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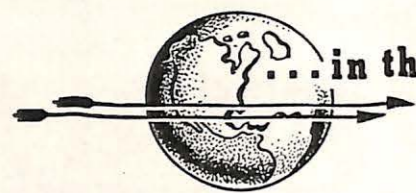
Famous Arch of Constantine in Rome

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Rev. Alphonz Lamprecht

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...in the course of human events

● Prayer in the schools has no influence on moral development, declared Dr. Israel Goldstein, president of the Jewish Congress. He considers the practice of opening classes with prayers as a possible wedge to break separation of Church and State.—The Register.

● There were 40,000 Catholics in 1790 in the United States. In 1820 already 243,000; in 1840—661,254; in 1860—3,392,980; in 1890—10,419,588; in 1920—17,735,553; in 1930—20,203,702; in 1940—21,403,136; in 1950—27,766,141; in 1952—29,407,520.—The Converted Catholic.

● Bishop Fulton J. Sheen never memorizes his speeches, he revealed in a Look magazine article. In the course of a week's preparation, he may make as many as eight or ten outlines, destroying each one except possibly the last. But even the last outline he never brings to the studio. By that time, "it's in my head."—The New World.

● Mr. Ernest Lloyd, representing the British Jews Society, spoke recently at the Spurgeon's Tabernacle, London. He spoke depressingly of life in the State of Israel. He told the audience that in four years the Jewish population has increased from 600,000 to 2,500,000. Housing is an acute problem. Food is scarce and dear, and most tragic of all, there are no jobs for Hebrew Christians.—The British Weekly.

● Evangelist Billy Graham touched the heartstrings of one of his listeners in the midwest recently, and incidentally touched the man's purse strings at the same time. A letter enclosing \$100 was sent to the evangelist explaining that \$75 was to be paid Greyhound Lines for unpaid bus rides, and \$25 was to go to the state to atone for income-tax fudging he "might have done" in the past.—Signs of the Times.

● In Jerusalem today a small sect, known as Neturei Karta, studies the Scriptures and prays with longing for Messiah himself to come. Its members scorn the State of Israel and regard it as a sorry substitute for the magnificent world-wide Kingdom of the Messiah where redeemed Israel—powerful, wealthy, holy—will stand at the head of the nations. Significantly enough, Neturei Karta has been called the most hated sect in Israel.—Prophecy Monthly.

● The persecution of Protestant Christians in Colombia, South America, is still in progress. Bombings, murders, beatings, false imprisonment, are continuing at the rate of about one a day. Government officials politely acknowledge formal protests, promise an investigation, but fail to put a stop to the abuses. An attempt is being made by Catholic circles to change the constitution of that country so as to bring it into line with the Vatican Concordat.—Moody Monthly.

● A French Catholic nun in Brazil joined the Baptist Church in Bahia. She began at once to preach Christ. The Catholic authorities were greatly angered. First they sought to have her denied the use of a loud-speaker. Then loud-speakers from every town corner were blaring out an appeal to all and sundry to gather in an attack on the Baptist church. Some 2000 young people and some of the scum of the city, led by a priest, stoned the church, breaking its windows. The Baptists retired then to a nearby Presbyterian school, barricaded themselves and the nun's message was broadcast anyway through the town.—The Sunday School Times.

● The Metropolitan Tabernacle in London, England, has reached its three hundredth anniversary. In 1854, Charles Haddon Spurgeon, then only twenty years of age, was called to New Park Street Chapel, Southwark, and seven years later his famous Tabernacle was opened in Newington Butts. Probably no church in London suffered more from the impact of World War II. Not only was the great auditorium, with its vestries, gutted by fire, but the membership was more than halved. However, under the able ministry of the Rev. Gerald B. Griffiths, a new day has dawned. Congregations are increasing, and the membership of the Sunday Schools of the Tabernacle and its missions now total 1,168.—Alliance Weekly.

FRONT COVER

The front cover picture shows the Arch of Constantine in Rome, symbolic of Christianity's triumph over paganism in the third century. Now read the article by the Rev. Charles J. Anderson on "The Holy Land Through Evangelical Eyes" on page 8.

ENGAGEMENTS

Dr. Frank H. Woyke
April 10—Session of the Christian Training Institute Board, Edmonton, Alberta.
April 11-12—Missionary Conference, Bridgeland Church, Calgary, Alberta.

Rev. R. Schilke
April 12 (Sunday)—New Leipzig, North Dakota.
April 19 (Sunday A.M.)—White Ave. Church, Cleveland, Ohio.
April 19 (Sunday Afternoon)—Ukrainian Baptist Mission at Erin Ave. Church, Cleveland, Ohio.
April 19 (Sunday P.M.)—Erin Ave. Church, Cleveland, Ohio.
April 21-22—Northern Conference Ministers' Retreat, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Rev. J. C. Gunst
April 12 (Sunday)—Temple Church, Buffalo, New York.
April 19 (Sunday)—Central Church, Erie, Pennsylvania.
April 20-21—"Youth Compass" editorial committee meeting, Forest Park, Illinois.

Rev. Daniel Fuch, Evangelist
April 12-24—Bessie, Oklahoma.

Rev. Herman Palfenier Evangelist
April 5-17—Immanuel Baptist Church, New York, N. Y.

EVENTS IN APRIL

April 10—Session of the Christian Training Institute Board, Edmonton, Alberta.
April 17—Session of the Board of the Publication Society, Cleveland, Ohio.
April 20-21—"Youth Compass" Editorial Committee, Forest Park, Ill.
April 21-22—Northern Conference Ministers' Retreat, Winnipeg, Manitoba. Guest Speakers: Dr. Leslie Chaffee, Rev. O. E. Krueger and Rev. R. Schilke.
April 24-25—Board of Trustees sessions, North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.
April 25-26—Wisconsin CBY and Sunday School Rally, Manitowoc, Wis.
April 26 (Sunday)—Minnesota Association at Randolph, Minnesota.
April 29-30—General Missionary Committee sessions, Forest Park, Ill.

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"The Blessing of a Good Book"

THERE ARE MANY blessings that come to us in our lives but none can be so heart-warming and so life-changing as a good book in our hands that is read with eager interest. "A book," said Disraeli, "may be as great a thing as a battle." The consequences can be even greater as a result of the reading of that book.

One need only mention the far reaching influence of such good books as Bunyan's "Pilgrim's Progress" or Harriet Beecher Stowe's "Uncle Tom's Cabin." We are assuming that this reading of good books is in addition to the faithful, regular, studious reading of the Bible, which is far more than a book to the Christians. That is his Textbook, his Compass, the Book of books. Do you remember, when the Apostle Paul was lonely and cold in prison at Rome, when Timothy not to forget the cloak that he had left with Carpus nor the books, especially the parchments, when he came to be with him? (2 Timothy 4:13.) How greatly he missed them!

It is a rather sad commentary on most Christians that we read so little. We are very ignorant Christians when it comes to acquaintance with the missionary situations in far off places, with the acquaintance of Scriptural truth, with the religious currents of the deeper meaning and heart, comrades in joy and sorrow, counselors in times of problems, and guides in days of bewilderment and doubt! But so often we know so little about these trustworthy comrades of the Christian life.

There has never been a time when the printing presses have produced such a vast array of books. But the choice among them of good Christian literature is tremendously difficult to the average person. Today the exhortation of the Apostle Paul to Timothy is more important than ever: "Till I came, give heed to reading" (1 Timothy 4:13). Christian reading is for more than "going through" certain pages of a book. It is the selection of the best books with careful attention and the reading of the same with prayerful interest and meditation.

But we need to start somewhere. We must give more time and attention to reading. The announcements of the Roger Williams Press in the "Baptist Herald" and "Youth Compass" of good books, the recommendations of your pastor or Christian friends, the suggestions as to Christian books that come in many surprising ways are the open door into this blessed land of good Christian reading. But we must read and develop habits of reading and discipline ourselves to the art of interested reading.

"Books are ladders—rung by rung,
Climbing where the Psalms are sung,
Up where angel voices sing
And anthems, everlasting, ring!

"Books are ladders strong, which lift
Human souls on wings as swift
As wistful winds that sweep wide ways
To where some sky-born vision plays!"

Remember to give attention to your reading. Study your Bible, and frequently enjoy the reading of a good book. It will make a better Christian of you, enjoying the companionship of great souls of all ages!



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Stand and Wait for God!

Losing ourselves in the work that God has given us and looking full into his wonderful face, we will discover an amazing truth: We do not wait for God, but God waits for us!

By the REV. ALPHONZ LAMPRECHT of Golden Prairie, Saskatchewan

"O Lord, how long?" Psalm 6:3.

EVERYONE has waited. The pedestrian serves time on the corner alternating his weight from one cold foot to the other, but all the streetcars go the other way. The student peers into his mail box, hoping to find that letter, those marks, or the Income Tax refund. Children, with cheeks pressed against the window, wait for Mother and Dad to come home. Anxious parents wait for the return of their soldier son. Young people wait for God to tell them what to do.

THE TIME OF CLOCKS

Waiting takes time. In a reflective mood, we see there are three kinds of time. There is the time that is ticked off by our watches—sixty seconds to the minute and sixty minutes to the hour. The world revolves around its own axis once every twenty-four hours and around the sun once a year. This time is fixed and objective.



"So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom" (Psalm 90:12).

ever, when one is away from the factory vacationing in the Rockies, those two weeks are the shortest in the year.

or race, depending upon our situation and viewpoint of life.

GOD'S TIME

God's time is the third kind of time. Here "a thousand years are as a day." There is no beginning and no end. He is Alpha and Omega. Time is rather absorbed in Eternity. An interesting statement was made in a recent article on space in TIME magazine. Some interstellar space men believe that if a space ship moves at nearly the speed of light, its time slows down. To the people inside who would sail from star to star, thousands of earth-years would seem like several weeks. Maybe time is only relative, and possible the Biblical equation, 1000 years = 1 day, becomes a little easier to understand.

Abraham was one of the first who waited for God. He had to wait until he was nearing one hundred years old before even Ishmael was born to him. Then God promised Abraham that his descendants would be about as easy to count as it would be to take a census of the sands of the sea. Abraham was quiet and waited. Isaac was born and he only had two sons. Five hundred years after Abraham was dead, the sons of Abraham become a limited tribe. Abraham knew what it meant to wait for God.

About a thousand years later the great meditating prophet and symbol of temperance, Daniel, took the writings of Jeremiah up to his eastern window, laid them out before the Lord, and prayed God that he would show mercy to his people who had waited seventy years for deliverance.

WAIT IN JERUSALEM

Coming over into the New Testament times, a just and devout man of God, Simeon, waited for the promised Messiah. Waiting to see him with his own eyes gave him courage to live. Thirty-three years later this resurrected Messiah, in bidding farewell, told his disciples to wait in Jerusalem until the Holy Spirit would empower them. The last words of the Bible are a longing, a waiting: "Even so, Come, Lord Jesus."

We as lesser Christians, in our own times, have waited. History is full of men who have innocently been thrown into prison and there have

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waited for justice; and, when justice did not come from men, they turned to God and cried the words of our text, "How long, O Lord, how long?"

Often poignant to the young person is vocational waiting. He attains the responsibility of determining his own place in life. Parents can only advise, but cannot decide for him. Sincere and wise, this person will turn to God and ask him to reveal his will for his life. Life is too crucial, the future too unpredictable, and he wants only God's best for his life. So he waits for God, sometimes wondering if the answer, if the cue, will ever come.

Take comfort in this, that God is more concerned about you and your future than you yourself are. You will probably never see a cross in the night sky, but God may ask you as he asked Moses, "What is in thine hand?" God's answer will come in his time, in due time, which is the right time, no sooner or no later, and chances are his answer will catch you unprepared.

"What is in thine hand?" Do that work that you find at hand. Do it well and to the best of your ability, and you will find doors of opportunity opening to you, so that you will wish you had ten lives to live out your possibilities.

GOD WAITS FOR US

There is also value in waiting. Waiting sifts, dropping out those who effervescently dedicate their all, while retaining those who quietly mean business. That is why hundreds will crowd around the altar and cry, "Lord, Lord, we will go wherever thou wilt send us," whereas ten years later only a fraction of that number have gone out and done his bidding. "He that putteth his hand to the plow and looketh back is not worthy of me." Waiting divides and picks.

Do we actually wait for God? God is ready whenever we are ready. If we do not have that explicit, proverbial call from God, let us begin on that which is at hand, do it to the best of our ability, in love. John Milton discovered that, even though blind, we can also serve if we only "stand and wait."

Losing ourselves in the work that God has given us and looking full into his wonderful face, we will discover an amazing truth: We do not wait for God, but GOD WAITS FOR US.

When we read the Old Testament prophets, it seems that the Israelites waited, as Jesus, unrecognized and came, they know him not, and God waited, as Jesus, unrecognized and alone, wept over a dark Jerusalem where around dim candlelight family fathers were at that very moment blindly searching the Scriptures. Christ was outside, waiting. He waits for us today!

The Christian Teacher

The inspiration and responsibilities of the Christian teacher as described in a Watchnight Service at Venturia, North Dakota

By MISS HULDA DOCKTER of Venturia, North Dakota

"TAKE THIS CHILD away, and nurse it for me, and I will give thee thy wages." This verse is directed to Motherhood and just as much to teachers who must have the motherly instinct before they can be a successful teacher. The story of Moses is brought to our minds which I think is the most beautiful and fascinating in the world.

We as teachers must guide the children. We must exercise much care over the company the children keep, the books they read and the places to which they go. It is wonderful if we can be plucky teachers. When everything is against us, yet we never give up. Teachers must be brave when it comes to the safety of her boys and girls.

PRACTICAL HOLINESS

When Jesus wanted to give his disciples an impressive object lesson, did he call in a college professor? No, he brought in a little child and said, "Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven."

So often we are too apt to imagine that holiness consists of mere good feeling toward God. It does not. Our hands are God's and can fitly be used only in doing his work. Our feet should do only his errands. Our lips should only speak words that honor him and bless others. Our hearts should have pure thoughts and affections. Religion



Every Christian teacher can be like a key that unlocks the hearts of pupils to an understanding of God's Word!

is practical; it isn't only a Sunday affair.

If you have named the name of Jesus, If you're known as one of his, Remember that the world is watching, To see how your victory is.

Walk worthy of your holy calling. Bring praise to his blessed name. Lest he through us should be dishonored And our deeds should bring him shame.

Our life may be a life of victory, If yielded to him alone, Our work, and by it, We shall be known.

Therefore can you and I teach a child to love truth and hate a lie, to love purity and hate vice? If we can, is it not greater than inventing a flying machine that will take us to the moon before breakfast?

A TEACHER'S INSPIRATION

There is a mighty power in an inspiring and loving teacher. When a child is struggling through life, a teacher can put her arms around him and say, "Sonny, you are doing fine today, much better that you did yesterday." Every boy and girl is a trust in the hands of a teacher as a trust from God. One of the worst crimes I'm committing as a teacher is if I'm unfaithful to the trust of God. Every little boy and girl is a jewel from God. He gave that life to us to polish for him so he can set it in a crown.

Are teachers to be blamed for crowded prisons? Am I as a teacher drawing wages from God or from the devil? If I have a little boy who smokes, or a little girl whose reputation is being kicked around like a football, am I doing something about it? What do you think God will do if I fail, if through my neglect that boy becomes a Judas?

A teacher's responsibilities cover a wide, wide territory. We as teachers today are so easily offended, so easily sidetracked, trying to be so tactful and nice, that oftentimes we never contact. Let us not shake our responsibilities and say, "I'm free, that's the minister's business." Oh, no, for every lost soul I'm in contact with, I'll have to give an account for it.

Why did God call us, you and me? He called you and me to keep people out of damnation. That's our main business, Christians! As this year progresses, we must say, "For us to live is Christ and to die is gain." Won't we, teachers?

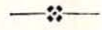
Another Year in the Cameroons

What a challenge is ours to witness for Christ at Soppo and in the coastal area of the Cameroons! Pray for us as we strive to lead the lost to a saving knowledge of Christ and his love



By MRS. VERNA MICHELSON

describing the Missionary Work of the Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Michelson



IT IS HARD to believe that soon it will be a year since we have returned to the country of the Cameroons to perform the numerous tasks that God has called us to do. Many blessings and joys have been ours during the past months and we would like to share some of our experiences with you.

We were heartily greeted and welcomed by our Soppo missionaries and native friends upon our arrival in Africa. Soppo Christians held a very fine welcome service and we appreciated their expressions of joy upon our return. We were humbled by the many personal greetings and gifts that they brought to us. Being again stationed at Soppo, we felt very much at home and we became quite easily adjusted and settled in our home and work. Formerly we occupied the upper floor of the big old Soppo house, but this time we live in a cozy little three-room cottage type of house near the church and we enjoy our home. It affords privacy and ample space for our family of five.

TEACHING AND TREKKING

Soon after our arrival, we went upland to Mbem to help teach in our fine Bible School for about two weeks. It was wonderful to stop along the way at Bamenda, Belo, Bansa and Ndu to see our fellow-workers and to learn how the work is progressing on every station. We had to trek by horse and foot the last seven hours into Mbem and Earl Ahrens met us the last mile of the way. It was grand to fellowship with the Mbem missionaries and we appreciated the brief opportunity to teach the Bible School students.

The biggest thrill, however, was to witness the marvelous conversion of Tafu, the Mbem man who burned all his idols and fetishes in a sacred grove in the presence of the missionaries and native Christians and then after that he went about boldly and unafraid witnessing for the Lord. We shall never forget the light in his eyes and the look of joy and peace on his face. He reminded us of the Apostle Paul when he was struck down by God on the Damascus road. This man's true conversion gave us even greater vision,

courage and joy to make Christ known to these people in the Cameroons—especially at the Coast where we are handicapped by indifference, worldliness and confusion.

God is able and with him all things are possible. So pray with us that many here in the Soppo area will also believe and follow the Lord Jesus Christ. Only the Crucified One can meet the present need in the lives of these people who are seeking freedom and peace.

A few months ago five new churches were organized and opened by our Bamenda province Christians who are working here at the Coast in the banana plantations. Each one has a grassland church teacher to lead them and to teach the Word of God. Several new Christians have been added to these churches by baptism, and they are going forward with Christ. Other plantations are still in the process of some churches being organized and will soon become established churches.

The local native churches show some signs of spiritual growth, but they would do better under more consecrated and zealous leadership. They



David Williams, who has finished his seminary training in Nigeria, and recently has preached stirring messages at the Bender Memorial Church in Soppo, Cameroons.

are becoming more self-supporting now and many are already on their own financially. Through the work and functioning of our fine Local Field Council which meets quarterly to discuss the various spiritual and financial problems existing, our churches are beginning to understand the work of the church and to help themselves.

Pray with us that young men and women, who are educated and talented, would fully consecrate themselves to Christ and would follow the call of the Master to go into full-time service for him. Up to date there have been too few, but we thank God for the faithful ones and for those, who are trying to win others to Christ. They serve him in the midst of trial and temptation, but surely they will be rewarded for their faithfulness to our Lord and his cause.

THE SOPPO WOMEN

The Soppo women are a blessing and an encouragement to us as missionaries. Faithfully and willingly they meet each Wednesday in the Bender Memorial Church for their weekly meetings to "give worship to the Lord with joy; and come before him with a song" (Psalm 100:2). Not only do they attend women's meetings regularly but they are in their places on Sunday mornings for the Duala worship service. They are the best givers of their material blessings and constitute the larger group of our attendance at services.

The women have a very fine choir under the able leadership of Bertha Kuh, who is a young and talented singer. They sing every Sunday morning and on special occasions and it would thrill your hearts to hear them sing the old familiar German hymns as, "Gott ist die Liebe" and "Dankt dem Herrn mit frohem Mut" (in the vernacular, "Loba le Ndolo" and "Sango na Men"). They wear white uniforms for special programs and we were happy that they were especially invited to sing for the delegation of the United Nations when they were here on a visit this past year. Many Europeans commented on their fine singing and it was a time of witnessing to many Africans as they sang their own native hymns.

The women have been encouraged to do their own leading and giving of Bible messages, and some of them do exceedingly well. In giving their Bible lessons, they will not only speak but sometimes actually dramatize them. Our headmaster's wife, Susanna Ekema, gave a fine and vivid portrayal on "Deborah" of the Bible. Another young woman, Rebecca Mokey, gave the "Prodigal Son" with much expression and clarity.

Special prayer requests are always given at each meeting, and not only do they pray for the sick and bereaved but they gather food and pay them a visit to present their gifts to help in a time of need. The women also have a treasury and each week a small offering is taken. Their present project is to use the money in purchasing a new pulpit for the Bender Memorial Church. This will be an added improvement to the church.

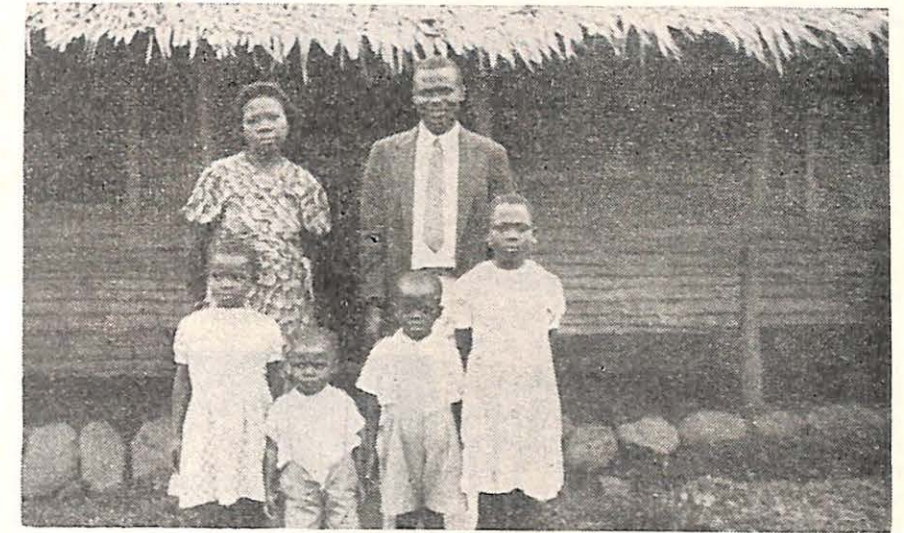
The last Sunday in November the church had its annual Harvest and Mission Festival and they had a very fine service. The house of God was filled to capacity and the Sunday School children did well in their recitations and songs. Thomas Quenchi, the church teacher from Mbem and a consecrated man of God, gave a timely and challenging message to our Coastal people. He pointed out to them their sins and how God loves them and yet must be grieved that he made man because he does not seek after him and his righteousness. He stated clearly that if a sinner did not repent and turn from his evil ways, God would surely punish even as he did in the days of Noah.

CHRISTMAS EVE

Christians of Soppo church gathered on Christmas Eve to remember the Savior's birth and to give thanks to God for his beloved Son. The Sunday School beautifully rendered the old favorite Christmas hymns, and it was thrilling to hear the youngsters give their Christmas recitations and dialogues. The women also did their part by giving the "Nativity" and singing their choir selections.

The presentation of Christ's birth was given in a native way. The interpretation of it was good and they dressed quite suitably, too. The scene of paying taxes was somewhat amusing in that the usual native way of arguing about what to pay for taxes here in this land was carried out in the scene. The one who played King Herod asserted authority similar to that of a chief of a tribe where he still has power and prestige.

During the year gone by, we have started a proper English Sunday morning service. The attendance is not as good as it should be, but it is improving with time and we are reaching our young people more and natives



Susanna Ekema who recently portrayed Deborah at a women's meeting in the Bender Memorial Church, Soppo, is shown with her husband who is school headmaster and her family of four children.

from Nigeria who come to the Cameroons to hold government and Cameroons Development Corporation positions. We have had some Europeans from Buea attending as well. George Haddison has contributed much in giving some very fine gospel messages in these services.

Recently David Williams, who together studied with Mr. Haddison in the seminary in Nigeria, has been bringing the morning messages and he has stirred and challenged us all with his spirit-filled sermons. We are proud and pleased with Mr. Williams and much can be attributed to the Benders, who patiently and wisely helped him throughout his youth and Christian life. Soppo missionaries today are reaping the fruits of the hard labors of the Benders.

Soppo Station has had many visitors this past year in that a good number of missionaries have come to the field and others have gone home on furlough. It has been a privilege and a joy to welcome them all and to send them on their way home as well. We welcomed Esther Schultz, the Lawrences, Tina Schmidt, Minnie Kuhn, the Gebauers, the Boutwells and Ida Forsch. We bade farewell to Eleanor Weisenburger, the Ahrensens, the Chaffees, and Berneice Westerman. What a fine missionary family we have and our people at home can be proud and thankful for all of them!

Other missionaries from other missions in Nigeria and the Basel missionaries here have also visited us and we have enjoyed fine fellowship with them and we also learned from them how they carry on their work. It is an opportunity for us to gain from their experiences and learn by their problems and successes. We visit with the government and the Cameroons Development Corporation people in Buea and we have found some fine Christians and friends among them.

One of them is a Baptist young man from Scotland. The Coast is now occupied by over seven hundred Europeans and it was surprising to note at the annual children's Christmas party at Bota that there are now ninety-six white children in this area.

PERSONAL BLESSINGS

A personal blessing that we have experienced towards the end of this year has been the arrival of our son, Mark Philip. He was born on November 11 and he is bringing much joy and sunshine in our home. Paul and Judy are very proud of him and are mother's little helpers in looking after him. Soppo Christians are delighted with him and everyone thanked us heartily for "the fine man pekin."

The women brought him a gift of eggs, fruit and corn and they gave him the native name of "Ndedi" which means grace. They said surely God was good in giving us another child after a period of six years. He, too, will fill his role as a little missionary and be a means of opening doors which would otherwise be closed. The Africans love and adore children and they deeply admire us for having them. They have openly stated that to have a large family and to set the example of a Christian home in this country is one of the finest services that we as missionary families can render.

What a challenge is ours to witness for Christ not only by word of mouth but most of all by the way we live each day in our home. Pray for us as we strive to be living examples and in various ways lead the lost to a saving knowledge of Christ and his love.

"Chosen to be soldiers in an alien land, Chosen, called, and faithful, for our Captain's band, In the service royal, let us not grow old; Let us be right loyal, noble true and bold. Master, thou wilt keep us by thy grace divine, Always on the Lord's side, Savior, always thine."

The Holy Land Through Evangelical Eyes

The first of two articles by the new pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Kenosha, Wis., who began his ministry on Easter Sunday, April 5, 1953

By the REV. CHARLES J. ANDERSON of Kenosha, Wisconsin

IT HAS BEEN truly said, "Little becomes much, when God is in it," but never in a quarter century of witnessing to Christ in thirty countries of the world and in forty-six states of the United States was this brought home to my heart so forcibly than during a few short months of ministry in what most people call the "Holy Land."

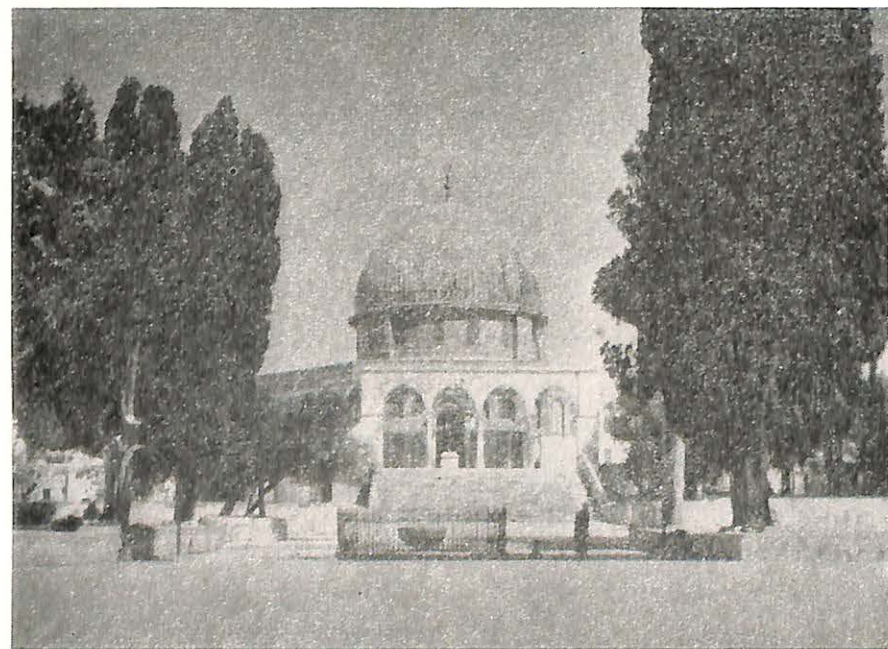
Americans especially seem to put "bigness" and "importance" side by side. The vastness of Texas and the population of New York City, the number of our automobiles, the height of our skyscrapers are often quoted as an indication of the greatness of our nation. We seem to put size and numbers as criteria of greatness.

However, in approaching the "Holy Land" via air over England, Germany and Italy with Easter Sunday in Athens on Mars Hill followed by a visit to Egypt's pagan splendors and by glorious times of spiritual blessing on the Isle of Cyprus, the "Holy Land" appeared as nothing more than a tiny spot on a vast globe. We were to find that the four countries which comprise Palestine are no larger than the state of New Hampshire and smaller than certain counties of the state of Texas. Israel is approximately the same size and shape as the state of New Jersey.



Rev. Charles J. Anderson of Kenosha, Wis., formerly regional director for Youth for Christ, International.

The last lap of the air journey was from Cyprus to the Lebanese capital Beirut. The city of Beirut is a contrast of the ancient and modern world living side by side. Perhaps more Buicks, Cadillacs and Lincoln automobiles (all of up-to-date vintage)



The Dome of the Rock, the Mohammedan mosque which stands on the site of Mt. Moriah and Solomon's Temple.

are in that city than in any other capital of the world with the exception of Washington, D. C. It is the only city in the Palestinian Arab world with a substantial Jewish population living peaceably alongside its Mohammedan and Christian Arab neighbors, and indeed it is the only city with a substantial Christian Arab population, flavored as it is with thousands of Armenian Christians.

CITY OF BEIRUT

Lebanon is the only one of the Palestinian countries which could in any sense be called Christian, since Christians are a tiny minority in the other countries. Here is the mighty university founded by the consecrated efforts of early Covenanters Presbyterian missionaries, where, sadly enough, the Name of the Christ they loved is seldom mentioned today.

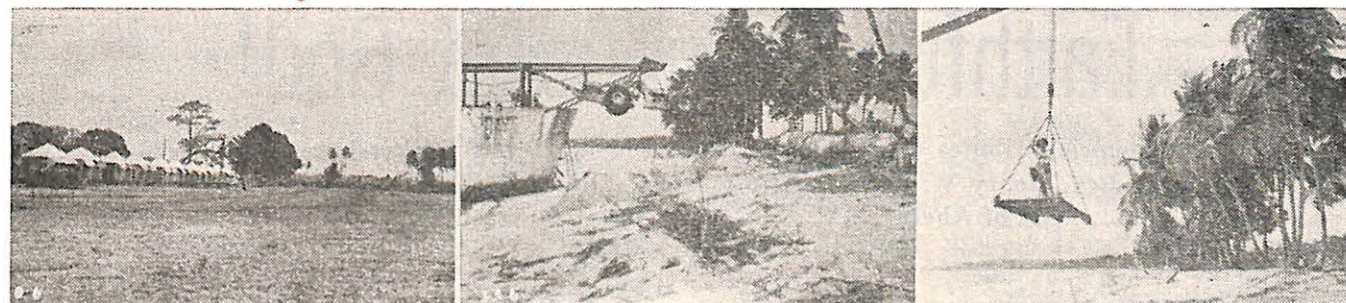
But in the midst of modern buildings, universities and other evidences of civilization, there is almost indescribable poverty among the lower classes. On seeing barefooted porters carrying tremendous loads yoked to their bent backs, one appreciates for the first time what the message of the Master, "My yoke is easy, and my burden light," must have meant to Middle Eastern peoples.

The Armenian Evangelical Church, the Church of God, a rather small Baptist work, and the British-Syrian Mission constitute the strongest evangelistic influence in Lebanon, but a yearly Sunday School rally of these and other groups draws several thousand alert and well educated youngsters, and it was to this group as well as to others that it was my privilege to speak during my stay in Lebanon.

MOHAMMEDAN POWER

However, alongside the Roman Catholic, Greek Orthodox and evangelical Christian churches and the few synagogues of the Jewish populace is the ever present and very evident power of Mohammed. Five times each day from the minarets of the mosques scattered throughout the city comes the call, magnified by very efficient amplification systems, "There is one God, and Mohammed is his prophet. Let the faithful come to pray," and magically from tens of thousands of loose flowing garments and western dress alike

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Aluminum-topped cabins which house the residents of Tournata, Liberia, are shown at the left. Center, huge earthmover, called Model A Tournatwo, is lowered to beach from Motor Vessel Robert G. LeTourneau on which it was transported from United States to Liberia.

This Is Tournata, Africa

By MR. WALTER E. KOHRS of Peoria, Illinois, a Member of the North American Baptist Publication Board

THERE'S a neat settlement in West Africa, where, but a short time ago, there was nothing but trackless jungle.

Named "Tournata" after the founder of the expedition, R. G. LeTourneau, widely-known industrialist and Christian layman, it is located on Baffu Bay in Liberia, Africa.

TOURNATA SETTLEMENT

At present, it consists of a settlement of about a dozen cottages nestled about a thousand feet inland from the beach on the shore of Baffu Bay. The houses are pre-fabricated structures made of plywood in metal frames, these being welded together in sections when the homes were erected and placed on stilts. These are the homes in which residents of the colony reside.

The colonists are headed by Mr. and Mrs. Gus Dick and three children (Mrs. Dick is the daughter of Mr. LeTourneau.) Others in the group are a chief mechanic and his family, another technician and his wife, and three missionaries—Rev. Walter Guenther, Madison, Wis.; Paul Lewis, Miles City, Mont., and Harold Crossman of Pennsylvania. The latter two attended LeTourneau Tech of Texas. On special interest to North American Baptists is the fact that the Rev. Fred Ferris of Muscatine, Iowa, formerly pastor of First Baptist Church, Lorraine, Kans., is joining the Tournata missionary staff. He and his family planned to sail for Liberia in mid-March.

Tournata is a busy place—seven days a week. On Sundays, the missionaries conduct worship services in native churches at nearby villages, with morning and evening worship services being conducted at the camp for residents and for native villagers who come in for such services. A worship service also is held every Wednesday evening in the camp.

With the area where Tournata is located being jungle down to the water's edge when the colonists first landed there last September, construction activities to create places to live are still going on. The sight of the welding torch in operation on the pre-fabricated dwellings and the sound of hammering are familiar weekday features, as is the sound of the portable sawmill slicing up logs beyond one end of the housing area. A spectacular sight are the giant arches looming against the sky—supports for what eventually will be a huge shop building which will house machinery being used in land-clearing operations.

EQUIPMENT AND CATTLE

Earthmoving equipment is busy at the never-ending task of pushing a road through the jungle, and in clearing away jungle growth to make way for fields that will grow food crops.

The big event early in 1953 was the arrival of the converted LSM which brought in its second load of equip-

ment needed to attain the land-clearing and crop-growing objectives of the Tournata program.

Also brought over on the boat on its second trip were cattle which came from Longview, Texas, and Vicksburg, Miss., farms. The cattle technician is Ralph K. Barker of San Diego, Calif., now retired but who was in the dairy business for twenty years. Poultry-raising activities were inaugurated by Hobart Creighton of Warsaw, Ind., nationally-known in his field. Grady Wright of Columbus, Miss., is counseling on the lumber program.

Dr. V. Raymond Edman, president of Wheaton, Ill., college, counsellor on the missionary aspects of the Tournata program states that "from the spiritual viewpoint we have uppermost the evangelization and education of the Liberians, and the maintenance and development of the spiritual life of the staff. We propose to establish local, self-supporting churches for this evangelization and education, so that Christianity will be something indigenous to the Liberians and not something essentially associated with 'foreigners'.

"From the economic viewpoint we aim to develop agriculture—grains, fruits, livestock, poultry and the like, both for subsistence at Tournata, and in time possibly for export. Some crops are needed for immediate consumption. Other crops require planning at longer range, such as cocoa, coffee and rubber.

MISSIONARY OBJECTIVES

"In addition to agriculture there is to be the development of the natural resources such as timber and minerals, if any, by the use of LeTourneau equipment. This development program will follow the further strengthening of the beachhead of Baffu Bay

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THIS IS TOURNATA

This is the first of two articles which will appear in THE BAPTIST HERALD on Tournata, the site of the missionary-agricultural development project being undertaken in Africa by LeTourneau of Liberia, Ltd., a subsidiary of LeTourneau Technical Institute of Longview, Texas. The photographs were taken by Walter Kohrs of the LeTourneau company, who accompanied Mr. R. G. LeTourneau and party to Liberia early this year. BAPTIST HERALD readers will recall that an introductory article on the expedition appeared in the Jan. 29, 1953 issue.

Faithful Servants of God!

Memorial tributes to the Rev. George F. Ehrhorn of Parkersburg, Iowa, the Rev. Henry W. Wedel of Milwaukee, Wis., and the Rev. R. A. Klein of Aberdeen, S. Dak., who recently passed away



REV. GEORGE F. EHRHORN of Parkersburg, Iowa—1871-1953

Another servant of the Lord has been called Home from among us. The Rev. George Ehrhorn, born near Hamburg, Germany, on May 10, 1871, died at Lubbock, Texas, on February 16, 1953. With his family in early days he migrated to Lebanon, Pa., in 1883, and later moved to Kansas.

During these years of working on the farm he came to know the Lord Jesus Christ as his Savior. Under the influence of a godly home, he heard the call to Christian service in 1894 and entered the Rochester Theological Seminary. From here he was called to serve what is now known as the Burns Ave. Baptist Church of Detroit, Michigan. In 1901 as a young pastor he went to Canton, Ohio, where he took as his bride, Margaret A. Kutrieb, the organist of the Canton Church.

Later he served churches at Humphrey and Creston, Neb.; Salt Creek, Ore.; Lodi, Calif.; Bessie, Okla.; Concordia, Miss.; Dillon, Kans.; Bison, Kans.; and Parkersburg, Iowa. His active ministry was concluded with a second pastorate at the Baptist Church of Bessie, Oklahoma.

During these years the Lord blessed the Ehrhorn home with five children: three sons: Herbert of Grand Rapids, Minn.; Theodore of Rochester, Minn.; and Walter of Lubbock, Texas; and two daughters: Esther (wife of Rev. L. M. Clark) of Chicago, Ill.; and Alice (wife of Rev. Howard Johnson) of Cedar Falls, Iowa. All of these remain to mourn his passing. His wife preceded him in death in April, 1944. He is also survived by two brothers: Rev. Julius Ehrhorn of Waco, Texas, and Mr. William Ehrhorn of Anaheim, Calif.; one sister, Mrs. Emma Kuppenhaver of Albion, Pa.; thirteen grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

In retirement he continued to have a keen interest in the work of the Lord and carried on a ministry of prayer for our churches and mission fields. In 1944 he made his home in Parkersburg, Iowa, and at his death was a member of the Parkersburg Baptist Church. In recent years he had spent considerable time visiting with members of his family.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. on February 19th in the Parkersburg Baptist Church with interment in the

local cemetery. The pastor, Rev. Ronald C. MacCormack, officiated. The message was brought by a friend of the deceased, Rev. Herman Lohr of Corona, S. Dak., who spoke of the rich heritage of Christian love and spiritual guidance which Brother Ehrhorn had bequeathed to his family, and the life so well lived. Casket-bearers were: R. H. Mulder, Heit Husinga, C. C. Jongeling, Bert Heerts, John Bartels and Herman Huisinga. Like Enoch of old, he also walked with God, and is not, for God has taken him.

Parkersburg, Iowa

Ronald C. MacCormack, Pastor.

REV. HENRY W. WEDEL of Milwaukee, Wis.—1872-1953

The Rev. Henry W. Wedel of Milwaukee, Wis., was born in Alexanderwohl, Russia, on May 30, 1872, and passed away at his home in Milwaukee on February 23, 1953, came to the United States with his parents in 1874, settling in Kansas. As a young man he was baptized into the Baptist Church of Marion, Kansas. Having felt the call to the ministry, he entered the Rochester Theological Seminary for theological training.

After graduation, he served churches in the North American Baptist Conference for more than a half century. His pastorates were in Kansas, Oregon, Illinois, Iowa, Michigan and Wisconsin. His later pastorates were in Aplington, Iowa; Immanuel Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wis.; and Victor, Iowa.

He was united in marriage to Miss Louisa Baumann in 1900. To this came five children: Mrs. Esther Denny, Aurora, Ill.; Miss Edna Wedel, Sioux City, Iowa; Wilbur (deceased); Mrs. Ruth Buening, Milwaukee, Wis.; and Mrs. Henrietta Schade, Providence, Rhode Island. There are four grandchildren: Judith and Bruce Buening, and Theodore and Thomas Schade. For the last ten years Mr. Wedel had been an invalid, due to a stroke. He was the object of loving care during this period by his faithful wife and loving children.

"Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, the Lord knoweth them that are his" (2 Timothy 2:19).

The Rev. Henry W. Wedel was a faithful and loyal minister of Christ and the Baptist denomination throughout his adult life, worthily fulfilling his high calling. He will live in the hearts of all those who profited by his ministry through the long years ahead.

Memorial services were conducted by his pastor, the Rev. A. J. Esperson, at the Immanuel Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wis., on February 26, 1953. Immanuel Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

A. J. Esperson, Pastor.

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A TRIBUTE TO THE LATE REV. H. W. WEDEL

By the REV. O. E. KRUEGER
of Rochester, New York.

It is nine o'clock, Tuesday morning, February 24th. I have just received the message that my dear friend and colleague, the Rev. Henry W. Wedel, has been released from his mortal body with all its sufferings and limitations and has gone to be with his Lord. Henry W. Wedel came into my life at 246 Alexander Street, Rochester, N. Y., in September, 1895. We sat at the same table, went to the same classrooms, labored over the same assignments, admired the same professors, laughed together over the same humorous events and stories.

We had so many things in common. I stood by his side when he and Louise Baumann gave to each other the sacred promise, "I will." We were for many years pastors in the same conferences, associations and Pastors' Institutes. We met at the General Conferences. We never had a strain in our relationship in these fifty-eight years.

He had a very humble opinion of his abilities, and overrated those of his friend inordinately. He did have qualities which I desired to acquire. We assisted each other in evangelistic services. Our children dearly loved "Uncle" Wedel. They were always so happy when they knew he would be our guest, or when we could go to Aplington, Iowa. He was beloved in all his pastorates.

The Wedels have reared four very fine, capable daughters. They were deeply grieved to lose their only son just when he was developing into the strength of young manhood. Several years after that, Brother Wedel said to me: "People often say 'Time heals all wounds.' But they do not know

the facts. There are some wounds that do not heal, but we learn how to live with them." Now even that wound is healed. The promise is fulfilled. The dimness is taken from his eyes. Some day we too shall understand. How good to have an eternal hope!

REV. RUDOLPH A. KLEIN of Aberdeen, South Dakota

The Rev. Rudolph A. Klein of Aberdeen, S. Dak., was born in Wells County, N. Dak., on Aug. 8, 1899. In his early childhood his parents moved to the vicinity of Turtle Lake, N. Dak., where he grew to young manhood. He became a Christian, was baptized by the Rev. G. Freigang and united with the Bethel Baptist Church near Turtle Lake, North Dakota. Believing himself called to the ministry, he entered the Seminary in Rochester, N. Y., in 1920 where he was graduated in 1927. While in Kansas, he studied at the University of Kansas.

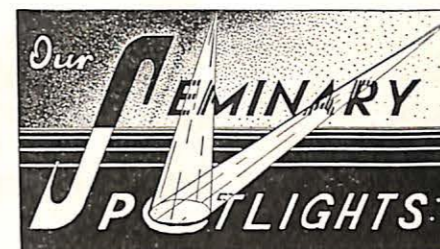
In 1928 he was united in marriage to Miss Amanda Zernickow at Junction City, Kansas. To this union two children were born. He served the following churches: Mount Zion Baptist Church, Junction City, Kans.; Immanuel Church near Loyal, Okla.; Hurnville Baptist Church, Henrietta, Texas; Corona, S. Dak.; Gackle and Alfred, N. Dak.; and Calvary Baptist Church, Aberdeen, South Dakota. For the past four years he conducted the Christian Friendship Hour over radio station KSDN, Aberdeen, S. Dak., in the German language.

On November 15 he became disabled as the result of a stroke. After a few weeks in the hospital he was, until his passing, cared for lovingly in the home by his family and by friends. He passed away on Feb. 18, 1953 at the age of 53 years. Funeral services were held from the First Baptist Church of Aberdeen, S. Dak., on Feb. 23 with the Rev. E. W. Von Busch in charge. He was assisted by the Rev. J. J. Renz of Ashley, N. Dak.; Rev. Chris Weintz, Aberdeen, S. Dak., and Rev. A. W. Bibelheimer, Turtle Lake, North Dakota. The attendance was unusually large. Burial was made at the Riverside Cemetery of Aberdeen.

Surviving him are his wife; one son, Merle; one daughter, Lois, both at home; his mother, Mrs. Magdalena Klein, Waukon, Iowa; two sisters: Mrs. J. C. Cameron, Waukon, Iowa; and Ruth Klein, Lt. Nurse Corps, Camp Lejeune, N. C.; five brothers: Paul, Piedmont, Calif.; Berthold, Los Angeles, Calif.; Theodore, San Diego, Calif.; Emil, Mt. Vernon, Wash.; and Richard, Bismarck, North Dakota. His father and one brother preceded him in death. We pray the Lord's comfort upon the bereaved family.

Aberdeen, South Dakota

A. W. Bibelheimer, Correspondent.



SPECIAL SEMINARY PROGRAMS

By PROF. RALPH E. POWELL

WE HAVE recently experienced one of the highlights of our Seminary activities in the coming of the denominational secretaries on February 16 and 17. The fellowship with Dr. Frank H. Woyke, Rev. Richard Schilke and Rev. J. C. Gunst was exceedingly profitable. The only regrettable thing about the annual visit of the secretaries was the absence of Dr. Martin L. Leuschner, who was unable to be present and to contribute his usual dynamic part due to his serious throat condition.

Especially valuable were the interviews on Monday afternoon with the members of the senior class regarding the needs of our churches and the guidance of the Holy Spirit in the lives of those of the graduating class who are seeking the Lord's will concerning their future Christian service. The faculty also had a fine time of fellowship and conference with our denominational officials throughout the course of one entire evening, first around the supper table and then for several hours in President Lang's office. Strategic plans for the future were discussed. All were stirred with the expanding ministry of our entire con-

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appear tiny prayer rugs and amber prayer beads, as in home, office, factory, street and mosque knees are bent, foreheads touch the ground and the diabolic power of a Christless religion falls with stunning force in a wave of human thunder upon the ears in a land which men call "holy".

From here onward through Syria and the Kingdom of the Jordan, we were to be faced with the horrible realization that the closer one approaches the "Holy of Holies" of the Christian faith, the weaker becomes the voice of evangelical Christianity, with the climax coming within the walls of Jerusalem, the city over which Jesus wept, where scarcely a voice is raised in the Name of those things which we as Baptists hold precious. On the apex of the city, on the very spot where Abraham offered up Isaac, where later the Temple of Solomon stood and where in Jesus' day the

ference and its cooperating societies.

Among other valuable features of this yearly visit is the sharing of latest information from all areas of our general conference family, together with inspirational instruction concerning the organization and functioning of our total denominational enterprise.

Tuesday evening there was assembled in the seminary dining room a splendid group of one hundred and ten North American Baptist young people for a get-acquainted and informative time together. It was interesting to see the many young people we have in the various schools and places of employment in the Sioux Falls area. A premiere showing of the magnificent new film picturing our new leper work at the New Hope Settlement was one of the highlights of the evening's activities, together with a showing of Dr. Leuschner's film of the General Conference at Philadelphia last August.

During the course of the evening we were introduced to our missionary, Miss Berneice Westerman, who has just returned from the British Cameroons with the latest news and information about the work of God there. On the following Thursday she spoke to the students during the chapel period.

Next on the schedule of exciting activities is the April Convocation, when Dr. Frank H. Woyke will deliver a series of lectures dealing with certain distinctive emphases in the theology of Karl Barth. Other profitable features will also be scheduled on the program. Meanwhile, the students dig into their textbooks and scour the library for research material in preparation for daily classes and the writing of term papers.

Temple of Herod stood, now rises the infamous "Mosque of Omar" on whose steps, Abdullah, king of the Jordan, was assassinated. This is the third "holiest" Mohammedan shrine in the world, an intolerable symbol of pagan sway in the Christian "Holy Land".

DAMASCUS, SYRIA

Damascus, Syria, appeared as a green gem set in a bronze setting among the barren hills, surrounding it on every side. Its cold milky-like waters remind one of Swiss lakes and also of the words in the Old Testament, "Are not the rivers of Damascus better than this?" Here we saw the walls of Damascus, where Paul was let down by night in a basket. But even the walls of Damascus did not give the thrill to the heart as those rivers flowing clear from the slopes of Mount Carmel, even as in the days of Naaman almost a thousand years before Christ. What a thrill it was and blessing to the soul to sing with the Christians at Damascus: "Just the same, just the

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

● Miss Lavonne Kathryn Orth of Ar-
tas, S. Dak., and Pvt. Gordon Fenske,
a son of the Rev. and Mrs. E. S. Fens-
ke of Herreid, S. Dak., were married
at the Herreid Baptist Church on Sat-
urday evening, Feb. 14. The former
Miss Orth was secretary of the CBY
before her marriage. The couple has
made their home at Petersburg, Va.,
where they will continue to
serve as instructor with the U.S. Army
at Fort Lee.

● The Baptist Church of Vida, Mont.,
has extended a call to the Rev. Leland
Schantz of Gotebo, Okla., who has
recently completed his studies toward
the Bachelor of Arts degree at the
University of Oklahoma. He is also a
graduate of the North American Bap-
tist Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Da-
kota. He began his ministry at the
Vida Church on March 20, succeeding
the Rev. Henry Lang, now of Napoleon,
North Dakota.

● The First Baptist Church of Sid-
ney, Mont., celebrated its 10th anni-
versary on Sunday, Feb. 22, with the
pastor, the Rev. Otto Fiesel, in charge
of the festivities. The Rev. R. Sig-
mund of Billings, Mont., was the guest
speaker for the occasion. The young
church depicted the history of the
church during the ten years at a unique
program in the afternoon. Mr. Fiesel
has been in the only pastor which the
church has had since its beginning in 1943.

● The Ebenezer East Baptist Church
of Ebenezer, Sask., Canada, has ex-
tended a call to Mr. Walter Hoffman,
a member of the 1953 graduating class
of the North American Baptist Semi-
nary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., to be-
come its pastor. He has responded
favorably, and he and his wife hope
to begin their ministry on the field
soon after graduation from the semi-
nary in May. In the Ebenezer East
Church Mr. Hoffman will succeed the
Rev. John Engel, now of Martin,
North Dakota.

● Dr. and Mrs. H. Theodore Sorg of
Princeton, N. J., will celebrate their
25th wedding anniversary on April
12th. They were married on April
Dr. William Kuhn of Forest Park, Ill.
Dr. Charles W. Koller, who at that
time was pastor of the Clinton Hill
Church, Newark, N.J., was also present.
Dr. and Mrs. Sorg are still members
of that church. Dr. Sorg renders an
invaluable service as the legal counsel



Executive committee and leaders of the
CBY and SS Union in front of the Oak Park
Arms Hotel.

Left to right: Ruth Bathauer, Esther Krom-
bein, Martha Leypoldt, E. Ralph Kletke,
James Billeter and Rev. J. C. Gunst

for the denomination. Messages of
congratulation to the Sorgs can be
sent to 1 Haslet Ave., Princeton, N. J.

● Another Leadership Training Course
was offered in the First Baptist Church
of Sumner, Iowa, with fifteen pupils
receiving certificates of credit. The
course was entitled, "Prophecy of
Things To Come." The pastor, the Rev.
Fred Mashner, served as the instruc-
tor. Last November nine students re-
ceived credit certificates in a course
offered by Miss Ruth Bathauer of For-
est Park, Illinois. At present the pas-
tor is leading the church in an ex-
tensive study in the book of Revela-
tion.

● The monthly paper of the Baptist
Church of Goodrich, N. Dak., has been
named "Baptist Christian Life." The
name was selected from a list of 42
contributions by people of the com-
munity of Goodrich. Mrs. Ed Jenner
of the Lutheran Church was the win-
ner in the contest and received a copy
of Charles Sheldon's book, "In His
Steps." The Rev. Irvin Schmuland,
pastor, and the editorial staff stated

that they were "especially happy that
Mrs. Jenner, a local Lutheran, was
selected winner for it proves again the
brotherhood of Christ's Church."

● On May 8th Miss Eleanor Schuler-
t, missionary-appointee for the Camer-
oons, Africa, will leave New York
City on the "S.S. Italia" bound for
Plymouth and Liverpool, England.
From there she will sail for the Cam-
eroons, hoping to arrive on the mission
field early in June. Miss Eleanor Wei-
senburger, missionary-nurse stationed
at Bango, will be her travel companion.
Miss Schuler is a member of the
Ebenezer Baptist Church of Detroit,
Mich., which has undertaken her full
salary support. The Rev. E. Arthur
McAsh is pastor of Detroit's Ebenezer
Church.

● The men of Central Baptist Church,
Waco, Texas, met in the church annex
on Friday evening, February 27, for a
banquet and to organize a "Brother-
hood." Thirty-eight men were present
to enjoy the good food, group singing,
instrumental number and a very fine
inspirational message brought by the
Rev. J. K. Warkentin, pastor of the
Canaan Baptist Church of Crawford,
Texas. Mr. Raymond Engelbrecht
acted as toastmaster and temporary
chairman. At the next meeting plans
will be made to complete a "Baptist
Men's" organization. The Rev. Louis R.
Johnson is pastor of the church.

● On Tuesday, Feb. 17, the Woman's
Missionary Society of the Bethany
Baptist Church, Vesper, Kans., cele-
brated its 32nd anniversary with a
fellowship supper in the church base-
ment. The Rev. Gilbert S. Peters was
the guest speaker. The report given
by the treasurer showed that the ladies
had remembered the sick, Orphans'
Homes and missionaries and had sent
clothing to the Indians and for foreign
relief the past year. A total of \$113.58
was given for foreign missions. Plans
are now being made for celebrating
the 75th anniversary of the Bethany
Church from April 17 to 20. The Rev.
John Wood is the pastor.

● On Sunday evening, Feb. 2nd, the
Woman's Missionary Society of the
First Baptist Church, Lodi, Calif., held
its anniversary at the church's eve-
ning service with Meta Burgdorf,
president, in charge. Miss Eleanor
Weisenburger, Cameroons missionary,
brought the missionary message. On
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Christian Workers' Training Conference

Tentative program for the great Training Conference to be held at Sioux
Falls, South Dakota, from July 13 to 19, 1953

Prepared by the Training Conference Committee

THE AIM of the Christian Workers'
Training Conference to be held at
Sioux Falls, S. Dak., from July 13 to
19 is to bring together as many of our
Sunday School officers, Sunday School
teachers and CBY leaders as possible
for a great training conference. The
emphasis will definitely be on training.
There will be many hours of unusual
inspiration, time for useful study and
for Christian fellowship.

Our Christian workers will return
to their churches after the training
conference with a greater vision of
the Lord's task, better trained to do a
more effective work in the local church
and an experience of spiritual bless-
ings not soon to be forgotten.

The training conference is to give
guidance in teaching and leader-
ship techniques, resource materials,
latest missionary information, spiritual
growth for the leaders and teachers,
youth camp planning, audio visual
aids, church music and singing and
Vacation Bible School methods.

The training program starts on
Monday evening, July 13th, and closes
Sunday evening, July 19th, with a
great mass rally. An inspiring and
highly educational program has been
arranged for our leaders. Don't miss
this rare opportunity. No similar pro-
gram can be held in the next few
years. So take advantage of this rare
opportunity.

DAILY PROGRAM

- 7:30 A.M. Breakfast
- 8:20 A.M. Devotional and Bible Study
- 9:00 A.M. Class Period: "Our Bap-
tist Faith," "Growing Spiritually
as Leaders."
- 10:00 A.M. General Assembly. Top-
ics for discussion will vary day
after day
- 11:00 A.M. A second class period
- 12:15 P.M. Luncheon
- 1:15 P.M. Project Activity Periods
 1. Camp programs and ideas
 2. Missionary Progress
 3. Vacation Bible School
 4. Audio Visual Aids.

Each project activity will be led by
a different person.

Opportunity will be given for all to
share in the various projects.

- 2:30 P.M. Supervised Recreation

- 5:30 P.M. Supper
- 6:15 P.M. Church Music and Choir
- 7:15 P.M. Vesper Services
- 8:30 P.M. Presentation of Project
Activity Findings
- 9:30 P.M. Fellowship
- 10:30 P.M. Lights Out.

A great staff of inspirational speak-
ers, qualified instructors and leaders for
the training conference have been ar-
ranged for and will be on hand to

make this a great training conference.

WHAT WILL IT COST?

Room and Board: \$2.50 a person per
day.
Registration: \$.50 per person.
Those who attend must be sixteen
years of age and up.

FACILITIES

Lodging for men will be at the North
American Baptist Seminary.

Lodging for women will be at Sioux
Falls, College.

Lodging for married couples will be
provided in private homes.

The spacious and beautiful seminary
dining room will be used for all meals.

For recreation, facilities are ample
to meet your hearts' desire as provided
for in the many parks in the lovely
city of Sioux Falls.

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SYNOPSIS

To Steve Glen, home meant his foster parents, Phoebe and Jason Gray, and the little town of Gold Springs, California. After years of army service, battle-weary and frustrated, Steve decided to return. Before long, he met Dian Lockwood, with whom he had gone to high school, and her rich father. He soon saw Jenny Grant, the preacher's daughter, a sweet and sincere girl, as he knew. At his home he met the new orphan boy, Dick Reubens, who had come to live with the Jasons. On the wall was the motto, "God Is Love." That was the spirit of the home! At first, Steve did not want to go to church, but a strange impulse prompted him to go one Sunday morning. The preacher, Dr. Grant, talked about the shipwreck on Malta in which the Apostle Paul was involved. Steve liked the sermon. When Dr. Grant shook hands with him at the door, he welcomed Steve warmly and said: "To prove it, I'd like to ask you to have dinner with us today." Steve accepted the invitation, especially when he caught sight of the preacher's daughter, Jenny.

CHAPTER FIVE

JENNY, the daughter, and Mrs. Grant walked with me to the parsonage which was close by the church and Dr. Grant followed. While the women prepared the meal Dr. Grant and I talked in the living room.

"I heard your message years ago," I said. "But it wasn't the same. The other time you made me think about

the ship. This time you made me think about Paul."

"Do you think I've improved, or are you just older?" he said.

"Both, I suppose. Tell me, Dr. Grant, what sort of religion did Paul have?"

Before he could reply Jenny appeared in the doorway, wearing a blue apron, and she said, "There are two kinds of religion, that of authority and that of the Spirit. Paul had the latter."

Allan Grant laughed lightly. "Blessed is the man who has a theologian in the kitchen!"

Jenny wrinkled her short nose at him affectionately and disappeared quickly, and Allan Grant said to me, "I would agree with Jenny's observation all right. Too, I'd add that man has had two ways of seeking salvation: by works and by faith. Paul endorsed the latter."

"Sometimes," I said, "religion is like a dream to me. Something I can't forget or quite get clear!"

"A great many young men are thinking seriously about the spiritual side of life, Steve."

"Yes, the war, I guess, has had its good, as well as its bad effect."

"You asked about Paul, Steve. He was one of the strangest individuals in history. I have often called him the

thirteenth Apostle. He never saw Jesus in the flesh, nor talked to Him, and he was once His enemy. Yet he became the greatest of the Apostles. There's more to that than you might think at first. His contention that he was an Apostle was incredible—but he was able to make it stick! And when men asked him where he got his authority he said he got it by a revelation. That's what Jenny meant when she said there was a religion of the Spirit. Paul knew only the authority of the Spirit of Christ. I hope I'm not forcing my theology on you—"

"I asked for it. Tell me more, will you?"

"All right, if you wish. To Paul, Christ was the Son of God; God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself. To Paul believing on Christ meant to believe what Christ said, and Christ pledged He would send the Spirit. Paul announced that in his case the pledge was fulfilled, that the Spirit of life had set him free from the law, witnessed to him that he was God's child, led him in the spiritual life, assisted him in prayer, given him a taste of immortality—"

"Whew!" I said. "That's quite an order!"

"Paul's impact on the world, I think, has proved he possessed the Spirit he preached!"

More to myself than to Allan Grant I said, "That's it!"

Dr. Grant frowned. "I beg your pardon."

"Paul on the doomed ship," I replied. "Strengthened by something bigger than he was, when the others were scared stiff."

"Yes," said Grant. "That's it."

"Dinner is served," Jenny called from the doorway, as she carried the food to the dining room.

"Ummm, smells good," Dr. Grant said. "You don't have to coax us."

Jenny came in to join us, flushed from the work, still wearing her apron, looking lovely. Her hazel-green eyes met mine across the table.

A thought buzzed through my mind, again and again: Wind up the long road and put it away.

The next evening I had dinner with the Lockwoods. The same butler answered the door, but the years had changed him from an imposing figure to a stiff old fellow who had forgotten how to smile. I waited in the library, looking over the vast array of books, until Dian came. She was wearing flimsy pale green. I never saw a lovelier woman, I thought. She came and took my hand and held it warmly a moment, and something registered with me at her touch.

Lockwood came and the three of us talked a while. Lockwood was quite reserved. He had never been over-friendly toward me I remembered. We had dinner, an excellent meal, served by a maid. Dian was the perfect

hostess, and able to make conversation on almost any subject. She asked me questions about Europe, about army life and many other things. She even petted my ego by the manner in which she asked, as if I were some kind of authority.

After dinner we had coffee in the library. Lockwood begged permission to leave, saying he had to see his factory superintendent. Dian and I sat on the davenport looking at pictures of people I faintly remembered. Her nearness was accentuated by a perfume which kept invading my senses.

Dian put down the album. "Are you glad to be home, Steve?"

"I don't know yet," I said.

Her head went back, then turned as she faced me. "Well, I'm glad!"

"Well, thanks. I'm glad you're glad." And we both laughed.

"I've been looking at Gold Springs ever since you came back—and it's a better looking town, now."

A man is funny, I guess. Her words and her looks and her perfume all conspired to draw a curtain between my thoughts about Jenny. I never was quite sure just how it happened, but her kiss was warm, and her whisper stuck with me, "Oh, Steve, you're terribly sweet!"

If it hadn't been for Jenny I might have gone overboard; for this Dian was a desirable creature indeed. The setting was perfect. Everything in it represented wealth and power. But there was still Jenny, and I was by nature a one-woman man.

I managed to get away a little later, but even as I drove back to the Gray's, I could still smell her perfume, and I would remember a long time how pretty she was, and how she looked at me.

But I liked the way Jenny looked at me better.

The Linotype was clicking under the manipulation of George Gibbs when I came into the back door of the Gold Springs Chronicle, and George looked up and grinned at me. We had attended school together and he was a fine fellow. Having come in the back way I went on into the front office where Jason Gray was blue-penciling an editorial, concentrating on his work. He put his good smile on me, a smile pure as spring water from a mountain.

"Make it good, Mister Editor," I said. "The duty of a newspaper man is to give the people light. And when you give them light they'll find their way."

"Uhuh," said Jason. "Could you come up with anything original now?"

"There's nothing original. Somebody has already said it. I knew a fellow in the service who had a gripe against Shakespeare. I suppose his teacher tried to cram Shakespeare down his throat when he went to

school. He used to get mad, though, every time I pointed out that Shakespeare originated most of his wise-cracks!"

"Well, Steve, how does it feel to be home?" asked Jason.

"It feels pretty good. Better than I anticipated, I guess."

"Hmmm. She is sweet, isn't she?"

I set a look on him and held it a moment. "Yeah, she's not like anybody I ever knew."

Jason grinned. "The other day I read an article purported to show that soulmates vanished with the horse-cavalry. Romantic love was strictly for the Victorians. Love ought to be a hard-headed business proposition. The article sounds quite sensible and scientific, but I imagine it would make dull reading to a young fellow who had jut done what his fathers did before him—fallen in love!"

I twiddled a paper-weight on the desk. "Tell me, Jason. You've had a pretty wonderful marriage—what part has emotion played in it?"

"My marriage has been successful, Steve. Oh, there were some bad moments; it hasn't been all roses and moonlight, not by a long shot. I really can't say just what part emotion has played. But I do know this. If I eliminated emotion from my experiences with Phoebe there'd be a lot of big blank spaces."

"How did you learn to by-pass a question like that?" I demanded.

"Emotion has upset a lot of apple-carts, all right. The world probably needs some sort of special education for marriage. I'm not an authority on the subject because not every man could be as fortunate as I was in getting the right kind of wife."

"Nor everyone as lucky as Phoebe," I said.

"Thanks, Steve. Let me say this, I think love is a pretty wonderful thing in spite of the way some people treat it."

"A pretty wonderful thing," I said. Jason tossed back his white hair and there was soft laughter in his throat. "She's an awfully sweet girl, son," he said.

"Uhuh," I replied.

"And trying to assume an air of indifference only makes it show on you!" grinned Jason.

"All right. She's pretty terrific. She's out of this world. How does that sound?"

"Sounds like you're stuck. Let's see, now. You'll be needing a job, I suppose. An old American custom, you know. I think I might use you here till something important shows up!"

I leaned on the top of his broad desk. "Listen, Jason. Don't figure on it. I doubt if I'll stay."

His eyes held mine. "You doubt what?"

"I'm not sure of anything, yet. And

I'll have to be sure, dead sure. I've seen a lot of marrying, and a lot of separating. I don't even know whether she would have me—"

"You speak the English language, don't you? I'm sure she understands it."

"Even if she would have me I might get restless. I might hear a train whistle some night, or a plane go overhead—"

I stopped talking and went to the door leaving Jason with a frown on his face.

"Be sure, Steve," he said as I went out of the door. "Be sure."

The drab lobby of the Reagan Hotel looked like it always had as far back as I could remember, even to the three or four impassive and elderly characters who sat engaged in indifferent trivia. The odd thought lighted in my mind that these same old characters had been sitting there, like living fixtures, for years and years, and that they were human symbols of an unimportant town like Gold Springs, and an involuntary tremor whipped through me. After you've been on Wilshire Boulevard and in Piccadilly Circus and felt the great seas stir under your feet how do you settle down?

The clerk at the desk, who made no attempt to mask his ennui, was vaguely familiar to me, but I didn't try to place him as I asked for Tony Granite's room number.

He gave me the number and added, "Tony just went up."

The trembling old elevator took me to the third floor. I found Tony's door and knocked.

"Kick it open, pal," said Tony.

You always remembered one thing about Tony, how his smile flashed across his face, his teeth white, his dark eyes alive. Tony was the kind of man who could be either kind or cruel. Back of his eager and friendly look was a leashed force that could be ruthless and brutal, and that way quickly.

"Well, give a big look," Tony cried, shooting out a lean hand. "My old pal of the creek-water! Mamma mia!"

"Hello, Tony." My hand gripped his.

A man slouched in the corner chair, his hat pushed back on his head. His thin mouth slanted like a slash across his face and was punctuated at the lower end by a cigarette dropping chinward. His eyes were like bright, brown marbles, full of humorless hostility. Somewhere, once, I had seen the picture of a belligerent god with incense smoke wreathed about its uninviting features. This man's face made me remember that picture.

Tony waved his hand toward the seated man and said, "Steve, this is Hallie Moogan."

I nodded to Hallie, but he never moved. He was a much older man than Tony, but much weaker.

"Hello," I said.
 "Hia," grunted Hallie, as though it was a great effort to say that much.
 "Well, grab yourself a seat on the bed there, my friend," Tony said, grinning his enthusiasm. "Brief me up to date about yourself. Give me all the dope and the lowdown. Will you have a drink? Oh, that's right, you told me you were an H2O man, didn't you?"
 "Right," I nodded.
 "Check, fella. That's a good idea. The stuff sets better in the ads than in most people."
 "I'm here," said Hallie.
 "You're dumb enough without it," said Tony. "But you know where it is. Grab it."
 "Thanks, pal," muttered Hallie, but he didn't stir from his chair.
 "The years go by, like the poet said," mused Tony.
 "They go by."
 "I hear you took care of the Nazis while I went after Tojo."
 "Uhuh. I understand you were wounded."
 "Ha! I could get scratched worse on a cactus."
 My eyes flitted over his new pin-striped suit and his flamboyant necktie. "You look fine, now."
 "Nothing wrong with me that a gold mine couldn't fix!"
 "I heard your father died."
 A certain hardness slid into Tony's face. "Yeah. I was away. One too many, maybe."
 "I'm sorry," I said.
 "Tell me, Steve, you staying in town?"

"I don't know. Probably not. My feet don't seem tired—yet."
 "Listen. I think I can fix you up for a job with Jack Gopher." Suddenly there was a pair of dice in his hand, clicking.
 "What? With the ivories? Let's keep it sane! I couldn't handle 'em if they were all sevens and elevens. I tried a couple of times in the army. They just don't fit my personality!"
 Tony shrugged hugely, holding to his grin. "We play a little poker over at Gopher's too, you know."
 "I tried that only once. Kings and jacks look too much alike to me. I can't even play Chinese checkers."
 "Jack might be able to use a bartender."
 "I don't know a mint julep from a Joe Collins."
 "Tom Collins."
 "You see what I mean?"
 "Look, kid. I know another guy who might get you set up in a little deal—"
 "Aw, Tony," Hallie growled suddenly. "Don't you see the guy don't want no part of you?"
 I looked at Hallie, and back at Tony. "Seems like your friend doesn't like me," I said.
 "Listen, you—" gritted Hallie stirring in his chair.
 "Cut it, Hallie," snapped Tony. "Don't pay any attention to him, Steve. He doesn't like anybody but me. He's funny that way."
 Hallie Moogan muttered something in his throat and got to his feet. He went to the window and stood looking out on Gold Springs, his back broad and antagonistic toward me.

"Well, fella, sorry I couldn't offer you any help," said Tony. "But if you decide to stay in town and I can do anything for you give me a buzz."
 My fingers closed on my hat and I stood creasing it. "Tell me, Tony, why don't you try something else?"
 He eyed me a moment. Then, "Like chopping down trees or sawing them into boards, you mean?"
 "What kind of future do you think you have with a guy like Jack Gopher?"
 "I don't always expect to work for Gopher. And about a future, pal, do you think there is any future in a world like ours? Like the song says, 'It's later than you think.'"
 "What has that to do with it?"
 "Listen, the human race hasn't got either nerve or sense enough to do itself any good. Man has always been crazy and he always will be crazy. He whoops it up about ideals and he crawls in the gutter. He builds big high towers so he can blast 'em down with bombs—"
 "You've really grown cynical, haven't you, Tony?"
 "I don't claim to be either a cynic or a believer. I've read the nice books the big brains have written. And even the big brains don't agree! But don't figure me for a militant skeptic. Not me. I'm just indifferent, that's all. I don't care a rap what happens to the human race—with, maybe, the exception of a few guys like you, for instance. Whatever happens I'll try to get a little fun out of it."
 My stare clung to him, meeting his defiance with some of my own. "The old hurt is still in you, Tony. Isn't it?"
 "What are you, a psychiatrist?"
 "You've never got over being shoved around when you were a kid."
 His face hardened. Then the old smile returned, but it, too, was flinty. "Don't let it bother you, pal. I've read what the psychos say. Freud, Jung, most of 'em. I've even read history, too. I've even been through the Bible. But the day I start believing in something, you can fry eggs on ice-cubes! I'm not trying to get anybody straightened out, including Tony Granite—especially Tony Granite. I haven't the faintest idea what life is all about and if I ever do get it figured out I'll be too old to do anything about it."
 Hallie Moogan had turned from the window and was looking at Tony as if he were some sort of god. Something in the man's look disgusted me. And Tony's words aroused something repulsive in me, too, but I managed to grin.
 "Take it easy, Tony," I said. "Your top isn't blow-proof, you know."
 "Never mind about his top," sneered Hallie.
 "Be seeing you, Tony," I said. I opened the door and went out into the corridor and Tony followed me.

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FEBRUARY CONTRIBUTIONS—NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST GENERAL CONFERENCE

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ALL PURPOSES

Conferences	Feb., 1953	Feb., 1952	Feb., 1951
Atlantic	\$ 1,772.98	\$ 2,733.22	\$ 1,728.48
Eastern	2,526.79	1,996.95	3,034.89
Central	6,178.12	9,457.38	3,089.24
Northwestern	2,083.98	3,871.01	3,823.56
Southwestern	5,520.46	3,210.35	2,304.09
Southern	1,039.05	1,280.74	1,038.43
Pacific	3,565.40	4,531.52	3,009.54
Northern	2,186.89	3,857.22	2,159.93
Dakota	5,702.68	7,050.48	3,609.42
Total Contributions	\$30,576.35	\$37,988.87	\$23,797.58

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For the month of February, 1953	\$21,502.47	\$ 9,073.88	\$30,576.35
For the month of February, 1952	16,557.68	21,931.19	37,988.87
For the month of February, 1951	17,454.79	6,342.79	23,797.58

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR

April 1, 1952 to February 28, 1953	\$477,417.75	\$ 81,958.18	\$529,375.93
April 1, 1951 to February 29, 1952	410,687.09	92,248.17	502,935.26
April 1, 1950 to February 28, 1951	339,407.62	103,295.01	442,702.63

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

EASTER

"Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die" (John 11:25, 26).

INTRODUCING MRS. J. C. GUNST

The inspiring Easter message that follows was edited by Mrs. J. C. Gunst (Irene), the wife of our Commissioned Baptist Youth and S.S. Workers' Union secretary. With this introduction you will have met all four "Mrs." of our general secretaries.

Each of these general secretaries' wives is a worker, not only for our Woman's Union, but in the general work of our denomination. In God's album of missionary deeds their quiet, sacrificial services will be recorded. He will say, "Well done," as will be said of many of you for the deeds of love you have done as unsung heroines. Sometimes just a friendly, cheerful smile is a great blessing in the cause of Christian friendliness.

From Mrs. Gunst's picture you will see a smile that is characteristic of her buoyant spirit. Whether she plays the piano or teaches in Sunday School, or again when she works in the Vacation Bible School her friendliness is an asset.

Mrs. Gunst's special efforts on behalf of the Woman's Missionary Union have been the time and service she has given to the Missionary Guild in the Forest Park Baptist Church. As program chairman she brought a marked emphasis upon our own missionary work as North American Baptist women. As president she is continuing the role of able leadership. The very week that this is being written the Foster Avenue Dorcas Guild paid a return visit to the Forest Park Woman's Guild, of which Mrs. Gunst is president. These exchange meetings stimulate much interest.

The Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Gunst have three children: Sara Lou, 12 years of age, Victor James, 9; and Jarene, 8. In Scripture Memory Work and Sunday School attendance they hold honor records. This in itself is a service performed to the children and to God. It is also consistent of a family whose father promotes such goals in **Youth Compass, Junior Mission Material, and Action**, a Sunday School superintendent's paper which he edits.



Mrs. J. C. Gunst of Forest Park, Illinois.

THAT THEY MIGHT HAVE LIFE
 By MRS. J. C. GUNST

In the account of John, the Beloved, we read in the first part of the 20th chapter about Mary Magdalene, of her love for her Lord, how she experienced a loneliness at finding him gone from the tomb, and then finding him alive. In the other Gospels we find her with the other Mary, the mother of James, but from John 20:1 we find only Mary Magdalene.

Her love for her Savior was so great, she was willing to anoint Jesus with sweet spices while it was yet dark. 1 John 4:18 tells us, "Perfect love casteth out fear." For us, Easter is a time of joy, but we find her, who was honored by the first appearance at the tomb, weeping. For when she arrived she found the stone had been rolled away. She quickly ran to Simon Peter and the other disciples and told them that someone had taken the Lord out of the tomb. After the disciples verified Mary Magdalene's news, they went home. But she remained — and she was weeping because she had loved Jesus who had done so much for her, who had been so much to her and now they had "taken him away." She was disconsolate.

Mary Magdalene was weeping because of her loneliness too—for Jesus had been her all in all to her. Hadn't he cast out the seven demons not too long before, when darkness had set-

tled about her and at his word had experienced a new brightness in her soul? Whether we live on the outskirts of civilization or in the heart of a crowded city block, the human heart often knows the meaning of loneliness. Can we wonder then at Mary Magdalene?

Jesus was the one friend who truly understood her and because of her love for her Lord, this loneliness caused a deep yearning in her heart. When the angels and the "gardener" asked her, "Why weepest thou?" we can hear the sadness in her voice as she answered, "They have taken him away." Without Christ we experience unutterable loneliness, but with Christ in our hearts the loneliness which comes upon us should remind us of a higher and more intimate fellowship we can have with our Savior.

Mary Magdalene was weeping because she felt she had lost her very life. The more we do for others, and the more they do for us, the more we miss them when they are gone. When Jesus had spoken to her in Luke 8:2, we hear nothing of her until we read of her appearance at the foot of the cross. Her faithfulness in her service toward him must have been very real to cause her to weep so sorrowfully. Blinded by her tears, she did not recognize the Savior until he called her by name. The tears vanished, her heart was transformed and she lived once more. Now she understood what he meant when he said, "I am the way, the truth and the life" (John 14:6).

Easter again reminds us that we too must have love rule in our hearts, but will it bring loneliness or life? For Jesus, who loved us all so much, he was willing to die on the cross for us and then arose again that we might all have eternal life—for he has promised, "I am come that they might have life" (John 10:10).

TOURNATA, AFRICA

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and the beginning of the farm project.

"In many respects the Tournata project is a new departure in missionary methods. Because the program is a pioneer one it will require much imagination and motivation on the part of those who have the vision for it, as well as imagination and patience on the part of those who look on to understand it. Pioneers are not always understood by stay-at-homes, nor always appreciated by their contemporaries, but they are the ones who blaze the trails and make history. A job has been assigned to LeTourneau of Liberia, Ltd., not only a call to civilization and commerce, but also, as far as we are concerned, especially a Commission from the Lord of the Harvest, whose we are and whom we serve. By his help, the job can be done."

Reports



FROM THE FIELD

Atlantic Conference

Fine Youth Week Program by the CBY at Baptist Church, Jamesburg, New Jersey

"Dare to Believe" was the theme of the evening service conducted by members of the CBY of the First Baptist Church of Jamesburg, N. J., on Feb. 1st as their program for Youth Week.

The meeting was conducted by Miss Shirley Luike, president, and the four speakers were: Robert Clinton, "I Believe in Jesus Christ;" Theresa Luike, "I Believe in the Bible;" William Schroeder; "I Believe in the Church;" and Virginia Clinton, "I Believe in the Gospel for World Needs." Vocal selections by the young people included a quartet by Fred Fowler, Jr., Chester Brown, William Schroeder and the Rev. Roger Schmidt, our pastor.

The entire program was well carried out by the young people and we look forward to more of these fine meetings during the coming months.

Alberta R. Lange, Reporter.

Eastern Conference

Union Church of Arnold, Pa., Plans for New Sunday School Rooms and Parsonage

A big decision faced the members of the Union Baptist Church of Arnold, Pa., recently and they voted yes. After a dinner meeting on February 19, we, the members of the church, decided to launch a building program to provide Sunday School rooms and parsonage adjacent to the church at Kenneth and McCandless Street. We promptly started a building fund campaign to raise \$5,000 over the next two years.

Before the meeting closed that evening, more than half the "bricks," placed on sale for \$1.00 each, were sold. Of the \$5,000 goal, \$2,835 had been "spoken for." The encouraging result makes church leaders certain that the fund drive will be a success. Although no specific plans have been drawn, there was an artist's sketch of what the building addition could look like. It gave incentive to the decision to build and the determination to raise the needed funds.

The men of the Baraca Class served a roast ham dinner to about 85 members, prior to the business meeting. Under the leadership of our pastor, the Rev. Dale Chaddock, our church has had the joy of seeing several ac-

cept Christ as their Savior recently. We had a blessed time in March when we were privileged to have with us for one week the Rev. Edwin Miller of the Erin Ave. Church, Cleveland, Ohio. Florence Pressick, Church Clerk.

Dakota Conference

The Commissioned Baptist Youth of Ashley, North Dakota, Observes Youth Week

The CBY of the Ashley Baptist Church, Ashley, N. Dak., observed Youth Week from January 25 to February 1. We followed the suggestions for Youth Week as given in "Youth Compass." The young people took part in the Sunday evening services and in the prayer meeting. They visited prospective members and saw a film entitled, "The Good Samaritan."

On Friday evening we held a banquet with thirty-two members in attendance besides several prospective members. The theme was "Dare to Believe—Strive to Know." The Rev. Raymond Dickau, pastor of the Ventura Baptist Church, was the speaker. His topic was "Missions."

Judith Baumann, Reporter.

Tenth Anniversary is Celebrated by the First Baptist Church of Sidney, Montana

The Rev. R. Sigmund, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Billings, Mont., was the guest speaker for the tenth anniversary of the First Baptist Church of Sidney, Mont., Feb. 22. Mr. Sigmund brought three stirring messages for the occasion and gave the church a challenge for greater service for the future years that God may



Mr. and Mrs. George Hirsch of Napoleon, N. Dak., at their golden wedding anniversary celebration.

have in store for us.

Our pastor, the Rev. Otto Fiesel, was presented with a bouquet of ten red roses from the church by the deacon, Mr. J. C. Moore, Sr. Each rose represented a year of untiring service of Brother Fiesel, our pastor. Mrs. John Corder presented Mrs. Fiesel with a beautiful corsage of roses in appreciation of her work done in the Woman's Missionary Society.

The young people of the church furnished the music for the programs of the day. They also dramatized different events during the past ten years and reported on the work which our pastor and wife and members of the church have accomplished by God's grace. The reports of the Sunday School, Women's Missionary Society, Child Evangelism, Junior CBY, Senior CBY, choir, prayer services, evangelistic meetings, baptisms and Vacation Bible Schools were very encouraging.

We as a church are very thankful to God for the blessings he has given to us in the past ten years. We are thankful for our beautiful little church, our pastor and the many faithful members who have sacrificed much to make the work as successful as it has been.

Mrs. Arnold Fay, Reporter.

Golden Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. George Hirsch of Napoleon, North Dakota

On Sunday, Feb. 8, Mr. and Mrs. George Hirsch of Napoleon, N. Dak., observed their golden wedding anniversary in the Napoleon Baptist Church. The platform was beautifully decorated with yellow roses. The wedding anniversary was a great occasion, not only for Mr. and Mrs. Hirsch but also for the church, since it was the first celebration of its kind in the church's history.

The Rev. and Mrs. Henry Lang and members with the children of Mr. and Mrs. Hirsch made this a well planned and happy occasion. A brief message on the topic, "Precious Memories," was brought by the pastor.

A solo was sung by Allen Schauer entitled, "Precious Memories." A fitting poem, "50th Anniversary" was read by a granddaughter, Jeanette Hirsch. The pastor read a German poem, "Kinder gratulieren die Eltern," while Miss Alexzene Grenz sang, "Ich liebe dich." The reading of a short history brought the service to a close.

Mr. and Mrs. Hirsch responded graciously and warmly expressed their deep appreciation for this fine service in their honor. An offering was received which amounted to over fifty dollars which was presented to the couple. A chicken dinner was served to over 150 guests in the church basement.

Mr. and Mrs. Hirsch have three children, two of whom were present while the other was hospitalized at this time. We were sorry for this unhappy note on this festive day. Mr. and Mrs. Hirsch have always been active in the church for many years. Mr. Hirsch has been the beloved and faithful church janitor for the last fifteen years. We wish them many more happy and blessed years together.

Henry Lang, Pastor.

Youth Week Observance and Other CBY Activities at Turtle Lake, North Dakota

"Youth Week" activities proved to be a blessing both for young and old in the Turtle Lake community of Turtle Lake, North Dakota. On Monday of that week a playlet telling of the work of our missionaries in the Cameroons was presented along with several fine musical numbers. A large bulletin board was prepared with pictures and interesting data concerning our missionaries for the study of the entire congregation, thereby giving us the opportunity to become better acquainted with those whom we support with our tithes and prayers.

On Wednesday the young people divided into groups and called on shut-ins and aged members. A devotional period was held at each home along with musical selections and readings. A men's quartet called at the local hospital with a similar visitation. Following these visitations each group reported of their experiences, and a fellowship hour followed.

Thursday night was "Family Night" and a most inspiring program was given consisting of a number from each family represented in the society. We as young people felt that presenting this week of activity was a soul-refreshing and strengthening experience for us as well as those to whom we were privileged to minister.

Several young people participated in the Leadership Training Course entitled, "From Bethlehem to Olivet," as taught by our pastor, the Rev. A. Bibelheimer. We are anticipating a study in Romans in the future. "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 Tim. 2:15).

We have accepted as one of our projects the financing of the weekly church bulletins and have purchased a new mimeograph machine. We pray that other opportunities will present themselves for us to take an active part in the work of the Kingdom.

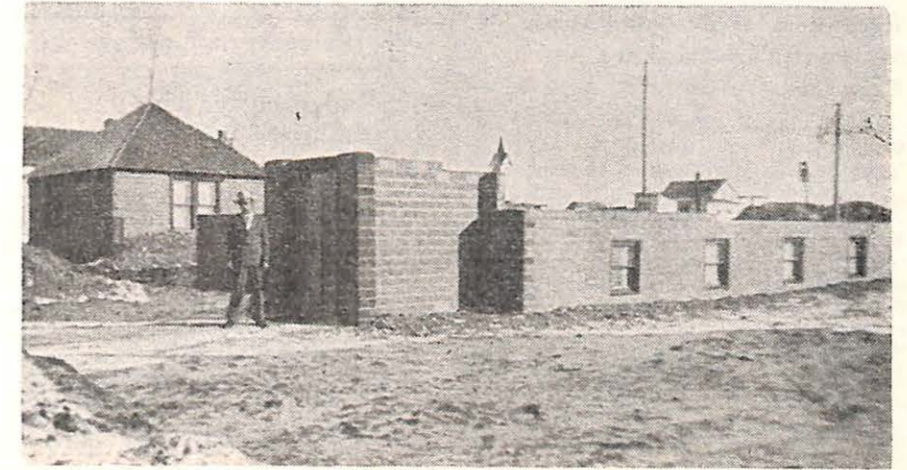
Mrs. Arnold Franke, Reporter.

New Baptist Church Building and Baptist Witness in Mott, North Dakota

We of the First Baptist Church of Mott, N. Dak., are giving thanks to our Lord for his wonderful blessings which we have received. On Sunday, February 8th, we held our first services in our new basement church. The Rev. E. Becker, our pastor, was ill and was not able to be with us. The Rev. C. Remple of Hebron, N. Dak., was our guest speaker for our morning service. Mr. Remple brought a very inspiring message on "The Model Church." Mrs. Lyle Walker of Turtle Lake, N. Dak., sang a solo.

Evening services were in charge of our young people. Special music consisted of numbers by a quartet, duets, and several solos. Our services, both morning and evening, are very well attended.

On Tuesday evening, February 10th, the families and friends of the church gathered to commemorate the comple-



The building of the new Baptist Church at Mott, North Dakota, under construction with Mr. Edd Auch in front of the main entrance.

Southern Conference

Youth Week Programs at the Carroll Ave. Baptist Church of Dallas, Texas

"Youth Week" was observed from January 25 to February 7 at the Carroll Avenue Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas. On Sunday, January 25, at 7 A.M., the young people took tracts around the neighborhood, followed by breakfast at the church. Monday at 8 P.M. the CBY cabinet meeting was held. On Tuesday the church had a pot-luck supper at 6:30 P.M. followed by our semi-annual business meeting. On Wednesday the CBY had charge of the prayer meeting. On Thursday, January 29, visitation was held. On Friday, the young people went downtown to Union Gospel Mission on "the skid row" of Dallas and held the service.

Saturday was the big Youth Banquet at Harris Restaurant in Garland, Texas. Everyone had a wonderful time there. Youth Sunday was the finale. Martha Hutchison was the Sunday School superintendent and Missionaries June and Kenneth Goodman spoke at the morning service.

In the evening service installation of our new officers was held. They are the following: president, Henry Nuss, III; vice-president, Herman Balka; secretary, Esther Benton; treasurer, David Haines; Fellowship, Willie Mae Balka; Program, Martha Hutchison; Worship, Ella Mae Schaffner; Enlistment, Bob Wilson; Missions, Charlie Creager; service, Don Anderson; Study, Robert Weinman; and Publicity, Marlene Vogel.

The president talked on our Baptist heritage, followed by messages concerning the Baptist view of Jesus Christ, the Bible, and the local church and the world's need for the Gospel, by Gordon Coover, Robert Wilson and Don Anderson, respectively. The evening offering of \$100 was sent through the CBY to our Southern Conference project. The Rev. Harold Gieseke is our pastor. We praise God for such weeks as this where we can be especially active in the spreading of God's Kingdom.

Henry Nuss, Reporter.

WE REGRET

that it was impossible to get sufficient accommodations at Green Lake Baptist Assembly for this summer. Therefore, plans for a Laymen's Conference could not be completed.

We are now making arrangements for our 1954 conference, which we hope will be the best ever. Plan now to be with us in 1954 at Green Lake, Wisconsin.

Address any further inquiries to Roland E. Ross, Secretary, Box 6, Forest Park, Illinois.

Reception for Rev. and Mrs. J. K. Warkentin by Canaan Church, Crawford, Texas

On Friday evening, February 6, the Canaan Baptist Church of Crawford, Texas, held a reception for its new pastor and family, the Rev. and Mrs. J. K. Warkentin, and their children, Karl and Timothy. The program was under the leadership of the chairman of the Board of Deacons, Mr. Walter Gauer, who after opening with prayer, spoke words of welcome in behalf of the deacons. He then presented Mr. Warkentin with a red carnation.

The Rev. Bob Alexander, a ministerial student at Baylor University, led the congregation in the singing of several hymns and also sang two solos, "It is Real" and "Precious Jesus, Hold My Hand." The Rev. Bud Stoner, also a ministerial student of Baylor University and the supply pastor of this



The Christian Hour Circle of the First Baptist Church of George, Iowa.

church for the past seven months, spoke words of welcome in behalf of the church, reading from the first chapter of Philippians. Mr. Leo Spross, Sunday School superintendent, and Mr. Alvin Ray Hoppe, leader of the CBY, extended words of welcome, respectively. Mrs. B. F. Engelbrecht, representing the Woman's Missionary Union, greeted the Warkentins with words of kindness, as she pinned a beautiful corsage of red carnations on Mrs. Warkentin.

The Rev. Louis Johnson, pastor of the Central Baptist Church, Waco, Texas, brought an inspiring message, in which he discussed the scriptural significance of the leader of a church as a person, as a preacher, and as a pastor. The Warkentins responded with words of thanks for the kindness shown by the church, expressing the desire to labor with the church in witnessing for the Lord and Savior. Many friends from neighboring churches attended the reception. After the program everyone assembled in the annex for refreshments and a period of informal fellowship.

As a token of love, the women of the church had previously stocked the pantry with many necessities. Upon moving into the parsonage, we were impressed with the added expense and tireless efforts manifested in the re-decorating of the parsonage. We as a pastor's family feel that we have just come home, since we have served here before. May God richly bless as we labor together for the cause of Christ with these brethren!

Mrs. J. K. Warkentin, Reporter.

Northwestern Conference

Installation of Officers of the Christian Hour Circle, First Church, George, Iowa

With the installation of the new officers of the Christian Hour Circle of the First Baptist Church of George, Iowa, in January, we also considered recent activities that have passed into eternity and we accepted the challenge for even greater service in the coming year.

We rejoiced that in our mission giving we were able to further the work of our Seminary; Old People's Home in Chicago; the Children's Home in St. Joseph, Mich.; the Leper Colony in the Cameroons as well as home missions. Our White Cross work found its way to the Cameroons and numerous boxes of old clothing were sent to

they presented and discussed several of our great Baptist distinctives. They also took a very active part in prayer. Our Saturday evening, they had a most successful banquet in which 50 young people were present. The Rev. John Grygo, pastor of the Ogden Park Baptist Church in Chicago, Ill., was our special speaker. Our young people also had charge of the opening exercises of the Sunday School program and they also participated in the Sunday morning worship service during which the Rev. John Grygo was again our guest speaker. On Sunday evening, our young people rendered a very fine program consisting of singing, Bible quizzes, a challenging skit, and special numbers. We thank God for our consecrated young people.

Beginning Thursday, Feb. 19, we held a series of Lenten services. Six pastors of the Peoria area participated, a different pastor speaking each Thursday. This series of services was concluded on Thursday, April 2, with a communion service. The theme for our Lenten services this year was, "The Seven Sayings of our Suffering Savior." Each speaker brought a message on one of the phrases which fell from the lips of our Lord as he hung on the Cross.

Edgar B. Wesner, Pastor.

Northern Conference

First Services in the New Basement Auditorium, McKernan Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alta.

The McKernan Baptist Church of Edmonton, Alta., held its first services in the basement auditorium of the new church on Sunday, February 22. Men and women of the church worked diligently for some time to get the church basement ready for the services.

A lovely sight greeted those who gathered for Sunday School. Mr. Stanley Klapstein, contractor of the church, had also constructed an attractive pulpit. The Woman's Missionary Society supplied beautiful cut flowers. People seeing the nicely finished and well-arranged auditorium expressed their appreciation.

The Sunday School superintendent, Mr. Peter Schroeder, had prepared a fine Rally Service. The Rev. O. R. Schmidt, minister of the church, brought the message of the morning speaking on the topic, "The Living Church." The choir, under the direction of the Rev. A. Stelter, sang, "Come As You Are" (Ellis-Ogden), with Miss Dorothy Kienzle serving as church pianist.

At the afternoon rally service the Rev. Henry Pfeifer, pastor of the Central Baptist Church, served as guest speaker, bringing a forceful message on the theme, "The Successful Church." The Rev. W. R. Muller of the Lauderdale Baptist Church read the Scripture, the Rev. A. Johnson, instructor at the Christian Training Institute, led in prayer, and the Rev. E. P. Wahl made appropriate remarks concerning the offering which was designated for the special project of purchasing more chairs for the church.

Music was provided by the choir, singing, "Open the Gates of the Temple" (Crosby), and by a Ladies' Trio composed of Misses Gertrude Schatz, Isabel Bresch and Cecilia Priebe, and by the McKernan Songsters.

The evening service featured a musical introduction by the young people with Misses Lillian Peter and Audrey Weiss in charge. The church orchestra presented a fifteen minute prelude of music. The Rev. E. P. Wahl, president of the Christian Training Institute, brought a timely address on the topic, "The Church's Message." Music was furnished by the choir, a mixed quartet composed of Inez Wahl, Cecilia Priebe, Peter Schroeder and Stanley Klapstein, as well as a soprano solo, "Bless This House" (Iden) sung by Miss Inez Wahl.

The McKernan Baptist Church was originally a mission station of the Central Baptist Church. The station organized as a church on Dec. 26, 1951.

Construction was begun on the church building in June 1952. More than \$30,000 have been spent on the building thus far in addition to many hours of donated labor by members and friends of the church. Plans are now being made to complete the main auditorium. An estimated \$20,000 in addition to donated labor will be expended to finish it.

Otto R. Schmidt, Pastor.

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Bible School for Two Weeks at the First Baptist Church, Minitonas, Manitoba

From January 18 to 30 the First Baptist Church of Minitonas, Man., held two weeks of Bible School in which we as young people, along with the neighboring Temple Baptist Church of Swan River, had the opportunity to attend.

We gathered every morning at 9:00 A.M. for a devotional period in which several of the young people took part. Then we attended different studies until 4:00 P.M. The evening classes started at 7:30 P.M. for the benefit of those who were working.

It was our privilege to have the Rev. J. C. Gunst, our denominational youth director, with us the first week. He taught "New Testament Studies," placing emphasis on Jesus' earthly ministry. The Rev. Arthur Lueck of Yorkton, Sask., was also with us for four days and instructed us in music. In the evening Mr. Gunst taught "Why a CBY?" and gave us helpful suggestions on how to conduct our CBY meetings with more success. After this the Rev. E. H. Nikkel of Swan River brought our classes to a close with a devotional period, speaking on "Prayer."



The congregation of the Berean Baptist Church, Los Angeles, Calif., on Oct. 5, 1952, the first official worship service, with the pastor, Dr. Donald G. Davis, at the extreme left.

The second week the Rev. Hugo Zepik of Ochre River, Man., taught "Baptists and Their Mission," giving us a glimpse into the past history of our denominational work. Mr. Nikkel taught "Personal Work," and Mr. Faszer taught "Portraits of Jesus," as portrayed by the four Gospels.

In the evening Dr. K. Marek from our neighboring Baptist Church taught "The Reasonableness of Christianity." This was followed by a devotional period under the leadership of Mr. Zepik. These two weeks of studies were an inspiration and blessing to all of us. We as young people are thankful for these opportunities provided for us to learn more of God's Word and how we as young people may fit ourselves into the pattern of God's will for our lives.

Ruth Pohl, Reporter.

Pacific Conference

Berean Baptist Church Is Organized in Los Angeles, Calif., Dr. Donald Davis, Pastor

The first Sunday in October, 1952,

found a little band of believers gathering for worship in the home of the Rev. Donald G. Davis at 170 S. Virgil Avenue, Los Angeles, Calif., only a few miles west of the center of the city. Feeling the need of an evangelical church in the community, several families soon thereafter joined in organizing the Berean Baptist Church.

The pastor, Donald G. Davis, is professor of Church History at Talbot Theological Seminary, graduate school of Biola Bible College, Los Angeles, California. Assisting in the organization of the church were the Rev. and Mrs. F. Kenneth Goodman, missionaries on furlough from the Cameroons Baptist Mission.

The church is applying for recognition by and affiliation with the California Association, the Pacific Conference, and the North American Baptist General Conference.

A check for \$85.06, the first thanksgiving missions offering, was sent to North American Baptist headquarters in Forest Park, Illinois. Each member of the church receives **The Baptist Herald** from the general fund.

Reporter.



Young people of Minitonas and Swan River, Man., at the Bible School held in Minitonas with the Rev. Isador Faszer, pastor, in front row (left) and the Rev. J. C. Gunst, youth secretary, at his left.

Missionary Air Flight at the Guild Birthday Dinner, Bethany Church, Portland, Ore.

The annual Guild Birthday Dinner of the Bethany Baptist Church near Portland, Ore., took the form of a world-mission air flight. Flight time was 6:30 P.M. on Jan. 29, 1953, with all passengers enjoying the wonderful prime roast beef dinner, with strawberries, ice cream and birthday cake as dessert. After a time of choruses, Scripture and prayer, our Guild president, Mrs. Ben Graf, gave an introduction entitled, "Excuse Our Stardust." "Fly High" was the thought presented by our minister, the Rev. Arthur Schulz. From this point on, our program took the form of stop-overs with our various missionaries and a musical number at each stop.

Our first stop was with our Missionaries Roland and Furne Rich, who are now completing their Jungle Camp Training in preparation for their work in Peru. The Rev. Arthur Schulz had taught the young people a Spanish number which they sang as he accompanied on his guitar.

Second stop-over was the Camerons, West Africa with the Henderson family. Our male quartet furnished the music at this African hut.

Third stop-over, Tokyo, Japan. Miss Florence Miller visited with us via a letter. An instrumental number entertained here.

Fourth stop-over, Indian mission field, Alta., Canada. Here we heard a testimony by a Christian Indian. A vocal duet was sung for us at this tepee.

Now it was time to receive the fares from our flight. It proved to be a very profitable flight.

At our destination we viewed an interesting dialogue, "As the Stars Forever and Ever," under the direction of our minister's wife, Mrs. Schulz. Our most enjoyable flight ended appropriately with prayer by Dr. Stuart Hackett. About 120 passengers filed from the plane, a happy throng as they now sought their own transportation to their various homes.

"God's Stewards," our men's fellowship, have been having some very fine meetings. The Rev. Bob Penner of the Glencullen Church, Portland, Ore., was the guest speaker at a chili dinner cooked and served by the men themselves. The group enjoyed hearing Prof. S. Winegarden from Western Baptist Seminary at its last meeting. The group has been rendering a very fine service in making classrooms in our old church, helping to enlarge and sound-proof the nursery, and now putting new gutters on the church. These are all ways of serving our Lord and Master.

Sunday evening, Feb. 15, found an encouraging climax to some of the diligent work which our pastor, the Rev. Arthur Schulz has been doing for the Lord. Nine converts followed our Lord in baptism. There was a large congregation to witness this impressive and thrilling service.

On Monday evening, Feb. 16, the church parlors held a goodly group of friends who came to wish the Rev.

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Lester Spencer family "God speed." They have been members of our church for over eight years. He is an American Sunday School Union worker, who now has been chosen to the superintendency of the middle western states. Their headquarters will be Omaha, Nebraska. Friends from four of our neighboring churches joined with us in a farewell for them. A fitting program of musical numbers and short messages composed the program. Refreshments were served and enjoyed by everyone.

Mrs. Bill Jenne, Reporter.

Southwestern Conference

Observance of Youth Week at Ebenezer Baptist Church Near Elmo, Kansas

The CBY of the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Elmo, Kans., planned and carried out a full program for Youth Week from January 25 to February 1st. On Monday night there was a cabinet meeting and house visitation. We visited young people of the community who do not go to church.

Wednesday night the CBY had charge of prayer meeting. Several of the young people gave talks and were in charge of devotions. Thursday night the group went to the First Church of Dickinson County for a time of fun and fellowship. There was a program of choruses, testimonies, and a talk by the Rev. Herbert Schauer after which we had games and refreshments.

On Friday night the CBY was invited to a banquet presented by the Abilene Baptist Church. We considered Saturday night the highlight of Youth Week. There was a youth rally at our church with about 80 young people from various neighboring churches attending. The group enjoyed games and refreshments followed by the film, "As We Forgive."

On Sunday morning members of the CBY assisted with the morning service. On Sunday night the CBY had charge of the evening service, which consisted of a request program including musical numbers and talks. We at the Ebenezer Church received a real blessing during Youth Week and are striving to further the work of God's Kingdom.

Ardis Pschigoda, Reporter.

OF MEN AND ANGELS

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"Don't get mad at me, Steve," he said.

"Don't be silly." I laughed.

"Sometimes I get steamed up. Nothing gets my goat more than trying to find some meaning in life, trying to put some sense into the universe. Aw, let's forget it, huh?"

Somehow, he seemed a little appealing, then, standing there with his dark hair rumpled, his jaw hard, defying the doctrine of a cosmic purpose.

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THE HOLY LAND

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same, Christ is just the same today!"

Damascus is a viciously Mohammedan city. As the meetingplace of the Arab League, it tolerates Christian minorities, but tolerates them only as they serve their immediate little congregations, and resents fiercely any attempt at proselyting on the part of the Christians.

Here the Southern Baptists have a mission station, as well as the Christian and Missionary Alliance and the Nazarene Church (which strangely enough, in view of its name, has no mission station in Nazareth) and other Christian groups as well. However, the congregations are small and the missionaries' work is handicapped. The pall of Mohammedanism hangs like a heavy demon-filled cloud permeating the very atmosphere which it seems to fear.

BOUND FOR JERUSALEM

The spiritual atmosphere in the little chapels, however, was close to heaven, and when an interpreter was used the Holy Spirit seemed to bind the speaker and interpreter together as though they were one with attendant blessing for all.

Here I developed a raging fever, and for several days the issue was in doubt as to whether I could continue any further on the trip. But the fever soon broke, and with a new car and driver we were on our way, this time to Amman, capital of the Kingdom of the Jordan, then to Jerusalem, Bethlehem, and Israel beyond. With a most surprising reception at the border of Jordan and with a gracious time in the city, called in Bible times, "Philadelphia," our spiritual adventures began.

Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
Look full in his wonderful Face,
And the things of earth will grow
strangely dim,
In the light of his glory and grace.

—Helen Howarth Lemmel.

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. LOUISE KEPURA

of Winburne, Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Louise Kepura of Winburne, Pa., was born September 16, 1877 in Germany and died after a long illness in the Old People's Home in Clearfield, Pa., on Jan. 26, 1953.

About 50 years ago she came to America and lived almost all these years in Winburne. She was married to Gottlieb Kepura on Oct. 23, 1927. He preceded her in death two years ago. She had been married twice previously. She was a faithful member of the Forest Baptist Church to the time of her death.

Mrs. Kepura is survived by the following children: Charles Ennis of Buffalo, N. Y.; Henry Ennis of Winburne, Pa.; Mrs. Clair Otney of Pittsburgh, Pa.; Mrs. Elsie Akers of Jersey City, N. J.; and ten grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted at the Forest Baptist Church on Jan. 29 by the undersigned. The text was John 14:1-3. May the Lord comfort the bereaved!

Forest Baptist Church,
Winburne, Pennsylvania
GEORGE ZINZ, SR., Pastor.

MR. EDWIN BLUMHARDT

of Fredonia, North Dakota.

Mr. Edwin Blumhardt, son of Edward and Margaret Blumhardt, of Fredonia, N. Dak., was born near Ashley, N. Dak., on Aug. 20, 1908 and died quite suddenly from a stroke on Feb. 24, 1953 at the age of 44½ years. He was married to Katherine Schilling on October 16, 1930 by the Rev. A. Krombein. He was saved a number of years ago, but had not joined the church although he was active and willing in supporting the work of the Berlin Baptist Church of which his parents are faithful members. During the past ten years he lived in Fredonia, North Dakota.

He leaves to mourn his wife, Katherine; two children: Bernita Rogers and a 14-year-old son, Willis; his parents, four brothers: John, Jacob, Harold and Reinhold; four sisters, Emelia Kunkle, Martha Meidinger, Herta Wolf, Esther Skaley. Esther, Jacob and Reinhold live in Fargo, N. Dak., and the others live in the vicinity of Fredonia and Ashley, North Dakota. The Rev. G. W. Rutsch spoke words of comfort and admonition, first to a full church in Fredonia, then to over 700 people in the lovely big church in Berlin on Sunday afternoon, March 1st, basing his thoughts on Psalm 39:8; 1 Sam. 20:3 and Psalm 90:12. May the dear Lord comfort all the bereaved!

Berlin and Fredonia Baptist Church,
Fredonia, North Dakota
G. W. Rutsch, Officiating Minister.

MRS. IRENE ZEIGLER

of Morrisdale, Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Irene Zeigler of Morrisdale, Pa., was born October 7, 1919 at Forest, Pa., near Winburne, Pa., and died suddenly at Pittsburgh, Pa., on January 24, 1953 at the age of 33 years, 3 months and 17 days.

She was a graduate of the Philipsburg Hospital School of Nursing. At the time of her sudden death she was a student at Carnegie Tech and the University of Pittsburgh. Mrs. Zeigler was a member of the Forest Baptist Church and active in the church, the Sunday School and the young people's work. She served as school nurse at the Cooper Township Schools for three years and worked also for Dr. J. L. Conely in Philipsburg for several years.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Sgt. Paul Zeigler, who was killed on July 7, 1944 in Leipzig, Germany. She is survived by her parents, Fred and Clara Siebert, and her daughter, Donna Jean, aged nine.

"Jesus, Savior, pilot me,
Over life's tempestuous sea;
Unknown waves before me roll,
Hiding rocks and treach'rous shoal;
Chart and compass came from thee;
Jesus, Savior, pilot me."

Funeral services were conducted by the pastor at the Forest Baptist Church on Jan. 28 with the Rev. Henry Rieger participating. The text was 1 Samuel 20:3. May the Lord comfort the bereaved parents and daughter, Donna Jean!

Forest Baptist Church,
Winburne, Pennsylvania
GEORGE ZINZ, SR., Pastor.

MRS. C. C. BECHTOLD

of Portland, Oregon.

Funeral services for Mrs. C. C. Bechtold of Portland, Ore., were conducted on Saturday, January 17, at the Laundberg Mortuary of Portland with the Rev. D. Erickson of the Arleta Baptist Church and the Rev. B. Berndt of the Central Baptist Church officiating. Mrs. Bechtold passed away on January 13 at a Portland hospital following a lingering illness. Burial was made in the Lincoln Memorial Park cemetery.

Mrs. Ernestine Huber Bechtold was born February 5, 1907 at Herreid, South Dakota. She was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Philip P. Huber. In June 1942, she moved with her family to Portland, Ore., where she resided until her death.

Survivors include her husband, Carl C. Bechtold; six daughters, Miranda Mcree, Marcine Henrick, Florence, Doreen, Joyce and Linda Lee; two sons, Orin and Curtis, all of Portland; five brothers, George Huber of Plevna, Mont.; Phil. E. Huber of Salem, Ore.; Andrew Huber of Herreid, S. Dak.; John Huber of Stockton, Calif.; Jake Huber of Selby, S. Dak.; and five sisters: Mrs. Emma West of Cleveland, Ohio; Mrs. Bertha Gall and Mrs. Meta Ackerman of Herreid, S. Dak.; Mrs. Irene Munro of Akron, Ohio; and Mrs. Ida Traxinger of Elkton, South Dakota.

THE FAMILY.

MRS. LOUISE HECKLER

of Buffalo, New York.

Just short five weeks of her 89th birthday, our beloved "Grandma" Louise Heckler, nee Pasanow, of Buffalo, N. Y., was called to be with her Lord. As a maple on a New England hillside on a sunlit fall day quietly showers its golden leaves along the roadway, and one regrets to see them falling off, so this child of God in the ripeness of her years scattered the flowers of her unshakable faith in the goodness of God at the end of her day.

She said to her pastor: "When I think of my life, I sink on my knees and thank my heavenly Father for love to me. Not that I have been so good, but God has been good to me, and I cannot stop thanking him who has let me live so long and enjoy life." She enjoyed life to the last and then slipped away quietly on Saturday evening, January 31st, at the home of her son, Edwin.

Mrs. Heckler was born in Tilsit, East Prussia, March 6, 1864 and came to Buffalo, N. Y., in 1892, remaining here to the end of her life. The same year, 1892, she was married to Frederick W. Heckler who passed away 15 years ago. Six children were born to them, two of whom preceded the parents in death: Erwin at age three in 1907, and Ella at age 15 in 1918.

During the ministry of the late Rev. William Lipphardt, who married the young couple, Mrs. Heckler was converted and confessed Christ as her Savior, was baptized and received into the fellowship of the then High Street Baptist Church and has remained a faithful member for sixty years. She has said that she had to live to an old age because there were always so many people to pray for and "God answers my prayers and tells me what to do, and helps me."

She leaves behind these next of kin: three sons: Elmer, Edwin and Fred; one daughter, Mrs. Olga Hall; eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; all of Buffalo, New York. We say of her: "You

are not dead. Life has only set you free."

Temple Baptist Church,
Buffalo, New York
G. E. FRIEDENBERG, Pastor.

MR. WILLIAM ZIEHMER of Morrisdale, Pennsylvania.

Mr. William Ziehmer, long a resident of Cooper Township, Pennsylvania, died Wednesday, February 11, at the home of his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Litke at Forest near Winburne, Pennsylvania. For 41 years he was engaged in the retail meat and grocery business at Winburne where he was well known. He sold his business several years ago and lived at his home at Forest during his retirement.

He was born October 24, 1863 and died at the age of 89 years. He married Amelia Hinkle in 1882 who died in 1920. He is survived by three daughters of this marriage: Mrs. Henry Litke, Mrs. Gust Janke, both of Forest, Pa., and Mrs. Bertha Braun of Fort Wayne, Indiana. Twenty-one grandchildren and 44 great-grandchildren also survive him. Four infant children and one adult son, August Ziehmer, preceded him in death. He married Martha Neumann in 1923 who survives.

Mr. Ziehmer came to Cooper Township from Brazil, together with his family in 1892 and was one of the Township's earliest settlers. He was one of the charter members of the Forest Baptist Church (formerly Munson) and served as clerk of the church and as a member on the board of trustees and also as Sunday School superintendent for many, many years.

Funeral services were held on Sunday, February 15, at the Forest Baptist Church in charge of the undersigned, and with the Rev. Henry Rieger participating. The text was Rev. 14:13. May the Lord comfort the bereaved!

Forest Baptist Church,
Winburne, Pennsylvania
GEORGE ZINZ, SR., Pastor.

MRS. CHRISTINA BERNDT of New Rockford, North Dakota.

Mrs. Christina Berndt, nee Munch, of New Rockford, N. Dak., was born in Roma, Russia, on April 12, 1880. She came to America with her parents at the age of five, and settled at Tyndall, South Dakota. She was united in marriage to John E. Berndt on Dec. 20, 1897. They then moved to a farm at Cathay, N. Dak., and resided there until the death of her husband on February 1, 1926.

To this union 13 children were born. Two sons preceded her in death. Seven daughters and four sons remain to mourn her passing. They are: Mrs. Thomas (Bertha) Harshaw and Mrs. Israel (Pauline) Wilson of Hayden Lake, Idaho; Mrs. Richard (Erna) LeMert, Mrs. Paul (Renette) Bradford and Mrs. Lillian Pepple of Brawley, Calif.; Mrs. Rudolph (Edna) Anderson of Rutland, N. Dak.; Mrs. Guy (Elsie) Braa of Dazey, N. Dak.; Rinhold Berndt and Carl Berndt of Cathay, N. Dak.; Alvin Berndt of Sheyenne, N. Dak.; and Rubin Berndt of New Rockford, N. Dak., with whom she made her home until the time of her death.

A stepson, William Berndt of Esmond, N. Dak.; a stepdaughter, Mrs. August Meier of Sacramento, Calif.; a brother, Theophil Munsch of Vermillion, S. Dak.; two sisters, Mrs. Otto Kundert of Springfield, S. Dak.; and Mrs. Carolina Klein of West Bend, Wis.; 23 grandchildren and ten step-grandchildren also survive.

Mrs. Berndt was baptized on confession of her faith in Christ on May 27, 1917, and united with the Cathay Baptist Church of which she was a member until her passing.

She was called to her heavenly reward on Thursday evening, February 12, at the age of 72 years and 10 months. Her last words spoken here on earth were in the form of a prayer, asking the Lord to be merciful to her and to release her from this earthly suffering. That prayer was answered a few minutes later. Funeral services were conducted on February 17 by the pastor, the Rev. Lawrence Bienert. Words of comfort were spoken from John 14:1-3.

Cathay Baptist Church,
Cathay, North Dakota
LAWRENCE BIENERT, Pastor.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

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Sunday evening, Feb. 22, the church bade farewell to Miss Rose Leschert, church missionary, who has served ably during the past few years. The Rev. G. G. Rauser, Calif., served as evangelist recently for two weeks in Elk Grove, Calif., and will serve in a similar ministry in McClusky, N. Dak., from May 23 to June 3rd.

● On Sunday, March 1, the King's Highway Baptist Church of Bridgeport, Conn., voted to become entirely self-supporting without receiving any more financial assistance from the General Missionary Committee. This announcement was made by the pastor, the Rev. George Hensel, who added: "We rejoice greatly in this important decision and thank God and all loyal supporters of our church for making this possible." The Junior Choir under the direction of Mrs. E. Blair sang at the worship service of the church on Sunday, March 8. Mr. Hensel preached on the sermon topic, "The Man Who Might Have Been."

● Evangelistic services were held in English and in German at the Central Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alta., from March 15 to 27 with Dr. A. S. Felberg of Vancouver, B. C., serving as evangelist. He also showed Felt-O-Scene pictures which were used effectively as stories for the Sunday School chil-

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dren. From Palm Sunday March 29, to Easter Sunday, April 5, the special meetings were continued with the showing of the stewardship film, "God Is My Lord," on March 30 and a communion service at the Good Friday evening meeting. The Rev. Henry Pfeifer, pastor, had prepared the church and community for a rousing attendance at all of these services.

● A new 12-page paper published by the Alberta Tri Union made its initial appearance on February 1, 1953. It is

called "Baptist Bugle." It will appear every three months. The able editor is Miss Verda Scheeler of Leduc, Alberta. The February number featured a poem on the cover page written especially for the "Baptist Bugle" by the Rev. Henry Schumacher of Wetaskiwin, Alberta. The Tri Union officers were introduced, the Christian Training Institute activities were described and reports were given from most of the Alberta churches. It is one of the few youth papers published by the various groups that appears in a printed edition.

● On Sunday, Feb. 22, Miss Ruth Bathauer of Forest Park, Ill., the denominational Children's Worker, participated in services of the Bethel and Temple Baptist churches of Buffalo, N. Y., and on Monday evening she spoke at a Teachers' and Officers' meeting of the Bethel Sunday School. On Feb. 24 and 25 she ministered to several groups at the Andrews Street Church of Rochester, New York. On Feb. 26 she spoke at the midweek service of the Central Church, Erie, Pa., and afterwards addressed a special meeting of the Sunday School teachers and officers. On Friday afternoon, Feb. 27, she spoke to a group at the Open Bible Tabernacle of Erie, Pa., on Sunday School Standards and also brought a message at the midweek service after a delicious Polish supper served at the church.

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