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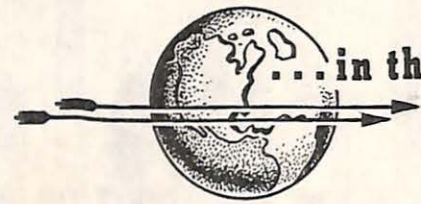
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**The Face of Jesus Christ**

Rev. C. B. Nordland

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...in the course of human events

● Thirty-three inserts of material relating to religion and religious subjects were introduced into the appendix of the Congressional Record during the first quarter of this year. The inserts were made by congressmen of both parties and of all major faiths.—Moody Monthly.

● The Jerusalem Post recently carried the news that the Weizmann plan for a canal constructed through the Negev, as an alternative to the Suez Canal, was gaining support in the British House of Commons. It was said that the cost would not be excessive.—The Pentecostal Evangel.

● Members of the Evangelical and Reformed Churches have oversubscribed a million dollar appeal for funds for the construction of new churches. The total contributions may reach one and a half million. The funds will be used for long-term, low-interest loans to new congregations. The denomination plans to establish at least ten new churches a year through the revolving loan program.—Moody Monthly.

● There are two million evangelicals in Brazil. Each of four cities has over a hundred Protestant congregations. There is great heart-hunger in that land. A student from the Presbyterian

Seminary in Recife was preaching in a barn filled with people. After an hour preaching he was urged to continue, which he did until midnight. Some of his listeners had to walk sixteen miles to reach their homes afterward.—The Sunday School Times.

● The State Department has made known a list of persons in prison or under house arrest by the Chinese Communists. In the list are the following: Rev. Levi A. Lovegreen held at Yaan, Sikang; Dr. Emmanuel H. Giedt, Louise M. Griffin, Rev. Loren E. Noren, and Abbie Sanderson held at Swatow in Kwangtung Province. (Dr. Giedt is widely known in North American Baptist circles. Editor.)—The Watchman-Examiner.

● The United Church of Japan represents over 60 percent of the recognized church membership in that land. It has 139,000 members. The Episcopal Church is the largest independent denomination with a constituency of about 150,000. There are at least 50 other groups totaling nearly 400,000 members. They are supported mostly by mission boards. Since 1945, 425 missionaries have been sent by the Interboard Committee for Christian Work in Japan to work with the United Church.—The Watchman-Examiner.

● That alcoholism has many causes but no cure was emphasized recently at the sixth annual meeting of the National Committee on Alcoholism, Inc., in New York City. Dr. Harold W. Lovell, psychiatrist, reviewed current medical belief about alcoholism. Patients can be assisted in their efforts to stop drinking, but they cannot be cured, he reported. He declared that "alcoholism is a progressive, degenerative disease, much as are cancer and heart disease."—Signs of the Times.

● A new plan has been inaugurated to take the Gospel to the thousands of small communities throughout the United States where churches are closed. Dr. Donald Grey Barnhouse, pastor of the Tenth Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, Pa., is directing the preparation of tape-recordings which reproduce a complete church service of one hour. These include skilfully read sermons by such famous preachers as Charles Wesley, C. H. Spurgeon, Dwight L. Moody and R. A. Torrey; organ music and hymn singing by a consecrated choral group.—The Sunday School Times.

● The following are some of the rules in effect at Carson Pirie, Scott & Co., one of Chicago's great department stores, 80 years ago: "The store must be open from 6 A.M. until 9 P.M. the year around. . . . The store must not be opened on the Sabbath unless necessary, and then only for a few minutes. . . . The employee who is in the habit of smoking Spanish cigars, being shaved at the barber's or going to dances and other places of amusement, will give his employer reason to be suspicious of his integrity and honesty. . . . Each employe must pay not less than \$5 per year to the church, and must attend Sunday School regularly. . . . Men employes are given one evening a week for courting, and two if they go to prayer meetings."—Chicago Daily Tribune.

● The American Tract Society, New York City, has published a tract, "A General Speaks." Therein, Major General W. K. Harrison, now negotiator at the peace-talks in Korea, gives a wonderful testimony. Here are a few admirable phrases: "It is wonderful to be a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ and I am exceedingly thankful that God has graciously led me to saving faith in Christ . . . God has done this for me entirely of his own gracious kindness, in spite of the fact that I am, of course, unworthy as is every other person. . . . I hope that some who read this will understand that my experience has been real. It is not philosophy; it is not fatalism; it is nothing but taking at his word the omnipotent God who controls in all details everything that is in the universe."—The Pentecostal Evangel.

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Editorial

Homesickness!

HOMESICKNESS is like the thrust of a sword that strikes everyone at some time or other in life. It is not a pleasant feeling, but it makes its strange contribution to the moulding of character and the strengthening of spiritual fibres. It belongs to one of those important lessons of life which makes us wiser and stronger if we have been apt pupils.

The young man, John Mark, must have been homesick when he left the Apostle Paul and Barnabas on their missionary journey to return to Jerusalem. But that experience taught him how to face greater dangers and tasks courageously for Christ. The Bible suggests a heavenly homesickness for we are only pilgrims here on earth, seeking an abiding place in the heavens beyond. The hymns which we sing often strike this note of spiritual homesickness in our souls.

How sharp is this pang in the life of the young person who leaves home for the first time in life to go to school or to work far away! How the minister and his family feel like crying within when they leave a church field after many happy years for another strange, uncharted course! It is always difficult to be uprooted from the familiar and pleasant surroundings and to go somewhere where everything is new and strange and uncertain.

I have seen this haunting look of homesickness in hundreds of faces of immigrants who have come to America's shores from European lands. The story of the arrival of the "D.S. Beaverbrae" in Quebec and of the adventurous trip with these immigrants to Lethbridge, Alberta, is told elsewhere in this issue. Language, customs, surroundings, houses, clothes and farms are so different from "the old country." One can almost see the tears that are welling up in the eyes of these immigrants as they face the new land courageously but with a wistful homesickness in their hearts.

In this hour of their need, with homesickness sometimes driving them to distraction, we as North American Baptists are now coming to their spiritual assistance. It is a new phase in our denominational ministry that deserves widespread attention. We are helping to make these immigrants feel at home among Christian brethren in our churches. We are ministering to many of them in the language that is their mother tongue and establishing mission stations and new churches wherever they have settled down. We are enfolding them in our arms of love as many of our ministers, church and denominational leaders, and young people are ministering to their immediate needs.

We believe that these "new Americans," both in the United States and Canada, will be a definite spiritual asset to our churches. They are numerically strong. We believe that more than five thousand have arrived and come into contact with our churches since the end of the war. They are strong in their faithfulness to Christ and to God's Word. They show strong potentialities for leadership and service.

We welcome them in the home of Christ! We reach out a helping hand to them in Christian love. May the homesickness of these days be transformed into an enthusiasm for Christ and his work in the fellowship of our North American Baptist Churches!

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"Thy Kingdom Come," the amazing and profound portrait of Christ by Signe Larson of Linsborg, Kansas. This picture hangs in the Baptist Temple of Philadelphia, Pa., where our General Conference will convene in August 1952.

"For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ" (2 Cor. 4:6).

WHO OF US, who really knows the Lord Jesus Christ, has not at some time wished that he might have seen the Lord face to face as did the disciples who walked with him and listened to his matchless teaching, or like Paul to whom he appeared on the Damascus Way? Not having had that precious privilege, we eagerly read the Word of God and from its beautiful descriptive word portraits we form within our hearts a concept of his Person that warms our souls and makes us all the more earnestly desirous of looking into the face of the One who loved us and gave himself for us.

To all men are given gifts. These differ, just as human personalities differ, and even when there is a similarity of gifts, they are expressed in such a way as to reveal the deep inner emotions that in all men cry out for expression and release. In the field of art, this is pre-eminently true. One of God's great gifts is that given to a selected few who seem able to set down with palette and brush on canvas the things that only the inner eye of the soul can see, and thus share with others something of the inspiration that comes through quiet contemplation.

# The Face of Jesus Christ

The inspiring story of Signe Larson and of her painting of Christ, "Thy Kingdom Come," which will be seen by visitors to the General Conference on the front wall behind the pulpit of the Baptist Temple, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Prepared for the "Baptist Herald" by the REV. C. B. NORDLAND of Oak Park, Illinois

Such is the case with Signe E. Larson, known now throughout the world, because one day, not quite thirty years ago, she sketched the head of Christ and gave to the world the picture known first as "The Christ of the Lord's Prayer," but now called "Thy Kingdom Come," which has brought blessing to countless thousands.

## SIGNE LARSON, THE ARTIST

The story of the picture is thrilling, largely because of the person who produced it and the circumstances out of which it was born. Let us first meet the artist.

Signe Larson was born in Buxton, Iowa, but later removed to Linsborg, Kansas, where she now makes her home. Born of Scandinavian parents, she has been deaf from birth. In spite of this handicap, she completed her preliminary education, became adept at lip reading, and went on to Bethany College where she graduated from the Art Department in 1933. She also studied at the summer schools of Colorado Springs, at the University of Colorado, at the New Hope School of Art, New Hope, Pennsylvania, and the summer school of the Chicago Art Institute, Saugatuck, Michigan.

She is a member of the Prairie Water Color Painters and of the Kansas Print Makers. Both in 1946 and again in 1947 she was awarded prizes in the exhibition of the Prairie Water Color Painters. Her paintings have been exhibited at the Six States Art Exhibition in Omaha, Nebraska, on several occasions, and each year they find their rightful place in exhibits sponsored by the Emporia State Teachers College.

Miss Larson makes her home at Linsborg with her beloved sister Elvira who is her constant companion and has been her "voice" all through these years. Together they travel throughout the country as time and her work permit, presenting the Gospel story on canvas and through the spoken word. When she first began her painting, her studio was a basement room in her home, but now she has a small, but quite adequate studio measuring 14½ by 27 feet just adjacent to the home. This

was built a couple of years ago when she was commissioned to do an altar painting too large to be handled in the basement. Dedicated to God, the very atmosphere of the studio makes all who visit it conscious of the presence of the Spirit of the Living God.

## STORY OF THE PAINTING

To meet Miss Larson is to come face to face with one who truly knows Christ as Savior and Lord. It is at once apparent that, though she has never heard a human voice, the voice of the Master is clear and sweet to her and so fills her life that she is given the power to speak to others through her wonderful art. Hers is a "grace sufficient" to overcome handicap and to forget self in a life wholly dedicated to his service.

Said sister Elvira of Signe, "She has a very simple, child-like faith and trust in God. Very frequently when she has a painting to do, I have found her on her knees in prayer, praying that God might have her paint it as he would have it painted and that he would give her the ability to do it."

Signe was 23 years old when this picture came into being. While still studying at Bethany College, she had done an etching of Martin Luther. It was on view at the Augustana Book Concern in Rock Island, Illinois, and was seen there by Dr. Norman E. Richardson, at that time associated with the Presbyterian Theological Seminary of Chicago, Illinois.

The Presbyterian theologian was tremendously impressed by the artistry of the etching and the strength of character portrayed in it. Having secured the name of the artist, he made contact with her and suggested the possibility of a Head of Christ that would avoid the suggestion of femininity so common in other pictures and emphasize the masculinity of the Lord Jesus Christ. In Dr. Richardson's words, he wanted a picture that should be "a strong, rugged, purposive composition."

After much prayer, and often after much conflict which seemed to be of Satanic origin, Signe made a number of sketches. All were eliminated for

one reason or another, until three were set aside for further consideration. Finally these three were sent to Dr. Richardson for comment and suggestion. It was no easy task to select the best out of the three submitted to him, but aided by one of the art critics of the Metropolitan Art Museum of New York City, the portrait that has remained unchanged to this day was selected and to her great joy, it soon became a medium through which many came to know in a personal way the One whose face and being she had sought to portray.

## INSPIRATION TO THOUSANDS

The story of the picture has been often told. The picture itself has been reproduced in almost phenomenal numbers and distributed throughout the world. As recently as January of this year, the National Council of Churches in Chicago issued 100,000 copies of a piece of literature with "Thy Kingdom Come" as its focal center. It has provided the basis of many sermons and stories for young and old alike. No week passes without letters coming from the four corners of the world to express appreciation and gratitude for inspiration received from the picture.

A few years ago Dr. Daniel Poling was talking about the picture in his broadcast over the National Broadcasting System. Of it he said: "The picture would be unusual in any setting; but when its story is known, it has significance, I think, beyond any contemporary study of the Galilean. An incomparable head is set squarely upon mighty shoulders; a veritable mane of dark hair falls away from the temples; the forehead is broad and high; the nose seems to have just lifted to a deep breath; the cloven chin is masterful; the mouth—surely the mouth has just released a word of high command. But the mouth also has an unmistakable gentleness that would call little children to romp across their hills of play; the cheeks are weathered; and the throat is rugged, lined and full; the chest is the chest of a mountain man; and the eyes, the eyes are infinite in their depths and shadows. No person ever visits my study without being fascinated by the picture."

In addition of the thousands of prints made of the etching, thirty-six large oil paintings have been made for special purposes by Miss Larson. These hang in churches and other centers throughout our land. One of these large oil paintings now hangs in the Baptist Temple in Philadelphia, Pa., and those who will be in attendance at the General Conference in August will be privileged to view it and catch something of its inspiring presentation of the character of the Savior of our souls and the Lord of our lives.

# The Forgotten Man

A meditation on our national holidays for every sincere Christian to read!

By MRS. K. LOUISE EICHLER of Erie, Pennsylvania

TOO OFTEN we neglect to glorify God in the common things of life. The fires of religious experience are left to burn low or to be smothered and spiritual realities become trifles. Especially am I reminded of the hollow shams and conventionalities of these new "Dark Ages" as I see holidays come and go.

Sparkling lights and wreath-bedecked stores herald the coming of a day that seems to have lost its significance to the vast majority. The evergreen tree is an object to be sought after, so that it may be gaily decked with brilliant baubles and glittering tinsel. Hypnotized by our own visions, we fail to see relationship to another tree upon which hung, not ornaments of beauty, but a body wracked with pain and sorrow whose only decorations were livid stripes and welts and crimson flow from a broken heart. Even its evergreen needles fail to remind the gay throngs that "He ever liveth."

With complacent indifference we see the taudry baubles in the display windows replaced with frothy lace bedecked valentines and our thoughts turn to loved ones and hearts filled with affection. But the greatest Lover of all times is forgotten. It is he who

loved us and gave, not only his heart, but his life.

Easter comes along with the boundless beauty of spring and bright new clothes. Baskets of gaily colored eggs receive more thought than he for whom the egg's dormant stage of three weeks and then breaking its shell to emerge a living object is symbolic of his three days in the grave and his glorious resurrection. The most beautiful thought the human heart can cherish is pushed back into less than second place by our thoughtlessness.

Memorial Day sees a beehive of activity in the cemeteries which seem to blossom into gardens overnight in memory of our dear departed. But what of him who gave us the promise of bodily resurrection? He who healeth the broken heart, does he have a place in our memories? Do we just honor our dead or do we look forth to a future event, a resurrection for all?

Loud explosions and brilliant aerial displays of fireworks mark Independence Day commemorating our freedom as a nation. But completely forgotten is the appalling darkness of Gethsemane for the One who gave us the Truth to make us free indeed.

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Signe Larson (left), the Christian artist, has just finished a striking religious picture, while her sister, Elvira, presents the spiritual challenge of the picture to the audience.



## Little Bundles of Humanity

The story of the Belo Maternity Center ought to help us pray that the young travelers on life's highway in Africa may early learn to know Jesus as Savior and Lord!

By MISS MARGARET KITTLITZ of Banso, Cameroons

roundings and thus to have God's blessing from the very hour of the child's birth. When the child is a week or two old, he will be brought into the church for dedication. The number of pagan mothers, however, is increasing. Many of them come with a history of eight children having been born to them and all of them having died soon after birth or in early infancy.

They come because they believe we can give them medicine or teach them what to do in order to change this turn of events. Apparently their faith is being rewarded. Follow-up records are hard to obtain but to date we know of only two of those babies who were born alive who have died.

We are happy to be of service to these mothers in their crucial hour because each of these little, squirming, crying bundles of humanity represents the possibility of a future leader for Africa or an effective worker in God's Kingdom. In order that the babies might have every chance for survival the mothers are daily taught what to do and what not to do to keep the tiny mite healthy and to help him to grow strong. She is taught what to do and then has an opportunity to practice by caring for her own infant during her stay in the center.

First, she is taught to bathe the baby. "Hold the baby just so, so that his back will not be injured. Wash first his head and face, then the extremities. Do not let the water get into the baby's mouth. It is dirty and will give him 'belly palaver'. Also the water must not run into the baby's ears, since it will make his ears sick." So the lesson goes day after day as each new mother gets her share of instruction.

### THE BETTER LIFE

The mother must also be taught bodily cleanliness for herself. She must learn that what goes into her mouth must not go into the baby's mouth. Many of the ordinary items of healthful living which our tiny children automatically learn in their homes are strange ideas and sometimes even foolishness to these women. Then the mother learns to wash the baby's clothing and blankets, so that she will get the most service from

the garments which she will take home, garments which are so lovingly provided by our mothers in America.

The mother not only learns this physical side of a good life for her baby. She is also helped and encouraged to grow in that "Better Life," which she usually has chosen before coming to us. This encouragement begins as soon as the baby is born, if not before. (Often they come too late for any ceremonies before the big moment arrives.)

When the baby is snug in its crib and the mother has been made comfortable, when grandmothers and friends are exclaiming over the new comer and offering congratulations, then the missionary or her helper gathers the group around and prayer is made to him who alone can guard and guide the new life. We thank God for the new life that has been given, for help during the crucial hour and we ask for help in teaching the young mother those things which are needful for an abundant life for herself and child.

Then when the mother is ready to go home after a week's stay, she is instructed as to how to feed the baby when it is old enough. With the layette goes a plastic spoon with which the baby will be fed his first taste of banana or cornmeal mush. The mother and baby are sent on their way with a prayer for a safe journey to the far off home and for God's help in the care and nature of this gift which God has entrusted to her.

### EVANGELIST ROBERT JAM

In most of these events we have a faithful helper in Evangelist Robert Jam. While most of the babies see the light of day (usually the light of my Coleman lantern) in a normal and uneventful length of time, there are frequent times when things do not go right. Then Robert makes his frequent visits to see how things are going and to encourage the "lamb of his fold."

He asks, "I fit to help?" The missionary answers, "Yes, Robert, you go home and pray while I do the other part of the work." Robert goes home and prays and in due time everything comes out right and everyone is happy. We've given Robert the name of "the praying midwife." In the

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## The Maternity Center at Banso

Stories of God's blessing on an important phase of our Banso Baptist Hospital in the Cameroons by a missionary who left Africa on June 14 for her first furlough in the United States

By MISS ELEANOR WEISENBURGER, Missionary-nurse at the Banso Hospital

### WINSUNGNIN

Winsungnin is a pagan woman who came in at eight o'clock one morning. She had never attended our prenatal clinic as most of the women do, so I had no idea who she was. Half an hour after she was admitted she held a crying, kicking baby boy in her arms and she was so happy. At ten o'clock I returned to Maternity to find six old women talking in loud angry tones outside the door and motioning toward me. Emilia told me that they wanted to take Winsungnin and her baby home immediately because she ran away to come here.

I almost weakened and said they could take her when I caught Emilia's

that they were welcome here, I went inside to see my patient. Winsungnin took my hand and said over and over, "Beri-wo, beri-wo" (Thank you, thank you). When she went home she wanted me to give the baby a Christian name, because she said that even though she wasn't a Christian she wanted her baby to grow up to be one.

### 182 DELIVERIES IN 1951

And so each woman who comes to us has some need that only Christ can fill. God has blessed our work so that it is growing steadily. In 1950, a year after our Mission started work here, there were seventy-six deliveries.

THE WORK at the Banso Baptist Hospital is growing! In God's Name we continue to labor, trusting him for the needed guidance and blessing. We feel that many of our victories out here are an answer to the prayers of our friends at home. So we would like to share with you some of our problems and joys in one branch of our work that is not spoken of often—our maternity work.

Until two months ago our Maternity Center consisted of one room, 16 by 16 feet. This served as labor room, delivery room, nursery and patients' room. As our work grew, it became necessary at times to move our beds close together, so that the mothers had to crawl out at the foot of the bed. Today, this situation has been relieved by an extension which was added to the old building to serve as labor and delivery room.

### MAGDALENA

As in the other branches of our hospital work, so here too we reach people of all kinds — pagans, Catholics, Christians — from many different tribes. Every morning at 7:00 A.M. the women are led in devotions by one of the missionary nurses. The message that is given is simple and short and always given with a prayer that it might be used to help the Christian mothers to be stronger and to win the unsaved for Christ.

Let me introduce you to two of our women. Magdalena is a Basel Christian who delivered a lovely baby girl some months ago. On the day she was to be discharged from the hospital I was very busy. So I sent a small layette up to her and asked our native midwife, Emilia, to discharge her. When I was going for lunch at noon, Magdalena ran after me and in her native talk seemed to be telling me to come with her.

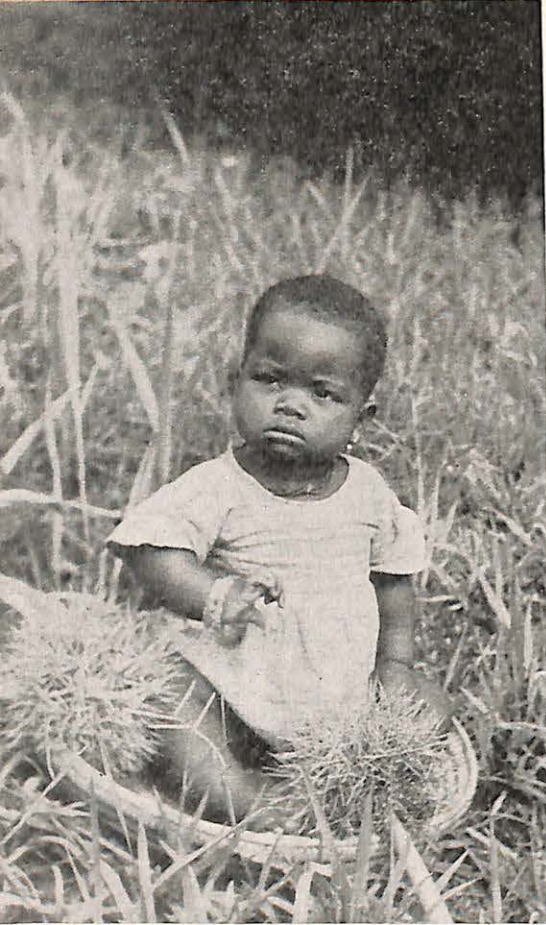
She led me back to her bed and when I questioned Emilia as to what she wanted, she said, "She wants you to pray for her and her baby before she goes, as you have been doing for the other women." Needless to say, I felt humbled and ashamed to think that I had allowed myself to be so busy that morning.



Miss Eleanor Weisenburger, missionary-nurse, is well pleased with the progress that has been made by these twins who were born in the Banso Maternity Ward.

eye and realized that she did not want me to give in. So I spoke in a very loud voice asking her to tell them that I knew why they wanted to take her home and that if they left her here a week the baby would be stronger and would better withstand the pagan practices that they wanted to perform. When I had finished my speech and tried to make the old "mommies" feel

In 1951 we had one hundred and eighty-two. Already in the first four months of this year we have had eighty-eight, with two hundred and twenty-three registered in our prenatal clinic. Pray with us that as our number of patients grows, the number of those who become "new-born babes in Christ" through our witness may also grow!



Little Gracie, daughter of the Bamenda school teacher in the Cameroons, more than fills a grass tray with red flowers around her. Usually so laughable, Gracie is very sober here for the photographer, Miss Laura E. Reddig.

THE WEST AFRICAN population is definitely on the increase! Perhaps, I should limit that statement to the Cameroons population, or further still, to the population of Kom, since the only vital statistics available to me are the maternity reports of the Belo Maternity Center. There were 100 deliveries in the Center during the past year. Among them were two sets of twins.

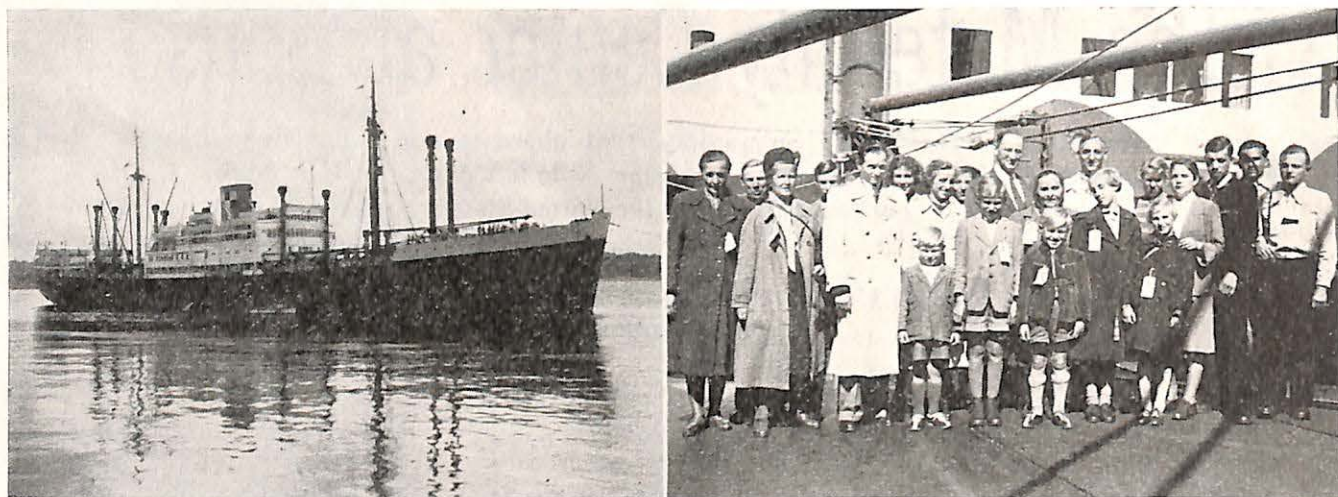
Fortunately, in this part of Africa twins are a blessing and a welcome event. It means double riches and double blessings from God. One hundred and three births does not sound like very many when compared with larger places of longer standing, but it is certainly an increase over the twenty-five to thirty which we had in the early beginning of the Belo medical work during 1946 and 1947.

This increase shows that the confidence of African mothers in our help is increasing. It also shows that they are growing more independent, overcoming and contradicting the teachings and admonitions of mothers and grandmothers, that dire results will follow their giving birth to a baby in strange surroundings and away from the tribal or clan boundaries.

### LITTLE BUNDLES OF HUMANITY

Most of the mothers who have come to us are Christians. They want their babies to be born in Christian sur-





A capacity load of German immigrants was brought by the "D.S. Beaverbrae" on its 33rd trip to Canada under the auspices of the Canadian Christian Council for Resettlement of Refugees. Of these, 147 immigrants were Baptists, some of whom are shown with the Rev. William Sturhahn, and most of whom went to the sugar beet fields of Lethbridge, Alberta.

## The Immigrants Are Coming!

The author's adventures in meeting the "D.S. Beaverbrae" in Quebec and travelling on the immigrant train with 358 European passengers to the sugar beet fields of Lethbridge, Alberta

By the REV. M. L. LEUSCHNER, Editor of the "Baptist Herald"

YOU CAN never forget the face of an immigrant, with tears in his eyes reflecting the sparkling sunshine, as he clings tightly to his few belongings and to his family and stares into the uncertain future and into the strange vast country that is to be his new home! That is the stirring story of these immigrants arriving by the thousands into Canada and the United States.

It is also the saga of an immigrant train which carried 147 of our Baptists from the port of Quebec to the sugar beet fields of Lethbridge, Alberta. It is a new chapter in our denominational advance that will bring amazing blessings to our Baptist fellowship.

### THE "BEAVERBRAE'S" ARRIVAL

A little before noon on Tuesday, May 27, the "D.S. Beaverbrae" ploughed its way proudly down the St. Lawrence River and was nudged by two tugboats into the Canadian Pacific Railroad docks at picturesque Quebec. This 9,000 ton boat had just completed its 33rd trip from Germany, bringing 766 immigrants to Canada's shores under the auspices of the Canadian Christian Council for Resettlement of Refugees (CCRR).

As the vessel was moored fast by strong ropes, the sun broke through overcast skies illuminating the sorrow-lined faces of the immigrants who

were crowding against the ship's rail. There is too much pathos and human tragedy in such a scene for any artist to reproduce it on canvas. The Rev. William Sturhahn, Baptist World Alliance representative, and I soon plunged into this "post war tragedy" as we boarded the boat and became acquainted with its passengers.

Everyone had a conspicuous tag marked with B, L, M, or some other letter, signifying Baptist, Lutheran, Mennonite, etc. They were terribly anxious to talk to someone in German about Canada and their new home. Maps were brought out and the long stretches across the country were eagerly scanned. A pretty German lass was expecting to meet her fiance in Edmonton in a few hours. It was beyond her grasp when she was told that it would be at least three days before she could be reunited with her loved one. But everybody on board was on tiptoe about the adventures ahead!

For hours, suitcases, cartons, trunks, boxes, baby buggies and wrapped blankets were hauled out of the dormitory rooms of the boat to the deck, there to be transferred to the docks. It is a tedious, tiresome process to meet all the immigrant and customs officials, the "hoof and mouth disease" inspectors of the Department of Agriculture and the representatives of the steamship and railroad com-

panies for entrance into a new country. But nobody pushed or complained. These immigrants display a patience and long-suffering which would put the rest of us to a sore test. They were only too glad to have ARRIVED!

We found time to talk to a few of the immigrants. A widow, who had aged long before her years, was on board with her four fine children. Her husband had been killed in the last days of World War II when Hitler pushed many Germans as cannon fodder into the front lines. Another good-sized family had been uprooted six times and with every move to a new country and home had lost all of their belongings.

### SUITCASES AND SORROWS

A lovely German Fraulein had a five year old, tousle-headed boy with her. I am told that she had lost her parents and all of her relatives by death and starvation in World War II and that she herself had been mistreated by Russian soldiers in "the days of horror" of the occupation. The little boy was a visible reminder of those terrible experiences through which she had come. She with her son came under the Baptist Labor Scheme.

It was a continuous story of sorrow to which one listened how this family had escaped death, how that family had been pushed around with no place to stay, how this person had been kept alive by relief parcels with food sent

from America. A Baptist grandmother of eighty years was peeling an apple as I talked to her. She was proud of the fact that she had not been seasick on the boat but her eyes glowed with even greater excitement over the new start in life she was making in Canada!

### THE "BRASS" WAS THERE

The "D. S. Beaverbrae" is one of three or four diesel powered passenger boats now plying the waters. It used to be a "mother" or supply ship for German submarines in the heyday of Hitler. It was named at that time "Hoascaran" after a mountain in Peru. Following the war, it became Canadian property and through the influence of Dr. T. O. F. Herzer, general manager of the Canada Colonization Association, it was turned over in 1948 to the CCCRR for the transportation of "Volksdeutsche" to Canada. Captain G. O. Baugh of the "D. S. Beaverbrae" as well as the chief officer, Mr. Charles Halliday, extended many courtesies to us and were photographed with us.

It was amazing to me to see how the representatives of the Canadian Pacific Railway and immigration officials went "all out" to provide a warm welcome and comfortable facilities for these immigrants. They showed the spirit of which Jesus spoke: "I was hungry, thirsty, a stranger, and ye ministered unto me."

Look at the procession of these officials who worked hard all day on the "Beaverbrae". Mr. Leo Hudson, as port reception agent, and Mr. Hugh McMillan, chief clerk of the Montreal Colonization and Immigration Office, were joined by Dr. J. A. Warkentin, director of immigration, Mr. Viggo Rasmussen, colonization agent, and Mr. Sidney McDonald, passenger agent, in representing the Canadian Pacific Railway. Hats off to the CPR for a grand job in this important ministry of immigration which has its wonderful blessings for us as Baptists in Canada!

### IMMIGRATION NEWS

This is the first of a series of articles on the new immigrants in our churches to be prepared by the editor. The second article in the series will appear in September 1952.

A new film in color about the arrival of the immigrants in Quebec, their trip to Lethbridge and their fellowship as Baptists in the newly organized church has been prepared and is now being shown by Mr. Leuschner, promotional secretary.

A special edition of the German leaflet with greetings to the immigrants and information about our churches, especially prepared for the Northern Conference churches is now available at Box 6, Forest Park, Ill.

The representatives of the CCCRR were Mr. George Keil, comptroller, who was everywhere all the time helping the people, the Rev. William Sturhahn, Baptist representative, the Rev. C. L. Monk of Lutheran World Relief, and Dr. T. O. F. Herzer, chairman, who met the immigrant train at Winnipeg and whom we have come to appreciate and to esteem highly for his self-effacing ministry in behalf of immigration.

### THE IMMIGRANT TRAIN

Several representatives of the Canadian Pacific Steamship Agency met us at Quebec, among them Mr. Henry Fontaine and Mr. Lindsay. Mr. James Lynn of the Department of Labor and Mr. Gerald Snow, superintendent of the Taber Division of the Alberta Sugar Company, were on the train to Lethbridge. We shall say more about them later in this article. Everyone of these officials made it his personal concern to ease the burdens of worry and trouble that seem to rest so heavily on the immigrants.

Alongside the dock at the St. Law-

rence River were the two long immigrant trains. The first train was scheduled to take hundreds of immigrants to relatives, friends and sponsors throughout Canada. The second train of 15 cars and 358 immigrant passengers was going to the sugar beet fields of Lethbridge, Alberta. That was the train on which I rode in a trip that was indelibly etched on my mind! In these cars we had 19 Baptist families with 95 individuals who had come originally from Russia, Poland, Rumania, Hungary and Germany.

Let's go through one of the cars. It's an old tourist Pullman with leather covered seats that can be pulled together for a hastily improvised bed. The top section can be pulled down for a sort of upper berth on the hard boards in a boxlike arrangement. The immigrants had to provide their own bedding. The windows were mostly open since there was no thought of air conditioning. I haven't seen the like of passenger cars since I went to Chicago as a college student from San Francisco in 1926.

But what fun these immigrants had! Every stopover was a thrilling adventure for them as they feasted on ice cream cones, chocolate bars, a juicy orange, a delicious apple. Sometimes when the train was held on a siding for the regular CPR trains to pass, the youngsters would pick wild roses from the nearby fields and present them proudly to mother or father. Those flowers were prized by them and carefully tended throughout the trip.

### DEVOTIONAL SERVICES

These Baptist immigrants knew how to break forth in song! They had their mandolins, accordions, violins and harmonicas with them. They even sang on the railroad platforms. We had several song fests and a devotional service for our Baptist friends in one of the cars. At once they suggested



Baptist young people on the immigrant train going from Quebec to Lethbridge, Alta., used "the stopovers" to good advantage by singing Christian choruses on the station platforms (left). At Lethbridge we found the Busch family, refugees from the Russian Zone, working in the sugar beet fields (right). They are Mrs. Alvina Busch, mother, in the center, and her daughters: Lily, Olga, and Alice, twins, and Apollona.



such songs as "Gott hat uns lieb" (God Loves Us); "Gott mit uns, sei unsre Losung" (God with us); "Ich bete an die Macht der Liebe" (I adore the power of God's love). We felt the benediction of God's Holy Spirit upon these sacred gatherings as the immigrant train sped across the Canadian prairies towards its destination.

In Winnipeg, Man., we were met by the youth choir of the McDermot Avenue Church, with Mr. Reinhold Ruhwald as director, singing German songs of welcome to the immigrants. It was a tearful reunion for many of them as they again met their relatives or friends who had come to Canada several years earlier. At a junction near Medicine Hat, Alberta, the Rev.

obligate themselves to take care of these sugar beet farms in this seasonal work for two years. In return, the farmer provides the family with a house in which to live and with food for the household. It represents a very fair arrangement which gives a hard-working, frugal family a good opportunity to earn considerable money.

The arrival of the immigrant train at Lethbridge was late at night. In the darkness around the railroad station, as the names of the farmers and the immigrants were raucously called out and the German families were turned over to their strange, new "masters," it almost looked like the slave market of years gone by.

brandt have sacrificed themselves greatly to visit these immigrant families, to make them feel at home and spiritually to minister to them. At the Pentecost service in which the Rev. William Sturhahn and the Rev. R. Milbrandt along with the author took part, we felt that we were eyewitnesses to the birth of a new virile church with great promise for the future.

On Pentecost Monday we went to visit some of the families working out in the fields. Some of them were quite sad because this was a holiday in Germany but not here in Canada. The fields with rows upon rows of sugar beets looked immense. But as we followed the family of a German



A wonderful congregation of 116 German immigrants met on Pentecost Sunday afternoon, June 1, (right) in Lethbridge, Alta., where a new North American Baptist Church was organized several weeks later. The group meets in the mission chapel of the First Baptist Church, which is shown at the left with the Rev. William Sturhahn and the Rev. R. Milbrandt in the foreground.

Rudolph Rapske and one of his members came to greet us. Everywhere from Tuesday to Friday night the immigrants found a welcome in the greetings of friends or in the beauty of God's handiwork.

#### LETHBRIDGE, ALBERTA

I had heard a great deal about Lethbridge, "The Irrigation Capital of Canada," but I was not acquainted with the amazing labor plan which has been put into effect by Canada for the benefit of German immigrants. The train fare and cost of meals for each immigrant from the port of debarkation to his destination is paid by the Department of Labor. The Baptist World Alliance office (or any other immigration agency) advances the boat passage money to these immigrants to be repaid with the first earnings. The allocation of farms is made by representatives of the Labor Department according to the size of sugar beet acreage. Usually about ten acres are allocated to one worker.

These immigrants then receive \$14.00 per acre for thinning the sugar beets, \$6.00 per acre for hoeing them, and \$3.00 per acre for weeding. Pulling and topping the beets is paid at the rates of \$2.00 per ton. The immigrants

One of the young men said to his girl friend: "Bist du auch schon verkauft?" (Have you been sold already?) However, the immigrants adapt themselves to the new surroundings and are determined to make good, in spite of present hardships.

#### SERVICE ON PENTECOST DAY

On Pentecost Sunday afternoon in the little mission chapel of the First Baptist Church of Lethbridge, an impressive service was held with 116 people crowding the church beyond its capacity. These were mostly immigrants of a year and six weeks ago. Several girls came ten miles on a bicycle. A young couple drove 110 miles in a jeep. Most of them came on foot from the vicinity or from nearby towns such as Picture Butte, Coaldale, Iron Springs, McGrath and Taber. At least 75 to 100 people who have recently arrived as immigrants could not be present because of lack of transportation.

There are wonderful opportunities for a new church field for us in this area. On Sunday, June 15, the Baptist church was organized at Lethbridge and the Rev. Otto Ertis, formerly of Morris, Manitoba, Canada, was given a call. The Rev. and Mrs. R. Mil-

mother and her brood of four girls up and down the rows, taking pictures of them and hearing the story of their escape from the Russian Zone, we could sense a determination in their hearts that with God they must succeed.

#### BRIGHT PROMISES AHEAD

This is the spiritual stuff of which these immigrants are made. They show us the pioneer spirit of our forefathers. Their testimonies glow brightly in our churches. They are adding numbers and spiritual gifts to our denominational enterprise.

This was the largest group of Baptists which was brought across to Canada on the "Beaverbrae" at any one time—a total of 147. But they are arriving in smaller groups with every new month and finding a new home with new opportunities for themselves. The coming of these immigrants by the thousands into our denominational fellowship is one of the most amazing things happening in our circles today. That conviction was undeniably etched upon my heart as I made this trip across Canada on the immigrant train with my brethren in Christ!

# Baptist Men at Philadelphia

Important features for our Baptist laymen on the General Conference program at Philadelphia, Pa., from August 20 to 26, 1952

By MR. ROLAND E. ROSS, Secretary-treasurer of "Baptist Men"

OUR 30th General Conference program, appropriately enough, includes important features for promotion and planning of our newest organization, Baptist Men. At this conference Baptist Men will be officially recognized as one of our co-operating organizations. This should be a special reason for all laymen to make a special effort to include the Philadelphia General Conference in this summer's vacation plans.

While the organization of our laymen has been effected for most of this last triennium, all this work has been done since the last meeting of our General Conference in Sioux Falls. To be fully recognized as one of our co-operating organizations, it is necessary for the General Conference to vote such recognition. The General Council, at its 1951 annual session, received the request for recognition, reviewed the constitution of Baptist Men, and is recommending that the General Conference approve Baptist Men as one of our co-operating organizations. This is an important action in which all our laymen should want to have a part.

#### LAYMEN'S BREAKFAST

Monday morning, August 25th, has been reserved for a Laymen's Breakfast, at which time our men will meet entirely by themselves for a fine time of fellowship, following a good substantial and enjoyable breakfast. The men who attended our Sioux Falls breakfast meeting still remember the joys of that occasion. We have been fortunate in having Dr. Albert D. Kaiser, nationally famous physician, accept our invitation to be the speaker. Dr. Kaiser is the son of our former Seminary professor, the late Professor Lewis Kaiser. Stanley Ernst will preside and Arthur Thom, who so ably led the musical program for our two laymen's conferences, will again be in charge of the musical features.

Business is an unavoidable necessity,



Dr. Albert D. Kaiser, Health Officer for the city of Rochester, N. Y., a son of the late Professor and Mrs. Lewis Kaiser, will be the guest speaker at the Laymen's Breakfast on Aug. 25 during the General Conference in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

and is even to be desired, but it will not detract from the inspirational and fellowship programs. A separate period has been set aside for the business session over which the Baptist Men's chairman of the board, J. O. Johnson of Portland, Oregon, will preside. Time and place will be announced later. There will be many matters of importance to be considered, particularly with regard to the development of plans and promotional ideas which will make Baptist Men a more effective service organization, into and through each of our nine local conferences, and for and through each men's organization in our churches. Some elections will be necessary. All in all, the business session will be important, and should prove interesting. Every layman at

our conference will want to add his counsel and support at this session.

One of the highlights of our whole General Conference program will be Laymen's Night on Monday evening, August 25th. We were very happy when we learned that Mr. Harry L. Jenkins of Philadelphia had accepted our invitation to address this session of our conference. Baptist Men is happy for the privilege of arranging this program. Mr. Jenkins is a lawyer by profession, but devotes much time to serve the Baptist Temple (meeting-place of our General Conference) in numerous capacities, not the least of which is his visitation co-operation with his pastor. Ted Hirsch, president of Baptist Men, will preside, with Arthur Thom leading the singing. A fine large male chorus is preparing a special musical treat. Harry Geis of Okeene, Oklahoma, Raymond Engelbrecht of Waco, Texas, Henry Schmuck of Tacoma, Washington, and others will have a part in this program.

#### LAYMEN'S ADVANCE

Our laymen are making a great advance. The last year has seen sizable strides forward being made, as can be seen by the report that will be made to the General Conference. But, actually, the surface has barely been scratched and there is much yet to be tried and done. Every layman should want to have a part in this advance movement. We want each man to add his help to this effort to encourage men to undertake a bigger part in helping to build God's Kingdom and declare the salvation of Jesus Christ. Can we count on you?

Please look at the full program that has been prepared for our General Conference (besides the specific part for our laymen) as it appeared in the April 24th issue of the "Baptist Herald," and you will surely be convinced God has great blessings in store for each and every one who will avail himself, or herself, of this opportunity for spiritual refreshing.

#### SPECIAL TRAIN ACCOMMODATIONS TO PHILADELPHIA

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company will arrange for coach and Pullman accommodations on "the General," leaving Chicago, Ill., on Tuesday afternoon, Aug. 19, at 3:00 P.M. and arriving at North Philadelphia Station at 6:50 A.M. on Wednesday morning, Aug. 20, for General Conference visitors. The blanks and return postcards for these train accommodations have been sent to all of our pastors. Ask your pastor for this information or write to Box 6, Forest Park,

Illinois. The request for train space should be sent to the Pennsylvania Railroad office in Chicago, Illinois.

Registrations for the General Conference should be sent to Miss Eva Yung, 543 Disston St., Philadelphia 11, Pa., as soon as possible. There is still room for more in the large festive through which we expect at the 30th General Conference in Philadelphia, Pa., from August 20 to 26, 1952.



# WHAT'S HAPPENING

● The Baptist Church of Hilda, Alta., Canada, has extended a call to the Rev. G. J. Thiessen, formerly of Olds, Alta., to which a favorable response has been given. Mr. and Mrs. Thiessen and their family are already on the field. Mr. Thiessen has succeeded the Rev. Fred Pahl, who is now the pastor of the Olds Baptist Church.

● The Rev. and Mrs. Elmer Buenning of the Germantown Baptist Church near Cathay, N. Dak., have announced the birth of a son on May 27 who has been named Frederick Henry. On June 1st a daughter was born to the Rev. and Mrs. Eldon Janzen of Valleyview, Alberta, Canada. She has been named Sharon Betty.

● On Sunday evening, May 25, the Church of friends of the Baptist Church of New Leipzig, N. Dak., were delighted by the musical program presented by the choir of the First Baptist Church of Hebron, N. Dak., with Mrs. C. Rempel as director. The Rev. E. Becker is pastor of the New Leipzig church, and the Rev. C. Rempel of the Hebron church.

● On June 13 the Rev. D. Koester, one of our retired ministers who now resides in Aplington, Iowa, observed his 91st birthday. This was recognized by the Aplington Baptist Church and its pastor, the Rev. Frank Veninga. On June 7th Mrs. Heyo Frey of Aplington observed her 100th birthday. She is a beloved member of the sent birthday greetings to her with a gift enclosure of \$100.

● On Sunday evening, June 8, the Rev. L. O. Wahl of the Wishek Baptist Church, Wishek, N. Dak., baptized nine converts on confession of their faith in Christ. These converts were the result of prayer and personal evangelistic efforts by the teachers in the Vacation Bible School. Mrs. Vernon Herr as reporter stated: "It is the earnest prayer of the church that these young people will grow in their spiritual life and that they will be instrumental in leading others to Christ."

● The Rev. David Littke resigned as pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church of Billings, Montana, on Sunday, May 18. The church accepted his resignation with sincere regrets. Mr. Littke has stated that his resignation will be effective toward the close of July and that his plans for



Photo by Harris and Ewing  
Dr. Clarence W. Cranford, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, Washington, D. C., who will be the speaker at the General Conference Youth Banquet in Philadelphia, Pa., on Saturday evening, August 23rd.

the immediate future are still uncertain. He has served the Billings church since 1948. Recently the new church edifice was dedicated. A promising mission field is to be found in this Calvary Baptist Church.

● The Rev. Stuart Thomas is serving as the interim pastor of the Baptist church at Southey, Sask., Canada, for the summer months. He and his wife have been missionaries in India following their ordination into the Gospel ministry by the Southey church some years ago. They are members of the Baptist Church of Southey. They hope to return to India as soon as health and circumstances will permit. The church has been without a full-time pastor since the Rev. E. H. Nikkel went to Swan River, Manitoba.

● The Baptist Church of Goodrich, N. Dak., has extended a call to Mr. Irvin H. Schmuland, a 1952 graduate

of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota. He has accepted the call and hopes to begin his first pastorate at Goodrich about August 1st when he will succeed the Rev. Henry Hirsch, who is now pastor of the Beaver Baptist Church near Midland Michigan. The home church for both Mr. Schmuland and his wife is the Baptist Church of Fenwood, Saskatchewan, Canada.

● Ninety-five women attended the Mother-Daughter Banquet sponsored by the Missionary Guild of the Central Baptist Church, George, Iowa, on Friday evening, May 23. The theme of the banquet was "Gates." The tables were beautifully decorated in pastel colors and with garden flowers. Miss Rosalyn Bettenga presided as toastmistress. Several vocal numbers were rendered. The guest speaker was Mrs. Fischer of Orange City, Iowa. The Rev. J. A. Brygger is pastor of the Central Baptist Church.

● The Rev. Emanuel Broeckel of Turtle Lake, N. Dak., a retired minister, has been serving the Baptist Church of Mercer, N. Dak., at its two services every Sunday since February 1952. The attendance ranges from 65 to over 100 for the services and a fine spirit prevails, as reported by Mr. Broeckel. For the present this interim ministry will be continued by Mr. Broeckel. The church used to be served by the pastor of the Turtle Lake Church, but now it is seeking its own pastor.

● The members of the family of the Rev. A. Kujath of Kelowna, British Columbia, are rejoicing over answered prayers for their husband and father who was so critically ill only a few months ago. Their letter is as follows: "We wish to thank all the dear Christian friends and relatives for their prayers, sympathy and kindness shown during the illness of our dear husband and father. God has answered the prayers and set him well on his way to recovery." The address of the Rev. and Mrs. A. Kujath is 729 Stockwell Ave., Kelowna, B. C., Canada.

● The cornerstone laying exercises for the Benke Memorial Chapel on the Indian Bull Reserve near Wetaskiwin, Alberta, were held on Sunday afternoon, June 1st. The message was brought by the Rev. H. Schumacher of Wetaskiwin. Mr. Jake Derman, the

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builder of the chapel, placed and sealed the cornerstone in the foundation of the building. Miss Ida Forsch, Cameroons missionary, was the guest speaker in the services on the Bull Reserve on Sunday, June 8th. The dedication of the new chapel was held on Saturday, July 5, with the Rev. R. Schilke, missionary secretary as speaker. This service will be reported at greater length in a forthcoming issue.

● A new North American Baptist Church was organized on Sunday afternoon, June 15, at Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada, with the Rev. R. Milbrandt of Medicine Hat, Alta., Northern Conference mission worker, in charge of the service. More than a hundred German immigrants have come into this area during recent months. (See article by the editor in this issue.) The Rev. Otto Ertis, formerly of Morris, Manitoba, has accepted the call extended to him by the General Missionary Committee and by the newly organized church in Lethbridge to become the pastor of this promising church and mission field. He and his family are already in the field serving the congregation.

● On Wednesday evening, May 21, the First Baptist Church of Wasco, Calif., welcomed the Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Goodman, Cameroons missionaries, and their son, Larry, upon their return home at a reception and fellowship dinner in their honor. Mr. Darrell Janzen served as toastmaster with Mr. Loren Voth leading the group singing. Mr. E. J. Panter, deacon, spoke on "Noble Servants" and Dr. Donald G. Davis, former pastor, on "The Nobility of the Servant." The Rev. J. Williams, pastor, also had a part in the program. The three members of the Goodman family, who are members of the Wasco church, responded with observations about life in Africa and our mission field in the Cameroons.

● On Sunday evening, June 1, Mr. Edwin Kern, North American Baptist Seminary student was the guest speaker at the Carroll Ave. Church of Dallas, Texas, speaking on "Excusing Oneself from Life's Privileges." Testimonies were also given by Lyman and Beulah Erickson who are now serving for the summer months as our missionaries on the Spanish-American field in the San Luis Valley, Colorado. Two 1952 graduates of the Dallas Theological Seminary, Mr. Walter Klapstein, whose home church is the Calvary Church of Tacoma, Wash., and Mr. J. C. Anderson spoke at the Sunday evening service on May 4. News has also reached us that Staff Sergeant Stanley Helwig of Dallas is home from Japan. The Rev. Harold W. Gieseke is pastor of the church.

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

**YOUTH COMPASS TOPICS**  
July 20, 1952—"A Gentle Hint" by Rev. Alfred Weisser, Parkston, South Dakota.  
July 27, 1952—"Did You Count to Ten?" by Rev. Richard K. Mercer, Jr., Newark, New Jersey.

**GENERAL CONFERENCE FLASHES**  
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**COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING**  
Only once every three years—that's why it's important! The meeting of the Conference Union Council, consisting of the executive committee, all council representatives, and presidents of the conference and regional unions, will be held Wednesday, August 20, at 2 p.m.

**LET'S GET ACQUAINTED**  
You will want to get acquainted with the score of North American Baptist young people who will attend the General Conference. A wonderful time of fellowship and get acquainted is planned for Wednesday evening after the evening service. This will be only a starter. You can get acquainted with friends who will be your friends for the rest of your life—the best kind of friends you can have.

**BANQUET DE LUXE**  
Saturday evening will give you a chance to dress in your "finest" for the "finest" banquet you have attended. Dr. Clarence Cranford of Washington, D. C., will highlight a program of many other interesting features. Save your money now for this occasion.

**YOUTH RALLY**  
Sunday afternoon will be another "big event" of the CBY and SS Union activities. Excellent music presented by the young people of our churches will accompany a challenging message

**ATTENTION, CAMP COUNSELORS AND LADERS!**  
An attractive and informative folder, "The Camp Leaders' Guide," for camp counselors and camp officers is available from the Commissioned Baptist Youth office, Box 6, Forest Park, Ill.  
All assembly officers, deans, and counselors ought to have one of these important guides.  
Price 20 cts.

to be brought by the Rev. Berthold Jacksteit of Anaheim, California.

**WHAT ARE WE DOING?**  
This question will be answered on Friday afternoon when thirty years of progress in our CBY and SS Union program will be presented in a really different manner. A television broadcast of the many activities of our General Conference Union will be presented by our young people of "yesterday" and today. (A cast of 30.)

**A NEW SLATE**  
This is election year for us, too. Election of our General Conference Union officers will be held Friday afternoon so you will want to be there to cast your vote.

**LUNCHEON FOR THE WORKERS**  
You will want to get your tickets early for the luncheon on Friday noon, August 22, when all workers in the Sunday School and young people's organizations will get together for fellowship and inspiration. In addition to a few brief chats by some of our key people, an inspirational message will be given by the Rev. Herbert Freeman of West New York, New Jersey.

**"EARLY TO RISE"**  
"If, Saturday morning, early you'll rise, there'll be a good program filled with many a surprise." Wake up and see!

**OTHERS ARE COMING — WHY NOT YOU?**

It is very gratifying that all young people who have been contacted to participate in the General Conference program have said "yes." If you are not among this group, why not decide now to join the others in actively participating in the program August 20-26. You will not regret it. It will be a highlight in your life!

**YOUR DVBS RECORDS**  
The response for the records of our Daily Vacation Bible Schools has been very gratifying, but we want the records complete this year. Please send in your card of the statistics of your school if you have not already done so.

**WHAT HAPPENED AT YOUR ASSEMBLY?**  
Deans and presidents of the camp groups will want to send in their assembly questionnaires to headquarters as soon as camp is over. Let us know what you did, who was there and what you are planning to do. Write for a questionnaire if you have misplaced the one sent to you from our office.





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

The chemistry teacher of Melbourne College, known as "Prof," singled out two of his students to work with him at experiments. One of them was Peter Dunning who joined the Christian Fellowship Club and decided to become a missionary to Africa. The other was Bill McAdams who was preparing for medicine. Peter told the "Prof" about his faith in Christ, and as he looked at the youth, the teacher had to admit that here, at least, was something that he lacked and needed!

## CHAPTER TWO

THE THREE met several times in the course of the year, McAdams restlessly active as ever, Dunning, quietly jubilant over the success of his Christian Fellowship Group. For, strangely enough, students began to flock to his meetings, some through curiosity, some through interest. The Head, on being approached by Peter, had consented to the use of the Music Room for an after-school meeting, and there, twice a week, the usual sight of students carrying Bibles bespoke the interest Peter had created. Melbourne College had never heard the like: a place where students gathered, to read

the Bible (which was not, unfortunately, on the school list of suggested reading), and to discuss Christian life and problems.

Only once did the chemistry teacher look on, but seeing his presence caused tension and lack of freedom, he soon left and stayed away thereafter. He listened to the reports of progress with interest, however. The meetings did not tone up or change school life to any appreciable extent. But there was a definite change in some of the regular members. Slackers had tightened up on their work, and several times he caught snatches of serious conversations from some who formerly had the reputation of being scatter-brained and careless. It was definitely a good thing, but inexplicable to most, as he found out when lunching with the rest of the staff.

Oldham himself was the most skeptical, although the rest were not far behind. "Another fad," was the consensus. It would soon be dropped as all the other customs that had come and gone. Strangely enough, after the

group had been meeting for several months, and there was no let-up in interest and influence, even Old Soc had to admit that they might have something after all.

It was evident, however, that only the chemistry teacher took any personal interest in the group and its leader, Peter Dunning. The latter seemed to grow in dignity and poise, although there was no let-up in any of his school activities.

As the year drew to a close, the last meeting the Prof was to have with Bill and Peter for some time, rolled around. They all felt a little sorry at the coming break, and sat quietly in the Prof's living room, each busy with his own thoughts. To the older one, another year was chalked up, and the remaining ones were getting fewer. Not that he had any morbid fear of declining years, but contact with these boys had led him to realize that one's ambitions and their actual fulfilment were widely separated.

Doubtless, too, the young friends were thinking not of a year that was past, but of another to come. Age looks back, youth looks forward, impatient with the slow march of time that so separates them from achievement. Next year would see Bill probing, with scalpel and microscope, the mysteries of the human body. Peter was transferring to a Bible College for his study of theology and the mysteries of the soul. They both would meet on the common ground of healing: one outwardly, one inwardly. As for the teacher, the thought of the mysteries of chemistry left him cold and with a bitter taste in his mouth. He longed to join forces with youth, to fight the world side by side.

"Prof," Peter's voice broke in on the reverie, "I think I can answer your question of several months ago." The teacher's head came up with a jerk, as he remembered asking what caused activity in the Christian life.

"You can? Fire away then. I'll sit at your feet and glean wisdom," and he smiled across at the student.

"At least I hope I can answer," the latter added, "if I can express what I feel about it all. It's this way: I accepted Jesus Christ as my personal Savior about three years ago. Since then I have not been able to forget how He lived and died for me. It has slowly grown on me, that if He lived and died, with His every word and action impregnated with the desire to do the Father's will, that I could do no less than follow. He said: 'He that will not take up His cross and follow me, is not worthy of me,' and of all things, I wanted to be worthy of His love for, and trust in, me." Dunning paused to see how the others were taking it. They said nothing and waited for him to go on.

"It seems to me that nearly everyone knows about Him, and feels He was very wonderful and a great

Teacher and all that, but few do anything about following in His steps, and doing what He was doing, seeking and saving the lost. When this dawned on me, I told the Lord that I would give myself unreservedly to Him, for Him to use me as He would. And do you know," he added naively, "everything seemed to be so different. I was never a brilliant scholar, yet my mind seemed open to absorb and understand far better than ever before. I found I had an inner satisfaction that didn't need to be satiated with dancing, smoking and everything that the rest of the crowd seems to feel is essential. I feel impelled to live as I know He would want me to live, and it is bound to show in being 'out and out' for Him. I don't care what I am called. I am 'determined to know nothing among men, save Jesus Christ and Him crucified!'" and his face lighted up with some inner glow that rather awed the others as they watched him.

Finally the teacher learned over and, gripping Peter's arm, said: "Peter, I'd give anything I have or hope to have to be able to repeat in honest faith what you have said tonight. But I can't see it. I can't see it. I would to God I could," and he felt like weeping before the two of them, while they fidgeted in embarrassed silence.

They sat long without speaking. The fire in the grate crackled and the flames danced, casting lurid shadows, now long, now short, ever moving on the wall behind them. From another apartment came the muted sound of a radio, its music rising and falling in gently pulsating beats. The three gazed into the fire, watching a small flame as it started to burn into one end of a stick. It became stronger and stronger, brightly danced along, until suddenly it flickered and sputtered. It had reached a knot. The flame lessened, struggled feebly, then passed the difficult place and went on as brightly as ever. At last it came to the end of the stick; the flame lowered, blazed up suddenly, then died. A last spark. It glowed for a second, then it, too, went out, leaving the black, charred remains of the kindling.

The teacher thought of Peter and Bill, starting out with their fresh, burning vitality. Knots and difficulties would be taken in their stride—until the stick burned out. He reviewed himself and saw the careful, even burning that was starting on the downhill stretch. For him there was no accomplishment that marked him out as apart from his fellows, and he regretted the even tenor of his life. These two, on the other hand, seemed destined to throw light and heat as they went along. For them there would be no last minute spark, but a continual blaze of glory. They had something, and he felt hungry as he thought of it.

The three were brought back to the present by Peter's voice coming from the darkened corner.

"It's our last time together like this, sir. Would you mind if I prayed?" The teacher's gasp was almost audible. Had Peter read his thoughts, or had the influence of the moment led him to sense the older man's feeling? He nodded assent.

That night he felt as though he knew Peter for the first time. In praying the boy revealed himself as he had never done before, and the Prof saw such a wealth of character and maturity, such inward vision and unhypocritical hope, that he realized afresh that such as Peter indeed had chosen the better part. As the young man prayed, the flames cast three dancing shadows on the wall behind them.

They separated, each feeling that another milestone had passed, and that they might never be like this again. At the door, however, the teacher spoke.

"Well, fellows, it has been a good year for me. I have appreciated your friendship no end, and I hope you will remember that any time you care to come over, I'll most likely be here until the end of the chapter. Good luck to you both," and they were gone. As he turned back into the room, the man found himself praying: "Oh God, give me a faith like Peter's, that my life, too, might count as something worth-while for Thee."

The next few years had been ones of deadly sameness for the teacher. Peter had gone to Africa as a missionary, and Bill was finishing the grind for his M.D. The two at home saw little of each other, but letters from Africa continued to reach them both, and keep their friendship green. The Prof remember the last one as he re-read it:

Dear Prof:

I'm sitting under a glorious moon giving light as brilliant and clear as my pressure lamp. It was too hot to sit inside, and light enough out, so here I am, typing this on my knee. Every clack of the typewriter sounds like a machine gun shot, so quiet and still is this tropical night.

I've rather forgotten what I wrote in my last letter to you, but there is still so much to tell that I have to ration it. If these letters couldn't go air mail, I don't know when you would get them.

I wish you could visit the bush school I started here. It would make you pedagogues realize how soft it is to teach at home. But you miss our fun, too.

As you know, I'm using the Hausa language here, since the whole Bible has been translated, while the local, tribal tongue has only a primer. And since Hausa is the lingua franca of this part of the country, they all know it, though few can read.

The other day when I started the class, one of the Christians brought his

two children to start them off. It's strange to see several generations in school together. Anyway, Wakili brought his two along.

I opened the record book, and pointing (with my chin of course, never my finger—that would be a curse!) at the oldest, I said:

"What's his name?"

"Tiglath-Pilezer!"

I whooped with pure joy. Evidently he had thumbed through the Old Testament of his Hausa Bible, looking for a good "Bible" name for his favorite son. He found one of the kings of Assyria that suited his fancy. I put the boy down as "Tiggy" for short.

School in Africa is so different from anything I ever knew at home. It certainly is not compulsory, or it might be easier to handle them. Anything makes a good excuse to break the strain of learning.

A sudden shriek from the town, and the school will empty in a twinkling, door and windows alike being means of exit, and me left staring disconsolately at empty seats, fluttering papers and strewn clothing. The men may plunge to the rescue of a child falling down one of these dreadful, open wells. Or they rush to aid a hapless householder whose grass roof didn't prove to be fireproof. Or they will join in the wild scramble to kill a deadly viper that has dared to show itself in the light of day.

If a pencil falls to the ground, a bare, cracked foot reaches stealthily out—and the recalcitrant pencil is imprisoned between the toes and surrendered to a waiting hand.

If there is an overflow of saliva? Well, the window is open, and even from the middle of our mud hut classroom, it is not too far away—!

But it's wonderful, Prof, to be dealing with these untaught, sometimes unlovely, but ever-loved people. This is living.

Sometimes, though, things get kind of "other-worldly"—and I don't mean heavenly. I sometimes wish I was not all alone here.

The other day while I was on a very precarious scaffolding trying to fix my roof, I was startled by a succession of piercing screams. From my height, I suddenly saw a long line of men and women break from a grove of trees that nestle in a sort of hidden valley off from the end of the town. They came through the town and almost past my compound. I could even see their foam-flecked faces as they ran, postured and shouted. One old woman was in the lead, and the rest followed her almost blindly. They waved spears and war clubs, and shouted things that I cannot translate. It was awful.

The boys that were helping me kept muttering, "Demon dance, demon dance." Evidently the old woman was



# We, the Women

News and Views of the National Woman's Missionary Union  
By MRS. FLORENCE E. SCHOEFFEL, President

## GENERAL CONFERENCE BUSINESS

We will set our alarm clocks that morning—Monday, August 25—for we must be "about the King's business" bright and early! In a democratic organization such as our North American Baptist Women's Union every person has a right to express his opinion, as well as to vote. We hope that we will have participation by at least four hundred women! Your interest and your support will make our business session worthwhile. So bring your alarm clock to Philadelphia—you'll need it, to get to the 7:30 breakfast on time!

## PROJECT CHART REVISION

Adoption of the Woman's Union Goals for 1952-1953 will be one of the items of business at the breakfast business meeting in Philadelphia. The Executive Board is suggesting that most of the goals remain the same as during the present triennium. The two major changes suggested are as follows:

## SPECIAL MISSIONARY PROJECT \$30,000

A three-fold project will challenge us to give generously and repeatedly, so that the mission work at home and abroad may be furthered.

\$10,000 for the new Leper Mission. In supporting this cause we are following our Master, who was moved with compassion and healed the lepers.

\$10,000 for Home Mission Expansion. There are opportunities for establishing new churches on the home front. We must continue to strengthen the home base, in order that the foreign work will have strong support.

a demon medium, and her master had shown himself (or should it be itself?) in the grove.

I followed them with my camera, and got a good shot when they spent about half an hour dancing in the market place. It was fearful.

The medium stood in one spot in a sort of trance. Then she would be suddenly galvanized into action, spitting and clawing the air. Then she would stand and I could see what I call a "muscle dance." Every muscle from head to heel just writhed and twisted under the skin, as though they would tear her apart.

I took some shots of it. Then I found I shook so from the demonic power, and sweated and choked until I thought I'd never breath properly again, that I quit. For two days the

\$10,000 for Missionary for Women in Cameroons. Since Myrtle Hein left our missionary service, no one has had the full responsibility for working among the women in the Cameroons. By pledging our support, we are making possible the appointment of a new missionary to undertake this important work. The General Mission Committee and the General Council have approved the sending of this missionary who is Miss Tina Schmidt of Calgary, Alberta. We feel sure that the women of our churches will wholeheartedly support this new work. It is a thrilling opportunity to be of special service to the women of Africa.

## CHRISTIAN FRIENDLINESS

This new goal is concerned with extending our Christian friendliness and influence beyond the circle of our immediate friends, church family, social position, even race and color. Each society will be asked to seek ways to extend practical Christian friendliness to some persons in need, particularly to the underprivileged. Also, wherever possible, we shall seek ways of breaking down prejudice toward those of other races. Following the example of the Good Samaritan, we will see the need and help, without asking first of what nationality, race or religious belief the person in need is. Definite projects from which to choose will be suggested, and each society will be encouraged to discover ways and means in their own community of practicing this Christian Friendliness.

We trust that YOU will be in Philadelphia, to vote on these new goals, as well as to participate in all the other business matters.

dancing and drumming has continued, and only tonight has it eased up. I'm going to ask the boys about it tomorrow. To me, the very air was heavy. It was as though hell had been opened.

Oh, a lot of other things have happened Prof, but I cannot write it all now. If you pray, remember your old pupil in Africa. The work is hard, the battle pressing and the need is urgent. How I have longed to see you and Bill, and to feel again the fresh strength of our friendship!

God keep you both. I must write Bill tonight, too.

Yours,

Peter.

These letters from Peter did nothing to make the Prof satisfied with his life. They so constantly outlined the

life of one man who, at least, seemed do be doing something worth while, that the teacher caught himself looking with real disfavor at the current batch of embryo scientists, on whose egglike intellects he was supposed to sit until some glimmering of intelligence should hatch.

The unsettled feeling didn't decrease with the coming of the recent letters regarding the doings of what Peter called the "leopard men." In the last letter could be detected a reticence, however, a hesitancy in Peter's words. They seemed to betoken more than they said. The Prof often found himself lying awake at night, wondering how Peter was and what was really happening.

Africa held a mystic charm that seemed enveloped in the sound of the tomtom, the roar of the lion, the slithering of the snake and the wild dancing of fetish rites in the light of the tropical moon.

Now there was this added glamor of mystery and adventure, and the Prof felt like a child longing vainly through September for Christmas to roll around, as he waited for another letter from Nigeria.

Then he met Bill.

He had been reading a paper at the Teachers' Convention in the University Memorial Hall, and was hurrying to get out of the fusty atmosphere. He was reaching for the door handle, when he felt a hand on his shoulder, and spun around to see Bill smiling at him. His well-scrubbed, shiny face, black hair and general air of well-being was just as evident as when they had last met. The years since they had been teacher and student at Melbourne College had not changed him, except that the one had to look up at his former pupil instead of meeting him eye to eye as he had done when he taught chemistry in the "stinks" lab.

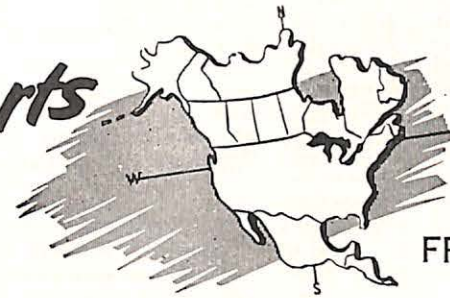
Bill McAdams was a powerful fellow. He had always appeared like a coiled spring. Lean and lithe, he had now added weight to a marvelously muscled frame. The Prof knew he had captained the Varsity water polo team. His half-back game was a joy to behold during the football season. But it was over a year since they had met to talk. The Prof's delight showed in his face.

"How goes it, Prof?" asked Bill, as his big hand gripped his friend's, while with the other hand he massaged his elbow. "How goes the pedantry of the pedagogues?"

"Bill," replied the other fervently, "you have saved my life. If I can't get the taste of that place out of my mouth, it'll throttle me. Come along and have some dinner. That is, if you are free," he added, wondering what the other was doing. He knew he had been interning.

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# Reports



## FROM THE FIELD

### Central Conference

#### Inspirational Sessions of the Central Conference at White Ave. Church, Cleveland, Ohio

On Thursday evening, May 29, the delegates and visitors to the Central Conference were heartily welcomed by the Rev. Paul Zoschke, pastor of the White Avenue Church, Cleveland, Ohio. The conference moderator, Rev. E. Arthur McAsh of Ebenezer Church, Detroit, Mich., responded.

The conference theme, "A Glorious Church," based on Matt. 16:18 and Eph. 2:20-22, was attended throughout by sermons, devotional meditations, music and song, as also through the reports and business sessions. The conference reports 322 baptisms, gain by letter and experience 320 and a total giving for all purposes of \$456,386.00.

The Rev. Richard Schilke, general missionary secretary, and the Rev. Paul Gebauer, field superintendent of our mission in the Cameroons, were an inspiration through their messages. The gratitude of the conference for our overall missionary program was expressed in that all advances were unanimously supported.

The newly elected moderator is Dr. A. Dale Ihrie, pastor of the Burns Ave. Church, Detroit, Michigan. Upon the invitation of the Ebenezer Church of Detroit, the conference hopes to meet in its attractive, new sanctuary in June 1953. The hospitality and the services rendered through the membership and pastor of the White Ave. Church were appreciated.

Rubin Kern, Reporter.

#### Holmes Street Church, Lansing, Mich., Welcomes Rev. and Mrs. A. Buhler and Family

The Rev. Aaron Buhler preached his first sermon at the Holmes Street Baptist Church of Lansing, Mich., to a packed congregation. The church was beautifully decorated with garden flowers. Immediately following his message the communion service was held. The choir rendered special music for this happy occasion. The Junior Sunday School presented Mrs. Buhler and daughter Donna with a lovely mother and daughter corsage, while Mr. Buhler and son Ross were each given a boutonniere.

The evening reception was opened by the young people and young adults singing and giving testimonies. This service was led by Deacon E. A. Dachtler. The various organizations gave

special welcomes. Miss Bonnie Morgan as church missionary graciously welcomed them into our midst. This was followed by Fred Pletz, Sr., of the Deacons, Fred Pletz, Jr., of the Trustees, E. A. Dachtler as the Sunday School superintendent, Mrs. Roland Jackson as head of the Junior Church, Mrs. Alma Lang as president of the Ladies' Missionary Aid, Mrs. Lorene Longhurst as president of the Ladies' Missionary Guild, Miss Jeanette Dachtler as president of the King's Daughters, Wilbert Dachtler as president of the Men's Crusaders, and Wilbert Knoblich of the Training Union.

We were fortunate in having the Rev. Otto Patzia from the Conner Ave. Baptist Church in Detroit, who gave a stirring message on "Christians With and Without the Power of God." The Buhlers then gave their replies to the welcomes.

Gifts presented to the new pastor and family were a study desk by the church, a pantry shower by the Ladies' Missionary Aid, three lovely rugs by the King's Daughters, and a lovely gift of linens presented by the Junior Church. The Holmes Street Harmonizers sang several numbers during the evening service.

Following the program refreshments were served in the church parlors by the faithful women of the church. A beautifully decorated cake in the form of an open Bible was given to Mr. and Mrs. Buhler and family. We feel that God will accomplish great things for his glory under the leadership of this fine pastor.

Mrs. Rudolph Kwast, Reporter.

### Southern Conference

#### Evangelistic Services at the Central Baptist Church, Waco, Texas, With Rev. A. C. Walker

The first full week in May was set aside for intensified evangelistic efforts in the Central Baptist Church, Waco, Texas. The Rev. A. C. Walker who was born in Scotland, spent most of his life in South Africa and who was recently graduated from Northern Baptist Theological Seminary in Chicago, Ill., and who is at present doing graduate work in Baylor University, Waco, brought the messages.

Prayer groups composed of adults and young people met in their departments for a twenty-minute prayer session each evening before the service while the Rev. Louis Johnson and Mr. Walker conducted a service for the children in the auditorium. Music by Rod Coleman with his marimba

and vocal numbers, solos by Howard Hovde, special numbers by the choir and others from our congregation did much to create an atmosphere of prayer and worship.

Mr. Walker is an especially gifted man of God and the burden of his preaching was, "Ye must be born again." Those who came under the influence of his preaching experienced the re-vitalizing power of the Holy Spirit and many consecrated their lives anew to the service of Christ. Two young boys, Vaughn Johnson, son of our present pastor, and Herbert Knouff, grandson of a former pastor, were saved during the meetings.

Mrs. Ernest Steindam, Reporter.

#### Ordination of the Rev. Joel Bermudez by Central Valley Church, Donna, Texas

On Wednesday, April 30 a group of brethren met at the Central Valley Baptist Church, Donna, Texas, at the request of the church in behalf of Mr. Joel Bermudez, who expressed his desire to be ordained as a minister.

The Ordaining Council was composed of Rev. Louis Johnson, Waco, Texas; Rev. Frank Armbruster, Burton, Texas; Rev. M. C. Ehlert, Rev. Walter Gomez and Rev. Lyn Manlove, all of Edinburg, Texas; Rev. L. C. Anders and Rev. Oliver Whitson, P. W. Hartmann, deacon, and Lawrence Terveen, clerk, all of Donna, Texas.

The council met with the candidate and after a period of questioning and answering, the council expressed its satisfaction that the candidate was called by God, that his views were scriptural and that he was worthy to be ordained as a minister, which was performed at the evening service that same day.

The congregation that gathered at 7:30 P.M. received a real blessing as they witnessed the ordination of the Rev. Joel Bermudez. Special music was given by a trio, with Miss Eunice Terveen, Miss Joann Brown and Mrs. Lawrence Terveen singing, "I Want God's Way to Be My Way." The Rev. Oliver Whitson gave the ordination sermon, which was followed by the charge to the candidate by the Rev. Lyn Manlove. The charge to the church was given by the Rev. M. C. Ehlert. Then the candidate was called forward and the dedicatory prayer was offered by the Rev. Louis Johnson, and the hand of fellowship by the Rev. Oliver Whitson.

The Rev. Joel Bermudez then closed the service with a few remarks and prayer.

Mr. Bermudez is one of the members of the Central Valley Baptist Church. He is a Cuban, and comes from a white family of Spanish descent. He is an instructor at the Rio Grande Bible Institute, teaching foreign language and practical Christianity. He is a graduate of the New Pine Seminary in Cuba. He is a young man with a pleasing personality, and is well grounded in the Scriptures. These qualities along with his devotion to the Lord and his concern for the lost make him a real soul winner for Christ. At present he is serving a mission station for the Mexicans.

Lawrence Terveen, Clerk.



## Northwestern Conference

### Ground Breaking Exercises for New Parsonage by Bethany Church of Milwaukee, Wisconsin

The members of the Bethany Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wis., are enjoying busy days. A Building Committee has been functioning for some time and has presented a favorable plan, by which we can have our own parsonage, as well as a new addition to our present church building. After the construction of the parsonage, an addition to our present church building will follow. The labor for these building projects is to be provided by the men of the congregation.



Ground breaking exercises for the new parsonage of the Bethany Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wis., with Mr. Fred Abitz reading from the Bible and the Rev. Wilmer Quiring, pastor, standing at his right.

On May 18, after the morning service, the ground-breaking ceremony was held on the plot of ground just south of our present church building. Scripture taken from 1 Chronicles 29: 10-16 was read by our moderator, Mr. Fred Abitz, and prayer was offered by our pastor, the Rev. W. Quiring.

On the following Wednesday evening, May 21, a "Kickoff" supper to arouse enthusiasm for our building project was enjoyed by all who attended, with Dr. Frank Woyke as guest speaker. A short program was given, with a short "pep talk" by our pastor, and an appropriate appeal by our Building Committee chairman, Mr. Kenneth Miller, for pledges of money as well as labor. What was to be expected by the men of the church in the building was told by Mr. Paul Juwig.

Praying and rejoicing, we are now looking forward to the completion of our building project, while the work progresses according to plan under the capable leadership of our pastor, the Rev. Wilmer Quiring.

Mrs. Alfred Klein, Reporter.

### Ordination Service for the Rev. Edward Kopf at North Freedom, Wisconsin

An ordination council, which was called together by the North Freedom Baptist Church, met at North Freedom, Wis., on Tuesday, June 3rd, to examine Mr. Edward A. Kopf, a candidate for

the Christian ministry. The following churches were represented by delegates: Elgin and Sumner, Iowa; the following from Wisconsin: Seventh Street Church of LaCrosse; Immanuel Church of Kenosha; Rock Springs; Watertown; North Freedom; Bethany and Temple Churches of Milwaukee. The session was opened with devotions by the Rev. Thomas Lutz, host pastor. The Rev. Ed. McKernan of Kenosha was elected permanent moderator and the Rev. G. K. Zimmerman of Milwaukee as clerk.

The council was organized with the roll call of the churches invited and delegates were introduced. Mr. Kopf, the candidate, of North Freedom was presented by his pastor, the Rev. Thomas Lutz. Mr. Kopf then related his conversion experience and call to

the ministry and read his doctrinal statements of faith. His doctrinal beliefs were harmoniously in accord with those accepted by the Baptist fellowship and were well substantiated by Biblical statements.

A delicious supper was served by the ladies of the church. In the evening an impressive ordination service was held in the church. Mr. McKernan, moderator of the council, presided at the service. The service was opened with the singing of the "Doxology" and invocation prayer by the Rev. F. Lemmert of LaCrosse. The Scripture reading was by the Rev. Kieth Epps of Rock Springs and prayer by the Rev. F. W. Mashner of Sumner, Iowa. The ordination message by Dr. Arthur Ittermann of Elgin, Iowa, revealed the challenge to a pastor to be like Daniel, "a man of prayer, a pastor and shepherd, and an administrator." The ordination prayer by the Rev. T. Lutz and laying on of hands by ten pastors brought to pass again the sacred moment of a deeper inner consecration by all who follow and serve Christ.

The charge to the candidate was given by the Rev. J. Benke of Watertown and the welcome into the fellowship of the ministry by the Rev. Wilmer Quiring of Milwaukee. The benediction was given by the Rev. Edward Kopf.

Appropriate messages in song were rendered by the host church choir. A solo was sung by Miss Shirley Seils. One of our retired pastors, the Rev.

August Rhode of Kenosha, was also present at the council meeting and the service.

The Rev. Edward Kopf is the new pastor of the Baptist Church of Halloway, Minnesota. He is a 1952 graduate of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota. G. K. Zimmerman, Reporter.

## Southwestern Conference

### King's Daughters of Marion, Kansas, Present Their Missionary and Mother's Day Program

The King's Daughters of Emmanuel Baptist Church of Marion, Kans., held their annual Mission and Mother's Day program on Sunday, May 11. After the missionary hymns, Mrs. Ted Longhofer read the Scripture passage and offered prayer. A lovely vocal duet was sung by Miss Kathryn Popp and Miss Donna Rose Pankratz, accompanied by Miss Ella Meier at the organ. Professor A. R. Ebel of Tabor College, Hillsboro, Kans., brought an inspiring chalk talk message on "The Sower" and "The Lighthouse," with Miss Kathryn Popp playing fitting hymns on the organ. An offering of \$43.29 was received for missions.

The King's Daughters help support a native missionary in the Cameroons in Africa. Other projects on which we have worked were as follows: one box sent to George and Alma Henderson, visits to shut-ins with fruit at Christmas, three boxes of used clothing sent to Korea, one Christmas box and one box of quilt pieces sent to the Indian Reserves in Canada.

Mrs. John Helmer, Secretary.

### Reception for Rev. and Mrs. Leland Friesen and Family at Okeene, Oklahoma

On Friday, May 2, the Zion Baptist Church of Okeene, Okla., held a reception and welcome for its new pastor and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. Leland H. Friesen, and three sons, formerly of the Stafford Baptist Church of Sherwood, Oregon. Our interim pastor, the Rev. John Siems, had charge of the evening services.

Words of welcome were expressed by representatives of the various organizations of the church. A special musical number was brought by the Ladies' Chorus. Mr. and Mrs. Friesen responded with expressions of faith and conviction that it was God's leading that brought them to us and that we would labor together to do the will of God. We then retired to the church's dining room for a time of fellowship and refreshments.

The Rev. John Siems served as our interim pastor for a period of nine months. Words of appreciation for his service and farewell words to him were expressed following the refreshment hour. He was presented with a gift from the church.

Our prayer is that the Lord may bless this mutual relationship of church and pastor and that all will be to the honor and glory of HIM who came to seek and to save those that are lost.

Mrs. Al Priebe, Reporter.

## Pacific Conference

### White Cross Work by the Woman's Missionary Society, Trinity Church, Portland, Oregon

Greetings from the Trinity Baptist Woman's Missionary Society White Cross workers in Portland, Oregon! We meet on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 10 A.M. and work diligently until 3 P.M. At noon we have a time of fellowship and sometimes business over our sandwiches, accompanied by coffee and cream furnished by the society. Our attendance is good and very faithful.

Our work includes rolling bandages, packing clothing for relief, sewing and remaking curtains and drapes for the church, making quilts for relief and folding gauze bandages. During the past fiscal year we have pieced 13 quilt backs, gathered, packed and sent seven boxes of clothing for relief, and sent to our missionaries one large box of notions contributed at our Christmas party. Four beautiful quilts were pieced by members who live at the Home for the Aged. Four large boxes of rolled bandages, prepared from worn sheets and cases, were made and sent for the most part through the faithful labors of our older members who find in this a worth-while labor of Christian love. We are now folding bandages of gauze, and have already finished three large 100 yard rolls. May the Lord add his blessing to the gifts and the givers.

The efficient and untiring chairman of our White Cross work is Rosalia Bauder, and her committee helpers are Ida Wyss, Susanna Dapp, Emma Seidel, Anna Haack, and your reporter, Martha Becker.

Martha Becker, Reporter.



White Cross Work Day for the Woman's Missionary Society of the Trinity Baptist Church, Portland, Ore., as the women busily roll bandages for the mission field and pack clothing for relief.

## Atlantic Conference

### Evergreen Church of Brooklyn, New York, Holds Rededication Services for Its Renovated Edifice

Today the Evergreen Baptist Church of Brooklyn, N. Y., finds itself in possession of a completely renovated building and our people rejoice in this fact. Only a year ago, we were discouraged and uncertain as we faced the great problem of making adjustments and solving problems after our church caught fire on Saturday evening, May 26, 1951. It is now difficult to describe the emotions that were ours as we returned from our Atlantic Conference youth meetings in Philadelphia that Saturday night. We found the first trucks in the street before the church, the firemen pulling huge hoses around and many of the men of the church, dressed in work clothes, carrying hammers and nails and pieces of metal—preparing to nail up the windows for the night.

The following morning we began to realize just how extensive the damage was. Our lower Sunday School rooms and kitchen had the appearance of the inside of a large furnace. The floor of the main Sunday School room was burned through and consequently we had to refinish this room. Smoke and heat left their mark in the entire building, making necessary a complete redecoration job of the entire church and parsonage.

This was a year ago. In the intervening time we have been richly rewarded of our Lord and have learned some lessons in our experience that we are eager to share with others.

First, we realized that we needed to reaffirm our faith in our Lord, and our willingness to trust him to lead us. This we needed to do in gaining insurance settlements, in rebuilding,

and in continuing our vital ministry in our community.

In the second place, and perhaps most significant, is the realization that the Lord has brought us through the present difficulty because he has additional tasks for us to perform in the work of the Kingdom. This factor was impressed upon us in the special services of dedication held on the weekend of May 23 to 25. Outstanding events in this period were the Saturday evening dinner, when members and friends joined in fellowship.

Certificates of appreciation were presented to Mr. John Coners, Mr. Henry Veninga, Mr. John Steinhoff and Mr. Edwin Marklein for special services rendered to the church. Special recognition was given to the Board of Trustees who, under the leadership of Mr. Jacob Hess, had to assume many additional responsibilities in this past year. Present at this meeting were representatives of the following fifteen churches: King's Highway, Bridgeport, Conn.; Pilgrim, Jersey City; Walnut Street, Newark, N. J.; Swedenborgian, Brooklyn; Ridgewood, Brooklyn, Jamaica Baptist, New York; Bushwick Baptist, Brooklyn; Immanuel Baptist, Brooklyn; Second Baptist, Immanuel, Calvary of New York City; Calvary, Bethlehem, Pa.; Richmond Hill, L. I.; First Baptist, Tacoma, Wash.; Shroyer Road, Dayton, Ohio.

It was Dr. Herman von Berge of Dayton, Ohio, our guest speaker, at the dedication services, who in his timely messages indicated to us the direction in which we need to travel and the One who will give us guidance and strength for the journey. It was from the Evergreen Baptist Church that Dr. von Berge set out to study at the Seminary in Rochester and thus entered into a most useful ministry in the Name of Christ.

Robert F. Zimbelman, Pastor.



**Golden Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Pfeiffer in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania**

The golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Pfeiffer, guests of the Baptist Home for the Aged in Philadelphia, Pa., was observed on Sunday afternoon, April 6th. Their children and immediate relatives sponsored a very appropriate program with a son, Mr. Carl Pfeiffer, in charge.

The Rev. Walter C. Damrau, pastor of the Pilgrim Baptist Church, read the 128th Psalm and gave a brief address, calling attention to the fact that the Lord had literally blessed the Pfeiffer family as described in the Scripture passage. The Rev. Christian Peters, pastor at Elsmere, Del., led

he was led to a living faith in Christ. Mr. Glazer, a friend and neighbor of the Pfeiffers, brought greetings and expressions of appreciation of friendships begun many years ago. Mrs. Kathrine Yung, a lifelong friend and neighbor, brought interesting reminiscences of family ties between families. These interesting festivities were brought to a close by serving delicious refreshments and the distribution of an elegantly decorated wedding cake. The guests of the Home for the Aged were invited and participated in this program.

May the Lord abundantly bless Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Pfeiffer with his Presence and guidance as they continue their journey through life together. Christian Peters, Reporter.



Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Pfeiffer of Philadelphia, Pa., members of the Pilgrim Baptist Church and guests in the Home for the Aged, cut "the wedding cake" at their golden wedding anniversary celebration.

in prayer, committing the honored couple to the further guidance and grace of the Lord. Mrs. Elizabeth Zioli, wife of Evangelist Anthony Zioli, spoke on the fine Christian home of those honored guests and rendered a solo selection, "Great Is Thy Faithfulness."

Two poems were then given by grandchildren, Louis and Lynn Pfeiffer.

A song honoring "Mom and Pop" of original composition was sung by the sons and daughters of the Pfeiffer family. Miss Eva Yung read a poem composed by herself, describing in detail the home and religious life of the family when the children were small. A German male quartet, "Nahe am Kreuz" was rendered by members of the Pfeiffer families. Miss Margaret Peters, a granddaughter, played a piano solo.

Warren and Stanley Oster, grandsons, rendered an accordion duet selection.

Miss Ruth Pfeiffer gave a vocal selection, "Silver Threads Among the Gold." Piano selections were also given by the young boys, David McCoach and Richard Pfeiffer, the latter accompanied by his mother. A message of appreciation was given by Mr. Fred Winkler, a close friend of the Pfeiffer family, telling how he had been assisted as an immigrant from Europe in finding employment and how

Junior choirs under the leadership of Mr. Frank Brucker sang special numbers to the honor and glory of God.

The church, largely built by volunteer labor, seats approximately 150 persons. The value of the church is estimated at \$20,000. We still owe \$700 on the building. The Edenwold membership at present is 72.

Another special day for the Edenwold church took place on May 24 and 25 when Davin, Regina, Southey and Serath held a Sunday School and Youth Rally in our church. On Saturday night our young people sponsored a program followed by a sound film on Sunday School work. The Rev. E. L. Thiesen, our Sunday School director, gave a brief message.

We were privileged to have the Rev. H. Palfenier, our denominational evangelist, as our guest speaker at the Sunday morning service. All Sunday Schools participated in bringing musical selections. At 2:00 P.M. our Youth Rally began when our Youth Director Mr. Richard Grabke, brought a challenging message.

On Sunday evening, May 25, our evangelistic meetings began and continued to June 8. The Lord has blessed us in great measure. He used Brother Palfenier in a mighty way to bring the lost to Christ and Christians into closer fellowship with their Lord and Master.

Mrs. Fred Ohmann, Reporter.

**Dakota Conference**

**Ordination Service for Rev. Eldon Seibold and Rev. Orville Meth, Germantown Church**

Upon the invitation extended by the Germantown Baptist Church near Cathay, N. Dak., twenty-three delegates representing eight Baptist churches of the Dakota Conference gathered on the afternoon of June 1st for the examination of two candidates, Eldon Seibold and Orville Meth, both of the above mentioned church.

The meeting was opened by the local pastor, the Rev. Elmer Buenning, in the singing of a hymn. Rev. John Engel of Martin read Eph. 4:1-13, and Rev. A. Buhler of Harvey led us to the throne of grace. After the setting up of the list of delegates, Rev. H. Hirsch of Goodrich was elected moderator and Rev. J. Engel of Martin as clerk.

Both of the candidates gave a very profound testimony of their conversion, call to the ministry and statement of faith. After a brief period of questioning, the council withdrew for further discussion. Having been fully satisfied with the reports given by the candidates, the council voted to recommend them to the local church for ordination that same evening.

The Women of the local church had prepared a splendid supper for which we were very thankful and which we all enjoyed as we fellowshiped around the tables.

The ordination service in the evening proved to be a real source of blessing. Rev. Vernon Link of Fessenden read the Scriptures and Rev. John Engel led in prayer. It was our unusual privilege to have Dr. George A. Lang from our seminary bring us the

ordination message. His theme was "The Task of the Church in the World of Today." Our hearts were warmed anew to the great task which is ours as we listened with open hearts and minds to the challenge brought to us. Rev. D. Klein offered the ordination prayers as all the ministers present took part in the laying on of hands. Both church and ministers were also aroused anew to their great responsibilities as Rev. A. Buhler and Rev. C. Weisser brought the charges to candidates and church respectively. All enjoyed a double portion of blessing as the Lord sent down the material and the spiritual rain. The hand of fellowship into the ranks of the ministry was extended to the candidates by Rev. Lawrence Bienert who was a fellow-student.

The service was then closed as the Rev. Orville Meth led in a short closing prayer and the Rev. Eldon Seibold pronounced the benediction. Our prayers and best wishes go out to these men as they go forth to their respective fields of service.

Rev. John Engel, Council Clerk.

**Eighteen Converts Baptized and Received Into Ebenezer Church, Wessington Springs, S. Dak.**

On Sunday afternoon, May 25, the Rev. Walter Sukut of the Ebenezer Baptist Church in southeast Hand County and near Wessington Springs, S. Dak., conducted a baptismal service at the First Baptist Church in Huron, S. Dak., for 18 people. They were Mr. and Mrs. John C. Eveland and children, Cherie, Joy, Gloria and Gay Belle; Georgene and Helen Engel; Elnear, Elroy and Allen Heuther; Jerry Kloudt, Gary Wahl, Larry Winter, Lawrence Schultz, Dickie Schultz, Verla Radtke and Dale Salamon. The ceremony was both impressive and reverent.

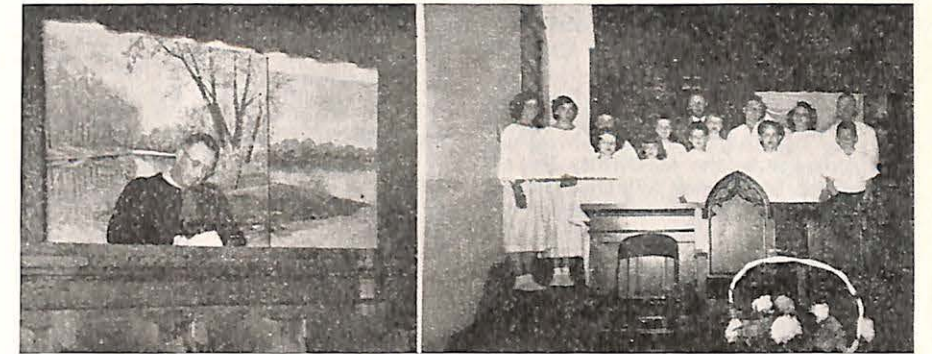
A Vacation Bible School was held at this rural church from June 2 to 6 with 40 children in attendance. On Sunday evening, June 8, a program was given showing the work done by the children. The theme, "Sailing With Christ," was worked out in the memory work and handwork. Teachers were the Rev. and Mrs. Walter Sukut, Mrs. Leslie Heitzman, Mrs. Leonard Holzworth and Miss Iola Kludt. Elnear Heuther was pianist. A radio skit was one of the interesting numbers on the program. The children's voices were recorded in song and in a play. The offering was more than \$67. Mr. and Mrs. Sukut are doing a fine work in this church.

Myrna Cotton, Reporter.

**Twenty Converts Baptized by the Rev. A. J. Fischer at McClusky, North Dakota**

The members of the Baptist church of McClusky, N. Dak., were very glad to have had the Rev. Joseph Larson as our evangelist and Mrs. Joseph Larson of Denver, Colo., for two weeks, from March 30 to April 13. Their special evangelistic work, including their music, was a great inspiration and blessing to all.

Thirty-three confessions of faith in Christ were made as a result of the



Rev. H. J. Waltereit of the Grace Baptist Church, Grand Forks, N. Dak., (left) in the church's new baptistry with the lovely memorial picture in the background and (right) the 13 converts whom he recently baptized in the new baptistry.

special prayer meetings held in the different homes every afternoon during the two weeks, and the encouraging messages that were brought to the children under the leadership of the Rev. and Mrs. Joseph Larson.

The Rev. A. J. Fischer, our former pastor, had the joy of baptizing 20 of these converts on Sunday afternoon, May 18, and of receiving these and three others into the fellowship of the McClusky Baptist Church at the communion service held on Sunday morn-

ing, May 25. with a mountain top experience. In the morning we had the joy of hearing a message by the Rev. R. Schilke, general missionary secretary, and we were introduced to our student pastor, Mr. Gordon C. Huisinga.

Our choir rendered the thrilling anthem, "Let Mount Zion Rejoice." With that song still ringing in our hearts, we began our evening dedication service. The beautiful hand painted picture of our own "Red River" in the background of the new

Eighteen converts baptized by the Rev. Walter Sukut (right), pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church near Wessington Springs, South Dakota.



ing, May 25.

May we as a church, strengthened in numbers, continue to go forward as God leads the way. We are now without a pastor since the Rev. and Mrs. A. J. Fischer and family have gone to Linton, North Dakota.

Mrs. Elmer Wahl, Reporter.

**New Baptistry Is Dedicated and Thirteen Converts Baptized at Grand Forks, North Dakota**

On Sunday, June 1st, members and friends of the Grace Baptist Church, Grand Forks, N. Dak., were blessed

baptistry as a memorial to our departed brother, Ben Kranzler, was presented by his son, Fred Kranzler, to the church. Dr. Holstine, our moderator, received it in behalf of our church. Mr. Sheldon Preston gave a report on the building and cost of the baptistry, and the Rev. R. Schilke gave a very challenging and inspiring dedication message and sermon.

This was climaxed as our beloved pastor, the Rev. H. J. Waltereit, baptized 13 candidates in the death and burial of our Lord!

Mrs. Joe Werre, Reporter.



Nineteen of the twenty converts baptized by the Rev. A. J. Fischer (left, second row) and received into the fellowship of the Baptist Church at McClusky, North Dakota.



### Farewell Service for Rev. and Mrs. A. J. Fischer by Baptist Church, McClusky, North Dakota

On Sunday morning, June 1st, the Rev. A. J. Fischer brought his farewell message to the McClusky Baptist Church of McClusky, N. Dak., which he had served for over seven years. During this service members and friends showed their appreciation of his work among them by giving a fine love offering.

At the evening service the church was again filled to capacity as the church held its farewell program. Mr. F. C. Heitzman was in charge and special music was furnished by Mrs. H. Engel and Mrs. Warner who sang a duet. Mrs. Roland Wahl sang a solo, and Mrs. S. Kirschmann and Mrs. R. Wahl sang a duet.



Young people of the Erin Ave. Church of Cleveland, Ohio, and of the Bethel Church of Buffalo, N. Y., at "an indoor garden party" at the Buffalo church.

Various speakers represented every branch of the church, including Robert Wahl for the CBY; Mrs. John Renner in behalf of the Woman's Missionary Society; and Ray Sease represented the Sunday School. Mr. Fred Kessler, Mr. George Kessler and Mr. F. C. Heitzman spoke for the church. The pastors of several neighboring churches also spoke briefly. All speakers echoed the sincere regrets of the church in parting with the Rev. and Mrs. A. J. Fischer and their family.

Mr. and Mrs. Fischer responded, expressing appreciation and extending best wishes to the congregation. After the service, members and friends gathered around tables for refreshments in a fine Christian fellowship.

During their ministry here more than 105 persons were added to the church's membership. The present membership is now 172. We truly miss Mr. and Mrs. Fischer and we shall long remember their labor of love among us. Our prayers and good wishes follow them to their new field in Linton, North Dakota.

Robert Wahl, Reporter.

### Dedication of Baptistry Painting at the Calvary Baptist Church, Carrington, North Dakota

On Sunday, May 25, we of the Calvary Baptist Church, Carrington, N. Dak., had the Rev. Richard Schilke, general missionary secretary, in our midst. He spoke to the Sunday

School on the missionary work that is being done by our denomination. He also spoke at the morning worship service.

At the evening service we had the dedication of the new painting in the church's baptistry. The painting was a project of our Senior young people's group. Mr. Alphonz Lamprecht of Canada made the painting which is a beautiful Palestinian scene with the River Jordan. At this service the Rev. Carl Weisser read a letter written by Mr. Lamprecht comparing the painting with the life of a new Christian.

The money for this project came from the evening offering and also from banks which the young people had distributed among the church families. The banks were filled with pennies and other coins. Following the dedication service we had a joint

people of Bethel Baptist Church of Buffalo, New York. We were joined for the weekend by the young people of the Erin Ave. Baptist Church of Cleveland, Ohio, with whom we became acquainted last winter when a group of our young people went to their church to present a play.

The program of activities began on Saturday evening with an "Indoor Garden Party" for which the church basement had been decorated with crepe paper awnings and flowers to create the impression of an outdoor terrace. The program for the evening consisted of vocal and instrumental selections provided by members of both groups.

On Sunday morning the Cleveland young people joined with us in our regular worship services. In the afternoon a special youth rally was held at which the Rev. Alan Forbes, director of the Youthtime Evangelism Fellowship of Buffalo, was the speaker. Immediately following this service our guests were served a "Pot Luck" supper after which they departed on their trip home.

We thank the Lord for this time of rich blessing and refreshing of spirit and that we have the privilege of fellowship with those of "like-minded" faith.

Jacqueline Stein, Reporter.

### BUNDLES OF HUMANITY

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actual work of bringing babies into the world, Robert is not too far behind either. Many is the time that he has stepped in when no trained helper was in the dispensary and the missionary had to be off the station. We thank God for his cheerful and willing help!

While we rejoice in the coming of each new life, we are sometimes saddened when we think of the Africa into which these children are born. It is an uncertain, tumultuous Africa, an Africa trying more and more to be independent. It is an Africa whose people have gotten many new ideas but which ideas they vaguely understand. It is an Africa whose people have learned something of the importance of the individual as taught in Christianity but hardly knowing how to handle this new found individuality.

Christianity has not sufficiently pervaded the land and its people to change the social structure completely, yet old social structures have tumbled. What trials and vicissitudes await these new adventurers on African soil, we cannot know. It is ours to trust and hope in God who knows the future. It is ours to pray that the young travelers on life's highway may early learn to know Jesus as Savior and King. He alone can work peace and order out of the present chaos. He alone can show them the road in which they must walk. Pray therefore! This is our task!

### HIDDEN VALLEY

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"Just let me grab my coat and I'll be with you," and Bill darted into a side room, soon reappearing with a light top coat but no hat. "Now," he went on, "let's eat. I'm hungry, and if your appetite hasn't been spoiled by your meeting, you should be, too. Let us eat," and he had the other by the elbow again, as they beat a hasty retreat from the house of learning.

It was not until they were settled in a small cubicle of a nearby restaurant, and Bill had given careful orders for both, that they really started to talk.

"What are you doing now?" asked the older man, as he leaned his elbows on the table, and watched Bill break and start munching a roll while they waited their dinner. "Still at the hospital?"

"I finished my interning stint last night," Bill remarked airily. "You are now gazing at the boy wonder of medicine. Alexander the Great, seeking new worlds to conquer. And like him," he added, picking up his roll again, "I don't know where to start. Truth to tell, I'd like to get away for awhile, but I can't afford it. So me for a shingle and G.P. and I'll soon join you in slippers and dressing gown," and he grinned over at his companion.

"By the way," the younger man went on, "have you heard from Peter lately?" and as the other nodded, he pulled a letter from his coat pocket, "I got this one today, and he seems to be having all sorts of fun. Has he told you about his leopard men?" and he looked up, his eyes gleaming. "Now there is something I could go for in a big way! A spot of leopard men. I wonder what is in that hidden valley he mentioned?" He opened the letter and read:

Dear Bill:  
It is less than a week since I last wrote to you, but so much has happened of late that I just wanted to tell you about it.

What a thrill I had the other day! I was waiting for my mail carrier to return from headquarters, when Baru (my topnotch evangelist that I have told you about) ran into the compound. He and some others were out hunting by the river, and had seen a hippo feeding on the wild rice. They raced here to tell me about it. Wanted me to shoot it.

I have precious few .303 cartridges, but this was the chance of a lifetime and I took it. With Baru to guide me, we went as fast as we could to the river, about five miles away. The old fellow was still at the wild rice, and Baru and I snaked our way to the edge of the river as quietly as we could. These brutes weigh hundreds

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## 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.)

### MRS. EMIL WOLF of Billings, Montana.

Mrs. Emil Wolf, nee Reich, of Billings, Mont., was born August 11, 1910. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Reich, lived on a farm south of Zap, S. Dak., where she spent her childhood days and attended the rural school. On July 20, 1930 in obedience to her saving faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, she stepped into the waters of baptism and was received into the Immanuel Baptist Church of Beulah, North Dakota.

On May 17, 1939 she was married to Mr. Emil Wolf and they made their home at that time in Billings, Montana. About three years ago a lingering illness overtook her which she patiently endured. In spite of all the medical help which she received and the good care of her husband, death finally overtook her on June 1, 1952 at the Billings Hospital. She reached the age of 41 years, 9 months and 22 days.

She leaves to mourn her departure her beloved husband; six brothers: Fred at Zap; William at Billings, Mont.; Reinhold at Beulah, N. Dak.; Joseph at Hardin, Mont.; Edward at Anchorage, Alaska; and two sisters: Elsie, Mrs. T. Fischer of Mound City; Hilda, Mrs. Don Bajaul, of Anchorage, Alaska; and many relatives and friends.

One of her favorite hymns which she loved to sing was "In the Garden." The Rev. Fred Trautner served with the Word of God speaking on 2 Corinthians 5:1. Her memory rests in peace.

Beulah, North Dakota

FRED TRAUTNER, Pastor.

### MRS. JOSEPHINE WETTER of Millet, Alta., Canada.

Mrs. Josephine Wetter, nee Schmidt, of Millet, Alta., was born in Rovno, Poland, on July 16, 1896. She came to Canada with her parents on June 10, 1899, and settled in the Wiesenthal district, near Millet, Alberta.

On June 8, 1916 she was united in marriage to Mr. Andrew Wetter. This marriage was blessed with three children, two sons and one daughter.

After their marriage the young couple made their home at Sullivan Lake, south of Castor, where they resided for five years, and then took up residence north of Fleet, Alberta. In July 1946, they returned to the Wiesenthal district where she lived until her death on April 27, 1952, in the Community Hospital, Wetaskiwin, Alberta.

In 1927 she became a member of the United Church in Fleet. During the past two years her quiet faith in her Lord sustained her in the pain and stress of her illness. Mrs. Wetter reached the age of fifty-five years, nine months and two days.

She leaves to mourn her sudden passing, her loving husband; two sons: Leslie of Saskatoon, Sask.; and Gordon of Fleet, Alta.; one daughter, Lois of Leduc, Alta.; four grandchildren; also her father, Gustav Schmidt; three brothers: Ernest Smith, Samuel Smith, Martin Smith; and two sisters: Mrs. Emma Pohl and Mrs. Frieda Pahl, together with a host of relatives and friends. She was predeceased by her mother, Paulina Schmidt, on October 7, 1927.

The funeral services took place at the Wiesenthal Baptist Church on April 30, 1952. The pastor spoke words of comfort to the bereaved.

"Weep not beloved friends; nor let the air For me with sighs be troubled. Not from life

Have I been taken; this is genuine life And this alone—the life which I now live In peace eternal, where desire and joy Together move in fellowship without end." —Wordsworth.

Wiesenthal Baptist Church,  
Millet, Alberta, Canada

E. A. HOFFMANN, Pastor.

### MR. HARRY G. BRONLEEWE of Hutchinson, Kansas.

Mr. Harry Gilbert Bronleewe of Hutchinson, Kans., son of Thomas and Alta Bronleewe, was born Sept. 15, 1879, in Oswego, Oregon. While still a child he moved with his parents to Frederick, Kans., and later to the Lorraine Community.

At the age of 14 years he confessed Christ as his personal Savior. He was baptized February 26, 1893, and was received into the membership of the First Baptist Church of Lorraine. He took a very active part in the life of the church, serving in the office of trustee, and also as deacon. For several years he taught the Men's Bible Class.

He was united in marriage to Miss Louise Melchert on May 4, 1904. To this union were born two sons: Ervin and Alvin. On August 2, 1934, Mrs. Bronleewe departed this life after a very brief illness. On Dec. 5, 1942, Mr. Bronleewe was united in marriage to Mrs. Myrtle Janssen. He engaged in farming, and was a lifetime resident of the Lorraine Community until his retirement five years ago, at which time he made his home in Hutchinson, Kansas.

At 7:45 on Tuesday morning, May 27, 1952, Mr. Bronleewe went to be with his Lord. He is survived by his wife, Myrtle; two sons: Ervin and Alvin of Lorraine; two sisters: Mrs. H. F. Janssen, Geneseo, Kans., and Mrs. Ella Ruppell of Pacific City, Oregon; two brothers: Otto of Hutchinson, Kans., and Thomas of Hillsboro, Ore.; two grandchildren: Erville and Laurel of Lorraine, Kans.; and a host of friends.

Hutchinson, Kansas

MRS. H. G. BRONLEEWE, Correspondent.

### THE FORGOTTEN MAN

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back to work again! But what about him who said, "Come unto Me, all ye that labor . . . and I will give you rest"?

Armistice Day fails to remind us that we should be Christian soldiers and put on the whole armor of God. Do we remember the Man who reconciled us to God? Who is our ever present ally against the enemy?

The pleasant odor of good food and delicious confections seem to be all that occupy our thoughts as the year nears its end, when our hearts should be overflowing with gratitude. But Thanksgiving Day seems to be only a day of gratifying the appetite of the flesh while that of the Spirit starves. He said, "I am the bread of life." He fills the hungry soul with goodness.

He does not even have pre-eminence upon his own day, the first day of the week, for his people often come to his house through habit or duty. This "Forgotten Man" with his love unceasing and unwavering and with his tender concern for human happiness is selfishly given a "free will offering of the lips and purse" while we remain fondly and dangerously attached to things that perish.

May Jesus Christ, the Forgotten Man, set our hearts aglow with a renewed sense of his love and a deeper knowledge of the things of God while he increases the depth and fervor of our belief. May we give all there is of us to glorify God, not only on holidays but every day, every hour, every minute, and take exceeding care that he does not become "The Forgotten Man" in our lives.



**HIDDEN VALLEY**  
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of pounds, but can travel like an express train from a standing start.

I fixed myself and rifle behind a great tree, and aimed. I'm sure I hit the beast dead center. But all he did was snort and submerge. We watched the water until our eyes ached and at last saw him come up, about fifty yards downstream. We inched our way down, and again I shot. He repeated his tactics. All day the trailing and shooting went on, with me getting more and more determined to get my quarry.

In the late afternoon he disappeared entirely, and for nearly an hour we watched and walked. We were just ready to give up in disgust when Baru grabbed my arm and pointed. Floating slowly downstream legs in air, was the great carcass of our hippo. I had won!

A shout from Baru brought natives from all over the bush, and together they grunted and worked, bringing the great animal to shore. Then, even the dozens of Africans failed. The great, dead weight refused to be moved.

Finally Baru barked an order. Wedge-shaped axes were brought into

**PAINTING OF CHRIST**

You will be spiritually enriched by reading the story of the painting, "Thy Kingdom Come," and of the artist, Miss Signe E. Larson. The article was prepared especially for the BAPTIST HERALD by the Rev. C. B. Nordland, a friend of the artist. Miss Larson would love to hear from those who have been blessed by this painting of Christ. Address your letters to her at Linsborg, Kansas.

play, and the body slowly dismembered. I still marvel at the weight when I saw six men pushing and pulling one leg along the bush path. They couldn't carry it.

What a feast they had. There must have been more than a ton of meat and armour-like skin on that great body.

Incidentally, I found that twelve shots had entered the head and fifteen had pierced the hide covered three inches of closely knit fat. What an animal!

Come on out, Bill, and enjoy life! Besides, we could do with a medico.

You have no idea of the physical need of these people. And since it all stems from the cruelty, superstition and witchcraft of their pagan condition, we could really work together. What a team we'd make, fella. A team for God. Carry the gospel ball—and win! Any chance of your making it?

I'm particularly thinking of you during these days. There's something queer in the air here, that I can't quite fathom. Unusual drumming and dancing; queer noises from the grove in that valley-like place I have told you about. One sort of gets the chills and longs for companionship out here in this dark, unknown country. Baru has told me of the old leopard societies and black magic until I dream about them. Any good pills for nightmares?

Enough of this. The last couple of years have been pretty grim, and I must be wearing down a little to let imagination bother me!

God bless you as you finish your interning — and pray for the future. Make His way your way, and you'll never regret it. I'll be praying for you.

Your pal,

Peter.

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