service. Dr. M. Vanderbeck also brought a brief message.

Another Leadership Training Course has been completed and all the teachers and officers of the Sunday School took this course. We have completed a course every year under the leadership of our pastor.

A goodly crowd also greeted our missionary from the Cameroons who showed pictures from the field. These pictures were greatly enjoyed as Miss Eleanor Weisenburger commented on the pictures. We are happy that capacity crowds fill the church auditorium every Sunday morning and that Sunday evenings and prayermeeting nights bring out good crowds to hear the Word of God.

Elaine Vasselos, Reporter.

Wisconsin Young People's Fall Rally Is Held at Baptist Church, Watertown, Wisconsin

On October 18 and 19, the Wisconsin CBY held its Fall Rally at Watertown, Wisconsin. The theme of the rally was, "A Life Invested." It was opened with devotions by the host church, after which the meeting was turned over to Don Kopf, state president.

In the business meeting that followed, we chose as our new project to give \$700 towards supplies for the new leper colony. We also decided to have a camp of our own this summer, the site of which was not selected. The new officers for the coming year were selected. After the business meeting, we ate a delicious supper prepared by the women of the church and served by their husbands.

On Saturday evening the Rev. G. K. Zimmerman of Milwaukee, Wis., gave an inspiring message, using as his text, "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God" (Matt. 6:33). After this, the entire group assembled in the basement of the Congregational Church for games and refreshments, planned by the Watertown CBY.

Sunday morning, bright and early, many of the young people attended the "Gospel Time," a radio program sponsored by the Watertown Church. After this, the Sunday School and church services were held at which the Rev. H. Rakow of Manitowoc, Wis., was the guest speaker. His sermon really "hit home" to the group.

In the afternoon service, the Rev. Thomas Lutz of North Freedom, Wis., installed the new officers. They are: president, Don Kopf; vice-president, Carl Palfenier; secretary, Grace Wannmacher; treasurer, Bob Anderson; and advisor, Rev. Ed. McKernan. Miss Eleanor Weisenburger, Cameroons missionary-nurse, told us about her many experiences in the Cameroons. Later, in the evening, after an enthusiastic singspiration, Miss Weisenburger showed pictures from the section of the field in which she worked.

Grace Wannmacher, Secretary.

Wonderful Programs by the Men's Brotherhood of the Bethany Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

The weekend of October 11 and 12 will long be remembered by the members and friends of the Bethany Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The Brotherhood, under the leadership of its new president, Mr. Reinhold Fechner, took complete charge and we had many mountaintop experiences. The theme for the weekend was, "Let's Talk About Jesus."

On Saturday evening, October 11, an unusual banquet was held with the men of the church cooking the dinner and serving it to about 125 people who attended. The waiters were appropriately dressed in white jackets with red carnation boutonnières. After a most sumptuous meal, an inspiring program of vocal and instrumental selection was given, with our pastor, the Rev. Wilmer Quiring, serving as toastmaster.

Speaker of the evening was a Christian business man, Mr. Mike Peterson



—Photo by Harold Schielke
Mr. Robert Fechner (center) was head chef at the Men's Brotherhood Banquet held at the Bethany Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Surrounding him are the waiters, attractively dressed and ready for action!

of Williams Bay, Wis., who brought a message on introducing Christ to others. Everyone went home that evening feeling richer in his spiritual growth for having had such fine Christian fellowship.

Again on Sunday the men took complete charge of the services. Mr. Peterson brought the message in the morning worship service entitled, "God's Call and Your Answer" as found in Acts 8 to 10 using the text, "Arise and Go!" We were indeed happy to have Mr. Peterson in our midst and to have him speak to us on these two days.

A fine program by our men was given on Sunday evening with a variety of readings, vocal and instrumental numbers and a message by the Brotherhood president. "Now the day is over" was sung very appropriately by the Brotherhood Chorus at the end of the service.

Mrs. Alfred Klein, Reporter.

Minnesota Association Considers "Our Christ" at Meetings Held at Jeffers Baptist Church

The Minnesota Association proved to be a wonderful time of heart searching and spiritual blessing for the churches which convened with the Jeffers Baptist Church, Jeffers, Minn.,

from October 2 to 4. The association theme, "Our Christ," was well emphasized by the soul-stirring messages. The Rev. Arthur Odens, moderator, opened the association with a devotional message on prayer.

We were happy to have Missionary Eleanor Weisenburger of the Cameroons and Dr. George Lang of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., as guest speakers of the association. Miss Weisenburger informed us of the work of the Banso Hospital and the Leper Mission. Dr. Lang centered his messages about the Person and work of Christ. His subjects were: "The Majestic Christ," "The Priestly Christ," and "The Living Christ."

Other messages on this topic were: "The Redeeming Christ," Rev. Fred Lemmert, LaCrosse, Wis.; "The Returning Christ," Rev. David Wipf, interim pastor, Hutchinson; "The Changeless Christ," Rev. Adam Huber, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Other devotional meetings were conducted by Rev. Donald Patet of Randolph; Rev. E. J. Klatt of the Riverview Church, St. Paul; and the Rev. E. A. Kopf of Holloway.

Friday was Woman's Missionary Union Day with a business meeting in the afternoon and an inspiring program in the evening. Miss Weisenburger made the Cameroons work clearer and more interesting to us with her slides which she showed at this evening service.

The newly elected officers are: moderator, Rev. Wm. Jeschke; vice-moderator, Rev. E. A. Kopf; secretary, Rev. Donald Patet; treasurer, Mr. Charles Abendroth; missionary secretary, Rev. Adam Huber.

We wish to thank the host church and its pastor, Rev. Arthur Odens, for their gracious hospitality extended in their homes and the wonderful meals served in the church. The spiritual fellowship of the association was most refreshing. We thank God for the rich blessings and pray these blessings will continue in years to come.

E. A. Kopf, Reporter.

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Eastern Conference

Ninety-third Anniversary Program of the Baptist Church at Neustadt, Ontario

Evidences of the divine blessing on the work of the Baptist Church at Neustadt, Ontario have not been wanting during the past months. Interest was unusually well sustained through the summer months and the congregations were large. In August a successful Vacation Bible School was held in the church building, bringing among other results some new scholars to the school.

From Sunday, October 5, to Sunday, October 12, the church celebrated the ninety-third anniversary of its organization. The Rev. J. K. Holland of Toronto was the guest speaker and lecturer during the entire period and special music was provided by guest soloists from four neighboring churches and the church choir. Mr. Holland gave four especially powerful addresses on the two Sundays, a very fine lecture entitled, "The Romance of Scotland," illustrated with sound technicolor films on Monday evening and during the rest of the week he presented challenging scriptural messages. These meetings were made more interesting by the use of four thousand feet of sound film and over two hundred kodachrome slides.

Materially, too, we have prospered. A Herco hard coal stoker has been installed in the water heating system in the parsonage which has practically all the advantages of oil at half the cost for fuel. The men of the church are rewiring the entire church building under the direction of one of the members who is a skilled electrician. This will supply a much needed improvement in lighting at quite a saving in electricity.

George A. McLean, Pastor.

Southwestern Conference

Sessions of the Oklahoma Association at the Calvary Baptist Church, Corn, Oklahoma

The Oklahoma Association, representing the seven churches of Oklahoma, met with the Calvary Baptist Church of Corn, Okla., from Oct. 14 to 16. The churches were represented by some 35 delegates and many other visitors as attested by the registration of 130 guests.

All services were held in the sanctuary of the Calvary church. The Rev. L. H. Smith, pastor of the host church, extended a very cordial welcome and the moderator, the Rev. W. Blackburn, gave the response.

The Rev. John Walkup of Minneapolis, Minn., was our Bible expositor during these services. A time of blessing and Christian fellowship was experienced as we considered God's Word together under Mr. Walkup's able leadership. Every heart was humbled in self-examination and inspired to do more for his Lord.



The new building of the Ochre River Baptist Mission in Manitoba, of which the Rev. R. H. Zepik is the pastor.

The Rev. Hugh Bronsted, an evangelist conducting meetings at the Gotebe church, was our leader during the "Quiet Time." Two new pastors, the Rev. Leland Friesen of Okeene and the Rev. Walter Weber of Ingersoll, were welcomed into our midst. The Rev. Jacob Ehman of Bessie, by special request, brought a message in the German language. Mr. Smith of Corn, Okla., reported on our denominational mission projects as being expanded, aggressive and unequalled by no other. Our missionaries are of the best to be found anywhere in God's vineyard.

Wednesday evening was youth night with our CBY president, Miss Joyce Ringering, in charge. The CBY groups of the various churches used their talents in vocal and instrumental music. A challenging and thought provoking message for our youth was brought by the Rev. John Walkup.

The Woman's Missionary Union held its business session on Thursday afternoon. The women of the seven churches had set an association goal of \$300 for missions. The treasurer reported that we had exceeded this by a good margin, making a total of about \$400.

At the Thursday evening service the newly elected officers were installed. The host church presented a mission play, based on work among the lepers, which was especially educational and timely because of our leper camp in Africa. The Rev. Hugh Bronsted brought the evening's mission message. Our newly elected moderator for the coming year is Rev. L. H. Smith of Corn, Oklahoma.

With deep appreciation for the hospitality of the Calvary Church of Corn and praise to God for his bountiful blessings we adjourned. God willing, we will convene with the Zion Church of Okeene, Okla., during October, 1953.

Mrs. A. Priebe, Reporter.

Northern Conference

New Chapel of the Ochre River Baptist Mission in Manitoba Is Dedicated

The Ochre River Baptist Mission of Ochre River, Man., observed a very special service on Sunday, Oct. 5th. This was chapel dedication day, and

true enough the chapel was filled to capacity. The Rev. R. Milbrandt, missionary secretary of the Northern Conference, was the guest speaker. The text for his message was Neh. 10:39, "And we will not forsake the house of our God."

Special singing was provided by some of the young people of the St. Rose Church. Greetings were given by Dr. F. McLennen, reeve of the municipality and former owner of the property, and Mr. W. Frers, deacon of the St. Rose Church.

The Property was purchased for \$2,000 a year ago to provide a place in the village of Ochre River to conduct Sunday School and services in the English language. Since some of the members of the St. Rose Church do not understand German, they are better provided for now, and they are the stable Baptist element of the mission. Used since last winter, the chapel is not completed as yet, but will be as finances permit. A loan of \$1500 from the denomination's Church and Parsonage Loan Fund has made possible the purchase, and the advance on this field. Renovations and equipment so far have cost 874. All labor has been gratis. The dedication offering amounted to \$131.31.

Our prayer is that many may find their way into the chapel to hear the Gospel and believe.

R. H. Zepik, Pastor.

Dedication of \$12,000 Parsonage by Baptist Church of Springside, Saskatchewan, Canada

Sunday, September 28, was an eventful day for the Springside Baptist Church in Springside, Sask., because that evening the church had the privilege and joy of dedicating the new parsonage. The Lord gave us a wonderfully fine evening, so the church members and friends could gather at the front door of the house.

The crowd sang several choruses and the Rev. A. Lueck read a portion of the Scripture. The Men's Chorus served us with a song and the undersigned delivered a brief message. Then the parsonage was formally dedicated for the service of our Lord as the Rev. A. Milbrandt led in the dedicatory prayer. The chairman of the building committee, Mr. Ed. Strauss, cut the ribbon in front of the door and a trustee, Mr. W. Kriger, handed the key to the pastor, who then unlocked the door.

Then all present were given an opportunity to enter the parsonage and view the interior. After that we went into the church to continue the service, where the Rev. A. Lueck of Yorkton, Sask., preached in German and Rev. R. Milbrandt of Medicine Hat, Alta., delivered a sermon in English.

The new parsonage is 30 feet wide and 38 feet long and has a study, a kitchen, three bedrooms, a bathroom, a combined dining room and living room, and full basement. This home for the minister and his family cost over \$12,000 plus many hours of labor which the members rendered free. May the Lord bless the efforts of the church to the glory of his Name!

Martin DeBoer, Pastor.

Evangelistic Meetings and Stewardship Program at the Baptist Church, Hilda, Alberta

There has been a steady flow of blessings from the Lord for us as members of the Hilda Baptist Church of Hilda, Alberta. As we look back upon the past summer we see that the Lord has given us a bountiful blessing in a material way. The harvest has been outstanding. Blessed be his Name for the provision of our every need. This drives us not only to thankfulness but to greater devotion to Jesus Christ.

From October 12 to 24 the Lord gave us the privilege to have special meetings with the Rev. Daniel Fuchs, our denominational evangelist. The first week was devoted to the German language and the second to English. From the beginning to the end we felt that the Lord was indeed with us. It was a time of heart-searching for us as children of God. Once more the unsaved in our midst were pointed to the cross on "which the Prince of glory died." Some heeded the invitation and came to the Savior for forgiveness. Among them was a displaced person forty-two years of age.

The messages of Mr. Fuchs were well chosen and delivered in the power of the Holy Spirit. They gave evidence of deep conviction as to cardinal truths of God's Word. How thankful we as a denomination should be for such devoted servants of God in our midst. Let's pray for them and the work they are doing in the Name of Jesus Christ.

On October 28th it was our privilege to have the Rev. Joe Sonnenberg of Camrose, Alta., in our midst. He came to us on behalf of the stewardship program of our denomination. The Lord was visibly with us. A number of people signified their willingness to tithe beside those who are already doing so. May we all learn that it is "more blessed to give than receive."

G. Thiessen, Pastor.

Ordination Service for the Rev. Alphonz Lamprecht of Golden Prairie, Saskatchewan

On Sunday afternoon, November 9, the representatives of the following churches assembled themselves at Golden Prairie, Sask., for the examination of Mr. Alphonz Lamprecht and for the consideration of setting him apart to the ministry: Hilda, Alta.; Burstall, Sask.; Lethbridge, Alta.; Medicine Hat, Alta.; Annenthal Church, Sask.; Rosenfeld Church, Sask.; and Golden Prairie, Saskatchewan. There were also present three guest ministers, Rev. E. P. Wahl of the CTI, Edmonton, Alta.; Rev. R. Milbrandt, mission secretary, Medicine Hat, Alta.; and Rev. H. Schumacher, Wetaskiwin, Alta., visiting evangelist.

Immediately following the organization of the council, the Rev. R. Milbrandt was elected as chairman of the council and the Rev. R. Rapske as secretary. The council unanimously agreed that the candidate was to be examined on three points about his conversion, his call to the ministry and his statement of faith.

The candidate then brought a very clear and concise statement as to his conversion, baptism and uniting with the church, which was unanimously accepted without question. The candidate also brought an account of his call to the ministry and gave a detailed account of his doctrinal belief. After a few important questions had been asked, to which the candidate gave clear and straight forward answers, the council agreed to accept his statement of faith. The council then met privately and after a brief deliberation voted unanimously to proceed with the ordination.

The Rev. Henry Pfeifer, pastor of the Central Baptist Church of Edmonton, Alta., Canada, who was conducting revival meetings in the Trinity Baptist Church at the time, was also present and led in prayer.

This was followed by testimonies and well-wishes from the children and others who were present who reminisced on past experiences of the honored couple and expressed their love and esteem toward them. Mr. and Mrs. Rahn then responded with a word of thanksgiving for the honor bestowed upon them and stated that all honor really belonged to Jesus

Mr. and Mrs. Gustav Rahn of the Trinity Baptist Church, Portland, Ore., who recently observed their golden wedding anniversary.



The ordination service that evening was one of inspiration and challenge. The church was filled to capacity. Mr. Milbrandt was the capable chairman, and special numbers were provided by the local church choir and the quartet from Christian Training Institute at Edmonton, Alberta. A violin solo by Mrs. Alphonz Lamprecht was also given. The Rev. E. P. Wahl brought a very challenging ordination message. The Rev. O. A. Artis offered the prayer of dedication. The Rev. R. Reimche read the scriptures. The Rev. G. Thiessen presented the charge to the church. The Rev. H. Schumacher gave the charge to the candidate, and the Rev. R. Milbrandt welcomed our brother into the ranks of the ministry. The Rev. R. Rapske, our congenial secretary, gave his report and the closing prayer and benediction were pronounced by our newly ordained brother, the Rev. Alphonz R. Lamprecht, who is also the pastor of the Golden Prairie Baptist Church.

H. Schumacher, Pastor.

Pacific Conference

Golden Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Gustav Rahn of Portland, Oregon

Mr. and Mrs. Gustav Rahn of Portland, Ore., had the privilege of celebrating their golden wedding anniversary with their families and several relatives and friends in their home on the evening of October 18. The Rev. John Wobig, pastor of the Trinity Baptist Church of Portland, read a suitable portion of Scripture and gave a

Christ who had guided them so faithfully through all these years. A table laden with bountiful refreshments was set and all present enjoyed a time of pleasantries while partaking of these bounties.

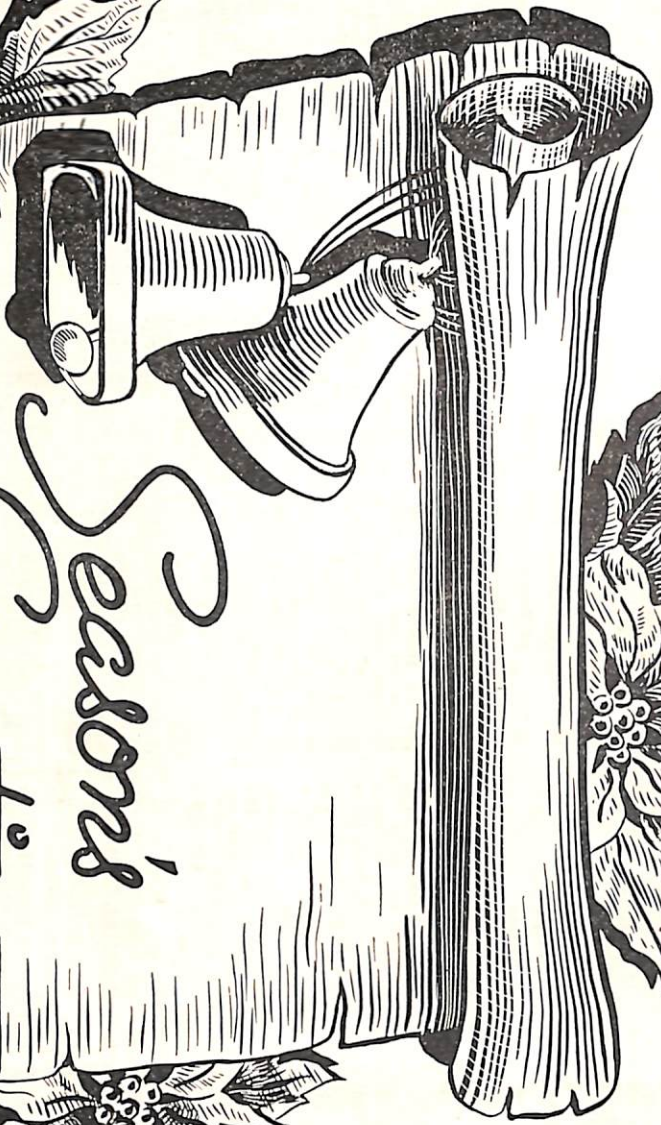
Mr. and Mrs. Rahn were married at Winnipeg, Man., Canada, on October 17, 1902. They moved to Portland in 1908. They have three children: Mrs. Elsie Tillman, Dan Rahn, and Mrs. Frieda Gartner. All live in Portland. Mr. Rahn is a retired carpenter. He has been a reader of "Der Sendbote" for 50 years, and is still active as a Sunday School teacher. May God grant our honored couple many more years of wedded life and may he use them in the years ahead for service in his Kingdom.

John Wobig, Pastor.

Sessions of the Pacific Northwest Association at the Baptist Church, Odessa, Washington

The 49th annual Pacific Northwest Association met with the Odessa Baptist Church of Odessa, Wash., from October 16 to 19. It was centered around the theme, "Out of His Fullness—Grace After Grace," taken from John 1:16. The opening service was conducted by the Rev. Orville Meth of the Odessa Church with the Rev. F. E. Klein bringing the opening message, "The Grace of God."

During the days that followed the pastors of our association churches spoke as follows: "By the Grace of God I Am What I Am" (1 Cor. 15:10), Rev. Walter Berkan; "Saved by Grace" (Eph. 2:8), Rev. H. J. Wilcke; "The Grace of Witnessing," Rev. R. G. Kaiser; and "The Grace of Working for



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