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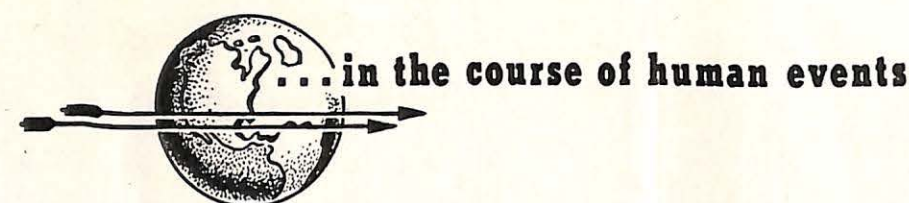
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● Israel's Ministry of Health has adopted a new policy on immigrants. Its physicians are being sent to foreign countries to examine potential immigrants. Only those with health certificates will be given visas. The nation has received all the sick people it can provide for.—Prophecy Monthly.

● J. Edgar Hoover—"Communism, a brutal, godless, materialistic way of life which would ruthlessly destroy the ideals we cherish, is making appalling advances. Within a generation Communism has catapulted from a small, militant underground coterie into a world-wide conspiracy, already embracing one-third of the earth's population.—Prophecy Monthly.

● Peanut clothing will appear in British shops soon. Several English manufacturers have started producing women's coats from a fiber called "ardil," developed from peanuts by Imperial Chemical Industries, Ltd. Ardil looks as good a swool and wears longer, its developers claim. And what's more, the price will be one-third less.—Signs of the Times.

● The United States is experiencing the most critical shortage of churches in its history. More people in America are today beyond the reach of existing churches than ever before. This situation is attributed to the growth of population and to migration to newly

settled communities. It is estimated that 70,000,000 Americans have no church in their communities.—The Christian-Evangelist.

● "More than half of the sick people in the United States today cannot be cured by medical science," says Dr. Russell L. Dicks, a specialist in health and religion, professor at Duke Divinity School, Durham, North Carolina. "One third of all persons admitted to general hospitals are found to have no organic disease. Another one-third of hospital admissions have a combination of organic and emotional difficulties. Alcoholism has become the nation's third health problem."—Presbyterian Life.

● The Episcopal Church faces a severe clergy shortage. Bishops of 86 dioceses and missionary districts have submitted reports showing that 688 clerical positions for which salary is provided have not been filled. The Episcopal Seminaries have over the past 20 years provided only 60 percent of the church's clergy. Others have studied privately, have come from other Anglican churches, or have been converts to the Episcopal Church from other denominations.—The Living Church.

● With three hundred children scattered over 385,000 square miles, ordinary schools are impossible in Australia's "outback." Correspondence

lessons have been essential, but a recent improvement keeps education up-to-date. Two-way radio "transceivers" are being now used on many huge ranches. Five half-hour educational programs are broadcast each week. Children listening as much as five hundred miles away radio back their questions, answered immediately by the teacher they never see.—Signs of the Times.

● "The Pioneers" is the name of a large group of temperance people who have rallied under a pledge. This happened in Ireland. A recent mass meeting was held in Dublin. There were many young people from other European countries. The people attending pledged total abstinence, all wearing Pioneer badges. Now it can be said that there are men and women—undergraduates, golfers, farmers, air hostesses, and what not, who prove to the world that they can live normal lives and enjoy themselves without alcohol.—The Sunday School Times.

● Concerning the Revised Standard Version the editorial writer of Christian Century had this to say: The important question, however, is not whether the new version sells but whether it is used. Will the clergy use it as they should? Not simply by a hop-skip-and jump sampling of its revisions in phraseology, nor even by a rapid once-through reading. But will they saturate themselves in it as the ministry of a former day was saturated in the older versions? And will the membership of our churches come to know this version of the sacred Book as well as their forebears knew the Book in a time when Bible reading was a part of every Christian household?—Christian Century.

# Editorial

## The Word of God Is Not Bound

THE BIBLE is as timeless as God's eternity. Its revelation of divine truth speaks to the hearts of people everywhere across all the boundaries of race and clan. It has something to say of immortal importance in every circumstance of life. It confronts man in his little span of passing years with the truths of God, revealed in Christ Jesus, that will never pass away! This was the emphatic assertion of the Apostle Paul when he wrote to young Timothy, "But the word of God is not bound" (2 Timothy 2:9).

The apostle knew from experience how easy it is for men to imprison those whom they hate. He knew that his enemies had the power to kill his body and to destroy the good things he had done. He could see how many of life's circumstances limited him in the sphere of his activities and bound him to the time and place of his existence. But he was comforted and strengthened by the fact that the Word of God, which he proclaimed boldly and winsomely, could not be bound by the foolish designs of men nor by the circumstances of life. It rises majestically and gloriously above all the wrecks of time!

Universal Bible Sunday on December 14 will call our attention to this impressive fact that "the word of God is not bound." That is seen in the vast array of more than a thousand languages and dialects in which the Bible or parts of it have been translated and published. It is verified by the announcement of the American Bible Society that "at no time in human history have there been so many complete Bibles on the printing presses of the world as today."

Wherever the Word is opened and received, it becomes the power of God unto salvation and blessing. Amazing stories reveal the miracles that accompany the ministry of God's Word. In 1873 a Bible Society man in China spent his vacation in Korea. He used to take Bibles on his trips. He was aboard an American trading ship and brought Bibles with him to be distributed on shore. When the authorities heard of this act, they set fire to the ship, for Bibles were not allowed in Korea.

But some of the Bibles were washed ashore. A young Korean man, probably guided by the Holy Spirit, who was walking along the shore, found one of these Bibles and took it home with him. In secret he and his relatives studied it together. This was the beginning of Christianity in Pyongyang.

On the first Sunday after this capital city of North Korea had been liberated, the streets were filled with people carrying their Bibles to church. Even a United Nations official was startled to see in spite of threats by the Communists to execute those who showed they were Christians by keeping their Bibles.

In the midst of the changing circumstances and passing things of life, remember that "the word of God is not bound" and treasure this eternal Word in your heart!

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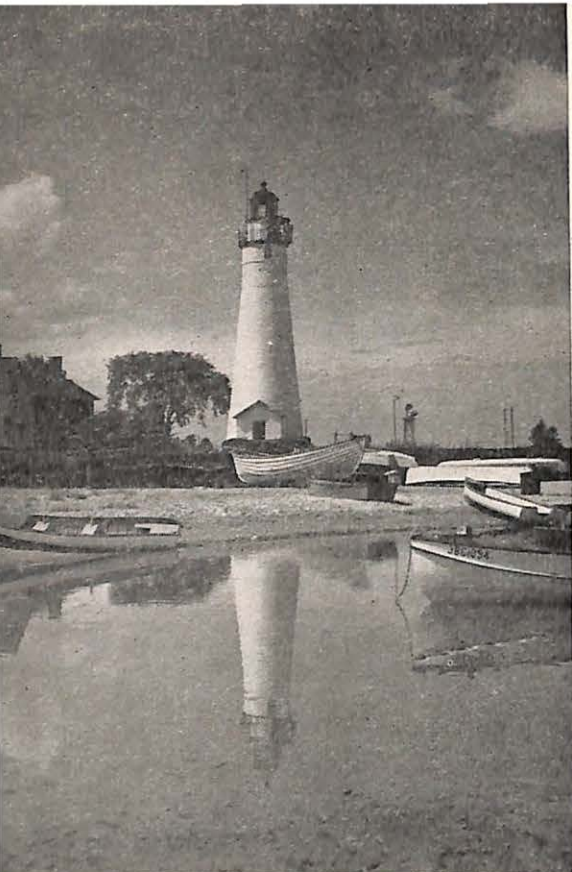
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Every Christian steward is earnestly striving to make his life a shining lighthouse for his Lord and Master!

IN THE ENTIRE WORD of the Lord there is not a verse that so vitally bears on the subject of stewardship as that which Paul wrote to the Corinthian church in his first epistle to them, chapter four and verse two, which says, "Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful." Bear in mind always that faithfulness to the cause of stewardship is God's demand from all who are his children. To grasp the full depth of meaning in this is to understand every aspect of the truth of stewardship.

Stewardship consists of far more than giving of your wealth and material things to God. It is vitally linked with full surrender, even as Paul says to the Roman church: "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service" (Romans 12:1).

#### PRACTICE OF STEWARDSHIP

The subject of stewardship is perhaps one of the oldest principles known to godly men of all ages and of every kindred tongue and tribe. It is not something new, for with a thorough study you will find that it has been practiced ever since the creation of mankind. In the days of Cain and Abel, they brought their offerings to God. The patriarchs paid a tenth to God. Israel also paid a tithe to the work of their God. It is therefore a principle that has been held in all ages.

But today we are more concerned with our attitude towards stewardship

# You Are God's Steward!

"Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful"  
(1 Corinthians 4:2)

By the REV. HENRY SCHUMACHER of Wetaskiwin, Alta., Pastor  
of the Pleasant Prairie and West Side Baptist Churches

in the New Testament. It is also noteworthy that the New Testament makes so many references to the subject of stewardship. Indeed, if we would properly understand the parable that Jesus told of the unwise steward who was left in charge of his master's house and who failed so miserably, we would realize our Lord's teaching in this regard.

Furthermore we could then grasp the New Testament teaching that we are bought with a price. If therefore we are bought with a price, then all that we have belongs to God. We ought no longer to say, "What shall I give to God?" Rather we ought to say, "What shall I keep, for it all belongs to God?" But in order that we might understand stewardship properly, let us consider it under three general headings.

#### MOTIVE FOR STEWARDSHIP

Paul in writing to the Corinthians says, "If we have sown unto you spiritual things, is it a great thing if we shall reap your carnal things?" To many people the idea of stewardship is looked upon as a duty instead of a privilege. Our entire conception of stewardship must be changed. Look at the church in the days of Paul and see how he compliments them for their free giving.

What a contrast between the early church and the Christians of today when painful extraction characterizes our raising of money in the churches for the missionary cause. Today we have to hire people to urge others to give. Far too often the giving in our day is merely the price that is paid to maintain a decent appearance. The true ideal is to realize the opportunity of giving and this can only be done by giving oneself wholly to God. All stewardship must be spontaneous and voluntary.

A farmer once heard John Wesley preach. The sermon was a three pointer and went like this. "First, get all you can." "Fine," said the farmer. "Second, save all you can." "Now that is splendid," said the farmer. "Third, give all you can." "Ach," said the farmer, "what for he spoil that good sermon?" I am greatly afraid that this is the attitude of many people today.

But that are two things that are the underlying principles for our motives in stewardship. The first of these is a **needy world**. If nothing else will stir us to faithfulness, then the fact that millions today are dying because we have not done our part ought to do so. Does it mean nothing to you that millions are dying without Christ? Does it mean nothing to you that millions are starving to death while we live in luxury and in wealth?

#### BLESSINGS OF GIVING

The second part is **our great wealth**. If ever the blessing of God has rested upon a people and if ever anyone's lines have fallen in pleasant places, it certainly has been our nation and our people. This alone ought to be a motivating factor in our stewardship. Have we not yet learned that it is more blessed to give than to receive?

There is an old story told of the artist, George Frederick Watts, who painted a picture. It centered about the stretched out figure of a dead king. There he is, cold and lifeless upon the marble slab. Beside him on the floor is his sword, a symbol of the once mighty arm and the victories won on the battlefield. He never surrendered that sword in life. There too is his helmet, which protected that noble brow from the weapons of every enemy but death. There are his spurs, his shield, the collection of kingly jewels, his crown and his scepter, all symbols of wealth, power, prestige and glory. Above the sheet-swathed figure, the artist had lettered three sentences: "What I spent, I had. What I saved, I lost. What I gave, I have."

Those are the ultimate words that can be written over every life. What you do with your money is the measure of your faith, your love and your life. What does your money say about you now? What will it say about you when you see Christ face to face?

#### THE MEANING OF STEWARDSHIP

I have already mentioned that stewardship means far more than giving your money to God. A whole-hearted surrender of our lives to God is the first and most vital step. Naturally, there are other things that are involved and one of these is your money. There

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are three things which you can do with your money.

You can make an enemy of it and hate. Look with distrust upon anyone who seems to have more than enough. Go off into the woods, wear old rags, drink water, eat stale bread. Others have done it, and so can you.

You can make money your master. Hoard it, yes, hoard every penny not squeezed out by sheer necessity, and bury it in your backyard.

Or else you can make money your friend. Whatever comes your way, receive it as a trust from God and use it like a wise steward. You cannot serve God and money, but you can serve God with money.

If the latter should be your choice, then remember that you owe all to God and in giving to him you ought to have a reasonable guide. A substantial guide in giving your money to God is tithing.

#### IMPORTANCE OF TITHING

A Chinese preacher, speaking of robbing God, illustrated it in this way. "It came to pass that a man went to market with a string of seven coins. Seeing a beggar, who asked him for alms, the man gave the beggar six of his coins and kept one for himself. The beggar instead of being thankful followed the good man and stole the seventh one too." Is not this the very thing that so many Christians are doing today with God?

I believe that the Scriptures clearly point out that tithing is for all Christians of today. Many have said, "It is of the law." I say to you that Abraham paid a tithe seven hundred years before there ever was such a thing as the law of Moses. The reason why so many Christians object to tithing is because it forms a systematic way for them to give and that is the last thing that they want to have. The Jews also paid a tithe, and if they could do so under the strict bondage of the law, how much more ought we to do so who have been reconciled to God by faith in Christ!

Well did Malachi the prophet say, "Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation. Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse; . . . and prove me here-with, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open your windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it" (Malachi 3:8-10). When we learn this well, we will know the meaning of stewardship.

#### THE METHOD OF STEWARDSHIP

Let us also consider the **method of stewardship**. It is strange indeed that we should be so precise and to the point in all our business and yet so careless and unsystematic in our giving.

#### I ONLY ASK

By REV. HENRY SCHUMACHER

I do not ask for ease  
Or for release from pain—  
I only ask for strength divine  
To bear the toll and strain.

I do not ask for joy  
Or bliss through all this life,  
I only ask for power divine  
To conquer inward strife.

I do not ask for wealth  
Or any earthly goal,  
I only ask for simple faith  
To save my sinful soul.

I do not ask for honor  
Or for a worldly name,  
I only ask my Savior  
To cover all my shame.

I do not ask the lovely things,  
My heart's desire is dead;  
I am not worthy of the best,  
And so I bow my head.

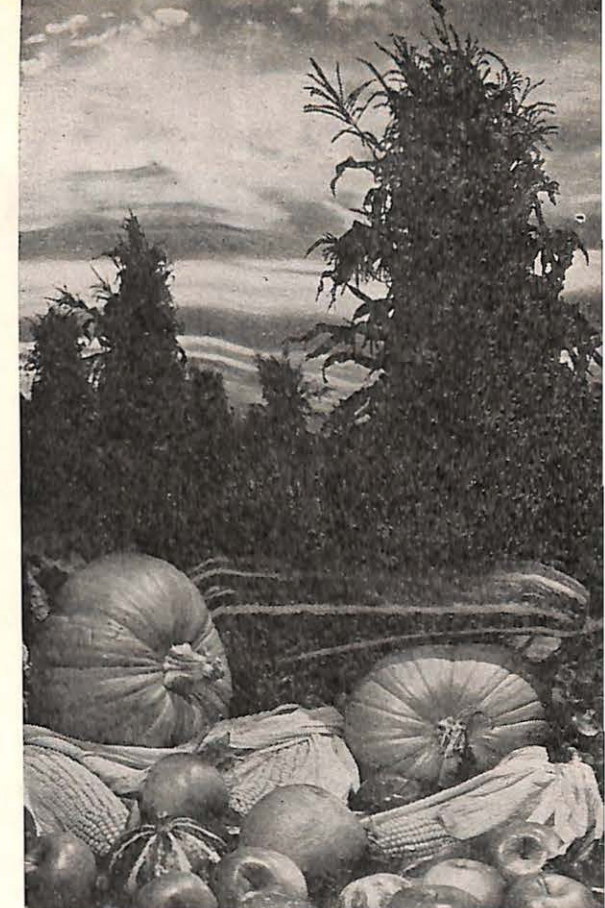
ing to God. If we could but bear in mind that we have been left here as God's trustees, and that all we have belongs to him, perhaps it would create in our hearts a desire to be just as exact and precise in our giving to God.

There was a certain family that went to church every Sunday. But when they arrived back home, they would spend most of the Sunday criticizing and having "roast preacher" over the dinner table. The father would say, "Say, did you notice how the minister murdered the king's English today?" The mother would say, "But did you see the hat that the preacher's wife was wearing? It was a disgrace." The daughter would say, "Oh, but you should have heard the soprano in the choir this morning. Was she ever flat?" The son would say, "But did you ever see such ushers as they have in our church? They don't know anything about ushering." So they kept on and on.

Do you know what was wrong with them? They went to church and they expected a two-dollar program for five cents. All they contributed was five cents but they wanted their money's worth. Perhaps, you are like that, too.

According to the New Testament, giving ought to be done with method and so here are a few suggestions.

"Upon the first day of the week let everyone lay by in store." This means not only that they should regard the first day of the week as a special day to give, for that is right indeed, but it implies also two other things that I wish to bring to your attention. There should be premeditated giving. Don't wait until the offering plate comes around and then start looking for the first nickel you can get hold of. Plan at home what you are going to give to God on the first day of the week.



—Photograph by Harold M. Lambert  
"Honor the Lord with thy substance and the first fruits of all thy increase"  
(Proverbs 3:9).

Furthermore, the tithe is brought into the storehouse which is the local church. Other offerings may be sent far and wide to help, but the tithe should be brought into the storehouse.

#### CHEERFUL GIVING

"As God hath prospered you." To whom much is given of him will much be required. The poor widow gave much because she gave all. We are like the rich old man who sat in church. The usher came by and said to him, "Brother, how much will you give today?" Grudgingly he said, "Nothing! I don't believe in missions." To which the usher promptly replied, "Take out a quarter; it is for the heathen anyway."

"Furthermore, we are to give cheerfully and willingly." We are to give not by force of habit but because we love to give. It is said, "There are only three kinds of givers in every church: the flint giver (you have to strike it hard and still you get only a spark); the sponge giver (the harder you squeeze, the more you get out of it); and the honey comb giver (for the honey comb just overflows with its own sweetness). What kind of a giver are you?"

Let me give you in closing the words of J. Hudson Taylor who said, "Let us give up our work, our thoughts, our plans, our selves, our lives, our loved ones, our influence, our all, right in his hands, and then when we have given all over to him, there will be nothing left for us to be troubled about or to make trouble about."



# God Keeps His Promise

The personal testimony and first experiences in Africa of one of our recently appointed Cameroons missionaries who is the women's worker in Africa, supported by the Woman's Missionary Union of North American Baptist Churches

By MISS TINA SCHMIDT of Soppo, British West Africa

"PHILADELPHIA, the city of brotherly love," is a slogan familiar to many Americans. When I came to Philadelphia for the General Conference to be commissioned as a missionary to the Cameroons, Africa, that slogan arrested my attention. I became alert to any sign which would substantiate the slogan.

It happened in a most unexpected manner, not by word of mouth as one might suppose, but by action of the deed. It was necessary that I give my African address to a clerk in Wanamaker's Store who then told me of her joy in the Lord and her interest in missions. When I left she pressed a five-dollar bill into my hand with the request that I buy the book, A MAN CALLED PETER. My first reaction was to decline, but, not unlike other occasions, I remembered that if there are givers there must be receivers.

As I meditated over this unusual experience in this strange city, I was reminded that this wasn't such a strange experience after all. Hadn't

God shown his love to me in similar incredible experiences? Indeed, if it hadn't been for God's love manifested through such incredible experiences, I could not have prepared for the foreign mission work.

From the very first time God spoke to me about the mission field after my conversion in 1939, I could only see the impossibility of such a commitment. Consequently for seven years, I argued with God that I could not qualify as a missionary. But God's ways are not our ways.

There came the time when my love for God had to be brought to the simplest form and I had to take him at his Word. So I reasoned that if God's Word, "that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:15) had become a reality in my life, then "my God shall supply all our need according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 4:19) must of necessity become effective. Since lack of money was one of the impossibilities, I literally took the attitude that it was God's business

how he was going to get me to the foreign field. Thus I relinquished my will and life to him and became obedient to his bidding.

Starting on such a fantastic adventure was more than I could comprehend. Consequently my state of mind was frequently one of quandary and confusion. But it forced me to search his Word for solutions to the mountain-proportion problems. The first chapter of Joshua became more meaningful than other parts of Scripture. Whether it was comfort, inspiration, reproof or verification, it suited my need.

## EVERY NEED SUPPLIED

Not only were my spiritual needs met, but also my temporal needs. When I needed a mathematics tutor, God supplied a retired professor who gave her services as her contribution to missions. When I needed finances to pay tuition at the Baptist Missionary Training School, I was informed about the scholarship which our Woman's Missionary Union offers to our Baptist girls attending that school. Prior to this need, I hadn't even heard of such a gift. Throughout the six years of preparation, God kept his promise and supplied my need—not my greed.

Last spring I was told that I could not be appointed by our Mission Society because of insufficient funds. Even though I didn't have the full assurance that I was doing the right thing, still I applied to the American Baptist Foreign Missionary Society as missionary to Africa. Again I turned to Joshua and read: "There shall not any man be able to stand before thee." Through it God reminded me that it was he who was directing my life and he would accomplish his purpose in his way and in his time. It would be interesting to watch God work out the problem. I waited.

One day, before I received an answer to my application from the other Mission Society, I was asked to make application for the new office of women's worker to be supported by our Woman's Missionary Union. Therefore I transferred my application to the

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Christian mothers of the Cameroons, Africa, with their children who have attended a class on hygiene and the Christian home taught by Mrs. Gilbert Schneider (extreme left) and Mrs. Leslie Chaffee (back row).



Missionaries Ardice Ziolkowski and Eleanor Weisenburger (left) looking out of a window of the Banso Baptist Church with Students Nfor and Mfor at an adjoining window and (right) the missionary-nurses at a clinic held at the Banso Hospital with many African mothers in attendance.

# Come to Church at Banso!

A look into the Baptist Church at Banso, Cameroons, with its many activities, lively youth groups and earnest soul winners for Christ!

By MISS E. ARDICE ZIOLKOWSKI, Missionary-nurse at the Banso Baptist Hospital

WITH the mere mention of Banso, most of you visualize a hospital in the Cameroons, Africa, crowded with the maimed, the halt and the blind, physically and spiritually. But the work here consists of more than just the hospital activities, for we have an active young Christian church. How about spending a week with us and enjoying the varied church activities?

On Sunday morning at 8:00 A.M., the old, hollow log drum beats out the familiar message: "Come to church! Come to church!" At nine o'clock it is followed by the same call to worship, and people begin to appear from paths, running in all directions. You may think that nine o'clock is early, but as we go we meet groups of Catholics returning from early morning mass, two miles down the road.

## READY FOR CHURCH

As each Christian takes his place on his bamboo "pew," he bows his head in prayer. Others continue to stream in, each dressed in his Sunday best. The men are wearing stylish women's coats, heavy army coats, or white flowing robes. If they are in the "well-to-do" group, they show it by wearing heavy work boots, or dark rimmed spectacles (minus the lens). The women wear bubas (blouses) and labas (wrap-around skirts) or just clean black skin with colorful beads around the hips.

The service begins with a lively song service led by a native Christian, who sings a few lines of introduction. Everyone then joins in with lusty singing and clapping of hands. The "orchestra" consists of two drums which sometimes "talk" so loud you can feel the vibration, and about three corrugated bamboo sticks which are rubbed with metal rods in regular rhythm.

The morning message is given in Pidgin English by the church teacher, David Nyanganji, a progressive, consecrated young man. Today he spoke on the "Rich Man and Lazarus," a heart-searching message which was enthusiastically interpreted into Banso by the "turn talk."

The average Sunday attendance is 190, of whom 68 are members of the church. So you see we have many visitors who are usually taking care of hospital patients. Many of them have never attended church before.

After the service each one goes to his Sunday School class, of which there are five. We use American Sunday School material which, of course, has to be reorganized to suit each group. For example, the women's class studies Primary Department material. The various classes are taught by our "nursing boys" who have attended Bible School as part of their nurses' training.

All the Christians have been divided into four "soul winning groups" and each group goes out to various sur-

rounding compounds after Sunday School to give a message and to talk personally to "the big men." Often they walk as far as three miles to visit those who would otherwise not hear the Gospel. To me this has been a great blessing and inspiration. It is wonderful to realize that this is the desire and purpose of the native Christians themselves.

With God's work going forward, Satan is also on the job. So the "faithful ones" gather every Sunday afternoon to pour out their requests before God. Here is where you can join us in the battle against the rulers of the darkness of this world.

## YOUTH GATHERINGS

I always look forward to Monday evenings since that is our CBY night. It's a pleasure to work with the young people since you do not have to beg them to take part. They all seem to enjoy speaking and can get right into real discussions. The programs are in proper English and consist of Bible studies, prayer meetings, discussions, debates, Bible slides or social evenings. The missionary helps to plan and to organize the material but the natives take over the meeting.

If you go by the church building on Tuesday or Friday afternoons, you'll notice that there is much activity. It is time for the inquirers' meeting. That is, those who have expressed their

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# On Indian Trails in Nevada

Missionary experiences in Indian villages by Miss Twila Bartz, formerly our missionary to the Indian Montana Reserve, Alta., and by Miss Virginia Becker, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Emil Becker of New Leipzig, North Dakota

By MISSES TWILA BARTZ and VIRGINIA BECKER of the Berkeley Baptist Divinity School, Berkeley, California

WE COULD hardly wait for school to close last spring in order to begin our summer's missionary ministry at the Tahoe Indian Mission of Stewart, Nevada.

What a thrill it was to travel through the Sierra Nevada mountains, to feel their grandeur and then to be suddenly confronted with the desert which in its contrast made each of greater significance. But it was even more thrilling to look beyond the mountains and to realize that once again we would have the privilege of portraying the love of Christ to those who have not had the advantages which we have.

Our central place was at the mission of Stewart, Nevada. This well-established mission with an organized church is located on the campus of the government Indian school. Consequently the missionaries minister to the employees as well as the students of the school. The campus is like an oasis in the middle of the desert. There were times when we would have been just as satisfied with plain desert, for the lawns seemed like acres when time for watering occurred daily.

Our responsibilities were those of a regular mission worker: church services, mid-week services, church school,

young people's meetings, Vacation Bible School, and janitor. In each of these responsibilities we were uplifted spiritually. One day just as we arrived from one of the missions 40 miles away, we were asked to conduct a funeral immediately. We took our Bibles, hymn book and trusted God's guidance and he was with us. We never ceased to be thankful for the Christian Indian lady who asked us to help. The bereaved family was neither pagan nor Christian, and the father had died in a drunken brawl. This was an opportunity to tell others in their hour of need of a God who does comfort and care.

Besides having the responsibility of the mission at Stewart, we held five Vacation Church Schools in communities which belong to the Baptist mission territory. In most of these places there are no churches or Sunday Schools and the two weeks of Bible School provide the only opportunity during the year in which the children receive any Christian instruction.

In one mountain community there was no public building in which we could hold our Vacation Bible School, so we had it outdoors. It was a beautiful setting in a pine forest high up in

a canyon. God seemed so very near, and the children were very responsive. One of these High School girls dedicated her life to Christ. We had many wonderful moments of real worship there. How it hurt to have to leave those children after two weeks, and tell them that not until next summer would missionaries come to tell them more about God.

## ISOLATED INDIANS

The most isolated place in which we worked was in a small valley 350 miles east of Stewart. About 15 Indian families live in this tiny oasis, so there were about 20 children. They lead a life which to us seemed almost idyllic. The nearest town is 75 miles away. The mail comes out twice a week. There is no electricity, telephone or any other such service.

The people own cars, but the roads, if you can find them, are in such condition that riding around the neighborhood is much faster and more convenient by horse than by automobile. It was the custom to stop at the teahouse, where we stayed, to water their horses. In this way we became acquainted with the older people in the community. When we attempted to call on them, they disappeared as soon as they saw us coming, not because they were unfriendly, but simply because of their shyness.

The children would play together and idle around the valley all day. If they weren't near home at night, they stayed with relatives and went home the next day, or the day after that. While we were there they stayed with us from morning until night, not even going home for meals. We had a wonderful opportunity to show them Christ's love. Some of the older ones write to us now and tell us "we remember the things we had when you were here."

## DISCOURAGING PLACES

Dresslerville is an Indian village only 20 miles from Stewart. Here we found a pathetic situation. It is close enough to Reno and other smaller towns so that the Indians can go there frequently, and they seemed to have

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An Indian family in front of their tepee with Indian wagons in the background.



Young people and adult leaders from the Baptist Church at Huetteldorf near Vienna, Austria, (left) at the Baptist retreat held at Bad Ischl, and (right) the Rev. and Mrs. Carl Fuellbrandt, the Rev. and Mrs. Martin Gigseder and friends with the Austrian exhibit articles sent to the General Conference in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

# Austrian Youth on the March!

Reports of youth retreats and assemblies, sponsored by the Baptist Churches of Austria, which were held last summer at Bad Ischl, Austria

By AUGUST HIRNBOECK, JR., of Bad Ischl, and HANS BOHRN of Vienna, Austria

THE BAPTIST youth of Austria is on the march for Christ! Recently seventy young people spent five weeks in a wonderful spiritual retreat and assembly at Bad Ischl, one of the most beautiful spots of Austria in which a thriving Baptist Church is located. These children and young people came from Vienna, Salzburg, Huetteldorf, Linz, Freilassing, Seekirchen, Kirchdorf and Bad Aussee besides Bad Ischl. During these days we were made keenly aware of the wonderful blessings of God and also of the rapid spiritual growth in the Baptist work of our beloved Austria.

## STIRRING TESTIMONIES

Our goal in the program was an intensive Bible study adapted to the understanding of younger people and blended with much singing. It was a happy surprise for us at the testimonial meetings to hear the children tell about their prayer experiences and about God's answers. At the evening worship services they found great joy to open their hearts to God in their heartfelt prayers.

The echo of this retreat is still resounding with blessing in our Austrian churches. A number of children in homes, where the parents are not saved, who were at this assembly are now regularly attending Sunday School and are a silent testimony for Christ to their parents. Sunday School teach-

ers and officers have rearranged the work and program of their schools in such a way so as to bring uniformity into the entire Sunday School program of our Baptist churches of Austria.

The retreat was made possible by the gifts of food supplies through Chaplain Bancroft, a United States Army Chaplain and Southern Baptist preacher, stationed at Linz and also through the Evangelical Relief organizations of Austria besides the generous gifts and ministry of our churches in Salzburg and Linz.

## CHALLENGE TO YOUTH

The Baptist Church at Bad Ischl has an enthusiastic youth group of its own. Over the Pentecost weekend, in the midst of beautiful sunshine, these young people along with their guests from other Baptist churches of Austria gathered for spiritual inspiration, for the study of God's Word and for wholesome recreation.

Mr. Kunzelmann, whose faith in Christ has been sorely tested by many adversities, led the group in an earnest study of John 1:35-42. Man is always sovereign in all things of life if his heart is the center of God's will. To each man there comes the call of the Master: "Come and follow me . . . I will give you a new Name."

There was also time for recreation in the picturesque out-of-doors in which those who were youthful, even up to 70 years of age, took part.

The Salzburg youth presented the dramatization, "I Accuse You!" which catapulted us realistically into the world of today, which is bleeding at a thousand wounds because it has turned its back upon the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and has relied upon its own pride and strength in its abject misery.

The testimonial service was held in the cool of the evening under the canopy of the blue sky. What a power for God these young people revealed in their sincere, heartfelt undisguised expressions of faith! A little girl must have suddenly seen a dark corner in her soul as she prayed: "Oh God, please help me not to lie anymore!"

## EARNEST PRAYERS

Another young person who had been baptized against the wish of his mother, prayed that his mother might come to know Christ as Savior. In the meantime, she had become very ill. The young man prayed: "Oh God, do not take my mother away—not yet! She is not saved and she will then be lost." God answered that young man's prayer and she recovered from her illness and is now a seeker of the Lord.

On Monday we were "wandering minstrels" for Christ into the picturesque vicinity of Bad Ischl. We were knitted together in Christian love on this "Spaziergang" as well as led closer to our God. In the challenging words

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# Home Again for Christmas Day

As the Christmas season approaches, we think of the wonderful festival of the home and also of our Children's Home at St. Joseph, Mich., which has imparted the love of "foster parents" and of a real home to scores of children

By the REV. A. F. RUNTZ,  
Superintendent and "Pop" of the Children's Home

"How dear to my heart are the scenes of my childhood, When fond recollection presents them to view."

THERE ARE THOSE who hardly understand the meaning of the lines quoted above. They have never moved far from the place of their birth. There they spent their childhood and grew up to manhood or womanhood. There they married and settled down to live. They may never have moved more than twenty-five miles from the place of their birth.

But with others it is a different story. Some have wandered far from the old homestead, and are now living hundreds, or even thousands of miles, from the scenes of their childhood. How often the memory goes back to those early days and scenes! How they yearn to go back just once more, and those who are not too far removed do go back occasionally just to visit the old haunts again. Yes, just to walk through the house and around the grounds! For "memory flows like lava-tide."

## A REAL HOME

The children who are here at your Home in St. Joseph, Mich., for but a few years would not feel the same way about the Home as those children who spent most of their childhood years here. The latter group have a feeling akin to the feeling that most of us have for our old homes, for this is the only real home they ever knew. They may have come to us when they were only three or four years of age, and they remained until they were through high school. So this is home for them! Others may remember something of their home with their parents, but nevertheless this Home has a very warm place in their hearts.

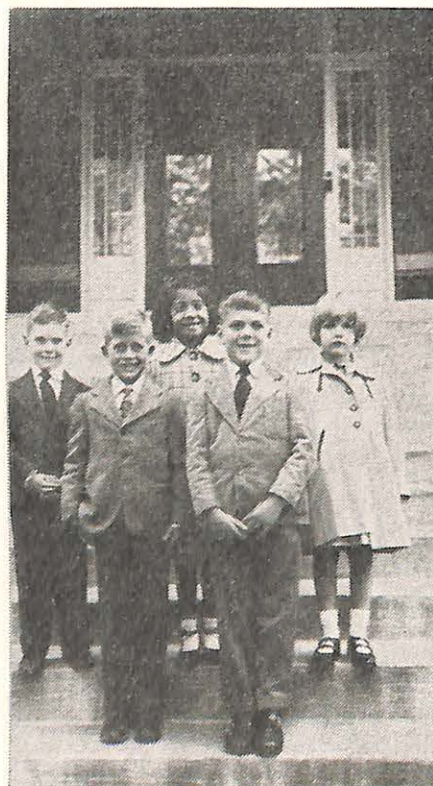
And they do come back. Sometimes young people who left this Home years ago and are now living in another part of the country make the trip to St. Joseph by automobile, and if they come anywhere near the Home they will go out of their way just to visit the scene of their childhood days once again. Most likely they are now married and if the husband once lived

here he will want to show his wife, or if the wife lived here she will want to show her husband the Home.

Generally they will say, "I grew up here, and I would just like to go through the house again; it seems so big to me now. I want the rest of the family to see the place where I grew up. Then I would like to walk around the grounds and see the place where we used to play and the garden where we used to work."

## HOME AGAIN!

Naturally we tell them to go ahead and make themselves at home. Quite often they also tell us of the pranks they used to pull. They admit that they were not always as considerate as they might have been. But they laugh and say, "Well, we were kids then. But this home sure was good to us, and the people of our churches were very



Dressed in their best Sunday clothes, several boys and girls are photographed on the front steps of the Children's Home in St. Joseph, Michigan.

kind. The longer we live, the more we realize it." Somehow it has made them feel so good just to come back and to see the old Home again.

There are also those who live quite near, some right here in St. Joseph, who left the Home in recent years. These also like to drop in at any time and bring their families along. They like to show how the children are growing and how they themselves are getting along in life. They often come also to talk over their problems and to seek advice. And occasionally they do a few things around the place.

What I am trying to say is that there is a sense of "home" about the place for those who have been here a number of years. Possibly when they left, they were glad to be free and be on their own. Most young people are that way. They want to get away from all restraint. They want to do as they please when they please.

However, they soon find out that there are many problems in life; more than they realized. So when they come back they remember all the good times, the good things and the opportunities they had here in the Home. Most of them found their Savior while in the Home, and as they get to know something about church life they realize that it was the missionary giving of its members that made the Home possible.

## MISSING IN ACTION

In August 1943 a family of five children came to the Home from near Detroit, Michigan. There were two boys and three girls. The father was dead, and the mother was none too well, and she was unable to manage. Some of you who sent gifts to the Home may remember the name. They were the five Yockey children.

The oldest boy's name was Walter. He often wrote letters to the folks who had sent him gifts. He was a good boy. While at the Home he accepted Christ as his Savior, and upon confession of his faith was baptized and united with our church here in St. Joseph. As he grew older he took an active part in the young people's affairs of the church. In 1947 the mother remarried and took the children.

Somewhat over a year ago Walter

was drafted into the Army. Last spring he was sent to Korea. In August he was reported missing. The mother wrote us that search had been made for him in all the army hospitals, but he could not be located. He may be alive in a prison camp. He may also be dead.

Our sympathies go out to the mother and the other members of the family. But we also feel the sorrow of it, for one of the boys who made this his home may never in this life be heard from again. And you, who did something for him personally in the way of gifts, will have a sense of satisfaction in knowing that you did what you could for him. All the rest who helped support the Home will never regret having helped make a home for this needy boy that helped him over a difficult period in his life.

## TODAY'S CHILDREN

So often when young children come under our care the question comes to us that the people asked concerning John the Baptist when he was born, as they said: "What manner of child shall this be?" What kind of a boy or what kind of girl will they be when they grow up? What will the Home be able to do for them?

We realize full well that there are undesirable inherited tendencies to be overcome; and that may never be wholly eradicated. In all cases the life of the child has been terribly disturbed, and it has lost all sense of security. This is true when the child has lost its parents through death, or through a broken home.

Will they grow up like one girl whose father was dead, but in whose home there was little interest in matters of religion? After being here several years, this girl was converted and was baptized. With her it was genuine, for always she prayed that her mother might be saved, too. And she urged her mother to go to church.

Someone has said, "There are more children praying for parents today, than there are parents praying for children." We cannot vouch for the accuracy of that statement, but we do know that this girl kept praying for her mother.

After she had left and had gone to live in the country with her mother, she still continued to attend a church, and tried to take her mother with her. Every so often she comes to visit the Home and when asked to play on the piano she always selects religious songs, and she plays them from memory.

Some of the children who are in the Home at present came when they were quite young, so they can hardly remember for they were pushed from one place to another. Here they can have a sense of security, a sense of belonging. They may not realize it now, but we hope that some day they will



On last December 25th the wonderful joy of Christmas Day sparkled in the eyes of this boy of our Children's Home, St. Joseph, Michigan, as he began to get acquainted with some of the many Christmas toys.

THIS CHRISTMAS  
Remember  
OUR CHILDREN'S HOME,  
St. Joseph, Michigan

## CHURCH AT BANSO

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faith in Christ and a desire to follow him in baptism, meet for a course of instruction by the church teacher. Since many of these people can't read and come from pagan backgrounds, this teaching is most necessary for them to understand just what it means to be a Christian.

These people love going into detail discussing little troubles and church business. So every Wednesday afternoon they gather for a Christian meeting. A short message is given, usually dealing with better Christian living and witnessing. After this they talk over their "palavers" or make plans on how to further the Christian work.

There is a real opportunity and challenge in working with the women of this land. They are quite backward and yet by patience you are reaching the future generation through them. Mrs. Leslie Chaffee and Mrs. Ernest Hildebrand are in charge of the women's meeting every Thursday morning. The group consists of Baptists, Basels, Catholics and pagans. The meeting begins with singing, then a Bible talk by the missionary. Usually a health talk or other helps on establishing a Christian home are given, after which they are taught sewing.

With the many activities of our Banso Church, I hope we shall not become self-satisfied, but rather that the spirit of personal witnessing which has begun will continue to grow. This is where we need the help of you at home. God has promised, "Ask of me and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession" (Psalm 2:8).

remember that this has been a real home to them.

If they never realize it, still you of our churches can have the satisfaction of knowing that you did what you could to make a home for some child who might otherwise have been "kicked" around from "pillar to post." Continue to pray for us and for the children here that this Home may be a real home, long to be remembered by those who grow up here.

## WHAT ABOUT THE FUTURE?

During the past several years we have not been receiving many children from our churches. There are various reasons for this. One, of course, is that the health of the nation has been good; there are not so many orphan children. Then, too, God has richly blessed our people. Besides we have the whole welfare program of our day which helps children in their own communities, but will not help them out of state, even though they will help relatives care for needy children.

We receive children from broken homes from the community, but these children are more apt to come and go so that the number fluctuates more rapidly than is the case with orphans. At present our number is small. We shall need the guidance of God in any future planning for the Children's Home. In the meantime, we shall need the support both of your prayers and your gifts.



# WHAT'S HAPPENING

● The Baptist Church of Paul, Idaho, has called the Rev. John Broeder of Creston, Neb., to which a favorable response has been given. Mr. Broeder has served the Creston church since 1948. He hopes to begin his pastorate in Paul, Idaho, on Jan. 4, 1953 when he will succeed the Rev. J. J. Lippert who is now residing in Waco, Texas.

● The Baptist Church of Parkersburg, Iowa, has extended a call to the Rev. R. C. MacCormack of Maywood, Ill., the pastor of the First Baptist Church of Bellwood, Illinois. He has responded favorably and will commence his ministry at Parkersburg shortly after Jan. 1, 1953. He will succeed the Rev. Herman Lohr, now of Corona, South Dakota. Mr. MacCormack has been the minister of the Bellwood Church since 1949.

● The Rev. and Mrs. Willibald S. Argow of Erie, Pa., quietly celebrated their golden wedding anniversary early in October. Since their daughters could not be at home in October, they had helped their parents to observe the anniversary during their visit to Erie in July. Mr. and Mrs. Argow received more than 150 cards with greetings and congratulations. Mr. Argow wrote: "It just goes to show that we are one large family. God bless you, one and all!"

● The Bethel Baptist Church of Detroit, Mich., has extended a call to the Rev. W. S. Sommerschild, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Elmhurst, Illinois. He has responded favorably and hopes to begin his pastorate at the Bethel Church of Detroit in the near future. He will succeed the Rev. J. Lester Harnish, now minister of the Temple Baptist Church, Los Angeles, California. The Rev. Theodore Place is the assistant pastor of the Bethel Church of Detroit.

● The Clinton Hill Baptist Church of Newark, N. J., with the Rev. Robert Hess as pastor, has extended a call to the Rev. Everett Barker of the Grace Baptist Church of Union City, N. J., to become the assistant pastor. He has accepted the call and began his ministry in this capacity at the Clinton Hill Church on Nov. 9. He served as pastor of the Grace Church in Union City, N. J., since 1950. At the Clinton Hill Church he succeeds the Rev. Frank Wuest as director of Christian education and assistant pastor. Mr. and Mrs. Wuest are now serving as missionaries in Formosa.

● On Wednesday, Oct. 15, the Rev. and Mrs. Phil. Lauer of Burlington, Iowa, observed their golden wedding anniversary. Many relatives and friends visited them on this day wishing them God's richest blessings for the years to come. Mr. and Mrs. Lauer have been very active in the Oak Street Church of Burlington since their retirement to Burlington many years ago. The church and its pastor, the Rev. Peter Pfeiffer, also remembered Mr. and Mrs. Lauer with their congratulations on this festive occasion.

● The new matron at the Baptist Home for the Aged in Philadelphia, Pa., is Mrs. L. Fuchs. She has been rendering a deeply appreciated ministry at the Home ever since her arrival some months ago. On Oct. 25 the annual Donation Day was held by the Home with a sauerkraut supper for many friends of the Home from 4:30 to 7:00 P.M. The Home was also remembered with many donations. On Oct. 4th the guests of the Home were taken on their annual automobile ride through the picturesque Pennsylvania countryside which was ablaze in a riot of autumn colors.

● The Rev. and Mrs. Benjamin Schlipf of Cleveland, Ohio, have moved to Fort Dodge, Iowa, where their youngest daughter, Esther, lives. They will be spending the years of retirement at the Fort Dodge address, given on page two of this issue. Mr. Schlipf has had an illustrious ministry in North American Baptist Churches in several conferences and also as pastor of the Baptist Church and mission field in Bucharest, Rumania, besides a service extending over several years as editor of the Sunday School lesson quarterly, "Lektions-Blaetter." May God's blessing be theirs in abundant measure in these years of their retirement!

● The Baptist Church of Linton, N. Dak., held its Harvest and Mission Festival on Sunday, Oct. 5, with the pastor, the Rev. A. J. Fischer, bringing the messages. The offerings amounted to more than \$1200. Revival meetings were concluded in the Linton Baptist Church on Friday evening, Oct. 24, with the Rev. Paul Galambos of Streeter, N. Dak., serving as evangelist. There were 15 conversions during the meetings and the entire church was greatly blessed and spiritually enriched by this ministry. On Oct. 28 the Rev. H. Smuland of

Sheffield, Iowa, spoke in the church on the stewardship program of the denomination.

● Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hoffman of Morris, Man., were the unexpected guests of the Indian missionaries of the Montana Reserve near Ponoka, Alta., Can., on Sunday, Oct. 19. On their way to Carbon, they took time off to visit the mission field and old acquaintances from the Edmonton CTI, Reinhard and Mildred Neuman. Mr. Hoffman brought greetings to the Indians from his Sunday School and church at Morris and briefly gave his personal testimony. Missionary Neuman responded to the greetings, expressing his thanks on behalf of the Indians for the fine Broadman hymnals which the Morris Sunday School had sent for use in the Indian chapel.

● The Dayton's Bluff Baptist Church of St. Paul, Minn., has enthusiastically adopted Miss Laura E. Reddig, a member of the church and one of our Cameroons missionaries, to be fully supported from the church's missionary giving, as announced by the pastor, the Rev. William H. Jeschke. The church has also decided to buy or to build a new parsonage, thus releasing the present building for additional Sunday School facilities. On Sept. 28 a reception for North American Baptist students in the Twin Cities' area was held at the Dayton's Bluff Church. Evangelistic meetings were conducted from Sept. 29 to Oct. 5 with Dr. John Linton, Scotch evangelist, as guest evangelist.

● The Trinity Baptist Church of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., surprised Dr. and Mrs. George A. Lang of the North American Baptist Seminary on Sunday evening, Sept. 14, on the occasion of their 25th wedding anniversary. Words of congratulation were spoken by representatives of the church and a gift presented to them by Mrs. Alvin Bleeker, church treasurer. Musical numbers included several songs by the new Seminary quartet, "The Master's Messengers." The Rev. Richard Grenz, pastor, read Psalm 128 and spoke words of congratulation to the honored couple. Dr. and Mrs. George Lang were married on Aug. 30, 1927 at Tyndall, S. Dak., by the Rev. Albert Lang, the bridegroom's father.

● The Home for the Aged in Bismarck, N. Dak., has extended a call to the Rev. B. W. Krentz of Fargo, N.

Dak., to become the superintendent of the Home. A favorable response has been given and Mr. Krentz began his ministry in charge of the Home on Nov. 1st, succeeding the Rev. R. Sigmond, now of Billings, Montana. Mr. Krentz served as a secretary for the United Temperance Movement of North Dakota for three years and was a solicitor for the Home for the Aged for one year. He was formerly pastor of several North American Baptist churches and a U. S. Army chaplain. Both Mr. and Mrs. Krentz have their membership at present in the Bismarck Baptist Church, Bismarck, North Dakota.

● The Bethel Baptist Church of Anaheim, Calif., celebrated its 50th anniversary from Oct. 22 to 26 with the pastor, the Rev. B. W. Jacksteit, in charge of the festive program. The former pastors, Rev. O. R. Schroeder of Anaheim, Calif.; Rev. H. G. Dymmel of Costa Mesa, Calif.; and Rev. R. Schilke of Forest Park, Ill.; participated in the program with messages and congratulations. A very fine anniversary booklet of 44 pages was prepared under the editorial leadership of the pastor and the Booklet Committee. The Rev. B. W. Jacksteit brought the consecration message at the closing service on Sunday evening, Oct. 26. A more detailed report will be published in a forthcoming issue of the "Baptist Herald."

## ENGAGEMENTS

**Dr. Frank H. Woyke**

Dec. 5 (Friday)—Bethel Church, Detroit, Michigan.

Dec. 7 (Sunday)—Parkersburg, Ia.  
Dec. 14 (Sunday)—Watertown, Wis.

**Rev. R. Schilke**

Dec. 7 (Sunday)—Elgin, Iowa.  
Dec. 14 (Sunday)—Mt. Sterling, Missouri.

**Rev. M. L. Leuschner**

Dec. 7 (Sunday)—West Side Church, Beatrice, Nebraska.  
Dec. 14 (Sunday)—Holloway, Minn.

**Miss Eleanor Weisenburger**, Cameroons Missionary

Dec. 5-16—Churches of Central Conference and Northwestern Conference areas.

## CHANGES OF ADDRESS

Rev. Everett Barker  
Clinton Ave. at South 14th St.  
Newark 14, N. J.

Rev. John Broeder  
Paul, Idaho

Rev. Benjamin Schlipf  
1432—3rd Ave., North  
Fort Dodge, Iowa

Rev. W. S. Sommerschild  
3839 Seneca  
Detroit 14, Michigan

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

## YOUTH COMPASS TOPICS

Dec. 7, 1952—"White Christmas" by Miss Lendal Bynum, Waco, Texas.

Dec. 14, 1952—"The Written and the Living Word" by Rev. John E. Grygo, Chicago, Ill.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL STANDARD CERTIFICATES

The first five Sunday Schools which sent in their reports for their accomplishment during the year 1951-1952 deserve special recognition. The Sunday Schools are listed according to their degree of achievement.

Grace Church, Sheffield, Iowa,  
First Church, Ellinwood, Kansas,  
Parkersburg Church, Parkersburg, Iowa,

Immanuel Church, Milwaukee, Wis.  
Holloway Church, Holloway, Minn.  
These Sunday Schools have received their certificates with an appropriate seal of their accomplishments based upon our Sunday School Standard.

## THANKS ON THE WAY TO AFRICA

"To the youth of our churches and workers in our Sunday Schools:

Your secretary and your executive committee remembered us in your behalf on our sailing day. Your president gave us a well-planned farewell in his church two evenings ago. On the desk of our cabin rests the helpful book you gave us at the triennial conference in Philadelphia. And, over and above this full measure of attention, we have with us the memory of fellowship in your homes and in your churches, in summer camps and conferences.

For all of these manifestations of your concern for your African mission field we praise God and thank you. We return to your Africa to be again that for which Jesus laid his hands on you and us: to be witnesses unto him. Let us pray that all of us be found faithful in the discharge of this assignment." The Gebauers, October 10, 1952.

## YOUR STEWARDSHIP

"Living your religion" is your stewardship.

## BE WISE!

Be wise and renew your subscriptions to YOUTH COMPASS and SALUTE now before the rush of the Christmas season.

ardship for Christ. Our denominational advance is emphasizing our stewardship to God by means of our time, our talents and our possessions. In our Sunday School and in your CBY, remember that your participation in any way is an expression of your stewardship to God. Stewardship leaflets are still available at our headquarters.

"Men will wrangle for religion; write for it; fight for it; die for it; anything but—live for it."—C. C. Colton.

## CHRISTMAS PLAYS

As the Christmas season approaches and your church is making plans for a Christmas play, you will find excellent help and suggestions on page 63 of "Youth Compass." You will find a brief synopsis, the number of needed characters and the price of the plays.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL FILE

"The Sunday School superintendent will find it exceedingly valuable to compile for ready reference all materials which may be found useful in preparing his programs. Outlines of talks and addresses, devotional thoughts, articles from current magazines and newspapers, poems, and songs will all form a valuable scrapbook of program material. Perhaps no more valuable collection could be made by the superintendent than to file copies of his own programs. These may be revised often and used again—and if no other good comes, it will prevent too much repetition by having record of what has been previously used."—A. V. Washburn.

## A CBY FILE

Why not start a file in your CBY? Secure a supply of Manila folders. Put the name of one of the commissions on the tabs of the folders. Insert these folders in a box or filing cabinet in a handy place in your CBY room. Encourage your CBY members to be on the lookout for any materials which deal with suggestions for each commission emphases. Poems, songs, ideas and information of any kind can be put into these folders. Be sure also to file the commission pages in the back of your "Youth Compasses."

Additional folders can be captioned: Correspondence, Treasurer's Reports, Idea Folder, and other captions which suit your needs. You will find this information valuable, for it will be at your fingertips ready to use at any time. Putting all of your young people to work on this project will be an expression of their stewardship of time.





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. One of the natives warned the missionary to be on guard. The mission house was ransacked by the natives. Then Peter determined to get help and see this bloodshed and fighting stopped. He and Baru left the village early one morning.

## CHAPTER ELEVEN

WITH BARU walking by the horse's head, they set off, skirting the compound and taking a little used path through the bush immediately behind the house. The moonlight filtered through the trees as Baru walked quietly by the horse, his hand lightly holding the bridle.

They had covered about two miles,

and were beginning to feel that they would safely pass the boundary, when Baru stopped. They were in a little valley like a great V. Peter had never been this way before, and to him the path seemed sliced out of the great range of surrounding hills. Baru had changed the route after all!

The boy came back to the horseman. "Mai gida," he whispered, "this is a hidden path you take, the only place that I know of that will lead you through the barriers. It has not been used much since our days of war. I will lead you to the other side, then leave you. God carry you in safety and bring you back to us again."

The path that they followed led between rocky heights on either side of the narrow path. Peter couldn't see or hear a thing as they padded slowly along. Suddenly he heard Baru give a great gasp. Immediately in front of the travelers a huge tree suddenly blazed as though fire had shot from every branch and twing. The horse started back, and only Baru's strong hand on the bridle stopped it from turning a somersault,

or spinning around and racing away. Peter found himself shivering in the saddle. The next instant the blaze was gone. No smoke, no spark, no sound. Cautiously they made their way along the path, the horse trembling violently. They drew abreast the tree that had so suddenly lighted in front of them. It was an ordinary locust bean tree, with great red balls showing the first stage of the bean seed. Without a word Baru pulled some of the leaves off and handed them to the missionary. They were neither marked nor scorched. Peter let the leaves fall to the ground.

With the same awful suddenness, the next tree lighted, blazed and died down, even as they watched it.

Baru was sniffing the air like a hunted stag. Something was happening, and even as he leaned over the horse's withers to speak, Peter heard voices.

They were not loud pitched, and they seemed rather far away, except that the tonal quality was quite clear. He felt his hair lifting and as he wondered, felt the breeze coming down the valley.

It grew stronger and stronger. Bits of straw, whirling leaves and dust were carried past the horseman. Then he heard a thud, and the horse gave a squeal and a lunge that upset Baru. The air was filled with floating stones coming downwind as gently as cotton puffs. Peter had little time to watch them and even less time to think of them. (It was much later that he learned from Baru and then some older missionaries, of the terrible demonic power of the witch-doctors and their followers. It was then he learned, too, that the blazing trees which did not burn were powerful demonstrations of the principalities and powers that found such willing tools of flesh and blood. But it was the awful significance of the great stones, carried by unseen hands of the evil spirits that made Peter shudder in the days to come. What could not a legion of unseen spirits, invisible and untouchable, do to thwart the claims of the Gospel and the Word of God? This battle against the lone missionary was merely the portent of the great battle yet to be waged. But this battle was vigorous, even though against one, and in the midst of rising fear the young man felt lost and lonely.

Through his frantic efforts to hold his horse, he saw how the floating stones neared, suddenly veered directly in his path, and landed on the ground with terrific force.

Another hit the horse, and one grazed the rider's leg. Baru was left far behind by this time, and as the now racing horse galloped ahead, another great tree blazed up immediately in front of him.

With another squeal, the animal spun around, throwing Peter far over

to one side. Only a wild clutch at the mane saved him from a fall. Then the horse was racing back the way he had come.

Rocks whistled around them. Then Peter saw ghostly, spectral figures rise from the ground beside the road. He felt a terrific blow on his head, found himself clutching at space—then oblivion.

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Bill and the Prof awoke to a world of misty silence. A heavy haze kept the early light of dawn in grey night clothes. The men shivered as they threw off their light blankets, and pulled on their clothing and shoes.

The interpreter and the carriers were already out of the hut, and huddled around a small, smoky fire. Squatting on the ground, only their shaven heads protruded from the swathed mass of mayafi blankets. Seeing the white men awake, Amos rose from the midst of them and hurried over.

"Sannu dai," he saluted them for their sleep and early rising, "did you sleep well?"

"All right," replied Bill, not daring to use the few phrases of Hausa he had already picked up, "you sleep well?"

The man grinned as he answered with his mixture of Hausa and pidgin English, then bustled off to start breakfast.

The two men had lusty appetites, and soon guinea corn porridge, fried eggs, coffee and butterless bread were satisfying their appetites.

"Never thought I'd be using tinned milk like this," muttered the Prof as he heaped his enamel bowl. "Don't they have cows in this country?"

"And would you tie one to your saddle and bring it along?" chided Bill. "Or were you expecting an early morning milk delivery? By the way, they do have cows. But they are a queer, hump-backed species that I've never seen before. Amos," he called out. The boy came over to where the men were. "You savvy cow, moo-moo," and his voice was drowned out by a hoot of laughter from his companion.

Amos chuckled. "I savvy cow," he assured the questioner, "but no cow go come here. Fulani have big cow plenty. When we go come mission, you see Fulani cow," and his arm motioned off towards the south.

Bill turned back to his companion. "You can have all the milk you want at Peter's," he assured the other, mimicking the solicitous voice of a mother speaking to a fretful child. "So let's be up and doing."

While Amos was washing and packing the dishes and pans, the two white men awkwardly packed away the beds and clothing. Just as the sun rose in all its reddish splendor, they were ready for the road.

"We should be getting to Peter's place sometime tomorrow," said Bill turning to the Prof, as they tightened the cinches on their horses and prepared to mount. "Let's keep up a good pace today, and see how quickly we can make it."

They swung into their saddles with a creaking of leather, while the horses nervously side-stepped away from them. The carriers had already settled their loads upon their heads and started off.

What a chattering as the men started out that early morning! Then as the sun mounted, and the early morning mists were dispelled, the talk lessened, and they settled down to the serious business at hand.

The horsemen soon took on a saddle slump. The vast, sandy stretches, then the sudden shade of the bush, the heat and the glare all combined to make them drowsy. Save for the spasmodic motion of clearing sticky flies from lips and eyes, the slump of saddle ease became a rocking doze. The miles slipped under them. They felt the unutterable peace of the African bush. The jangled affairs of the world had no meaning in the deep, dark recesses of the tropical forest.

Birds of brilliant plumage and of all sizes, scintillated, startled and whistled at their approach. One giant bird, like an eagle on stilts, raced across a clearing like a hunted deer. Orchids of every size and hue were extravagantly crushed underfoot by the heedless horses. Grey, black and red, longtailed monkeys swung from tree to tree ahead of the party, despising their plodding gait. Occasionally the only sound was the plod, plod, plod of the horses. Let torn nerves and fretting minds drink of the peace of this country. Surely, thought the Prof, God is in this place—but they know it not!

In the midst of this quiet reverie came the shrill cry of the leading carrier. Breasting the sand dune on which he stood, they spied the distant signs of habitation that had caught his eager eye.

Plodding on, they saw wisps of lazy smoke, filtering through the conical grass roofs, hovering like a cloud over the densely packed town. From the village itself came the incessant barking of mongrel dogs, the shouts of children, the chattering of women as they pounded and ground the daily guinea corn. Here and there they heard the squeaky cry of the small-boned donkeys, the loud voices of men. Here were all the unmistakable sounds and smells of savagery, producing a discord of sound that could only be heard as one rides up from the quiet of an all-day ride in Africa.

The carriers, led by Amos, pushed on past the outlying huts and into the heart of the town. They stopped before a great mud-walled compound.

Several men were sitting at the door of the entrance hut. Seeing the white men approaching, they rose to their feet.

"Salaam alaikum," Bill ventured the greeting to the men who were bowing before them.

"Alaikum salaam," replied one, a tall, imposing looking man, whose dignity was somewhat lessened by the fact that he wore only a goat skin, the forefeet tied around his neck.

Amos took over the conversation, and after chattering to the leading man, turned to the travelers.

"Man say big chief is away with joji. They be gone, two, three days," and he held up that many fingers. "He say we stay here tonight, bimeby we gone come mission tomorrow."

Thankful to be out of the saddle again, the men swung off their horses, which were immediately led away by many willing hands. A great crowd had gathered as the men rode up and it was with difficulty that they were able to reach the hut where the carriers had dropped their loads.

The entrance hut was soon swept out and the beds placed in it. Amos had taken Bill in tow and was leading him around the native town. The white man kept whistling under his breath.

"What a stench!" he muttered to himself. "No sanitation. If a fire ever broke out here, nothing would stop it. And look at these poor kiddies," as his eye fell on several of them. They sat listless and pathetic. From their eyes ran constant streams of pus, where flies thickly settled. Lepers in all stages of the dread disease were everywhere. As he walked, the following crowd of children became greater and greater. As they finally returned to the entrance hut of the chief's compound, Amos turned to the white men.

"I tell these children 'bout Jesus," he said to them. "I give them Good News. No missionary here, they not know of God."

"Okay, fella," Bill spoke out. "If the Gospel will help them, go to it."

Amos turned to the people gathered in the cleared space, and began to speak. There was no hesitancy in his speech now, as he talked to them in their own tongue. The two white men watched and listened. The black man's face seemed to have become transfigured as he poured out his words, wildly gesticulating with his hands.

The assembled crowd listened carefully. Laughter and sobriety chased across their countenances as Amos spoke to them. And over and over again, the two men heard the name, "Yesu, Yesu, Kristi."

"You know, Prof," said Bill, turning to his companion, "I'm beginning to realize something. I never knew what these people were like until this trip. I could never have imagined a people



in such need. And I can see that nothing can be done for them on the surface. It would take ages to teach and train these people into a decent living condition. Yet if something was done in their thinking and in their hearts, they would be immediately transformed. Now I know why Peter kept writing that the Gospel was the only thing he could see for these people. Here I've been thinking in terms of medical work, whereas it would be like putting a poultice on a leper's ulcers. It's the root of the matter that has to be dealt with first." He fell silent.

The Prof said nothing for a time. Then he spoke:

"Bill my thinking has been all mixed, particularly since Peter has been writing from here. I've never really been a Christian as he seems to be, and I think I really was anxious to come just to talk to him. I'm beginning to think differently, too, about being a Christian. It's not a code, or a way of life even. It's a new power and a new life. We are no better than these people without Him, and they have never heard of Him. Bill, if I were younger, I'd be planning to stay out here with Peter if I could. As it is, I'm going to get my life straightened out before I leave Africa."

The African had finished his message, and the people began murmuring and talking together. Old men nodded their heads sagely, as they stroked their wispy beards. Young men drew back rather scornfully at the urgency in the voice of the speaker. The women turned to their grinding of grain again, and the throng in front of the hut gradually dispersed.

It did not take the white men long to fix up their camp for the night, and soon the night sounds took the place of the noisy day.

They were just settling into their cots for the night when Amos appeared at the door.

"Master," he said quietly. At their invitation he stepped inside and approached their beds.

"Master," he said again, "sorry I trouble you. But I go hear from people plenty trouble at mission. I hear no man go come from there two, three, four days. This black boy carriers, they say no go for trouble. They run back." Amos rolled his eyes until the whites showed in the darkening hut.

"Trouble?" said the Prof to Bill. "Do you think it's about the leopard men? Anyway, we have already heard of that, so it's no use. All right, Amos," he said to the man, "thanks for telling us. Perhaps we can get more carriers here. If not we can leave the beds until we come back, or Peter can send for them," and he dismissed the African.

"I hope it's nothing more than what we have heard," said Bill. "At any rate we will step it out tomorrow. I'm

getting keen on surprising Peter," and with another goodnight he rolled over.

The early morning was a repetition of the last. The men shaved by lantern light, and at the first streaks of dawn, had eaten and were ready for the road.

Amos had been right about the carriers. They had skipped off before dark, as soon as they had heard of trouble ahead. Or perhaps they had heard more than Amos did, since they were from this area. They had gone, and a few items of clothing missing from the trekking bathtub attested to the fact that they had not gone unpaid.

All attempts to get other carriers were unavailing. Finally they gave up. "We'll carry what we can on our saddles," suggested the Prof, "and leave the rest in the chief's house here. It should be safe enough."

This was relayed to Amos through gestures and words, and at last they were ready for the last stage of the journey.

This time the sandy country was left behind. Great stretches of jungle and bush, tumbled rocks and hills gave them a new sight of Africa.

Bill was captivated by all he saw. Several times he pulled his rifle from its place on the saddle, but each time put it back unfired.

"No use just shooting for fun," he told his fellow traveler. "Besides, did you ever see anything more fascinating than this type of game?"

Birds of brilliant plumage darted in and out of the bush. Again a giant bird raced across a clearing in front of them. "An ostrich!" exclaimed Bill, reining in, in his excitement. As he did so, Amos leaped backwards then pointed ahead.

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## ON INDIAN TRAILS

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absorbed the worst influences. The children are growing up without knowing any family life. They live so near other communities that they experience the sting of discrimination. The result is that they are bitter against society.

The mission has an organized church there which has only a handful of members, but which nevertheless exerts an influence in the village. There are a few Christian women who stand out as a shining light in a dark community.

The mission located on the edge of Reno is much like Dresserville, only twice as pathetic. Here you have 500 people crowded into houses far too small. Here too are the influences of gambling places, terrific discrimination, and permeation of low morals. It was here we experienced what it is to be

admired one minute and stoned the next, to be praised first and then slashed with words, to be welcomed and then nailed into the house. Yet even in this dark colony, there were small, penetrating streams of light that showed to others the love of Christ.

We had many experiences, both encouraging and discouraging, but they were extremely challenging and enlightening to us. We were encouraged and challenged when we saw the testimony which the regular missionaries are to these needy people, the interest of the many churches and, most of all, the lives that are saved and dedicated to the Christian way of life. These people are living their faith in a almost impossible situation.

Pray for these people, pray for the missionaries who work with them, and pray that we may never again be guilty of helping our brothers to stumble.

## GOD'S PROMISE

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place where it was originally meant to be.

The time came when I had to appear before the General Mission Committee. On my way home I was praising God for his evident leading when suddenly my soul was thrilled with the realization that even in this situation he was present for he provided living witnesses who knew me from the beginning of my plans. Two of my former pastors and a neighboring pastor were on the committee!

Ever since that fateful moment when I surrendered my life into his hands, I have marvelled at the miracle of his ways. It remains a mystery to me how, with such a small amount of faith on my part, God has been faithful in fulfilling his promises—in the fulness of time.

Now that I have actually set foot on the promised land—Africa—I feel that the past is a closed chapter and life with HIM in Africa will be the commencement of another chapter.

Even after seeing colored films of Africa, I could not capture the beauty of nature in the Cameroons until I saw it with my own eyes. Soppo station is situated in a romantic setting, indeed. What a variety of trees! As one drives along the sixteen-mile road from Tiko to Soppo, one can see large areas of trees—palms—that appear as though one were looking at a display of green plumes, dainty and delicate.

And butterflies! They are multi-colored and every size. I feel as though I were in a vacation land. The birds and insects have quite a symphony at night. Even the frogs join the frolic. Such activities of nature are very restful and soothing to me. I am filled with praise and gratitude to my God which I cannot really put into words because I think it is more of a sense or an emotion which defies description.

# We, the Women

News and Views of the National Woman's Missionary Union

By MRS. WALTER W. GROSSER, President

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## CONCERNING ELECTIONS

On November 4, 1952, the United States of America elected a new president. The first weeks of the pre-election days gave promise that the two major political parties would carry on their campaigns with a semblance of decency and mutual respect. As the election day approached, character and integrity gave way to "mud-slinging" vehemence as men shouted loudly the promise, "Here is what you will get from this deal in dollars and cents!" The time-old scepter of economics held sway over all, giving few statistics and failing to define real issues.

If spiritual and moral values are to be reinstated in the character of our nation, the reform must begin with "the hand that rocks the cradle." Women have a God-given responsibility toward the children they are rearing in Christian homes. Time proves again and again that it is example, not precept that counts. This admonition applies to a national family and its leaders.

To our newly elected president and his officers are entrusted the responsibilities of putting into practice all the good promises they have made. It is their example that counts, not their precepts. Their offices are a trust from God and a great nation of people. We expect honesty from leaders in high places. Any deviation from the truth should be challenged by an army of mothers, whose children will inherit the kind of nation we are building.

The Scriptures tell us that "the powers that be are ordained of God." It is a duty and a privilege to pray for our newly elected president, no matter what our choice may have been last November 4th. Let us do as a little seven-year-old girl did in November, 1932. Because a new president had been elected her father suggested that she remember him in prayer during their family devotions. Earnestly she prayed, "Dear God, bless our new president, Mr. Roosevelt. You know we wanted Hoover, but thy will be done. Amen."

## CONCERNING OUR MINISTERS' WIVES

It has been said that, "Everything is going up but the rain is still coming down." Those words are no comfort to ministers' wives who are trying to balance their budgets with liv-

ing costs up to three times as high as they were about ten years ago. Many churches have met this financial problem by substantially increasing their pastors' salaries. Others still expect the minister's wife to make \$1.00 go where \$3.00 are needed. Is there something the women of the churches can do to remedy this situation?

## CONCERNING GIVING

In financial matters the family and church budgets are earned primarily by the men. It is the women, however, who save the extra dollars that make the missionary projects of our Woman's Union possible.

## CONCERNING GOD'S CALL TO WOMEN

God does not call our missionaries to leave their homes, country, comforts, and loved ones without calling the women at home to service, too. Are we able to give a strict account of our share in doing the Master's will? We have special appointments with Tina Schmidt in the Cameroons, with the work of building new Home Mission bases, and with those who will work for us among the lepers in Africa.

## CONCERNING PATCHWORK QUILTS

The women of our churches in Tyn-dall, S. Dak., and Danzig, S. Dak., have made unique missionary quilts. One was on display at the General Conference in Philadelphia. The missionaries in the Cameroons not only appreciated these quilts, but are grateful for the added missionary money they produced.

Christian stewardship has been compared to a patchwork quilt made by many talented hands, each one producing a definite share. Christ's great commission needs every Christian woman's tithe to make the pattern of his Kingdom grow.

## CONCERNING WORLD DAY OF PRAYER ON FEBRUARY 20, 1953

Excellent program material has been prepared for your Prayer Day service. Mrs. Leland Friesen of Okeene, Okla., has edited the program in English. She is the pastor's wife of our church in Okeene. The German program is the work of Mrs. Albert Renz of Oak

## CONCERNING COMING ATTRACTIONS

To get the "We, the Women" column under way, your president has had to edit the recent articles. Now, however, our women are responding to requests send to them for articles and pictures which you will be seeing in this column from time to time. You will meet the editors of our **Broadcast**, our historian, our nine conference presidents, our general secretaries' wives, and other leading women and ministers' wives who have not been introduced to you. Our executive officers have appeared in "We, the Women," but they too will be called upon for contributions. We want to know of our big family in the Woman's Union.

## NEW MISSIONARY EDUCATION CHAIRMAN

Our new and very capable Missionary Education Chairman is Mrs. Albert E. Reddig of Cathay, North Dakota. She and her committee will soon begin to edit a series of programs and missionary helps for an entire year, to be made available by the summer of 1953.

Whenever new officers and committee chairmen take up their duties following a General Conference, time is required to set up the new organization. Such is the case concerning our new Missionary Education Committee. Following the 1949 General Conference at Sioux Falls, your newly appointed committee worked under great pressure to produce the original Program Packet before the end of the year. Experience has taught us that such a big and difficult task takes time and careful planning. To off-set this problem, a smaller emergency program packet will be edited and made available by January 1, 1953. It will tide over that period until the new committee has prepared its work. Henceforth it will then be edited yearly, to be ready in summer so you may plan your work, beginning in fall.

We are sincerely grateful to Mrs. Reddig for her willingness to serve her Lord and our women as chairman of our Missionary Education Committee. Many of you may remember her as the very efficient secretary of the National Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union during the time when Mr. Ed Marklein was the president.





## FROM THE FIELD

## Pacific Conference

## Sessions of the Pacific Northwest Woman's Missionary Union at Odessa, Washington

The Woman's Missionary Union of the Pacific Northwest Association met for its annual business meeting on Friday, October 17, at Odessa, Wash., during which Mrs. F. E. Klein of Colfax, Wash., president, and Mrs. W. Berkan of Spokane, Wash., secretary and treasurer, were re-elected for the ensuing year. From the different reports we learned that our women have not been idle during the past year.

That same afternoon our annual program was held which had many highlights. One was the memorial service by Mrs. F. E. Klein in memory of five sisters who had gone to be with the Lord in the past year.

The unique topic, "God has not called me to go, but I can pray, I can give, and I can work," was considered respectively by Mrs. P. Krueger of Colfax, Mrs. E. Biebelheimer of Tacoma, and Mrs. B. Schmidt of Spokane. Mrs. C. Meth of Odessa gave a report on the Bamenda Colony and some interesting excerpts from Laura Reddig's letters. These messages were a real challenge to us as workers here at home. Many more special numbers and readings were given to make the program more inspirational.

The dues of the societies and the offering amounted to the sum of \$139.00, which was given for the work among the lepers and the work in Japan.

The devotions by Mrs. A. Krueger of Colfax climaxed the successful afternoon. The Lord is greatly to be praised for this.

Mrs. W. Berkan, Secretary.

## Missionary, Anniversary and Stewardship Services at Los Angeles' Fifteenth Street Church

A busy schedule for fall and winter activities is now in full swing at the Fifteenth Street Baptist Church of Los Angeles, California. An especially happy event was the visit of "our missionaries on furlough," the Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Goodman, on Sunday, September 28. For many of us, it was our first meeting with them and their sincerity won the heart of everyone.

In the morning, Mr. Goodman spoke to the adult class explaining the methods of teaching in the field. During the morning worship service he gave an informative account depicting the

missionary's life as it is lived there in dark Africa. After the sermon believers' baptism was administered to four young converts. We have had the joy of welcoming them, as well as two families who recently came from Europe, into our fellowship.

In the afternoon, the young people met for a CBY program under the leadership of Mrs. Alice Marangi. Again, we were privileged to hear from Missionary Goodman, who was the guest speaker. A fine offering was given which was designated for the mission work in the Cameroons.

Thursday, October 2, was a great day for the ladies as they met for their traditional birthday luncheon. The Missionary Society, under the guidance of Mrs. Elizabeth Mittelstedt, president, definitely upholds the old adage, "A woman's work is never done." After a busy White Cross session, a delicious luncheon was served.

The program which followed was centered entirely around the theme "Flowers." We, who live in a climate where we can enjoy flowers the year around, feel that they are truly one of "God's Miracles of Life."

On Sunday, October 12, the CBY held its anniversary program in conjunction with the denominational stewardship program. After the morning worship, we gathered in the lower auditorium for a "Pot-Luck Dinner" served under the auspices of the CBY of which Mrs. Margaret Stark was the chairman. We were privileged to have the Rev. Emanuel Wolff, denominational representative of the stewardship program, as our guest for the afternoon.

At 2:00 P.M., Mr. Walter Heiman, our faithful president, opened the meeting by leading a lively "singspiration." Mrs. Alice Marangi favored us with a beautiful soprano solo entitled, "Jesus Gives Me A Song." We heard the yearly reports of progress made by Mrs. Ruth Schadick, secretary, and Mrs. Esther Johnston, treasurer. We then heard a stirring message by Mr. Wolff challenging us as Christians to be faithful stewards by giving our tithes, time and talents to the Lord.

Mrs. Esther Johnston, Reporter.

## Reception for Rev. and Mrs. Robert Schreiber by Temple Church, Lodi, Calif.

On Sunday evening, September 21, we of the Temple Baptist Church of Lodi, Calif., held a reception for our new pastor and family, the Rev. and Mrs. Robert Schreiber, Carol and Frederick, who came to us from the

Foster Avenue Baptist Church in Chicago, Illinois.

Mr. August Auch, moderator, had charge of the following program: organ prelude by Mrs. Aimee Sawatsky; reading of Scripture by the Rev. G. G. Rauser; choral anthem by the Temple Baptist Choir; prayer by the Rev. W. W. Knauf of Elk Grove; welcome to the Ministerial Association of Lodi by the Rev. W. F. Ratzlaff; welcome to the California Association by the Rev. W. W. Knauf; welcome to the Pacific Conference by the Rev. G. G. Rauser; musical number by a Ladies' Trio composed of Mrs. Virginia Mauch, Mrs. Elvera Bullington and Mrs. Leona Corrington.

The welcome to the Temple Church was expressed for the Board of Deacons by Mr. D. J. Weigum, for the Board of Trustees by Mr. J. J. Schmiedt, for the Sunday School by Mr. Wm. Hildenbrand, for the Woman's Missionary Society by Mrs. Aimee Sawatsky, for the Men's Brotherhood by Mr. Arnold Mauch, for the Choir by Mr. C. R. Lohr, and for the young people by Miss Arlene Sjosten. The gracious response by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Schreiber followed.

On Sunday, September 28, a pot-luck dinner was served at 1:30 o'clock in the church patio for members and friends of the church. After the dinner time was spent in Christian fellowship. May the Lord richly bless his work here as pastor and church work together for his Kingdom.

Mrs. Pauline Gigax, Church Clerk.

## Dakota Conference

## Harvest and Mission Festival and Evangelistic Meetings at Baptist Church, Plevna, Montana

On Sunday, Oct. 5th, the Plevna Baptist Church of Plevna, Mont., held its Harvest and Mission Festival with the Rev. E. P. Wahl, president of our Christian Training Institute at Edmonton, Canada, as our guest speaker, who challenged us to greater loyalty and service to Christ in his morning and afternoon messages. In the afternoon the children of the Sunday School rendered a fine program of songs and recitations. The choir also enhanced both services with suitable anthems. The total mission offerings amounted to \$5,186.33 which made our hearts rejoice, especially since crops around here averaged only about 3½ bushels per acre.

Our evangelistic campaign began the following Monday evening, Oct. 6th, and continued until the 17th, with the Rev. E. P. Wahl as our evangelist. The Lord blessed us richly as we gathered in large numbers night after night and had fellowship together in God's Word, in prayer and in testimony. Five precious souls were saved, three of whom have recently come from Europe.

As a church, we are deeply grateful to Brother Wahl for his rich spiritual messages and consecrated service in our midst. All praise and honor to our Savior and Lord for his manifold blessings!

G. Beutler, Pastor.

## Ordination Service for the Rev. Christ Weintz at Aberdeen, South Dakota

Sunday, October 26, was another red letter day for the Calvary Baptist Church of Aberdeen, South Dakota. This was the day they had set aside to have the ordination of their newly called pastor, Mr. Christ Weintz. To sit in council they had invited the following churches: Corona, S. Dak.; Eureka, S. Dak.; Lehr, N. Dak.; Ashley, N. Dak.; Venturia, North Dakota. Seventeen members comprised the council, and Dr. George A. Lang was invited to sit in on the council.

The service began shortly after 2:30 P.M. with the Rev. J. J. Renz leading the devotion. The organizing of the council then followed with the Rev. J. J. Renz as moderator and the Rev. Raymond Dickau as secretary. The candidate was called on to give his testimony concerning his conversion, call to the ministry and doctrinal statements. The candidate gave his testimony in a clear, concise and convincing manner, so that the council was very well satisfied. After a short deliberation, the council recommended to the church that it proceed with the ordination service as planned.

The Aberdeen church was a fine host to all the visiting guests, and a delicious supper was enjoyed by all in the dining room of their church. The service was held in the beautiful Civic Auditorium in Aberdeen. The platform was beautifully decorated with palms and seasonal flowers.

After a short prelude the ordination service proper began, with Mr. Renz as chairman. The choir from the church, a male quartet and ladies' trio enhanced the evening service. Dr. George A. Lang from our North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., brought a timely and challenging message based on Mark 3:14-15. The ordination prayer was offered by the Rev. H. Lohr of Corona, S. Dak., the hand of fellowship was extended by the Rev. R. Klein of Aberdeen, S. Dak., the charge to the candidate by the Rev. Raymond Dickau of Venturia, N. Dak., and the charge to the church by the Rev. J. J. Renz of Ashley, North Dakota.

After singing the doxology, the Rev. Christ Weintz closed the service with pronouncing the benediction.

R. F. Dickau, Secretary.

## Program Activities and Renewed Interest at the Spring Valley Church, Canistota, South Dakota

We of the Spring Valley Baptist Church near Canistota, S. Dak., are rejoicing because of the renewed interest and increased attendance in our church since the Rev. Eldon Seibold has become our pastor.

Our mid-week prayer meetings have been resumed and are well attended. At these meetings we also have an interesting Bible study period, led by the pastor. A choir has been started and although several of our young people are away at school, the CBY is active, meets regularly and recently gave a fine program.

We now have departmental exercises in Sunday School and the Scripture Memory Courses have been undertaken. New draperies and curtains are brightening the classrooms in the basement.

Our Ladies' Mission Circle takes up a helpful project each month and the women have made many donations, such as food for the Seminary, used clothing for the needy, and White Cross supplies for African missions.

A gift of some new folding chairs has been gratefully received in memory of Robert Rand. The men of the church did a fine job of remodeling the church steeple, since it was struck by lightning last summer. The parsonage has also undergone some changes. The entire house was redecorated, several of the maple floors were sanded and refinished, and a new automatic gas furnace was installed. The kitchen has been beautified with new plaster, woodwork, inlaid linoleum, steel cabinets, and even a donation of a new refrigerator!

We are sorry that one of our most active families, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Tschetter, Loren and Sylvia, are leaving us to move to California. A farewell was held for them October 9, and they were presented with a picture for their home as a remembrance.

Mrs. John G. Buseman, Reporter.

## Baptismal Service and Rally Day at the Plum Creek Church of South Dakota

On Sunday, June 22, the congregation of the Plum Creek Baptist Church, near Emery, S. Dak., with visitors and friends gathered at Lake Hanson for their morning worship service. The Rev. Adolph Braun, pastor, based his sermonette on Roman 6:1-10 after which he walked into the water with eight converts who openly confessed Jesus as their personal Savior and joyfully testified to that truth by following Christ's example in baptism.

At our evening service as the church gathered around the Lord's table, these converts received the hand of fellowship and were heartily welcomed. Weeks prior to our baptismal service, our pastor had held special classes for the new converts, instructing them in what the Scriptures teach concerning salvation, baptism, communion, service and giving.

During our pastor's absence in August we were privileged to have Mr. Leroy Schauer, a student at our seminary in Sioux Falls, and also Dr. George A. Lang in our midst. On Friday evening, Aug. 15, the Avon CBY rendered a fine program in our church. The week following the religious film, "You Can't Win," was shown. We are also happy to report that our church has raised our pastor's salary \$600.00.

We had a large attendance on Rally Day. The church was beautifully decorated with flowers, fruits and vegetables, again reminding us of the bountiful harvest and the Lord's goodness toward us this past year. A fine program was given with each Sunday School class responsible for a special number and a sermonette by our pastor. The offering amounted to \$381.78.

On Oct. 26th Dr. Ralph E. Powell brought the message at both our morn-

ing and evening services. On Oct. 30th the Rev. Frank Veninga was with us to speak to us on the subject of stewardship. The Rev. James DeLoach of Avon will be with us during the first two weeks in December for special evangelistic meetings.

As a church we are looking forward to great spiritual blessings, as we pray and labor together with our beloved pastor, wife and family.

Mrs. Herbert Decker, Reporter.

## Church Dedication and Harvest and Mission Festival at Hebron, North Dakota

The First Baptist Church of Hebron, N. Dak., has had a busy summer and fall. As soon as our farmers had finished their spring work, the building project, which we had been planning for some time, became a reality. In 1948 the original church building on our Antelope Station field was moved into town and attached to the church building in town. We thought then we would have plenty of room for years to come, but we soon found that we were short of room, and at times it was quite inconvenient to make room for all who came to our services.

We have now added another fine addition to our church building, and now have a gallery to accommodate a good group of people, a separate room for our mothers and babies, a coat room and considerable additional auditorium space, with a basement for the full length of our building, all at a total cost of over \$10,000. Now we feel that we have sufficient room for years to come.

On the first Sunday of October, we dedicated the new church building to the Lord, and at the same time, we had our Harvest, Thanksgiving and Mission Festival. The Rev. R. Schilke, mission secretary, was our guest speaker, and he served us well with three sermons, a talk to the Sunday School, and an illustrated talk on our mission field in Japan. We were glad to get better acquainted with Mr. Schilke, since this was his first visit to Hebron. It was a nice day, and he had the privilege of speaking to a packed house, and we are sure he will long remember Hebron. The women of the church had prepared a "Liebesmahl" for all in our enlarged church basement, and the blessed fellowship was enjoyed by all. The offerings for missions and the building fund for the day were over \$4,500.

The following Monday night was the beginning of an evangelistic campaign for two weeks, with the Rev. J. J. Renz of Ashley, N. Dak., serving as the evangelist. Mr. Renz and our pastor and wife, Rev. and Mrs. C. T. Remple, were busy beavers during these two weeks, making daily visits to many homes. The Lord was gracious to us, and the hopes and prayers of our people in Hebron were not in vain, so we can report that about twelve people were saved during the campaign. We are now looking forward to a baptismal service. May the Lord bless and keep the new converts, and may the church in Hebron continue to grow, both in numbers and spiritually.

I. E. Giedt, Correspondent.



### Badlands Sunday School Convention & Commissioned Baptist Youth Rally at McIntosh, S. Dak.

The Badlands Sunday School Convention was held at the McIntosh Baptist Church of McIntosh, S. Dak., from October 24 to 26 with the Rev. E. S. Fenske, of Herreid, S. Dak., as guest speaker. Everyone present was truly inspired by the speaker's wonderful messages.

The convention theme was "The Purpose of the Sunday School" which was very well explained in lectures on "Preach the Word," "Stress the Value of the Soul," "Train Them for Service," and "The Needs of the Sunday School."

The pastors participating during the convention were Norman Miller, Bernard Fritzke, Emil Becker, G. Beutler, Otto Lohse, E. Gutsche, A. G. Rietdorf and Herbert Vetter. The local choir and ladies' chorus rendered several musical numbers.

The officers elected for the coming year are: president, Rev. N. Miller; vice-president, Rev. H. Vetter; secretary-treasurer, Rev. B. R. Fritzke; Scripture memorization worker, Rev. G. Beutler.

On Sunday afternoon the Badlands CBY Rally was held with President Leo Tritz in charge. Churches answering roll call with a special number were Isabel, Selfridge, Hettinger, McLaughlin, Vida, McIntosh and New Leipzig. Bison was also represented. Mr. Fenske addressed the group with a very challenging message.

The Lord was good to us and richly blessed us and we look forward to future blessings with his help and guidance.

Mrs. Ruben Brenner, Reporter.

### South Dakota Association at the First Baptist Church, Chancellor, South Dakota

A happy and blessed time was enjoyed by delegates, visitors and friends of the South Dakota Association at the First Baptist Church, Chancellor, S. Dak., from October 6 to 8. Repeatedly one heard the remark, "I am really inspired and challenged by the splendid messages in word and song." May this result in faithful service for Christ!

The theme was, "Walking in the Light," based on John 8:12. The pastors and one layman of the Association served ably in leading the devotions and in presenting the four topics: "Jesus the Light," "Coming to the Light," "Walking in the Light" and "Reflecting the Light." Our guest speaker, the Rev. Edwin Miller of Cleveland, Ohio, brought challenging messages to capacity attendances at the Youth Rally on Tuesday evening and at the closing service on Wednesday evening. The sessions were interspersed with musical interludes by three of the churches, which was a new item on the program that met with real success.

Officers for the new year are: moderator, Rev. Walter Stein; vice-moderator, Rev. James DeLoach; secretary, Rev. Walter Sukut; treasurer, Mr. Ed. Juecht. We are indeed appreciative of

the fine hospitality shown and delicious meals served by the host church and its new pastor and family, the Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Beatty.

Richard A. Grenz, Reporter.

### Harvest Festival and Stewardship Service at Baptist Church, Bismarck, North Dakota

On Sunday October 19th, the Bismarck Baptist Church, Bismarck, N. Dak., celebrated its annual Harvest and Mission Festival. The Rev. Alfred Weisser, pastor of the churches of Parkston and Tripp, S. Dak., was the guest speaker. To many of us this day is still a mountain-top experience in the life of the church each year. Friends from neighboring churches often come to participate in the blessings of the day. We were happy to see the church filled with the members of the church and many friends who had come in great expectation. They were not to be disappointed.

In the morning message, Mr. Weisser reminded us of the many blessings we had received out of the hand of our God in the past year. We had to say, "Yea and Amen," for God had truly been good to us. In the evening message Mr. Weisser had been instructed to present the denominational program of stewardship which had been adopted at the General Conference in Philadelphia. He showed us, based on the word of God, that we are to be faithful stewards, and that we show our faithfulness by giving to God his share of our money, time and talents.

Our people were moved to give a generous offering so that we were able to lay \$1,503.13 upon the altar. This was the highest mission offering ever received in the history of our church. We are happy over this willingness to give on the part of our people. The visible results of God's blessing are in evidence in many ways.

With the first Sunday of October of this year, we began our eighth year of ministry in this church. We can only say with the Psalmist, "Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits" (Psalm 103:1-2).

Our sincere thanks to Mr. Weisser and his churches of Parkston and Tripp for the ministry rendered to us, and may God bless them as they continue to work together.

Edward Kary, Pastor.

### Northern Conference

### Musical Program by the Baptist Church Choir at Trochu, Alberta, Canada

The Baptist Church choir of Trochu, Alta., under the direction of Mr. Adam Yost, presented an inspiring program of song and music in the Trochu Baptist Church on Sunday evening, September 14. The church was beautifully decorated with many floral bouquets which set the atmosphere for praise and thanksgiving.

The program consisted of anthems, a men's chorus, a ladies' chorus, vocal trio, piano duet, and a musical reading. Several of the anthems were based

on Scripture passages which our pastor, the Rev. D. Berg, read before the anthems were presented.

The choir in its many years of service has received many blessings, and we pray that the Lord may continue to bless us as a choir as we serve the Lord in song and music.

Mrs. M. W. Falkenberg, Reporter.

### Thanksgiving and Harvest Festival at Baptist Chapel on the Montana Indian Reserve

Thanksgiving on the Indian Montana Reserve of Alberta, Canada, served a twofold purpose. Through recital and singing by the children, hymn singing by the congregation, the reading of God's Word and prayer by the missionary our attention was directed to the abundance of God's bounty and to the Lord Jesus through whom all this and more was made possible.

About 11:00 A.M. on Sunday, Oct. 26, the Indians gathered for their Thanksgiving worship and children's program. Upon entering the church, they were greeted with the inscription made from beautiful, God-colored autumn leaves, GIVE THANKS TO GOD. At the same time they looked upon the table decorated before the platform with the abundance of God's produce of the earth. The open Cree Bible was the center attraction of the blessings assembled.

The church was full. Women sat on one side and the men on the other. The children occupied the front benches. The service opened with the Doxology in English and in Cree after which a brief prayer of thanks was offered by Missionary R. Neuman. Together with the missionary the children joined in a short prayer which was taught to them by Miss Twila Bartz years ago.

The announcements for the week were then given and the program followed. The program material used was that sent to us from headquarters and arranged by Dr. Martin Leuschner. Verses of welcome, praise and thanks sharing, giving, harvest, prayer and many more verses were presented by the children. A duet by Ida and Rosie Crier was rendered. Yes, how thankful we were for that number! After the children presented the program, Mr. John Cattleman was asked to express himself on behalf of the Christian fathers who were present.

Mrs. Bella Potts spoke for herself and on behalf of the women. She had many things for which to thank God, such as this place of worship, for the produce of the gardens and fields, evidences of which we saw on the table.

What a day of praise and thanksgiving to God! Not all could voice their thanks verbally, but many did so with their gifts when the special offering was taken. We gathered for the furtherance of God's Kingdom the sum of \$5.26. The message of Thanksgiving followed by Missionary Neuman.

The day of thanksgiving came to a close as the congregation sang, "O Happy Day," followed by the pronouncement of the benediction.

R. Neuman, Reporter.

### Reception for Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Kraenzler by the First Church, Leduc, Alberta

On Sunday, Oct. 5, it was our joy at the First Baptist Church of Leduc, Alta., to welcome the Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Kraenzler into our midst. In the morning Mr. Kraenzler brought his first message to a large and receptive audience. A fine time of fellowship was then enjoyed around the tables in the church basement as refreshments were served by the ladies of the church.

The afternoon program was under the leadership of one of our deacons, Mr. E. Kern. The orchestra played while Mr. Bill Peters led the congregation in the singing of several fitting hymns.

Words of welcome were spoken in behalf of the church by Mr. R. Grabia. Bernhard Fillenberg welcomed the Kraenzlers in behalf of the Sunday School and Mrs. A. Frederick represented the Primary Department of the Sunday School, at which time the boys and girls sang a medley of choruses. Mrs. E. Kern represented the Woman's Missionary Union; Mr. Gus Miller the choir organization; Mr. O. Jabs the Brotherhood; Marvin Grabia the young people's group; and Mrs. O. Jabs the Sewing Circle. Mr. Ewald Price spoke words of welcome in behalf of our church station, Clover Lawn.

A special number was rendered by each of the mixed, male and ladies' choirs. A duet and a trio also helped to enrich the service.

Our visiting pastors from the neighboring churches also spoke words of welcome. We were happy to have with us the Rev. and Mrs. Henry Schatz from the Temple Church of Leduc; the Rev. and Mrs. E. A. Hoffmann from Wiesenhal; and Rev. and Mrs. R. Schmidt from the McKernan Baptist Church of Edmonton, as well as many visiting friends. Both Mr. and Mrs. Kraenzler responded to the words of welcome.

As a token of love toward our new pastor and his wife, the ladies of the church had stocked the parsonage pantry with most of the necessities, prior to their arrival. May God richly bless and use Mr. and Mrs. Kraenzler in our midst as we labor together with them for the cause of Christ.

Mrs. R. Ohlmann, Reporter.

### Song Festival by the Southern Alberta Tri Union at Olds Town Hall

On Sunday afternoon, October 19, the churches of the Southern Alberta Tri Union assembled at the Town Hall of Olds, Alta., for their annual Song Festival. The Rev. E. Faul of the Bridgeland Baptist Church, Calgary, was the chairman, and the service was opened by the singing of several choruses under the leadership of Rev. J. G. Rott of Carbon, Alberta.

The choir of Olds was the first to render a number, it being entitled, "We Come." This was followed by the first number of the mass choir, which was a combination of all choirs present. Under the capable directing of Mr. Robert Neske, director of music at

Miss Eleanor Weisenburger, Camerons missionary, and women's leaders of the Faith Baptist Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Left to right: Mrs. Duemke, Women's Missionary Board; Mrs. Fluth, Dorcas Society; Eleanor Weisenburger; Mrs. Adam Huber, pastor's wife; Mrs. Adam, Woman's Missionary Society; and Mrs. Firtko, Mary-Martha Club.



### Northwestern Conference

### Missionary Service With Eleanor Weisenburger at the Faith Baptist Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Vacation days have vanished too quickly and the crisp fall weather has found the activities of the Faith Baptist Church of Minneapolis, Minn., renewed with fresh enthusiasm under the capable leadership of our pastor, the Rev. Adam Huber.

On Sunday, September 28, our pastor had the joy of baptizing one adult who was eager to follow his Lord all the way. The attendance at all of our services has shown an encouraging increase. Our Sunday School classes are meeting in their new rooms, but our sanctuary is not quite finished.

Over a year ago our church resolved to adopt Miss Eleanor Weisenburger as our missionary. On Sunday, October 5, we had the privilege of welcoming her into our church family and becoming better acquainted. Her morning message was a challenge to all of us and we were won by her sincerity and winsome personality. In the afternoon the women of the church honored Miss Weisenburger with a tea at which time personal gifts were presented to her. This time of fellowship will long be remembered for she

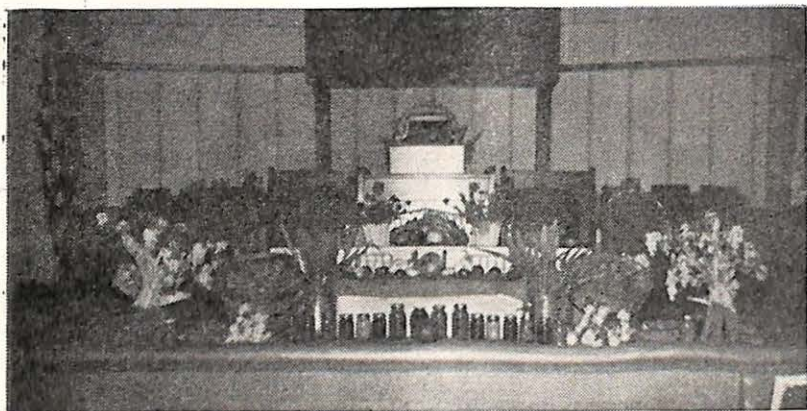
Estella Schell, Reporter.



The East Olds Baptist Church near Olds, Alta., on the Sunday morning of the Southern Alberta Tri Union Song Festival as the large crowd of people began to arrive.



related many experiences and displayed native trinkets and African handwork. Her interesting pictures were shown at the CBY service. In the evening service the women's organizations were in charge. An informal round-table panel discussion, in which five people participated, proved to be very informative. They asked questions pertaining to a missionary's work in the Cameroons. She answered these questions giving us a clear picture of the missionaries' problems and life in Africa.



The decorations for the Harvest and Mission Festival in the Cottonwood Baptist Church near Lorena, Texas.

A few weeks ago our church observed "Family Night." After a delicious supper an informal program was presented. We had invited students from our conference churches of neighboring states who study at various institutions of learning in the Twin Cities for the fellowship. A number of them participated in the program with musical selections. Our Junior Church Choir sang, and reports on the financial status of the church were given to stimulate interest.

We anticipate continued blessings as we work together to win the lost and help to build God's Kingdom in our own land and across the sea.

Doris Adam, Asst. Church Clerk.

### Woman's Missionary Union of the Iowa Association Meets at Elgin, Iowa

The Woman's Missionary Union of the Iowa Association met for its annual meeting on Wednesday evening, Oct. 8th, in connection with the association sessions.

We had an inspiring program of music and devotions, followed by an impressive message given by our missionary from the Cameroons, Miss Eleanor Weisenburger, who gave a heart warming challenge to all present. A short talk was also given by Lavonna Lee from Buffalo Center, Iowa, missionary in Africa. The new ministers' wives were welcomed into the Union by the president, Mrs. Sherman.

The following officers were elected: president, Mrs. Harm Sherman, Applington, Iowa; vice-president, Mrs. Deane Folkerts, Buffalo Center, Iowa; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. Louis Muller, Victor, Iowa. An offering was taken for missionary purposes.

Mrs. F. D. DeVries, Secretary.

### Southern Conference

#### October's Activities and Programs for the Cottonwood Baptist Church, Near Lorena, Texas

October was a busy month for the Cottonwood Baptist Church near Lorena, Texas. The Woman's Missionary Union had charge of the Wednesday evening prayer service, observing the Week of Prayer and putting emphasis

on the "Call of the West" to Texas Baptists. The program presented by the women showed us the great needs of these people for our help in prayers and offerings. The offering for this great cause was \$120.55. The Woman's Union met in the home of Mrs. Clifton Kraemer of Waco one afternoon to work on our White Cross project. We made bandages and baby gowns for our hospitals.

Sunday, Oct. 12, was Laymen's Day in our church. All phases of the services for the day was led by the men of our church. The personal testimony of two of our young men brought again the realization that the young people love God and are filling their places of service. Mr. M. O. Cheek brought the morning message on Hebrews 11:32 and Judges 11. Mr. Edwin Gummelt of Waco spoke to us at the evening service. He said: "Count it a privilege to stand up and be counted for Jesus."

On Sunday, Oct. 19, we observed Harvest and Mission Day. The elementary department, under the leadership of Mrs. Ted Nehring, rendered a fine program of songs and readings. The Junior boys, featuring different men of the Bible, told us why they choose them as examples. The Intermediate boys and girls presented, "The Festival of First Fruits." The stage was beautifully decorated with different products, showing the bountiful harvest which God has given us. The Rev. J. O. Zillen, our pastor, brought the message, reminding us to be fruitful for God and to give thanks for all blessings, especially spiritual ones. The offering was \$77.42.

All our activities at this time are centered on our coming Brotherhood revival. We are working and praying for its success, and we ask for your prayers.

Mrs. H. D. Lynn, Reporter.

### Central Conference

#### Fiftieth Anniversary Program of the Ogden Park Baptist Church, Chicago, Illinois

Already before 1899, the former First German Baptist Church of Chicago, Ill., established an extension work on the south side of that city. During that year the Rev. C. A. Hoeman, a graduate of the Rochester Theological Seminary, was called to become the pastor of a group of fifty people.

Three years later this brave band of God's children was organized as a church, and in 1904 through the generosity of the First Church, was able to secure a church property corner at Fifth Avenue and 27th Street. The church became known as the Fifth Avenue Baptist Church.

During the Rev. Benjamin Graf's pastorate (1907-1911), a Sunday School work was begun farther south, near 66th Street and Sangamon Street. This was made possible through financial assistance from our Home Mission Society. When the Rev. Peter Geisler came to be the next pastor in 1912, he was informed that Chicago was "a sinful city." Taking ill, he was compelled to leave the pastorate during the following year.

The Rev. Otto E. Hauser came the same year and at once, with the encouragement of the Rev. Jacob Maier, sought to transfer full church activities into the neighborhood of the established Sunday School. This aspiration became a reality, when in February 1914 the present building, located on property corner Aberdeen Street and Marquette Road, was dedicated. Henceforth, the congregation was known as the Englewood German Baptist Church.

The Rev. Otto E. Hauser accepted a call the following year to the Immanuel Church, Milwaukee, Wis., and in December 1915, the same year, the Rev. Hans Steiger became the much beloved shepherd of the flock. His ministry during the World War I era was highly appreciated.

With the coming of the Rev. E. R. Lengfeld in March 1923, the need for English services became acute. At first only one Sunday evening per month was set aside; then two meetings were conducted in the English language. Later, also the summer morning services were turned into English. Shortly after the arrival of his successor, the Rev. Leonard Gittings in March 1937, it was decided to discontinue all German services and change the name of the church to the Ogden Park Baptist Church.

The Rev. Stanley F. Geis became the spiritual leader in January 1940. The church began to prosper spiritually and it was possible to make the work self-supporting. During the ministry of the Rev. Roy Anderson (1946-1948), the congregation modernized the auditorium, and put in a new oil heating system. When the Rev. John H. Vanderbeck, graduate from our seminary, came in June 1948, all thought it would be a long and happy pastorate. (Continued on Page 24)

## Obituary

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

#### MR. FERDINAND REMUS of Arnprior, Ontario, Canada.

Mr. Ferdinand Remus of Arnprior, Ont., was born in Lyndock Township, Ont., on April 18, 1871. When a young man he moved to Arnprior and lived here approximately 60 years. For over 35 years, until his retirement in May 1936, he was section foreman on the railroad.

Mr. Remus was united in marriage to Anna Louise Heise on May 1, 1895. His wife preceded him in death on Aug. 25, 1943. This union was blessed with 12 children—four sons and eight daughters. Six of the children also preceded their father in death.

Mr. Remus passed on to be with his Lord—unexpectedly—on Wednesday, October 8th, at 8:20 P.M., while resting at home at the age of 81 years.

He leaves to mourn his departure: one son, August Remus of Timmons, Ont.; five daughters: Mrs. Freiday of Brockville, Ont.; Mrs. Sproule and Mrs. Davy of Ottawa; Mrs. Strike of Arnprior; Mrs. Neuman of Timmons, Ont.; four brothers: John Remus of Arnprior; William, Fred, and Herman Remus of Lyndock, Ont.; two sisters: Mrs. C. Kauffeldt of Arnprior, and Lena Remus of Lyndock; also 16 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren; and a host of friends.

Mr. Remus was a faithful member of First Baptist Church and an honorary deacon for many years.

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord!"

Arnprior, Ontario, Canada  
WALTER SCHMIDT, Pastor.

#### MRS. KATHERINE HELM of Lodi, California.

Mrs. Katherine Helm, nee Kroll, of Lodi, Calif., was born Nov. 9, 1873 in South Russia. In 1882 she came to this country and made her first home in Eureka, South Dakota. In 1892 she came to Cathay, N. Dak., and lived on the farm for 31 years. In 1923 she came to Lodi, Calif., and spent the rest of her years here, except for the last eight years which she spent in Sacramento, Calif., to be near her children.

In 1892, on Feb. 23rd, she joined hands in marriage with Mr. Fred Helm, who preceded her in death in 1941. Sixteen children were born to them, of whom three preceded their mother in death. Our departed sister was converted while still a young woman and baptized on the profession of her faith, thereupon uniting with the Baptist Church. Since coming to Lodi in 1923 she was a loyal member of the First Baptist Church here. Our sister was very active in church work, in the Missionary Society and wherever she could serve the Lord.

The last few months she suffered from heart trouble, which also caused her death. She passed away on Oct. 13, 1952, at 8:30 A.M., quickly and unexpectedly but not unprepared, ready to meet her Lord and Savior. She reached the age of 78 years, 11 months and 4 days.

She is survived by 13 children: Mrs. Lydia Pohl, Mrs. Mary Linzmier, Mrs. Katharina Schmidt, Rudolph Helm, all of Sacramento, Calif.; Gust Helm of Seattle, Wash.; Fred Helm and Mrs. Martha Seibolt of Cathay, N. Dak.; Mrs. Elizabeth Pfeifer of Linton, N. Dak.; Mrs. Dorothy Schnabel, Venturia, N. Dak.; Frank Helm, Livermore, Calif.; Ernest Helm, Alturas, Calif.; Clifford Helm of Mankota, Minn.; and Adolph Helm of Victor, California. She leaves one brother, Mr. Jacob Knoll of Lodi, Calif., and one sister, Mrs. Christian Bender, Venturia, N. Dak.; 37 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren; besides many other relatives and friends.

"Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord, Yea, saith the Spirit, that they rest

from their labor and their works do follow them."

First Baptist Church,  
Lodi, California  
G. G. RAUSER, Pastor.

#### MRS. ANNA MARGARET WEBER of Burlington, Iowa.

Mrs. Anna Margaret Weber of Burlington, Iowa, was born June 22, 1848 in Sondelfingen, Wuerttemberg, Germany, and died October 11, 1952 at the age of 104 years, 3 months and 19 days. She with her parents, one sister and three brothers came to America, arriving in Burlington, Iowa, on July 3, 1864. Three brothers came at an earlier date.

Henry Weber and Anna Margaret Schenk were married on August 6, 1871 in Pleasant Grove, Iowa. In 1893 the family moved to Memphis, Mo., where the husband died in 1896. Mrs. Weber, with two daughters and one grandson, returned to Burlington in 1915. Her conversion took place at an early age and she was confirmed in the Lutheran Church when a young girl.

Upon the renewal and confession of her faith and baptism by Rev. Otto E. Krueger, she became a member of the Oak Street Baptist Church of Burlington, in December 1921. Our sister had a very pleasant disposition and was a devout Christian and true follower of her Lord and Master.

Her family was blessed by the following children: Mathilde Weber, who died at the age of 4; Mrs. Katherine Weber Smith, who died in 1939; surviving are John H. Weber, Clara Weber and Anna M. E. Weber, all of Burlington, Iowa; and Oscar W. Weber of Keokuk, Iowa; also six grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren survive. Her two daughters, Clara and Anna, members of our church, took good care of their mother for many years.

In the absence of our minister, the undersigned held the funeral service in our church. The text was Luke 10:20: "In this rejoice not that the spirits are subject unto you, but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven."

Oak Street Baptist Church,  
Burlington, Iowa

PHILIPP LAUER, Correspondent.

#### MRS. GESINA TREINIES of Platte Center, Nebraska.

Mrs. Gesina Treinies of Platte Center, Neb., was born May 20, 1883 in Germany and died after a lingering illness on October 18, 1952 in the Lutheran Hospital, Columbus, Neb., at the age of 69 years, 4 months and 28 days. At the age of 41 years, she awakened to God's provision of salvation for her in Christ, and was baptized by the Rev. H. Koch, becoming a member of the Shell Creek Baptist Church.

She came to America with her family when she was still a small child, and settled in Platte County, Nebraska. On October 28, 1907 her life was given in marriage to Mr. Anton Treinies. This union was blessed with four children. The family farmed near Platte Center for many years, and for the last 14 years the pair lived in the town of Platte Center. Mr. Treinies passed away September 9, 1952.

There remain to mourn her passing: one daughter, Mrs. Gust Lange, Platte Center; three sons: John of Columbus, Raymond of St. Edward, and Edward of Mound, Minn.; two brothers: William Meyer, Corvallis, Ore.; and Fred Meyer of Naples, Idaho; three sisters: Mrs. Fred Blesser, Platte Center; Mrs. George Scheidel and Mrs. O. S. Rowell, both of Portland, Ore.; also eleven grandchildren. May the Lord bring comfort to the heart of his children!

Shell Creek Baptist Church,  
Columbus, Nebraska

PAUL T. HUNSICKER, Pastor.

#### MR. JOHN BERNDT of Tyndall, South Dakota.

Mr. John Berndt of Tyndall, S. Dak., son of Ephraim and Sophy Berndt, was born on June 9, 1897 in Bon Homme County and died very suddenly as a result of a truck-tractor collision on October 18, 1952 at the age of 55.

John Berndt accepted Christ as his personal Savior in 1916, was baptized by Rev. J. Reichert and became a member of the Tyndall Baptist Church of which he was a faithful member until his departure.

Brother Berndt was a faithful and willing worker in the Lord's vineyard, he was always ready to shoulder his share of responsibility in church and community. He will be missed by his many friends and neighbors.

On August 1, 1922 he was married to Edith Pritzkau and this Christian marriage was blessed with five children. During the first World War, John Berndt served in the American Army overseas from 1918 to 1919 in the 35th division.

Our brother leaves to mourn: his wife; two sons: Arnold and Clifton; three daughters: Mrs. Parson, Mrs. Winkler; Mrs. Dewey Britton, all of Tyndall; six brothers: William of Eagle Butte, S. Dak.; Emil of Cheyenne, S. Dak.; Albert of Wolf Point, Mont.; Arthur of Tyndall, S. Dak.; Ephraim of Tyndall, S. Dak.; and Lorence of Sioux Falls, S. Dak.; and one sister: Mrs. Roy Webster of Spokane, Washington. The funeral service and interment were at the Danzig Church and cemetery.

May the Lord of all comfort bless the mourners!

Tyndall, South Dakota  
WALTER STEIN, Pastor.

#### MR. FERDINAND A. FALKENBERG of Edmonton, Alberta.

Mr. Ferdinand Albert Falkenberg of Edmonton, Alta., was born in Lucinow, Russia, on December 1, 1884 and was instantly killed by a "hit-run-driver" on October 18, 1952. He had attended the Youth for Christ meeting and was returning home by bus. Stepping off the bus, he proceeded to cross the street to enter his home. A speeding car came by, giving the deceased no chance to escape from being hit.

As a lad of nine years he came to Canada with his parents. The family settled in the Leduc district where Mr. Falkenberg spend practically all his life. At the early age of eleven years he accepted the Lord Jesus as his Savior and followed him in water baptism soon thereafter. At the time of his death he was a member of the Central Baptist Church of Edmonton.

In the year of 1905 he was united in the holy bonds of matrimony with Lydia Weidmann, who proved a faithful companion and helpmate throughout all the years since that time. Four daughters and two sons were born to them.

Our departed brother leaves to mourn his untimely death his dear wife, six children, two daughters-in-law, and four sons-in-law, two sisters and a host of other relatives and friends. The Rev. J. C. Kraenzler and the Rev. E. P. Wahl spoke in German and English, respectively, at the large funeral service.

Edmonton, Alberta, Canada  
E. P. WAHL, Correspondent.

#### MR. HERMAN STOCKSIEK of Peoria, Illinois.

Mr. Herman Stocksiek of Peoria, Ill., passed on to his heavenly reward on Friday morning, October 10, after a critical illness of six days. He was born in Leer, Germany, on November 12, 1855, a son of John and Lena Stocksiek.

After coming to this country as a young man, he settled in Peoria, Ill., where he was a resident for 70 years. His marriage to Dorothy Mahlenbeck took place at Peoria in 1885 and she preceded him in death on August 29, 1946. This bond was blessed with two daughters and four sons. He retired in 1922 after being employed for 25 years with the Sandmeyer Hardware Company.

He was a very active member of the State Park Baptist Church for 68 years and for a number of years served as the church clerk. He was very faithful in church attendance until two years ago when his health began to fail. At the 100th anniversary celebration of the church in September he was the oldest church member in terms of age.

Mr. Stocksiek is survived by two daughters: Mrs. Burnett of San Diego, Calif.; Mrs. Emma Pillman of Peoria; three sons: John and Clarence, both of Peoria; Herman of Pasadena, Calif.; ten grandchildren, and eleven great-grandchildren.

State Park Baptist Church,  
Peoria, Illinois

E. B. WESNER, Pastor.



## OGDEN PARK'S ANNIVERSARY

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However, due to health, he was forced to leave Chicago during February 1950.

So when the present pastor came in September of the same year, he found an anxious group, yet willing to take courage and to carry on. And God has blessed the humble efforts of HIS own.

Such was the historical background for the Fiftieth Anniversary, held on Sunday, October 26.

The day began with a Rally Day program by the Sunday School under the genial leadership of Superintendent Otto Horn. Special greetings were brought by the Rev. Stanley F. Geis, the Rev. Otto Roth, and Mr. Edward Wuensch.

The morning worship brought us to new heights of spiritual experiences when our anniversary speaker, Mr. Geis, forcefully spoke on "This Side of Jordan," taking his guidance from Joshua 1.

The afternoon service brought added blessings. We were delighted at the strong representation from our sister churches. The cordial and festive atmosphere made it possible for our congratulatory messengers to be engaging and encouraging.

The Rev. H. R. Schroeder spoke for the East Side Church; Rev. Wm. B. Schoeffel, for the Grace Church; Mr. Walter Pankratz, for the "Mother Church," the present Foster Avenue Church; Mr. E. Schulze spoke for the Humboldt Park Church; Rev. Rubin Kern for the Forest Park Church. Special greetings were brought by Dr. Warren Young, Northern Baptist Seminary, and all were thrilled, when the moderator of the North American Baptist General Conference, Mr. Walter Grosser, presented his all inclusive

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greetings. Great joy evoked the personal greetings of Mrs. Hans Steiger, a still beloved soul here at our church and Chicago.

The main congratulatory message was given by Dr. Martin L. Leuschner, who spoke on "An Anniversary Prayer." We thanked the Lord for his Bible centered words.

Following all this, all were royally entertained by the ladies of the host church. They were very proud that everybody could be fed.

The evening service was set aside as church night. Professor Leonard Gittings, a former pastor, delivered the inspirational address. The Rev. Stanley F. Geis expressed once more his great joy in the Lord and wished us God's richest blessings for the future. Letters were read from former pastors, Rev. P. Geisler and Rev. E. R. Lengefeld. Also one written by Mrs. Benjamin Graf, Detroit, evoked much enthusiasm. All were pleased, when a telephone message from the Rev. John H. Vanderbeck, Kyle, Texas, was conveyed to the church.

Written greetings from former and present members, who are in the Christian ministry, as well from our own folks and children, who reside elsewhere, or are in the armed forces, brought much cheer. Miss Olga Justin gave an interesting report on "Ogden Park 1902-1952." It then became our privilege to view a film taken by Dr. Leuschner at the last General Conference held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He also added his own fascinating remarks which made the pictures even more interesting.

We are especially grateful for the musical contributions by the Men's Choir of the Forest Park Church under the leadership of Mr. Harold Johns; "Brother Hale" of the East Side Church; and Mrs. John Parker and Mrs. Wm. Thompson of the Ogden Park Baptist Church.

Indeed, it was a great day before the Lord. As in the past, so also in the future he will continue to build his church. John E. Grygo, Pastor.

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It is our sincere prayer that God will continue to grant us the vision and means in order to minister effectively to our young people in our Baptist Churches and communities of Austria. They are the bright future of this important mission field for Christ. May they lay hold on the eternal truths and gifts of God which will enable them to conquer all adversities and to rise above all circumstances of life!

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