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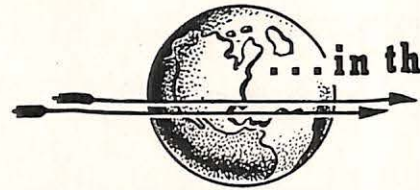
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**A Thankful Heart**

Rev. Robert F. Penner

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...in the course of human events

● "Passing the Temple Church, which was badly bombed and is now under repair, I noticed that the builders have nailed a sign over the main entrance. It reads: 'It is dangerous to enter this building.' I wonder if it will still be dangerous when the builders have finished." From Peter Parson's Log.—British Weekly.

General Mills, Inc., \$3,330,452; Quaker Oats Co., \$2,551,412; Doubleday & Co., Inc., \$2,411,757; Borden Co., \$1,958,392; Coca-Cola Co., \$1,461,567; U. S. Government, \$1,238,418.—New York Daily News.

● The teaching of religion in England's government-controlled schools has been compulsory since 1944. At that time the various denominations agreed on common presentation. Simple hymns and prayers are being used in the kindergarden. Later on Bible stories are taught; then the life and teachings of Christ. Parents who are objecting to these Bible classes may keep their children away from them. It is reported that after eight years of the experiment there is a notable new interest in the Bible, a better harmony among churches and students.—Signs of the Times.

● The Reverend and Mrs. Wesley Slader, former Lutheran missionaries, now in New York City, are deciphering the highly complex Loma language, used by some 40,000 natives of an African tribe in the interior of Liberia. Mr. Slader gathered the information while living among the Loma natives. He wishes to produce reading materials for those people so that they will be enabled to study the Bible and teachings of Christianity. In his studies, Dr. Sadler found, that in Loma a single sentence can have as many as eight different meanings, "depending on the tone of voice in which it is uttered." Dr. and Mrs. Slader expect to have a dictionary completed sometime next year.—Chicago Daily Tribune.

● Archduchess Adelaide of Austria, daughter of the late Emperor Charles and Empress Zita, wrote the following in an article published in "The Catholic World." "Religious persecution in Spain is nothing but a myth. It is true that in certain specific cases the civil authorities were called upon to interfere. But only where the Communists used religious services as a pretense for political gatherings. Unfortunately, certain smaller sects, are clearly anti-Catholic and aggressive in their action, they use political means and large funds of foreign origin for their propaganda, by which they try to undermine Church and state... The most active among these are the Baptists."—The Catholic World.

**NOTICE**  
Due to the installation of a new press in our Printing Department this issue of the "Baptist Herald" has been unavoidably delayed.  
**BUSINESS MANAGER.**

● Fifteen new languages were added last year to the list in which portions of the Scriptures are published. Moreover, the whole Bible was published last year for the first time in four dialects, all spoken in Africa. New Testaments were published in nine languages spoken in Asia, Africa, Mexico, and the West Indies.—Signs of the Times.

● Studies have shown that as many as 25 percent of the mothers and 40 percent of the fathers do not know where their children are when not at home. As many as 568 boys and girls of the 1400 questioned confessed that they never confide in their fathers, while 350 admit never going to their mothers with anything. Twenty-five percent of America's children are living in a "motherless household" while 40 percent dwell in "fatherless homes."—America.

● The Bible verse for Pentecost Week this year in Germany was Zech. 4:6, "Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts." This was printed on many Christian calendars, used as the text for sermons and read in homes. But church papers in East-Germany had trouble when they proposed to print the verse. In Berlin and in Halle, the censors banned its publication.—The Christian Century.

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Nov. 30 (Sunday P.M.)—Buffalo Woman's Missionary Meeting, Temple Church, Buffalo, N. Y.  
Dec. 7 (Sunday)—Beatrice, Neb.

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# Editorial

## Try Thanksgiving!

IF OTHER THINGS seem to fail, try thanksgiving! That was the wise counsel of Henry W. Frost of the China Inland Mission. "Nothing so pleases God in connection with our prayers as our praise," he said. "Nothing so blesses the man who prays as the praise he offers. Most people pray little but praise less. If other things seem to fail, try thanksgiving."

In God's Word many of the calls to thanksgiving are sounded when troubles and difficulties surround the child of God. In Psalm 50:14 the Psalmist exhorts the people to "offer unto God thanksgiving" and in the next verse you can see the setting for this exhortation when he says as God's spokesman: "And call upon me in the day of trouble." In Ephesians 5 the Apostle Paul describes the evil days which had come to pass so that he had to write: "It is a shame even to speak of those things" (Eph. 5:12). But in the midst of the darkness the children of light are encouraged to give "thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Eph. 4:20).

When things are not going right in your life, try thanksgiving! It may enable you to look unto the hills and to recognize through the upward look of thanksgiving that your strength and help really come from God. He has never failed you. This situation is not out of God's control. Your outlook and attitude can change because of your thanksgiving to God. "With thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God" (Philippians 4:6). Your gratitude to God will change your outlook and prepare you to receive the blessings God has in store for you.

When others have failed you or wounded you, try thanksgiving. We must not allow the deeds or words of others to make us bitter toward life or toward God. What can others do to make us bitter your soul or to destroy the sweet relationship of being right with God? "If God be for us, who can be against us?" (Romans 8:31). Thanksgiving can keep your soul sweet in the glorious truth of knowing that all things work together for good to them that love God. More important than your relationship with others is the triumph of God's Spirit in your soul. "Thanks be to God, who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Cor. 15:57).

When you are waiting for an answer from God, and the heavens seem to be closed tightly, try thanksgiving. God knows the hour that is best for us when his answers will be given. God's will is always best for us! It is we, with our anxieties and apprehensions, who get tied up in a knot, irritable over God's silence which we cannot understand. Our thanksgiving will not hasten God's answer but it will calm our spirits and make us more receptive to the revelation of God's blessings.

If other things in life seem to fail, TRY THANKSGIVING. That is a spiritual remedy for every day in the year. For as you heed the word of the Psalmist, "Be thankful unto him (the Lord)," you will also be able more whole-heartedly to "bless his Name."

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# A Thankful Heart

A Thanksgiving Sermon showing how great is God's faithfulness and, sometimes, how great can be our forgetfulness and ingratitude

By the REV. ROBERT F. PENNER  
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apart for fasting and prayer for relief, but the dawn of that morning witnessed the coming of the ship, and the day was turned into one of thanksgiving.

This was not the first thanksgiving day. Far back in Israel's history, it was a fixed custom and religiously observed at the time each year of the gathering in of the crops. "Thou shalt keep . . . the feast of ingathering, which is in the end of the year, when thou hast gathered in thy labors out of the field" (Exodus 23:15-16). Every year at this time the people assembled for the feast of thanksgiving to acknowledge God's goodness. Many of David's Psalms, it is thought, were written for these occasions.

## INSTANCES OF THANKSGIVING

The Scriptures cite many instances of thanksgiving. When David rescued the ark of the covenant from the Philistines (1 Chron. 16:4), he thanked God. When Nehemiah completed the rebuilding of the brokendown wall of Jerusalem he set singers on the wall in conspicuous places, where their voices would carry to lead in the songs of thanksgiving (Nehemiah 7:1; 8:10). Paul charged the Colossian Christians that their faith abound in tanksgiving (Col. 2:7). Finally, when Jesus' supreme hour came and he instituted the Lord's Supper, which should be a memorial of his death, he gave thanks (Matthew 26:26-29).

One day Jesus was on his way through Samaria and Galilee to Jerusalem. As he drew near a certain village, ten sorely afflicted and wretched men came meeting him. The law forbidding their coming near anyone not so afflicted, they cried from a distance: "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." They had heard of the great Healer, and when they knew he was passing their way, they made haste to lay their case before him.

The cry for mercy did not go unheeded. It never does. It never has. It never will. "Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out" (John 6:37). "Go shew yourselves unto the priests," he said, and "as they went, they were cleansed."

What a glorious experience was theirs! As they were going, they felt soundness coming into their bones.

The pallor left their cheeks. The hoarseness left their voices. Elasticity returned to their step. They looked upon one another and cried: "We are healed! We are healed!"

The Samaritan said in effect, "Let us go back and thank him for what he has done for us."

But the nine reply, "Why go back?" "Aren't we doing what he told us to do? And besides, if the priests get the credit, what is that to us?"

But the Samaritan answered, "You can do us you like, but I am going back and thank him for cleansing me."

## INGRATITUDE IS PREVALENT

Few things are brought out more strikingly in the Bible than the great contrast between God's ever-abiding faithfulness and man's forgetfulness. Psalm 106, giving a period of the history of Israel, brings this forcibly before us. Three times over in that Psalm Israel is definitely stated to have forgotten. "They remembered not the multitude of his mercies" (verse 7). "They soon forget his works" (verse 13). "They forgot God" (verse 21).

The very order in which these expressions come is significant and full of warning, that we "remember not the multitude of God's mercies." We are content so often to receive them as a matter of course, without ever reflecting on the great Giver of all good things. Great is his faithfulness! With shame be it said, "Great is our forgetfulness and ingratitude."

Ingratitude is never excusable and was certainly not in the instance of the ten lepers. Jesus had a right to expect more of the nine. When he healed the thankful Samaritan, a new day had dawned for all ten, but the flower of gratitude bloomed only in the heart of one.

It is a matter of choice whether in the garden of the heart we will cultivate this flower of such rare beauty and sweet fragrance, or let the noxious weed of ingratitude grow. Peace and ingratitude can not dwell in the same heart. "And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called . . . and be ye thankful" (Col. 3:15).

When David thought of all the Lord's blessings, and what he should render

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# Stewardship, Thanksgiving, Sacrifice

Motivated by God's love in gratitude to him, you will feel more keenly than ever during the Thanksgiving and Sacrifice Week that you are in partnership with him as you resolve to serve him and others

By the REV. J. C. GUNST,  
General Secretary of the CBY and SS Union

AT THIS TIME of the year we are reminded of the words of the Psalmist when he said: "The earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein" (Psalm 24:1). "Therefore will I offer in his tabernacle sacrifices of joy! I will sing praises unto the Lord" (Psalm 27:6). Stewardship, thanksgiving and sacrifice are words which must take on tangible form for the believer, since all three belong to the same family in the Christian life. It seems difficult to exercise and enjoy one without taking into account the other.

## STEWARDSHIP CONSCIOUS

These are days when our people should be stewardship-conscious because of the special emphases on stewardship through our denominational program. By rights, the true Christian should always be stewardship-conscious. Stewardship is partnership with Christ. Stewardship finds expression in thanksgiving and sacrifice for the cause which the good steward represents.

It is quite natural to think of talents when we speak of stewardship. Thoughts of talents remind us of the Lord's parable of the talents. "To one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, to each according to his individual ability—and then set out on his travels. At once the man who had received the five talents went out and traded with them, and made five talents more" (Matt. 25:15-16, Montgomery's Translation). The time came when the master of those servants came and demanded a reckoning with them.

A steward is one who handles the property or affairs of another. "And he said unto his disciples, There was a certain rich man, who had a steward; and the same was accused unto him that he had wasted his goods" (Luke 16:1). Could it be that this steward was irresponsible and ungrateful?

For Christians it should not be difficult to believe that God is the Creator and Giver of all things (Gen. 1:1). This universe, and especially the part in which we live, the earth, has an abundance of riches with which we are

entrusted and which we are to enjoy. All we have and are, we have received as a trust from the Creator. He has made us stewards of his riches. "For who maketh thee to differ from another? and what hast thou that thou didst not receive?" (1 Cor. 4:7.) Or again, "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights" (James 1:17).

All the Lord asks of us is that we acknowledge our stewardship by devoting a portion to the Lord's work. "And all the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, is the Lord's: it is holy unto the Lord. — — — And concerning the tithe of the herd, or the flock, even whatsoever passeth under the rod, the tenth shall be holy unto the Lord" (Leviticus 27:30-32).

Regardless of our attitude now, we must render a final account for the whole of life. "So then everyone of us shall give an account of himself to God" (Romans 14:12).

Bible stewardship means the acknowledgement of God's ownership, the acceptance of our trusteeship, and the administration of the same according to the will of God. "Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful" (1 Cor. 4:1-2).

## CHRISTIAN THANKSGIVING

As disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ, our lives should be a constant expression of thanksgiving to the Lord of all we possess. That should include all riches which he has entrusted to us to administer in his behalf. Scores of believers have not yet caught the vision of true stewardship and therefore remain thankless and largely unhappy. They have never come to realize that stewardship includes the whole of our personalities, of our possessions and of our power. Some so-called good Christians have gone so far as to giving even the tenth or the tithe to the Lord. To be sure, the Lord will ask an account of the tithe but by the same token he will also ask an account of ALL that has been entrusted

to you as a steward of his. Stewardship includes and goes beyond tithing.

Love and gratitude never ask, "How much MUST I do?" but "How much CAN I do?" Think of Mary who gave her precious gift, of Zacchaeus who gave half of his gifts or of his goods, and of the widow who gave her all. One never asks the question about folks like that, "Were they grateful people? Did they have a heart of thankfulness?" One is moved to thanksgiving for people like that.

How will you and I express our gratitude to God this thanksgiving season of 1952? On the other hand, how much richer, joyful, more radiant our lives would be if our thanksgiving lasted the year around.

We have come to use the word, "sacrifice," in connection with our Thanksgiving emphasis. There is no doubt in my mind but that a great host of our fine people sacrifice in gifts and service to express sincere gratitude to God for blessings received and for what they believe they can do for others and, above all, for what Christ means to them.

The writer was at a meeting, a thanksgiving service, when a good brother urged the people to be thankful by saying in effect: this year we have reason to be thankful. The crops of the fields have come to us in great abundance. Our vegetables, fruit and grain have all been harvested and garnered. Last year, as you recall, half of the grain was in the field when winter set in and the snow came. People had to harvest last year's grain in the spring when they should have been sowing the seed for this year's crop. So we have two crops in one year.

## REASONS FOR GRATITUDE

Have we only reasons to be grateful when there is an abundance of material blessings? What about our health that God gives us daily, the talents he provides, our opportunities for service, and the freedom we enjoy? What about the place of worship to which we can resort undisturbed to commune with God, to gain new strength and guidance for what is

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Rev. Edwin Miller of Cleveland, Ohio, delivering his message on stewardship from the Russell H. Conwell pulpit in the Baptist Temple, Philadelphia, Pa., during the General Conference sessions.

## Joyful Sacrifice, the Revelation of True Love

A Scriptural message on stewardship delivered at the Philadelphia General Conference to launch the denominational Stewardship Program for this triennium

By the REV. EDWIN MILLER of the Erin Avenue Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio

THE TEXT for our study is found in the 43rd verse of the 12th chapter of Nehemiah. "That day they offered great sacrifices, and rejoiced: for God had made them rejoice with great joy: the wives also and the children rejoiced: so that the joy of Jerusalem was heard even afar off."

The book of Nehemiah tells us that 50,000 Hebrew captives were released by Cyrus to return to Jerusalem and rebuild the wall, the temple and the city. Upon their arrival they found that the Jewish remnant in Jerusalem was experiencing "great affliction and reproach: the wall of Jerusalem was broken down, and the gates thereof were burned with fire" (Neh. 1:3). The rebuilding of the city began, but because of the organized opposition of the Samaritans, the Jews became discouraged and the work ceased.

Years sped by and Nehemiah heard of the tragic condition. It broke his

heart and "he sat down and wept, and mourned certain days, and fasted, and prayed before the God of heaven" (Neh. 1:4). In his prayer he humbly confessed, "We have sinned against thee, both I and my father's house have sinned. We have dealt very corruptly against thee, and have not kept the commandments, nor the statutes, nor the judgments, which thou commandedst" (Neh. 1:6-7).

Nehemiah asked the king of Babylon for a leave of absence that he might help his people in Jerusalem to rebuild their city. The king granted his request and even provided supplies that would be needed. Upon his arrival in Jerusalem, he quickly surveyed the city and made his report to "the nobles, and to the rulers, and to the rest of the people. The work is great and large . . . but our God shall fight for us" (Neh. 4:19-20). In record time the work was completed and the entire city rejoiced with great joy.

It has been my conviction of late, that as God raised up the Jews to be his testimony for the world, so God has raised up America, born in prayer, nurtured on the Word of God, led by men of God, to be his witness in these last days. Unfortunately, we have permitted Sanballat and his organized Samaritans to break down the moral walls of America and to burn its spiritual gates. Thus every form of evil has been admitted into our beloved country, and unless God continues to fight for us, we too may soon experience great affliction and reproach. As Nehemiah brought the Israelites back to God, so the pastors and leaders of our churches must encourage God's people to return to God.

In 2 Chronicles 7:14 we have God's prescription for revival and the healing of our nation, "If my people who are called by my name will humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." Our own churches need to experience a constant revival, so that they will ever have spiritual resources to accomplish the great work that lies before them.

### CALL TO GOD'S PEOPLE

We have great needs in America. Our local independent and mission churches need strengthening spiritually, numerically and financially. Our educational institutions, our publishing house, our old people's homes, our orphanage, our Indian, Spanish, and immigration work must all be enlarged. We look beyond America into the Cameroons and all of Africa, into Japan and all of Asia, into Austria and all of Europe and see the great spiritual hunger the world around.

I am convinced that right now God needs a people who will love him so much, that they will be willing to sacrifice at any cost so that this gigantic work may be accomplished. There is no reason why we, the North American Baptists, cannot be that people. God can use us to inspire other religious bodies to love, to pray, and to give sacrificially that the Gospel of Christ might be made known unto the uttermost parts of the earth.

Such a great work calls for great sacrifice on the part of every last Christian. Since the heart of Christian stewardship is sacrifice, I propose to study three phases of sacrifice with you: (1) the motive of sacrifice, (2) the act of sacrifice, (3) and the result of sacrifice.

### THE MOTIVE IS LOVE

It is most appropriate that in "the city of brotherly love" our conference theme should be, "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling." There is no love comparable to the love of God. "God

so loved the world that he gave (sacrificed) his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but have everlasting life." There is also no sacrifice comparable to the sacrifice of God. Such a great sacrifice was given because the gift was motivated by a great love. Christ so loved the church that he sacrificed himself for it (Eph. 5:25). Thus we see that love is primary and precedes giving.

The beloved disciple defines divine love in a very practical way as follows: "For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments" (1 John 5:3). Jesus makes the same emphasis in the following statements: "If ye love me, keep my commandments" (John 14:15). "He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that love me" (John 14:21). "If a man love me, he will keep my words" (John 14:23). "He that loveth me not, keepeth not my sayings" (John 14:24).

In John 21:15-17, Christ in his post-resurrection appearance asked Peter three times, "Peter, lovest thou me?" Thrice Peter answered, "Lord, thou knowest all things, thou knowest that I love thee." Thereupon Jesus replied in effect, "Peter, did I not call thee to become a fisher of men? Why then do you fish for fish? Do you love these fish more than you love me? Peter, if you really love me, do what I have requested of you. Feed my lambs and my sheep."

Yes, we too must do more than declare that we love Christ. We must do more than talk about, preach or sing about the love of God. If we are ever to meet the great need of the world, we must love God and our fellowmen with a love so great that it will motivate us to make great sacrifices.

When Israel returned to its first love, they made a vow that proved their love. "The Israelites clave to their brethren . . . and entered . . . into an oath, to walk in God's law, . . . and to observe and do all the commandments of the Lord . . . his judgments and his statutes" (Neh. 10:29). Jesus and Paul proved their love to God by obedience to his will. (See John 4:34, 5:36, 9:4, 17:4, 19:30, and Acts 26:16-19, 2 Tim. 4:7.)

God so loved that he gave, and when "the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts through the Holy Spirit," we shall so love that we shall give.

### THE ACT OF GIVING

In our text we read that the Israelites offered great sacrifices (Neh. 12:43). They suffered great personal loss for the sake of God's work. They were not satisfied to make sacrifices, no—they were determined to make great sacrifices. It is true that the closer you are to God, the greater your God is to you. The greater your God is, the

greater your sacrifice to him will be. What did these Jews offer to God?

1. **They offered themselves.** In Neh. 11:2 we read that "the people blessed all the men, that willingly offered themselves." That is basic. It is simple consecration. The Macedonian Christians "first gave their own selves to the Lord" (2 Cor. 8:5). The Apostle Paul in Romans 12:1 urged the Roman Christians saying, "I beseech you therefore brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable, unto God, which is your reasonable service." Read 2 Cor. 11:23-28 to see that Paul practiced what he preached.

2. **They offered their time.** Every Israelite gave of his time to rebuild the city. In Neh. 6:15 we note that they completed the work in fifty-two days. Such an achievement in such short a time with such inadequate tools is indeed significant. It is an excellent illustration of what men can do who give their time for a common cause. We must ever remember that once we have offered ourselves unto the Lord, all our time belongs to him, not just a few moments a day for the reading of his Word and prayer, or a few hours on Sunday for worship. No, every moment of every day belongs to God, and we should use each to further the Kingdom of God on earth as it is in heaven.

Several months ago I baptized a man over 70 years of age and his personal testimony to me was with the poet, "I've wasted many precious years; now I'm coming home." Paul challenges us in Eph. 5:16, "Redeem the time," or offer all your time to him.

### TALENTS AND TITHES

3. **They offered their talent.** In Neh. 4:15 we read, "We returned all of us to the wall, everyone unto his own work." Each man yielded his talent or ability to God to help finish the work of God. Thus it was done well, quickly and efficiently. Building the Kingdom of God requires the same willing cooperation. God has given to each redeemed soul a gift that is necessary to make the ministry of the Gospel effective.

"For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge, to another faith, to another the gifts of healing, to another the working of miracles; to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues; BUT all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will" (1 Cor. 12:8-11).

In our stewardship program, it is hoped that the pastor or the stewardship committee will approach every member of the church to yield his talents to the Lord for specific ministries

in the church that will cause the light of the Gospel to radiate more brightly in each respective community.

4. **They offered their tithe.** Lastly these Israelites so loved God that they began to practice tithing again, something they had neglected for many years. In Neh. 10:37 they entered into an oath saying, "We shall bring the first fruits of our dough, and our offerings, and the fruit of all manner of trees, of wine and of oil, unto the priests, to the chambers of the house of our God; and the tithes of our ground unto the Levites."

It is my conviction that we pastors must lead our people in tithing by example and exhortation, if we desire to support an expanding denominational ministry. I know it is not easy.

Paul in 2 Corinthians 8:3 says that some of the Macedonian Christians gave according to their power. I am sure he meant that they gave at least the tithe, the minimum gift under the law. In the same verse he states that some "gave beyond their power, and that willingly of themselves." That is beyond the tithe and that can only be done through the grace of God.

The woman who gave her two mites, did not give her tithe, nor did she give according to her power. She sacrificed her all. Jesus watched her give and the moment he saw her offer her all to God, "he called unto him his disciples, and saith unto them, Verily I say unto you, That this poor widow hath cast more in, than all they which have cast into the treasury; for all they did cast in of their abundance; but she of her want did cast in all that she had, even all her living" (Mark 12:41-44).

The Lord willing, in our Stewardship Program we desire to encourage each pastor or Stewardship Committee to approach each member of the church to prove God in the matter of tithing for a three-month trial period. This has a scriptural basis as given in Malachi 3:10, "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, If I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

### THE RESULT OF SACRIFICE

Because a great love for God motivated the Israelites to offer great sacrifices to him, "he made them to rejoice with great joy" (Neh. 12:43). Notice who all rejoiced. "The wives also" rejoiced. The word "also" is an obvious reference to the men. It is my prayer that our organization of BAPTIST MEN will do such an outstanding piece of missionary work in the next three years, that at our next General Conference they too will rejoice greatly.

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# Glimpses of Germany and Austria

Observations of living conditions and religious activities in Germany and Austria which were made during a six weeks' tour of Europe during September and October

By DR. FRANK H. WOYKE, Executive Secretary of the General Conference

ONE of the most valuable features of our tour of Germany was the opportunity to interview interesting people. In Berlin we met many such personalities, a number of whom I shall mention briefly.

## INTERESTING INTERVIEWS

Mr. Reuter, the mayor of West Berlin, was out of town, so that we were received by the deputy mayor, Mr. Schreiber. From him we learned about some of the problems facing the city of Berlin. One of the most difficult of these is the question of what to do with the refugees from the Russian Zone of Germany. Since last June, when the zonal border between East and West was made practically impregnable to anyone desiring to cross, almost all of the escapees from the Russian Zone have come by way of East Berlin to West Berlin, whence they hope to be taken by plane to West Germany.

If they are genuine refugees—that is, if they can prove that they would have been in real danger had they remained in the Russian Zone—they receive papers entitling them to live in

West Germany and eventually are flown there. But most of the escapees are not recognized as refugees. Out of about 60,000 of these people coming to West Berlin during the past year, only 16,000 were given such papers! Without these papers they cannot fly to West Germany, nor are they entitled to jobs or housing in West Berlin.

What happens to them? Theoretically, they are supposed to return to the Russian Zone, but most of them do not dare to do so. The only alternative is to remain in shelters in West Berlin. There they receive a small dole, which they attempt to augment either by black market activity or by obtaining an "unofficial" job. These people are certainly in a desperate plight and constitute a real danger in the city.

When we inquired why all escapees were not simply flown to West Germany, the mayor pointed out that Western Germany, not primarily an agricultural area, is already dangerously overpopulated and cannot absorb many more people. He indicated that West German authorities want the people in the Russian Zone to remain there. If every escapee were to be immediately recognized as a refugee by

the West, it would not be possible to receive all who would come.

## BISHOP OTTO DIBELIUS

We also had the privilege of interviewing Bishop Otto Dibelius, the titular head of the German Evangelical State Church. Bishop Dibelius is already seventy-two years of age but except for some difficulty in breathing he appears to be in excellent health. At the time when we saw him, he had just received an invitation from the Patriarch of the Russian Orthodox Church to pay a visit to Moscow. Since it was our understanding that the American authorities in Germany were not too happy about this invitation, we questioned the Bishop about it.

The Americans apparently felt that it was only one more effort, on the part of Moscow, to flatter European members of the NATO group of countries in order to embarrass the United States and to cause dissension among Western Powers. After all, Moscow had fully exploited a similar visit by Pastor Martin Niemoeller not long ago.

Bishop Dibelius indicated that he would go to Moscow, giving these as his reasons: it is always impolite to turn down an invitation and, after all, he was accepting an invitation to come to the United States soon after; it might be possible, in connection with his visit, to secure the release of some German prisoners still held by Russia; and Christians should always lead in encouraging fellowship and reconciliation, no matter how much tension may exist. We could hardly quarrel with this approach to the invitation.

## CONDITIONS IN RUSSIAN ZONE

The escape of so many people from the Russian Zone is eloquent testimony of the fact that all is not well behind the Iron Curtain.

Just what are the conditions there? Americans cannot, of course, enter the Russian Zone, but we were able to gather some information from visitors and refugees from that area. All were agreed that the food situation has improved somewhat, and that people are not actually going hungry now. Clothing is still difficult to obtain. The fact that all of our Baptist relief is now

being sent to the East indicates, however, that conditions there are still far worse than in the West.

But why do people want to flee? Although people leave for various reasons, the underlying factors usually are fear and oppression. Teachers leave because they can no longer teach what is required by the authorities and are afraid to face the consequences of their refusal. Young people leave because they do not want to serve in the Communist "people's police," where both boys and girls must learn the use of firearms. Business men leave because they find it impossible to carry on under the oppressive measures imposed by the government.

What about church activity in East Germany? Nominally, there is still religious freedom. Pastors can continue to conduct services. As a matter of fact, church attendance is generally very good. Yet there are many ways in which religious activity is hampered. It is almost impossible to obtain building materials for church construction, although there always seems to be enough available for theaters and halls to be used by the Communist party.

The training of their children is causing Christian parents grave concern. Under the guise of the principle of the separation of church and state, the government is eliminating religious instruction from the public schools. What makes this procedure dangerous, however, is the fact that public school teachers are required to indoctrinate the children in the atheistic tenets of Communism. The church then faces the difficult task of counteracting the influences of this teaching.

## FUNDAMENTAL CONFLICTS

It is getting difficult for our churches to carry on an aggressive evangelistic program. One of our pastors tried to do this and succeeded in leading a Communist official to Christ. Quite naturally, this convert resigned as a member of the party, explaining that his Christian faith made it impossible for him to approve of the Communist philosophy and program. The result was that the pastor encountered all kinds of difficulties, was declared an enemy of the state and finally had to flee to the West. The experience of this pastor illustrates the fundamental conflict between Communism and Christianity.

The division of Germany into East and West is making it increasingly difficult for Baptists on opposite sides of the Iron Curtain to maintain fellowship. Travel across the zonal border is exceedingly difficult, possible only with an inter-zonal pass from the authorities in the East. Some time ago it became impossible for the publishing house in Kassel to send Christian literature into the Russian Zone, so that the brethren in the East must now try,



Dr. Frank H. Woyke, executive secretary of the North American Baptist General Conference in Berlin, Germany, surrounded by Baptist pastors of Germany, most of whom are from churches in the Russian Eastern Zone.

as best they can, to provide their churches with literature.

Just now it has also become impossible for young men from the Russian Zone to come to Hamburg for their seminary training and then return East for ordination and service as Gospel ministers. Since fifteen churches behind the Iron Curtain are already pastorless, it has become imperative that a theological seminary be established in the East.

## BAPTIST PROGRESS IN GERMANY

During the time of my stay in Germany I had opportunity to visit Baptist churches and institutions in all parts of the country. I shall mention only a few of the many signs of vitality and progress that I noticed.

1. The services are well attended. Almost invariably attendance is larger than the total membership of the church.

2. About 35,000 have been won for Christ and added to the churches by baptism since the end of the war. This gain is unparalleled in the history of the Baptists in Germany.

3. Nearly 100 chapels have already been repaired or newly built since the

end of the war. Among these are twenty-five new refugee chapels, most of them in areas where there has never before been a Baptist witness. These chapels have been built almost entirely by the volunteer labor of members of the congregations, a memorial to the sacrifice and devotion of the people. Some funds have been contributed by American Baptists. More is needed for the construction of another seventy houses of worship for congregations badly in need of them.

## A BRIEF VISIT TO AUSTRIA

I met our missionary representative for Austria, the Rev. Karl Fuellbrandt, in Munich, Germany, where we both participated in the 50th anniversary celebration of the Baptist Church. From Munich I accompanied Brother Fuellbrandt for a brief visit to Salzburg, Austria. We arrived in Salzburg just in time for the Harvest Festival service on Sunday afternoon, October 6. The attractive chapel was crowded with visitors and everyone received a rich blessing.

All but two of the Baptist pastors in Austria had found it possible to come to Salzburg. I deeply appreciated the fellowship with the brethren and the opportunity to receive first-hand information about their work.

The missionary opportunities in Austria are today greater than ever before. Salzburg is an illustration. When the war ended, our group there was small. Under the leadership of the pastor, the Rev. Martin Giglseder, himself a converted Roman Catholic, many have found faith in Christ, so that the church is thriving. Similar opportunities await our missionaries in other areas, if only the facilities were available. Let us pray earnestly for our workers in Austria.



Baptist leaders at a great evangelistic tent meeting held at Charlottenburg-Berlin, Germany, during Dr. Woyke's trip to Europe.

Left to right: Rev. David Gritzki, Charlottenburg; Dr. Frank H. Woyke, Forest Park, Ill.; Evangelist Franz Luellau; Dr. Jacob Meister, Berlin; Rev. Emanuel Walter, Endersbach near Stuttgart.

"Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love because of our gifts to missions and Christian service!"

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# Through the Open Seminary Doors

The encouraging story of the school opening, the convocation and the first month's activities at the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota

By PROF. GEORGE A. DUNGER of Sioux Falls, South Dakota

IN COMPARISON with the subdued atmosphere of past summer days, September 8th, marked a time of gladness and rejoicing for the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota. The Seminary doors were flung open for returning students and students entering for the first time. A new school year was to begin!

During the previous weeks and days, President Lang and the faculty members were busy, preparing by prayer and planning for the opening of the Seminary. Matters pertaining to the curriculum, class schedules, chapel services, office procedure, registration and enrollment were discussed and decided upon.

## REGISTRATION DAY

Then, as if September 8th would not appear soon enough, students began to arrive. They came by car, by bus, by train. Their faces, tanned by outdoor life, expressed enthusiasm for the work they had accomplished during their summer visitation assignments, the blessings they had received and the blessings they had been enabled to give. The halls and stairways and dormitories resounded with the happy greetings and the hearty laughter of friends who, having been apart for a season, were re-united in Christian fellowship and work.

Registration took place in the Kaiser-Ramaker Library. It lasted all day. New students arrived and were enrolled. They fitted themselves and their studies into the total picture of the Seminary program without any difficulty. Conversation and discussion of academic status, subjects and further needs were pervaded with the sense of sharing, God's wonderful guidance and providence. The registering officers concluded September 8th with a prayer of thanksgiving and praise for God's help and enabling strength.

There were students also, both returning and new, who that evening fell asleep on their beds with a happy heart, grateful to God for his marvelous care and goodness. Back again at the Seminary! Tomorrow classes would begin! How wonderful to be God's child, his servant, his witness, privileged to study his Word!

On the following day the waking bell, the breakfast bell, the class bell rang as if it had never been silenced during the summer. Classes began. There was the opening Chapel Service in which the "Seminary Family," led by President Lang, committed itself into the guiding hands of God. Then back to the classrooms. Downstairs the Acting Registrar went over the completed forms and counted the registrations.

## SIXTY STUDENTS

There was a total of about sixty students, not considering several late registrations. Seminary students numbered thirty-eight and pre-enrolled students numbered twenty-two. The Junior Class consisted of 15 students, the Middler Class of 13 students and in the Senior Class there were seven students. The special students numbered three. The Senior Class, consisting of three Th.B. students and four B.D. students, promise high-grade pastoral graduates. All of them have had and continue to have practical church responsibilities which makes them not only better students but desirable pastoral candidates.

What are these young men and women studying? Generally speaking, the Junior Class wrestles with those subjects which will introduce them to a professional knowledge of the Bible, New Testament Greek and Christian Education. This foundation having been laid, the Middler Class studies individual books of the Bible, Theology, Church History, Missions and Techniques of Sermon Construction. The subjects for the Senior Year are more advanced, and the student will have to do most of the thinking.

Again the subjects consist of books of the Bible, the study of Baptist History, Evangelistic Techniques, Pastoral

Care and many others. This year's curriculum provides courses in missionary specialization also. There are about six young men and women who feel the call to the mission field. They are studying History of Missions, Missionary Methods, the Indigenous Church and other subjects which the missionary candidate must know if he wishes to be an effective messenger of Christ.

## OPENING CONVOCATION

One of the highlights during the opening days of the Seminary was the convocation. Prof. Ralph E. Powell had been chosen as the main speaker. President Lang presided over the convocation. Prof. H. Lueck who had arrived on the previous day and who was presented by President Lang as the successor to Professor Emeritus A. Bretschneider, read the Scripture passage. Prof. G. A. Dunger offered the prayer. Dr. Lang welcomed all students to the "Seminary Family" and the visiting friends to the Seminary. The Rev. R. Grenz spoke words of welcome in behalf of the Trinity Baptist Church, and Manuel Wolff, president of the student body, welcomed the new students in the name of the student body.

Prof. Powell's theme was "The Church in the World Today." It was an informative address with much food for thought and a challenge for the church and the believer. Prof. H. Hiller closed with prayer and benediction. Then, students, friends and faculty, went to the dining room where the Seminary held a reception, providing a congenial atmosphere for becoming acquainted with one another.

Thus the opening convocation portrayed and symbolized the spiritual atmosphere, Christian fellowship and high purpose of our Seminary. It was a time of spiritual searching, widening horizons, challenging to a more definite reliance upon the Lord Jesus Christ, both in his saving power and as the Lord of our individual lives and his Church.

Strenuous days lay behind the administrative officers of the Seminary, and even more strenuous days would lie ahead of them. Due to Prof. R. P.

Jeschke's leaving—an event which left our faculty ranks sorely depleted, but which we, like he, receive from God's providential care in the lives of his people and servants—faculty and administration carry additional responsibilities. Although the faculty has lost one of its members, we determined to carry through our normal program of studies and activities which meant distributing the same number of subjects, academic hours and administrative burdens over five faculty members instead of six. The faculty believes that it can do this with God's help until a new instructor and registrar can be found. We are confident that God will provide, even as he provided a worthy successor to Prof. A. Bretschneider in the person of Prof. H. Lueck.

## INSPIRATIONAL VISITS

In our God's divine plan, days of strain are followed by days of abundant blessings, spiritual challenge and growth. During the closing days of the month of September the Rev. R. Schilke, general missionary secretary, Dr. Paul Gebauer, field superintendent of our Cameroons Baptist Mission, and Miss Eleanor Weisenburger, staff nurse at the Banso Hospital in the Cameroons, visited the Seminary. These servants of God spoke in our chapel assemblies and met with many individual students who came to them with problems and burdens. Dr. Gebauer and Miss Weisenburger conducted several class sessions in the Missions Department and gave the students insight into native African life. These visits, like others in previous years, have meant much to everyone because it is by such personal contact, intimate fellowship and mutual sharing of experiences, wholesome discussion and united prayer that God illumines the hearts of his children and gives them strength to witness and to reach out into the regions beyond.

The first month of the school year, 1952-1953, has passed. It was a month of much labor and much joy. God has placed before us a high goal in the training of the future pastors of our churches and missionaries for our mission fields. We as a seminary family face the coming months with confidence because the Crucified and Risen Lord is at our side, and we are committed to him in our personal lives, in our classrooms, in our offices and wherever he calls us to serve.

Our prayers ascend to the Throne of Grace in thanksgiving for his matchless love and goodness, in intercession for a world so utterly in need of the Savior, in petition for the needs of our pastors, missionaries, denominational leaders and our churches, believing that he "is able to do far more abundantly than all that we can ask or think . . ."

## A THANKFUL HEART

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unto him for them, he said, "I (will) publish with the voice of thanksgiving, and tell of all thy wondrous works" (Psalm 26:7). When those blessings lie buried in the tomb of forgetfulness, with no shaft of gratitude to mark their resting place, there is no voice of thanksgiving to tell of them, and the spiritual life is impoverished because thankfulness does not abound.

Where there is thanklessness, hope's star burns dimly. If we say to such a one, "The choir sang beautifully today," he will reply, "Yes, but it would have been better if they hadn't flattered a little." Should we remark, "The preacher preached a good sermon today," he will answer, "Yes, but a lot of it was put-on, and he didn't mean it." If such a person has a sore, it will never get well because it is being constantly picked.

A Christian has something to be thankful for, and happy and hopeful over. "All things are yours," says Paul. "What, everything, Paul?" You do not mean that the whole world is mine?" "Yes, the whole world is yours." "Well, what about life?" "Life is yours, too." "And death?" "Yes, death is yours, and things present, and things to come, all are yours."

"How is it that I have such wealth?" It is because, "ye are Christ's; and Christ is God's" (1 Corinthians 3:23). If I am his, all he has is mine, and that makes my heavenly inheritance secure. May we say with one who spoke out of experience, "Give thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Ephesians 5:20).

## STEWARDSHIP, THANKSGIVING

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ahead? What about the opportunities for our youth and their training program? What about great Christian leaders of our land and in the world, the many Christian friends we are privileged to have and the fellowship with so many grand people?

Here in America we have been spared the horrors of war. Few, if any, have ever suffered persecution because of their Christian faith and witness for their Lord. We have been able to enjoy our freedom as possibly no other people of the world. The larger percentage of Americans have really lived in luxury compared to people in some other countries. All these blessings and countless others, too numerous to mention, are ours to enjoy.

May I challenge you as a reader to sit down for at least two hours this coming Thanksgiving Day to enumerate your blessings of the past year. "Count your many blessings, name

them one by one, and it will surprise you what the Lord hath done." Take another hour or more time on Thanksgiving Day to find ways and means of saying, "Thank you," to God for these blessings.

Resolve that in the year ahead you will be determined, with God's help, to find ways and means to express, in some tangible manner, your gratitude for blessings which will come your way. This can only result in a greatly enriched life. It is bound to make you stewardship-conscious. Motivated by God's love you will feel more keenly again that you are in partnership with Christ as you resolve to serve him and others. "Then the Lord will give strength unto his people; the Lord will bless his people with peace" (Psalm 29:11).

## JOYFUL SACRIFICE

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Our text says that "the wives rejoiced." They did not complain that their husbands were giving too much. No, the more their husbands gave, the greater they rejoiced. Thank God for the faithfulness of our Woman's Missionary Union. They have rejoiced again and again over their achievements because of sacrifices made.

Our text does not exclude the young people for "the children also rejoiced." Our Commissioned Baptist Youth has increasingly made its contribution to our mission program which has been a source of a joy. Bringing the men, the women, and the young people together, we have the work of our churches and Sunday Schools. These likewise have been rejoicing.

But our text speaks of more than just joy. It speaks of **great** joy. It speaks of an emotional experience in which their hearts beat high and their souls were deeply stirred. It speaks of enthusiasm and satisfaction of a work well done by all. This is the kind of joy I want each of us to experience.

This fall, the Lord willing, almost thirty of our pastors are visiting our 270 churches to help the local pastors present the Stewardship Program for the next triennium to our people, for the purpose of encouraging greater love to God and to fellowman. The greater the love, the greater will be the sacrifice; and the greater the sacrifice, the greater the joy; and the greater the joy, the greater the testimony unto the ends of the earth. Our text says the "joy of Jerusalem was heard even afar off."

How thrilling it will be in 1955 to hear from distant Japan, from the heart of Africa, from distressed Austria, from the extremities of Canada and the United States that "the joy of the 'North American Baptists' was heard even afar off."

THE THANKSGIVING AND SACRIFICE OFFERING Will Help the Seminary in Its Ministry and Every Cooperating Society in Our Denominational Enterprise.



# WHAT'S HAPPENING

● The Rev. E. M. Wegner, formerly pastor of the First Church of Manitowoc, Wisconsin, became the minister of the Baptist Church of Delavan, Wis., on Oct. 12. This is a church of the American Baptist Convention. His address is 324 Main Street, Delavan, Wisconsin.

● Dr. and Mrs. J. F. Olthoff have moved into their new home in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., which is located about five blocks south of the North American Baptist Seminary. Dr. Olthoff will continue his ministry as pastor of the Baptist Church of Unityville, S. Dak., for the present. His new address appears on page 2 of this issue.

● The Rev. Karl Korella of Edmonton, Alberta, a member of the teaching staff of the Christian Training Institute, received the Master of Arts degree on Nov. 1st from the University of Alberta in Edmonton. His thesis of 200 pages was on the subject, "Personality Adjustment of German Baptists of Alberta." Mr. and Mrs. Korella are now living in their own home, the address of which is given on page two of this issue.

● Dr. George A. Lang, president of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., has announced the appointment of Miss Viola Wall of Minneapolis, Minn., a member of the Faith Baptist Church, as the Seminary office secretary. Miss Wall has been serving as the president of the Minnesota CBY and prominently active in the activities of her local church.

● The Baptist Church of Springside, Sask., dedicated its new parsonage on Sunday evening, Sept. 28, with the Rev. R. Milbrandt of Medicine Hat, Alberta, bringing the dedication message. It was built at a cost of about \$14,000. The Rev. and Mrs. Martin De Boer were able to move into the new parsonage early in October. Mr. Milbrandt also served the Springside church in the morning service and the East Ebenezer Church in the afternoon.

● The Rev. and Mrs. Willy R. Muller of the Lauderdale Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alberta, adopted a four month old girl on Oct. 16. She has been named Ellen Joy. Mr. Muller is serving on the teaching staff of the Christian Training Institute of Edmon-

ton, beginning with the opening of the school term on Oct. 22. He also served as one of the Stewardship leaders in the denominational program, visiting a number of churches in the Pacific Northwest area.

● Mr. Leonard Maier brought his ministry at the Baptist Church of Forestburg, Alberta, to a close on Sept. 1st. He had served as its minister for 2½ years. He and his family have moved to Medicine Hat, Alta., where Mr. Maier is engaged in construction work for the present. Their address is 1177 Fifth St., Medicine Hat, Alberta. Mr. Maier would like to continue his studies and active service as a minister if the opportune doors should open to him.

● The Baptist Church of Creston, Neb., sponsored evangelistic meetings from Sept. 23 to Oct. 5. The Rev. L. H. Smith, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, Corn, Okla., served as evangelist. In his prophetic messages Mr. Smith urged the present importance of God's future plans. The local pastor, the Rev. John Broeder, declared that "the Creston church received a great deal of blessing through Brother Smith's evangelistic effort in its midst."

● On Sunday afternoon, Oct. 5, the Baptist Mission Chapel of Ochre River, Manitoba, was dedicated with the pastor, the Rev. Hugo Zepik, in charge of the program. The Rev. R. Milbrandt of Medicine Hat, Alta., served as guest speaker. The chapel was built at a cost of about \$2500. The congregation numbers 30 to 40 in attendance. A worship service is held every Sunday in Ochre River by the pastor, who also serves the St. Rose Baptist Church nearby. A more detailed report will appear in a forthcoming issue.

● The Rev. Aaron Stackhouse of Stafford, Kansas, recently underwent a major operation for the removal of a tumor growth. After three weeks following the first operation, another operation was necessary. Mrs. Stackhouse wrote: "It seems like a long ordeal but the promise of full restoration is most encouraging." Letters for the next few days can reach him at St. Mary's Hospital, Room 4-172, Rochester, Minnesota. The pulpit of the Stafford church is being filled in the meantime by the Reverends Theodore Frey and C. B. Thole.

● The Baptist Church of Plevna, Montana, held evangelistic meetings from Oct. 5 to 16 with the Rev. E. P. Wahl, president of the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alberta, serving as evangelist. There were five conversions during the week attended meetings. On Sunday, Oct. 5, the Mission Festival of the church was held with the pastor, the Rev. G. Beutler in charge. The offerings of the day at the three services amounted to \$5189 with two-thirds of that sum designated for the missionary work of our denomination.

● On Sunday, Oct. 19, a fine Doherty Organ was used for the first time in the Benke Memorial Chapel on the Indian Bull Reserve near Wetaskiwin, Alberta, where Mr. Raymond Harsch serves as missionary. The organ was originally donated by the Rev. F. W. Benke to the Baptist Church of Lashburn, Sask. With the purchase of a piano at Lashburn, the church voted to donate the organ to the Indian Baptist Chapel which bears the name of the original donor. Mrs. Bernice Harsch, wife of the missionary, serves as the organist in the Indian chapel.

● The Emmanuel Baptist Church of Jansen, Sask., and the nearby First Baptist Church of Esk, Sask., have extended a call to Mr. Waldemar Ertis as their pastor. He has accepted the call and began his pastorate there on Oct. 12. Mr. Ertis is a 1952 graduate of the Baptist Seminary in Hamberg, Germany. He is a brother of the Rev. Otto Ertis of Lethbridge, Alberta. The Jansen and Esk churches have voted to become self-supporting. Mr. Ertis and his mother are living in the parsonage at Jansen. He has succeeded the Rev. Henry S. Stinner, now of Toronto, Ontario, on this field.

● On Wednesday evening, Oct. 1, the Woman's Missionary Union of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Kyle, Texas, sponsored a Family Night for the church families. A delicious chicken supper with all the trimmings was served. The basement was beautifully decorated carrying out a fall color scheme. After the meal several songs and choruses were sung and then the women presented the humorous skit, "Hats," taken from the program material supplied by headquarters. The evening was climaxed by a very fitting devotional brought by the pastor, the Rev. H. John Vanderbeck. On Thursday afternoon,

October 9, the members of the Woman's Missionary Union met and tacked three comforts for European Relief, as reported by Mrs. Joe Wiegand.

● The McDermot Avenue Baptist Church of Winnipeg, Man., Canada, held an impressive baptismal service on the morning of Oct. 5, attended by approximately 850 people. Two weeks of evangelistic meetings held by Dr. C. Seecamp preceded this event, and brought much spiritual fruit, so that in all there were 29 persons who followed the Lord in baptism. These were for the greater part adults who have recently come from Europe. Dr. C. Seecamp, pastor, conducted the service. At the evening communion service the hand of fellowship was extended to 44 people, including those received by church letter. Beginning October 14th Dr. Seecamp conducted two weeks of evangelistic meetings in the English language for the benefit of the English-speaking members and friends of our church.

● At the Zion Baptist Church, Vida, Montana, a Leadership Training Class completed its study of the text, "True Functions of a Sunday School," on October 22. By meeting two evenings a week and conducting two class sessions each evening, the work was done in two and one-half weeks. Long distances to the church were equalized by meeting in the homes of different members each time with the final session at the church building. The evenings were made pleasant by a coffee and cake social after each session. The average attendance was 21 with ten of these qualifying for certificates of credit. The interest shown in the better methods studied assures some good results for the future in his little church, as reported by the interim pastor, the Rev. A. G. Rietdorf.

● From Oct. 5 to Dec. 7 the Rev. Richard Mercer, Jr., is bringing a series of very interesting messages on "Incidents in the Life of Elijah" to the congregation of the Walnut Street Church, Newark, New Jersey. Some of the intriguing topics are: "From Out of Nowhere," "Chaos and Carmel," "Under a Juniper Tree," "Prophet of Fire" and "The Glory Chariot." At his 5th anniversary with the church in September Mr. Mercer was presented with a set of baptismal equipment. A new Woman's Missionary Society has been organized with Mrs. Josephine Rauscher, president; Mrs. Doris Muller, vice-president; Mrs. John Spatz, corresponding secretary; Miss Bertha Stuerze, recording secretary; and Mrs. Alvine Steinke, treasurer. On Sunday evenings for 15 minutes prior to the church services, the recordings of the North American Baptist Seminary quartet are played in the sanctuary.

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## HERALD NEWS

### YOUTH COMPASS TOPICS

November 23, 1952—"Thanks to You" by Mrs. Harold W. Gieseke, Dallas, Texas.

November 30, 1952—"Oh, Yes You Can" by Atty. Calvin R. Stone, Peoria, Illinois.

### McKERNAN CHURCH CBY NEWS

The CBY of the McKernan Baptist Church of Edmonton, Alta., spent a most interesting and profitable evening recently when the Educational Committee, under the able leadership of Miss Lillian Peter, dramatized a humorous playlet on "Church Etiquette." This was followed by a panel discussion on how we can inspire a real worship experience in our church services. The playlet was based in part on an article in a former issue of "Youth Compass" (Winter, 1951). We find filing our issues for future use valuable for program planning.

Patches and cottons made a colorful picture at a Hard Times' Party in October. Following a devotional service at which the Rev. O. Ohsberg spoke on the "hard times" experienced by Elijah, the young people enjoyed games, fun and refreshments. The pastor, the Rev. O. R. Schmidt, wearing large red and green patches, won first prize for being dressed most appropriately for the occasion.

Each Sunday evening the young people of the McKernan Church are responsible for introducing the service with a thirty-minute program. They have experienced a blessed time in this service for Christ. Themes which introduce the pastor's message are presented through song, Scripture reading, musical selections, including instrumental and vocal numbers, poems or a short dramatic presentation. Miss Cecilia Priebe is the capable president of the CBY.

### OUR INDIAN MISSION FIELDS

It is a thrill and inspiration to visit our two Indian mission fields in Alberta, Canada. Our two missionary families, the Neumans and the Harsches, are doing a most commendable work. The missionaries are happy about the fine Sunday School work, the youth work and the wonderful Vacation Bible School held on each field.

Another work which captivates one's interest are the two lovely day schools

on the reservations. On each reservation the Canadian government has built a lovely school building next to our chapel. In each school one of our fine Baptist girls is teaching. The government permits religious instruction classes in the schools.

It was indeed gratifying to learn that on the Montana Reserve, where Miss Faye Strohschein is the fine teacher, twenty-six boys and girls are enrolled in the religious training classes. These children receive religious instruction for one half hour every day of the week.

On the Bull Reserve, where Miss Bernice Stober is the teacher, thirty-two children are enrolled in the classes. The program is carried out on the same basis as on the other reserve. It is good to know that these same children are also the ones who attend the Sunday School and youth program on Sunday under the direction of our missionaries.

### OREGON LEAGUE NEWS

The last Saturday in September the officers of the Oregon League and pastors of the Oregon churches met to discuss and plan the youth and Sunday School work of the League. Two new officers were appointed by the Council: Rev. Robert Penner, dean for the camp, and Miss Marian Giese, treasurer, for a year. The leaders are already giving much time and thought to their next year's assembly.

### YOUTH WEEK

The dates of Youth Week for 1953 are January 25-February 1, 1953. Put these dates on your 1953 calendar. The theme for the week is: "Strive to Know—Dare to Believe." Watch for further announcements.

### FOR SCRIPTURE MEMORY SPONSORS AND SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS

We have been happy for the fine response from our churches in the work of the Scripture Memory program. You will notice that the program is divided into bi-monthly periods with the first bi-monthly period ending in November. It would be most helpful to have a short program given by the boys and girls enrolled in the course.

The program need not be long and can be worked into the Sunday School hour, the evening service or the prayer meeting. An entire evening could also be devoted to this type of program.





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

# Hidden Valley

An African Mystery Novel by DOUGLAS C. PERCY



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



## SYNOPSIS

After Peter Dunning had gone to Africa as a missionary, the "Prof," a chemistry teacher at Melbourne College, often found himself lying awake at night, wondering how his former student was and what was really happening. One day after a Teachers' Convention, the "Prof" and Bill McAdams, another student, made plans to travel to Africa and to see Peter's mission for themselves. In the meantime, Peter Dunning in Africa was hearing all kinds of mysterious things. Baru, the evangelist, told the missionary that the natives had reported the return of a black man from the grave. Baru and Audu led the missionary to the sacred grave one dark night where the Fulanis had raided the place some years before. They found a Fulani, almost beaten to death, whom they brought to the mission hut. Then "the leopard men" struck at the Christians. Kimbiya, Kwai's bride, was killed and Kwai was badly beaten. But the young man refused to leave the village. "I want to show them how a follower of Jesus stands persecution."

## CHAPTER TEN

PETER sat on a small carved stool near the compound, waiting for the burial of Kimbiya. The wait was not long, and they were soon standing around the small-mouthed, wide-bottomed, hole that would hold the remains of the lovely Christian girl.

Gone was his reticence and the feeling of hopelessness of the hours before when he had stood beside a similar hole. Here was hope, and it was with deep earnestness that the missionary spoke to the great throng who gathered round, wide-eyed and wondering.

Looking around the circle, Peter saw again something of the need for missionaries. With the small Christian group, there was typified abundant and eternal life, even in the midst of death. In the great throng pressing round was typified death, even in the midst of life. Only the Gospel could bring about the change.

Peter saw men and women in their parchment-skinned old age, drinking in the words of life. He noticed the abundance of the fresh bloom of childhood. There were faces lined and seared with sin and young, innocent faces that were treading the same pathway. He poured out once again a heart full of hope as it is only in Christ Jesus. It was a message of hope that reached beyond the darkness of the grave, and promised a land that is fairer than day on the other side.

When he had finished, he started a hymn. It was taken up by Baru's unmusical voice, and the few Christians who were in the group. It was a hymn of how in Christ one finds life, joy and peace for evermore.

A cikin Yesu, na sami rai, a cikinsa kadai,  
Salam, murna, kwanciyar rai,  
Sai cikin Almasihu.

As the notes of the hymn died away, from the depths of the sacred grove came a weird, awful cry that seemed to issue from the pit itself. They all stood transfixed around the open grave. Through Peter's mind it flashed:

This is it. The contest between good and evil, God and Satan. Now we will see who will conquer and be conquered. For himself, he felt supremely confident of being more than conqueror through his God.

The noise from the valley died away, the crowd around the graveside dispersed, and Peter found himself walking homeward with Baru, Audu and Garba in single file behind him.

The bare feet of the Africans made only a slight padpad sound in the sand, as they scuffed along, eyes observant and bright for the deadly viper that hides in the grass at the side of the road. One lax moment, and a sudden dart and jab could spell death for the unwary traveler. The African boys had developed a sixth sense when walking through the bush of their countryside.

They reached the compound in silence, and were soon through the gate in the cactus hedge. The house loomed immediately ahead, and as Peter lifted his eyes from the pathway to the door, his heart sank.

The door that he had so carefully locked was swinging wide. He could see the broken hasp that had been pried off the door-jam. As the boys also came through the hedge, they stifled exclamations that rose to their lips.

Peter stepped past the broken door and into the room. He looked in dismay at the disarray. Bed, boxes and supplies lay strewn all over the floor. The pressure lamp lay broken in the midst of a pile of broken dishes, kerosene still oozing out of its broken bowl. Bedding, clothes, books and boxes looked as though one giant arm had swept through the place and scattered them. Ruth's picture smiled up at him from a pile in the middle of the floor.

At first glance it seemed as though nothing had been stolen, such was the mess that confronted him. Only a clean-up would reveal whether destruction or stealing had been the motive for the ruin that lay before him.

Under his instructions the boys set to, willingly helping to bring a little order out of chaos. But Peter's mind was not on his task. He was battling with himself.

An almost inexplicable fear laid hold of him. His mind seethed with

plans and counter-plans. He made suggestions to himself, then immediately discarded them.

Running through the gamut of emotion that wracked him, was one recurrent theme: Should I run away, even though it might be to get help for the people? Or should I stay and face whatever the future might hold? Whatever it might mean? He thought until he became mentally weary.

All the while his hands were gathering up debris, sorting the good from the bad, the broken from the repairable. The results were carefully piled on the table that had been righted by the boys.

When there was a semblance of order, darkness had already fallen. Peter ordered the boys off to their hut, insisting they get their sleep. The work could be finished in the morning. He wanted to think.

The Africans bade him a quiet goodnight, and slipped out. The missionary closed and hooked the now insecure door. Slipping off his clothes, he donned pajamas, and was just raising the mosquito net preparatory to climbing into bed when he heard the noise. It was a quiet, stealthy, scraping sound at the door.

Slowly releasing the net, Peter reached into the pile of broken crockery, and laid his hand on the base of the now useless pressure lamp. Gripping it comfortably in his hand, he crept silently to the door.

As he neared the entrance, he heard whispering and movement. Laying his hand on the hook and throwing it open suddenly with one motion, he brought the lamp base in a wide sweeping arc in front of him. Then stopped.

The moon, slowly disappearing in the eastern sky, had outlined three forms that crouched before him. And from the group came the chuckling voice of Baru.

"It's all right, Mai gida," he called out. "We just thought it would be cooler to sleep outside tonight. So we have brought our mats to your verandah."

The rascals, thought Peter. For he knew that the faithful boys were making sure that their missionary was going to be safe for the rest of the night. His own relief must have been evident in his voice as he replied, then closed the door and returned to his bed.

The early hours of daylight found them again looking over the room, checking what was broken and whether anything was missing. Everything seemed to be accounted for, and destruction seemed to be the only reason for the invasion.

The boys gathered up the trash and carried it off. They would go over it thoroughly at their leisure, reserving for themselves strips of cloth, pieces of glass and the other foreign objects

that might catch their fancy. "It's an ill wind—" mused Peter as he saw the armloads of rubbish disappearing in the direction of their hut. The cracked and broken crockery would provide the proud boys with utensils for many a day to come.

As they buried and burnt the rest, Baru was busy cleaning up the room. Carrying one armload outside, he stopped suddenly, laid down his load, and reached into the spear grass that grew in the corner between the steps and the house. His sharp eyes had seen something there. His hand reappeared with something that made the missionary's spine quiver.

It was a broad, glove-like contrivance, and attached to the end of each of the fingers was a sharp, barbed, iron claw.

Baru drew it over his hand, his fingers working into the leather loops that fitted so snugly. Peter saw before him the evil, clutching, death-dealing claw of the leopard. And as the African waggled his fingers, the great, curving talons seemed like a living claw.

The evangelist said nothing. He slipped the claw off again and handed it to the missionary. Dunning tried it over his hand, but the palm was too narrow and the contrivance hung limp and lifeless. He examined the claws closely.

They were of rough cast iron, the work of some native blacksmith. The unfinished sides left a multitude of small barbs that supplemented the larger ones worked into the metal. The tips had wicked, filed, pointed ends, and as he looked the white man could easily imagine them sinking into the yielding skin of Kimbiya, then tearing out the jagged flesh. The whole claw was a drab, brown color, and even as he looked at it, Baru touched it and uttered the one word: "Blood."

Setting the evil instrument aside, they finished their job. Then Peter sat down again and took it up. As he did so, the gnawing, fearful doubt that had been in his mind since his arrival from the funeral was gone. His mind had been made up for him. This hellish traffic in blood, the evil leadership of a demented witch doctor must be stopped. The only way was for the missionary to get out and bring aid.

With the hesitancy and doubt gone, Peter laid his plan before Baru.

"You are right, Mai gida," replied the latter, "you will have to try and get away. If you can reach the joji, he can come with his soldiers and armed police, and this will stop. I will stay here and look after our people," he went on as though he had been questioned, and the use of "our" thrilled the missionary. "I will stay, and the Lord will yet give us the victory. I will help you make plans for getting through, and perhaps

take you part way," and he lapsed into thought.

Most of the day was spent in discussing and discarding plans that might work in breaking through the barrier that they knew now surrounded their whole area. At last they arrived at what seemed to be a solution.

The missionary was to leave by moonlight that night. Since the moon did not appear until the early hours of the morning, he would have to travel quickly to get out of the area before dawn. If their plans were successful, he could easily reach the District Officer the following night or the next morning.

Once the plans were made he was impatient to be gone. There was no telling when the next outbreak would come nor how violent the now unrestrained people would become as they tasted again the blood of their enemies. But come it would on Fulanis and Christians alike.

Waiting for the hours to pass, Peter sought more information from Baru. As he did, he became more and more convinced that a great deal of the evil work was being done by a group of younger men who were using the ancients and the witch doctor as a front. Even cannibalism was suggested by Baru, since the whole bloody affair was a return to the days before the British conquest of the country.

Baru was emphatic about the danger, and gave many instances of the blood rites that had never been stamped out back in the hills. These elements had now taken hold of this quieter area, and a fire had been kindled that was spreading rapidly.

Peter laid out his riding breeches and tall mosquito boots, knowing that they would protect him as he traveled through the bush. He filled two water canteens, made up a small packet of food and sat down to await the night and the moon. The native's cunning and developed jungle sense would be invaluable for the first part of the journey.

The moon rose, a great blood-red orb, and by its light they slipped around the house toward the hut used as a stable.

Baru had just leaned over to remove the bamboo barrier that kept the horse in, when out raced a roaring, wild-eyed demon that bowled him over. Flashing hoof and wicked teeth narrowly missed the rest of them as they crouched down before the living tornado.

Then followed a nightmare. Baru and Peter raced toward the horse, only to be met by flailing feet. Then off it went again.

The missionary could not understand it. He had ridden the horse hundreds of tropical miles. It would follow him like a dog, eat from his hand, obey his slightest word. Now it seemed

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# We, the Women

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

## OUR SCHOLARSHIP GIRL, MISS LAURA PAHL, OF GLADWIN, MICHIGAN

Our new Scholarship Girl, Miss Laura Pahl, for the year 1952-1953 was introduced to the Woman's Union at the breakfast meeting during the General Conference in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Her church in Gladwin, Mich., had shared in making her attendance at the conference possible. We appreciated this kindness to her. Mrs. William L. Schoeffel, our past president gave Laura an opportunity to express her thanks to the Woman's Missionary Union for the scholarship they had awarded her to make possible her attendance at the Baptist Missionary Training School in Chicago, Illinois. She has become happily oriented in her new school home.

The following letter, written by Laura to our new part-time office secretary, Miss Martha C. Remus, and her picture will be your introduction to her. The scholarship is paid from a share of the dues (\$5.00 yearly) each local society sends to our treasurer, Mrs. Thomas D. Lutz, North Freedom, Wisconsin.

"We, the Women" have supported a goodly number of Scholarship Girls, who have served our General Conference in the past, and are still serving our North American Baptist missionary cause as faithful workers today. Among the latest of these are two young women, who at this writing are on the high seas en route to the Cameroons in Africa with the Paul Gebauer family and the Dr. Boutwell family. They are Miss Tina Schmidt of the Bridgeland Baptist Church of Calgary, Alta., Canada, our Women's Worker to be supported entirely by our Woman's Union, and Miss Minnie Kuhn of the Rabbitt Hill Baptist Church near Edmonton, Alta., Canada. Because Tina is being supported by the women she will be introduced to you in a later issue of the **Baptist Herald** through the "We, the Women" column.

From the only record available the following are the qualifications for eligibility to the scholarship we offer as a Woman's Union:

1. Our Scholarship Girl must have a personal experience of God's redeeming grace through faith in Jesus Christ—a sincere consecration to him.
2. She should be dedicated to the missionary work of the North Amer-



Miss Laura Pahl of Gladwin, Mich., student at the Baptist Missionary Training School, Chicago, Ill., and the 1952-1953 Scholarship Girl of the Woman's Missionary Union.

ican Baptists if at all possible. There is no written rule, but it is understood that if a girl receiving the scholarship marries before giving two years of service, she endeavors to refund the money in order that another girl may have an opportunity.

"3. She is to be recommended by her pastor and church."

Should any girl in your church be interested in next year's scholarship (1953-1954), please have her contact our Scholarship Chairman: Miss Alethea S. Kose, 510 Wellington Avenue, Chicago 14, Illinois.

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### THE LETTER BY LAURA PAHL

Thank you so much for the warm welcome not only to Chicago and BMTS, but to your church at Forest Park as well. I am sure that I will be happy here in Chicago and will gain much spiritually through my studies and fellowship with other like-minded Christian friends.

I shall be very happy to tell you a little bit about myself for if I were not the Scholarship Girl I am sure I would like to know her ideals, hopes and aspirations.

I am twenty years old. I was born in Pontiac, Mich., on April 30, 1932,

and come from a family of six children of which I am the second oldest.

When I was nine years old I accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as my personal Savior and was baptized that same year. I became a member of the Round Lake Baptist Church at Gladwin, Mich., where many, many happy times of Christian fellowship and teaching were mine.

At the time of my conversion, only my sister and I were Christians, but as an answer to prayer my father and mother and younger sister also came to know Jesus Christ as their Savior and Redeemer. It was during this time in my life that my relationship with God became stronger, deeper and richer as I found him to be a prayer answering God, concerned about my life, my desires and my prayers.

All during the years of high school training I felt the call of God into special full-time service, but after graduation in June, 1949, the doors were not yet opened to me. The voice of God seemed to speak to me through his Word, calling me and yet telling me to wait upon him. Now as I look back upon those years, I can see the purpose of waiting. I prayed that God would open the door to a job, which he did, for I worked for the Bell Telephone Company as an operator, and was able to be near my home with my family and to take part in church activities, which I believe helped to prepare me for future Christian service.

For two years I was president of our young people's society. I taught a Primary Sunday School class for almost three years and held offices in our Country Fellowship and Tri-Church Rally Fellowship. At present I am privileged to be the project promoter for our Central Conference CBY and SS Union. All these opportunities were given to me, not for my own glorification but for his honor and glory, and I am thankful for these opportunities of service.

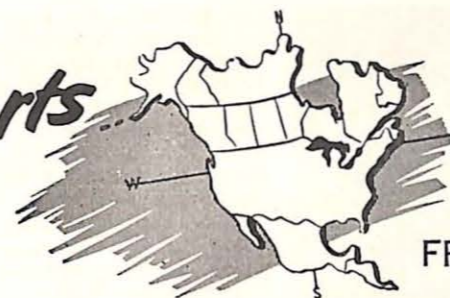
Truly I believe God has led me to BMTS and while I am not definitely sure what my plans will be after graduation, I know that he has a place for me and I want to be well-trained and well fitted for that position.

How I thank God for the women in our Woman's Missionary Union who by giving to the Scholarship Fund enable girls like me to prepare for Christian service! I, like many others before me, am depending on God to supply all my needs, for it is written, "My God shall supply all your needs."

May I ask that you remember me in prayer as your Scholarship Girl and I shall try to prove worthy of all you have done and will do for me.

In Christian love,  
(s) LAURA PAHL.

## Reports



### FROM THE FIELD

#### Greetings and Thanks from the Gebauers En Route to the Cameroons, Africa

Oct. 19, 1942

Baptist Herald Readers:

Late last night this ship, the "M. U. Britannic," carried us down the Hudson River at New York City and out into the Atlantic that we might hit again the trail that leads to your Africa—the trail that is ever new.

This past year of furlough gave us a new glimpse of your love for Christ's work across the seas and for his tasks in the homeland. We shared in your church life, and the wealth of your homes and tables was ours. For these experiences we thank God and you.

It is our prayer and desire that you and we be found faithful stewards of the riches that are ours in Christ Jesus our Lord.

In his service we remain yours,  
The four Gebauers.

#### Eastern Conference

#### Farewell Reception for Rev. and Mrs. Frank Wuest by Bethel Church, Buffalo, N. Y.

Members of the Bethel Baptist Church, Buffalo, N. Y., gathered at the church on October 1st once again to bid farewell to the Rev. Frank C. Wuest, who has sailed for Formosa. This time Frank did not go alone, for since returning from China a little over a year and a half ago, Mr. Wuest and Miss Irene Read of Seattle, Wash., were united in marriage. Irene was also a missionary in China. God has given them a little daughter, Sarah Ruth, who sails with them to the field.

Our song service was capably led by Mr. Irving Kroecker, and a solo by Mrs. June Edmunds was beautifully sung. A prayer of committal was given by our senior deacon, Mr. Ernst C. Smith. After a brief message by our pastor, the Rev. Paul E. Loth, the Rev. and Mrs. Frank Wuest gave their testimonies and gave us a glimpse of what their work would be in Formosa.

After the service, refreshments were served in the basement, which was decorated with many bouquets of beautiful flowers. A love offering was given to Mr. and Mrs. Wuest by members of Bethel Church, who are also contributing yearly to their support on the field. Our prayers and heartfelt wishes went with them and their darling daughter as they sailed from Vancouver, B. C., on October 25th on the freighter "S.S. Serampore."

Mrs. Daniel Earnst, Reporter.

#### Observance of Sunday School Week at Central Baptist Church, Erie, Pennsylvania

"Jesus took a little child and set him in the midst of them," and thus forever established the importance of the child in the Christian life. Sunday School Week at Central Church, Erie, Pa., was the occasion for this fact to be emphasized more than usual. We opened with Promotion and Rally Day combined with the Sunday morning worship service. Mrs. Grace Hollinger, executive secretary of the Erie County Sabbath School Association, gave a most inspiring message on "Every Sunday School ought to grow, glow and go!"

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings were spent in visitation by the teachers upon the scholars while Wednesday evening was the Sunday School at prayer. Mrs. Robert Eichler led the meeting with Mr. Lincoln Love bringing the Scripture message. "Family Night" in charge of Joyce Bartlett saw the parents, teachers and children enjoying refreshments and fellowship after the showing of "Bible on the Table," a Christian film depicting family worship. The delectable frosting on the cake of Sunday School Week was having Prof. O. E. Krueger of Rochester, N. Y., to speak at both the Sunday services. Mrs. Henry Meuser had charge of the Sunday evening program in which all the officers, teachers and various Sunday School organizations took part.

Prof. Krueger's topic, "The Great Divide," likened the "Shepherd dividing the sheep and goats" to the division between salvation and damnation when Jesus comes and how like the two thieves upon the crosses we must all make a decision. We at Central Church are without a pastor but we are endeavoring to do his will and glorify his Name and the Lord is blessing.

Mrs. R. R. Eichler, Reporter.

#### Pacific Conference

#### Fiftieth Anniversary Program of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Portland, Oregon

Praise God for the bountiful blessings which he has bestowed upon the Immanuel Baptist Church of Portland, Ore., and for the grace that permitted us to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary from Sept. 24 to 28.

The church invited the following to take part in the anniversary services: Rev. and Mrs. G. W. Rutsch, a former pastor and wife, now living in Gackle,

N. Dak.; Rev. J. C. Gunst, young people's secretary from Forest Park, Ill.; and Rev. H. Palfenier, denominational evangelist from Forest Park, Illinois. The work behind the scenes was carried on by the Anniversary Committee: Rev. Charles Wagner, chairman; Rev. Henry Barnet, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Hoelzer, Mr. Rod Rosentreter and Mrs. Paul Schulz.

The festivities opened on Wednesday night with a church supper and program full of reminiscences under the leadership of Mr. Earl Marks. The charter members, Mr. J. A. Hoelzer and Mrs. Mary Harding, were guests of honor and told of beginning events in the history of the church. Some old German songs were sung and members of the early choir sang a selection, "Hier auf Erden" with Mrs. J. A. Hoelzer taking the solo part. Mr. Virgil LeClair gave a brief talk inspiring the church to look forward to greater things.

Thursday night was devoted to the Ladies' Missionary Society, the Guild and Men's Fellowship. Each organization was represented by a short talk and music with the program under the directorship of Mrs. J. A. Hoelzer. Mrs. G. W. Rutsch gave the message for the evening on the 23rd Psalm.

At the Friday night's meeting under the leadership of Mr. Paul Miller, the Sunday School, CBY and choir were represented. The Rev. J. C. Gunst gave an inspiring message on the subject, "For Me to Live is Christ."

Sunday, our pastor, the Rev. Henry Barnet, had charge of all services. The Rev. H. Palfenier spoke during the Sunday School hour. The Rev. G. W. Rutsch gave the message for the morning worship hour on "Christ, the Head of the Church." In the afternoon, all our sister churches came to visit and each church gave a greeting. The Rev. J. C. Gunst brought the wonderful sermon on "A Challenge to a More Earnest Christian Living." Sunday night the Rev. H. Palfenier told us to think back on "Our Christian Heritage."

During the services the choir under the leadership of Miss Hildegard Wagner presented several numbers. There were other musical selections also interspersed throughout the program, including a duet by the Rev. and Mrs. G. W. Rutsch. Greetings, congratulations and best wishes were given to the church through letters, recordings, and flowers.

The church was founded on July 17, 1902 under the leadership of the Rev. J. Kratt with 37 members and has grown today to a membership of 183. Many changes were made during the course of the years under the guidance of twelve ministers: Rev. G. Eichler, Rev. F. Reichle, Rev. F. Buermann, Rev. F. Hoffmann, Rev. Paul Meyer, Rev. G. W. Rutsch, Rev. J. A. H. Wuttke, Rev. W. H. Buehning, Rev. O. Eymann, Rev. E. P. Wahl, Rev. O. Roth, and our present pastor, Rev. Henry Barnet. Also the church is at present supporting two missionaries in the Cameroons: Betty and Howard Roth and their son, David.

May the Lord grant the Immanuel Baptist Church another fifty years.

Hildegard Wagner, Reporter.



### Recent Activities in the Busy Program of the Trinity Church, Portland, Oregon

Greetings from the Trinity Church, Portland, Ore. We have enjoyed a very busy summer program and with the Lord's help we look forward to a full season of work for him in our church activities.

Work is progressing on our new sanctuary building program. The Men's Brotherhood of the church is active in sponsoring and managing volunteer work on the structure. Interesting monthly dinner meetings have kept the Brotherhood active. They were privileged to hear the Rev. Paul Gebauer in June. In September a profitable evening was spent in hearing authoritative men speak on the various measures to be voted upon in the November election. Their new president is Victor Loewen.

This past summer we bade "God speed" and farewell to our new missionaries to Africa, the Rev. Ben and Margie Lawrence and son, Kim. Our prayers and thoughts went with them as they traveled to begin their new work. They have been an inspiration to us in their past work in our church, and in their sacrificial decision to go to Africa.

The church also bade farewell to our missionaries, the Rev. Paul and Clara Gebauer this fall and presented them with gifts in keeping with the policy of the General Missionary Society. The various organizations of the church promised their support and prayers in the coming term of service. The response by the Gebauers was touching, especially little Anne's. It was the privilege of our pastor, the Rev. John Wobig, to baptize Anne Gebauer and to welcome her into the membership of our church.

The Woman's Missionary Society of our church together with the Dorcas Guild and Deborah Circle had the joy of hearing Clara Gebauer in a special evening of pictures as she commented on the things of special interest to women. We feel better acquainted with our missionaries and their work since this meeting.

We wish to share with you the enthusiasm of our Bible School. Our Vacation Bible School this past summer again topped the 200 mark and was an inspiration to the large corps of workers cooperating. This fall our Bible School again entered the Christian Life Attendance Contest and is putting forth every effort to win. A canvass of a large surrounding area was undertaken, and the results are gratifying. May the Lord give us many souls for our efforts. In October we had a Spiritual Crusade for two weeks with the assistance of the Rev. Henry Pfeifer of Edmonton, Alta., Canada.

Martha Becker, Reporter.

### Ministry of the Rev. and Mrs. Orville Meth at Odessa, Washington

In March a call was extended by the Baptist Church of Odessa, Wash., to the Rev. and Mrs. Orville H. Meth, to accept the pastorate of the Odessa



McKernan Baptist Songsters on the platform of the McKernan Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alberta.

Baptist Church. The call was accepted and on July 6th, Mr. Meth preached his first sermon to the congregation. That evening, members of the church welcomed the Meth's with a program, followed by refreshments. Neighboring churches also joined in the reception.

Prior to our new pastor's coming, the parsonage was remodeled and redecorated throughout. This fall the exterior of the church has been repainted and the roof resingled. The basement of the church has also been beautifully redecorated.

The Rev. D. Smith, formerly of Texas, father of Mrs. Jim Goetz, a member of the church, filled in early this summer until the arrival of Mr. and Mrs. Meth the last week in June.

On the first Sunday in September emphasis was given to the need of foreign missions, climaxed with a special "Mission Sunday" on September 21st, at which time we had special music and our pastor brought a message on "Men of Vision" and in the evening gave a review of our denominational mission fields. The church then contributed \$1,178.75 to the cause of missions.

A series of Bible studies are being planned by Brother Meth to be held during the winter months. The church has been richly blessed with our new pastor and wife and we are truly grateful for having them with us. We are looking forward to many full, challenging and joyful months.

Adrian E. Werner, Reporter.

### Northern Conference

### Musical Ministry of the McKernan Baptist Songsters in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

We of the McKernan Baptist Church of Edmonton, Alta., have been delighted with the musical ministry of a lovely group of teen age girls who call themselves, "The McKernan Bap-

tist Songsters." They have appeared in regular church services, various special programs of the Sunday School and CBY, at the young people's camp held at Sylvan Lake, Alta., and for the radio broadcast of the CTI. These occasions have provided them with many opportunities to sing the message of God's love.

Members of the group include (left to right on accompanying picture): Gerry Madsen, Betty Kienzle, Christa Lueck, Rosie Yeske, Freda Dermann, Deanna Klapstein, Giesela Lueck, and the pianist, Hilda Heine. Mrs. O. R. Schmidt directs the group.

O. R. Schmidt, Pastor.

### Vacation Bible School at the Calmar Baptist Mission, Calmar, Alberta, Canada

The week of Vacation Bible School at Willow Creek for the Calmar Baptist Mission, Calmar, Alta., proved to be a time of sowing the seed of God's Word in the hearts of the children. The days spent with the children brought many a blessed moment. Canvassing was a great experience, and we met with various responses. God gave success and it was a joy to see the eager faces of the boys and girls, greeting us day after day. There was a fine spirit of co-operation and interest shown on the part of the pupils. The enrollment was 35. Rain and impassable roads lowered the average attendance to 28.

Our school was divided into three classes. The Primary Department was taught by Mrs. Eveleen Rapske on the theme, "God and His Care." Mrs. August Kraemer taught, "The Life of Christ" in the Junior Department, and our pastor, the Rev. August Kraemer, taught "God's Plan of Salvation" in the Intermediate Department. The Primary children enjoyed playing in the rhythm band. The numbers they played at the closing program proved to be a feature of the evening.

Mrs. Eveleen Rapske, Reporter.

### Laying of the Cornerstone of the McKernan Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alberta

On Sunday afternoon, October 12th, the McKernan Baptist Church of Edmonton, Alta., held an impressive service for the laying of the cornerstone of its new church building. Neighboring churches were invited and thus a larger crowd gathered to witness the events of the afternoon.

The Rev. O. R. Schmidt, minister of the church, was in charge of the service. The Wiesenthal Band opened the service with a fifteen minute prelude of music. After the singing of the doxology and the invocation, the Rev. J. C. Kraenzler of the First Baptist Church of Leduc read the Scripture passage. The McKernan Baptist Church Choir, under the direction of Mr. Stanley Klapstein, rendered two beautiful selections in song. The guest speakers for the occasion were Dr. Martin L. Leuschner and the Rev. J. C. Gunst. It was a pleasure to have the editors of two of our leading denominational publications present. Mr.

Gunst was the first speaker. His theme was "Christ, the Chief Cornerstone."

The lovely song, "I Will Not Forsake Thee," was sung by a Ladies' Trio composed of Cecilia Priebe, Isabel Bresch, and Gertrude Schatz. Then Dr. Leuschner addressed the group, speaking on "The Message of a Cornerstone" (2 Tim. 2:19).

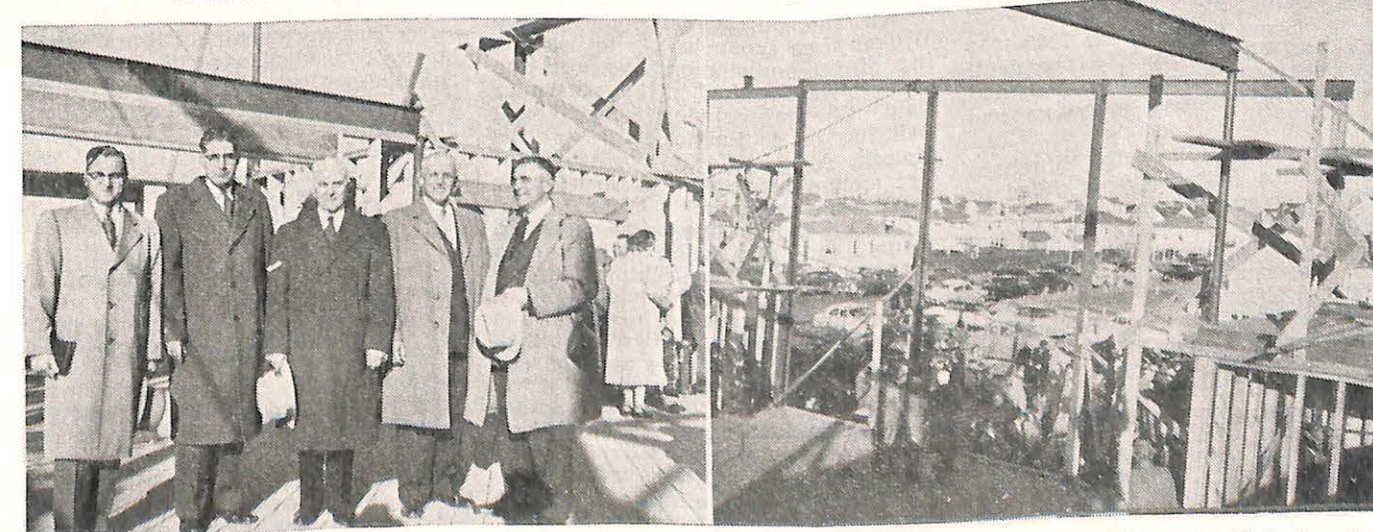
The Rev. J. A. MacRae, representing the Ministerial Association of Edmonton and the Western Union of the Canadian Baptists, spoke in behalf of those organizations. A male quartet of A. Stelter, Mr. Peter Schroeder, Mr. Stanley Klapstein and Rev. O. R. Schmidt, sang the inspiring selection, "The Lord Is My Light."

The following items were then placed into the cornerstone: a letter from the Rev. E. P. Wahl, who could not be present at the service; a brief history of the church; a statement about the building of the church; a directory of the members of the church and its officers; a copy of the afternoon's program; the Stewardship leaflet; various pictures; a copy of each of the following: Salute, Lektionsblaetter, Der Sendbote, Youth Compass, Baptist Herald; the daily edition of the "Edmonton Journal;" and last, but most important of all, a copy of the Holy Scriptures, God's timeless message, upon whose truths the Church of Christ stands. The placing of this Eternal Word in the cornerstone is a symbol of the fact that this Word will be preached from the pulpit of the church on every occasion. This signifies the living out of the message that both of our guest speakers brought to the church.

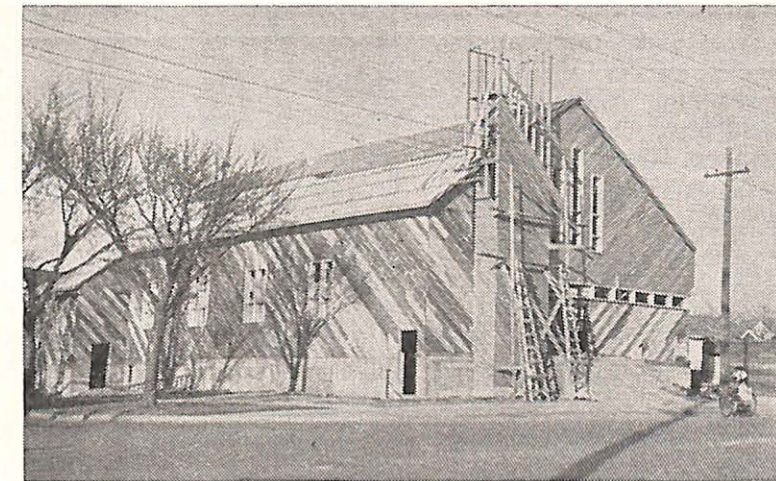
After these things were firmly sealed into the cornerstone, the Rev. H. Pfeiffer, minister of the Central Baptist Church, which is also the mother church of the new church closed the service with the prayer of dedication and the benediction.

The church is now under construction. The building will cost about \$50,000. It will have a seating capacity of approximately 400 persons. The Rev. E. P. Wahl is serving as the chairman of the Building Committee.

O. R. Schmidt, Pastor.



—Pictures by M. L. Leuschner  
The scaffolding and steel structure for the McKernan Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alta., (right) showing the new homes in the community, and (left) ministers taking part in the cornerstone laying exercises: (left to right) J. C. Gunst, O. R. Schmidt (pastor of the church), J. A. MacRae, J. C. Kraenzler and Henry Pfeifer.



The new edifice of the German Baptist Mission Church, Winnipeg, Manitoba, under construction at a cost of more than \$40,000 and with a seating capacity of at least 500 persons.

### German Baptist Mission Church, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Builds \$40,000 Church for 500 People

Early last summer a North American Baptist Council met in Winnipeg, Man., to consider the request of the German Baptist Mission Church of that city for recognition. Representatives from our Manitoba churches and several Northern Conference leaders voted favorably on this request and the church was duly recognized and later received into our fellowship by the Northern Conference which convened in Edmonton, Alberta.

Quietly but energetically this German Baptist Mission Church has been launching on great ventures of faith. It was officially organized in 1950 after having held their own German services as a mission of the McDermot Ave. Church of Winnipeg. The congregation is almost entirely composed of European immigrants and all of their services are in the German language.

At present they have a membership of about 180. The Rev. Richard Zinser has been their pastor since August 1950. The church clerk is Mr. Edmund Stiehm. For some time they have been

meeting in a small hall.

Without any fanfare of publicity and money, this German Baptist Mission Church is now engaged in constructing a church edifice that will seat at least 500 persons. It is being built almost entirely with volunteer help by church members. Huge steel girders hold up the roof and provide for a spacious sanctuary with no obstructing posts. The skeleton of the structure is almost completed, as can be seen in the accompanying snapshot. The edifice will cost approximately \$40,000.

The church will meet for some time in the basement of the edifice. Work is being rushed so that the services can be held there by Christmas of this year. The finishing of the interior of the church sanctuary will require another year or so. The Rev. Richard Zinser is also serving as the chairman of the building committee. The new church is located at Sanger and Home Streets in Winnipeg.

We want to extend our congratulations to the German Baptist Mission Church on this great venture of their faith in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ!

M. L. Leuschner, Reporter.



## Northwestern Conference

### Golden Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Johnson of Milwaukee, Wisconsin

During the Sunday evening service on September 7, the Bethany Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wis., celebrated the 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Johnson. While they have not been members of Bethany Church very long, we have come to love and to respect this devoted Christian couple. They have won our hearts and we feel we have known them a long time. They have four children and seven grandchildren. However, because of the distance involved, only two of their daughters were able to be present for this occasion.

At this service their favorite hymns were sung and several musical selections were given. After a short appropriate message by our pastor, the Rev. Wilmer Quiring, he presented them with a gift from the church as a token of our Christian love and esteem. After the benediction, refreshments were served in our Fellowship Hall.

Mrs. Alfred Klein, Reporter.

### Woman's Missionary Union of the Minnesota Association at the Jeffers Baptist Church

The Minnesota Association was held in the beautiful little country church in Jeffers, Minnesota. Women from our Minnesota churches and La Crosse, Wis., gathered on Oct. 3rd from 3:00 to 4:00 P.M. for the business meeting, with our state president, Mrs. E. W. Klatt, presiding.

Mrs. David Wift led the song service and read the Scripture passage. In the absence of the regular secretary and treasurer, Mrs. Arthur Odens gave these reports, reporting that \$157.50 had been given toward the deep freeze for the Seminary at Sioux Falls. Our ladies will be busy making quilts for the Banzo Hospital during these winter months, these quilts to be displayed at our spring rally.

New officers for the year 1952-1953 are: Mrs. William Jeschke, president; Mrs. Henry Fluth, vice-president; and Mrs. Harvey Stanke, secretary and treasurer.

An appropriately selected Vibraharp solo by Mrs. Arthur Odens called us together for our program at 8:00 P.M. Mrs. DeVries, president of the Jeffers Missionary Society, read scripture and led in prayer, after which she extended a warm welcome to all present. Mrs. E. W. Klatt graciously responded to the welcome. After several musical numbers, instrumental and vocal, and a monologue entitled, "The Other Light," our missionary from the Cameroons, Miss Eleanor Weisenburger, showed slides of the work in the Cameroons, also giving us a very interesting picture of the work in her own words.

Those of us who saw these pictures and heard Miss Weisenburger during the association were so inspired that



Mr. and Mrs. Charles Johnson of Milwaukee, Wis., on their golden wedding anniversary day.

we want to make the year 1952-1953 a bigger and better year for our missions. Our special offerings taken at this meeting and our spring rally will be used equally for home missions, leprosy work in the Cameroons and mission work for the women of the Cameroons.

Margaret Peter, Reporter.

### Missionaries Supported by the Central Baptist Church of George, Iowa

On Sept. 24, our hearts here at the Central Baptist Church in George, Iowa, were rejoicing over the safe return of our missionary, Miss Dorothy Walker. She is our full-time missionary serving in Ecuador, South America. She is working in the jungle with the Jivaro Indians, and has also been working on the translation of the Bible into the Jivaro language. While her co-laborers were home on furlough, she was all alone in this jungle station with the Indians.

On Sept. 25th the church had a reception in her honor. She was given a gift of \$50 from the Missionary Society and the Missionary Guild with which she purchased clothes. Miss Walker then spoke briefly to us, telling of the outstanding answers to prayers we have had in that particular field. She presented a beautiful oil painting of a jungle scene to the church. A love offering was taken for her amounting to \$83. A social hour followed in the church parlors.

Our other full-time missionary, Mr. Keith Austin, instructor at the Berean Bible Institute at Shell Mara, Ecuador, South America, had the misfortune of having his house burn down to the ground. We praise the Lord that they were able to get their small son out of the house in the nick of time. Everything was lost except the clothes on their backs, a typewriter and their books. Our church immediately wired them \$200. About three weeks later we had a special offering taken for them which amounted to over \$400. We praise the Lord for missionaries who can see the hand of God even in the tragedies of this life.

J. A. Brygger, Pastor.

### Theme of the Holy Spirit at the Iowa Association Held at Elgin, Iowa

From Oct. 6 to 8 the Iowa Association of North American Baptist Churches met at Elgin, Iowa. The First Baptist Church of Elgin with the Rev. Arthur Ittermann as pastor did a superb job of entertaining. The theme for this year was: "The Primary Position of the Holy Spirit in the Church Program" with John 16:7-15 as the Scriptural background.

The Rev. W. G. Gerthe of Buffalo Center brought the message at the opening service on "The Person of the Holy Spirit." It seemed that the spiritual tone of the entire association was established at this first meeting.

Tuesday opened with devotions brought by the Rev. Alvin Wetter of Victor. His subject was, "Instruction in Worship" taken from the 5th chapter of Ecclesiastes. The business sessions were then opened by the moderator, Rev. Arthur Ittermann.

Following the business period Miss Eleanor Weisenburger, our missionary from the Cameroons, presented the leper work and directed a prayer period on behalf of this important new field. The other speaker of the morning was the Rev. Frank Veninga who brought a stirring message on, "The Holy Spirit and Worship." The afternoon sessions were opened by the Rev. Henry Smuland of Sheffield who spoke concerning the "Sealing of the Holy Spirit." This was followed by a message on, "The Holy Spirit Endowment for Christian Stewardship" delivered by the Rev. John Reimer of George.

After a brief recess period and song service, the guest speaker, Dr. Bruce Blunt, professor of homiletics of Central Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Kansas, brought a most blessed and instructive message on "Pentecost." Dr. Blunt also spoke twice on Wednesday morning on "The Fruit of the Spirit" and "The Authority of the Spirit." At the closing service on Wednesday evening he sent the delegates back to their home churches filled with a deep desire to allow the Holy Spirit to use them mightily.

On Tuesday evening, Miss Weisenburger showed slides of the Cameroons and the various phases of her work there. Wednesday morning the Rev. Fred Lower of Steamboat Rock spoke on "The Holy Spirit and Prayer" and directed a prayer session. The Rev. Fred Mashner of Sumner brought a heart searching message on, "The Resultant Fruit of the Holy Spirit."

The Woman's Missionary Union had charge of the service from 2:00 to 4:00 P.M. on Wednesday at which time Miss Weisenburger spoke on, "The Women's Work in Africa" and Miss Lavona Lee a returned missionary from Nigeria and member of the Buffalo Center church spoke briefly about her work.

The music of the choir, orchestra, and men's chorus of the Elgin church added greatly to the blessing and enjoyment of these days as well as the various musical numbers provided by delegates in attendance.

Fred Lower, Reporter.

## Atlantic Conference

### Grace Baptist Church of Union City, N. J., Celebrates its Eighty-fifth Anniversary

The 85th anniversary and a rededication service was held at the Grace Baptist Church, Union City, N. J., on Friday evening, October 3rd. A great host of members, former members, friends and neighboring churches gathered to celebrate this occasion.

The late George Von Seggern, who passed away last year, remembered his church in his will by leaving it one thousand dollars. This made possible the redecoration of the main auditorium and the vestibules together with other profitable changes. In appreciation to Mr. Von Seggern, a plaque was placed in the rear of the main auditorium.

New carpeting was generously donated by the Kunath Furniture Company of Jersey City. We rejoice at the lovely appearance of our church.

The program was in charge of the host pastor, the Rev. Everett A. Barker. The Rev. Philip Potzner, a former pastor (1922-1927), unable to be present, sent greetings by way of a letter. However, we were privileged to have two of our former pastors present, the Rev. John Schmidt of the Second German Baptist Church of New York City and the Rev. Herman Kuhl of Willow Avenue Baptist Church. They served from 1927 to 1939 and 1939-1949, respectively.

An inspiring message was brought by the Rev. Robert Hess of the Clinton Hill Baptist Church of Newark, New Jersey. Other ministers taking part included Rev. H. J. Freeman of Faith Baptist Church in West New York, Rev. Wm. Appel of Pilgrim Church in Jersey City, Rev. E. White of First Baptist Church of Union City, and Rev. N. Klann of the Second German Baptist Church of Union City. Special music was presented by James Seeps of Evangel Baptist Church in Newark, N. J., and Mrs. Alice Schoen of First Baptist Church of Grantwood, New Jersey. Mrs. Frances Hoffmann accompanied on the organ and Miss Elaine Johns at the piano. Refreshments were served and an hour of fellowship followed the service. "The Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad" (Psalm 126:3).

Everett Barker, Pastor.

## Dakota Conference

### Woman's Missionary Union Meetings at the South Dakota Association Held at Chancellor

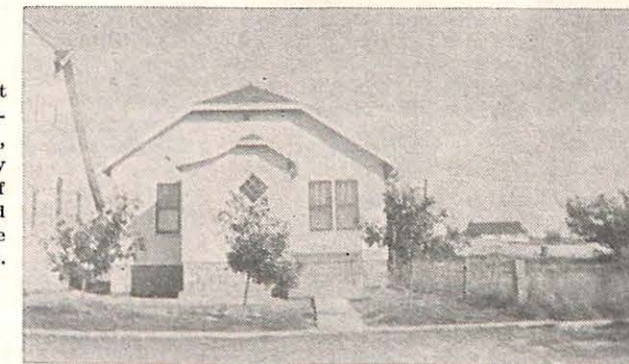
The Woman's Missionary Union of the South Dakota Convention convened in conjunction with the fall association at Chancellor, S. Dak., on Wednesday afternoon, Oct. 8th, with the president, Mrs. Walter Stein of Tyndall, presiding.

The song service was led by Mrs. Roy Seibel of Emery, with Mrs. Harold Weiss assisting at the piano and the

Rev. Eldon Seibold at the organ. Mrs. Fred Schmidt of Madison read 2 Cor. 4:1-6 and led in prayer.

The local president of Chancellor, Mrs. L. E. Weeldreyer, gave a very cordial welcome to which the association president, Mrs. Stein, responded. Four women from Madison sang, "Bring Ye All the Tithes Unto the Storehouse."

A former missionary to Africa, Mrs. George Dunger, gave the message of the afternoon. She chose John 4:1-26 as a scripture lesson. The story of the woman at the well would parallel many an African experience. The African women do field work, and go to the stream on the way home to wash and to fill their calabash with water for the rest of the day and the next. Many times the missionary goes to the stream to meet and talk with these women. Mrs. Dunger stated, "The need for workers and challenge to our missionary societies is great. I plead with you do not fail this need."



The new Baptist parsonage in Hettinger, N. Dak., which was recently dedicated and of which the Rev. and Mrs. E. Gutsche are the first occupants.

A sextette from the Plum Creek society sang, "Come Unto Me." Mrs. Fink of Tyndall played during the offering which amounted to \$94.39 which was designated for missions. After the ministers' wives sang, "It Pays To Serve Jesus," the faculty wives and two students' wives presented the dialogue, "The Lord Hath Need Of Thee."

The officers for the ensuing year are: Mrs. Roy Seibel, president; Mrs. W. Stein, vice-president; Mrs. Alfred Weisser, secretary and treasurer.

Mrs. Alfred Weisser, Reporter.

### New Parsonage Is Dedicated by the Grace Church, Hettinger, North Dakota

The Grace Baptist Church, Hettinger, N. Dak., of which the Rev. E. Gutsche is the pastor, observed the happy occasion of dedicating its new parsonage on Sunday, Sept. 28th, to the Lord and the service of the Kingdom of God. The weather, which is unpredictable in these parts, was excellent and a large crowd of visitors from the neighboring churches had come for the occasion.

In the afternoon the regular dedication service took place. In the morning Sunday School and morning worship service were held as usual, the pastor preaching a sermon pertaining to the occasion. We were fortunate to secure the friendly services of Dr. J. Leypoldt who had been active for some time as evangelist at Lemmon, South Dakota. After the opening by the pastor with

words of welcome to the visitors and a choir song, Dr. Leypoldt brought a stirring message on the topic, "Home," which was well received by all. His long and precious experience as pastor, preacher and evangelist enables him to say the right word at the right time.

Other speakers were the chairman of the building committee, Mr. F. Albright, who related something of the history and progress of the building project; Mr. E. Fuchs, the treasurer, who gave information concerning the cost and monetary transactions of the project; and Mrs. Ph. Ketterling who spoke for the women and their part in the undertaking. We had the joy of having the Rev. N. Miller of Selfridge, N. Dak., the predecessor of the present pastor, in our midst. In addition to many laudatory and encouraging words which he spoke, he justly took credit for having helped to sow seeds for the new preacher's home. The former parsonage had proven to be inadequate and had been sold for an

acceptable price. After another choir song the offering was taken. It amounted to the sum of \$635.55.

A mournful sentiment was introduced by the fact that our beloved deacon, Sunday School teacher and chairman of the Building Committee, Mr. F. Albright, had to say farewell to the church in which he had labored so faithfully ever since he came to Hettinger. He and his family were leaving Hettinger the same day for Billings, Mont., from where they had originally come. Unforeseen circumstances motivated them to move back to their former field of activity. Mr. Albright expressed his and his family's regret for the change, but life's circumstances are sometimes stronger than our wishes.

With the pastor adding words of thanks and appreciation with a song by their choir and closing prayer by Mr. Albright, the memorable and inspirational dedication service came to a close. Then followed the serving by the ladies of a delicious supper to all who had attended. After the closing of the church doors, part of the congregation assembled in the new parsonage for an inspirational social time. Mr. Miller had brought his recording apparatus along and several of the voices, in speech and song, were reproduced. At a late hour a spiritually and socially enjoyable day came to its close and another vigorous step had been taken in the history of the Hettinger Baptist "Outpost" Church.

E. Gutsche, Pastor.



### Gratitude to the Congregation at Goodrich, North Dakota, by Rev. and Mrs. H. Hirsch

The undersigned finds it appropriate, although a bit belated, to express his gratitude to the Baptist Church of Goodrich, N. Dak., for the very fine farewell service which they gave to their departing pastor and his wife. Already the Women's Mission Society had showered Mrs. Hirsch with many valuable gifts at their meeting, and then on July 7th the entire church met to say "farewell" to the parting minister's family. The church was crowded, and a fine program was rendered consisting of speeches and musical renditions.

Then Mr. J. R. Doering, Jr., a member of the board of trustees, handed a purse of a substantial sum to the pastor, the Rev. Henry Hirsch, in the name of the church, and many individual and personal gifts were received. After the program the church and the friends of the parting family met in the church dining room for refreshments, and under the inspiring leadership of Mrs. Gust Burgstahler expressions of gratitude to the Mr. and Mrs. Hirsch followed. Thanks for everything!

Henry Hirsch, Reporter.

### Calvary Church, Aberdeen, South Dakota, Holds Reception for Rev. and Mrs. Christ Weintz

The Calvary Baptist Church of Aberdeen, S. Dak., held a reception for the Rev. Christ Weintz, its new pastor, and his wife and their five-month-old son on Sunday, August 26. Scripture was read by Paul Wissler and Milton Schrenk led in prayer. The Rev. J. Ehman of Bessie, Okla., who was on a vacation trip, was in charge of the program.

Readings were given by La June Seidel, Alma Bender and Nadine Krause. A duet was rendered by Mrs. Ed. Heupel and Mrs. Ted Bertsch. A trio, "Just Keep on Praying," was sung by Mrs. Florence Saylor, Mrs. Elmer Seidel and Mrs. Calvin Hoffman. "The Love of God," a solo, was sung by Mrs. Florence Saylor, and two quartet numbers were rendered by Elmer Husman, Bobby Husman, Stanley Heupel and Mervin Moser. Words of welcome were spoken in behalf of the different officers of the church, after which the response was made by Mr. and Mrs. Weintz. The Rev. J. Ehman brought the message for the evening.

May God bless our church that it may grow in spirit and in numbers as we work with our pastor!

Mrs. Milton Schrenk, Reporter.

### Mission Festival Is Observed by the Ebenezer Church Near Wessington Springs, S. Dak.

The Ebenezer Baptist Church near Wessington Springs, S. Dak., was the scene of the annual Mission Festival on Sunday, October 10. Joining with this rural church was the Emmanuel Baptist Church of Wessington Springs, South Dakota.

Large crowds attended the three services. Guest speaker was the Rev.

L. O. Wahl of Wishek, North Dakota. He gave inspiring and inspirational messages. The closing service was one of re-dedication and consecration as the people gave to the mission offering that amounted to \$454. The Rev. Walter Sukut, pastor of the church, gave a heart searching appeal for missions.

Music was furnished by Mrs. Harold Schultz and Mrs. Elmer Pritzkau, both of Wessington Springs. Other music was given by the men's chorus of 14 voices under the direction of Mrs. Arthur Tide. The women's group, a large one, also sang several numbers. Miss Eunice Liedtke was accompanist. Guests came from Sioux Falls, Emery, Alpena, Wessington Springs, all in South Dakota. The women's group served both dinner and supper to large crowds.

The Ebenezer Church also sponsored evangelistic services from November 2 to 14 with the Rev. Henry Lang of Napoleon, N. Dak., as guest speaker. Mrs. Myrna Cotton, Reporter.

### Anniversary Program of the Baptist Woman's Missionary Society, Hettinger, North Dakota

The members of the Woman's Missionary Society of Hettinger, N. Dak., observed their annual fall program on Sunday, Oct. 5th. The president of the society, Mrs. P. Ketterling, was in charge. The meeting was begun with a song by the congregation and another song by the ladies. Scripture was read by Mrs. E. Fuchs and prayer was offered by Mrs. E. Gutsche. Mrs. Ketterling then spoke words of welcome to the assembled people. Reports were given by the secretary, Mrs. M. Zimmerman, and by the treasurer, Mrs. E. Fuchs. Both reports were enthusiastic and showed the missionary spirit of the society.

A dialogue was rendered by the ladies of the society entitled, "The Ten Virgins," translated by the pastor from the German for the occasion. The dramatization of the parable of the ten virgins was superb. The lamp and candle light effect in the darkened church building made the parable real to life. The visiting women from other churches of the Hettinger community were challenged to duplicate the performance. Another special song by the ladies followed.

Mrs. P. Ketterling then gave a dramatized musical reading entitled,

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From the North and the South  
... From 26 States and  
6 Countries ...  
they come to  
the beautiful campus of  
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"The Burning Light," describing the sacrificial life of a devoted Christian lady. A duet was sung by Mrs. E. Fuchs and Mrs. E. Gutsche.

The special speaker for the occasion was the pastor, the Rev. E. Gutsche, who spoke on Matt. 5:16, "Let your light shine." He emphasized that we Christians are the vessels and the Holy Spirit is the light. Jesus said: "Without me ye can do nothing." As Comforter he indwells every Christian.

The offering was taken and words of thanks were expressed by the president. With song and closing prayer by the pastor, this year's fall program came to a close. Our motto is to continue under the Master's guidance and to be found faithful in his service.

Mrs. M. Zimmerman, Secretary.

### Golden Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Fred C. Heitzmann, McClusky, North Dakota

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Fred C. Heitzmann of McClusky, N. Dak., arranged and prepared a golden wedding anniversary celebration in honor of their parents at the Baptist Church on Sunday evening, Aug. 31.

Friends and relatives gathered at the church to help observe the happy event. Baskets and bouquets of garden flowers decorated the altar. The following program was presented: Solo, "Since God Gave Me You," Mrs. Lena Paris; trio, "Footsteps of Jesus," Mrs. George Berg, Mrs. Sam Kirschman and Mrs. Lena Paris; message, Rev. Emanuel Broeckel; duet, "A Wedding Prayer," Mrs. Lena Paris and Mrs. Edwin Hausauer; remarks and verses, Rev. Daniel Klein; solo, "Jesus Never Fails," Grace Kirschman; poem, "Fiftieth Anniversary," Glenn Heitzmann; trumpet solo, "The Beautiful Garden of Prayer," Ted Heitzmann; marriage vows repeated; and response, Mr. Fred C. Heitzmann.

Following the program and service in the church, the guests were served refreshments in the dining hall where the tables were decorated with tapers and flowers. The three-tiered wedding cake was topped with a golden bell and the numeral 50 in gold. Beautiful cards and gifts of money were received by the honor couple. The children presented their parents with a chest of silverware.

Children present for the occasion were: Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Berg and Paul of North Fargo, N. Dak.; Mr. and Mrs. Sam Kirschman and Grace of McClusky, N. Dak.; Mr. and Mrs. Ted Heitzmann and Sandra of Harvey, N. Dak.; Mrs. Lena H. Paris and Brenda of South Fargo, N. Dak.; Mrs. Edna Heitzman, Glenn and Earl, Fred H. Heitzmann of Elk Grove, Calif., a son, was not able to attend.

D. Klein, Pastor.

### Missionary Conference Is Held by the First Baptist Church, Emery, South Dakota

A Missionary Conference, under the direction of the pastor, the Rev. Roy Seibel, was held at the First Baptist Church of Emery, S. Dak., from Sept. 26 to 28. The conference opened on

## 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 BENCKE of Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Mrs. Emma Bencke was born in Richfield, Wis., on September 20, 1877, and passed away in Milwaukee, Wis., on August 26, 1952.

At the age of sixteen years she was baptized and united with the Baptist Church in Polk, Wisconsin. A few years later she moved to Milwaukee, Wis., uniting with the Immanuel Baptist Church. She remained a faithful and active member until her death. Soon after coming to Milwaukee, she was united in marriage to Carl Bencke, who preceded her in death seventeen years ago.

She leaves to mourn her departure her daughter, Mrs. Edith Hall; her adopted son, Herbert; and four grandchildren; and a large circle of friends. Funeral services were conducted by the pastor, Rev. Andrew J. Esperson at the Immanuel Church.

Immanuel Baptist Church,  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

ANDREW J. ESPERSON, Pastor.

### MR. FERDINAND SCHINK of Edmonton, Alberta.

Mr. Ferdinand Schink of Edmonton, Alta., was born on September 27, 1887 in Teronion, Poland, and passed on to his heavenly rest on his 65th birthday after an illness of three months' duration.

In the year 1914 he was united in the bonds of holy matrimony with Lidia Kupsch by the Rev. Otto Lenz, and God blessed this union with three children. In 1919, while then residing in Germany he came to know Christ as a living and personal Savior and was then immersed by the Rev. S. Diabo.

He immigrated to Canada in 1927 with his wife and daughter, Elsie, to make their home in Edmonton, Alta., where they lived until 1934. Moving to Onoway, Alta., he and his family settled on a farm and lived there until 1947 when they moved back to Edmonton where they made their home until his death.

He leaves to mourn his passing his loving wife and three children: one son, Oscar, at home; Mrs. Jake Nordheimer of Edmonton; and Mrs. Herman Wolters of Onoway; also five grandchildren; and in Germany two sisters and one brother, together with many other relatives and friends. May God grant unto all who knew him a glad and eternal reunion in heaven!

Lauderdale Baptist Church,  
Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

W. R. MULLER, Pastor.

Friday evening with a large crowd attending. The neighboring churches had been invited and representatives from eight churches were present. The Rev. Paul Gebauer, field superintendent of the Cameroons Baptist Mission, brought the opening message giving a good preview of our mission work in the Cameroons.

On Saturday morning a period of 45 minutes was set apart for missionary prayer intercession. The missionaries, the Rev. Paul Gebauer and Miss Eleanor Weisenburger, and the general mission secretary, the Rev. R. Schilke, gave their prayer requests which were then brought before the Throne of Grace. Following the prayer period a mission forum was conducted under the chairmanship of the Rev. P. Gebauer. The Missionary Children's School was a topic of much interest

### MR. WILLIAM WOBIG of Unityville, South Dakota.

Mr. William Wobig of Unityville, S. Dak., was born in Baerfelde, near Bernstain, Germany, on Jan. 12, 1864. He came to the United States with his parents and his brother, Carl, in 1882 and settled on a homestead near Canova, South Dakota. On March 22, 1889 he was married to Miss Louise Feske. They made their home on a farm a few miles from Canova. In 1918 they retired from the farm and moved to Unityville. They had the joy to celebrate their golden wedding anniversary in 1939. In 1947 his beloved helpmeet passed away. After her departure he made his home—in his own house—with his daughter, Mrs. Martin Lubinus, and her husband. Our brother enjoyed fairly good health even almost to the end of his earthly pilgrimage. His eyesight, however, failed him during the last years.

Mr. Wobig experienced the saving grace of the Lord and was baptized by the Rev. O. Olthoff and became a member of the Emery Baptist Church in 1889. When the Unityville Church was organized in 1890, he was one of the charter members and remained with the church until the Lord called him home. Our brother served the Lord wholeheartedly as long as he was physically able in various capacities, as deacon, trustee, Sunday School superintendent almost twenty-five years. During the last months he longed to be at home with the Lord. He departed peacefully Sept. 7, 1952 at the age of 88 years, 7 months and 25 days.

He is survived by his sons: Paul of Flandreau and Ernest of Canova, S. Dak.; and five daughters: Mrs. Martin Lubinus, Unityville; Mrs. Fred Rueb, Canova; Mrs. Henry Bunker, Emery; Mrs. Reuben Rabenhorst, Salem, S. Dak.; and Mrs. Ed. Franke of Prairie Du Sac, Wisconsin. Two sons died in childhood. Also eleven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren survive him. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

Unityville, South Dakota

J. F. OLTHOFF, Pastor.

### MR. CHRISTIAN C. FRIEDERICH of Tripp, South Dakota.

Mr. Christian C. Friederich, son of Christian and Catherine Friederich, was born on October 24, 1877 at Tripp, South Dakota. He accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Savior on March 4, 1906, and followed him through the waters of baptism in May 1906, uniting with the Baptist Church at Delmont, S. Dak., with the Rev. John Olthoff as pastor.

In later years he moved from his farm to Tripp, S. Dak., and transferred his membership to the Baptist Church there in 1947, always proving himself a faithful worker in the Lord's cause.

On December 21, 1899 he was united in holy matrimony to Magdalena Lippert, to which union five children were born: Hetwin, of Zellwood, Fla.; Mrs. Melvin Kisatz of San Diego, Calif.; Joe Elmer and Victor of Tripp, S. Dak., who, with his beloved wife, await the Great Reunion.

because the Woman's Missionary Union had just completed a project of providing linens and towels for the school. The morning session was concluded with a message by the Rev. R. Schilke.

Time was again spent in prayer as the afternoon session began. A forum concerning the home mission fields was directed by the Rev. R. Schilke. Miss Eleanor Weisenburger brought the closing message of the afternoon.

A missionary film was shown on Saturday evening giving a view of the new mission work in Japan. Slides were shown on the work among the lepers in the New Hope Settlement in the Cameroons.

A missionary youth rally was held on Sunday afternoon. Special music was furnished by the King's Stewards for our Seminary in Sioux Falls. In

He is also survived by twelve grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; and by the following brothers and sisters: Mrs. Catherine Ziegler of Hebron, N. Dak.; Mrs. Hilda Bachmann of Faith, S. Dak.; John and Richard Friederich of Tripp, S. Dak.; Mrs. Emma Brodeson of Mason City, Iowa; Mrs. Ada Kubly of Rochester, Minnesota.

His parents, three sisters: Mrs. Dora Baltzer, Mrs. Christian Baltzer, Mrs. Hattie Shivington, and two brothers: George and Gustav Friederich, preceded him in death.

He slipped peacefully away to be with his Lord on Saturday morning, October 4, 1952. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

Tripp, South Dakota

ALFRED WEISSER, Pastor.

### CPL. DE ROY KAMMERER of Elk Grove, California.

Cpl. De Roy Kammerer of Elk Grove, Calif., son of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Kammerer, Jr., was born October 11, 1927 at Elk Grove, California. In this area he received both his grammar and high school education. On September 2, 1951 he was united in marriage to Dickie Villegas. Earlier in the same year he had been drafted into military training and service and was subsequently sent abroad to the Korean war scene.

There he served in the medical corps and it was while evacuating wounded soldiers that he himself became a victim of one of the deadly missiles. Thus his life came to an abrupt end on July 31, 1952.

Into this scene of tragedy shines a bright star of hope. For at the age of 14, De Roy professed Christ as his personal Savior and on confession of his faith was baptized and added to the fellowship of the Franklin Baptist Church (now the First Baptist Church of Elk Grove). In this fellowship he gave evidence of his faith by testimony and by his unique way of being helpful whenever anything was to be done. He never shirked. His letters also bespoke his devotion to Christ and his complete confidence in his divine leading.

In one of his last letters he referred to the fact that they had orders for another attack and said among other things, "Only God knows where I will be when this letter reaches you, but whatever happens everything will be all right." And then concluded the letter with the first line of the hymn, "When the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there."

Those who mournfully survive him are his parents; two brothers, Arnold and Milton; one sister, Luella; and many relatives and friends.

The body was shipped home from Korea and was escorted from San Francisco to Sacramento, Calif., by his brother, Pfc. Arnold Kammerer, who recently returned from Korea. The services were conducted at First Baptist Church of Elk Grove on October 3. The Rev. G. G. Rauser, former pastor of this church, and the undersigned brought words of condolence.

Elk Grove, California

W. W. KNAUF, Pastor.

his message of the afternoon the Rev. Paul Gebauer stressed the fact that real joy and satisfaction are found only in being obedient to the Lord. A challenge was presented to young people to give themselves to the service of the Lord.

The concluding service of the conference was held on Sunday evening. The choir, directed by Mrs. Roy Seibel, sang an arrangement of "Let the Lower Lights Be Burning." Miss Eleanor Weisenburger who brought the message of the evening, related her experiences as a missionary nurse as she ministered to the natives of the Cameroons. As the needs of the foreign and home fields were presented, God's people responded with intercessory prayer and a sacrifice offering of \$2,002.39.

Mrs. John Fluth, Reporter.



**HIDDEN VALLEY**

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completely possessed.

For hours they raced around the compound, vainly trying to capture or quiet the horse. Nothing availed. The horse was mad.

Finally as the moon paled and the dawn light began to cast grey shadows, they looked at one another in utter exhaustion. Peter shrugged his shoulders. It was too late to start now.

Walking wearily toward the horse, he called the animal as he had done many times before. The horse stopped, became suddenly docile, whinnied and trotted towards him. Gently nuzzling his master, it was led into the hut and stood quiet while the barrier was replaced.

Peter met Baru at the door of the house. "Whatever got into him?" he asked the African. "He has never acted like that before."

"The ancients again," replied the boy, and he spoke as though the burden had suddenly become too great for him. "They have done something to him to prevent you getting away." And he shrugged his shoulders hopelessly.

They went on into the house and sank down too completely worn out with fatigue and discouragement to care what happened. Peter finally

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stumbled over to his cot, and kicking off his big boots was soon fast asleep.

When he awoke it was late morning. Looking through the dining room he saw the three boys lying asleep on the grass mat by the door. As he rolled off the bed, Baru looked up, then pushed his two sleeping companions to awaken them.

As he boiled a kettle of water on the small pressure stove that he used while trekking, Peter talked it over again with his friends. He would not be deterred by Baru's "Mai gida, I know my country, we had better change our plans." People or no people, Peter was determined to get help and see this bloodshed stopped.

"Listen, Baru," he said, "I'm leaving tonight. If I don't, the moon will soon be gone, and so will the chance for slipping away quietly. We'll go through with it, but this time we will watch the horse. Garba, you and Audu will take turns sitting in the hut with the horse until I need it. Call

if anything happens or if anyone comes." The boys went off to the pleasant task of just sitting.

As the afternoon wore on into evening Peter grew impatient and wandered around picking things up and putting them down again.

Finally he went out to the stable and fed and watered the horse. Everything seemed all right this time. He put on the bridle, and cinched the saddle loosely on his back. The animal seemed quite docile and fit, showing no after effects from whatever had happened to it the night before.

Finally the moon showed its face on the eastern sky, and once more Peter gathered his article together. He didn't bother to lock his door. One hasp had proved useless, and nothing could be done to protect what was left of his goods.

Audu and Garba were given last minute instructions regarding the mission house.

The horse walked quietly from his stable as the reins were untied from the barrier cross-bar. Tightening the cinch and slipping the canteens into the saddle bags, Peter pulled the chin strap down from his helmet, and lengthening it to the limit, slipped it up one arm onto his shoulder. He could leave it there until he needed it the next day. He swung into the saddle.

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