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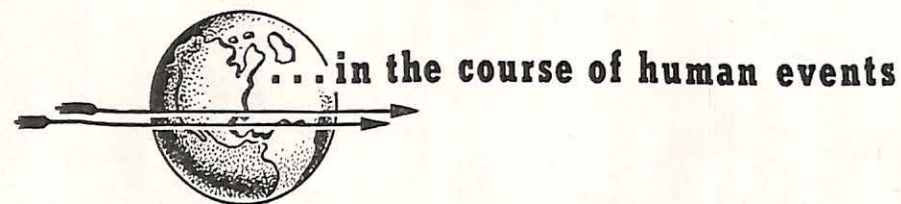
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Wonders of God's Grace

Dr. George A. Dunger

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● St. Stephen's Cathedral, famous Vienna landmark partially destroyed in World War II, is being reopened for public worship. Cardinal Innitzer officiated at the first rites in the presence of President Theodore Koerner of Austria and members of the government.—The Register.

● According to the official East German Almanac Easter and Pentecost no longer are legal holidays in the Soviet zone of occupation. Christmas, New Year's, Ascension day, and the Protestant Atonement day (Busstag) are still recognized legal Christian holidays. At the same time 15 communist anniversaries are to be observed, among them the birthdays of Stalin, Marx and Lenin.

● The manuscript of the Korean Bible in the new spelling (Han Kuhl) was kept out of the hands of the invaders of South Korea by a sixteen-year-old boy named Bin Im, who carried the manuscript out of Seoul to the home of a friendly farmer thirteen miles away in a cooking kettle. Only a few weeks later the city was invaded and the Bible House was burned to the ground.—Signs of the Times.

● About 40 American Protestant missionaries are being held against their will for purposes in Red China and forced to submit to public trials and the derision of former students. Chinese churchmen have been forced to condemn their American brethren as "imperialistic and reactionary tools." Seven Baptists are among the 40 persons involved.—The Watchman-Examiner.

● To meet the lack of pastors in certain American areas, services recorded on tape are being used in unusual ways. In one Alaskan hospital the services are being brought to the patients by means of under-the-pillow speakers connected to the hospital's public address system. Farther south in a West coast prison the recorded services are heard by inmates on duty during normal chapel hours.—Moody Monthly.

● Protestants in Spain number but 25,000 people. Only 6,500 are active communicants of their churches. There are 285 Protestant pastors in Spain, of whom 152 are Spanish and 133 foreigners. There are 177 Protestant churches and chapels. Most of the Protestant places of worship belong to the Anglican Church. Baptist bodies have 35 churches, Seventh Day Adventists 13, and Lutheran nine. There are also

six Methodist and five Reformed churches.—The Register.

● "Down in the tobacco country of Kentucky the farmers took their tobacco seed to St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, Maysville, on February 24, for the blessing of the priest, that it might be as productive as it was in 1951. According to the press, at the close of Mass each farmer marched down the aisle of the church where the sacks of the seed were given the benediction. The congregation then joined in a prayer of thanksgiving for last year's record-breaking crop."—Prophecy Monthly.

● A communist Potsdam, Germany, court refused to grant a woman divorce from her husband. Even though the evidence of his adultery was conclusive, the wife was declared the guilty party because she still went to her Protestant church and was giving her child religious education which, the judge said, made it impossible for her communist husband to live with her on good terms. Her "political weakness" had prompted the husband to seek companionship elsewhere.—The New World.

● The Protestant faith is losing ground in Holland due to the growth of the Dutch Catholic Church, plus an increasing number of agnostics and atheists. Today the Catholic party holds 32 seats in the lower house, five more than its strongest rival, the Labor Party. The change is chiefly attributed to the fact that Catholics rear bigger families than Protestants. Bigger families and fewer mixed marriages among Catholics than Protestants will, it is estimated, result in Catholics numbering half the population soon.—Chicago Daily Tribune.

● The Syrian population is predominantly Mohammedan. They are, however, split into several sects. Such sects as the Alawites and Druses jealously guard their religious beliefs. There is even a small group, called the "devil worshippers." Among the Christians, the Maronites and the Greek Orthodox groups are the strongest. No more mission schools may be founded. Religious instruction may be given separately. All headmasters must be Syrians. All matters of personal status, such as divorce, marriage and inheritance, fall under the law of the individual's religious community. This means that Syrian Moslems can legally marry four wives, while Syrian Christians can marry only one.—Chicago Daily Tribune.

FRONT COVER

The front cover picture is unusual for it shows ten of our Cameroons missionaries at the Field Council meeting held in March 1952 at Bansa. These missionaries are Gilbert Schneider, Dr. Leslie Chaffee, Howard Roth, Donald Ganstrom, Earl Ahrens, Edwin Michelson, Fred Holzimer, Kenneth Goodman, George Henderson and Ernest Hildebrand. They are shown with missionary pastors and native evangelists. The photographer is Miss Laura E. Reddig.

CONFERENCES AND GUEST SPEAKERS

- June 19-22—Chicago and Vicinity Young People's Camp. Prof. Ralph E. Powell.
- June 19-22—Ontario Association at Killaloe, Ontario. Dr. Frank H. Woyke.
- June 22-28—Iowa Young People's Camp at Cedar Lake, Iowa. Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Goodman.
- June 23-27—Atlantic Conference Ministers' Retreat at Bradley Beach, New Jersey. Dr. Frank H. Woyke.
- June 25-29—Dakota Conference at Tyndall, South Dakota. Rev. Richard Schilke, Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Goodman, Rev. A. F. Runtz, and Mrs. Florence E. Schoeffel.
- June 25-29—Pacific Conference at First Baptist Church, Colfax, Washington. Rev. and Mrs. Paul Gebauer and Prof. R. P. Jeschke.
- June 27-29—Eastern Conference Young People's Convention at Union Church, Arnold, Pennsylvania. Dr. Frank H. Woyke and Rev. E. J. Baumgartner.
- June 28-July 3—Northern North Dakota Young People's Assembly at Lake Bentley Camp, Drake, North Dakota. Prof. Ralph E. Powell, Miss Ida Forsch and Mrs. Florence E. Schoeffel.
- June 30-July 6—Central Dakota Young People's Assembly at Jamestown College, Jamestown, North Dakota. Rev. J. C. Gunst, Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Goodman and Miss Ruth Bathauer.
- July 2-6—Northern Conference at the Central Church, Edmonton, Alberta. Rev. Richard Schilke and Rev. Paul Gebauer.

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Editorial

Sight and Insight

D R. GEORGE A. LANG in his opening devotional message to the General Council quoted from John Henry Jowett's sermon on "Sight and Insight." Both sight and insight belong to the full-orbed Christian life. Both are open doors that lead to a better understanding of God's bountiful blessings for us.

We need SIGHT to behold and to enjoy the wonders of God's handiwork. Many people have eyes to see, but still they are blind to the beauty of flowers at their feet, to the glory of the firmament above them, and to the marvelous imprint of God's touch about them. There are many people who can travel around the world and go to some of the most majestic vacation resorts during the summer months and yet so fritter away their time and opportunities in pursuit of worldly pleasures that Jesus must say to them: "Having eyes, see ye not?" (Mark 8:18.)

God the Creator has splashed his brightest colors about us and planted his beauty in hidden places with immeasurable bounty. But our eyes have to be alerted to see the glory of God before us. Our souls need to grow in the true enjoyment of these things that God has prepared for them who love him. How many of us envied the late Professor F. W. C. Meyer because he found so much beauty in the fields and hills about him over which to exult in praise to God!

"For the beauty of each hour
Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flow'r,
Sun and moon, and stars of light,
Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise."

We also need INSIGHT to understand the meaning and the purposes behind all things as planned by God. This is the Christian's crowning achievement. For "we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen" (2 Cor. 5:18). The lilies of the field are symbols of God's care for us. The eyes of our understanding have been opened that we might know about "the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints" (Eph. 1:18). God's revelation is clearly seen about us with its consummation in Christ Jesus, "for all things were created by him, and for him, . . . that in all things he might have the preeminence" (Colossians 1:16 and 18). With the mind of Christ we need to see God's ways and to understand his purposes behind all things.

"Open my eyes, that I may see
Glimpses of truth thou hast for me;
Place in my hands the wonderful key
That shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for thee,
Ready, my God, thy will to see;
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!"

Summer adventures are ahead of you! For some people they will be especially blessed because they will give a clear sight of all the things that God has made so beautiful and a keen insight into the purposes of life for every one of his children. These are the riches of the Christian life that are within reach of all. These are the experiences of those who live by Christian sight and insight. May you too belong to those fortunate few!

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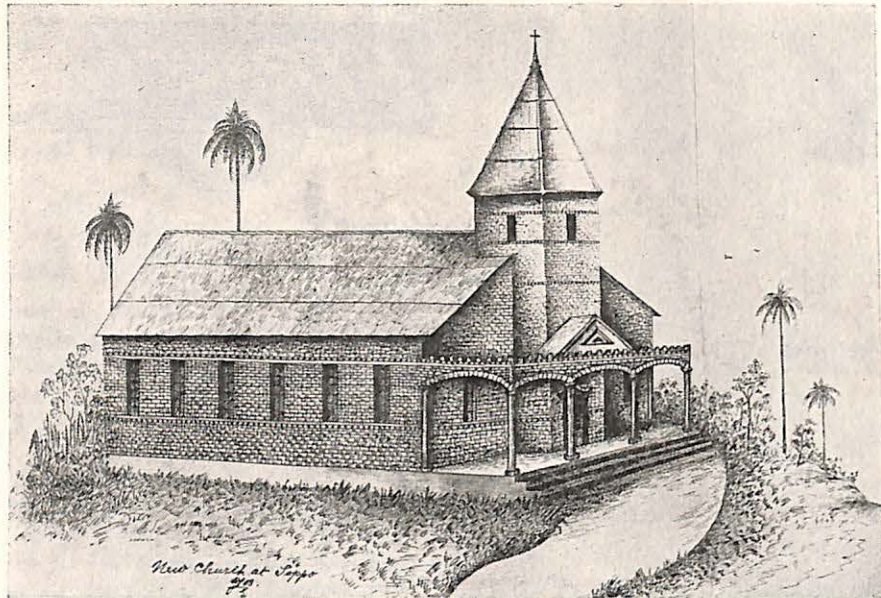
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The artist's sketch of the Baptist church at Soppo, Cameroons, before it was built and which later was named the Bender Memorial Church.

Wonders of God's Grace

In less than ten years the author has seen tremendous changes in our Cameroons mission staff from 3 to 37 and in the Cameroons mission field, as well as at our Seminary where he is a teacher and librarian. God's people in our churches are captivated by the wonder of God's grace, knowing that **HIS POWER** is made perfect in weakness

By **DR. GEORGE A. DUNGER** of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota

RECENTLY our seminary class in "The History of Missions" reflected on Alfred Saker, the early Cameroons Baptist missionary. We mentioned his arrival on the island of Fernando Po and how he, just about a hundred years ago, established the Baptist Church in the Cameroons. A hundred years seems a long span of time, especially when we think of the rapid strides which modern science and technology are making.

In Alfred Saker's day, Stephenson's "Rocket," pulling three and a half times its weight, huffed and puffed along the track at twelve and a half miles an hour. In our day, bombers wing their way at four hundred miles an hour, propelled by fourteen thousand horsepower engines and jet planes swoosh through the sky at supersonic speed. Engineers tell us that the ram jet reaches a high-altitude velocity of an incredible 2,600 miles per hour. Nuclear physicists and biologists are busy applying the by-product of atomic fission to soil and plant life. They are discovering new methods of soil enrichment and plant mutations and pre-

dict larger, more nourishing crops, as well as machines and factories which will make man's attention practically unnecessary.

In case that the "reduction" of time and space continues, man may have to form an entirely new concept of life. In case that the discovery and application of atomic power continues, sooner or later we will have to ask the question, "How can we, as Christians, release and apply the **POWER OF GOD** to mankind?"

CHANGES IN AFRICA

Years ago we used to trek through the African hinterland. In Gashaga, for example, villages and rest camps would be far apart, and food was scarce. The Mambila carriers would gaze with amazement at the missionary when he, compelled by lack of food or by illness, would take a metal-cutting knife, a can opener, and produce food from a strange-looking container, the tin can.

Sometimes, when we would be marching through the open, sun-drenched forest, the unearthly stillness of the African "bush" at noon would

be shattered by the droning sound of an airplane. The carriers would stand still and, shifting their loads from head to shoulder, would have a look at the speeding metal monster and express their amazement in a somewhat naive way: "White man magic!"

Years later, when we had assumed the responsibility for the war-orphaned German Baptist Mission, we reorganized and re-planned some of the abandoned, deteriorating mission stations. Where there had been foot paths, we laid out "motor paths." Where there was one little two-room school house, there would soon be a whole school compound with teachers' dwellings, playgrounds and school farms. Where there had been a rickety, dilapidated chapel or church we would plan, together with the church members, for a new, respectable and worthy "God House," the church house, the sanctuary so badly needed by those who had stepped out of animism and ancestor worship and all their degrading beliefs and practices.

REDEEMED LIVES

Under the curious eyes of critical people, the missionaries and their native helpers succeeded in bringing about the desired changes. Here and there God's grace transformed spiritually barren people. Here and there denuded, unlovely sites of mission stations were protected, made liveable, useful and beautiful by planting thousands of eucalyptus trees, cypresses, tropical trees and flowers, thus demonstrating practical Christianity.

Likewise, wherever our combined missionary nurse-school manager went, "flying" dispensaries and conference rooms were set up in order to dispense medicines and to meet with the teachers and headmasters of our schools. Thus the ministry of evangelism, medical service, education, physical rehabilitation and improvement continued. In regard to some of our plans and efforts this and the other chief would shake their heads and say: "It is impossible! Even the government gave up the place!"

Missionaries of other societies believed seeing us—the ridiculously small number of Baptists—brought to our knees, and they were ready to take over. What they did not know was that we were on our knees before God, honoring his eternal Name by accepting his divine challenge. Had his grace not been sufficient for a Saker, a Steffens, a Bender, for many a redeemed and faithful heart beating under dusky skin? Had we not with us such fine Christian men as Laban Moki, Etimba Ngale, Robert Nteff and Robert Jam and many young Cameroons Baptist evangelists, church teachers, school teachers? Would not our churches at home support us in prayer and sacrifice? God's grace was sufficient for all of them! It was for us. The wonder of God's grace! "My grace is sufficient

for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."

MISS REDDIG'S VISION

I have before me a set of maps and charts. They are copies of those which Laura Reddig used in 1943 when she told our late Dr. William Kuhn and his eager helpers from the depth of her soul about the needs and the glorious opportunities of God's harvest fields in the Cameroons. These maps and charts show the extent of the missionary areas, church areas, church and school statistics, missionary staff (an all-time low in comparison with the size of the fields and the amount of work), unreached areas and a "blueprint" of our Cameroons Baptist Mission. Based on "The Word" there rise five strong pillars from the foundation of sound missionary method, supporting the structure marked by the cross. The five pillars are named: Evangelism, Education, Medical Service, Agricultural and Manual Training.

However, the most interesting chart is the one entitled, "Staff Requirements and Composition." Listed on that chart are the main stations and their respective personal needs. These include station managers, evangelists' trainer (in a Bible School or Seminary), school managers, nurses, a medical doctor, a builder, a technical teacher and an agricultural teacher—all of them comprising a minimum of thirty.

With the prayerful support of our denominational secretaries, Laura Reddig went to our churches and to our Seminary, then in Rochester, New York. There God's providence had singled out Edwin and Verna Michelson and on the West Coast Earl and Lois Ahrens as well as Lillian Jacobsen. And so the triumphal march of our Cameroons Baptist missionaries began until "we" are thirty-seven now. The wonder of God's grace! We dare not tamper with it! It is God's **POWER!**

OUR NEW SEMINARY

Years have gone by—not so very many years, and the scene has shifted. It is no longer the windswept Cameroons highland or the humid coastal forest, but the attractive and progressive city of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and—more particularly—our North American Baptist Seminary! Here are a number of students absorbed in the study of "Modern Missionary Methods." The classroom and its appointments are modern. The chapel is a beautiful sanctuary where attractive colors and wood grains blend towards the emphasis of the symbol of victory, the Cross.

Downstairs, the library is a large and pleasant, purposive room with modern equipment. Many new and old books are lined up in impressive rows. Students sit silently at worktables, engaged in the preparation of



The fetish house of the African chief at Mbot, Cameroons, showing grotesque looking masks around the doorway where formerly the Africans hung the heads of their enemies whom they had killed in battle.

class reports, discussions, research and, perhaps, next Sunday's Bible class lesson or worship service sermon. The building itself is a very attractive structure, lending itself to the achievement of high spiritual and educational ideals.

Like the Cameroons Baptist Mission, our Seminary evidences in an undeniable way the **POWER** of God's grace in the lives of his people. His Word says: "... my **POWER** is made perfect in weakness." And like our Cameroons Baptist Mission, the service of our Seminary will expand, and blessings will flow through it and from

it in an ever increasing measure provided we acknowledge the sufficiency of God's grace in our lives and in the lives of our fellow-workers and let the **POWER** of God surge through our beings, our churches, our organizations. Our Seminary has become a tremendous challenge. God's people have responded to this challenge and they will continue to respond in prayerful support, in promoting its work, in selfless, Christ-like sacrifice.

Over yonder in the Cameroons thirty-seven missionaries under appointment labor or will labor for Christ. Saved souls, churches, mission schools, dispensaries, a hospital and now a leper colony are unfolding realities. Here at home our Seminary has blossomed into an effective school of theology with a well-qualified faculty and eager students, together with their president and under his able leadership proclaiming the eternal truths of God's Word and fitting themselves for even greater ministry.

GREATER ADVANCES

These are spiritual advances. They have been brought about by a mighty force of devoted men and women, young and old, weak and strong, rich and poor, realizing that they are co-workers together with God. They are captivated by the wonder of God's grace. They **KNOW THAT HIS GRACE IS SUFFICIENT**. They have caught the vision of a greater tomorrow, a greater, farther-reaching and more deeply consecrated service for Christ. They walk with him. They are glad to do his bidding. **THEY KNOW THAT HIS POWER IS MADE PERFECT IN WEAKNESS.**

A hundred years have seen great advances in science and technology. Nations with scientific and technological means produce and amass gigantic stores of power. But mankind is plunged into confusion, fear and much

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The thatch-roofed house known as "the Grassland Palace" at Mbem, Cameroons, in which the Rev. and Mrs. Gebauer lived for several years after 1936.

Thousands of Immigrants Arrive

The second of two articles about the Baptist World Alliance Immigration Program and of blessings that have come to many Baptists of Germany through this ministry

By MR. HERMAN STREUBER of Winnipeg, Manitoba,
Baptist Relief Representative in Germany

WE PARTICIPATED in the first annual conference of the European Baptist Federation in November 1951 which was held at the Baptist Seminary in Hamburg, Germany. Delegates from nearly all European countries were present at this conference, as well as Dr. W. O. Lewis, Dr. A. T. Ohn, Dr. E. A. Bell, representatives of the International Baptist Seminary at Rueschlikon, Zurich, Switzerland. The Seminary was destroyed during the war, but it has been reconstructed. The last of the buildings, the Seminary Chapel, was dedicated last November, at the time of the above conference.

from the East and West. We attended and spoke in several of our Baptist churches. On one occasion we also made an "exploration trip" through the Eastern Sector of Berlin. There we found quite a difference in several ways between the Western and the East Sectors. You will still find debris in the middle of the streets; little reconstruction has been done. The goods in the stores are of inferior quality and the prices are high.

The famous old thoroughfares, "Unter den Linden," "Friedrichstrasse" and "Leipzigerstrasse" are so different from what they used to be. A new spirit is reigning there which tries

trian Baptists have already come to this continent because they could find no home nor a future in Austria.

In Germany, many Baptist churches have been repaired. Emergency chapels were constructed, and in a few places like Hamburg, Bremen, Berlin and Munich regular church buildings are in course of construction. But there are still many Baptist congregations who do not have a steady place where they can worship. They have their services either in schools or in homes and, of course, cannot do any missionary work. Speaking of schools, they are sometimes in miserable physical condition. We visited and spoke in some of them and were shocked that God's children were compelled to worship in them.

BAPTIST CHURCHES

Considering the many difficulties with which our Baptist brethren are confronted, they really deserve our admiration and respect for their courage, their loyalty, their faithfulness, and their confidence in God manifested in their untiring efforts to help build the Kingdom of God. The Baptist Conferences in Nuremberg, Munich and Dortmund in which we participated were very well attended. They revealed a fine spirit, and new plans were made which will help our Baptist work in Germany toward further growth and development.

This report has not as yet dealt with the great refugee problem in Germany. However, this was kept purposely until the end in order to show the importance of the Baptist World Alliance immigration program and how vital it is for many of these German refugees and expellees to migrate to new and less populated countries where they and their children can begin a new life.

Among the 10 to 12 millions of refugees and expellees from East European countries and from the German provinces east of the Oder-Neisse line, which are now under Soviet control, there are about 40,000 Baptists and their dependents. Most of these refugees now live in the Western Zones of Germany; others are in the Russian Zone. However, the political and economic situation behind the "Iron

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Children of the kindergarten and neighborhood home in Hannover, Germany, with white rolls and cocoa from American donors as a small part of our Baptist relief ministry to the Germans "in the Name of Christ."

The Publication House known as J. G. Oncken Nachf., Kassel, also fell a victim to bombing, and some of the members of the staff were killed. Plans for the reconstruction of the publication house are under way. At present the printing job is done in Stuttgart while the mailing department is in Mr. Eberhard Schroeder's own home. Mr. Schroeder is the business manager of the publication house.

On our several trips to Berlin—by air—while conferring with British and Canadian officials, we also visited with Dr. Jacob Meister and with brethren

hard also to win ground in the Western World.

In the course of my work, I was also urged to see the Canadian immigration officials and the branch office of the CCCRR at Salzburg, Austria. Mr. Carl Fuellbrandt and the local pastor had also arranged a meeting for those families who wanted to emigrate either to the United States or Canada. In Austria where the economic conditions are as they are, many people need to be helped in their emigration efforts, in order to enable them to have a new start in life. Some of our Aus-

Africa to Me!

Personal observations of the Cameroons, Africa, by the fourteen year old son of the Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Goodman, missionaries

By LARRY GOODMAN of Ndu, Cameroons, Africa

MY FIRST LOOK at Africa was a surprise to me. Africa is much more civilized than I had imagined it would be. It is not a place where one sees two or three lions a day at your front door, nor is it especially hot in all places. Ndu where we were stationed is very cool the year round.

Ndu is over 6800 feet high, and it is almost entirely what is called "grasslands." There are only a few small forests around our area, and these are not worth mentioning except that they provide lumber for building. There are no big rivers and we depend on the small streams and springs for water. The country is very rough and hilly with occasionally flat places, either on the top of a hill or near a small stream.

OUR HOME AT NDU

It was a joy to me to be at Ndu because I learned so many things from what I saw and heard. One sees many things in Africa that are different from America. Many different kinds of houses can be found between Victoria and Ndu.

Around the coast, for instance, the walls of the houses are made of light balsa boards nailed to poles and have thatched roofs of palm leaves. Farther away from the coast at Mamfe the light weight boards are scarce and the walls are made of criss-crossed sticks plastered with mud. At Bamenda the walls are made with raffia palm poles stuck in the ground and tied together. These also are plastered with mud. The roofing in the grasslands differs from that of the coast, for here the houses are thatched with grass.

In spite of the very poor houses as compared with anything in America, the natives are very friendly and I as a white child was an object of great interest. The little native boys thought anything I did was perfectly all right, so I had to watch myself always to be a good example. Because I like to read so much, some even thought that I, as a white child, was born with the ability to read and write.

AN AFRICAN SCHOOL

It is hard for a person in America to realize what the African school is like. The buildings are usually of mud with a grass roof. The older African

school buildings are built like the native homes with only one or two very, very small windows. The seats are made of forked branches stuck in the ground with a thick pole laid across them for seats.

The desk top is usually made of bamboo and is bumpy and hard to write on. Of course, you know how nice the school buildings and desks are here in America. One thing about our African schools that is really nice is that they begin the day with chapel service, and Bible study is held daily in every class.

PLAY DAY

Once a year all the schools gather for a Play Day in which shields and prizes are awarded for athletic participation. It is always an exciting day for everyone. Ndu school is always the highest in marks and wins one or more of the shields every year.

Sometimes the native teachers called me in to tell the children about the American Indians or something about America. I enjoyed this time because the children were so eager to learn anything about my own country.

Although my studies were completely separate and taught by my mother, I loved to play with the natives at recess and sometimes went hunting with them after school. We had many good times flying home-made kites.

GLAD TO BE BACK

The church buildings in Africa are much the same as the houses, but in an African church the women sit on one side and the men on the other. There are many languages spoken around Ndu, so the preacher usually speaks in pidgin English and it is translated into the one main native tongue. By the time we left Ndu all of us could understand the native language which was used mostly.

On Sunday, March 16, we said, "Goodbye," to the Ndu Church. We weren't anxious to leave because we had made so many friends, but I am happy to say "Hello" to the young people and the churches at home. We have appreciated your prayers and letters and now I hope to meet many of you personally.

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Editorial Note: Larry has been taught the 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grades by



Larry Goodman has grown to be quite a tall fellow in the Cameroons, Africa, as he is here shown in a recent picture beside tall sunflowers.

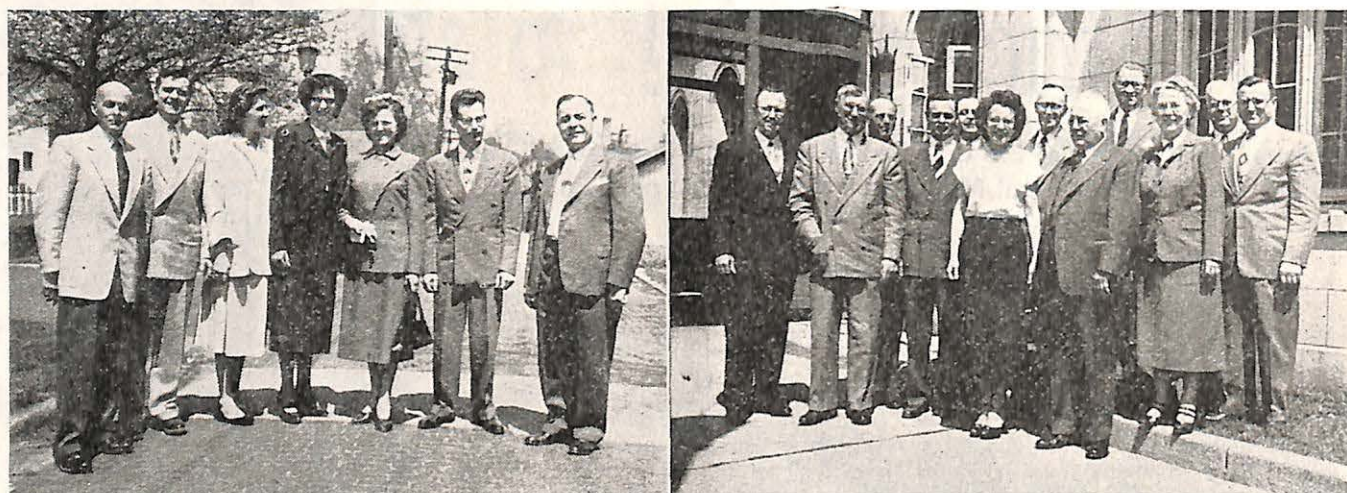
his mother and now he is preparing to enter Stony Brook School for Boys on Long Island, New York. During the coming years he will have to stay in America for High School, College and Seminary but hopes to rejoin his parents in their chosen work in the Cameroons if the Lord permits.

WONDERS OF GOD'S GRACE AMONG OUR CHURCHES

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suffering. Nobody knows what will come next. The last ten or twelve years in the history of our denomination have seen great advances. These can be explained only on the basis of God's power in and through the lives of his people.

Much remains to be done. And we can see the inroads and ramifications of evil forces everywhere. With the passing years God has given us greater responsibilities, and he bids us to achieve more for him. There will be people who, not unlike the African chiefs, will say: "It can't be done!" However, in humility, with a steadfast eye and in unshakable faith we can witness to the wonder of God's grace because WE KNOW THAT IF WE ABIDE IN HIM AND DO HIS WILL, HE WILL BE TRUE TO HIS WORD: "MY GRACE IS SUFFICIENT FOR YOU, FOR MY POWER IS MADE PERFECT IN WEAKNESS."



New missionary appointees and leaders are shown at left during the annual sessions of the General Missionary Committee. Left to right: Rev. Paul Gebauer, Cameroons superintendent; Dr. and Mrs. William S. Boutwell, Miss Minnie Kuhn, Miss Tina Schmidt, Rev. John Rhoads, and Rev. R. Schilke, missionary secretary. At the right the members of the Committee on Education with several guests smile at the photographer prior to another busy session at the Forest Park headquarters.

God's Hour for His People

Report of the annual sessions of the General Missionary Committee, General Council and denominational committees
by the REV. M. L. LEUSCHNER, promotional secretary

AN OPTIMISTIC, victorious note was sounded at the annual sessions of the General Missionary Committee, General Council and denominational committees held in Forest Park, Ill., from April 28 to May 2. New heights had been reached in denominational giving, in missionary outreach and in the ministry of our cooperation societies. But the real keynote was sounded by the Rev. Paul Gebauer in his message at the Forest Park Church on Thursday evening, May 1st, by emphasizing that "the hour to reap has now come."

ON THE MARCH

This is, indeed, God's hour for us as North American Baptists. We are not simply talking about plans for advance, about tomorrow's harvests on mission fields, about things that loom on the horizon. We are in the midst of the harvest. We are on the march for Christ and his Gospel. We are in the thick of the fight for God and his truth. These are the times that call for people of action, for laborers in the harvest fields, for a great ingathering of spiritual blessings that God has prepared for those who love him.

Consider the challenging missionary task which God has entrusted to us. A few years ago the goal of 30 missionaries in the Cameroons frightened us. "It's impossible!" some said. "It is beyond our ability!" But now with 31 missionaries already in Africa, the General Missionary Committee under the able leadership of its secretary, the Rev. R. Schilke, appointed six new

missionaries for the Cameroons, two new missionaries for Japan and two additional missionaries for the Indian field in Alberta, a total of ten new missionaries. And not a single "doubting Thomas" could be found who felt that this was beyond our reach.

Dr. and Mrs. William S. Boutwell of the Ebenezer Church of Detroit, Mich., have been appointed for a period of one and half years to serve at the Bango Hospital while Dr. Leslie M. Chaffee and his family are having their well deserved furlough. At the end of their period of service in Africa, they will decide whether they can or feel led of God to continue their ministry. They are a lovely couple with a radiant Christian testimony. Dr. Boutwell is well trained for this task. This appointment is definitely God's answer to many prayers. They will sail for the Cameroons during the summer months, when a descriptive article about them will appear.

ESTHER SCHULTZ TO AFRICA

Miss Esther Schultz, Cameroons missionary, will leave New York City on July 25th on the "S.S. Media" bound for Liverpool, England. From Liverpool she will sail on August 6th on the "S.S. Corrales" for Tiko, Africa. She will be in the Cameroons for her second term of service before September 1st. Her address until the time of sailing is Midland, Michigan.

The Rev. and Mrs. Ben Lawrence of Portland, Ore., have been appointed to full-time service in the Cameroons. Mr. Lawrence is a 1952 graduate of the Western Baptist Theological Seminary of Portland. By experience he is also a builder, who will then have charge of all Cameroons building operations after Mr. Ernest Hildebrand returns to the United States. Both Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence have been active in young people's activities of the Trinity Church of Portland and of the Oregon Baptist League. The will be present at the Philadelphia General Conference in August to give their enthusiastic testimony at that time.

NEW MISSIONARIES

Miss Minnie Kuhn is one of two Baptist Missionary Training School graduates of Chicago, Ill., to receive appointment as Cameroons missionaries. She comes from the Rabbitt Hill Baptist Church near Leduc, Alberta. She has been a student at the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton, a worker on the Indian mission field, a registered nurse and a very promising missionary applicant. She is graduating with the Bachelor of Religious Education degree. She also will leave for Africa soon after the General Conference in August.

The sixth new missionary for the Cameroons is Miss Tina Schmidt of Calgary, Alta., who this month is also receiving her degree from the Baptist Missionary Training School of Chicago. In her testimony she spoke earnestly about how God had been

calling her for years to the mission field and how her whole life has been one step after another of obedience to God's call! She has been appointed as the women's and children's worker in the Cameroons who will be supported entirely by the National Woman's Missionary Union and its societies in their new 1952-1955 project!

COUPLE FOR JAPAN

The interest of our churches in our missionaries and fields has been phenomenal. As a result of pledges of financial support by a number of churches in Iowa, notably the First Baptist Churches of George, Steamboat Rock and Buffalo Center, Iowa, the General Missionary Committee appointed the Rev. and Mrs. John Rhoads of Steamboat Rock, Iowa, to Japan. Mr. Rhoads has had considerable experience in China under the China Inland Mission. He has invaluable contacts in Japan at present to help in finding a permanent field for us. Mrs. Rhoads is the former Lydia Swyter, youngest daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Carl Swyter. Their passion for souls and their eagerness to serve Christ mark them as consecrated servants of his who will greatly strengthen our new work in Japan.

It is also God's hour for reaping on the Indian field in Alberta. The Benke Memorial Chapel on the Bull Reserve is completed. Numerous Indians on the reserve are awaiting baptism on Sunday, June 29. The sunlight of God's grace is breaking forth into many hearts of these Indians on neighboring reserves. During the past year Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Harsch have been serving in an interim capacity as missionaries on the Bull Reserve. They have now received a full appointment for one year as our Indian missionaries besides the Rev. and Mrs. R. Neuman. May God bless them in their important task among these Indian friends of ours!

ESTABLISHING NEW FIELDS

The General Missionary Committee met for two full days on April 29 and 30 at the William Kuhn Conference Room in Forest Park, Illinois. The Rev. Edgar W. Klatt of St. Paul, Minn., is the chairman of the committee with the Rev. L. B. Holzer of Pittsburgh, Pa., as vice-chairman. Appropriations for the various conferences were made, missionary policies were reviewed, problems were ironed out, and appointments for evangelistic and conference workers were renewed.

The establishment of new churches and home mission fields is receiving the spirited attention of the committee. New mission fields in Toronto, Ont., in conjunction with the Hungarian Baptist Church of that city and at Lethbridge, Alta., with new German immigrants and refugees as the first members have been started by the General Missionary Committee with financial backing. Several mission



The Rev. and Mrs. John Rhoads of Steamboat Rock, Iowa, and their family who were recently appointed as our missionaries to Japan by the General Missionary Committee and who sailed for Japan from San Francisco, Calif., on May 24.

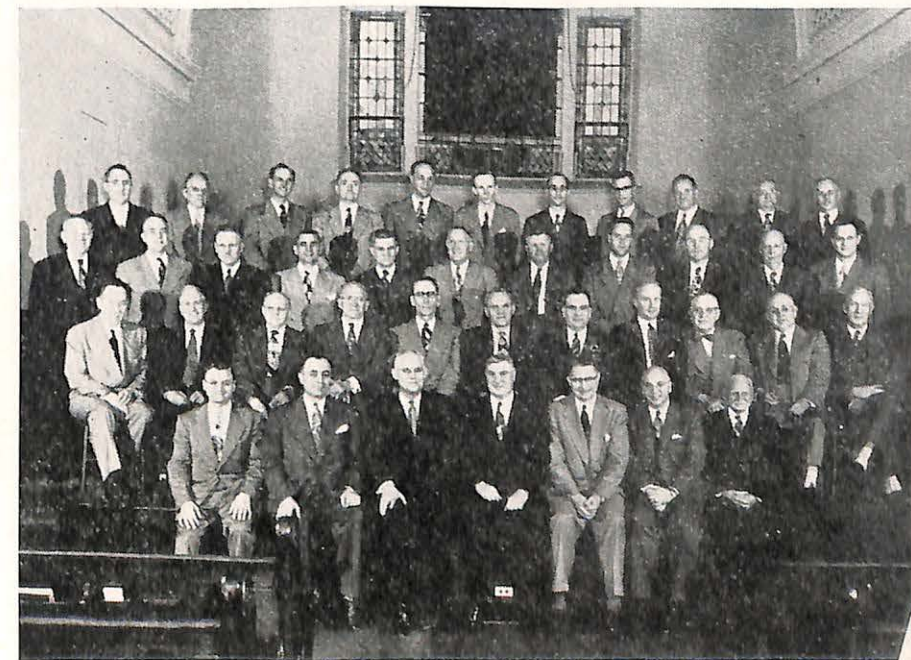
workers are under consideration for these respective mission fields. Other openings for more aggressive mission work at home are being prayerfully considered.

Our missionary support of nine fields and workers in Austria with the Rev. Carl Fuellbrandt as director will be continued. The virile evangelistic work in and through these Baptist churches of Austria deserves our hearty endorsement and generous support. Plans are being studied by the Southwestern Conference Mission Committee for the reopening of the mission field among the Spanish-Americans of the San Luis Valley of Colorado. No definite action could be taken by the committee at these an-

nual sessions.

This is, indeed, God's hour for his people. This is the time for a great spiritual ingathering. This conviction was graphically expressed by the General Council and its committees while in annual session on May 1 and 2. During the past General Conference year (which still has almost two months to go) our people have given so generously and sacrificially that we are expecting to report about \$500,000 having been contributed toward the denominational operations and the Advance Offering. That would be \$50,000 beyond our goal and would be the source of great rejoicing.

In anticipation of that victorious announcement, the Finance Committee



Members of the General Council and some of the men of the General Missionary Committee are photographed in the Forest Park Baptist Church's sanctuary by Mr. Herman Siem.

proposed and the General Council adopted a denominational budget of \$465,000 for 1952-1953. Of this sum \$380,000 would be for denominational operations by the cooperating societies and \$85,000 for advance. The advance will include the Cameroons building program, \$10,000; Bansa Hospital, \$10,000; Leper Mission, \$10,000; Mission in Japan, \$10,000; Fellowship Fund, \$15,000; Advance in Home Missions, \$7,000; among other things. It is especially interesting to note that of the total projected objective of \$465,000 for the next year, at least \$255,000 or far more than one half, are designated for definite missionary work at home and abroad. This shows the strong missionary and evangelical emphasis of our denominational enterprise.

STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

The sessions of the General Council were called to order by Dr. George A. Lang, chairman. The reports of the executive secretary, Dr. Frank H. Woyke; of the treasurer, Mr. Fred A. Grosser; and of the promotional secretary, Mr. Martin L. Leuschner, preceded a procession of informative reports with provocative recommendations from the various leaders of cooperating societies, chairmen of denominational committees and special committees. Our work has grown by such leaps and bounds that at least a full day of continuous sessions is required just to review the varied activities of the denominational societies.

The General Council has approved a program of STEWARDSHIP for the years 1952-1955 which will be presented to the General Conference in Philadelphia for final adoption. During the first year, stewardship of time, talent and life will be emphasized with additional attention given to tithing. A trained group of about thirty ministers will visit all of our churches and introduce this Scriptural program to them this fall.

During the second year the program with stronger and more detailed emphasis on tithing will be carried out by the local pastors. A three month trial period for tithing will be suggested to every church. During the third year the emphasis will again be on personal work and soul winning with the new secretary of evangelism presenting the program plans for this period. Watch for the first announcement about this STEWARDSHIP program for our churches during the next triennium!

SECRETARY OF EVANGELISM

The General Council will also recommend to the General Conference the creation of a new secretarial office to be known as the Department of Evangelism. The Philadelphia conference will elect someone to this important position. A special committee has been appointed to work out the



Mabel Currie of the Montana Indian Reserve, Alberta, Canada who became the bride of Archie Roasting at a wedding ceremony held in the Indian Chapel on the Montana Reserve last fall.

functions of this new secretary and his relationship to other societies. We are expecting great things from this important and far reaching decision by the General Council.

The Publication Society is being assisted in the purchase of new equipment such as a better press and new folder whereby it can render better and more efficient service to our church people. The request of \$140,000 for new equipment and buildings by the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton, Alta., has been received. It will be taken under advisement with definite recommendations still to be made. The Fellowship Fund is to be strengthened again to permit our assistance in the program of immigration, church rebuilding program in Germany and continued relief.

The General Council is also recommending that all cooperating societies hold their annual board meetings prior to April 30 of each year. The General Council will then convene over the weekend prior to May 30th. This will permit the Finance Committee to consider all the budget requests with greater ease and care.

OTHER COMMITTEES

The Committee on Education held its important session on Monday, April 28, under the chairmanship of the Rev. L. B. Holzer. Several booklets and leaflets will be sponsored by this commit-

tee as well as a series of articles in the "Baptist Herald." The work of coordinating the various educational institutions was given some consideration.

The Finance, Investment, Pension Fund and Church and Parsonage Loan Fund Committees met and reported to the Council. A plan to increase the pension payments to our pastors is under advisement. Many fine laymen are rendering a herculean service on these committees, bringing business acumen and keen judgment into every financial detail of our denominational enterprise. God bless these consecrated servants of his!

The public meeting on May 1st found the Forest Park Baptist Church well filled with church members and friends of Chicago and vicinity, as far away as Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Following the welcome by the Rev. R. Kern of the local church, the Rev. R. Schilke, mission secretary, took charge. Rev. R. Milbrandt of Medicine Hat, Alta., read a passage of Scripture, and Mr. H. P. Donner of Cleveland, Ohio, former business manager of the Publication Society, offered the prayer. This fervent, heart stirring prayer by this 91 year old saint in our denominational midst brought spiritual refreshment to all present.

INSPIRATIONAL SERVICE

The choir of the Foster Avenue Church of Chicago under the direction of Mr. Herbert Pankratz rendered two fine numbers, one of which, "The Old Rugged Cross," was an adaptation by the director. Another musical treat was the rendition of "Stand Up, Stand Up, for Jesus" by about 50 voices of members of the denominational committees under the direction of Mr. Harold W. Gieseke of Dallas, Texas. Miss G. Remmler gave her testimony on the 30th anniversary of her services at the office. (See next page.)

Mr. Herman Streuber of Winnipeg, Man., spoke briefly about the immigration program of the Baptist World Alliance in Germany where he served as a representative of the Alliance for almost two years. Then Paul Gebauer plunged into his remarkable address on the text: "Take thy sickle and go forth, for the hour to reap is now come." He reviewed the notable years of the past of sowing the seed in the Cameroons, describing Laura Reddig as the last of the missionary pioneers. A new day has dawned which is also God's hour for reaping and harvesting.

This ought also to be the keynote for the General Conference sessions to be held in Philadelphia in August. We have come into the best years of our North American Baptist ministry with God's signal blessings and best opportunities offered to us and which merit our best and most sacrificial efforts as we go forth singing into the harvest!

30th Anniversary at Forest Park

Personal testimony of the office secretary to Dr. William Kuhn and the Rev. R. Schilke and the assistant in the immense relief ministry, who on May 6th observed her 30th anniversary with the denominational headquarters at Forest Park, Illinois

By MISS GRETCHEN REMMLER of Forest Park, Illinois

IT WAS a great surprise when during the annual sessions of the General Council in Forest Park, Ill., the writer of this testimony was suddenly called from her work at the typewriter to appear in the William Kuhn Conference Room. Here the executive secretary, Dr. F. H. Woyke, made a speech and informed the assembled denominational representatives that her 30th anniversary would be on May 6, while the general missionary secretary, the Rev. R. Schilke, pinned a beautiful orchid on the dress of the bewildered office secretary.

I was really surprised and could not in adequate words utter my humble gratitude for all the kind words that were said. Neither could I ably give a testimony when I was called upon during the program of the missionary rally in our Forest Park Baptist Church that night. So I will try and express my feeling of appreciation in a few words in order to have the readers of the BAPTIST HERALD share in this joyful event.

PREPARATORY YEARS

By the grace of God I was added to the family of God's children in my 19th year. I was so very happy at that time that it was my desire to serve the Lord in a special way or die. However, God has his own plan with his children and he orders their steps as we read in Psalm 37:23a. So there first came fifteen years of preparation. When I first accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as my personal Savior, I was doing housework, but soon afterwards I enrolled in a business school to be training in shorthand, typewriting and bookkeeping. Then followed years of office work, two of which I spent in London, England.

The first World War found me back in Germany as private secretary. During this time the food shortage was acute in Germany and the firm for whose executive I worked had to procure food for 600 employees and laborers daily. After others had failed, I was appointed custodian of the food storehouses. That meant work early in the morning before office hours and late at night after office hours. This was a part of my preparation for the work which God must have in mind for me during the years after the second World War in connection with the

relief work for Europe of the North American Baptist Fellowship Fund.

On May 6, 1922 my dreams came true, I entered full-time Christian service as secretary to the late Dr. William Kuhn. After a while I took a fourteen months' evening course at the Gregg Business College in Chicago and later I attended evening classes at the Moody Bible Institute, taking the General Bible Course. Another dream had come true. I received a thorough training in Bible and other subjects, opening to me a vast spiritual realm which strengthened my faith and made me very happy.

THE RELIEF WORK

With the end of the second World War, many requests came to our office: How can we help our relatives and friends in Germany who are at the point of starvation? Before any one in the office knew, I was in touch with our chaplains, our only hope through whom some help could be channelled to the starving friends in Germany. The war ended in April

1945, but not until May 1946 could we send the first bulk shipment, and the gift parcel service was not open until June 1946.

Since then 34,000 individual gift parcels were prepared in our relief room and sent over, outside of all the bulk shipments. Thousands of parcels were ordered in Denmark and through CARE. All this required a huge amount of clerical work, and only one who was acquainted with German geography and city names and locations and with German customs and business practices could successfully handle all this correspondence.

A GREAT PRIVILEGE

By the grace of God, Dr. Wm. Kuhn was elected to supervise the relief program of the denomination, and by the grace of God, I was his secretary. So we give all the glory for what has been achieved in this department to God who appoints the laborers in his vineyard. It was a great joy and privilege for me to do this work, because

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Miss Gretchen Remmler on her 30th anniversary in the service of the denominational headquarters at Forest Park, Ill., and several of the secretaries: Dr. Frank H. Woyke (right to left), Rev. R. Schilke and Rev. Martin L. Leuschner.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

● The Rev. and Mrs. Ed McKernan of Kenosha, Wis., have announced the birth of a daughter on April 28 who has been named Denise Elesa. This is their third child.

● On June 11 the University of Pittsburgh in Pittsburgh, Pa., conferred the Ph.D. degree on the Rev. Arthur Kannwischer of New Kensington, Pennsylvania. The title of his thesis was "Psychology and Ethics in John Stuart Mill's Logic." Dr. Kannwischer's last pastorate was at the Union Baptist Church of Arnold, Pennsylvania. At the present time he is on the teaching staff of the University of Pittsburgh.

● The Christian Training Institute of Edmonton, Alta., has secured the services of the Rev. Albert Stelter of Medicine Hat, Alta., as the superintendent of his buildings. He has already begun his ministry at the CTI as announced by the Rev. E. P. Wahl, president. Mr. and Mrs. Stelter are living at the school. Mr. Stelter is the former pastor of the First Baptist Church of Arncliffe, Ontario.

● The 57th anniversary festivities of the Home for the Aged at Philadelphia, Pa., were held on Memorial Day, May 30th. Many friends from the churches of Philadelphia and vicinity to 7:00 P.M. and the afternoon program. The Rev. Norman Klann of the Grace Church, Union City, N. J., brought the message in the chapel. Mr. Paul Zabel is the president of the Board of Directors of the Home.

● The Rev. and Mrs. John Rhoads of Steamboat Rock, Iowa, recent appointees of the General Missionary Committee of the S.S. President Wilson for Yokohama, Japan. They hoped to arrive in Japan on June 9th. They will join the Rev. and Mrs. Jay Hirth and Miss Florence Miller as our Japanese missionaries. A picture of them as a family appears elsewhere in this issue.

● On April 25 Mr. Richard Grabke, pastor of the Grace Baptist Church, Divinity degree from the Winnipeg Bible Institute from the Winnipeg past four years Mr. Grabke has been a student of the college and has also acted in the capacity of school teacher and pastor in the vicinity of Winnipeg.

Encouraging reports are being received from the Davin church as to the blessings of God upon Mr. Grabke's ministry.

● The Beaver Baptist Church of Midland, Mich., has extended a call to the Rev. Henry Hirsch of Goodrich, N. Dak., to which a favorable response has been given. Mr. Hirsch will bring his ministry at Goodrich to a close on July 13, following a successful pastorate of four years during which extensive improvements were made to the building and the church has grown considerably in membership and spiritual influence. In the Beaver Church of Michigan, Mr. Hirsch will succeed the Rev. Fred Mashner, now of Sumner, Iowa.

● The Victoria Ave. Baptist Church of Regina, Sask., Canada, has extended a call to Mr. Edward Link, a 1952 graduate of the North American Baptist Seminary of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., to become its pastor. Mr. Link has accepted the call and will soon begin his ministry in Regina, succeeding the Rev. R. Kanwischer who has become the pastor of the Baptist Church in Morris, Manitoba. Mr. Link comes from Olds, Alta., although his parents are now residing in Kelowna, British Columbia. His testimony appeared in the May 8 issue of the "Baptist Herald."

● The Daytons Bluff Baptist Church, St. Paul, Minn., held its Fathers' and Sons' banquet on Tuesday evening,

May 27, with Dr. Pieter Smith, the newly installed pastor of the First Baptist Church of St. Paul as the guest speaker. The Rev. Wm. H. Jeschke, pastor of the Daytons Bluff Church, also had a part in the fine program. At the Children's Day program of the church on June 8, Mr. Jeschke conducted an impressive service of dedication for a number of infants presented by their parents. The Vacation Bible School of the church is planned for June 23 to July 3.

● The morning worship service on Sunday, May 4, of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wis., was televised over station WTMJ for the entire hour. The Rev. Andrew J. Esperson, pastor, brought the message. At the Mother's Day service on May 11 the Immanuel Church Mother for 1952 was presented to the church. Mr. Esperson spoke on "The Mother at the Cross." He also addressed the Milwaukee Rescue Mission on Monday evening, May 12. German worship services are held once each month on Sunday afternoons with Mr. Wolfgang Schmidt of Berlin, Germany, a graduate student at Chicago's Northern Baptist Seminary, leading the special services.

● On Sunday evening, April 27, a joint baptismal service was held by the Berlin Baptist Church of Fredonia, N. Dak., with the Baptist Church of Ashley, North Dakota. The Rev. J. C. Kraenzler of the Berlin Church baptized eight adults and the Rev. J. J. Renz of the neighboring Ashley church baptized ten converts. On Sunday morning, May 4, at an impressive communion service the Rev. J. C. Kraenzler received the eight who had been baptized and another person by testimony into the fellowship of the church. In May the church enjoyed the fine ministry of the Rev. Daniel Fuchs, denominational evangelist. Several persons accepted the Lord as their Savior during these services.

● The Rev. James Merrill has been appointed the new director of "God's Invasion Army" for the Swedish General Conference of North America to succeed the Rev. Ed. Nelson. This is "great news" to North American Baptist churches since Mrs. Merrill is the former Miss Wanda Kaiser, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. R. G. Kaiser of Startup, Washington. Mr. and Mrs. Merrill have been engaged in evangelistic work in Germany for the past few years. They will return to the

United States in July and begin their new work on August 1st. "God's Invasion Army" has been the evangelistic program of the General Conference of Baptist churches which has received widespread acclaim and which has been used of God mightily in the saving of souls.

● The Evangel Baptist Church of Newark, N. J., celebrated its 100th anniversary from May 21 to 25 with special festivities in which all of the former living pastors participated. The Rev. G. Harold Hill, present pastor, was in charge of the fine program. The former ministers and their terms of service at Evangel Church are: Rev. Frederick Niebuhr, 1919-1926; Rev. Wm. E. Schmitt, 1927-1930; Dr. Vincent Brushwyler, 1931-1941; and Dr. M. A. Darroch, 1942-1947. Dr. James McGinlay of the Baptist Temple, Brooklyn, N. Y., brought the address on "The Challenge of a New Century" on Thursday evening, May 22. Mr. Arthur Niebuhr served as the chairman of the anniversary committee. A more detailed report will appear in a later issue.

● From February 25 to March 6 the Rev. Ervin J. Faul, pastor of the Bridgeland Baptist Church, Calgary, Alta., served as evangelist at Kelowna, B. C., at the Grace Baptist Church. The meetings were well attended and 38 persons responded to the altar call. At the combined service of the Junior Department of the Sunday School many dedicated themselves for service wherever God leads. There was also a mass youth rally with other churches participating at a Sunday afternoon meeting. The Rev. Joe Sonnenberg of the Bethany Baptist Church, Camrose, Alta., ably served as evangelist at the Bridgeland Baptist Church of Calgary. The attendance was very good. Eight persons responded to the altar call. The large congregations were edified through his ministry.

● At the commencement exercises of the Northern Baptist Seminary, Chicago, Ill., on May 17, Miss Ida Mae Nordland and Mr. Berthold L. Sweeney, both members of the Forest Park Baptist Church of Chicago, Ill., were graduated with the Bachelor of Theology and Bachelor of Religious Education degrees, respectively. Recently Ida Mae Nordland, the daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. C. B. Nordland, and Mr. Sweeney announced their engagement. They plan to be married in September 1952. Mr. Sweeney has accepted the call of the First Baptist Church of Nokomis, Ill., and began his ministry there on June 1st. Another graduate of the seminary, who received his Bachelor of Divinity degree, was the Rev. Ed McKernan, pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Kenosha, Wisconsin.

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

YOUTH COMPASS TOPICS

June 22 — "The Greatest of These" by Dr. A. Dale Ihrie, Detroit, Michigan.

June 29—"The Eleventh Commandment" by Rev. Frederick Lower, Steamboat Rock, Iowa.

SS STANDARD CERTIFICATE

Our Sunday School officers and workers will be interested in a facsimile of the Sunday School Standard certificate as it appears in this issue.

This Sunday School certificate is being sent out to all Sunday Schools that have adopted the Sunday School Standard and have sent in their reports on the achievements in working with the Standard.

We hope that all of our Sunday Schools are striving to become a standard Sunday School. Information and materials on the Sunday School Standard are available by writing to the headquarters for the same.

PLANNING YOUR EDUCATION

"Should I, or should I not, go to college?" is a question that many young people are asking.

"Which college should I attend?" "Where can I get information?"

All of these questions are answered in a leaflet entitled "Planning Your Education" by Emma B. Meier, which is available free of charge at headquarters office. This was prepared under the auspices of the denomination's Committee on Education.

"Education is one of the important keys to success," is the beginning statement in this valuable leaflet. Send for your copy now.

VACATION SCHOOL QUESTIONNAIRES

A few weeks ago each church received a questionnaire postcard to be used for sending in the report of the Daily Vacation Bible School held in your church this year. May we again urge pastors and Sunday School superintendents to cooperate in sending these reports to the headquarters office immediately after the close of the Vacation Bible School. (It is necessary to send only the postcard; not your daily attendance sheet.)

We appreciated the grand response received last year. However, there were a few schools that were not reported. Please share the wonderful blessings of your school with others.

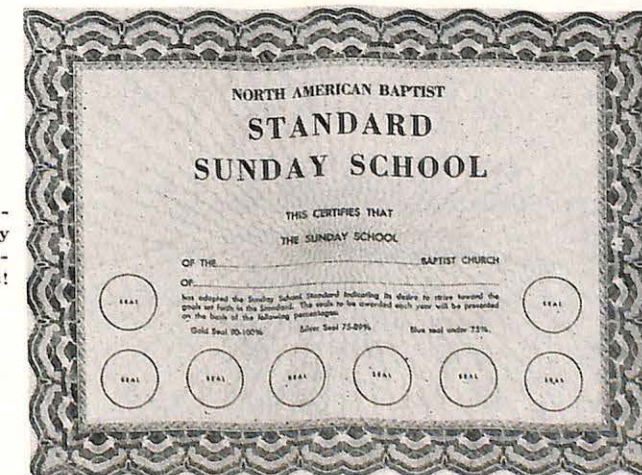
ATTENTION, COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

It is hoped that all council representatives from our nine conferences will be at the General Conference in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. This is the time of our triennial business meetings. You will want to enjoy the fellowship and inspiration of the conference as well.

INSPIRATION PLUS EDUCATION

Many enthusiastic youth leaders and Sunday School workers of the Atlantic Conference churches met at Bethlehem, Pa., April 25-27, to attend the most successful conference of its kind in this area. A combination of a youth rally and workers' conference brought much inspiration and many new ideas to the leaders. Local pastors helped in giving suggestions to the Sunday School leaders and Miss Martha Leyboldt led in a workshop presentation

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Bird Preachers

The fascinating story of Bertelle's Bible Birds with their unique presentation of Gospel truths

By HAZEL THOMSON of Chicago, Illinois

IT HAPPENED in an Iowa town. A high school pupil allowed his curiosity to get the best of him. Someone had told him that if he went to a certain church, he would see some unusual bird performances.

He was not in the habit of going to church. That wasn't "his line." Who cared anyhow? His father was in the penitentiary and his mother had been divorced three times. None of them had any use for church.

But he went this time!

"Wouldn't do any harm to watch these birds perform," he reasoned.

For the next hour he sat open-eyed, open-mouthed, and to his own surprise, open-hearted. In spite of himself, he was glad he had come and at the end of the program a miracle took place in his life. An invitation to let God come into his life somehow challenged him, and he accepted it joyfully. Today he is an active Christian in his church and community.

All this because a flock of birds acting as preachers for God, draw people to HIM who otherwise would never attend church.

Last summer at Logansport, Ind., these same birds drew crowds every hour on the hour in a tent at their Fair.

Unusual exhibitions at fairs is not so unusual, but that an unusual exhibition should attract thousands to the Gospel message at a fair, is unusual.

Sponsored by a local group of church young people, they were so delighted over the results, that they are planning another such project for the next year's fair.

But just what do these birds do that can create such results for the Lord?

45 VOICE CHOIR

Bertelle's Bible Birds, as they are called, have traveled together across the country giving exclusive and unique presentations of the Gospel and assisting Dr. and Mrs. Wendell Hansen in churches, schools, youth meetings and fairs. Their performances are of such spectacular nature that the-

This pigeon trained by Wendell Hansen has learned table manners while eating with a clean bib tucked under its chin and waiting patiently for grace to be offered.



atrical agencies have attempted to lure them their way with attractive offers. But the Hansens have but one aim: to present spiritual and moral truths through their bird actors. They recall that Jesus Christ and the prophets illustrated their teachings by referring to birds. The Hansens do likewise with the exception of using real birds.

This is how they do it.

Assisting Mrs. Bertelle Hansen at the vibra harp is the 45-voice choir of canaries with Gabriel, Raphael, Michael and Lucifer as the most distinguished members. They usually form the background of each performance with their vocal renditions. Lustily they join in singing such hymns as "Joy to the World," one of their favorites.

Gipsy Smith, the late world-famed evangelist, especially liked to hear them sing, "Jesus Lover of My Soul." Surprisingly, the birds seem to sense their sacred responsibility, for they do not respond to popular music.

Among the numerous acts, both sobering and amusing, are two unusual feats which illustrate solemn truths.

One of them, performed by a daring canary, flies through a flaming hoop (to the tune of "Faith of Our Fathers") depicting the courage which Christian martyrs exemplified when they went through fire for their faith.

Another illustration denoting devoted consecration is revealed by the "sword-swallowing" grackle, which

eagerly "eats" the 6-inch "sword" which has been coated with cod-liver oil.

"It takes both faith and love on the part of a bird," says Hansen, "to submit to swallowing a sword as long as his body."

The training, however, taught the bird that he could trust his master, thus teaching that devotion and love by Christ's followers should manifest a similar trust and faith in him.

A variety of scenes follow, such as two brightly-hued lovebirds riding an electric train accompanied by the vibra harp and choir to the strains of "Life is like a mountain railroad."

One canary whistles "Jesus Loves Me" with only an occasional mix-up.

TRAINING BIRDS

Lucifer is the only bird who sings a complete tune. Incidentally, he displays an interesting personality. (All the birds reveal personal traits of their own.)

When Lucifer was in the training stage, the Hansens would commend him highly when he struck a high note correctly. Now, each time he hits that note, he stops for the Hansens' "pat on the back."

The bird idea began quite by accident a few years ago when Wendell Hansen was a student at the University of Iowa and pastor of a church.

After conducting a marriage ceremony one day with Mrs. Hansen having assisted with her vibra harp, she

was given a canary as a token of appreciation. Being a lover of birds, she decided to train this young inexperienced bird to sing, and so obtained a trainer-canary for the task.

Then something happened that determined the Hansens' future work. The trainer-bird broke its leg. Rather than return him in that condition, they purchased him. Later another canary was given them and the trio became charter members of the canary choir!

A tedious training period, averaging from six months to a year, awaits each bird, but kindness and patience give Hansens full rewards.

There's a pigeon, for instance, whose table manners were atrocious. It didn't even stop to ask the blessing. But now after patient endurance, it displays perfect table manners while sitting on its tail eating from a cup with a clean bib tucked under its chin!

Feeding their large bird family which shares the Hansen trailer home is Mrs. Hansen's special job. Since most bird diets consist of worms and bugs, and since Mrs. Hansen is typical of most females, she will not handle them with her bare fingers. She dishes them out with eyebrow tweezers!

Supplementing this diet is buckwheat, peas, corn, and even meat.

"Some of them," say the Hansens, "eat more than we do."

Quite a variety of birds make up the Hansen collection. Besides those mentioned there are parrots, herons, cockateels, crows, cardinals, scarlet tanagers, and even a stork!

The Hansens gather the various



A canary flies through a flaming loop to the tune of "Faith of Our Fathers" depicting the courage which Christian martyrs exemplified when they went through fire for their faith.

birds from a number of sources. Some, imported, cost \$100 to \$300, while native birds are collected through a government permit.

Mrs. Hansen, who supervises and trains the musical angle of their work, leaving the acting to her husband, was converted at the old-fashioned camp meeting when a youngster. This experience, together with her love for her feathered friends, plus her musical

talents, make her an important member of the group.

When the Hansens were in Iowa, where Dr. Hansen received his Ph.D. degree, the bird family was especially appreciated because they helped to finance the way.

Now making their home in West Sturgeon Bay, Wis., they give full time to their Bible bird ministry with fruitful results.

THOUSANDS OF IMMIGRANTS ARRIVE

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Curtain" forces many of them to flee to the Western Zones also.

The West German Government has not been able to solve the problem and to take care of these people. With about 40 percent of the housing of 1939 damaged or totally destroyed, they do not even have enough room for those people who used to live in Western Germany. Now another eight million people have thronged in. Is it any wonder that many families still have to live in underground bunkers, barracks and sheds, and that there are sometimes six or even more people crowded together in one room where everything, such as cooking, eating, sleeping, washing, dressing and undressing, has to be done.

Such unhealthy conditions create moral and other problems, particularly where young people are involved. Sometimes, one sees stove pipes rising out of ruins, giving forth smoke. This is the outward sign of a "home." Who knows, it might even be the home of a Baptist family?

When I mentioned that the stores in the West Zones are well supplied with goods, this does not mean that all peo-

ple can afford to buy them. Most laborers earn just enough to buy the most essential food but not more, and the many other people who are unemployed do not even have enough to eat.

In the Russian Zone, conditions are even worse. Most of the food and clothing are still rationed. Things which are unrationed and are sold in the government owned "free shops" are so expensive that the man in the street cannot afford to buy them. The wages in the East Zone are about the same as in the West Zones. However, the East Mark is worth only one-fifth of the West Mark. In addition to all this, the people in the Russian Zone live all the time in an atmosphere of oppression.

The Baptist World Alliance Immigration Service would be happy if they could help more of our brethren from the Russian Zone to emigrate. But as the expression, "Iron Curtain," already indicates, travelling and especially travelling to the West is not easy but sometimes a very dangerous thing.

But I am happy to report that the "Baptist World Alliance Immigration

Service" with offices in Winnipeg, Man., and Stuttgart, Germany, where we received thousands of applications, was able, under its credit system, to help over a thousand people to come to this continent.

Until recently, 494 Baptists had immigrated to the United States. These 494 persons represent 204 units or families. The passage for these people was paid by the government in Washington. The train fare was prepaid by the different relief organizations or the Washington government and has to be paid back by the immigrants.

During the last few years, Canada accepted several thousands of immigrants whose transportation costs were advanced by relatives in Canada. Among them from March 1951 until now were about 900 Baptists who received their transportation costs advanced by the Baptist World Alliance. Only a few received passage assistance from the government in Ottawa.

The Baptist World Alliance Immigration Fund, which is being used as a revolving fund, is nearly exhausted. Still there are thousands of applicants from among these refugees and expellees who plead with us to help them emigrate. Here is an opportunity for our well-to-do brethren to make do-

nations or to loan money to help those who want to come. For further information write to the undersigned.

All of our newly arrived brethren and friends feel quite happy over here. Many of the above mentioned friends, who are members of Baptist families, have already accepted the Lord Jesus Christ and have become members in our churches. Many of our churches have been supplied with new blood through these immigrants. We have found very valuable members among them who take an active part in our church life.

They meet their obligations promptly. Within a few months some of them have repaid their advanced transportation costs which amounts to about \$250 per adult person. Some families with four or five working members and, who have worked from spring until fall on sugar beet farms, repaid their loans of \$1,400 to \$1,600 within a period of eight to nine months.

THE NEW HOMELAND

Only from those who have had misfortune with regard to work in the beginning—but there are only few—and from these families with small children where the father is the sole wage earner, payments cannot be expected to come in so promptly. But the fact that they make regular payments, even if in smaller amounts, is proof of their good intentions. Shall I also mention that some of our immigrants not only have repaid their loans but have even purchased live stock, cars and sometimes city houses (on terms)? The reader should bear in mind that the emigration from Germany under the credit system of the Baptist World Alliance started only in March, 1951.

APRIL CONTRIBUTIONS—NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST GENERAL CONFERENCE

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ALL PURPOSES

Conferences	April, 1952	April, 1951	April, 1950
Atlantic	\$ 2,523.21	\$ 3,336.51	\$ 2,657.23
Eastern	4,204.80	3,356.98	2,985.36
Central	11,774.01	13,522.10	12,679.24
Northwestern	6,787.47	4,642.75	6,568.25
Southwestern	6,208.77	3,370.24	5,047.33
Southern	854.34	1,351.44	776.92
Pacific	8,569.51	5,867.88	3,472.18
Northern	4,383.95	3,224.64	4,031.35
Dakota	8,000.83	8,814.95	7,863.10
Total Contributions	\$53,306.89	\$47,487.49	\$46,080.96

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED

	Budget Contrib.	Other Purposes	Total Contrib.
For the month of April, 1952	\$46,967.14	\$ 6,339.75	\$ 53,306.89
For the month of April, 1951	41,688.18	5,799.31	47,487.49
For the month of April, 1950	33,567.59	12,513.37	46,080.96

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR

Same as for the month of April

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED FOR THE TRIENNium

August 1, 1949 to April 30, 1952	\$1,108,329.16	\$360,231.21	\$1,468,560.37
August 1, 1948 to April 30, 1951	1,118,155.39	282,077.22	1,400,232.61
August 1, 1947 to April 30, 1950	1,213,643.23	223,882.88	1,437,526.11

30th ANNIVERSARY

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I had many friends among the Baptist people in Germany. The refugees from the east and the Balkan states, with their excruciating experiences and homesickness, had my special love and sympathy.

We never trespassed on postal and customs rules and regulations. Our parcels were all uniform right from the beginning, bearing that well known pink sticker with the beautiful words: "In the Name of Christ." In all the four zones of Germany and Austria our parcels are known and respected by postal and customs officials.

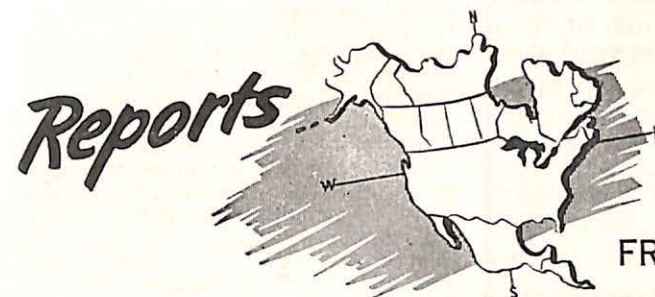
PRESENT NEEDS

Although this relief work is now greatly reduced, there is still a great need for clothes and shoes among the refugees, the aged and the sick who will never find work. Two women came from Germany recently with whom I spoke. One is a member of our own Forest Park Church who visited her relatives in Holstein and Hamburg. She said: "Either the people can eat and pay their rent and fuel and light bills without getting any necessary clothes, or they buy clothes and starve." There may be exceptions, but these have seen so much destitution and distress that they have become hard against their suffering fellow men.

Annemarie Oesterle was the other woman who visited us during the session week. She said: "The refugees from the east and the southeast are still pouring in by the hundreds and thousands." All day long the Baptist World Alliance Office, where she had been working as secretary to the Rev. Kenneth Norquist, has callers for help who come with nothing. The same is true of the other Christian offices, like the deaconess homes, the social homes, the Baptist Office in Berlin-Lichterfelde-West, and, last but not least, the pastors' homes and the church missionaries' homes. They cannot help the dejected callers unless we strengthen their hands.

Therefore we are continuing the good work, and whoever can make contributions of useable clothes and shoes can send those things as heretofore to our North American Baptist Headquarters, 7308 Madison St., Forest Park, Illinois.

I am now the office help to the general missionary secretary, the Rev. R. Schilke, and with great joy we have worked together this last year. I only wished sometimes I had four hands. Nevertheless, we were able to accomplish it all, including the Cameroons White Cross material which was always conscientiously packed and forwarded to the Cameroons field. So I wish to express my appreciation to all who have helped that God might be glorified through this work.



FROM THE FIELD

Southwestern Conference

Woman's Anniversary Program and Easter Play at Immanuel Baptist Church, Loyal, Oklahoma

The Woman's Missionary Union of the Immanuel Baptist Church near Loyal, Okla., gave its annual program on Sunday evening, April 6. A one-act play, "Love Always Finds a Way," was presented and the installation of officers was held. Two chorus numbers were sung by the entire group. A monologue and devotions were also part of the program. The offering of \$74.36 was equally designated for our state project and for the Southwestern Conference project, which means that the greater part will go to the Bansa Hospital in Africa. Our Mother and Daughter Tea was held on May 8 at the church.

On Easter Sunday evening, April 13, the CBY of Immanuel Church presented a play entitled, "Blessed Are They." This play was well presented and definitely impressed the true meaning of Easter on everyone present. The Rev. G. Wesley Blackburn, our pastor, was director of the play.

Mrs. Harry Stebens, Reporter.

Fourteen Southwestern Conference Pastors at Institute Held at Baptist Church, Lorraine, Kansas

On April 16 and 17 the ministers of the Southwestern Conference were invited to the Baptist Church of Lorraine, Kans., for a Ministers' Institute. To this invitation of the first institute 14 ministers responded. It was a time of inspiration and fellowship for all those present. The evening meetings were open to the public while the day sessions were for ministers only.

Dr. John Leypoldt of Forest Park, Ill., was the guest speaker. He gave us a study course on the First Epistle of John. The Rev. A. A. Stackhouse had charge of a forum on "Pastoral Problems Today." In this discussion we viewed our opinions and discussed problems very near to our hearts in the work of our conference. Dr. John Leypoldt led in an open forum where again we were privileged to discuss matters that mean much to us.

The officers elected for the ministerial fellowship for the coming year are: president, Rev. David Zimmerman; vice-president, Rev. A. A. Stackhouse; Secretary-treasurer, Rev. John Broeder. We felt the institute was a great blessing to us and we are looking forward to the next one in 1953.

John Broeder, Reporter.

Baptismal Service, Play and Radio Ministry at Shell Creek Church of Nebraska

On Sunday evening, April 20, a large audience in the Shell Creek Baptist Church near Columbus, Neb., witnessed the glorious testimony of seven persons as they stepped into the baptismal waters, thereby telling the world of salvation which they had experienced through the blood of Jesus Christ and of their willingness and desire to follow his example of baptism. This was a joint baptismal service of the Creston and Shell Creek churches. Our pastor, the Rev. Paul Hunsicker, led the opening song service. Special music was furnished by the Shell Creek choir. The Rev. John Broeder of the Creston Church brought the message of the evening after which he had the joy of baptizing five persons. We rejoiced as Mr. Hunsicker then led two of our young ladies into the baptismal waters and at the close of this beautiful ordinance proclaimed the benediction.

On the evening of Good Friday, April 11, we of the Shell Creek church presented the play, "As Easter Dawns." Due to the very inclement weather conditions the attendance was cut considerably, and because of the touching challenge of this play it was repeated on April 27.

God is blessing us as a church under the leadership of the Rev. and Mrs. Paul Hunsicker. It is also gratifying to see how the radio broadcast of the German Gospel Hour is continuing to reach the hungry hearts of so many aged listeners, many of whom are invalids. During the anniversary and test month of February, Mr. Hunsicker received over 50 cards and letters from the territory that our local sta-



Seven persons who were baptized at the joint baptismal service for the Shell Creek and Creston Churches of Nebraska with Rev. Paul Hunsicker and Rev. John Broeder in back row at left and right, respectively.

tion reaches, and requests have come in for an expansion of the broadcast. Gertrude Lange, Reporter.

Pacific Conference

Missionary Play Is Presented by Bethel Baptist Young People of Salem, Oregon

The young people of the Bethel Baptist Church of Salem, Ore., presented their annual program in March. The medical missionary play, "The Pill Bottle," was presented at this program to which the Salt Creek Baptist Church was invited. The play is the story of a girl graduating from college who hears and answers the call as a missionary doctor in India and of her work among the patients there. The play was such a blessing to all in attendance that it was given again at a Sunday evening service so that the blessings could be shared with still others. The play was also presented at the Laurelhurst Baptist Church of Portland, Ore., and the First Baptist Church of Salem, Oregon.

The CBY officers for the coming year are: president, Jeannette Saucy; vice-president, Ruth Rae; secretary, Judith Dieker; and treasurer, Earl Neuman. The Rev. Rudolph Woyke is the pastor.

Shirley Rocks, Reporter.

Renovated Church Dedicated and Fifteen Converts Baptized at Bethany Church, Vancouver, B. C.

Sunday, March 9th, marked the dedication of the enlarged and completely renovated church building of the Bethany Church, Vancouver, British Columbia. By the grace of God we were able to complete the \$22,000 project. The building has been enlarged by ten feet in the entire width and also ten feet in length. A completely new platform and baptistry have been built. The entrance has been centralized with a wide hall and children's room in front of the church. With a new gallery we have gained additional seating space for 120 persons. In the basement we installed an oil heating system and several classrooms. A sizeable loan has been extended to the church through the denomination's Church and Parsonage Revolving Fund. Fund, for which we are very grateful.

Many of the pastors and representatives from neighboring churches extended greetings and good wishes at this festive occasion. The Rev. William Sturhahn of Winnipeg, Man., brought the messages in the forenoon and evening services. Special music was rendered by the choirs, the orchestra and the young people's chorus.

On Easter Sunday evening, April 13, we had the joy of baptizing 15 persons and these with several others who came by letter were received into the fellowship of the church on Sunday, May 4. Thus, God is building his Kingdom in our midst. The influx of immigrants continues. Our greatest concern is not for numerical growth, but rather for grace and wisdom to assimilate and to counsel with the many new members.

J. C. Schweitzer, Pastor.

Many Spiritual Blessings Are Experienced at Ebenezer Church, Vancouver, British Columbia

We, of the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Vancouver, B. C., are filled with much joy and gratitude to have experienced again and again the power of God moving in our midst. On March 23rd six persons cast off their worldly ties and accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as their Savior and were baptized. Since Jan. 1st many more have joined our fellowship, not only through letter, but also by confession.

Prior to the arrival of Dr. John Leyboldt, who accepted our invitation to serve as evangelist from February 6 to 20, a prayer week was held. Each organization of the church was in charge of one evening. During the first week of the services, Dr. Leyboldt spoke in the German language and the second week in English. His challenging messages were a great inspiration to all as evidenced by the large attendance. Every evening, as a special "treat" for the many children present, Dr. Leyboldt related the story of "Pilgrim's Progress," with the use of flannelgraph illustrations. Both the male and mixed choirs served faithfully during these meetings in rendering their messages in song.

We are also very thankful for the unrelenting work of our pastor, Dr. A. S. Felberg, and his wife. May the Lord be with them and bless them in their continued efforts with us!

S. Palken, Church Clerk.

Oregon Baptist League Spring Rally Is Held at Portland's Trinity Baptist Church

The Oregon Baptist League held its Spring Rally at the Trinity Baptist Church, Portland, Ore., on April 25, 26 and 27 using as its theme, "The Christian Walk."

The Friday evening meeting was opened with song service led by the Trinity Church. Our devotions for the evening were given by the Villa Ridge Baptist young people with our special number being a vocal solo by Delores Kuper of our Salem church. The missionary play, "The Years Ahead," was presented by the Trinity CYF showing the importance of finding God's will for our lives. A singsgiving and time of fellowship followed.

Two classes for Juniors and Seniors respectively were conducted on Saturday morning by the Rev. Henry Barnett, Mrs. Eric Pohl and President George Bauder. On Saturday evening a delicious banquet was served by a group from the Trinity Church. Business and the election of officers was held following the banquet. Don Rich of Bethany was elected president and Merle Anderson of Glencullen was elected treasurer. They will take office after the Summer Assembly which will be held in July, 1952, for a period of two years.

President George Bauder presided over all the meetings held during the weekend. Our speakers for the evening were Ben and Margie Lawrence who have been appointed as missionaries on our Cameroons field. Margie presented us her testimony in song by singing, "I Walked Today Where Je-

BAPTIST HAVEN OF REST DIRECTORS' MEETING in Edmonton, Alta., on July 2nd.

The Board of Directors of the Baptist Haven of Rest, located in Medicine Hat, Alta., will hold its annual meeting in the Central Baptist Church in Edmonton, Alberta, on Wednesday, July 2, at 2:30 P.M.

R. H. ZEPIK, Secretary.

sus Walked." Ben used as his topic, "Called of God," pointing out to us that we are called of God to pray and give that our missions might be forwarded.

On Sunday afternoon we had installation of our new officers with our newly elected dean, the Rev. Lewis B. Berndt, of the Laurelhurst Baptist Church giving them their charge. Dr. Stuart Hackett from Western Conservative Baptist Theological Seminary brought a very stirring message on, "Is Your Life Separated or Divided?" Special numbers were given by the Bethany and Immanuel churches.

We wish to thank the Trinity Baptist Church for its hospitality and pray that the League may prosper and continue to be instrumental in helping the young people of our state to develop their lives spiritually and for Christian service.

Bernietta Wobig, Secretary.

Easter Sunday and Mother's Day Program at 15th Street Church, Los Angeles, California

Easter Sunday was a memorable day beginning at the early hour of 7:00 A.M. at the Fifteenth Street Baptist Church of Los Angeles, California. The CBY, with our pastor, the Rev. Edmund Mittelstedt in charge, sponsored a beautiful sunrise service in the church sanctuary. The platform was decorated with colored, life-sized pictures of Christ and his crucifixion. These were lighted up in the semi-dark auditorium adding a touch of artistic beauty to the worshipful setting there in those quiet morning hours. Mr. A. Walrath was responsible for setting up these beautiful pictures.

Everyone participated in silent prayer and meditation upon entering the sanctuary until the call to worship was delivered by Walter Heiman, CBY president. The good news of the Risen Christ was proclaimed by eight young people who presented the Easter story, "The Victorious Christ," by L. Linn. The men's quartet sang the beautiful number, "Were You There?" Alice Stuermer favored us with a lovely selection, "O Living Redeemer" by H. Lillenas.

After the sunrise service, everyone enjoyed breakfast in the lower auditorium prepared by Walter Heiman and Bill Wolff. They have served these traditional Easter breakfasts for several years, and they have been a great success. Carolyn Goodman and Darlene Wolff decorated the tables, using the Easter theme of white crosses and calla lilies.

During the Sunday School period everyone was thrilled to hear an

Easter program presented by the scholars. John Wolff, faithful superintendent for many years, was in charge. Their songs, recitations and Easter dramatizations were excellently given, showing the great effort put forth by both teachers and scholars.

It was surely a joy to see the auditorium filled for the morning worship hour. The choir rendered two beautiful anthems, "Easter Morning" by Richolson, and "They Have Taken Away My Lord" by Stainer. The pastor gave an inspiring message on the words, "Christ Is Risen Indeed." The Easter offering amounting to \$251.50 was designated for our denominational mission enterprise.

On Sunday afternoon, May 4, the mothers were honored with a program prepared by the Junior CBY, with Raymond Jantz very ably leading the meeting. They gave a "Tribute to Mothers" by presenting a pantomime describing the mothers of biblical days. Background music was rendered by Darlene Wolff and Elaine Lang as they sang appropriate mother's day hymns during the pantomime. Gloria Walpas accompanied at the piano. After the program the mothers were served with refreshments by the Junior CBY.

Our spring project was completed when 42 members painted and re-decorated our Sunday School assembly room and 17 other rooms in the church. This has surely made a great improvement. The ladies served the workers refreshments at the close of each night's work. This whole-hearted co-operation made it possible to complete the large amount of work in a week's time without interfering with the Sunday gatherings. Our faithful pastor, Mr. Mittelstedt, had charge of the project, arriving early in the morning and always the last one to leave at night. It is surely a joy to see these rooms newly decorated.

Mrs. Esther Johnston, Reporter.

Northern Conference

Nine Converts are Baptized in the Baptist Church of Nokomis, Saskatchewan

Easter Sunday, April 13, was a joyous day for the Nokomis Baptist Church of Nokomis, Saskatchewan. In the morning we held our regular Sunday School with our church filled to capacity. The pastor, the Rev. R. Jaster, brought messages on the Biblical mode of baptism. It was our joy thereafter to witness the baptism of nine converts. Five were from the Nokomis church and four from the station at Lockwood.

In the evening the beautiful Easter Sunday was brought to a close with another service. The Rev. R. Jaster delivered a challenging message on the theme, "The Holy Calling of the Lord." Then he extended the right hand of fellowship to the ones who had been baptized in the morning. With the observance of the Lord's Supper the day was brought to a close. May the Lord give a rich ingathering of souls in the days to come!

Mrs. R. Jaster, Reporter.

Baptism of 30 Converts and Farewell Service for Rev. O. Ertis at Morris, Manitoba

For two weeks in January the Rev. R. Milbrandt of Medicine Hat, Alta., served as evangelist at the Emmanuel Baptist Church of Morris, Manitoba. Through the work of the Holy Spirit many persons were brought under conviction of their sin, and God's children were brought closer to him. The unceasing efforts on the part of the evangelist as well as of our pastor, the Rev. O. Ertis, were an inspiration to all to give God first place in their lives. On Easter Sunday the baptism of 30 candidates took place. The baptismal candidates can be seen in the accompanying picture.

On Sunday, May 4th, the church assembled to knowledge the services of the Rev. O. Ertis who served as interim pastor during the past year. Mr. R. J. Stober, chairman of the deacons, led the meeting. In behalf of the various organizations many words of appreciation were voiced as well as musical numbers rendered by groups and the choir. The principal thought expressed throughout the evening was: "The Lord bless you in your work for him!" A time of fellowship around the tables in the church basement followed.

Lynda Rempel, Reporter.

Northwestern Conference

Young People's Banquet Is Held at the Central Baptist Church, George, Iowa

A beautiful banquet, sponsored by the CBY group of the Central Baptist Church, George, Iowa, was held in the church parlors of the church on Wednesday evening, April 30th.

The theme of the banquet was "Christ, Our Anchor." As we entered the room, it was beautifully decorated with blue and white streamers. At the head table was a large anchor representing, "Christ, Our Anchor." A white life-saver topped each miniature boat nut cup. After partaking of a delicious roast beef dinner served by the mothers of the CBY members, the Rev. J. A. Brygger, our pastor, gave a challenging message on "The Anchor of Trust." This was followed by the showing of the film, "Forgotten Valley."

Each member invited some unsaved friend and thus the Gospel was given out to many different denominations. Approximately 65 young people attended. It was an event that will not soon be forgotten.

Reporter.

Seven Converts Baptized and Union Good Friday Service at Milwaukee's Temple Church

On Palm Sunday evening, April 6, the Rev. G. K. Zimmerman of the Temple Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wis., baptized the following: Darlene Buehler, Ingrid Danning, Janalee Johnson, Mrs. W. Micke, Mrs. Henry Rakowski, Mrs. E. Surray and Henry Rakowski. Previous to this, Lenten

services were held each Thursday evening with guest speakers. A very solemn candlelight communion service on the Thursday evening before Easter made us aware of the crucifixion anguish of long ago.

The northwest territory of the city chose the Temple Church for the Milwaukee County Council of Churches Good Friday services from 12 to 3 P.M. with guest pastors participating. All the services brought great blessings to all of us and made us feel we were willing to re-dedicate our lives to renewed Christian service.

Mrs. Walter Nasgowitz, Reporter.

ahead for our Cameroons field.

We rejoice in these rally opportunities to fellowship with like-minded Christian women. The inspiration received encourages all of us.

Mrs. Harvey Stanke, Secretary.

Eastern Conference

Tenth Annual Missionary Conference Held by the Bethel Church, Buffalo, New York

The Bethel Baptist Church of Buffalo, N. Y., held its tenth annual Mis-



Thirty converts who were baptized on Easter Sunday and received into the Emmanuel Baptist Church, Morris, Manitoba, by the Rev. O. Ertis, interim pastor.

Spring Rally for the Minnesota Woman's Missionary Union at Dayton's Bluff Church

The annual Spring Rally of the North American Baptist Woman's Missionary Union of Minnesota and LaCrosse, Wis., was held at the Dayton's Bluff Baptist Church, St. Paul, Minn., on Sunday, April 27. The beautiful Sunday afternoon brought out a fine representation from most of the churches in the Association. The program theme was taken from Psalm 111:4. "He hath made his wonderful works to be remembered; the Lord is gracious and full of compassion."

A warm welcome was extended by the local society's president, Mrs. W. Richter. Mrs. E. W. Klatt, president of the Union, presided, and also graciously responded to the welcome.

An appropriately selected piano and organ duet entitled, "The Heavens Are Telling," by Doris and Lillian Patet brought us into the spirit of worship. Devotions were led by the LaCrosse Woman's Missionary Society president, Mrs. Baldwin. Vocal solo by Kathryn Fratzke of Hutchinson and a vocal duet by representatives of St. Bonifacius, Minn., added to the beauty of the service. We are happy to welcome into the fellowship two pastors' wives, Mrs. Adam Huber of Faith Church, Minneapolis, and Mrs. Wm. Jeschke of Dayton's Bluff Church, St. Paul.

Mrs. Wm. Schoeffel, president of the National Woman's Missionary Union, spoke on the topic, "Our Compassionate Christ," including in her address a report about and a greater missionary challenge for the days

ahead for our Cameroons field. The Missionary Conference from Sunday, April 20, through Wednesday, April 23. The Missionary Committee decorated the church with flags of all nations and dolls representing the different countries.

The conference was opened on Sunday morning by the Rev. Paul Gebauer of our own denomination. Mrs. Gebauer was also the speaker at the Sunday evening service, which was in charge of the Woman's Union of Temple Church and Bethel Church. Many members of Temple Church attended the meeting. The church auditorium was filled to capacity both morning and evening. Mr. Gebauer is a very forceful speaker and his messages gave us a new vision of the work in the Cameroons. We pray God's richest blessing upon the faithful missionaries who are laboring in that needy field.

On Monday night, Miss Minnie Lane of Liberia was the speaker. She also showed pictures of Liberia. Our own missionary, Miss Jane Rembes, also gave a fine testimony.

On Tuesday night, the Rev. and Mrs. Harold Reiner were the speakers. They also showed pictures of their work in Brazil.

On Wednesday night, the Rev. Jay Perry of Mexico was the speaker for the closing meeting. He presented the tremendous need of the Mexican field just south of our border.

Our hearts were truly touched by all these messages and we were challenged anew to pray much for the missionaries and their work in the different fields.

Mrs. Daniel Earnst, Reporter.

Dakota Conference

Program and Mission Quilt Are Presented by Danzig Church's Woman's Missionary Society

On Friday, March 28, the Woman's Missionary Society of the Danzig Baptist Church of Tyndall, S. Dak., entertaining the congregation with a program consisting of Scripture, prayer, a reading, several musical numbers and a dialogue entitled, "Fruit Bearing Christians." At this occasion the mission quilt was shown which the members of the society had recently made. On this quilt were embroidered 211 names of persons giving a donation for our mission project, with a Bible verse decorating the border. We are very happy to report that we were able to send \$400.00 along with the quilt to our Cameroons Hospital in Africa. After the program an hour of fellowship and refreshments were enjoyed by all present.

Mrs. Arnold Berndt, Reporter.

Baptist Church at McIntosh, S. Dak., Is Remodeled and Dedicated at Impressive Services

"... For the people had a mind to work" (Neh. 4:6) and in Nehemiah's day the wall surrounding Jerusalem was built. We praise the Lord for the way his spirit has given the people of the McIntosh Baptist Church of McIntosh, S. Dak., a mind to work. There were many sore backs and calloused hands before the present project was finished.

On Sunday, April 20, we were pleased to dedicate to God the work recently finished in our house of worship. Guest speaker for this impressive festive occasion was the Rev. Bernard Fritzke of McLaughlin, S. Dak., with the Rev. N. Miller of Selfridge, N. Dak., the Rev. O. Lohse of McIntosh, S. Dak., and the Rev. E. Gutsche of Hettinger, N. Dak., assisting in the service.

The work that has been done in our church includes new light oak pews for the auditorium and a completely new basement with two new gas stoves in the kitchen.

On the same Sunday a bounteous evening meal was served to all those



Danzig Mission Society of Tyndall, S. Dak., with the quilt for the Bango Hospital in the background and with the officers in front row.

Right to left: Mrs. Walter Stein, president; Mrs. J. Berndt, vice-president; Mrs. A. Berndt, secretary; and Mrs. T. H. Berndt, treasurer.

in attendance. In the evening the local Woman's Missionary Society presented its first church program. A playlet entitled, "The Garden of Prayer," and many other fine thoughts were presented.

Ervin A. Gerlitz, Pastor.

Many Church Furnishings Contributed by the Baptist Woman's Society, Bismarck, North Dakota

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Bismarck Baptist Church in Bismarck, N. Dak., a group of 28 members, is ever active in helping wherever necessary to further the growth and progress of our church. Since our new church has been built, the Missionary Society has been privileged to contribute various furnishings that have helped to beautify our building and to make it more useful.

Our church kitchen was completely equipped, including inlaid linoleum, cupboards, large restaurant-type stove, hot water tank and heater and double sink. We also purchased carpeting for the church aisle and platform as well



Members of the Woman's Missionary Society, Bismarck, N. Dak., wearing aprons which they sold to one another, raising \$150. Mrs. Edward Kary president, is third from left, front row.

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as venetian blinds for six of the church windows. The velvet drapes for the baptistry and those on the choir railing were also gifts of our group. Recently we purchased two new offering plates made to order in the same golden oak as our new pews.

Now our goal is to buy a pulpit set. To raise money for this purpose, at our May meeting, each member and a few friends brought hand-made aprons which we sold to one another for five dollars. In this manner we were able to raise \$150 on this one evening. The accompanying picture shows us wearing our aprons.

Officers since April have been: president, Mrs. Edward Kary; vice-president, Mrs. Emma Mehlhoff; secretary, Mrs. Fred Grenz; and treasurer, Mrs. J. R. Matz. Our pianist is Mrs. Reinhold Sigmund. We count it a privilege to work for our Master and we are thankful that he has been able to use us for his work.

Mrs. Edward Kary, Reporter.

Easter Sunday Services and New Baptistry at Grace Church, Grand Forks, North Dakota

Members and friends of the Grace Baptist Church of Grand Forks, N. Dak., gathered in the church on Easter morning at 6:30 A.M. for a sunrise service conducted by our young people. A beautiful presentation of "The Cross" was given at 7:00 A.M. We enjoyed a delicious breakfast served by our Men's Brotherhood. At 9:45 our Sunday School gathered for regular classes, which was followed by the worship service at 11 o'clock.

At 7:30 P.M. the evening service opened with our choir's beautiful rendition of the cantata, "Sunrise Over Calvary." Our men are very busy every day working on the baptistry which was ready for use by the end of May. All of our meetings are very well attended, and we enjoy the Christian and sainted leadership of our pastor, the Rev. H. J. Walterreit.

Mrs. Joe Werre, Sr., Reporter.

Atlantic Conference

Atlantic Conference Young People Hold Rally and Workers' Clinic at Bethlehem, Pa.

The Commissioned Baptist Youth and Sunday School Union of the Atlantic Conference held its annual Spring Rally and Workers' Conference in Bethlehem, Pa., from April 25 to 27. The members of the Calvary Baptist Church received us with a warm and cordial welcome. The program of the conference was well organized and interesting due to the zealous efforts of our president, Don Middleton.

The opening exercises of the conference were held on Friday evening. Here the purpose of the Workers' Conference was explained, and the theme, "Increase in the knowledge of God," introduced.

Saturday morning and afternoon were spent in clinics which were concerned with the problems of Sunday School and youth workers. Our guest, Miss Martha Leyboldt, and the faculty, Rev. Robert Cook, Rev. Robert Am-

bler, Rev. Everett Barker, Rev. Victor Hammond, Rev. Robert Hess and Rev. Harold Barker, very ably conducted their respective classes. The information which they imparted to us has given us a wealth of invaluable knowledge with which to work. These meetings were concluded by a panel discussion by the faculty and conference leaders on Sunday School and youth work.

Saturday was brought to a close with a very appetizing "country style dinner." Mr. George Steinbronn, the moderator, ably conducted the program of the evening. During the course of the banquet we were favored with musical selections by the male quartet from Clinton Hill Church and the Girls' Trio from Calvary Church. At this meeting the Visitation and Sunday School Awards were presented to the winning churches: Calvary Church received the former, and Pilgrim Church of Philadelphia and Walnut Street Church of Newark, N. J., the latter. The meeting was concluded by a message from our guest speaker, Rev. Richard K. Mercer.

The conference came to a close with a mass meeting on Sunday afternoon. Ralph Kletke efficiently conducted a spirited song service. Miss Martha Leyboldt then addressed us and reminded us that we must be dynamic rather than static Christians. We of the Atlantic Conference were privileged to have as our guest speaker the gospel chalk evangelist, the Rev. George Sweeting. He ended his sermon by drawing an inspiring picture of a pilgrim walking into a golden sunset.

Although the conference weekend was very rainy, the sunshine of God's love shone in our hearts. The conference equipped us with material which will help us to work more effectively in our churches. More important, however, it showed us the necessity for ever "increasing in the knowledge of Christ."

Norma Sobels, Secretary.

Central Conference

Dedication of \$62,500 Sunday School Building by First Baptist Church, St. Joseph, Michigan

Open house and imposing and fitting dedication services for the spacious parish house of the First Baptist Church of Saint Joseph, Mich., costing \$62,500, were held from April 13 to 20, with the pastor, the Rev. L. H. Broecker, in charge.

The very fine parish hall, of brick and block construction, has concrete foundation and is fireproof throughout. Steel beams were employed and the building is designed so another story may be added in the future.

Overall dimensions of the new building, which is joined to the church and the annex, are 40 by 50 feet. A large room in the basement, used by the young people's group and also intended for social functions and a meeting place, is 34 by 34 feet, or 1,100 square feet of floor space. There are two large rooms on the first floor, each 20 by 34 feet, intended for Cradle Roll and Beginners' Sunday School classes.

All rooms and the hallways have acoustically treated ceilings and asphalt tile flooring. Rooms on the first floor have stained glass windows, designed to harmonize with those in the church proper, and birch trim was used throughout.

The three rooms in the parish hall are equipped with new furniture, including metal sand boxes, play pen, small tables and chairs and a high chair in the cradle roll room, new kid-

modates 200. The Primary, Junior and Intermediate departments each has 50 to 60 pupils with rooms able to accommodate 75 to 100, while the adult department meets in the church auditorium.

Paul Auringer is general Sunday School superintendent, while superintendents of various departments are Claude Raak, young people's; Charles Haube, Intermediates; David Johnson, Juniors; Mrs. Rudolph Kovalska, Prim-



The Beginners' Department in the new \$62,500 Sunday School building of the First Baptist Church, Saint Joseph, Mich., which was recently dedicated.

ney shaped tables and new chairs in the beginners' room, and new chairs in the young people's room in the basement. The latter room can be divided into separate class areas by means of draw curtains.

The Sunday School attendance now averages 350 children and adults and it is the goal of the church to increase this to 400 this fall. A church bus is used every Sunday to pick up youngsters out of walking distance and without means of transportation.

Cradle Roll and Beginners' rooms can each accommodate 50 youngsters, while the young people's room accom-

modates 200. The Primary, Junior and Intermediate departments each has 50 to 60 pupils with rooms able to accommodate 75 to 100, while the adult department meets in the church auditorium.

ary; Mrs. Reinhart Tillman, Beginners; and Mrs. Dan Pschigoda, Cradle Roll. On Easter Sunday the Rev. Thomas Stoeri, a former pastor, was the speaker. On Tuesday, April 15, a church family night dedication dinner was held with the Rev. R. Schilke of Forest Park, Ill., mission secretary, as the speaker. The church, Youth and Junior Choirs, under the direction of Mrs. Doyle Barkmeier, presented a concert on Wednesday, April 16. On Thursday, April 17, a service to honor the young people's part in the overall program of the church was held with the Rev. Carl Lundquist, pastor of the Elim Baptist Church, Chicago, as speaker.

On Saturday, April 19, there was a singspiration program. Special music was provided by the Grand Rapids School of the Bible and Music, with students singing selections and playing musical instruments. At the program, Dr. Frank Woyke of Forest Park, Ill., executive secretary of the North American Baptist Conference, was the speaker. Dr. Woyke also spoke at both the morning and evening service on Sunday, April 20, with the Grand Rapids students also participating.

The Rev. L. H. Broecker, who has been largely instrumental in the growth of the congregation and in organizing the church's many groups and their activities, is in his 16th year as church pastor.—The Herald-Press, St. Joseph, Michigan.

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90th Birthday Party for Mr. Wm. F. Busse by Bethel Sunday School, Detroit, Michigan

On Sunday, April 27th, the Adult Department of the Sunday School of Bethel Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich., had the grandest opening exercises in its entire history. It was a birthday party with all the trimmings. Sunday School opened as usual with a few hymns and then our highly trained men's quartet sang "The Jericho Road." Then words of congratulation followed and a birthday prayer by our pastor, the Rev. Ted Place, also a few words by the president and vice-president of the school. As our birthday child, Mr. Wm. F. Busse, ninety years old, came forward, a beautiful birthday cake made its appearance with nine candles on it, each candle representing ten years, which he himself lighted. Mr. Busse then took a few minutes to tell how God has blessed him through all these years, and then he gave a real Christian testimony by playing, "O Happy Day," on a harmonica.

When Mr. Busse was asked to blow out the candles, he said he was all out of breath from playing the harmonica, so he asked the adult superintendent, Mr. Paul Nast, to do the honors. So ended a wonderful birthday party.

Mr. Busse was born in Germany on April 22, 1862, came to America in 1884, has lived in America 68 years, of which 61 years were spent in Detroit, joining Bethel Baptist Church soon after his arrival. For over forty years he was a Sunday School teacher. Not only did he teach the fundamentals of true Christianity, but he gave us the real proof by living what he taught. May the Lord continue to watch over him and bless him richly!

Edward H. Giessler, Reporter.

Missionary Drama for CBY Groups of Chicago Area at Forest Park Church

The members of the Commissioned Baptist Youth of the Chicago area are happy indeed to report that the missionary project with which we were challenged a year ago has been most successfully completed. In April, 1951, we received a letter of authorization from the Mission Office to go ahead with a special project. "Bring in \$500 for our Bansa Baptist Hospital," it read, and we accepted the challenge saying, "God helping us, we will not fail."

That was a year ago. Today, having withstood trials and financial difficulties, we can joyfully praise God for his great goodness toward us and thank him for the many blessings we received in working for him.

As an organized body, our Chicago area CBY has always maintained an active missionary program in one way or another. The most popular speakers in both our local and combined activities have been and still are our missionaries home on furlough. Our week-long camp too has usually been centered around our denominational missionary enterprises. Is it any wonder then that Christian young people become vitally interested in such a worthwhile cause? Ask some of our



Mr. Wm. F. Busse, 90 years old (center), of the Bethel Baptist Sunday School, Detroit, Mich., holds birthday cake, assisted by Mr. Maurice Kelly, Sunday School president (left), and Mr. Paul Nast, adult dept. superintendent (right).

own now serving the Lord upon the mission fields of Africa or Japan. Ask those who are even now preparing to go as full time ambassadors for Christ.

Climaxing a year of missionary emphasis, a heart stirring play was recently presented at the Forest Park Baptist Church of Forest Park, Illinois. A thrilling drama of the Near East, it vividly portrayed our Christian responsibilities toward the benighted souls in dark heathen lands. The Rev. Paul Gebauer then brought a very appropriate message, thoroughly supplementing the play and rounding out the many blessings of the evening. Also upon this occasion we harvested marvelously in the material realm, bringing our project to a successful close.

Yes, we have attained our goal of \$500, in fact, we praise God for a total of \$700 which was contributed toward the equipping of our Bansa Hospital in the Cameroons of Africa.

Bill Reich, Reporter.

Thirteen Converts Baptized and 21 New Members Received Into Forest Park Church

Seldom a weekday passes but that there is not some type of activity to be found in the Forest Park Baptist Church, Forest Park, Ill., of which the Rev. Rubin Kern is the pastor. The weekly church bulletin is replete with announcements of these activities, from Pioneer Girls on Monday evenings to the Christian Service Brigade on Friday nights, with prayer meetings, weekly religious education class and organizational, board, and committee meetings in-between filling the time to capacity.

That all of this activity is not entirely "energy of the flesh" is evidenced by the fact that 13 young people, primarily children from the Sunday School, were baptized on Easter Sunday evening, testifying to their new-found faith in Christ. These, together with eight others who came by letter, were welcomed into church

membership in an impressive manner by the pastor on Sunday, May 4th.

For several Sundays prior to Easter, Mr. Kern preached a series of evangelistic sermons, which were climaxed by those presented by the Rev. O. E. Krueger of Rochester, N. Y., during Passion Week and on Easter Sunday. Mr. Krueger's sermons were testimonies based on his own experiences as an old disciple of Jesus Christ.

On Saturday, March 29th, our church was host to the CBY groups of Chicago, and on May 1st to all North American Baptists of Chicago and vicinity at the Missionary Rally of the denomination's General Missionary Committee and General Council. On both of these occasions, as well as at the Youth Week banquet, we were privileged to hear the Rev. Paul Gebauer present the challenge of modern Africa in his inimitable way.

The church is the grateful recipient of a public address system valued at \$500 presented recently by an anonymous donor. It is especially helpful in combating street noises at the rear of the auditorium, and is an excellent aid to hearing when soft-spoken children and adults participate in the worship services.

Irma L. Grieger, Reporter.

Southern Conference

Anniversary Program by the Woman's Society, Canaan Baptist Church, Crawford, Texas

On Sunday evening, March 30, the women of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Canaan Baptist Church, Crawford, Texas, gave their annual missionary program. After singing by the congregation, the program was opened by Mrs. B. F. Engelbrecht with Mrs. John Gauer leading in prayer. The presentation, "Sacred Scenes With Our Savior" was given to an appreciative audience. Mrs. George Miller of Waco, Texas, was our guest speaker. She gave four illustrations in chalk talks, which were enjoyed by all present. A missionary offering for the seminary kitchen and the Bansa Hospital was taken.

On the evening of April 7th, members of our Woman's Missionary Union and their families enjoyed a wiener roast. The names of the secret pals were revealed and new names were drawn.

On the evening of May 2, we had our first Mother's and Daughter's Banquet with Mrs. Arthur Schulz, our pastor's wife, as mistress of ceremonies. The program consisted of singing, Scripture reading and prayer, several poems and a skit. Mrs. Louis Johnson of the Central Baptist Church of Waco, Texas, was our guest speaker. She gave a wonderful message on "Christian Heroism."

Our society has a different project each month. Several meetings are devoted to White Cross work for the Bansa Hospital. The boys at the seminary, the children at the Children's Home in St. Joseph, Mich., and the people at the Home for the Aged are remembering with gifts.

Mrs. Jacob Hodel, Reporter.

Obituary

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

MRS. EMMA LAUTERBACH of Brooklyn, New York.

Mrs. Emma Lauterbach, nee Pimper, of Brooklyn, N. Y., was born on November 25, 1871, in New York City. In her youth at the age of 13 years, she accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as her Savior and was baptized on confession of her faith into the fellowship of the Second German Baptist Church of New York City by the late Rev. F. Heisig. For many years she was active in the Woman's Missionary Society and also served on the Board of Managers of the New York Baptist Home for the Aged, and for 67 years she remained a faithful member of our church, loved by all.

In 1899 she was united in marriage to Henry Lauterbach. She was a faithful wife to her husband and a good mother of her three children. Her husband preceded her in death in 1930. For a number of years she was not in good health and could not leave her home. During these difficult years her three daughters cared and provided for her with much love and sympathy, and her faith in Christ sustained her. On Saturday, May 3, 1952, the Lord quietly called her home unto himself at the age of 80 years and five months. She is survived by her three daughters: Edna, Getrude and Harriet; by two sisters: Mrs. Henry Ortlieb and Mrs. Lydia Winter; and by a host of friends.

At the funeral service the church quartet sang beautifully, "Safe in the Arms of Jesus," and a message of consolation was given by the pastor from Revelation 14:13.

Second German Baptist Church, New York, New York.

JOHN SCHMIDT, Pastor.

STEVEN RICHARD JOHNSON of Canistota, South Dakota.

Steven Richard Johnson of Canistota, S. Dak., was born September 3, 1951 at Sioux Valley Hospital, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., and for 7 months and 25 days he brought rays of heavenly sunshine and an atmosphere of love into the lives of his parents and young sister that only a little baby can bring.

On Monday morning, April 28, 1952 at 10:30 A.M., as he was undergoing medical attention at McKennon Hospital in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., it pleased our heavenly Father to call him to that blessed land from which no traveler returns.

There is no doubt that heaven has a greater attraction for those whom he left behind. Our prayer is that God may put the same longing in the parents' hearts that he evidently placed in David's heart, when that great man cried out after the death of his infant son: "I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me."

He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Johnson, and sister, Judy of Canistota, S. Dak.; his grandparents: Mr. and Mrs. Dick Johnson of Montrose, S. Dak.; Mr. and Mrs. I. A. Jennings of Canistota, S. Dak.; many aunts and uncles, relatives and friends.

A precious one from us has gone,
A voice we loved is stilled,
A place is vacant in our home
Which never can be filled.

God in his wisdom doeth well,
The boon this life has given,
And though the body slumbers here,
His soul is safe in heaven.

The Rev. James R. DeLoach of the First Baptist Church, Avon, S. Dak., officiated and the body was put to rest in the Spring Valley Baptist Cemetery, Canistota, South Dakota.

Spring Valley Baptist Church, Canistota, South Dakota

MR. RALPH OLLER, Correspondent.

MR. EDWARD SEIPKE of Gladwin, Michigan.

Mr. Edward Seipke of Gladwin, Mich., our brother in the Lord, was born in Poland on January 8, 1870. As a young man he came to the United States and settled in Cleveland, Ohio. There he was converted to the Lord, baptized by the Rev. F. Friedlich and became a member of the church. He was married to his now sorrowing wife, Katie Conrad, on November 29, 1895 by the Rev. J. Moehlmann in Detroit, Michigan. The Lord kept them together for more than 56 years. He had five children: Mrs. Alma Zeitz, Mrs. Edna Annis, Harold, Herbert and Walter, all of Detroit, Michigan. Two brothers, two sisters, six grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren sorrow the home-going of our brother.

In 1902 he came with his family to Gladwin, Mich., and started farming. He was a resident of this community since then. He also became a charter member of the Round Lake Baptist Church, and proved himself faithful in every respect. No weather was too severe to keep him from prayer meeting and the church services. He was always ready for prayer or testimony praising the grace of God in his life. The Lord took him home on April 30, 1952, but his memory will linger on. He selected Psalm 17:15 as the text for his funeral sermon. May God comfort the hearts of his loved ones!

Round Lake Baptist Church, Gladwin, Michigan

VICTOR H. PRENDINGER, Pastor.

REV. ADOLPH GUENTHER of Startup, Washington.

The Rev. Adolph Guenther of Startup, Wash., was born May 1, 1870 at Glückstal, Poland. His parents were German immigrants who settled in Poland. They were of Lutheran faith, and very pious people. Very early in life the children learned to know the Word of God. Theirs was a very hard pioneer life in the forests of Russia.

The father was a blacksmith and farmer. Into their home Adolph was born. In spite of the primitive life, the son received a good education and made such progress in his studies that at the age of 18 he became a cantor, having charge as reader at public worship and as teacher in the public school. After two years of teaching, he left Russia to come to this country, the land of freedom and opportunities.

Arriving at Winburne, Pa., he started out as a miner, but he was soon led to seek still land to be had in South Dakota, and so decided to go to Madison, South Dakota. There he found work on a farm and also with Emilie Jaeger of Madison, S. Dak., on Nov. 11, 1892. They established their home on a farm in that vicinity until their departure to Goodrich, North Dakota.

It was at this time that he was converted, baptized and added to the Baptist Church. This spiritual experience changed the whole life course. He felt called into the ministry, and as result sold his farm and went to our Seminary at Rochester, N. Y., to prepare for full-time service. After completing the required course he was ordained at the Jewell Church near Ashley, N. Dak., on October 19, 1902. He served the following churches: Startup-Everett, 1903-1906; Faribault and Hampton, Minn., 1906-1908; Delmont, S. Dak., 1908-1911; Rosenfeld, N. Dak., 1911-1916; Ashley, N. Dak., 1916-1919; Washburn, N. Dak., 1919-1920; 1922; superintendent for North Dakota, 1920-Friendless, 1922-1924; Lehr, N. Dak., 1924-1930. From 1930 to 1935 he resided in Minneapolis, Minnesota. He served as pastor in Ventura, N. Dak., from 1935-1945. In 1946 he moved to Startup, Wash., where he served as interim pastor for six months. Following the Rev. G. Pust's resignation, he again served a six-month period as interim pastor of the Startup church.

While pastor at the Rosenfeld church, he lost his dear wife by death. He was united in marriage with Elizabeth Berndt on November 25, 1915 at Herreid, S. Dak. Both marriages were happy ones. There are three children, of whom one daughter preceded her father in death.

After a span of 45 years of active service in the ministry, he returned to Startup, Wash., the place where he had the privilege to be the first minister at the Baptist

Church. Here he spent his last years in quietness, ever active and eager in keeping abreast with what was going on in the world. Alert in his spiritual life he was able to render good service whenever opportunity presented itself to him. As he lived so he died, working until about one half hour before his homegoing.

He leaves to mourn his beloved wife; a daughter, Alice Witte of Rochester, Minn.; a son, Robert; six grandchildren; two nephews and four nieces; and a host of distant relatives and friends and members of the church.

Funeral services for the Rev. A. Guenther were held in the Startup Baptist Church on April 28th with the Rev. R. G. Kaiser officiating. The main message was brought, upon request, by the Rev. F. W. Bartel of Chilliack, B. C., a close friend of the departed. The pastor of the church brought the message of comfort. The Rev. L. B. Berndt of Portland, Ore., read the obituary and gave a personal testimony of appreciation of the deceased. The Rev. J. C. Schweitzer of Vancouver, B. C., led in prayer. Two duets and a solo were rendered by women of the church. The organist accompanied the singers and served with beautiful selections fitting for the occasion. The interment took place in the Sultan Cemetery. The pastor read an appropriate Scripture passage and the Rev. F. W. Bartel led in prayer.

Startup, Washington

R. G. KAISER, Pastor.

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of the CBY program to help the youth leaders.

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Became as mine.
With him I felt a oneness
Such as gave me certainty
Of power through a kinship
With the Infinity.

—Edith Dunn Bolar.

**PACIFIC CONFERENCE
AT COLFAX, WASHINGTON,
June 25 to 29, 1952**

Theme: "Power for Today."

Text: Acts 1:8.

Wednesday evening, June 25—Speaker,
Rev. L. Berndt, Portland, Oregon.

Thursday evening, June 26—Speaker,
Rev. G. G. Rauser, Lodi, Calif.

Friday evening, June 27—Woman's
Missionary Union program. Speak-
ers, Rev. and Mrs. Paul Gebauer.

Sunday, June 29—Speakers, Rev. Paul
Gebauer, Prof. R. P. Jeschke of
Sioux Falls, S. Dak., and Rev. P.
G. Neumann of Costa Mesa, Calif.

Rev. F. E. Klein, pastor of the local
entertaining church.

**NORTHERN CONFERENCE
AT EDMONTON, ALBERTA,
July 2 to 6, 1952**

Theme: "Spiritual Preparedness."

Text: Matthew 24:44.

Wednesday evening, July 2—Speaker,
Rev. Martin De Boer, Springside,
Saskatchewan.

Thursday evening, July 3—Speaker,
Rev. Ervin Faul, Calgary, Alberta.

Friday evening, July 4—Speaker, Rev.
Paul Gebauer, Missionary.

Saturday evening, July 5—Youth Ral-
ly. Speaker, Hon. E. C. Manning,
Premier of Alberta.

Sunday, July 6—Speakers, Rev. Rich-
ard Schilke, Forest Park, Ill., and
Rev. Paul Gebauer, Camerons.

Rev. Henry Pfeifer, pastor of the local
entertaining church.

**NORTHWESTERN CONFERENCE AT BURLINGTON, IOWA,
July 9 to 13, 1952**

Theme: "Lest We Forget."

Text: 1 Corinthians 15:58a.

Wednesday evening, July 9—Speaker,
Rev. Gideon Zimmerman, Mil-
waukee, Wisconsin.

Thursday evening, July 10—Speaker,
Rev. Frank Veninga, Aplington,
Iowa.

Friday afternoon, July 11—Woman's
Missionary Union. Speaker, Mrs.
Kenneth Goodman, Camerons
missionary.

Friday evening, July 11—Speaker,
Rev. Edgar W. Klatt, St. Paul,
Minnesota.

Saturday evening, July 12—Young
people's banquet.

Sunday, July 13—Dr. Frank H. Woyke,
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