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The S. S. Lesson in ACTION

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A LESSON PLAN

Date: December 27, 1953

Theme: **THY KINGDOM COME**

Scripture: Matt. 6:9-10; 28:16-20; John 17:12-21; Acts 1:6-8; Rev. 11:15b.

PURPOSE: To help us understand more fully the truth of the Kingdom of God.

GETTING STARTED: "The reason I don't go to church," Mr. Brown was saying, "is because there are too many liars in it."

"How do you figure that?" I asked. "Well," he replied, "take the Lord's Prayer for an example. Millions of Christians pray it every Sunday. But do they mean what they pray?"

"I don't see why not," I answered. "But that's where you're wrong," Mr. Brown replied. "The first petition in that prayer says, 'Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.' How many people who pray that, really mean it? How many of them really want God's will to be done in earth—with all that that would imply for their greedy, self-centered lives? As a matter of fact, they don't want God's Kingdom to come; and they would be the most surprised and miserable people on the face of the earth if God should suddenly take them up on their prayer."

I started to answer Mr. Brown, but then stopped. For other Christians I had no right to speak, and for myself—well, his words had struck home. Did I personally really want God's Kingdom to come and his will be done, right here and now? Did I really mean what I prayed so lightly every Sunday? Or was I only trying to fool God—and others?

Developing the Theme:

I. THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS (Matt. 6:13b).

1. God's rule is established forever (Rev. 19:6), and the power of Christ is supreme and complete (Matt. 28:18).

2. With the coming of Christ, the Kingdom came near to men and was introduced into history (Matt. 4:17).

3. Through faith it exists in the hearts of every believer (Luke 17:21).

II. THE KINGDOM COMES DAILY.

1. When men receive Christ, the Kingdom comes into their lives.

2. Wherever men seek first the Kingdom and obey Christ, there the Kingdom comes into existence (Matt. 28:20a).

3. Wherever the fellowship of believers is built and fostered, there the Kingdom is realized (John 17:20-21).

III. THE KINGDOM IS TO COME (Matt. 6:10; Acts 1:7; Rev. 11:15b).

1. Its fulfillment lies in the future and will see Christ's rule established.

A CHRISTMAS GREETING

"A Merry Christmas to you!
Merry with holy mirth;
As happy a Christmas to you
As can be on this earth;
A consecrated Christmas,
A Christmas full of rest:
God give you, for your Christmas,
Whate'er his love deems best."



2. It will come with the coming of Christ himself (Acts 1:6).

IV. THE FACT OF THE KINGDOM DEMANDS OF US AS CHRISTIANS THAT WE—

1. Obey the Kingdom (John 17:17-19).

2. Proclaim the Kingdom (Matt. 28:19-20; Acts 1:8).

3. Build the Kingdom (John 17:20-21).

Applying the Lesson:

1. How can we best prepare the way for the coming of the Kingdom?

2. In what ways does the truth of the Kingdom help us in our daily lives?

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A LESSON PLAN

Date: January 3, 1954

Theme: **GOD REVEALED IN CHRIST**

Scripture: John 1:14-23, 29-36.

PURPOSE: To help us know who Jesus Christ is and strengthen our faith in him.

GETTING STARTED: A man once came to Whistler, the artist, and asked his help in hanging a beautiful painting he had just acquired. His complaint was that he could not make the painting fit the room. Whistler looked over the situation and said, "Man, you're beginning at the wrong end. You can't make that painting fit the room. You will have to make the room fit the painting."



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TO ALL "BAPTIST HERALD" READERS

from the business manager, Rev. E. J. Baumgartner, the editor, Rev. Martin L. Leuschner, and all employees of the Roger Williams Press.

"Thanks be to God for his unspeakable gift."



For all these many centuries men have been trying to make Christ fit into the narrow room of their philosophies, their theologies, and the little systems they have fashioned with their minds and have always found that the picture cannot be made to fit. The reason for it is that they have started at the wrong end. In all our thinking and planning we must begin with Christ—the full-orbed Christ of the New Testament. And only then will our philosophies and theologies and little systems of thought begin to show forth in their true light the glory and riches that are in Christ.

Developing the Theme:

John begins his gospel with a portrait of Christ drawn on such a colossal scale that the eye of man's mind cannot even begin to grasp it all. Only faith and deep spiritual experience can enable us to appreciate, though never fully to understand, that magnificent portrait. It reveals that—

I. JESUS CHRIST IS GOOD (John 1:1-5).

1. His antecedents go back beyond the reach of time (vv. 1a, 2).

1. He is co-existent with God, equal with God, and is God (v. 1b).

3. He is the creator and sustainer of all things and the fountain of life and reason (vv. 3-5).

II. JESUS CHRIST IS GOD INCARNATE (John 1:14).

1. He is the Word become flesh, the highest and fullest revelation of himself that God has given unto man (John 1:18).

2. He is the full and final answer to man's unending search after God and desire to know what God is like.

3. Coming in human flesh, it is a revelation that every man can understand and receive.

III. JESUS CHRIST IS SAVIOR (John 1:29, 36).

1. He is God reaching down to man in order to redeem him.

2. He is the Way whereby men may be restored into the family of God and transformed unto their true life (John 1:12).

IV. THE PURPOSE OF THIS REVELATION IS—

1. That men might know God (John 1:14, 18).

2. That through receiving Christ men might be made over and restored into the fellowship and family of God (John 1:12).

3. That they might follow Christ and share his life and work (John 1:39-51).

Applying the Lesson:

1. What does it mean to "believe" that Jesus is the Son of God?

2. What is the "life" we receive through his Name?

Editorial

The Beginning of the Gospel

IT IS SOMETIMES said that Mark in his gospel does not deal in any way with the birth of Christ. However, the opening verse of the gospel presents a resplendent truth that reflects the glory of the Christmas revelation. "The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God" (Mark 1:1). That, in a nutshell, is the meaning and message of Christmas!

Christmas is always the beginning of all things that are good and lovely. "For by him (Christ) were all things created, . . . and by him all things consist. And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things he might have the preeminence" (Colossians 1:16-18). "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God" (John 1:1).

The coming of Christ into this world ushered in a new era which has changed calendars (as we now write A.D. 1953), and has changed lives, as he has become the Author of our faith. This divine power to redeem and transform human lives has its source in Christ, giving "the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ" (2 Corinthians 4:6). This peace, for which human beings yearn wistfully and for which nations of the world strive in vain, can only be achieved as all eyes are turned on Christ, the Prince of peace, whose birth was heralded by the angels with the words, "Peace on earth, good will to men." Christmas is, indeed, the beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

The coming of Christ into this world was also the fulfillment of all things. He fulfilled the prophecies of olden times. "But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son" (Galatians 4:4). The thought of "beginning" contains within it the seed-thought of unfoldment and fulfillment. In Christmas, in the miraculous virgin birth of the Christ-child, we can hear the angel's words spoken concerning him, "He shall save his people from their sins," and see from afar the Golgotha hill and the Cross of Calvary and anticipate the words for our salvation, "It is finished!" We observe Christmas as the birthday of the Christ-child, not so much in joy over the beginning of this life in Bethlehem's manger, as in thankfulness to him for "humbling himself and becoming obedient unto death, even the death of the cross" (Philippians 2:8) for our sake.

This eternal inheritance is ours alone through Christ, as we read in Ephesians 1:10, "that in the dispensation of the fulness of time, he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth; even in him." This also is "the beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God," as we clearly see the fulfillment of all things in him. For he is both the Author and Finisher of our faith!

All paths at Christmas time should lead us to the Bethlehem manger. All Christmas thoughts should find their focus in Christ. For Christmas is essentially "the beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ."

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The Treasury of Christmas

The appearance of Bethlehem's Child unlocked the gateway to a treasury, laden with valuable experiences. These are ours by the simple act of acceptance. This is the glory of Christmas for those who have faith to believe

By REV. RONALD C. MacCORMACK of Parkersburg, Iowa

"Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart." LUKE 2:19.

ONE TOWERING EVENT in history touched off a cloudburst of blessings to a helpless and hopeless humanity. Christians are what they are, and who they are, because of a miracle Baby who came less than sixty generations ago. The appearance of Bethlehem's Child unlocked the gateway to a treasury, laden with valuable experiences. These are ours by the simple act of acceptance.

To be true to the Christ of Christmas, the children of God need to sweep back the rubbish of worldly embellishments. The big thing is not the frenzied scramble of last-minute shopping, or the jingling cash registers and the gleeful merchants. Nor is it the figment of Santa Claus, who has so often replaced God as a patron of goodness. Surely it is not the brightly decorated evergreen, standing in the living room, or the lavish kitchen delicacies set before family and friends. Christmas is a festival of gaiety for children and adults, but to stop here is to miss the point. It would indicate the possession of a full stomach, but an empty heart.

THE VIRGIN BIRTH

Go back with me to Mary of Nazareth. She was the vessel whom God called to bear the promised Messiah. Over 700 years before, Isaiah had foreseen that "a virgin should conceive and bring forth a son." Many young women had, no doubt, wondered if they would be chosen. There had been those with more wealth and prominence, yet God picked this humble maiden from the ill-thought-of town of Nazareth.

Surely God moves in mysterious ways his marvels to perform. The Holy Spirit came upon her, a virgin, and a miracle of conception took place. The child would be a holy thing, born of God and of woman. This was he who would be, at the same time, the Son of God and the Son of man. The divine and the human would join in his nature. The fact that his father was divine and not human is a bedrock doctrine of the New Testament, and it must be a pillar in any true church. Without the virgin birth, Jesus would merely be another man, no more ca-

pable of putting sin away than anyone else.

Finally, after the tedious trip southward from Nazareth to Bethlehem, the little party found a "no vacancy" sign in front of every lodging place. Then it happened that the Child was brought forth in a humble barn, to the sweet music of the lowing cattle and the voice of this gentle mother. God had set the stage, and no one could improve upon it; for the earthly life of the King of kings was to be marked by poverty of mere things.

HEAVENLY ASSETS

Though we respect Mary, we must not worship her. There is no place in our thinking for a big Mary and a little Jesus. Her task was finished, but before we leave her, let's read again the verse in Luke 2:19, "Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart." It is enough to say that her heart was not empty. It was rather like a treasury, holding things which we, too, must uncover at this happy season. This treasury can be unlocked, and heavenly assets can be had for the taking. They represent gifts better than will be found under any Christmas tree.

God does not operate without a purpose. Concealed among her memories was the stated reason for this strange birth: "He shall save his people from their sins." Any honest person is grieved on being awakened to the horror of his own sin. Adam and Eve should have known better, but they followed their own desires and decided to risk their long, golden honeymoon of happiness by doing the one thing forbidden.

Before we scold these two, however, we must face the cold truth that "all we like sheep have gone astray." All have been tempted and all have yielded to temptation. Every human heart has been stained by moral filth and by inner rebellion against its Maker. A veneer of civilization and educated smoothness has made man quite attractive on the outside, but "the Lord looketh upon the heart." The picture that God sees there is not a pretty one.

Jesus didn't come to teach culture, better government, how to be more successful in business or more popular in society, although some of these

things are by-products of faith. He came to erase the stain of sin, to cleanse and purify hearts and motives, and to make men fit to stand before the holy God. By his love and grace, he will clothe our trembling and hopeless forms with his own righteousness, and finally admit us to mansions in his heaven. Your heart, like Mary's, will not be empty, if it is a treasury to this truth.

THE GIFT OF PEACE

A prized possession in the heart of Mary was the rare jewel called peace. Her national home was under the heel of the ruthless Roman Empire. Chaos and suffering were the rule of the day. Yet her heart was unquestionably the scene of serenity in the knowledge that God's will in her was completed. She was no neurotic or frustrated person, beset by devastating conflicts, for she was able to sing the Magnificat even before Bethlehem. Her life was bursting with a strange thrill as she thought upon what was done. It is worthy of our keen attention that her heart could be at ease in a world that was ill-at-ease.

Nearly 2000 years later, the world has not achieved much peace. Ours is a century of war, punctuated by periods of uneasy truces. Warlike men glare menacingly at each other and boast of their weapons of super destruction. We could think of the illustration from the farmyard scene where the clouds form and the storm breaks. The brood hen out in the open will cluck softly to her chicks and they will hurry to nestle under her feathered breast. All is confusion, but there is peace for the chickens while their mother takes the brunt of the storm upon her own body.

There is peace for the individual believer who nestles submissively under the sheltering love of him who said, "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee." Other forces would destroy us, our churches and all things holy, but in him we have a shelter in the time of storm. This, it seems, is the kind of peace to which the Savior referred in a farewell message to his disciples, found in John 14:27. "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you."

This is the peace which comes from the knowledge of forgiven sin, and the experience of the new birth. This is the peace of which the angels sang to the shepherds in that first Christmas anthem. It is impossible to promise political peace to a world which knows not God at this Christmas time, but we can pledge inner peace, on the authority of God's Word, to those who will be reconciled to him by his Son.

GILT-EDGED PROMISES

Another treasure is apparent in the character of Mary. She believed every promise. We see in her a devoted, child-like trust as the angel promises of her first born: "He shall be great and shall be called the Son of the highest." She learned her lesson so well that, after years, at the marriage feast of Cana, she admonished, "Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it." She knew that trust in the promises of the Lord always bring rich rewards.

Someone has said that in the Bible there are 10,000 promises. We might add that they are all for believers. Our crying weakness, even among Christians, is that we find it hard to take God at his word and to believe that he said what he meant and meant what he said. Symbolically at least, put these 10,000 iron-clad, gilt-edged, never-changing promises under your Christmas tree this year. Better still, hide them away in an otherwise empty heart and live accordingly.

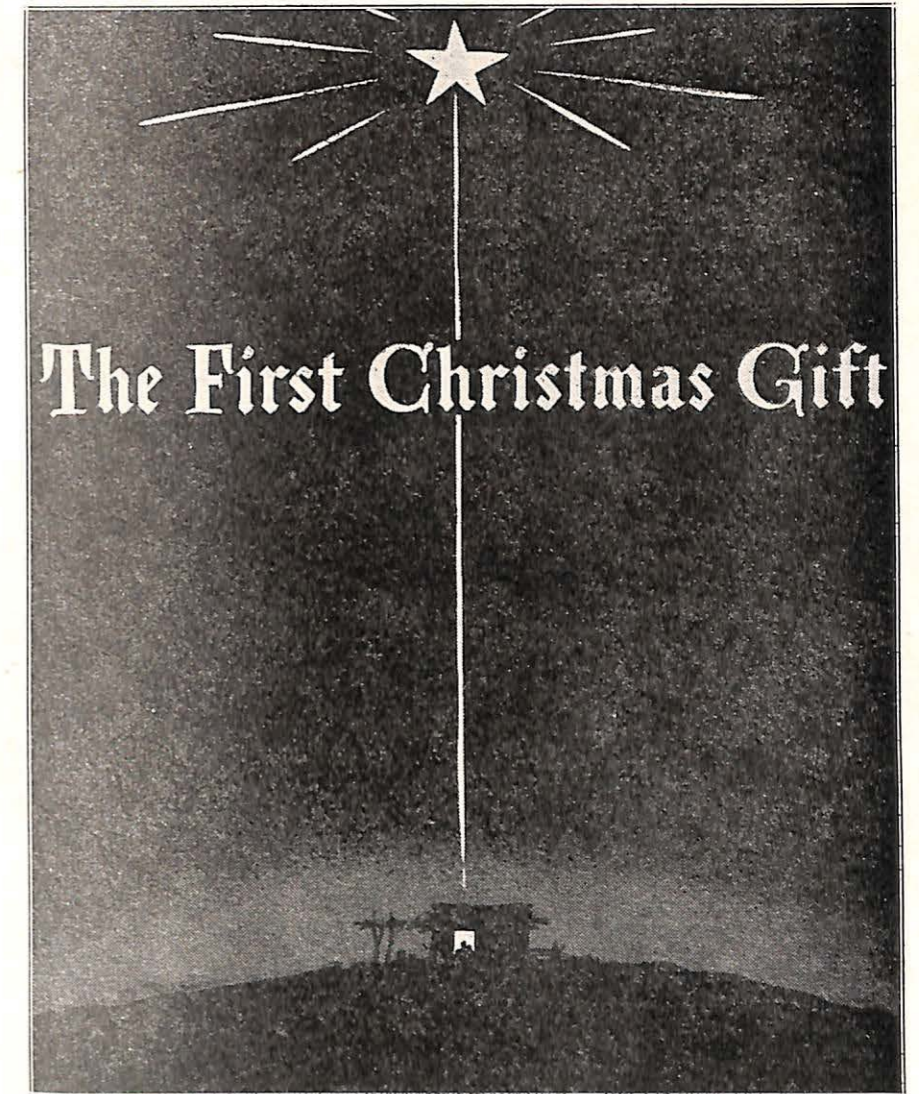
The secular world system promises goods and gold. Jesus promises the gift of eternal, conscious life. Those who have this hope have everything; those who do not have it, have absolutely nothing. Our lives become interesting and worth-while when we are convinced of the mighty God who makes and keeps every pledge.

Last of all, it seems likely that Mary pondered in her heart upon the power behind these events in which she had been more than a spectator. This ordinary woman who was chosen for an extraordinary purpose has been laden with doctrines which Scripture will not support. Yet, her motherly heart was a storehouse, bulging with the sense of God's goodness and presence. She must have mediated upon this spiritual power.

SPIRITUAL POWER

Science has had some surprises for us in recent years. It has shown that the little things have the greatest power of all. Devices have been made which employ the services of nature's little atoms. In single outbursts of fury, whole cities have been destroyed.

Come with me to the manager. See this mother, who had so few comforts to give her baby. There in the fragrant hay, hardly a place for a king, lies the one and only hope of the world. Sophisticated society would not look twice at this simple scene. They would sneer and say, "Don't expect so much



Shoemaker's renowned Christmas cartoon that appeals annually in the "Chicago Daily News," Chicago, Ill., on December 25th

from an event so small." We say, "Here is power mightier than the atom. Here, indeed lies the One Who made the atom."

The power behind this seemingly lowly infant put the stars in the sky, and especially one star that night. It drew noble men to take a trip of perhaps many hundreds of miles. For their obedience in going to the Christ-child, they are known down to our own day as Wise Men. This power confounded that monster, Herod the Great, who would have destroyed the babe without a trial. This power sent the angels to the shepherds that night of divine birth.

Through his earthly ministry, he performed mighty miracles, such as the world could not duplicate nor explain. Voluntarily, he submitted to the Cross and the sealed tomb. Then in resurrection power, he demoralized the guard, broke Pilate's seal, and administered a stinging defeat to the whole Roman Empire, from which it never recovered. This same power established the Church, which is the greatest force in the world today, and the "gates of Hell shall not prevail

against it." Best of all, we who have broken the laws of the Old Testament and the commands of the New Testament are yet not without hope. This is the miracle of grace.

The treasury of which we speak is not a strong box, hoarding and hiding the gifts of God. We have been given the key. Upon opening it, we notice something infinitely better than secular securities, and better than any precious metals. The treasure, cradled in the Bethlehem manger, has gathered interest with the passing centuries, and no one is able to estimate the glory which will accrue to those who will come and be filled.

So, at this special season, let us think of the everlasting realities available to us, and with Mary of old, ponder HIS grace in our hearts. To a world more intensely afflicted than the lame man at the Temple gate, we can repeat the words of a humble disciple at this season of good cheer: "Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk." To our bewildered twentieth Century we say, "Look and live!"

The Christ of Christmas

God grant that throughout the land hearts may be turned to Christ, not only to the Babe born so long ago, but to the One who lives today and lives to save and who will someday return in majesty and power divine

By DR. OSWALD J. SMITH, Pastor of the People's Church, Toronto
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NEARLY two thousand years ago there was born, in Bethlehem of Judea, a Babe whose life was destined to affect countless millions. That Babe was Jesus Christ.

The time was ripe for his birth. Roman roads had been built throughout the civilized world in preparation for the feet of his future messengers. The Greek language had become almost universal in readiness for the proclamation of his Gospel.

The people among whom he was born were poor and despised, having been conquered by the Roman power. In the heart of every man was a cry for deliverance.

The world knew not of his birth. Work went on as usual. There was no tremendous upheaval announcing a new order. Kings and potentates continued to rule as before. Nothing out-

wardly heralded his advent into the world.

Only Heaven appeared to be interested. In fact, God had to arrange a welcome himself, and so legions of angels circled the skies and heralded his birth. Wise men from the East, studying the stars, and observing an unusual phenomenon in the heavens, came with their gifts from afar.

Rulers learned of his birth and became fearful and afraid. Anger filled their hearts. Murder was conceived and executed. Fearful of losing their power, they sought by every possible means his death.

Every diabolical plan that satanic ingenuity could devise was used to destroy him. Demons trembled. Satan became enraged. All hell was allied against him. But God was watching and he lived in spite of all.

He did not come to a place with marble halls and carpeted stairs. No luxurious bed chamber was prepared for his birth. Neither nurses nor doctors were in attendance. Cathedral bells failed to toll; bands were silent. No royal choruses burst forth in song. Only the heavenly orchestras were heard.

For he came to a stable. And he was laid in a manger. His mother had only the straw for a bed and animals for companions. There was no room in the inn.

Little did Caesar know that this Babe, through his teachings, would one day destroy the great Roman Empire, bring to naught the majesty and power of Rome, and that the day would come when his birth, his life and his death would have a greater influence on humanity than the birth and death of any other man.

SAVIOR OF THE WORLD

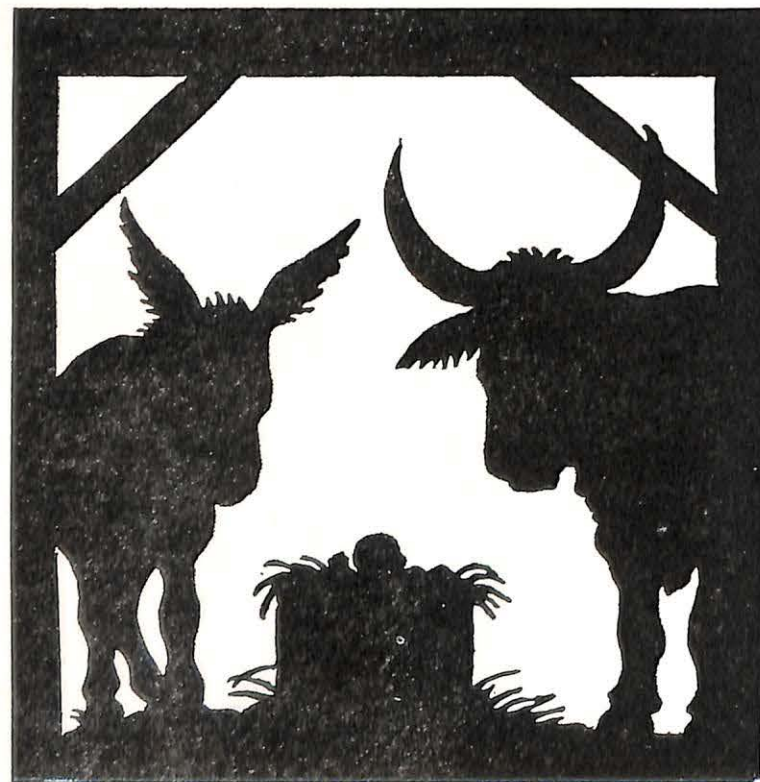
For he was destined to be recognized by countless millions as the greatest of all the prophets, the mightiest of all the mighty, the Savior of the world, God incarnate.

But more amazing still, this Babe was born of a Virgin, born without a human father, for Mary, his mother, in the innocence of her girlhood, had known no man at the time of his conception. God was his Father. He was conceived of the Holy Ghost. No other in all the world was so born.

And now for nearly two thousand years his birth has been commemorated. More than nineteen hundred Christmas days have come and gone since that never-to-be-forgotten night. And boys and girls, as well as men and women the world over, have kept sacred the memory of his birth.

Glad, happy day! Christmas Day! The birthday of the King of kings. What joy! What rapture! The day when thousands are thinking of home and the Christmas tree loaded with presents. For, after all, it is his Day, the day of the Babe of Bethlehem's manger. God grant that throughout the land hearts may be turned to Christ, not only to the Babe born so long ago, but to the One who lives today and lives to save. For he it is who became flesh and dwelt among

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"Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the sky looked down, where he lay,
The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay"

It's Christmas Time Again!

Selected Poems With the Christmas Story and Truth

THE COMING KING

By PHILLIPS BROOKS

O angels sweet and splendid,
Throng in our hearts and sing
The wonders which attended
The coming of the King;
Till we, too, boldly pressing
Where once the angels trod,
Climb Bethlehem's hill of blessing,
And find the Son of God.

CANDLE IN MY WINDOW

By RUTH SCOTT HUBBARD

There's a candle in my window
With its halo of bright gold
Telling with each tiny flicker
Of the joy each heart can hold,
At this joyous Christmas season
For each passer-by to see,
To ponder on and reason
What the point of it may be.
For when CHRIST was born in
Bethlehem,
In a manger bare and cold,
There was no fire to brighten it,
And few comforts, we are told . . .
So the candle in my window,
Shedding warmth with every ray,
Is just a symbol of the Light
That blessed our earth that Day!

CHRISTMAS

Author not known.

Christmas is a child's way.
(O, my heart keep young.)
Christmas is the loveliest
Song a child has sung.

Christmas is the starriest
Night of joy and mirth,
Every little child is glad
That Jesus came to earth.

Christmas is a child's day.
(Watch a child's eyes shine.
Heavenly Father, let me keep
The Christmas light in mine).

Christmas is so holy,
Pure and clean and white—
(Heavenly Father, let me be
A little child tonight).

—The Watchman-Examiner

GOD IS NEAR ON CHRISTMAS EVE

By LUELLA BENDER CARR

The stars hang very low tonight
Against a velvet sky—
So near that standing tip-toe
I may reach them if I try
To touch with daring fingertips
The spheres that rocket by!

The air is crystal cool tonight—
I think that I can hear
The angels up there carolling,
Their voices sweet and clear.
The air is filled with holiness
And God seems very near.

This holy hush—and sense of peace—
The Presence close tonight,
Renew each Christmas Eve the faith
That keeps my heart alight—
A faith as firm, unswerving
As the stars so near and bright.

THE INNKEEPER

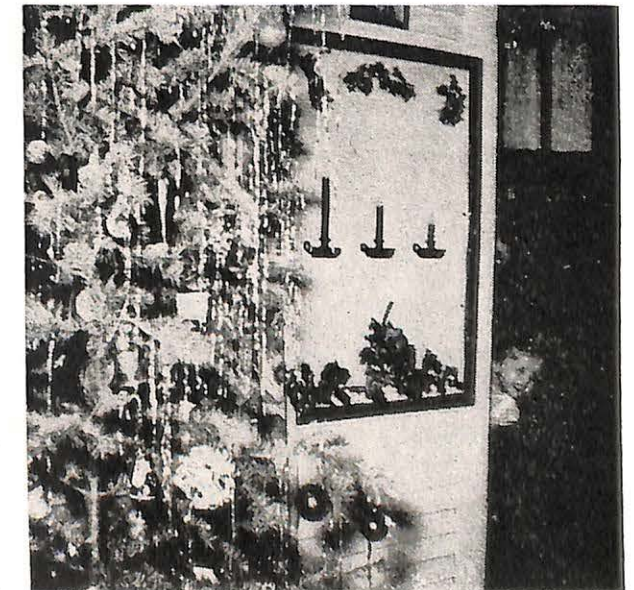
By ARTHUR E. COWLEY

He missed it all—
The keeper of the Syrian inn.
He did not mean to,
But the crowds were great, rooms
few,
And many guests had gold to give.
Had he not heard, "A man must live"?
There was no room for Nazareth folk.

He missed it all—
Though angels sang his lullaby
And listening shepherds praised,
Though wise men came by starlit
ways,
He was too busy for the angels' song.
He saw no star; he planned no wrong
Against these Nazareth folk.

We, too, may miss it all—
The wonder of his coming.
We may not mean to;
But tasks are many, hours few—
Life rushes us with hurrying feet—
While song and star we fail to greet.
May we not slight the Nazareth Guest.
—The Watchman-Examiner

Eunice Elaine Zimmerman gets the thrill of her life as she catches her first glimpse of the Christmas decorations and presents in the home of the Rev. and Mrs. David Zimmerman of La Salle, Colorado. This was one of the snapshots by Miss Evelyn Meyer and Mrs. Zimmerman which received "honorable mention" in the 1953 "Baptist Herald" contest





Deaconess Eva Hertzler at the North American Baptist Women's Assembly held at Columbus, Ohio, from Nov. 2 to 4, 1953. Also present: Mrs. M. B. Hodge, Mrs. M. Krogman, Mrs. O. Graalman, Mrs. J. C. Gunst, Mrs. P. Zoschke, Miss Mary Maibaum, Mrs. W. Stein, Miss Gretchen Remmler, Mrs. T. D. Lutz, Mrs. A. E. Reddig, Mrs. E. Wolff, Mrs. M. L. Leuschner and Mrs. W. W. Grosser.

Together With God

At the first assembly of the North American Women's Baptist World Alliance that convened in Columbus, Ohio, from November 2 to 4, 1953

WILLIAM L. SCHOEFFEL of Chicago, Illinois

"A little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!"

800 REPRESENTATIVES

As it was with the first assembly of the North American Women's Union of the Baptist World Alliance opened in a mystic atmosphere, with flickering candle light which only faintly illuminated the speakers' platform and left the church in almost complete darkness.

What seemed to be a calamity at first proved to be a source of inspiration. It was a stimulant to attention. All eyes remained fastened on the speakers, for one couldn't see anything else. The enforced darkness also provided speaker after speaker with illustrations from which to draw spiritual applications.

For example, Dr. Nannie Burroughs, outstanding Negro educator and a leader in her convention, said: "As I sat in the dark auditorium, I was reminded of the words of Jesus: 'Ye are the light of the world,' and a little chorus went through my mind: 'This

Representative women from seven Baptist organizations affiliated with the Baptist World Alliance had come to Columbus, Ohio, for the days of November 2 to 4 from all parts of the United States and Canada to meet for the first time as the North American Women's Union of the Baptist World Alliance. European women have already taken the step of continental organization. Asiatic, African and South American Baptist Women's Unions are in the process of organization. Now the women of the North American Continent have joined hands in this great fellowship of sisterhood, all a part of the Baptist World Alliance, all having as their beloved "mother" or honorary chairman Mrs. George R. Martin, chairman of the Women's Committee of the Baptist World Alliance.

Woman of our own North American Baptist General Conference who were

privileged to attend this historic gathering were: Mrs. W. W. Grosser, Mrs. W. Stein, Mrs. E. Wolff, Mrs. T. Lutz, Mrs. O. Graalman, Mrs. A. Reddig, Mrs. M. L. Leuschner, Mrs. J. C. Gunst, Miss G. Remmler, Mrs. R. Krogman, Mrs. O. Saffran, Miss M. Maibaum, Mrs. P. Zoschke and Mrs. W. Schoeffel.

The purpose of this new Union is very simply stated in the constitution adopted at this time: **Fellowship and Information.** We who were there testify to the soul-stirring values received, the depth of emotional experience and the repeated challenge to heights of service, as the two-fold purpose was realized even in this first Assembly.

The theme of the meetings was: "Laborers Together With God." One of the first speakers, Dr. Floy Barnard of Fort Worth, Texas, emphasized that we are, as Baptist women around the world, laborers **together**—together with God, but also together for God—a fellowship of service. Dr. Theodore Adams, a lone man among the 800 and more women, explained that our

fellowship or the "tie that binds our hearts" is made up of three strands: FAITH, based on the New Testament, HOPE and LOVE.

SISTERS IN CHRIST

But it was not through the addresses alone that we were made aware of a sense of fellowship. There was an atmosphere of spiritual unity which could be felt in every session. As Mrs. M. B. Hodge, president of the National Council of American Baptist Women, in summing up the values of this assembly, declared: "All labels were off"—one did not think of oneself as a "North American Baptist," a "Southern Baptist," "National (Negro) Baptist," but as a sister in Christ. While worshipping together, praying together, singing together the great hymns of the church and the "Lord's Prayer" as led by that incomparable song leader, Mrs. R. P. Welch, we were drawn into the very presence of God, together as fellow-believers.

Greatly responsible for setting the tone of these meetings were the leaders of the Union. Mrs. Edgar Bates, chairman of the North American Women's Union and dean of women at McMaster University of Toronto, Ont., Canada, presided at all the sessions of the assembly. She has a most charming and gracious manner, and without any seeming effort she kept the program running smoothly and on time. One man, having sat in as an observer, remarked at the close of the meetings: "This is amazing! You women have done what we as a group of men could never have done, to keep the program right on schedule. We would have told a lot of stale jokes, and so lost time!"

Mrs. George R. Martin, with her twinkling eyes, her soft Southern accent, her great love for her fellow Baptist sisters around the world which fairly shines in her face, inspired and challenged us. Mrs. Frank C. Wigginton, secretary-treasurer, worked long hours preparing her reports and giving of her time freely, with devotion to the cause of Christ.

The special speakers were all men and women of outstanding ability and personality. They were: Dr. Arnold T. Ohrn, executive secretary of the Baptist World Alliance; Dr. Theodore Adams, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Richmond, Va.; Mrs. Rosa Page Welch, outstanding soloist and song leader, and also a speaker of great appeal; Sister Eva Hertzler of Germany, Baptist Deaconess; and Mrs. R. B. Gullison, missionary in India.

As we gathered information from the various addresses and from the excellent historical pageant presented by the Columbus women, several thoughts stood out, challenging, convicting. Our responsibility as women blessed with an abundance of material and spiritual gifts to share with the women of the rest of the world was emphasized again and again. Mrs. Bates, in her opening address, "For Such a Time as This," made us feel



Deaconess Else Kuellenberg (left) and Deaconess Marie-Luise Mai (right) of the Bethel Baptist Hospital, Berlin, Germany, whose ministry was described by Deaconess Eva Hertzler at the Columbus convention

the urgency of this responsibility. The world needs the Gospel today, and we dare not hold back.

Mrs. Martin, as she graphically told how women in many places, such as Spain, were faithful to their God at the risk of their lives, called on us, who have so much, to give to those who have so little. Mrs. Rosa Welch, reporting about her good will tour around the world, when she visited mission fields of several denominations, made this startling statement:

"We on this continent, who have more than the people in any other part of the world, express more fear and frustration than anyone else."

The faithful witness of those less fortunate than we are was dramatically presented to us by nearly every speaker and through the pageant. Mrs. Welch told of a women's meeting in Africa to which some of the women from the village had not been able to come because they lacked proper clothing. All the women attending the meeting were from poor circumstances, but they raised an offering of \$700. Then, after someone had told why the other women were not present, the plates were passed around again, and the women gave an offering of clothing. One took off her prized head shawl, another a bracelet, others whatever articles they could spare, and these things were sent to their needy sisters in Christ. Would we have done as much?

SISTER EVA OF GERMANY

Mrs. Gullison spoke of a native woman whom she had known in India. After having been converted at the mission meetings, this woman returned to her village. Six months later she returned, bringing six other women with her, whom she had won for Christ. When someone asked her if she could read and write, she said, "Oh no! If I could read the Bible, I would have won half my village by now."

Sister Eva told of deaconesses serving in the Russian Zone of Germany, who, when asked if they did not want to leave these hard places, said, "Anyone can serve where the sun is always shining, and things are fair. But the Gospel is needed too in the dark (Continued on Page 11)



Sister Eva Hertzler, deaconess of Berlin, Germany (left to right); Mrs. George R. Martin, chairman of the Women's Committee of the Baptist World Alliance; and Mrs. Walter W. Grosser, president of the North American Baptist Woman's Missionary Union, stand alongside the map of the world that challenged the convention

The Observance of "Youth Week"

"Youth Week" with its theme, "So Send I You," will be observed in most of our churches from January 31, 1954 to February 7, 1953. Here are practical suggestions for more effective planning for this observance

By REV. J. C. GUNST and REV. LAWRENCE BIENERT

INTRODUCTION

By the General Secretary,
REV. J. C. GUNST

We are, indeed, happy to have the Rev. Lawrence Bienert prepare and present herewith the program activities for "Youth Week" to be observed from Jan. 31, 1954 to Feb. 7, 1954. Please read this article carefully for suggestions for "Youth Week." If you will follow these suggestions, you will again experience a real live and inspirational week with your young people. Additional suggestions have been mailed to all CBY presidents. These have been prepared by the former Conference Union president, the Rev. H. W. Gieseke of Dallas, Texas. "Youth Compass" also contains very valuable material for "Youth Week."

SUGGESTIONS FOR YOUTH WEEK

By REV. LAWRENCE BIENERT,
Youth Director.

Any program which is to meet the needs of our young people and also prove to be a real blessing requires a lot of work and preparation. The old adage, "You only get out what you put in," applies also in the religious field. Early and proper planning, as well as earnest prayer, are essentials in preparing for "Youth Week."



—Photo by Mr. Adalbert Bell

Christmas service in the Immanuel Baptist Church, New York, N. Y., with the Rev. A. Husmann, pastor, behind the pulpit

SO SEND I YOU—"GO YE"

Sunday, January 31

Sunday A.M. All young people in Sunday School and worship service. Take an active part in the worship service. Sing in the choir, give a special number, or ask your pastor if one of the young people could read the Scripture.

Sunday P.M. Missionary program or mission project. Have the young people take charge of the entire evening service (if that is practical). Get your church acquainted with your mission project.

Monday, February 1

CBY CABINET MEETING. Review the plans for the coming week. See that all preparations are complete. Review again your duties as officers and the responsibilities as Christian young people.

SO SEND I YOU—TO WITNESS

Tuesday, February 2—Service Commission.

Study ways of winning to Christ. Put on a demonstration showing how to speak to an individual concerning his salvation. One person may represent the unsaved individual and give arguments for not accepting Christ. The other will use God's Word to re-

fute those arguments, and point out the way of salvation. Film strips are available showing how to carry on a visitation program. Put this knowledge to practical use in your visitation and enlistment program.

SO SEND I YOU—TO PRAY

Wednesday, February 3—Study Commission.

Take this opportunity to give a testimony and also to pray in church. This will give you courage and confidence for your visitation work. Make this a real BIBLE study night.

SO SEND I YOU—TO VISIT

Thursday, February 4—Enlistment Commission.

Have a supper at church. This can be followed by a short prayer service and final instructions. Assign homes or prospects to each team. Preferably two people should go out together.

Visit the shut-ins, aged and sick. Read some of their favorite songs, have Scripture and a word of prayer.

Invite prospects. Leave two tracts, one on the way of salvation and one a testimonial tract appealing to youth.

Meet again at the church for a testimony and praise service.

SO SEND I YOU—TO MAKE FRIENDS

Friday, February 5—Fellowship Commission.

Invite prospects and slack members to an hour of fellowship. Have a banquet or an evening of fellowship, closing with a good sing-song, testimonies and prayer.

SO SEND I YOU—TO WORSHIP AND GO

Sunday, February 7—Worship Commission.

Sunday A.M. All young people in Sunday School and worship service. Bring others with you, especially those whom you contacted Thursday night. Ask your pastor to speak on the theme, "Live Christ." Take an active part in the worship service.

Afternoon. Complete calls in your visitation program which you began on Thursday night.

Sunday P.M. Follow through with the suggestions from "Youth Compass." Make this a night for consecration and decision.

LABORERS WITH GOD

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places, and we want to bring the light of the Gospel here."

Fellowship, information and inspiration such as were ours during those three days naturally lead to a desire to greater service and to united effort. One activity suggested in which all can participate is a "Baptist Women's Day of Prayer Around the World." This year Friday, December 4, was designated for this purpose. Baptist women are conscious of their sisters in every country on the globe praying for them and with them. This Day of Prayer will in no way detract from the World Day of Prayer on the first Friday in Lent, but will be an additional effort at unity in spirit at the throne of grace.

Some specific things that each one can do were brought out in his challenging message, "The Tie That Binds," by Dr. Theodore Adams. He suggested that each woman, in the place where she lives, make the world more Christian, especially by influencing the attitudes of children and young people—being "God's Voice" to them, by "being Christian" with regard to race relations, moral issues, etc. It is up to Christian women to show the world what a Christian world can be.

PRICELESS GEMS

The closing moments of the assembly were spent in a most worshipful dedicatory service, led by Miss Mary Beth Fulton of the American Baptist Convention. After the officers, Board members, and the congregation as a whole had repeated the prayer, "Great Master, touch me with thy skillful hands," she told the story of a "Priceless Gem."

The late Mr. John L. Kraft of Chicago, Ill., well known among Baptist circles for his fine Christian character, had the hobby of working with precious stones, polishing them, cutting them, fitting them into beautiful settings. His masterpiece was the "Priceless Gem," which Miss Fulton held up for all to see. It is made from many tiny bits of opal, worthless in themselves. Put together skillfully with a clear, lucite substance, they form a gem of great beauty. The sun striking each tiny piece throws shafts of color and radiance.

So we, as individual women, may seem insignificant or even useless. But as the Master touches us, as he brings us together with others like us, he brings out the radiance and beauty hidden within, and makes us Priceless Gems, beautiful in his service.

WORTH QUOTING—GLEANED FROM ADDRESSES AT THE ASSEMBLY

"The women of this continent who have so much, must learn to share with the women of the world, who have so little."—Mrs. George Martin.



—Photo by Herman Siemund

With bubbling-over enthusiasm children of the Grace Baptist Sunday School, Chicago, Illinois, sing at their Christmas program

"We are so busy clutching our material possessions that we do not have our hands free to receive the additional spiritual blessings God wants to give us."—Mrs. Rosa Page Welch.

"In an age like this, Christianity is not frightened, but challenged."—Dr. Theodore Adams.

"God works the miracles; we just lend him our hands."—Dr. Theodore Adams.

"Women of the future will climb by the steps which we have built."—Mrs. M. B. Hodge.

"Laboring together means bridges of love."—Sister Eva Hertzler.

"God loved all because he loved each."—Mrs. M. A. Fuller.

CHRIST OF CHRISTMAS

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us. He, the resurrected, living Christ of God, was the Babe of Bethlehem's manger.

A BLESSED AND JOYOUS CHRISTMAS

to all
"Baptist Herald"
readers and friends!

And today, after the passing of more than nineteen hundred years, he is worshiped by countless millions dead and living, and untold multitudes are looking forward to the time when he will reappear without sin unto salvation. The Babe of the manger is coming back again.

When he appears it will not be as a babe, nor will he be born a second time. It will not be to the stable and the manger and the little, obscure village of Bethlehem. He will not come in poverty as before. Nor will he be despised, persecuted and cruelly slain.

When he appears it will be in glory, in triumph and in power. He will come as the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the All-Conquering One, Lord of lords and King of kings, the one and only Potentate, Creator of the world and Ruler of the universe.

All nations will pay him homage. All mankind will fall down before him. Countless millions will raise their voices in welcome. Translated saints will accompany him. Angels and archangels will be his bodyguard. And down from the celestial glory of his heavenly home, breaking through the clouds of the skies, he will reappear to take over the reins of government and rule the nations for a thousand years.

Men will hail him as their Deliverer. Satan will be bound. He, the Babe of Bethlehem's manger, will reign in majesty and power divine. Every knee to him shall bow and every tongue confess that he is Lord. Thus HE will return.—From "Evangelical Action" and used by permission.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

● Evangelistic services were held from Nov. 16 to 27 at the Ebenezer East Baptist Church, Ebenezer, Sask., with the Rev. R. Grabke of Davin, Sask., serving as evangelist. From Nov. 2 to 13 the Rev. Walter Hoffman of the Ebenezer East Church rendered a similar ministry in evangelistic services at the Grace Baptist Church of Davin, Saskatchewan.

● The Rev. Robert Zimbelman recently presented his resignation as pastor of the Evergreen Baptist Church of Brooklyn, N. Y., and announced that he had accepted the call of the First Baptist Church of Punxsutawney, Pa., which is affiliated with the American Baptist Convention. He brought his ministry at the Evergreen Church of Brooklyn to a close on Dec. 1st. He had served the church since 1949.

● The Rev. and Mrs. Waldemar Ertis of Jansen, Sask., have announced the birth of a daughter on Oct. 27 who has been named Crystal Lydia. Mr. Ertis is pastor of the Jansen and Esk churches in Saskatchewan. The Rev. and Mrs. Harold Ekrut of Henrietta, Texas, of the Hurnville Baptist Church, have announced that a son was born to them on Nov. 2nd. He has been named Harold Dewayne. This is their second son.

● The Rev. G. P. Schroeder has resigned as pastor of the Bethel Baptist Church of Missoula, Mont., and has announced that he will bring his ministry there to a close on Jan. 17, 1954. He has served the church as its pastor since 1951. Mr. Schroeder hopes to be able to conduct revival meetings in an evangelistic ministry in response to numerous invitations. He and his wife will reside in Lodi, Calif., where their family is living.

● The First Baptist Church of Underwood, N. Dak., held evangelistic services from Oct. 6 to 16 with the Rev. Edgar Koons of the Bethel Church, Harvey, N. Dak., serving as evangelist. He also rendered special music and brought a children's story every evening. Several decisions for Christ were made during the meetings as well as many rededications by Christians. The Rev. Fred Knalson is the pastor.

● The New Leipzig Baptist Church, New Leipzig, N. Dak., held evangelistic services from Oct. 12 to 22 with the Rev. Alfred Bibelheimer of Turtle Lake, N. Dak., bringing the messages.

On Sunday, Oct. 18, the New Leipzig church also held its Harvest and Mission Festival. The Rev. Emil Becker, pastor, reported: "The meetings were well attended and the sermons by Brother Bibelheimer were instructive and edifying."

● The Bethel Church of Anaheim, Calif., held a "Crusade Kick-off Dinner," on Wednesday evening, Nov. 18, for the purpose of raising \$25,000 in cash and pledges toward its new \$75,000 educational building to be constructed on Broadway Street alongside the church. It is expected that ground for the new building will be broken before the close of the year. The Rev. B. Jacksteit is pastor of the church, and Mr. Herbert Stabbert is chairman of the building program committee.

● The Dayton's Bluff Baptist Church of St. Paul, Minn., has purchased three lots for \$1750 on the southeast corner of Griffith and Euclid Streets for the purpose of redividing the property and using two of the lots for a new parsonage. It will be a three-bedroom house, one floor plan, to be erected soon at a cost of approximately \$15,000. The church has also completed the first year in a three-year plan of raising \$15,000 for the Building Fund. About \$8000 have been raised thus far. The Rev. William H. Jeschke is pastor of the church.

● The 30th anniversary of the Baptist Men's Fellowship of the First Baptist Church, Watertown, Wis., was observed on Tuesday evening, Nov. 3rd. The highlight of the program was the showing of the film, "Dedicated Men." After the program a lunch was served for those in attendance. The club was organized in 1923 by the late Rev. C. J. Bender, pastor of the church at that time and a former missionary to the Cameroons. The first president, Mr. A. W. Krause, is now serving as the Fellowship's secretary. The Rev. Jonathan G. Benke is pastor of the church.

● On September 17th the Baptist Home for the Aged in Philadelphia, Pa., again held its annual Donation Day. As has been the custom in past years, a sauerkraut dinner was served to the many visitors who came from the two Philadelphia churches and surrounding neighborhood. Many articles made by the guests at the Home were on display and were purchased by the visitors. "We pray that God may continue to bless our Baptist

Home and the work that it is striving to do," as reported by George Gerstlauer.

● Miss Velma Shippy of Junction City, Kans., a member of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church and a 1953 graduate of the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton, Alta., has been appointed as a missionary for the next few months for the Spanish-American mission field of Colorado. She will assist Miss Florence Eisele and live with her at Monte Vista, Colorado. During the past summer she served on the Indian mission field of Alberta, helping with Vacation Bible Schools. Her picture appeared with that of Miss Faye Strohschein in the Oct. 22 issue of the Baptist Herald," page nine.

● The first issue of the "North American Baptist Seminary Bulletin" made its appearance in Nov. 1953. It is a four-page mimeographed bulletin with news about students and graduates of the school, faculty speaking engagements and school announcements. It is being issued "occasionally" and has been sent to all alumni of the Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., with contributions of \$1.00 requested to help pay the cost. Dr. George A. Dunger is serving as the Bulletin's editor. "The President's Corner" by Dr. George A. Lang is featured in the first number.

● An eight-page paper called, "The Conner Baptist Trumpet," is published monthly by the young people of the Conner Baptist Church of Detroit, Michigan. It is ably edited by Miss Evelyn Meyer. It contains a great many news items about church people besides announcements of the services and spiritual articles. An unusual feature in the November 1953 issue was entitled "Orchids and Dandelions," with tributes for those who are deserving of them and "dandelions" for "those who continually talk during the services," etc. The Rev. Otto Patzia is pastor of the church.

● Mrs. Laura Krueger of Madison, S. Dak., passed away in Chicago, Ill., on Nov. 6 while on a trip to visit her children. Her husband, the late Mr. Ernest Krueger, was professor of German and custodian of the Seminary buildings in Rochester, N. Y., from 1941 to 1945. The memorial service for her was held in Madison, South Dakota. Mrs. Annie Selhorn, the wife of the Rev. Henry Sellhorn, was called

home on Nov. 7 at the age of 84 years in Lansing, Michigan. The funeral services were held at the Holmes St. Church of Lansing, Michigan. The obituaries will appear in the next issue of the "Baptist Herald."

● Sister Eva Hertzger of Berlin, Germany, a deaconess at the Bethel Deaconess Home in Berlin-Dahlem, spoke at several churches in the Chicago area, following the Assembly of the North American Baptist Women's Union of the Baptist World Alliance in Columbus, Ohio. (See pages 8 and 9 of this issue.) From Nov. 5 to 15 she spoke to bi-lingual audiences in the Foster Ave. Church, Forest Park Church and Grace Church of Chicago, Immanuel Church of Kenosha, Wis., and to our churches in Milwaukee, Wis., St. Joseph and Benton Harbor, Michigan. Her charming presence and informative messages were a great inspiration to many of our people.

● Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Weisser, superintendent and matron of the Home for the Aged, Portland, Ore., have tendered their resignation to the Board of the Home, effective July 1, 1954. At that time they will have completed eight years of service in the Home, during which they have witnessed many improvements and new additions to the buildings and have rendered a deeply appreciated ministry in the affairs of the Home. Mr. and Mrs. Weisser will stay with the Home, becoming residents or "paid guests" of the Home after July 1954. The Home is seeking a new superintendent and matron with qualifications for this important ministry.

● On Sunday, October 18, the Baptist Church of Napoleon, N. Dak., celebrated its Mission Festival with the Rev. Fred J. Knalson of Underwood, N. Dak., as guest speaker. In the evening the CBY under the able leadership of Helen Strobel presented a missionary program entitled, "Only One Day More." The total offerings placed on God's altar were \$1308.88. On Monday evening, October 19, the church began evangelistic meetings with Mr. Knalson as guest evangelist. Attendance during these services was commendable and twelve persons came to know Jesus Christ as their personal Savior. The Rev. Henry Lang, pastor of the church, reported: "We praise God for his rich blessings to us."

● The members of the Emery Baptist Church, Emery, S. Dak., have rejoiced in the homecoming of their own missionary, Miss Myrtle Weeldreyer. On Thursday evening, September 24, the church welcomed her home. She showed slides and told about her work in the Cameroons on Sunday evening, October 18th. On October 28, the Woman's Missionary Union and their families had a supper at which Myrtle Weeldreyer was the guest speaker. On

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HERALD NEWS

YOUTH COMPASS TOPICS

December 20, 1953—"Christmas in Other Lands," Spiritual Adventuring in Other Lands. By G. A. Kunzelmann, A. Ziolkowski, L. Rhoads.
December 27, 1953—"God Will Take Care of You," Spiritual Adventuring Through the Year. By Ruben Kern.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

The members of the Executive Committee and your leaders at the office in Forest Park take great pleasure in extending heartiest Christmas greetings to all the hundreds of fine people in our Sunday Schools and CBYs.

Your General Secretary, Youth Director, Children's Worker, and President, E. Ralph Kletke, extend a warmest "Merry Christmas" to all officers of the Conferences and Regional Unions, as well as to all Sunday School and CBY officers in the local churches. May this Christmas season have new spiritual blessings for all of you!

DAKOTA CONFERENCE CHRISTIAN WORKERS' CONFERENCES

Here is good news for all churches in the Dakota Conference. A very extensive and thorough program has been planned for four Christian Workers' Conferences in the Dakota Conference area.

All Sunday School officers and teachers, and others interested in the Sunday School, all CBY officers and leaders will want to attend the Workers' Conference in their area. The meetings have been arranged in a church near you so that every Sunday School and CBY can be represented. The places of the conference and date are given here so you may plan early to be at the Workers' Conference:

South Dakota CBY and SS Union, January 11-12, 1954, Plum Creek Church, Host. Near Emery, South Dakota.

Badlands CBY and SS Union, January 13-14, 1954, Hettinger Church, Host. Hettinger, North Dakota.

Central Dakota CBY and SS Union, January 15-16, 1954, Linton Church, Host. Linton, North Dakota.

Northern Dakota CBY and SS Union, January 18-19, 1954, Bethel Church, Harvey, Host. Harvey, North Dakota.

An excellent team of six instructors and leaders will head the staff for teaching, leadership and counseling.

A detailed program will be made available to all local organizations in the near future. Here is an opportunity for every local church worker and leader to learn how better to serve as a Christian worker in the place where God wants you to serve. In addition, you will profit from the fine inspirational services and Christian fellowship.

Do not miss this workshop experience. It is meant for every Christian worker in the Dakota Conference.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING COURSES

"When winter comes, can spring be far behind?" Time rushes on. Have you had leadership training in your church? No Sunday School or youth organization of any church should be satisfied with their program unless special effort is put forth each winter for additional training for teachers and officers. The following churches have held Leadership Training sessions and certificates of credit for the goals reached have been issued.

Cathay Sunday School, Cathay, North Dakota.

Ebenezer Sunday School, Vancouver, British Columbia.

Bethel Sunday School, Sheboygan, Wisconsin.

Calvary Sunday School, Killaloe, Ontario.

NEWS FLASHES!!

The officers of the Alberta Tri-Union Assembly, Alta., Canada, have already planned the program and invited their guest instructors for the 1954 summer assembly by Dec. 1953.

A Baptist Youth Leadership Conference was held at Rueschlikon, Switzerland, July 22-29, 1953.

A Student Conference was held in Germany July 30 to August 8, 1953. Students from Sweden, Denmark, England, Belgian Congo, and Southern Germany came together for fellowship, study and inspiration.

The BWA Youth Secretary, Rev. Joel Sorenson, reports the following interesting news item:

"Last August Sweden was visited for about a week by four Russian Baptist leaders. As we have mentioned before in the BWA Youth News, relations have been established between Quakers and Russian Baptists on the basis of interest in peace. The Quaker group was the organizer of the visit to Sweden. Opportunity was given to the Swedish Baptists to meet the Russian brethren. Dr. W. O. Lewis, Rev. Kenneth Norquist and the Youth Secretary of the BWA were also present."



—Photo by A. Devaney, Inc., N. Y.

Across the Seas

This Christian novel by LEROY ALLEN is being published in serial installments by permission of the Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Michigan

SYNOPSIS

Tom Wilson and Mickey Conant were Christian buddies aboard the destroyer "U.S.S. Mastin." At the International Date Line, when the customary initiation exercises were held, another sailor, Farrow, showed a violent dislike to Conant. That hatred was fanned into serious threats one evening at the dinner hour when Farrow thought he caught Conant laughing at him and when Herky, the ship's mascot, ate his chow. That night the ship's captain asked Conant, the radioman, to report to the bridge. Some code messages were missing and the trouble was being pinned on Conant. Several days later the "Mastin" stopped near an island and most of the sailors went ashore for some hunting. On the return trip in heavy seas, Farrow fell overboard and would have drowned if it had not been for Mickey, who went into the water after him. The next day Farrow thanked him for his heroic deed and told him about his life of defeats. He even said with friendly banter that, after becoming an officer, Mickey might be his chief radioman.

CHAPTER FIVE

"HEY!" Mickey laughed. "Don't let my chief hear you say that; he's hard enough to get along with as is."

"All right, all right. Oh say, one more thing—" Farrow became suddenly shy, "if we can really be friends uh—my name is Ernie."

Mickey's hand went out again, backed by a wide warm smile. "That's good enough for me, Ernie. And I'm

Mickey to my pals. See you at supper."

The weather continued rough throughout the twenty-four hour run to Auckland. No sign of sun, moon or stars was visible during the whole time, and Mr. Caldwell, the navigator, had to sail entirely by dead reckoning. Therefore, it was a matter of no small pride to himself, to the Captain, and to every member of the crew (with whom he was very popular) when daybreak revealed a rugged coastline off to starboard, and it was announced that this was North Island. A few more hours were required to sail down the coast to Auckland.

Some while before noon, Mickey went in search of his friend Tom, whom he had not seen since breakfast. He found him at the ship's railing. More than that, Tom was leaning over the rail, and he was deathly sick. What's more, he didn't care who knew it. So he hardly glanced up when Mickey approached and gaped in amazement at the sight of a three-year destroyer man suffering from seasickness. His rough attempt at humor fell on deaf ears.

"Well! Every day has its little surprises! And today's stopper is Tom

Wilson with a case of the deep-water heaves. What in the world brought this on, son?"

Tom favored him with a glassy-eyed glance. "Go away," he managed. His sympathetic friend grinned. (Tom considered it a fiendish grimace.)

"But why should you be sick, when even some of our newest boots don't mind this little rough spell?"

A hollow groan issued from the depths of Tom's stomach. "If you must know—and if I've got strength enough left to tell you—I just finished standing a two-hour watch on the phones right back on the fantail. The Comm Officer was conducting some tests. You'll notice there's a following sea, and every time a wave caught up with us it lifted that stern right under me and then let it sink back down. . . ooohh!" Tom leaned his head wearily onto a cold, steel rail, and never noticed but what it was a down-filled pillow.

Conant clucked comfortingly. "Come on, lad, I'll help you below, and we'll get you into a bunk. It's tough getting seasick on your last cruise, but you can look back at the next month and laugh. That is, if you live."

"Thanks, pal." Tom was too far gone to reply further. Leaning on the radioman's shoulder, he staggered across the deck and down the ladder to his bunk, where he flopped heavily and was dead to the world for hours. Conant returned topside and went to the radio room, although he was off watch. As he was about to enter his place of business, the chief yeoman hailed him from across the passageway.

"Hey, Conant, have you seen Wilson?"

"Sure, Chief. He's down below, in his bunk. Poor fellow went and got seasick from standing a watch on the fantail, right over the ship's screws. Combination of pitch and reverberation got him down."

The chief frowned. "You sound like a music teacher. Seasick, eh? What's the Navy coming to, when so-called sailors get seasick after three years on a destroyer. Wasn't like this in the old Navy. Maybe he'd find it easier going on a battleship. Well, that settles one problem for me, at any rate. A little duty ashore ought to fix him up again."

"What's that, Chief?" asked Mickey, curiously. "You ging to give him a week's leave?"

The CPO laughed. (Any seaman will tell you that CPO's don't laugh—they merely snarl. But this CPO thought he was laughing.)

"Leave, is it? You can call is leave, if you want, but I'll call it shore patrol. This ship has to furnish a half dozen men, and one of them is supposed to be a yeoman, so he's it."

"Hmm. Is that supposed to be bad?" Mickey asked himself as the chief turned around, growling, and

retired into his den. "Maybe I'll look into this myself."

Early in the afternoon, the Mastin was steered into port and maneuvered into position to moor alongside a dock at the foot of Queen Street, between two ponderous looking merchant steamers. At a nearby pier was the hospital ship Consolation. This little fleet the Mastin was to convoy back to the States.

At 4:00 P.M. liberty was granted to the starboard watch, and a hundred exuberant, noisy sailors trooped over the gangway and down the dock toward the beckoning city lights. At about the same hour, Mickey was called into the Captain's office. He returned a half hour later, looking smug and mysterious. Tom, recovered from his illness, had been waiting worriedly, and he was full of questions. The Irishman kept him in suspense for a while, then deigned to give enlightenment.

"'Twasn't much. The Captain just commended me for my heroic rescue yesterday. The commendation will be entered into my record. Said he wished he had a crewful of men like me." Conant tried to look modest, which only made Tom more skeptical.

"That simply can't be the truth, but you look even sillier than usual, so something hapepned. What is it?"

"Just what I told you. I'm a hero. Honest." Mickey grinned engagingly. "And as an extra reward, I'm allowed to go on shore patrol with you."

"Okay, hero. You really did get a commendation, huh? But are you off the hot spot about that lost code book?"

"Well—no. But the skipper didn't talk so rough, at least. However, don't you worry about me being cited. I'll go right on being democratic, and will continue to associate with you, even if it is against my better judgment."

Tom's mouth fell open, and he groped wrathfully for words. After a helpless moment, he turned away toward his locker.

"The biggest jerk on the ship has become a bloomin' 'ero," he flung over his shoulder in parting. "Yesterday's model Conant was hard enough to get along with, but after today—blimey!"

The object of this ridicule grinned in great enjoyment at Tom's back, and settled down in his chair, hands behind his head. Life was never better to Mickey than when he could rile Tom Wilson. His face sobered, and he gazed dreamily at the bulkhead opposite. Finally he drew a slow long breath and quoted:

"'Commended for saving a life at the risk of his own.' Lord," he murmured, "I'd rather have a soul-saving commendation."

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Shortly before six o'clock, Tom and Mickey took their departure

from the ship. They were under orders to report to the Shore Patrol Headquarters for assignment to their duty for the evening. They stopped first at a corner shop and changed a quantity of their money into New Zealand currency. On a moment they were again on the street, hands full of pounds, shillings and pence.

"Ain't seen so much money since the last time you clipped the coupons from your stocks and bonds," remarked Mickey, riffling a sheaf of pound notes.

At the S.P. office, they were issued arm brassards, night sticks and belts. The CPO in charge tossed a couple sheets of paper across his desk.

"Here's your orders which set forth the rules for the job, and the limit of your beat. Walk down this avenue two blocks and turn west. Your beat is six blocks up Royal Street, over to Victor Street and back. Just keep order among any service men you find in that area. You'll be off at 10:00 P.M.; come back here to check out. That's all."

The two men strapped brassards on their arms, donned their web belts and strolled away, swinging night sticks with a studied air. Mickey pushed his forward rakishly.

"Always wanted to be a policeman," he declared. "Bring on your evil-doers."

"All I'm worried about is that some blonde pickpocket will steal that brassard right off your arm," scoffed Tom.

For two hours, the guardians of naval law and peace strolled their area vigilantly, without incident. They passed civilians by the hundreds, seamen and dockmen from the waterfront, and marry servicemen. Nothing occurred to cause so much as the flicker of an eyelid. They stepped into an occasional public bar or night club, looked around quickly and departed. Everywhere that Navy blue was to be found, there was nothing but peace and quiet.

Mickey yawned widely. "Dullest stretch of shore patrol I ever stood. Might as well be in the Port Hueneme. Let's stop in this cafe and have a bite to eat."

"Good idea," agreed Tom. They turned aside lazily and entered a comfortable looking establishment that bore a brightly lighted neon sign proclaiming it to be "The Auckland Grill." The two seamen seated themselves at a table and waited for service.

Presently a young woman in a neat blue apron appeared and handed them a menu. "Good evening, gentlemen. What would you like?"

Mickey looked at her appreciatively. "Something easy for you to carry, Miss."

The maid gazed abstractedly over his head. "We're having a special tonight on roast beef, with mixed

vegetables, roll and dessert, for only two bob."

"Two bob!" The radioman looked aghast. "How much is that in U. S. money? Sounds like a lot."

The waitress glanced briefly into his eyes. "I believe it's about four bits, sir."

Mickey nudged his friend in great delight. "Say! Get that, will you? 'Four bits,' she says. Ma'am yqu must have run into some American sailors before."

"Yes, I have," was the cool response. "Do you care to order now, gentlemen?"

Mickey winced. "That didn't sound friendly," he grumbled to an unimpressed Wilson. "Okay, I'll take some of that roast beef, for two bob. And a glass of fresh milk please."

"Suits me," chimed in Tom. "And don't pay any attention to my buddy here, Miss. He's harmless, as any girl on the West Coast will tell you."

"I'm sure of that," the girl remarked, but there was a twinkle in her eye as she turned away. In a few minutes the men were eating hungrily their appetites sharpened by the very surroundings. It's a strange fact that even Navy beans will taste better when eaten in a shoreside restaurant at a table with a white cloth, and served by a pretty waitress.

Presently the young lady came around to serve their dessert. There was a rich piece of chocolate cake, which Mickey dallied over as he exchanged banter with the waitress.

"I'll be having supper in here every night this week," he said hopefully. "Do you mind telling me your name, Miss, so I can ask for you to wait on us if we don't see you right away?"

The girl smiled cheerfully. "Not at all. It's Moitle."

"Moitle?" The sailor looked bewildered, then doubtful, and finally he laughed a trifle sheepishly. "You kidding me, young lady? First time I ever heard that name outside of Brooklyn. Well, we're Tom Wilson and Mickey Conant. Come on, now what really is your name?"

"I told you—it's Moitle. Ask for me next time you come in and see." She busied herself clearing dishes away at the next table. Mickey sipped his glass of milk, and absently set it down while still regarding the girl with doubt. Unfortunately, neither his sense of direction nor distance was at work, for he deposited the glass on the edge of his plate, and let go of it. In an instant, his lap was inundated with milk, and poor Mickey leaped to his feet with an exclamation of dismay, grabbing frantically for napkin and handkerchief.

Tom fell backward in his chair and went into a gale of laughter. The girl spun around in startled wonder, then she too burst out laughing. Mickey mopped and brushed busily for a moment, then looked up, glowing.

"Okay," he growled, "go ahead and laugh, both of you. That's what I get for being so susceptible. If I'd been watching my business, instead of looking at you, I'd still be dry now, besides having a glass of milk left to finish my supper with."

Moitle was instantly contrite, although the twinkle would not leave her eyes. "I'm sorry, really. I'll get you another glass of milk, and you can drink it without looking at me." She bustled off toward the kitchen.

Tom regarded his companion with frank curiosity. "Mr. Conant," he remarked, candidly, "I want to congratulate you. You have just surpassed your previous record for foolishness. I thought I had seen you at your fathead best at various times in the past, but you can always rise to new heights, it seems."

The sarcasm had no effect on Mickey. "My boy, when you're an old, old man—if you should live so long—you can tell your grandchildren that you saw Michael Conant demonstrate his technique with the girls in many ports. This is just one lesson in your education."

In great disgust, Tom retorted, "In other words, you spilled that glass of milk on purpose? Brother, tell that to the gullible marines! And anyhow, look who's giving me lessons about girls—me who's engaged right now to the prettiest lassie in California."

"Okay, okay. You'll regret those hasty words some day, but right now I forgive you. Ahh! Here comes my lactic replacement. I beg your pardon, Miss (to the girl who was setting a new glass of milk before him), I've made so many liberties with this

yeoman I'm beginning to talk like a yeoman."

"Did it stain your uniform?" She asked, primly.

"Naah!" Mickey dismissed the matter lightly. "I'll have Tom rinse it out for me tomorrow aboard ship. By the way, when do you go home?"

"When I'm through working."

"That's the smart thing to do, all right," Mickey conceded. "And what time are you through working?"

"When the restaurant closes."

The radioman looked at Tom and sighed. "Just like swimming against the tide: you get no place. Wonder what time this place closes."

"At ten o'clock," was the surprising reply from Moitle which caused both boys to blink. Mickey recovered quickly.

"Moitle, I want to thank you for a pleasant interlude in our law enforcement rounds. We will leave you now; I must continue my task of showing this yeoman how to walk a post in a military manner. But he always goes to bed early—youngsters need their sleep, you know—and I'd be happy to escort you home."

He paused for an answer, but none was forthcoming, so he went on. "Look for me outside when you leave. I'll be the man in Navy blue and . . ."

"And a red face, if she slips out the back door, which would serve you right," interrupted Tom.

The girl laughed. "Here's your check. Pay the cashier as you go out, please." She walked sedately away.

Mickey pulled out a handful of coins and looked them over questioningly. "What's a reasonable tip, I wonder," he asked his companion.

Tom was ready with assistance. "I suggest you leave the biggest coin you've got. Tip her once for the service and once for having to listen to your line."

Which Mickey did.

When ten o'clock drew near, they made their last round and stopped by the Shore Patrol office. The Chief turned out to be a man with a heart: he allowed Mickey to turn in his equipment early, on condition that Tom make one more tour of the beat. The two seamen walked leisurely back up the street toward the Grill.

"Hope you don't mind being kept a few minutes longer, Tom," apologized Mickey.

"Skip it; doesn't matter to me. The ship's tied up to the deck, and there's no waiting for boats. I'll just walk back down there, up the gangway, and there I am."

Mickey stepped up onto the darkened portico of the restaurant. "Looks like the place is about to close up, Tommy. I'll wait out here. You don't need to stick around if you don't want to."

"Oho!" chortled the other. "Afraid I'll furnish a little competition, hey? Well, you don't need to worry. After all, I'm already engaged to the prettiest girl on the West Coast. . ."

"Yes, yes, yes!" Mickey was hasty to interrupt. "I know that refrain by heart. Good night, Mr. Wilson."

Mr. Wilson regarded him briefly and skeptically. "Hmph," he said. He hitched up his web belt, used the end of his night stick to shove his hat forward, and strode away down the street, whistling a tune that sounded like "Sailor, Beware!"

Conant had not long to wait. Lights began to flick off within the establishment, and in a few minutes the front door opened and Moitle stepped out. She pretended surprise at the sight of the sailor.

"Why, hello; Let's see you're Tommy, aren't you?"

The man looked pained. "Now please, Moitle. My name is Micky Conant—you can always tell us apart because I'm the one with the intelligent look. Are you all through for the night?"

"Yes", replied the girl, smiling. "And I'm going right home, which is routine procedure for each night at this time."

"You wouldn't care to stop somewhere for a sandwich and a coke, or maybe malt?"

She scoffed, "Mr. Conant, I have been serving and handling food for eight hours. I'm not hungry. I'm going home."

"Oh well," answered Mickey, resignedly, "I'll escort you home, and maybe we can get acquainted without the aid of edibles and—what's the word—drinkables."

She laughed. "That word will do well enough. We get the tram down here on Queen Street."

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Reports



FROM THE FIELD

Southern Conference

Layman's Day, Special Receptions and Hobby Night at Cottonwood Church, Lorena, Texas

On Sunday, Oct. 11, the Cottonwood Baptist Church near Lorena, Texas, observed Layman's Day. The men had charge of the morning service and brought a very fine program. The Scripture was read by Buddy Wedemeyer, followed by prayer by Ernest Gummelt. The male chorus brought the special music. Four of our men: Louis Wedemeyer, Jr., Walter Gummelt, Will Bremer and Adolph Guderian, spoke on appropriate topics.

On Saturday, Oct. 25, the Training Union sponsored a social in honor of Mr. and Mrs. John Shirley. Mr. Shirley has recently returned to our midst after 18 months' service overseas. We thank God for his safe return to his family and church. Our new Training Union director, Miss Grace Wedemeyer, is planning great things for the coming year.

We also welcomed back into our church a former member, the Rev. Walter Gordon Gummelt, who is attending the seminary at Forth Worth, Texas. He is home on weekends and is helping in our church.

We now have a visual aid director in our church, Mr. Ollie Rae Lampert, who is doing a fine job. We have seen several films and are looking forward to many more along with our regular services and on special occasions.

Our pastor, Rev. A. R. Kingman, is conducting a Hobby Night once a week. Our people of all ages get together and work on plaques or at other hobbies we have. We are enjoying these evenings very much.

Mrs. H. D. Lynn, Reporter.

Southwestern Conference

Reception at Bison, Kansas, for Rev. and Mrs. David Littke and Family

On Friday evening, Oct. 30, we of the First Baptist Church of Bison, Kans., had the joy of welcoming our pastor, the Rev. David Littke, and family into our church. Being without a minister since July 1953, it was with great eagerness that we gathered with many of our friends in the church for this event.

Mr. Fred Beahm, a deacon, introduced the guest speaker and visiting pastors. The guest speaker of the evening was the Rev. Elmer Strauss of

Ellinwood, Kansas. Other visiting pastors were Rev. H. J. Wilcke of Stafford, Kans.; Rev. S. Berger of Dighton, Kans.; and Rev. Leon Bill of Hays, Kansas.

Musical numbers were brought by the male quartet. Representatives of the church's organizations brought messages of welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Littke. At the close of the program the Rev. and Mrs. David Littke were given an opportunity to respond. They also sang a duet. We then met in the church basement for refreshments. Neighboring churches present for the reception were Ellinwood, Stafford and Dighton.

Prior to the coming of Mr. and Mrs. Littke a pantry shower was given in their honor. We are looking forward to a time of blessed fellowship together.

Clara Niedenthal, Reporter.

Harvest Mission Festival, A Day of Blessing at Immanuel Church, Loyal, Oklahoma

Sunday, October 11, was a day of rich blessing at the Immanuel Church near Loyal, Okla., as we were privileged to have Dr. John Leyboldt of Forest Park, Ill., with us for our Harvest Mission Festival. During the Sunday School hour, the children presented their program of praise and thanksgiving in song and recitation. The platform had been decorated with grains, fruits and vegetables, thus reminding us too of our Father's bountiful provisions for us, his children.

Dr. Leyboldt brought his first message of the day during the morning service when he spoke on "The Divine Builder," the text taken from Matt. 16: 13-20. The choir sang an anthem of praise at this service.

Following the morning service, dinner was served in the church basement. Approximately 100 enjoyed this time of fellowship together. Then in the afternoon we again assembled in the auditorium for a missionary service. A mixed quartet provided the special music and Dr. Leyboldt brought a message entitled, "The Farmer, the Lord and You" emphasizing our complete dependence upon God for all blessings, temporal and spiritual.

In the evening service, after a song by the Ladies' Chorus, Dr. Leyboldt showed two missionary films. The first was the story of Semi, the Leper, and vividly portrayed life in our New Hope Settlement in the Cameroons. The second film introduced to us our mission in Japan. We appreciated greatly seeing the opportunities which are ours in these new fields.

Our hearts were challenged anew in the services of this day and we

praise our heavenly Father for the blessings received. The offerings of the day amounted to \$564. May we as a church go forward into new paths of service for him!

Mrs. G. W. Blackburn, Reporter.

Sessions of the Oklahoma Association are Held at the Zion Church of Okeene

The Oklahoma Association of North American Baptists met at Okeene, Okla., Oct. 27 to 29. The members of the Zion Baptist Church with their pastor, the Rev. Leland Friesen, did a superb job of entertaining all visitors and delegates. The Lord granted perfect weather for the days.

Our moderator, the Rev. L. H. Smith, conducted the opening service. It was our great privilege to have Prof. Hugo Lueck of our Seminary at Sioux Falls, S. Dak., in our meetings. He spoke on "The Church of Christ."

On Wednesday morning the devotionals were led by the Rev. Jacob Ehman of Bessie. Prof. Hugo Lueck again conducted our Bible study in 1st Peter. The business meeting followed. We were all saddened by the news of the sudden and severe illness of the Rev. L. H. Smith which compelled him to return home to Corn. The Rev. O. K. Ringering took his place as moderator.

Following the business session we were delighted to hear Mrs. Walter Grosser of Forest Park, Ill., give us the denominational report. A quiet time followed led by Rev. Walter Weber of Ingersoll. In the afternoon Prof. Lueck and a report on the "Baptist Men" by Mr. Harry Geis followed.

Wednesday evening was "Youth Night." Our Oklahoma CBY president, Eugene Laubach of Okeene, opened the service. After various numbers in song and a reading, Prof. Lueck brought his second inspiring message on "The Church of Christ" stressing "the living hope."

On Thursday morning devotionals were conducted by the Rev. B. F. Taylor of Gotebo. The afternoon expository hour was followed by three simultaneous meetings of the Woman's Missionary Union led by Mrs. B. F. Taylor, "Baptist Men" led by Harry H. Geis, and the pastors led by Rev. G. W. Blackburn.

The Thursday evening service was in charge of the Oklahoma Woman's Missionary Union with Mrs. B. F. Taylor presiding. After a rousing song service led by Mrs. Harry Geis, Mrs. Alvin Schmidt read the Scripture passage and led in prayer. Mrs. B. F. Taylor then introduced the newly elected officers: president, Mrs. Leland Friesen of Okeene; vice-president, Mrs. Henry Weber of Cherokee; secretary, Mrs. Walter Laufer of Gotebo; and treasurer, Mrs. Oscar Meggert of Corn. After the installation prayer by Mrs. H. A. Meyer and a duet by Mrs. Donald Geis and Mrs. Herman Dummer, we were inspired by the message, "Look To This Day," so beautifully presented by Mrs. Walter W. Grosser of Oak Park, Illinois.

Mrs. Henry Weber, Reporter.

OCTOBER CONTRIBUTIONS—NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST GENERAL CONFERENCE

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ALL PURPOSES

Conference	Oct., 1953	Oct., 1952	Oct., 1951
Atlantic	\$ 5,283.31	\$ 2,423.60	\$ 1,588.42
Central	11,386.65	10,192.93	6,461.69
Dakota	10,951.81	15,215.43	12,111.41
Eastern	2,608.23	2,473.56	1,360.16
Northern	8,462.55	4,202.04	27,190.58
Northwestern	10,414.81	3,247.08	4,279.37
Pacific	8,364.53	7,440.66	7,618.88
Southern	1,643.61	1,591.12	1,254.54
Southwestern	5,719.91	6,243.95	7,692.21

Total Contributions\$64,835.41 \$53,030.37 \$69,557.26

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED

	Budget Contributions	Other Purposes	Total Contributions
For the month of October, 1953	\$63,200.14	\$ 1,635.27	\$64,835.41
For the month of October, 1952	47,381.94	5,648.43	53,030.37
For the month of October, 1951	63,258.89	6,298.37	69,557.26

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR

April 1, 1953 to October 31, 1953	284,504.35	14,218.49	298,722.84
April 1, 1952 to October 31, 1952	224,197.21	43,840.66	268,037.87
April 1, 1951 to October 31, 1951	223,183.21	35,083.03	258,266.24

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April 1, 1952 to October 31, 1953	762,285.83	100,177.96	862,463.79
April 1, 1951 to October 31, 1952	653,925.31	142,227.65	796,152.96
April 1, 1950 to October 31, 1951	595,832.51	142,087.44	737,919.95

Sessions of the Kansas Association at Lorraine Consider "The Christian's Armor"

The Kansas Association met at Lorraine, Kans., from Oct. 19 to 21. Every church was represented. The theme of the Association was the "Christian's Armor" taken from Ephesians 6. The local pastors dealt with the various parts of the Christian's armor. Rev. P. Shellhouse of Marion brought the keynote message on the "Need of God's Armor." The theme was continued by Rev. Bill Berger of Dighton, speaking on being "Girded with Truth." The need for the "Breastplate of Christ's Righteousness" was presented by Rev. H. Schauer of Dickinson County church. The "Shoes of Peace" was presented by Rev. J. Wood of the Bethany Church. Rev. J. Kruegel stressed the importance of the "Shield of Faith." The closing messages were delivered by Rev. N. Berkan of Ebenezer on the "Helmet of Salvation" and Rev. L. Hinz of Strassburg on the "Sword of the Spirit."

Important items of business besides the routine business included the decision to postpone the building of our own camp for the present. Also a constitutional change was passed by the Association stating the exact status of a missionary church in the association and the method to be used if such a church would desire recognition by and become a regular member of the Association.

The Missionary Committee presented a plan to accelerate the canvassing of unchurched areas of Wichita, which was being conducted by Dr. and Mrs. Appel, denominational extension workers. The plan was called a "Missionary for a Day" and called on each church to send a pastor and two or three laymen to Wichita for a 24-hour period to aid Dr. Appel and Rev. Wiens, local worker, in visitation. This plan was adopted by the Association and at the date of this writing has been successfully carried out.

New officers of the Association are: Rev. L. Hinz, moderator; Rev. N. Berkan, vice-moderator; Rev. E. Strauss, Secretary; Mr. Harvey Kruse, treasurer; and Rev. E. Strauss, secretary of the Mission Committee. We were grateful to God and to the local church for the blessings and comforts enjoyed by all attending the Association.

H. Schauer, Reporter.

Northwestern Conference

Annual Program of the Baptist Woman's Missionary Society of Watertown, Wisconsin

The Ladies' Aid Society of Watertown, Wis., held its annual program on Sunday evening, Oct. 25, with Mrs. Raymond Frame, returned missionary from China and the Philippines as the speaker. The Frames are serving under the China Inland Mission Board. Mrs. Frame is the daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Wm. Nowack who are members of our church and who at one time were missionaries to China.

Our Ladies' Aid Society has taken a greater interest in missionary work during the past year and has given approximately \$270 towards the leper work in the Cameroons. We meet on the last Thursday of each month to do White Cross work, which either goes to the Indians in Canada or to the Cameroons in Africa.

Last year at Christmas we secured a name through our local Family Welfare Agency and gave a gift to each member of the family plus several large boxes of food. We are planning another such project this year. The women together with their husbands went to Milwaukee to give a program at the Rescue Mission. We also held a program at the Forest Lawn Sanatorium in Jefferson on Nov. 16.

We meet on the first Wednesday of each month for our business meeting, donations and program.

Mrs. Edgar Goetsch, Secretary.

Missionary Rally and Evangelistic Meetings at the Minnetrista Church, St. Bonifacius, Minnesota

The weekend of October 24 and 25 proved to be a very blessed one for the Minnetrista Baptist Church of St. Bonifacius, Minn., of which the Rev. D. S. Wipf is the pastor. On those dates it was the privilege of the church to sponsor its first missionary rally.

The Saturday evening meeting in charge of the young people had as special speaker Miss Berneice Westerman, returned missionary from the Cameroons. Miss Westerman also addressed the Sunday School on the following day.

In keeping with the theme were the morning and evening worship services when it was our privilege to have the Rev. J. C. Gunst of the Forest Park headquarters as our speaker. It has been the prayer of the church for a more consecrated ministry of giving. That the Lord has laid this ministry on our hearts was witnessed by the generous morning offering which brought the year's missionary gifts to over \$600.

The week of October 27 to November 1st was also challenging to the church. Evangelistic services were held nightly with the local pastor, the Rev. D. S. Wipf, as evangelist. He was assisted by outside musical talent in the person of Mrs. Alvina Van Antwerp, a most versatile and consecrated servant of the Lord. May the Word, faithfully proclaimed in sermon and song, bring a rich fruitage!

Mildred I. Krenke, Clerk.

Visitation Program and Spiritual Emphasis Week at Temple Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

The Temple Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wis., under the leadership of the Rev. G. K. Zimmerman, experienced great blessings through an "Every Member Visitation" program conducted this fall. Over 60 members participated in this work and every family in the Sunday School as well as the church was visited. It was also a pleasure to note that the attendance on World Wide Communion Day was 60 per cent higher than the past two years.

We also gave the hand of fellowship to several adults on that Sunday. The pastor is conducting a Church Membership Class with several adults who will be received into the fellowship of the church at an early date. The week of Nov. 10 to 15 was "Spiritual Emphasis Week" with the Rev. E. Klatt of St. Paul, Minn., as the speaker.

On November 18th the church planned a Family Night Supper followed by an "Open House and Welcome Shower" for George and Marie Hensel. We are indeed happy to have them back in our midst after the Rev. George Hensel's retirement and already feel their help and guidance in the promotion of the Master's work. The church feels a definite trend of "going forward" and we thank God for his rich blessings of the past and ask for divine guidance for the future.

Mrs. W. Nasgowitz, Reporter.

Baptist Church of Victor, Iowa, Celebrates 50th Anniversary Besides Other Special Programs

The Victor Baptist Church, Victor, Iowa, celebrated its 50th anniversary with a Christian Life Conference held at the church Nov. 25 to 29. Dr. Thorwald Bender, Professor at Northern Baptist Theological Seminary of Chicago, Ill., was on hand for the entire time, and the Rev. Wm. H. Schobert of East Detroit, Mich., first full-resident pastor of the church, brought the message Friday night, Nov. 27, at a service honoring charter members still living.

Looking forward to this epoch in the life of our church, members of the different departments, under the leadership of their pastor, Rev. Alvin Wetter, have been inspired to use their various talents in many ways.

An early summer evangelistic campaign with the Rev. Henry Smuland of Sheffield, Iowa, and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Clingman, musicians, heightened the desire for our church to be an uncompromising witness for our Savior throughout the area. Many are also taking an active interest in the county-wide activities of the Christian Farmers and the Youth for Christ organization, as well as participation in Sunday afternoon monthly County Home meetings and "Sing-spiration" held in various churches after the evening services.

In reaching the children, the Vacation Bible School held all-day sessions for one week. Again, it was unique in the amount of offerings brought by the children themselves. In addition, as a benefit for children, preceding the regular Sunday evening service, object lessons and stories are given by various members, including the pastor and his wife.

Of particular enjoyment were the plays given by the Woman's Missionary Society and the Senior CBY. The Sunday School Contest of the Reds and Greens resulted in the purchase of many New Testaments for Japan in their own language and increased the giving in our own offerings. The Adult Young People's SS Class purchased and erected a sign at the east entrance to Victor on U.S. Highway 6, which says to the traveler, day or

night, "Now is the Day of Salvation," and in smaller print are given the Bible references and the directions to our church. The Junior CBY has purchased signs soon to be placed at another portion of the highway.

The mid-week Bible study and prayer meetings have been extremely profitable as the attendance has been consistently good. Imaginary trips were taken into the Holy Land and the exodus of the children of Israel was followed by means of colored slides. These studies were climaxed with the giving of tests to young and old by the pastor, who used true and false as well as multiple choice questions. Important facts learned were recalled and the tests were enjoyed because the grades were fortunately not recorded. Answered prayer in regard to one of our members in the service was cause for great rejoicing when Roscoe Jordan arrived home safely from Korea.

Church building improvements include enlarging the platform in the sanctuary and the purchasing of new carpeting. The foundation was repaired, roof shingled, cement porch completed at the rear of the church and the large stained glass windows were puttied.

As a love gift to Mr. and Mrs. Wetter and Keith, the sum of \$883.00 was given toward the purchase of a new Ford car.

Mrs. Merwyn Betz, Clerk.

Central Conference

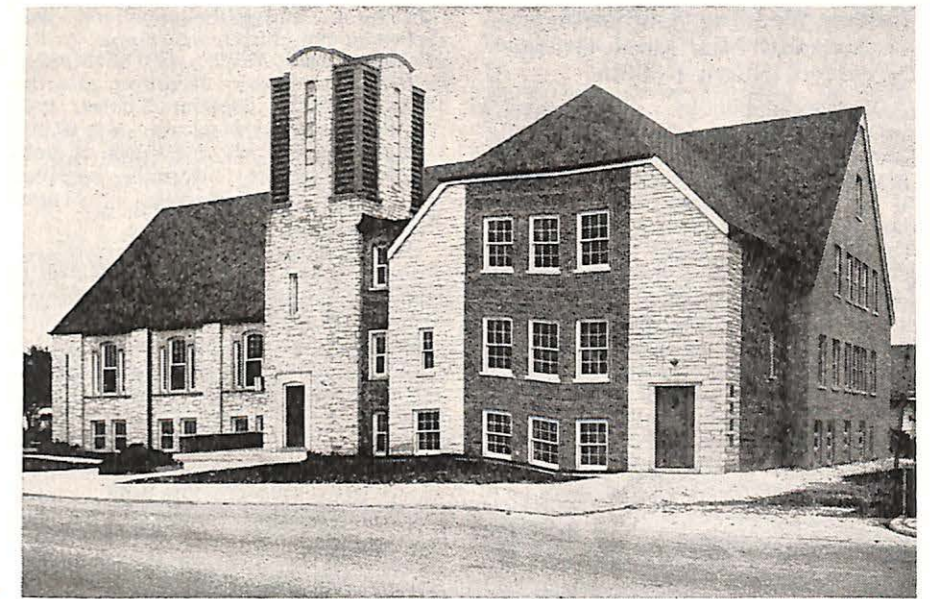
Foster Avenue Baptist Church, Chicago, Illinois, Dedicates Its New Educational Unit

Another milestone in the history of the Foster Ave. Baptist Church, Chicago, Ill., was reached when we observed the dedication of our Educational Unit. The service was held on Sunday afternoon, October 18th. The auditorium was filled to overflowing with our own members and with people from our sister churches as well as with friends from the neighborhood.

The program included lovely anthems by the mixed choir and male chorus under the direction of Mr. Herbert Pankratz, and brief remarks by the architect, the chairmen of the Building and Finance Committees, and the superintendent of the Sunday School. In appreciation of their services, a gift of money was presented to Mr. R. Swanson, the architect, and Mr. Edw. Meister, chairman of the Building Committee, who had also functioned as General Contractor.

After the visiting pastors had expressed congratulations and good wishes on behalf of their respective churches, our pastor, the Rev. Joe Sonnenberg, spoke on the topic: "What We Here Dedicate." He pointed out that it is well to dedicate the building to the work of the Lord, but that this would be a futile gesture, if we failed to consecrate ourselves as well. In conclusion Miss Joyce Casten rendered the vocal solo, "Bless This House," by Brahe.

Following this service a tour was conducted through the Educational



The new Educational Unit of the Foster Avenue Baptist Church, Chicago, Illinois (right of church tower), which was dedicated at festive exercises on Sunday, Oct. 18, 1953

Unit, after which a delicious luncheon and a time of fellowship was enjoyed by all. During the evening service the Rev. Jay Hirth spoke concerning the mission work in Japan, also showing motion pictures about the work.

Thus ended a long to be remembered day and our hearts are filled with gratitude to God, who has led us thus far and blessed us abundantly.

Mrs. Louise Zoch, Church Clerk.

Dakota Conference

Harvest and Mission Festival at the Baptist Church of Bismarck, North Dakota

The annual Harvest and Mission Festival held in the Baptist Church of Bismarck, N. Dak., on Sunday, October 18th, was again a blessing to the members and friends of our church. It was a beautiful day! The weatherman could not have given us more perfect weather. We had invited the Rev. C. T. Remple as our guest speaker and had awaited his coming with great anticipation. In the morning service he spoke on "The Anointing of Jesus" and in the evening he spoke on "Jesus' Concern for the Common People." Our people were graciously moved by these messages to lay the sum of \$1845.98 upon the altar of God. We have therefore again achieved a new high.

In the same week the Woman's Missionary Society sponsored a sale of hand-made articles and fancy work which netted \$500. In Nehemiah 4:6b we read, "For the people had a mind to work." It is not hard to get things done when this is the case.

We wish to express our sincerest thanks to the Rev. C. T. Remple for his fine messages and to the Hebron Baptist Baptist Church for releasing its pastor to us for the day. It was the first time that Mr. Remple had preached in our church. As a pastor's

family we enjoyed the fellowship with the pastor's family of Hebron.

Edward Kary, Pastor.

Mission Festival and Women's Anniversary Program at Ebenezer Baptist Church, Lehr, N. Dak.

Sunday, Oct. 18th, was set aside for the annual Harvest Mission Festival at the Ebenezer Baptist Church at Lehr, North Dakota. Dr. John Leopold of Forest Park, Ill., was the guest speaker for the day, bringing an inspiring German message in the morning and an English message in the evening. The beauty of both services was enhanced by bouquets of late fall flowers, furnished by the different members.

The choir and male quartet furnished the musical numbers for both services. A mission offering was taken in the morning and the offering in the evening was designated for the building fund. We are thankful for liberal offerings for the up-building of his work.

The women of the Ladies' Missionary Society rendered their annual program on Thursday evening, Nov. 5th. Mrs. Henry Kranzler, program chairman, was in charge. Mrs. J. Heer, president, was in charge of a solemn service, honoring Mrs. Emma Hellwig, a member of our society who is ill and who has been unable to attend any meetings of any kind. Mrs. J. Heer presented Mrs. John A. Miller with a bouquet of roses to be presented to Mrs. E. Hellwig after the service in behalf of the society. Musical numbers and readings followed. Members of the Rosenfield Ladies' Aid were our special guests who also took part in the program. An offering was taken for missionary purposes.

We, as a group of women, have also completed our White Cross work with the help of other interested friends which has been shipped to headquarters. May the Lord grant us many more years to labor for him!

Mrs. John Kranzler, Reporter.

Golden Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Grenz of Napoleon, North Dakota

During the Sunday morning service on October 11, the Napoleon Baptist Church of Napoleon, N. Dak., celebrated the 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Grenz. Mr. and Mrs. Grenz are charter members of the church. Both have been active in the interests of the church and have been faithful workers for many years.

The pastor, the Rev. Henry Lang, together with the Grenz children planned a good program for the occasion. All nine of the children were able to be present, coming from California and Oregon. It was a day of



Mr. and Mrs. Fred Grenz of Napoleon, N. Dak., at their recent golden wedding anniversary celebration held in the church

rejoicing for Mr. and Mrs. Grenz, especially because the family had not been together for many years. It was arranged as a surprise of which the parents were not conscious.

The pastor was in charge of the program. All the musical numbers were presented by the immediate family. The Rev. Henry Lang read a short history and brought a brief message on the 23rd Psalm after which the eight sons and their wives and the only daughter sang the honored couple's favorite hymn, "Beulah Land."

The children presented each one of the parents with a gold watch while the church presented them with a special gift offering. After Mr. and Mrs. Grenz had spoken words of appreciation, they were congratulated by over 200 guests. A chicken dinner was served in the basement of the church to all present. We wish Mr. and Mrs. Grenz many more blessed years together.

Henry Lang, Pastor.

Mission Festival, CBY Play and Evangelistic Services at Baptist Church, Plevna, Montana

On Sunday, Sept. 27, the Plevna Baptist Church, Plevna, Mont., held its annual Harvest and Mission Festival with the Rev. J. C. Gunst of Forest Park, Ill., as special speaker for the occasion. Following the morning

service a fellowship luncheon was served in the church basement. In the afternoon the children of the Sunday School under the direction of the superintendent, Theodor Kusler, presented its special program. Mr. Gunst brought challenging messages at both services, and the offerings received for home and foreign missions amounted to \$6666.

On Sunday, Oct. 11, our CBY presented a fine program under the leadership of its president, Wilmer Huber. The theme was "Evangelism" in anticipation of our revival meetings which began the following evening. The play, "Revive Us Again," as well as the message by the pastor, the Rev. G. Beutler, proved to be a deep challenge

bel of Emery then introduced Miss Helen Lohse, who spent the most of last summer on the Spanish-American Mission field in Colorado. She gave a very vivid picture of the work she did while there. She stressed the need for both workers and supplies, as well as the abundance of work to be done. Her talk created anew our interest in the Spanish-American people.

After a duet, "He Took My Place," by Mrs. Albert Radel and Mrs. Alex Mehlhaff of Parkston, women from Avon very ably presented the dialogue entitled, "Learning To Give." During the business session, it was decided to divide the offering of \$116.60 with one-fourth to go to the Bismarck Home for the Aged, and the other three-fourth toward the \$30,000 project of our National Woman's organization.

The new officers for the coming year are: president, Mrs. Roy Seibel, Emery; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Harold Weiss, Sioux Falls.

Mrs. Alfred Weisser, Reporter.

The Baptist Church of Parkston, South Dakota, Celebrates Its 60th Anniversary

Rejoicing in the grace and mercy of the Lord our God, the members and friends of the Parkston and Tripp Baptist Churches of South Dakota celebrated the 60th anniversary of the church on Friday evening, October 30, and all day Sunday, November 1.

The Friday evening service consisted of a fine fellowship dinner prepared by the women of the church and a fitting program. The Juniors sang, "Abiding In the Heart" and the men's quartet, consisting of the Messrs. Alex Mehlhaff, Albert Radel and Arthur and Edwin Rieb sang, "He Is So Precious to Me." Reminiscences were given by the Messrs. Henry Mehlhaff, John Lippert, Fred Mehlhaff and H. B. Lippert.

We were privileged in having the Rev. Richard Schilke, our general missionary secretary, with us for these great days. He spoke to us on the themes, "God's Presence Throughout the Years," "A Growing Church," "Things Best Forgotten" and "Looking Beyond Ourselves."

On Sunday morning the Church School session was in charge of the superintendent, Mr. Albert Radel. The Messrs. Carl Fastnacht, a former superintendent, and Alex Mehlhaff, vice-superintendent, spoke words of challenge and inspiration to the large assembly. The choir, accompanied by Mrs. Alex Mehlhaff and directed by Miss Barbara Weisser, sang fitting numbers. Mr. LeRoy Lippert sang, "Bless This House." Other musical numbers were ably rendered by the men's quartet, the ladies' double trio and the double quartet.

The Rev. and Mrs. Eldon Seibold of our Spring Valley Church served very acceptably with organ and vibraharp music during the Sunday afternoon service. The church was filled to capacity at all of the Sunday services and the presence of the Lord was manifest at all times.

Alfred Weisser, Pastor.

Woman's Missionary Society of Mercer, N. Dak., Contributes \$500 to New Parsonage

At our most recent meeting, the Woman's Missionary Society of the Baptist Church in Mercer, N. Dak., decided to report about some of our activities. Our society is small with only 13 members, but our programs are always a blessing to us.

We have been very busy and as a result were able to donate \$500 to the Building Fund of our new parsonage. We also furnished the bathroom and painted the entire house with two or three ladies working in one room.

A large box of clothing and a bundle of White Cross material were sent to Forest Park to be shipped to places where it is most needed. We also took a box of home-made noodles and cookies to the Home for the Aged at Bismarck, North Dakota. Eighteen dollars were given for foreign missions.

We have remembered the sick and bereaved by visiting them and sending cards to them. We meet in the homes of members each month. We try to keep our meetings as devotional as possible and have been richly blessed in them.

Mrs. Edwin Fiedler, Secretary.

Pacific Conference

Mission Festival and Teachers' Training Course at Baptist Church, Odessa, Wash.

On Sunday, October 11, the Baptist Church of Odessa, Wash., held its Harvest and Mission Festival. This was a great day for us as our secretary for Home and Foreign Missions, the Rev. Richard Schilke, was our speaker. On Sunday morning he spoke to us on God's unspeakable gift, the Lord Jesus Christ, and during the evening service he showed us picture slides of the Bango Hospital in the Cameroons and on the missionary work in Japan. The mission offering received was \$1295.92.

During the week of October 19-23 we had a Sunday School teachers training course entitled "Successful Teaching." Thanks to the Calvary Baptist Church of Tacoma for letting us use their film strips! We enjoyed it very much and feel that it will help us in teaching our children in the future. Out of the 24 enrolled, eleven were there for the entire course. The church auditorium looks very beautiful since it has been redecorated.

On Tuesday evening, November 3, Miss Ruth Bathauer, our denominational children's worker, spoke on the various phases of her work and discussed needs and problems of the children's work of our church and Sunday School.

Mrs. Roger James, Reporter.

House-warming by Portland's Central Church for New Home for Rev. and Mrs. L. B. Berndt

On Sunday afternoon, October 18, the members and friends of the Central Baptist Church of Portland, Ore., had the great pleasure to surprise our

THE LIGHT

A little light in Bethlehem,
No larger than a candle's flame,
A wee white light in Bethlehem,
Silver and small it came.
And many slept and did not see
The faint, far gleam when dark
unfurled
The little light that grew to be
The Light of all the world.

pastor and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. Lewis B. Berndt, with a house-warming in their new home. It is a spacious, well constructed new house with a fireplace-party-room in the daylight basement. Gifts of shrubs, plants and flower bulbs were brought to be planted around the house to beautify the yard.

After a few appropriate remarks by the chairman of our deacons, Conrad Reibick, Marilyn Berndt favored us with a piano solo, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus." Then our new choir director, Sidney Schmidt, sang "Bless This House" accompanied by Mrs. Lila Timm, our organist. Dayton Heitzmann, our Sunday School superintendent, offered the prayer.

Our pastor was called upon to speak and he graciously responded and a time of social fellowship was enjoyed by all. Mr. Schmidt led us in an inspirational time of chorus singing with Mrs. Mary Reibick at the piano. Refreshments were served by our Woman's Missionary Society. The table centered a beautiful cake with these fitting words inscribed on it, "God Bless Our Home."

We pray God's richest blessing upon our pastor's family. May they enjoy many happy years in their new home. We praise God for Brother Berndt's faithful ministry and untiring efforts in proclaiming the true Gospel to us and that many souls may be added to his Kingdom.

Esther M. Schmitke, Reporter.

Ordination of the Rev. Richard Goold by Stafford Baptist Church, Sherwood, Oregon

Upon the invitation of the Stafford Baptist Church of Sherwood, Ore., a council met at 2:00 P.M. on October 16 for the purpose of examining Mr. Richard Goold and setting him apart for the Gospel ministry. The meeting was opened under the leadership of the local pastor, Rev. Erwin Gerlitz, with congregational singing, a portion of Scripture and prayer. The council then elected the Rev. Lewis Berndt as chairman, and the Rev. Arthur K. Schulz as clerk. The churches of the Oregon Association were represented with 20 delegates.

The resolution of the ordaining church which recommended the ordination of the candidate, Richard Goold, was then read to the council by the clerk of the council, the Rev. Arthur K. Schulz. The host pastor then presented the candidate to the council, giving reasons for desiring to ordain him. After a few remarks by the moderator, Mr. Goold gave his testimony concerning

his conversion, call to the ministry and training, doctrinal views, Baptist policy and principles, and attitudes toward our denominational program. After a brief period of questioning the council retired for further deliberation. It was unanimously recommended to the church to proceed with the ordination service.

The ordination service took place that evening when members and friends gathered in the church auditorium. The service was under the direction of the host pastor. The Rev. Lewis Berndt led in the invocation, the Rev. Henry Barnet read the Scripture, and the Rev. Arthur Schulz gave the report of the ordination council. The Rev. Albert Fuller, pastor of the Forest Grove Baptist Church, presented to Mr. Goold a set of Moody Colportage books and an offering was received to help him secure further books for his library. Mrs. Dorothy Baker sang a solo, "I Am Satisfied With Jesus." The ordination message was brought by Mr. Fuller. The Rev. Emanuel Wolff gave the charge to the candidate and the Rev. Robert Penner the charge to the church. The ordination prayer was given by the Rev. Frank Friesen as all the ministers placed their hands on the head of the candidate. The Rev. Rudolph Woyke welcomed Mr. Goold into the ministers' fellowship. At the close of the service the Rev. Richard Goold pronounced the benediction.

The Rev. and Mrs. Goold are at present serving under the Student Missionary Council at Horse Creek, California. May God's blessings be theirs as they labor for him!

H. Barnet, Reporter.

Atlantic Conference

Sessions of New England Association at the Memorial Church, New Britain, Connecticut

The New England Association of the North American Baptist General Conference held its 56th annual meeting at the Memorial Baptist Church of New Britain, Conn., on Oct. 10, 1953.

The conference was opened at 2:00 P.M. on Saturday, Oct. 10, with a tour to nearby Hartford and the rose gardens. On Saturday evening our annual business meeting was held, after which a film on church stewardship was shown.

The Rev. William Kershaw of Boston, Mass., gave a challenging message on Sunday morning, telling us that we "had gone around the mountain" long enough and should "move on to the promised land." The missionary service was held on Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Hilda Zopf presiding. Miss Miller of Hartford Seminary, formerly a faith missionary in China and India, told of mission work in difficult fields.

The people from New Britain were most hospitable to us. We felt the loss of the Rev. George Hensel of King's Highway Baptist Church in Bridgeport, Conn., but we trust a good man will soon take his place.

Anne Atwater, Secretary.

Northern Conference

Annual Program of the Woman's Missionary Society, Ebenezer East Church, Ebenezer, Saskatchewan

"Rejoice in the Lord alway, and again I say rejoice." Surely as a Woman's Missionary Society of the Ebenezer East Baptist Church, Ebenezer, Sask., we have great cause to rejoice for all God's goodness to us in this year. On Sunday evening, Oct. 4th, our annual missionary program was held and there were well over three hundred people in attendance.

The very fine, inspiring program was under the leadership of our president, Mrs. Edwin Bohn, whose faithfulness and capabilities have been a real blessing to our society. The program opened with a 15-minute prelude on the organ, piano, and the vibratory. Other items were the following: readings, recitations, solos, duets, trios, quartets and the Ladies' Chorus.

Toward the close of the program a dramatization was presented entitled, "The Garden of Prayer." This was given against the background of a white cross and a large white gate which was covered with pink and white roses, over which were printed the words, "The Garden of Prayer." In the dramatization "The Beautiful Garden of Prayer" was sung. Our pastor, Rev. Walter Hoffman, brought the service to a close with a challenging message on "Motives for Christian Missions."

The reports given by our secretary, Mrs. P. Dreger, and treasurer, Mrs. A. Hoffman, showed that our women had been faithfully at work in 1953. The sick were remembered with cards and personal visits. Our missionaries received Christmas parcels as well as individual birthday remembrances. Many boxes of clothing have been sent to our Indian mission work here in Saskatchewan.

Mrs. Walter Hoffman, Reporter.

Jansen and Esk Baptist Churches of Saskatchewan

Ordain Rev. Waldemar Ertis

A council was called on October 25 by the Jansen and Esk Baptist Churches of Saskatchewan to consider the advisability of ordaining their pastor, Mr. Waldemar Ertis. Representatives on the council were from the Nokomis, Yorkton, Springside, Fenwood, Jansen and Esk churches. The Rev. O. A. Ertis of Lethbridge, Alta., brother of the candidate, was present as guest minister.

At 11 A.M. the council organized and elected as moderator the Rev. Martin De Boer and Rev. E. L. Thiessen as secretary. Rev. O. A. Ertis was received as representative into the council.

After hearing the resolution of the churches, expressing the wish to have their pastor ordained, the moderator read 1 Tim. 3:1-7 and led in prayer asking God's guidance in this important gathering. The church, through their deacon, Mr. Bach, presented the

Obituary

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

MR. BARBARA KRANZLER of Grand Forks, North Dakota.

Mrs. Barbara Kranzler, nee Kammerer, of Grand Forks, N. Dak., was born on March 12, 1877, at Kassel, South Russia. On Nov. 9, 1897, at Gluecksthal, Russia, she became the bride of Bernhard Kranzler with whom she shared a happy married life until the latter's death in January 1952. The family emigrated to the United States in the spring of 1905 and settled in the vicinity of Grand Forks, North Dakota. Mr. and Mrs. Kranzler had the joy of celebrating their golden wedding anniversary in 1947 at Grand Forks.

In 1907, Mrs. Kranzler was baptized on confession of her faith by the Rev. Herrmann, and became a charter member of the Grace Baptist Church. She was also an honorary member of the Ladies' Aid. Her fervent testimony, faithful prayers, and devoted spirit will be greatly missed among us. As long as she was physically able, she would never miss a service. After a lingering illness which kept her hospitalized for ten weeks, she went home to be with her

candidate for examination to the council. The candidate was examined on the points of conversion, call to the ministry and his doctrinal views. His testimony and statements were given clearly and with conviction. The questions asked by the council were very well answered without hesitation. The procedure was enlightening and a blessing to the entire congregation. After a brief closed session, the council voted unanimously in favor of ordaining Mr. Ertis.

At 2 P.M., after a wholesome and appetizing repast in the basement of the church, the congregation assembled in the auditorium to proceed with the ordination. Rev. Martin De Boer presided. The orchestra and choir served with appropriate numbers. Rev. O. A. Ertis delivered the ordination message based on 2 Tim. 4:1-8. Later it gave him great joy to welcome his younger brother into the ranks of the ministry. The dedicatory prayer was offered by Rev. Martin De Boer. Rev. E. L. Thiessen brought the charge to the church and Rev. A. Lueck the charge to the candidate. The Rev. Waldemar Ertis pronounced the benediction.

E. L. Thiessen, Clerk.

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Lord on Friday, Oct. 30, thus reaching an age of 76 years, 7 months, and 18 days.

Her passing is deeply mourned by her five sons: Carl of Michigan City, Ind.; Ben of Santa Monica, Calif.; Fred, John and Harold of Grand Forks; four daughters: Mrs. Jacob Bintz, Mrs. Mary Dutt, Mrs. John Stroh and Mrs. Charles Balogh, all of Grand Forks; a sister, Mrs. Guthmiller of Pettibone, N. Dak.; 19 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. The service was held on Nov. 2nd at the church, with the undersigned speaking on Phil. 1:21.

Grace Baptist Church,
Grand Forks, North Dakota
H. J. WALTEREIT, Pastor.

MISS ANNA STIER of Madison, South Dakota.

Miss Anna Stier of Madison, S. Dak., was born on February 29, 1876 in Lenz, Germany. At the age of eight years she came to America with her parents and three brothers, and settled on a farm near LeRoy, Wisconsin. In the year 1905 she, together with her mother and brothers, moved to a farm near Madison, South Dakota.

For the past eight years she suffered with arthritis, which caused her to lose her ability to walk. Although her suffering had diminished, she spent the past three years in the Madison Hospital. On October 13 she quietly passed away to be with her Lord. She had attained the age of over 77 years. She is survived by many relatives and friends.

It was in the year 1907 when she openly professed faith in her Lord. She was baptized at that time by Rev. R. J. Hack, and received as a member of the West Center Baptist Church of Madison.

Sister Stier always loved her church, and was a willing supporter of it. She often remembered the needs of missions and other worthy Christian causes with the means that were at her disposal. She served her God as she was able in her quiet manner, and he has rewarded her to himself for an eternal reward.

The spoken words of comfort were based on Isaiah 43:2. "When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee."

Madison, South Dakota
FRED SCHMIDT, Pastor.

MR. REUBIN ALVIN HOFFMAN of Churchbridge, Saskatchewan

Mr. Reubin A. Hoffman of Churchbridge, Sask., son of Mr. Gustav Hoffman and the late Mrs. Hoffman, was born in Ebenezer, Sask., on April 4, 1931. He died on Sept. 22, 1953, after having been fatally injured, when he fell from a loaded hayrack. The cause of his death was that of a broken neck and a brain hemorrhage.

Reubin accepted Christ as his personal Savior at the 1950 Young People's Camp at Echo Lake, Saskatchewan. The Rev. H. Palfenier was the guest speaker during the week of camp. The following year, Reubin was baptized by the Rev. J. Engel and he became a member of the Ebenezer East Baptist Church where he was a member until the Lord called him home. He leaves to mourn: his heart-broken father, one brother, three sisters, one brother-in-law, two grandmothers, one grandfather, eleven aunts, ten uncles, 28 cousins and a host of friends.

His body was laid to rest on Sept. 27, 1953. Words of comfort were taken from 1 Thess. 4:13. Special numbers were rendered by the choir, "Beyond the Sunset," and the male quartet, "Asleep in Jesus." There is a comfort to those who remain in the hope that is found in Christ Jesus who was Victor over the grave.

Ebenezer East Baptist Church,
Ebenezer, Saskatchewan
W. H. HOFFMAN, Pastor.

MR. EDWARD J. BUCHHOLZ of River Forest, Illinois.

Mr. Edward John Buchholz of River Forest, Ill., was born July 7, 1870 in Elbing, Germany. He came to America in 1883. He was married to Miss Mary Hornung on Oct. 26, 1892. This union was blessed with five children. During the influenza epidemic of 1918, Mrs. Buchholz and the only son, George, died in the same week and both were buried on the same day, Dec. 21, 1918.

In 1923 Mr. Buchholz married Mrs. Helen Scharf. They moved to California and resided there until Mrs. Buchholz died in April 1945. Then our brother returned to River Forest where he lived until his death on Nov. 7, reaching the age of 83 years and 4 months. He is survived by four daughters, six grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and one sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Schmucker of Hutchinson, Kansas.

The funeral service was held on Monday afternoon, Nov. 9, at Forest Park, Illinois. In the absence of the pastor, the Rev. R. Kern, Dr. John Leypoldt officiated. We accompanied the remains to Oak Hill Cemetery, Hammond, Indiana.

Our departed brother enjoyed the respect and confidence of his fellow-Christians who elected him as trustee of the East Side Baptist Church of Chicago and later he was elected as deacon of the Forest Park Baptist Church. The tired pilgrim has gone home. May all his loved ones remain faithful to the end so that there will be a blessed reunion.

Forest Park Baptist Church,
Forest Park, Illinois
JOHN LEYPOLDT, Offic. Minister.

MR. HERMAN J. RINGERING of Ellinwood, Kansas.

Mr. Herman J. Ringering of Ellinwood, Kans., son of Gesina and Albert Ringering, was born November 8, 1879, at Alton, Illinois. On August 4, 1904 he was married to Miss Mary Fischer and the couple made their home on a farm near Alton, Illinois. In 1911 they moved to Kansas with their two sons and settled in the Ellinwood community, making their home in Stafford and Barton counties where a daughter was born to them. He passed away at his farm home on Tuesday morning, September 29, 1953.

He leaves his widow; two sons: Rev. Oliver Ringering, pastor of our Ebenezer Baptist Church, Shattuck, Okla.; and Stanley of Ellinwood; one daughter, Edna, wife of Rev. Milo Haynes, Montevello, Mo.; five grandchildren, as well as one sister, Mrs. William Klopmeier of Bethalto, Ill.; and three brothers: George of East Alton, Ill., Henry of Godfrey, Ill., and John of Rock Ridge, Ill.; and in addition a host of relatives and friends in Illinois and in this community.

While yet a youth, he accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as his personal Savior from sin according to the plan of salvation as revealed in the Scriptures. In 1911 he was baptized upon his confession of faith in the finished work of the Lord Jesus Christ and joined the First Baptist Church of Ellinwood, Kans., in which he was a member and regular attender for over forty years.

First Baptist Church,
Ellinwood, Kansas
ELMER C. STRAUSS, Pastor.

MR. MILTON LOHR of Lodi, California.

Mr. Milton Lohr of Lodi, Calif., son of the Rev. and Mrs. George E. Lohr, was born in Chicago, Ill., on January 21, 1907. He came to Lodi, Calif., from Emery, S. Dak., in 1924. He was a graduate of the Pacific Coast Banking School of the University of Washington. During the second World War he served his country with the United States Air Force which service took him to overseas duties.

Mr. Lohr was the assistant cashier of the Farmers and Merchants Bank in Lodi, having started working there in 1926 as a bookkeeper. A stockholder in the bank, he became secretary of the board of directors upon his return from military service in 1945. Among his other duties at the bank, he was also at the head of the Home Loan Department. He was a member of the American Legion Post No. 22.

When he was only ten years old, he received Jesus Christ as his personal Savior and was baptized by his father on the profession of his faith and received into the fellowship of the Baptist Church in St. Joseph, Mich., of which his father was the pastor. Since 1924 he was a member of the First Baptist Church in Lodi, which services he attended very faithfully.

He passed away very unexpectedly on Friday morning Oct. 30, 1953 from a heart attack. He reached the age of 46 years, 9 months and 9 days.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Mrs. Adele Lohr; and his mother, Mrs. Emma B. Lohr; and by three brothers: Homer W. Lohr and Calvin R. Lohr, both of Lodi, Calif., and Elmer W. Lohr of Millbrae, California. Besides these, he leaves many other relatives and friends.

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

MRS. MARIE EITEL of Bison, Kansas.

Mrs. Marie Eitel, nee Stang, of Bison, Kans., was born Sept. 5, 1874 in the Colony of Jagotneya, Russia, and two years later, with her parents emigrated to America.

She was united in marriage to Detlef Neve on March 5, 1896, with whom she shared life's joys and sorrows until 1933 when he was taken from her side through death. Two sons and two daughters graced the family. In 1948 she again joined hands in wedlock with Mr. Geo Eitel, to whom she also was a worthy and trusted helpmeet.

Early in life she came to the saving knowledge in Christ Jesus, was baptized into his death and united with the Baptist Church in Bison, Kans., under the ministry of the Rev. Geo. Burgdorf. Faithful and loyal were her services and many are the memories that will linger on.

For the last two years she has been failing in health, being virtually helpless for eleven months during which time she was cared for most tenderly by her husband and children, until her passing on Oct. 27th at 6:30 A.M., having attained the age of 79 years, 1 month and 17 days.

Left to sorrow are: husband, Geo. Eitel; two sons: Walter Neve of Dallas, Texas, and Herbert Neve; two daughters: Esther Neve, Kansas City, Mo.; Alma Neve Valentine, Leavenworth, Kans.; two granddaughters: Ann Marie and Norma Neve, Kansas City, Mo.; one brother, H. E. Stang, La Crosse; and five sisters: Mrs. Lizzie Giesick of Bison, Mrs. Katie Schwindt of Leoti, Mrs. Emma Beahm of Bison, Mrs. Sarah Buxton of Parsons, and Mrs. Lydia Bortz of Great Bend, Kans.; also one uncle, Phillip Kaiser of Oatis, Kansas.
Bison, Kansas

D. LITCKE, Pastor.

MR. ENGELBERT BROWEN of Alexandria, South Dakota.

Mr. Engelbert Browen of Alexandria, S. Dak., was born on November 11, 1896 and died, after a year's illness, on October 6, 1953 in Missoula, Montana, where he had been receiving medical attention. He reached the age of 56 years, 11 months, and 5 days. He spent most of his life on the farm near Emery, S. Dak., until recent years when he moved to Alexandria, South Dakota.

On January 23, 1918 he was united in marriage with Gertrude Terveen who preceded him in death in 1942. The Lord placed eleven children into their keeping, seven sons and four daughters.

Mr. Browen accepted Christ as his personal Savior and followed the Lord in baptism on April 5, 1914. He was received into the fellowship of the First Baptist Church of Emery, S. Dak., where he retained his membership until his death.

After his wife's death he sought to be both father and mother to his motherless family. He was a loving and kind father, always seeking the best interests of his children. One of his last expressed desires was to meet all his children in the heavenly home.

He leaves to mourn his passing four daughters: Mrs. Bernice Fluth, Emery, S. Dak.; Mrs. Fern Hansen of Askov, Minn.; Mrs. Delores Klinger of Alexandria, S. Dak.; and Eldora Browen of Alexandria, S. Dak.; seven sons: Lawrence of Emery, S. Dak.; LeRoy and Raymond of Cambridge, Minn.; Harold of Emery, Myron of Fulton, S. Dak.; and LeVerne and Robert of Alexandria, S. Dak.; 15 grandchildren; two brothers (one sister preceded him in death) and many other relatives and friends.

First Baptist Church,
Emery, South Dakota
ROY W. SEIBEL, Pastor.

MR. FREDERICK SCHOENHALS of Shattuck, Oklahoma.

Mr. Frederick Schoenhals was born March 26, 1873 in Stephan, Russia, and came to America in January 1894 to settle at Lehigh, Marion County, Kansas. On May 1, 1898 he was married to Miss Katherine Meier. On March 12, 1901 the family came to establish a homestead 13 miles southwest of Shattuck, Oklahoma. Under the wonderful evangelistic campaign of Evangelist Merkel, he with many others accepted Christ as his personal Savior. On May 29, 1910, he was baptized by Rev. J. E. Ehrhorn. His devotion to his Lord was well expressed in his sincere, faithful home devotions and willingness to serve in the church. The Lord graciously blessed him with eighty years and six months, and permitting him to pass away in sleep Sunday morning, September 27, 1953, due to a heart condition.

He leaves his faithful wife. Except for one son, Theodore, who passed away at four years of age in 1917, he leaves to mourn three other sons: Willie at Gage, Victor of Lipscomb, and Harry of Canadian, Okla.; five daughters: Mrs. Emma Klein of Shattuck, Mrs. Selma Kellm of Follett, Mrs. Mary Meier of Booker, and two daughters of the home, Misses Leah and Orphelia, who have lovingly graced the home of their aged parents. With these are three sons-in-law, three daughters-in-law, 17 grandchildren, two of which are in the armed services, and four great-grandchildren. There also remain two brothers: George and John of Shattuck; and three sisters: Mrs. Annie Stable of Lipscomb, Mrs. Kattie Yauck of Follett, and Mrs. Mary Bay of Shattuck, and a host of relatives and friends.

After a very brief service in the home, the regular service was conducted from the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Shattuck with the pastor in charge on September 29. He was laid to rest in the Ebenezer Baptist Cemetery, only a short distance from the home.

Shattuck, Oklahoma
OLIVER K. RINGERING, Pastor.

MR. CLARENCE C. EDINGER of Spokane, Washington.

Mr. Clarence C. Edinger, son of the late Rev. C. H. Edinger and Mrs. Edinger, was born in Texas on Dec. 12, 1932 and died suddenly on Sept. 12, 1953 in an auto accident in Spokane, Washington. Clarence was a senior at Whitworth College and upon his graduation he had planned to enter the seminary and prepare for the ministry. With such a high ambition in view, we are led to ask the question why his life was snatched away so quickly and tragically. He was a sincere Christian young man and his wholesome influence was felt by everyone on the campus. Clarence occupied several positions of leadership, first, as president of the Sophomore class and now, in his senior year, he was treasurer of the student body.

At the funeral service, Dr. Frank Warren spoke of the fact that through his faithful witness Clarence led another young man to a saving knowledge in Christ. Dr. Warren, the president of Whitworth College, officiated at the funeral and took for his text 1 Cor. 13:13. Among other things he said: "It is a priceless truth that death cannot touch faith. When the world crumbles, faith abides." In speaking of the beautiful Christian life that Clarence lived, Dr. Warren said: "He was one of the outstanding student leaders on the college campus. He always was willing to serve the student body and college in any capacity for which he was fitted. His loss will be felt keenly by the administration, the faculty and the student body. His death casts a blanket of sadness over the campus at the opening of the school year."

Clarence is survived by his mother at Walla Walla, Wash.; four brothers: Orville at Milwaukee, Wis.; Alfred at Stockton, Calif.; Edwin at Portland, Ore.; Raymond at Walla Walla, Wash.; two sisters: Mrs. Ruth Hadel, Deneida, Calif.; and Naomi, Sonora, California. Interment was made at Mountain View Cemetery, Walla Walla, Washington. It is our earnest prayer that the peace of God which passeth all understanding, will be the source of comfort to the bereaved family.

Colfax, Washington
F. E. KLEIN, Pastor.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

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November 2nd, the King's Daughters and their families met in the church for their annual supper at which time she again showed slides and told how the Lord was blessing the work there. At the close of the meeting the King's Daughters had a shower for the missionary.

● Dr. C. Emanuel Carlson, dean of Bethel College, St. Paul, Minn., has been named executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs. A member of the Baptist General (Swedish) Conference, Dr. Carlson will succeed Dr. Joseph M. Dawson, who is retiring December 31. Dr. Dawson went to the Washington post in 1946 after a long pastorate at First Church, Waco, Texas, the campus church of Baylor University. He is a member of the Southern Convention. Dr. Carlson is the first layman to direct the committee, which is supported by the six major Baptist Conventions in the United States. He was educated in Canada, receiving his B.A. degree in 1927 from the University of Alberta at Edmonton.

● The Temple Baptist Sunday School Lodi, Calif., presented its Harvest Program on Sunday evening, Nov. 8 with Mr. Clifford Schmiedt, superintendent, in charge. The platform of

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the church was beautifully decorated with grapes, cornstalks, melons, pumpkins, autumn leaves, etc., as arranged by the committee of Mrs. Avis Schmiedt, Mrs. Colburn and Mrs. Lillian Gray. The Junior Choir of 18 girls under the direction of Mrs. Alice

Schreiber with Martha Berndt at the piano sang for the first time. From Sunday, Nov. 29, to December 2nd, Dr. Elias Den Arend, field evangelist of the American Board of Missions to the Jews, brought a series of illustrated messages on the people of Israel. The Rev. Robert Schreiber is pastor of the church.

● The anniversary program of the Commissioned Baptist Youth of the Fifteenth Street Church, Los Angeles, Calif., was presented on Sunday afternoon, Nov. 8th. Mr. Walter Heiman, president, welcomed the many church members and friends of neighboring churches in attendance. The church choir under the direction of the Rev. Edmund Mittelstedt, pastor, sang six anthems, including such favorites as "There is a Balm in Gilead," "My God and I" and Wagner's "Praise to the Lord." Reports were given by Mrs. K. Wolff, secretary; Mrs. C. Johnston, treasurer; and Raymond Jantz for the Junior CBY. Mrs. Alice Marangi sang a solo and Mrs. A. Walrath rendered a piano solo. Dr. M. L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., who spent the first seven years of his life in the Sunday School of the church, brought the anniversary address on "The Things Ye Have Heard." The missionary offering of \$200 was designated for the Bamenda New Hope Settlement in the Cameroons.

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