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The S. S. Lesson in **ACTION**

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A TEACHING PLAN

Date: December 13, 1953

Theme: ONE HUMAN RACE

SCRIPTURE: Acts 10:9-15, 25-28, 34-35, 44-45.

PURPOSE: To show that prejudice has no place in the life and fellowship of Christians.

GETTING STARTED: The minister of a large and influential church in our area recently was forced to give up his position, because he wanted to bring a fine Negro doctor into the membership of the church. Most of the members objected; and when the minister insisted on having his way, trouble developed. Who was right? The minister, or the congregation?

Bring the problem closer home. A number of Negro children regularly attend our Sunday School. Not every one, apparently, approves. For a certain man whom I was eager to bring into our fellowship said, "As long as you let those Negro children come to your church, I cannot and will not join." What would you do in a case like that? Get rid of the children and win the man? Or keep the children and lose the man? Why?

Developing the Theme:

I. PREJUDICE—WHETHER AGAINST RACE, NATION, CLASS, OR DENOMINATION—IS STUPID.

1. It doesn't make sense. Scientifically it doesn't have a leg to stand on. Morally it's indefensible. Socially it's catastrophic. Economically it's suicidal. In a Cold War it's the best ally Communism could find.

2. Whatever other justification may be given for it, the real reason for prejudice is fear and pride—both un-Christian attitudes.

II. PREJUDICE IS ANTI-CHRIST

1. To try to justify it by quoting the Bible is sheer folly and blasphemous misuse of the Sacred Word.

2. It always represents a betrayal of Christianity and a dismal failure of Christians to measure up to the high standards of their faith.

3. Any church or denomination that makes itself exclusive—racially, nationally, or according to class standing—is not Christian.

III. WHERE CHRIST COMES IN, PREJUDICE MUST GO

1. Peter could not face Christ and witness the work of the Holy Spirit and hold on to his prejudices (Acts 10:34-35, 47).

2. We cannot take seriously the command in Acts 10:28b and still discriminate against any man.

3. The more Christ is allowed to have his way in our lives and in our

churches, the less of prejudice there will be.

4. When the Holy Spirit uses and blesses groups other than our own, we have no right to withhold the hand of fellowship from them (Acts 10:44-48).

Applying the lesson:

1. What are the results of prejudice and discrimination?

2. We all believe that in heaven all believers will dwell in perfect harmony. What stands in the way of our realizing that harmony, or at least a measure of it, this side of heaven?

A TEACHING PLAN

December 20, 1953

Theme: LET THE PRINCE OF PEACE RULE

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 2:2-4; 9:2, 5-7; Luke 2:8-14.

PURPOSE: To make us willing to let Christ become the ruler of our lives and our affairs.

GETTING STARTED: Arthur Balfour, the great statesman, was lecturing at Edinburgh University on the theme, "The Moral Values Which Unite Mankind." In the audience was a young Japanese student at the University. Mr. Balfour gave a masterful presentation of the different ties that bind the peoples of the earth together: common knowledge, commerce, and so on. When he had finished, the chairman of the meeting arose to express his appreciation for the lecture. But before he could speak a word, the Japanese student rose to his feet, leaned out over the balcony, and called out in a clear voice, "But, Mr. Balfour, what about Jesus Christ?" One could have heard a pin drop. But everyone present recognized the justice of the rebuke. A Christian statesman had not once mentioned the name of Christ. It remained for a Japanese student to remind him that Jesus Christ is essential to any hope for peace and harmony among the peoples of the world.

Developing the Theme:

I. THE PRINCE OF PEACE HAS COME AND CANNOT BE IGNORED.

1. He alone can bring peace upon the earth, and without him all peace efforts must finally fail (Isa. 9:6-7).

2. Where men ignore and reject him, they only condemn themselves to judgment and upheaval (Isa. 2:4a).

II. HE ASKS PERMISSION OF EVERY MAN TO BECOME THE RULER OF HIS LIFE.

1. His rule begins in individual lives; and it's there that peace must have its beginning.

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2. Unless we are willing to let him become the ruler of our lives, we are missing the whole point of Christmas.

III. HE EXPECTS HIS FOLLOWERS AND HIS CHURCH TO GIVE HIM THE RIGHT TO RULE IN ALL OF THEIR AFFAIRS.

1. He is the only Lord of the believer and of the church and is satisfied only when he is allowed to be the Lord in all things.

2. There can be no peace within the church unless he is allowed to rule.

IV. HE LONGS TO HAVE HIS RULE EXTENDED TO EVERY AREA OF MAN'S LIFE.

1. He yearns to reach out and bring all of life under his sway: politics, commerce, education, entertainment—all!

2. It is the job of his followers to extend his reign as far as possible.

V. WHERE HE IS ALLOWED TO RULE, THESE ARE THE RESULTS.

1. The end of despair and the dawn of new life and hope (Isa. 9:2).

2. The establishing of justice and righteousness (Isa. 2:3; 9:7).

3. The reign of peace (Isa. 2:4).

Applying the lesson:

1. How does Christ, the Prince of Peace, bring peace into our lives and into the affairs of nations?

2. What right do we have to call him the Prince of Peace?

Editorial

"Give Attendance to Reading"

OUR PUBLISHING HOUSE is the intricate and all important communication system in our denomination. Information about our churches and mission fields is sent through our publications to all corners of our conferences. We are held together in part by the common ties of faith and spiritual outlook as evidenced in the inspirational articles that are read by the entire denominational family. We are blessed by the intercessory prayers of others because the needs of one have become the concern of all after reading about them in our papers.

Every faithful Christian MUST be an eager, ardent reader. He must not neglect his Bible reading. He ought to keep in touch with all missionary developments and church events through his perusal of denominational papers. For spiritual growth he will want to order several good Christian books throughout the year. It is not expecting too much to state that an adult Christian will want to invest at least \$5.00 a year in wholesome books.

The Apostle Paul was deeply concerned about the reading habits of young Timothy and about his own reading pleasures. He counselled with his young friend, among other things, to "give attendance to reading" (2 Timothy 4:13). He requested "the books, especially the parchments" (2 Timothy 4:13) to be brought to him when he was spending lonely months in prison at Rome. His letters were to be read to the churches for their inspiration and edification.

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God's Co-laborers in Soul Winning

In the greatest business of all, winning souls to Christ, there are many whom God uses to influence an individual to make his decision for Christ as Savior. May God help you to be willing to do YOUR part after reading this encouraging article!

By the REV. ARTHUR BEATY of Chancellor, South Dakota

ANYTHING IS MADE to stand out more if it is displayed against the right background. Perhaps a look at the factors in the background of souls being won to Christ will encourage all of us to be willing to play our part in creating the right influence that will aid in a soul being led to trust Christ Jesus as Savior.

Too many times we think only in terms of the person who is actually dealing with a soul and is personally responsible for the decision to trust the Lord as being the one and only important factor in soul winning. A study of soul winning revivals and personal evangelistic success will reveal that there are many factors in the background of the individual being brought to Christ.

Generally speaking, there are two methods of soul winning. One is mass evangelism as seen in revival efforts, and the other is personal evangelism. In the book of Acts we see the two methods demonstrated.

SOWING THE SEED

Philip's mass evangelistic success as recorded in Acts, the eighth chapter, affords an interesting study of this background to soul winning. It is commonly thought that the city to which Philip went in Samaria was the same city of Sychar in which our Lord met and won to himself, as the Messiah, the infamous woman at the well. This being the case, it is easy to see that the work which Christ did in Samaria and the subsequent witnessing of the woman prepared the way for Philip's success in the evangelistic meeting he conducted there.

Previous to his coming, there was the seed that had been sown. It isn't hard to conceive of Philip playing the part of harvesting that which another had planted and another had watered. In many instances of evangelistic success today it can be learned that previous to the successful evangelistic campaign there was the sowing and watering process carried on by persons who may have gone to be with the Lord, but their works follow after them.

We can never know who it is through whom God may be going to work to take part in the background of bringing souls to Christ. A mother's prayers, a word of invitation or some encouragement given can be that

which God deigns to bring into the life of an individual or individuals that is instrumental in causing them to trust in Christ for salvation.

GOD LEADS THE WAY

Another contributing factor that played a great part in Philip's success in soul winning in Samaria was the thing that brought him there. The persecution in Jerusalem forced the Christians to flee for their very lives. Often the things which Christians suffer and cannot understand are only the events forming the background to their being used of God to win souls to Christ.

Later in the same chapter, the story of Philip leading the Ethiopian eunuch to know and trust in Christ Jesus as Savior gives interesting facts that were influential in causing a soul to be won to Christ.

First, there was the unique Holy Spirit giving instructions to Philip that sent him on the path that would cross with that of a lost soul. Second, the hungry heart of the eunuch demonstrated in his searching the Scriptures and, third, the place where the eunuch was reading in the Scriptures.



Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Beaty and their three sons of Chancellor, South Dakota

Without the Spirit-filled and Spirit-led evangelist, Philip, it would be hard to imagine the Ethiopian eunuch ever having been won to Christ.

Today the Spirit of God is seeking those who will allow him so to fill and lead in their lives that they may be used of God to win souls. Grieving, resisting, quenching, and lying to the Holy Spirit will certainly deprive one of having a part in winning souls. There are hungry hearts all about us. The Spirit-filled Christian has the Water, the Bread, the Light, the Life which the hungry heart can be shown and which, if he partakes of, will be satisfied. God puts that hunger there as a background of influence to aid in that soul being saved.

REDEEMING THE TIME

Oh, that we Christians were taking advantage of our opportunities and redeeming the time as did Philip! Now is the time to cry with Isaiah of old, "Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread and your labor for that which satisfieth not? hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness. Incline your ear, and come unto me: hear, and your soul shall live . . ." (Isaiah 55:1-3a). Behind the bold front of men, women, boys and girls seeking satisfaction from the broken cisterns of this world are hungry hearts. It is good ground for the sowing of the seed of the Word of God, by which men are born again (1 Peter 1:23).

Philip could well have been discouraged by the finery of this high official of the court of Candace the Queen. He certainly was the one who should be looking up to the eunuch, but God had sent him with a message of confidence that can win souls to Christ. He had already put the "Go" into the Gospel: now he needed only to spell it out. It is here that we see again the background factor entering into the winning of a soul.

For God had the eunuch reading in the one Messianic prophecy of the Old Testament that afforded a clear picture of the sacrifice of his Son for the

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"Thou Fool!"

All of us may find a picture of ourselves in one or more of the proverbs that depict a fool in the Book of divine wisdom. We belong to one of two classes: to the foolish or wise stewards. Read this message to classify yourself!

By DR. JOHN LEYPOLDT, Interim Promotional Secretary

NO ONE LIKES to be called a fool. And yet the Bible has considerable to say about fools.

If one reads the book of Proverbs very carefully, one will be surprised how often it speaks of fools. I have found the words, "fool" or "fools," over fifty times in this book. That does not include the words, foolish, folly or foolishness, which are frequently used.

Probably we all may find a picture of ourselves in one or more of the proverbs that depict a fool in this book of divine wisdom. Both in the Old and the New Testament various sacred writers speak of fools.

THE RICH FOOL

Jesus used this word in the parable of the rich fool (Luke 12:16-21). The master tells of a farmer who had a bumper crop. But he faced a serious problem. Where could he store all his crops? The only solution was to tear down the old barns and build bigger ones. There he could safely store all his grain.

Then he could retire in comfort and say to himself: "Soul, you have plenty of goods laid up for many years. Now you can take a long vacation and have all the pleasures you want." The world would call him a successful farmer, but Jesus called him a fool. Why?

First of all, he was a fool because he ignored God. He didn't recognize him as the One who had made the seedtime and the harvest. He never thought of thanking God who had made the soil, the seed, the moisture, the air and the sunshine without which there never could have been a harvest. The goodness of God and his provision for man never entered his mind. He was wrapped up in himself.

He was a practical atheist. The pronoun "I" occurs six times in his brief monologue—and "my" occurs five times. "My crops, my barns, my grain, my goods, my soul!" He recognized no one outside of himself. He thought he was the owner. He never realized that he was merely a steward and that God could take everything from him overnight.

Secondly, he was a fool because he ignored his fellowman. He didn't look beyond the limits of his own farm. His neighbors didn't come into con-

sideration at all. He forgot or ignored the two greatest commandments ever given to men, "love to God and love to man." He didn't believe in sharing his abundance with others. It was all "I" and "my." There was no thought of his being a steward, of having obligations toward others in need.

Thirdly, he was a fool because he lived on the lowest level. All he thought of was his stomach, his physical appetite. Didn't he say: "Eat, drink, be merry"? He only thought of his farm, his barns, his kitchen and amusements. He didn't eat to live. He lived to eat. He was a being who could be satisfied by eating, drinking and enjoying himself.

He forgot the most important part of himself—his soul, his spirit. He had the capacity for worship, for prayer. But he neglected the most important part of his being. He forgot that man doesn't live by bread alone. He was a wealthy farmer but a spiritual pauper. His spiritual needs were entirely forgotten.

TREASURES IN HEAVEN

Finally, he was a fool because he didn't take eternity into his consideration. He thought of many years but never of eternity. He had treasures on earth but none in heaven. He wasn't prepared for eternity when death came suddenly. He felt so secure but he had built on sand. After all, God was the Owner of all he had and therefore he had the right to take it from him.

Jesus said: "Fool! this night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" When death came, he had to leave everything behind. He could only take his soul with him, but he had no treasures of faith, hope and love stored up in his soul. So he passed out of this life as a spiritual, yes, even an eternal pauper. What a tragedy!

Has there ever been a time like the present when people in America live as though life consists only of the abundance of things they possess? Our craving is for things and more things, and so we forget the invisible, the spiritual, the eternal. The future life has been largely forgotten even by many Christians.

Jesus teaches us that anyone who just lives for himself, who is only in-



terested in the material side of life, even though he may call himself a Christian, is a fool.

THE UNJUST STEWARD

By way of contrast, we wish to call attention to another one of Jesus' stories known as the Parable of the Unjust Steward (Luke 16:1-9). A rich man had a steward. This steward was the overseer of his master's estate. But charges were brought against him that he was defrauding his employer.

So his master said: "What is this that I hear about you? I am going to discharge you."

Now the steward faced a critical situation. He was going to lose his job. His hands were too soft for manual labor and he was too proud to beg. But the shrewd steward found a way out of the difficulty. He devised a plan whereby he would have some homes to which to go after his dismissal.

So he called his master's debtors, one by one, and asked the first: "How much do you owe my master?" He said: "A hundred barrels of oil." The steward said to him: "Take your bill, sit down quickly and write fifty." We see he reduced his bill by half.

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Out of the Abundance of the Heart

Our Children's Home in St. Joseph, Michigan, lives by the love gifts and offerings which come "out of the abundance of the heart" of God's people in North American Baptist churches everywhere

By the REV. A. F. RUNTZ, Superintendent of the Children's Home

ALL OVER the world, wherever the Gospel is preached, wherever the Christmas story is told, wherever people read or hear again of that wonderful night in Bethlehem so long ago, their hearts are moved almost automatically to do something for children.

This is done by parents in their own homes. Their children must be made happy, for if the children are not happy neither can be the parents be glad. Organizations which make no pretense at being Christian seem to have that inward urge to do something special for unfortunate children at Christmas time. These may be children who have lost one or both parents, or they may be children whose parents are not in a financial position to do much for their own children. But these organizations seem to want to bring joy into the hearts of children who might otherwise be deprived of the things that make for happiness at Christmas. Individuals who have little time or thought for child life seem to feel the urge to do something to brighten the lives of others.

CHILDREN IN YOUR HEARTS

The organizations within our churches, such as the Woman's Missionary Societies and young people's

groups, and even the churches and Sunday Schools themselves throughout all these years have been noble in keeping the children in their hearts. The Gospel message takes its deepest root and brings forth its most abundant fruit in the life of the individual believer in Jesus Christ.

The Christmas story as depicted in Luke's Gospel is so simple, yet so sublime; so human, yet so divine, that it grips the heart and will of the individual believer so that he just must do something about it, and most naturally his thoughts turn toward children. When one begins to analyze it, it is truly wonderful to see the way this thing has taken hold of the hearts of people, and especially Christian people.

This will be the eleventh Christmas that Mrs. Runtz and I have had the privilege of being at the Children's Home as "Mother" and "Dad." As we look back over these years, we are overwhelmed by the graciousness, the generosity and the greatheartedness of the people of our churches toward the children in the Home.

It has always gladdened our hearts as we saw the expressions of joy on the faces of the children whenever they received their gifts. Many of them would have been very sparsely remembered if it had not been for

your kindness. This is especially true of the orphans in the Home, but also of others where there was no one to care much about them.

Of course, your generosity has extended far beyond Christmas gifts for the children. Some of you have been careful to send other items that were very much appreciated by those in charge, for they helped us in our work and also added to the welfare of the children. You have sent eggs and chickens and other items of food. You have sent linens and money, things too numerous to mention. Some of you have sent money for special treats and events. But most of all, and above everything else, it has been your faithfulness in supporting the Home with your missionary giving, especially the Christmas offering, which is usually designated for the Home, that is so deeply appreciated, and for which we are most grateful. We could not operate without that!

THEIR FIRST CHRISTMAS

It is always interesting to note the reactions of those children who are spending their first Christmas here. Take the case of these three children, one boy and two girls, who came to the Home about a year ago. The parents of these children had come into this vicinity from Tennessee. Doubtless, their living conditions there had been very primitive, for they were poor. After coming here the parents were divorced and the father left for Missouri. He has done nothing to help support his family.

Then the mother asked us to take the children and promised that she would make some financial contribution toward their care. The Welfare Board is also helping a little. It seems as though these children never had anything above the bare necessities of life. Last fall they came to us, and so were here for Christmas. Naturally, the other children, who had been here for a longer period said to them: "Oh, you'll get a lot of nice presents for Christmas, and you'll get a present or two and a cake with candles on it for your birthday." (Maybe they had never had a birthday cake with candles on it.)

Eventually Christmas day came. The gifts you had sent had been separated and made ready for the big day. Then on the afternoon of Christmas day, just as soon as the dinner dishes were out of the way (and we had a



Five of the boys and girls of the Children's Home, St. Joseph, Mich., with their Sunday School papers and Bibles in their hands, show their prettiest Sunday smiles in the flower garden of the Home

wonderful dinner), the smaller children were sent to their rooms, while the older ones helped bring down the gifts and put them into place.

After all was in readiness, the bell rang and all went into the living room for a Christmas program. Some of the parents and friends were present for this also. When this was over, the signal was given to go into the dining room where the gifts had been carefully placed in little stacks.

What a surprise and what a delight it was for these children! Such a Christmas they had never known before! How happy they were! What joy radiated from their faces! If only you could have seen the expressions of joy on the faces of these children you would experience such a thrill that you would never forget. "What you have done unto the least of these, you have done it unto me," said the great Lover of children.

THE FUTURE OF THE HOME

Before these lines go to press we shall have received two other children, a boy and a girl. The mother of these children is ill. It seems as though she will never be well again. The father is a truck driver. We have not seen the children as yet, but we understand that they are well behaved. Some of you are going to make them very happy this Christmas along with the others.

Then there will be other occasions throughout the year besides Christmas when you can bring sunshine into their lives. There will always be the times for special treats and surprises of all kinds. Here too you bring a bit

of gladness into lives which, if it were not for your generosity and special gifts, might otherwise be quite drab.

But now a note of sadness creeps in. It may be that all this will be changed within a few years. It may be that the joy you have had in all the past years will be taken away from you, for there may be no more Baptist Children's Home in St. Joseph, Michigan. And here is the reason. Ever since the enactment and application of the many welfare laws by the various states and the federal government, fewer children from our churches have been coming to the Home. Then too there is this further consideration that God has blessed our land with good health so that there are not near-

ly as many orphans and half-orphans as there were years ago. Nevertheless, there are still needy children, especially from broken homes.

However, no matter what the need, a relative or friend can take care of such child and get well paid by the state for doing so. At the same time, the child is not uprooted entirely from his former environment. Furthermore, the state contends that a child should be reared in a normal home, and not in an institution. That is the situation today.

For this reason a committee has been appointed to make a survey of the Children's Home. This committee is recommending that the Home be discontinued as a Children's Home and the property either used for some other good purpose or else sold. Of course nothing definite can be done until the meeting of the General Conference in 1955. The final decision will be made there.

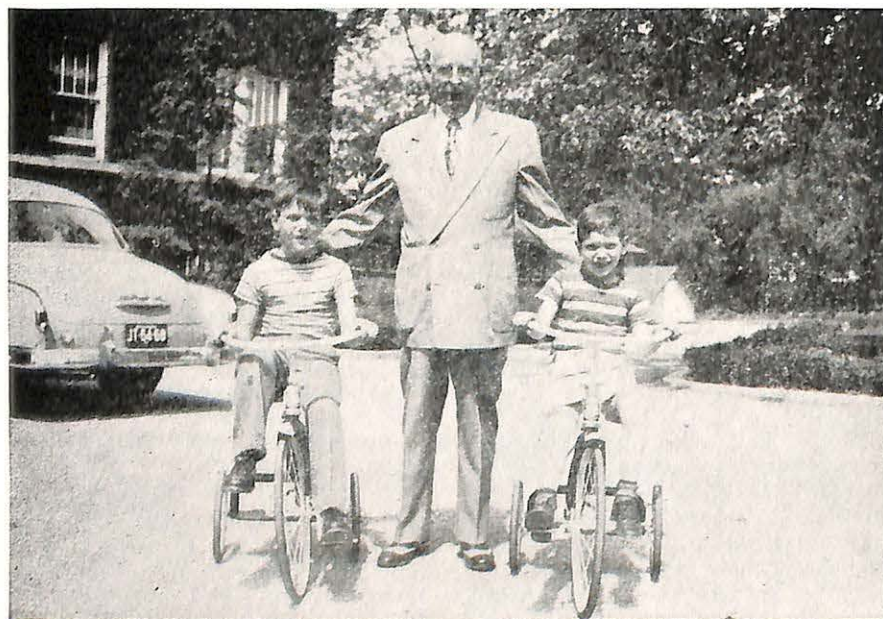
CHRISTMAS WILL SOON BE HERE!

- For Christmas remember the children at our Children's Home, St. Joseph, Michigan.
- For Christmas secure your copy of the 1954 ANNUAL.
- For Christmas renew your subscriptions to denominational publications.
- For Christmas plan to make Christ the center of all your festivities!

REMEMBER THE CHILDREN

So in spite of any rumor you might have heard, the Children's Home is still in existence and will be in operation for some time to come. We are still in need of your financial support, for we still have quite a family and a big place to take care of. The children will still be expecting Christmas gifts and special treats.

So do not forget your Children's Home, and pray that such decisions be reached which will be in accord with the will of God. How we need the guidance of his Holy Spirit! May God abundantly bless you, especially in this Christmas season!



The Rev. A. F. Runtz, superintendent of the Children's Home, St. Joseph, Mich., and two of the boys of the Home who proudly display their new tricycles

"And They, Too, Serve"

The printed word is still the major factor in bringing Truth to the hearts and minds of people. This is the ministry of your Publishing House, the Roger Williams Press, in Cleveland, Ohio

By the REV. E. J. BAUMGARTNER, Business Manager
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inspirational. Consider the tremendous amount of denominational news that has been published during these past thirty-two years. Consider also the many appeals for missionary support of all kinds. How often has the Spirit of God spoken through the printed word as it appeared in the BAPTIST HERALD. Sometimes there was encouragement, warning, inspiration, or instruction. In all of these there was the sincere effort that somehow this printed word might be of service to someone.

The German publication (DER SENDBOTE) is now over one-hundred (100) years old, and here again the watchword through all the years has been that the paper must in all ways serve our people and the Kingdom of God. This publication has held a unique place in the hearts of our German-speaking membership. It has acted as a guide and means of inspiration. In fact, hundreds of people have placed this publication next to the Bible.

Although the use of the German language is rapidly decreasing in most of our churches, the great influx of German immigrants in recent years has made it essential that this German publication be continued with increased vigor. The hundreds of German immigrants have found DER SENDBOTE to be a tie in their "mother tongue" which binds them to our denomination.

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PUBLICATION HOUSE REPRESENTATIVES

There is a group of approximately two-hundred and seventy-five (275) people who are associated with the

Publication Society, but who are seldom mentioned. These people, known as publication agents, perform a most important task in the work of the Society. They are those who encourage our people to read the periodicals and then make efforts to gain their subscriptions. Our agents are real servants. They spend their money and time in soliciting subscriptions. In fact, in most instances the small commission they receive for their work does not cover their expenses.

They go out in all kinds of weather and work under varying circumstances in an effort to enlist our people for reading good Christian periodicals. They carry on their work in an unassuming manner and are always first concerned that people might read our periodicals. No one can really evaluate the worth of these people to the Publication Society and to our denomination. They are the unsung, unheralded workers, and it truly can be said of them that "They, Too, Serve."

A suggestion might be in order here. Why not make it easier for your Publication Agent by telling him, or her now that you want to renew your periodical subscriptions? Give a helping hand and you, too, will then be sharing in Christian helpfulness.

BIBLE AND COLPORTER FUND

Money for this fund is raised through the offerings on our annual Bible Day. With these funds, the Publication Society arranges for the free distribution of Bibles wherever there is opportunity. In addition to the Bibles, tracts, especially the German tracts, are sent to many centers of the United States, and also to South America and Europe.

Quite frequently we receive a call from a minister in some isolated section, asking for help in the procurement of good books which would help him in his work. Through the generosity of many of our churches, German books of this type have been made available and sent to these men, mostly in South America and in Europe.

Another very important work of this fund is the arrangement whereby a six-months' subscription is sent free-of-charge to any German im-

migrant family, provided that one of our ministers will sign a certificate authorizing this free subscription. Experience has taught us that this arrangement has done an incalculable amount of good in tying these German immigrants to our churches. This Bible Fund is indeed serving a real purpose.

BOOK DEPARTMENT

The Publishing Society also maintains a Book and Bible Department, from which books, Bibles, Sunday School supplies and church supplies can be obtained. This department serves a very useful purpose in the denomination, and it could also be a real "gold mine" for the denomination.

Perhaps a word of explanation is in order. The Book Department operates on a business basis. Every order means a profit for the Publishing House. The more profit gained in this department, that much less subsidy will be required to maintain our periodicals. Therefore, our people can serve the denomination by placing their orders with their own Publishing House.

This is a golden opportunity to strengthen the financial status of the Publishing House. Our people are buying books and Bibles, and imagine what it would mean in the way of business and profits, if the 45,000 people of our membership would average \$5.00 per member, spent per year, at the Publishing House!

Another exceedingly important factor is the ordering of the Sunday School teaching materials at Roger Williams Press. The Publishing House can supply material from any publisher in the United States, and in all instances there is a very substantial profit for the Publishing House. Every effort is made to give fast and accurate service, and this plan also provides our Sunday Schools with an opportunity to do all of their ordering in one operation. We make an earnest appeal to all churches and Sunday Schools to send us your orders for Bibles, books, church supplies of every kind, greeting cards and all of their teaching materials.

We would also appeal to all individuals to use their own Publishing House when they are in need of the above items. The profit that you give to your own Publishing House is in reality a service to the Kingdom.

THE PRINTED PAGE

In this day of radio and television, we dare not neglect the printed word. It is still the major factor in bringing Truth to the hearts and minds of the people. Many years ago, Daniel Webster said: "If religious books are not widely circulated among the masses in this country, and the people do not become religious, I do not

Now Is the Time!

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- To plan for the purchase of several copies of the 1954 ANNUAL. They will be ready for distribution before Christmas. Only \$1.00 a copy postpaid.
- To order Christmas cards, Bibles and books for Christmas distribution. Why not give yourself a good book for Christmas?
- To send your church orders for Sunday School supplies, Every Sunday bulletins, and other materials. "Every order will receive prompt attention."

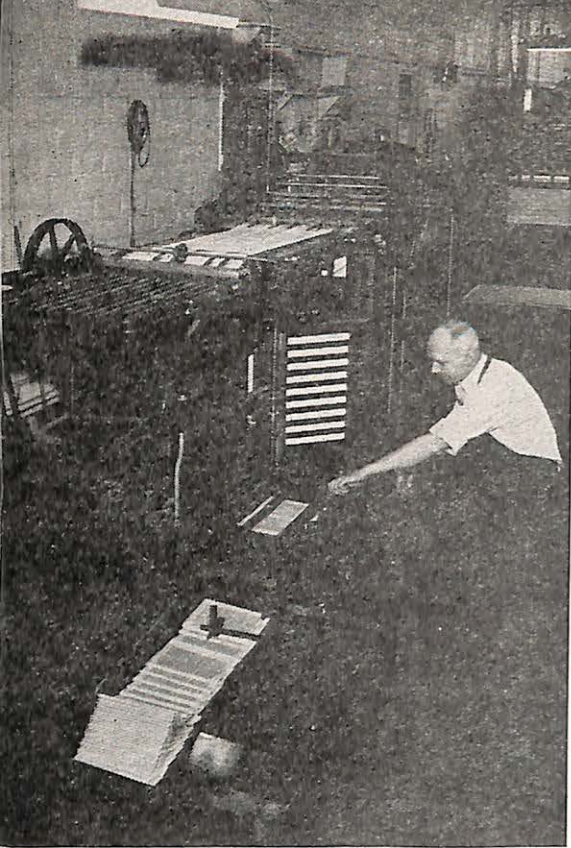
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know what is to become of us as a nation. And the thought is one to cause solemn reflection on the part of every patriot and Christian. If Truth be not diffused, error will be; if God and his Word are not known and received, the devil and his works will gain the ascendancy; if the evangelical volume does not reach every hamlet, the pages of a corrupt and licentious literature will; if the power of the Gospel is not felt through the length and breadth of the land, anarchy and misrule, degradation and misery, corruption and darkness, will reign without mitigation or end."

The fundamental purpose of the Publishing Society is that the Word of God, in all its forms, should be made known by the printed page. For this purpose, we would enlist the efforts of the periodicals, the Bibles and books, the consecrated men and women, who in our churches are representing the Publishing Society. May it be increasingly true that all of these will be found numbered among those, who, by the grace of God, serve the Christ who gave himself on the Cross that we might have life and have it more abundantly, for in so doing time and history will record that these, too, serve!



Modern machines and busy hands fold and staple the publications printed by the Roger Williams Press, which are then sent out to our churches from our Publishing House in Cleveland, Ohio



A view of the folding machine and a part of the printing press (right) in the shop of the Roger Williams Press, Cleveland, Ohio

JESUS, OUR LORD, set the supreme example for Christian service. Every thoughtful person marvels at the matchless spirit which lived in him and which motivated all of his actions. No task was too small or too large!

Down through the centuries men and women have been transformed by his Spirit, and in turn they have attempted to serve as he did. This service is sometimes performed by an individual, or by a number of individuals who organize and unitedly attempt to serve. The latter is the case with our Publication Society.

We, as North American Baptists, have united in an organization which we call "The North American Baptist Publication Society," (trade name—ROGER WILLIAMS PRESS). As a Society we endeavor in every possible way to be of help to our denomination and the Kingdom of God. In this endeavor we seek always to be led by the Spirit of him who gave Christian service its real meaning.

It is fitting that a brief report of the activities of the Publication Society be published in our "Baptist Herald." There are at least four avenues of service which are predominant.

OUR PERIODICALS

We can measure the good and evaluate the service rendered by the BAPTIST HERALD and DER SENDBOTE. The former is now in its thirty-second (32nd) year. Throughout its entire history it has endeavored to promote all interests of the denomination—spiritual, material and

"THOU FOOL!" A STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

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To another he said: "And how much do you owe?" He answered: "A hundred measures of wheat." The steward said: "Take your bill and write eighty." That was twenty percent off.

To our surprise, the employer who had been defrauded more than once commended his dishonest steward for his shrewdness. Please notice he didn't commend him for his dishonesty. He did praise him for his foresight, his looking ahead and making friends to help him in his need.

THE SONS OF LIGHT

Then Jesus made the application. "For the sons of this world are for their own generation wiser than the sons of light. And I say unto you, Make to yourselves friends by means of the mammon of unrighteousness, that, when it shall fail, they may receive you into the eternal tabernacles" (Luke 16:8-9).

Jesus was pointing out that the children of the world are often more shrewd and more eager to use their earthly opportunities for their temporal gain than we as children of God are in making use of our opportunities for spiritual and eternal gain.

GOD'S CO-LABORERS IN SOUL WINNING

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sins of the world. The place where he was reading was Isaiah, the 53rd chapter. From this portion of Scripture Philip was able to show the eunuch that God was speaking of his Son Jesus of Nazareth who was crucified on Calvary's cross for the sins of mankind, that it was Christ of whom the prophet was speaking.

Such love won the eunuch's heart and he said, "I will trust the eternal destiny of my soul in the hands of one who so loved me that he was willing to die for my sins." The eunuch believed that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and his faith made him whole and his hungry heart was satisfied, for he went on his way rejoicing.

Whether we are taking part in the background of soul winning by sowing and watering, or whether we are reaping where others have labored, let us be busy in this greatest business of all, winning souls to Christ. "He that winneth souls is wise, and they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament forever."

CHRISTIAN TESTIMONIES

As we look at Paul's conversion, we might be led to think there were no background factors leading to his conversion, for he was personally won to Christ by Christ's own miraculous appearance to him. But our Lord asked of Paul, "Isn't it hard for thee to kick against the pricks?"

Paul had witnessed the death of a

Mammon means wealth or riches. It is called "unrighteous mammon." How often money is unrighteous. Many a dollar bill that we use may have been used first by an immoral person, a gambler, a drunkard, an adulterer, a thief or even a murderer. But Jesus tells us we should use the mammon of unrighteousness to make friends, that is, we can dedicate our money to the cause of Christ.

Someone has said: "We cannot worship God and mammon, but we can worship God with mammon." We can put mammon or money to use to help orphans and widows, to build churches and hospitals, to support missionaries and to educate young people for Christian service.

Someday when it (money) fails us here at the end of life's journey, we shall meet the friends in heaven whom we have helped who will receive us with open arms into the eternal habitations. Then we will meet our treasures in heaven. Then we will discover that we were wise stewards. Then we will see that our earthly gifts paid rich spiritual dividends.

While serving a church as interim pastor in a certain city, I was told of

a brother who was well-known among our leading laymen years ago. He attended our General Conferences. He had several hundred thousand dollars invested in different banks in that city. The financial crash of 1929 left him practically penniless.

I have thought more than once that if this dear brother had only given \$100,000 of his money for our mission work at that time, he could have had many friends in heaven, many redeemed souls who would have welcomed him because of his missionary spirit and generosity. O, how many Christians have been fools instead of wise stewards!

One does not have to be rich to be a wise steward. Dr. Oswald J. Smith, pastor of the People's Church, Toronto, Canada, relates that one year they used \$33,000 for their own church work but gave \$157,000 for missions. He says: "Our gifts come from a multitude of ordinary people."

We haven't learned to give sacrificially. We live too much for this world. We have forgotten Jesus' words: "Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven."

We belong to one of two classes: either to the foolish or the wise stewards. To which class do you belong? Become a wise steward before it is too late!

ministry of soul winning, that it was always man, the instrument through which God worked to reach a soul.

Someone has given us this imaginary story of a conversation between Christ, upon his ascension into heaven, and an angel of the Lord. The angel inquires of the Lord Jesus where he has been, and our Lord replies, "I have been to earth." The angel inquires further and learns that our Lord has been to earth to give his life a ransom for sinners. Upon learning this, the angelic creature asks if they on earth have been made aware of his sacrifice, and, if not, would angels be allowed to go and make the message known. Our Lord replies that the message of his atoning death and resurrection would not be carried by angels but that he had left twelve disciples with that responsibility. In utter amazement the angel replies, "But supposing they refuse to carry the message?" Our Lord answers, "Then they will never hear, for I have no other plans!"

Truly, God has no other hands, no other feet, no other lips, no other means of making his saving power known but through the use of our hands, our feet, our lips. May God help us to be willing to do our part in the background of soul winning by sowing the seed the Word of God, by watering that Word in tearful pleading for souls until we have finished our course and hear him say, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord!"

The 1954 Annual

A preview of the 1954 edition of the ANNUAL which will soon be available in all North American Baptist churches. You can't afford to be without a copy!

By DR. MARTIN L. LEUSCHNER of Forest Park, Illinois

THE 1954 ANNUAL will soon be the talk of the denomination. Its 64 colorful pages are like an apple tree, filled with many good things to enjoy, from which you can pick your choice. It will be ready during the next ten days, so that you can secure copies for yourself and your friends as appreciated Christmas gifts.

BAPTIST PRINCIPLES

The ANNUAL attempts to publish several feature articles that will be religious classics with enduring qualities. This year we are proud to publish several that are bound to please and stay with you. Dr. John Bradbury, editor of "The Watchman-Examiner," has written on "Principles of Baptists" with unusually clarity and Scriptural convictions. He wants to publish this article later as a leaflet for widespread distribution. You'll see it FIRST in the ANNUAL!

More than a hundred years ago a man with a great passion for Christ and love for the Indians blazed a trail among the Cree Indians from Lake Ontario to the Pacific Northwest in Canada. This man was James Evans, first missionary to the Crees who also developed the alphabet or syllabic system for the Indians. You will be thrilled by "The Amazing Story of James Evans," even more so as you see the many new pictures of our Indian mission field and read the companion story by Missionary R. Neuman on "Glory Songs for the Cree Indians."

MISSIONARY ARTICLES

Special missionary articles are featured in every issue of the ANNUAL. This year's are better and more informative than ever. Miss Laura E. Reddig gives a graphic account of the first year's experiences for our mission among the lepers at the New Hope Settlement. In her own inimitable way, she will take you into the heart of the leper camp and also into the hearts of these people for whom the Lord Jesus Christ cares and about whom we are now greatly concerned. Many new pictures help to make this a missionary story that you MUST read.

People ask your Japanese missionaries all kinds of questions about life

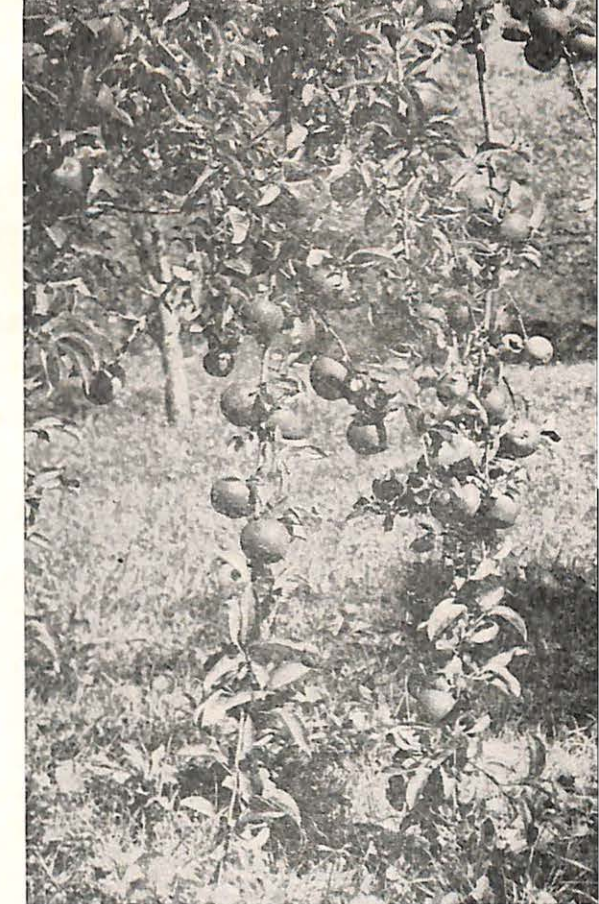
in Japan, the customs of the people and the things that are different there. Miss Florence Miller, one of our eight missionaries in Japan, answers these questions so well in her ANNUAL article that you will think you have been there after reading it.

The ANNUAL is more than a volume that you read and throw away. It's something that you want to keep and preserve. It's historical articles have a timelessness about them. You'll feel that way about the Rev. O. E. Krueger's reminiscences of more than 50 years as minister, denominational leader, moderator of the General Conference, seminary professor, and speaker at all kinds of gatherings. It is well called, "Thou Crownest the Years With Thy Goodness!" You'll enjoy "the old time" pictures and stories that turn the pages back to "yesterday."

A DECISIVE DECADE

The year 1954 will mark the 10th anniversary of Dr. George A. Lang's installation as president of the North American Baptist Seminary. My, how much has happened to our seminary in this brief decade! There are new beautiful buildings, higher educational standards, a more effective preparation for the ministry, and a stronger faculty! You will not want to miss Dr. Lang's evaluation of "This Decisive Decade for Our Seminary" that appears in the 1954 ANNUAL.

There is always "a forward look" in every issue with illustrated announcements about forthcoming events of interest to every North American Baptist. In June 1955 the 31st General Conference will meet for the first time in our history in the Southland, at Waco, Texas. You will see what Baylor University and the city of Waco look like in the 1954 ANNUAL. You will see the hall in which the General Conference sessions will be held. A beautiful picture of the Cen-



—Eva Luoma Photo

tral Baptist Church of Waco, the host church, also appears. This is your first introduction to the General Conference adventures in 1955!

BAPTISTS IN LONDON

Almost 20,000,000 Baptists will focus their attention on London, England, in July 1955 when the Golden Jubilee Congress will be held there, and many of those Baptists will attend those memorable sessions. In the 1954 ANNUAL two feature pages are devoted to the illustrated story of London and of this Baptist Congress. This is the first announcement of its kind to appear in the Baptist press!

A big event of 1954 will be the Laymen's Conference to convene from August 7 to 14 at the American Baptist Assembly, Green Lake, Wisconsin. Highlights of the program, announcements about available lodging and pictures of scenic views at Green Lake appear in the 1954 ANNUAL.

About half a million dollars have been loaned to our churches for new edifices and parsonages during the past five years. This amazing ministry of the church and Parsonage Loan Fund Committee is reviewed and many pictures of these new buildings are published. This is "a miracle story" in our denomination that had to be shouted from the housetops!

ONE HUNDRED PICTURES

Have you ever seen two black bears fighting high on Glacier Point overlooking Yosemite Valley? One of our photographers did, and the results are seen in a prize-winning photo in the ANNUAL. The 1954 calendar features

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See back page of this issue for another announcement

WHAT'S HAPPENING

● The Rev. and Mrs. Walter Hoffman of Ebenezer, Sask., Canada, have announced the birth of a son on Oct. 24 who has been named Wendell Walter. This is their first child. Mr. Hoffman is pastor of the Ebenezer East Baptist Church of Saskatchewan.

● The Rev. Leland Schantz recently resigned as pastor of the Zion Baptist Church of Vida, Mont., and brought his ministry there to a close on Sunday, Nov. 8th. He and his wife have moved temporarily to Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. He has served as pastor of the Vida church for the past eight months.

● On Sunday evening, Oct. 4, the Rev. William H. Jeschke, pastor of the Daytons Bluff Baptist Church, St. Paul, Minn., preached on "Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God." This was a biographical sketch of Jonathan Edwards on the 250th anniversary of his birth with a review of one of the most famous sermons of history by this great man of God and dynamic evangelist, Jonathan Edwards.

● The Ebenezer and Immanuel Baptist churches of Wessington Springs, S. Dak., have extended a call to Mr. Clemence Auch, a student at the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota. He has accepted the call and is now serving the churches on weekends. He will be the fulltime pastor of the churches following his graduation in January 1954. He is succeeding the Rev. Walter Sukut, at present one of our missionaries in Japan.

● The Oak Street Baptist Church of Burlington, Iowa, has extended a call to the Rev. Emanuel Wolff, pastor of the Salt Creek Church near Dallas, Oregon. Mr. Wolff has responded favorably to the call and hopes to begin his pastorate in Burlington on January 31, 1954, succeeding the Rev. Peter Pfeiffer, now of Erie, Pennsylvania. Mr. Wolff has been the pastor of the Salt Creek Church in Oregon since 1947. His wife is the secretary of the Woman's Missionary Union of the North American Baptist General Conference.

● Once a month, in an evening service of the Carroll Ave. Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas, ten minutes are devoted to an outstanding guest testimony of Christ's power to save and to keep. It is called, "Let the Redeemed Say So." On Sunday evening, Oct. 18,

Mr. Joseph Good of Pakistan, India, gave his testimony. The Rev. Harold W. Gieseke, pastor, brought the evening sermon on "30,000 Words a Day" based on Colossians 4:6. Mr. Gieseke was the evangelist at the Baptist Church of Emery, S. Dak., from Nov. 4 to 15.

● On Sunday evening, Oct. 18, the Calvary Baptist Church of Stafford, Kans., expressed its appreciation to the Rev. Leon Bill, the interim pastor of the church before the arrival of the Rev. H. J. Wilcke. Mr. and Mrs. Bill were presented with an end table and lamp. Mrs. Kurt Mueller, reporter, wrote that "the Calvary Church of Stafford received many spiritual blessings during the past few months as one of our own young men, the Rev. Leon Bill, ministered to us as interim pastor. He was graduated from the Northern Baptist Seminary, Chicago, Ill., last spring and is now attending the Fort Hays State College in Kansas."

● A Church Training Program was held by the Bethel Baptist Church of Anaheim, Calif., on five evenings during a two-week period from Nov. 2 to 13. Mr. Paul Jungkeit, Sunday School superintendent, served as dean of the school. The classes and their teachers were as follows: "Teaching Juniors," Miss Martha Leyboldt; "Teaching Young Children," Mrs. Robert Blankman of Santa Ana, Calif.; "Teaching Young People," Mr. Bill Acton, Costa Mesa, Calif.; "An Adult Program," Rev. B. Jacksteit and Rev. M. L. Leuschner. "Hints on Storytelling" were given by Mrs. Bowen and pictures of the Bango Hospital in the Cameroons, Africa, were also shown on Wednesday evening, Nov. 4.

● The Forest Park Baptist Church, Forest Park, Ill., is building an addition to its building and renovating the former parsonage next door for a modern Educational Unit with facilities for three assembly rooms, pastor's study, church office and library, and classrooms. The project will cost about \$45,000. Besides the construction of this Educational Unit, new pews, carpets, ventilating system and a Mother's Room will be installed in the church and a parking lot area south of the church will be cleared. It is hoped that the work will be completed by January 1954. Mr. Roland E. Ross is chairman of the building committee, and Mr. Edwin Maxant of the finance committee.

● A Denominational Workshop for the leaders of the denomination and of the various cooperating societies was held at the headquarters building in Forest Park, Ill., on Friday, Oct. 23. Reports were given and the plans for future advance were reviewed. Dr. Frank H. Woyke, executive secretary, reported that our churches had contributed \$3,041,174.51 during the past year for church and missionary purposes and had thereby exceeded the three million mark for the first time in our history. The following workers were present: Dr. Frank H. Woyke, Mrs. Walter W. Grosser, Dr. George A. Lang, Rev. E. J. Baumgartner, Rev. W. J. Luebeck, Rev. A. F. Runtz, Rev. R. Schilke, Rev. J. C. Gunst, Mr. Roland E. Ross and Dr. M. L. Leuschner.

● The 8th annual Missionary Conference of the Burns Ave. Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich., was held from Nov. 4 to 8 with an inspirational array of missionary addresses, pictures and exhibits. Dr. Leslie M. Chaffee and the Rev. R. Schilke presented the mission fields of the North American Baptist General Conference. Other speakers were Rev. John Cook of the Unevangelized Fields Mission, Dominican Republic; Rev. John Sergey, secretary of the World Fellowship of Slavic Evangelical Christians; Mrs. Paul Schoming of the Slavic Gospel Association, Alaska; and Rev. and Mrs. John Van der Schie of the Sudan Interior Mission, Africa. Dr. A. Dale Ihrie, pastor, opened the conference on Wednesday evening and presided at the Round Table Discussion on Saturday morning.

● The Conner Baptist Church of Detroit, Mich., has purchased two acres of land in a new beautiful location in Detroit and it intends to build the new church as soon as possible, the Lord willing. Recently a new work with German immigrants was begun in Windsor, Ontario. The Rev. Ernst Sakowsky, imigrant pastor and a member of the Conner Church, is in charge of this work. It is growing so rapidly that locations have been changed twice due to lack of space. The young people of the church conduct monthly meetings in the Open Door Rescue Mission of Detroit, sing in two hospitals every Sunday afternoon and help out with special programs in smaller churches. The Rev. Otto Patzia is pastor of the church and the Rev. Floyd Robinson the assistant pastor.

Harvest Festival and 65th Anniversary Program at Baptist Church, Hebron, North Dakota

Sunday, Oct. 7th, was another big day in the history of the First Baptist Church of Hebron, North Dakota. Our recently enlarged church building was filled to capacity.

Our morning service was our annual Harvest and Thanksgiving Festival. Around the pulpit was a fine display of the vegetables and fruits raised by our people. The choir, under the leadership of Mrs. C. T. Remple, sang two very appropriate songs. Three offerings were held during the day, and the sum of \$3,470 was again placed at our disposal for the payment of the debt on our property and for missions. Since the crops were much less than expected, we think our people did very well.

The afternoon service had been designated as our 65th anniversary celebration. One of our former pastors, the Rev. F. Alf, brought a suitable message in the afternoon. It was during the year 1888 that six Baptists got together and decided to organize a German Baptist Church. These six pioneers, who have long ago gone to their heavenly reward, were Mr. and Mrs. Philip Heinle, Mr. and Mrs. Christian Schmidt, and Mr. and Mrs. August Brauns. Two of their sons, Mr. Adam Heinle and Mr. Henry Schmidt, are still with us and active members of our church at this time. Others followed, either as immigrants from Russia, or from other parts of the Dakotas.

Our membership is about 200, and our average attendance is around 200. The men of God who have served our churches during these years are as follows: Rev. J. P. Groth, 1888-1893; L. Hein, 1896-1898; E. Miller, 1898-1902; John Marks, 1902; F. Dobrovolsky, 1903-1905; J. Schlipf, 1905-1908; J. Schmidt, 1909-1916; J. Rummel, 1917-1919; F. Balogh, 1922-1925; L. Hoeffner, 1926-1929; Wm. Schweitzer, 1929-1930; F. Alf, 1930-1935; C. M. Knapp, 1936-1939; E. Mittelstedt, 1940-1942; J. G. Benke, 1945-1948; and C. T. Remple, 1949—.

The first church was built in the country at a cost of \$3300. It was later enlarged, and later another church was built at Euchenfeld. A parsonage was also built in the country, later destroyed by fire. Our present church at Hebron, enlarged two times, cost us over \$30,000, and we now have one of the best parsonages in Hebron.

On Sunday evening, we had the dedication of our new Hammond electric organ, costing us nearly \$2600, fully paid for. Mr. Kary brought the evening message, and the choir, the quartet, male chorus and mixed quartet rendered numbers. A solo, "My God and I," sung by Mrs. C. T. Remple, by request, accompanied by our organ and an accordion and piano, was deeply appreciated. May God bless our wonderful and faithful servant, the Rev. C. T. Remple and his wife, and continue to use them mightily in his service.

I. E. Giedt, Correspondent.

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HERALD NEWS

YOUTH COMPASS TOPICS

December 6, 1953—"She's All Right," Spiritual Adventuring with Others. By Harold Weiss.

December 13, 1953—"Holy Bible, Book Divine," Spiritual Adventuring Through Song. By Assaf Husmann.

STUDENT RECEPTION

Sunday evening, October 25th, a student reception was held for all students from the North American Baptist Churches who are studying in schools at Minneapolis and St. Paul, Minnesota. About 90 young people and leaders shared in an impressive program and enjoyed unusually fine Christian fellowship.

The meeting place was the Riverview Baptist Church in St. Paul where the Rev. Edgar Klatt is the pastor. After the Sunday evening service, which was a part of the reception, a film depicting our schools in the Cameroons Mission Field was shown. Our general secretary of the CBY, Rev. J. C. Gunst, was the speaker of the evening. He was also in charge of presenting the picture. At the close of the service and pictures, the young people from the three churches in the Twin City area joined the students in the fellowship hall of the church for get-acquainted games, fellowship and refreshments.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Glewwe of the Riverview Church were in charge of the fellowship hour. The Riverview Senior CBY group served the refreshments. All three pastors of the local churches were present and took part in the program. The pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Don Patet, from our Randolph Church, were also present and had part in the program.

It was thrilling to see the host of young people from seven different states and many more of our churches represented. We are grateful to God for parents who make it possible for these young people to get thorough training for a life work. To have adequately trained leaders in our day is most important. This particular group is studying in the following schools: Bible School, college, university, Nurses' Training Schools, seminary and vocational schools. There was also a pre-medical student. We hope and pray the latter one will be a medical missionary when he has completed his training.

Similar student receptions are to be held at various cities where a larger group of our students are studying. Our prayer is that God may richly bless all our students engaged in training for greater service in his Kingdom's work.

CBY GUIDE FOR LEADERS

May we remind you once again that the third printing of the "CBY Guide for Leaders" is ready and can be secured any time.

This new edition of the CBY Guide is most attractive in its new printing and cover. May we urge all CBY presidents to see to it that every CBY has a library copy, first of all. Secondly, every CBY president should have a copy of his own. Several additional copies for the other officers and a program committee chairman should be on hand. Here is a Handbook, which, if properly used, will revive and give spiritual life to your youth group in the church.

Price per copy is \$1.00. Order your supply NOW. Order from Box 6, Forest Park, Ill., or from the Roger Williams Press, 3734 Payne Ave., Cleveland 14, Ohio.

YOUTH WEEK, 1954

"So Send I You" is the theme for Youth Week in 1954. The date is January 31 to February 7, 1954. Program materials and suggestions will appear in *Youth Compass*. In the "Baptist Herald" an outline of the week's activities will appear. Additional program suggestions are being mailed to all CBY presidents.

Get an early start in planning your Youth Week Program. Write for your copy of the material if you have not received it. Let us make the 1954 Youth Week the best ever.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING COURSES

This is the time of year especially to stress the Leadership Training program in your Sunday School and church. A goodly number of Sunday Schools have already reported on the completed Leadership Training Courses in their churches. Every Sunday School needs trained teachers and workers to do a work acceptable to our Lord and helpful to every scholar we reach. Make it an annual **must** to have a Leadership Training Course in your church. Remember our goal, "A Leadership Training Course in every Sunday School." We can do it if we try.



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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 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. By the time they got back to the whaleboat to take them to the "Mastin," the weather had changed and the seas were rough. Farrow had another argument with Conant and swung at him wildly. The black waters rose on all sides, threatening to engulf the men in that boat. Mickey Conant complained to Tom Wilson: "It sure breaks my heart to get my best shore-going uniform beat all out of shape by salt water."

CHAPTER FOUR

"YEAH," grinned Tom, hanging on for dear life, "and that's something else I won't be worrying about anymore."

"Quit bragging," replied Conant, and was about to say more, but the boat took another upward flight to claw its way over a towering wave. It hung poised for a moment at the very peak,

then heeled over sharply to port and shot downward with express train speed. Every man aboard instinctively lunged toward the starboard side. Mickey reached up to grasp the gunwale in front of him. As he did so, somebody shot past him from behind. The boat was already rolling back to an even keel as momentum combined with gravity to lift the man in a swift dive right over the rail. Before the startled eyes of all those about him, the sailor went over and out of sight in the angry waves.

"It's Farrow!" gasped Tom. Mickey stared in horror for an instant, then went into split-second action. Leaping onto the gunwale, in one continuous movement he was out of the boat and into the sea—not in a dive, but feet first. He came back to the surface almost immediately, and found himself practically within arm's reach of Farrow, who was threshing about without sense of direction or purpose. A couple of strong strokes enabled Conant to grasp the helpless seaman by the shirt back. Then he paddled and kicked to keep them both on the surface.

O'Donnell had already cut the engine, and now he steered quickly back into the running sea in order to stop

the boat's rolling. The bowman snatched up a life preserver from its rack and threw it with desperate strength, holding tight to the attached line. The lifesaving object landed with a splash not far from the struggling men, and floated buoyantly. In another second, Mickey and Farrow had hold of it, and willing hands on the boat were drawing in the line. Tom reached down and helped to haul Farrow aboard, and Mickey followed. The two men stood in the center of the boat, surrounded by shipmates who were eager to help. But no help was needed. Neither man had swallowed any quantity of salt water, and they were little the worse for the brief but near tragic experience. Farrow stood quietly, head down as he renewed his grasp on a boat thwart, and Mickey grinned and winked at Tom as the boat got under way once more.

A few minutes later, the whaleboat scraped up to the Mastin's gangway, and the recreation party leaped from gunwale to landing, one at a time. As the boat rose and fell alongside its mothership, O'Donnell and his crew used all their seamanship to keep it from smashing into the steel hull. At the head of the gangway, Herky waited to greet each returning man, his attitude bespeaking a sense of comradeship which he plainly felt with those who had shared with him the perils of the deep. When all were aboard, the small craft was hooked onto falls and hoisted aboard.

Tom and Mickey strolled aft to turn in their watersoaked rifles, leaving O'Donnell to make his report of the incident which had been observed from the quarterdeck. As the two men emerged from the armory and turned toward "C" Division, they were hailed by a figure standing nearby.

"Conant." It was Farrow, dripping and sober-faced.

"Yes?" Mickey made no gesture, merely waited.

"I—I want to say thanks. You didn't have to do that."

"You're welcome, Farrow," replied Mickey, without change of expression. He turned and continued on his way below. Tom trailed him slowly.

Presently they stood in luxurious ease under a warm shower and soaped themselves vigorously to remove the salt of the ocean and the grime of forest and meadow.

"Sort of rough on him, weren't you?" ventured Tom.

Mickey scrubbed soapy hands across his face, blowing loudly.

"Go ahead, call me names. But he has hit me once, now, and still figures to try it again, far as I can see. At least, he didn't say different. Let's wait awhile and see what happens. I'm still wondering about that code book—whether he might know anything."

On the following afternoon, Mickey took time out for a short rest on

a bitt near the port railing. He sat there watching the gray sea sweep past as the ship sped along on its run to Auckland. He was thinking of many things: his own problems and the impending separation from his buddy of long standing, the incident of yesterday with its complicating finish, and of the change in his own life during the past year which had culminated in Farrow's antagonism. Mickey sighed out of the heaviness in his heart.

Wonder if Farrow would have liked me better, he meditated, if his first sight of me had been in a bar, as it might have been a year ago. Wonder if he'd find me more acceptable if I would swear at him and bum cigarettes off him? But Lord (Mickey raised his eyes steadfastly), I remember that you said, "Blessed art thou when men shall revile you, and say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake." And this is for your sake, Lord. Just help me to act like a Christian should.

A shadow fell across his line of vision. Looking up, he felt a sudden shock. It was Farrow. His face was solemn, but he looked straight at Conant.

"Hello." It was not a greeting, but rather a declaration; his voice seemed to say, "I come peaceably."

"Hello, Farrow," returned Mickey. Then, after a second's pause: "Get dried out yet from that bath yesterday?"

"Sure. Mind if I sit down here?"

"Course not. Go ahead."

Farrow seated himself and watched the waves rearing and subsiding for a moment before he continued. "You look like you're taking things easy, Conant. Fact is, you always look pretty calm and cool. Wish I could be that way. Doesn't anything ever upset you?"

"Oh, I've got a few things to fret about, same as everybody. But, you see, I've also got Somebody to help me with them."

The other looked puzzled, then his face cleared, "Oh yes, you've got a bad case of religion, haven't you? Caught it from your buddy, Tom Wilson, I've heard."

"I'll not get mad, reasoned Mickey. I'll give him a testimony, no matter what he says. He smiled at the electrician.

"Sure. I've got a bad case of religion, all right. It's such a bad case I doubt if I'll ever get over it. And it's contagious, so you better watch out. A year ago I had no use for the church either, but I wouldn't go back where I was—and where you are—for the world."

"Don't worry about me, Conant. I've studied the Bible some, and there's not a lot you can tell me about it."

Mickey didn't answer. He turned and looked once more out over the water. But the other man did not

leave. He arose and leaned one arm on the lifeline and studied the pattern of swirling currents around the ship's waterline. Suddenly he wheeled about, and words poured from him.

"What's the matter with me, Conant? I didn't mean to insult you then—didn't come over for that. I saw you sitting here and came up to tell you like a man that I'm sorry for the hard things I've said to you. I don't know why you risked your life to pull me out of the ocean yesterday, but you did; and any fellow who will do a thing like that is a good man, in my opinion, to have for a friend. Do you think we could call a halt to our feud and start over?"

Mickey looked up into Farrow's face, and suddenly he no longer saw a man who had vowed enmity, nor someone under suspicion of being a Communist sympathizer, nor even one who had possibly some knowledge of the missing code book. He saw only a boy not yet twenty, with loneliness in his eyes and a need of friendship. He rose from the bitt and shoved out a willing hand.

"We sure can, Farrow. Put it there boy."

Embarrassed Farrow grinned and ran his fingers across his bristly skull. "Guess I won't soon forget our first meeting—not until some new hair grows on my dome."

"You should have seen me when I got mine," laughed Mickey. "Tom said my head looked like a lollipop on a stick with the wrapper off."

"Just the same," went on Farrow, "I've got to do a little explaining; won't feel right until it's off my chest. Conant, the past few months have been about the most miserable of my life. Maybe you heard that I had applied for appointment to Annapolis before coming aboard this ship. I was qualified in every way, but was turned down because I stammered." A note of bitterness came into his voice.

"Never had done it before, but for some reason I just couldn't talk in front of the examining board. Actually, I was just overly excited, because I've dreamed ever since I was a kid of some day being a naval officer, and it was about to come true. But they called it "instability under stress", and it just about broke my heart, and turned me into a permanent grouch, I guess. It's made me mighty unpopular on board the Mastin, and I must have been taking out my frustration on you." He stopped, an abject, unhappy figure.

Mickey hesitated before replying; then he said,

"You can become an officer even yet. You'll still be under the age limit next time appointments are made, won't you?"

"Ye—es, but a second chance is pretty hard to get. And I might do the same thing again."

"I doubt that. Tell you what, Far-

row: Tom and I will try to help you get ready for the next time. Your biggest need is to straighten out your confusion of mind. That stammer is nothing to worry about. Ever hear of Moses? He had trouble talking; claimed he couldn't do it at all, but the Lord helped him, and he made the longest uninterrupted talk record in the Bible. I don't think you're a harder case for the Lord than Moses was, do you?"

"Probably not." Farrow answered Mickey's friendly smile. "But you'll recall that I've said some pretty hard things to you against the Bible and the church. Wish I could explain that, too, but you'd hardly be able to believe the truth—that I used to be a firm believer, but sort of laid my faith aside with everything else when I got that jolt a while back."

"That's a silly reaction, isn't it? Faith is not something to keep; it is something to keep you."

"Farrow," continued Mickey, after a moment of thought-filled silence, "we'll make a deal: let's work together and pray together and see if we can't bring a victory out of what has been a defeat for you so far. While we're at it, you do some praying on your own, and don't forget to pray for me. I've got a spot of trouble myself. Little matter of a lost code book which can really put the blight on my naval career." He looked narrowly at Farrow as he said this, but there was no reaction.

"That's a bargain, Conant. It's nice to have one person, finally, that I can call a friend on this ship. And you're the last one I would have expected it to be."

Mickey thought, This boy is either absolutely innocent of any connection with that book, or else he's a perfect actor. He continued carefully.

"For that matter, Farrow, I've heard some rumors that you have a funny idea or two in your head about—well, frankly, you have a reputation for being somewhat of a radical. What about it?" he finished bluntly.

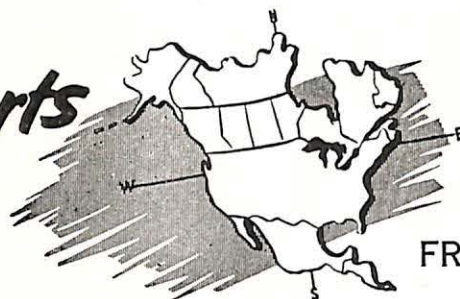
The other man's eyes faltered and fell away. "I—I can't discuss that with you, Conant. I want to, but just can't. Maybe later. . ."

Mickey regarded him unsmilingly for a moment, then arose. "Well, it's your affair, until it goes too far. See you at supper tonight, and we'll have a yarn session in the office later. Hey, by the way," his eyes began to twinkle, "after you get to be an officer I'll expect a soft job for all this help and advice I'm giving you. Always did hanker to be a goldbrick—legally, that is; Tom tells me I'm one already."

"Okay, you've got it, if you can wait five or six years. But by that time you'll probably be a chief radioman, anyhow, and can goldbrick without special permission."

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Reports



FROM THE FIELD

Southern Conference

Harvest and Mission Festival by the Central Baptist Sunday School, Waco, Texas

The Central Baptist Church of Waco, Texas, observed its Harvest and Mission Festival on Sunday, October 18th, during the Sunday School hour.

Mr. Llewellyn Lippert, superintendent, with his staff of teachers in the Elementary Department arranged a fine program which was presented by pupils from the Nursery Class up through the Junior Department with Miss Lindel Bynum in charge. Their recitations, choruses and piano selections were an inspiration to the older classes and to the visitors who were present in Sunday School. The Rev. J. J. Lippert brought a helpful object talk entitled, "The Magic Box," to conclude the program and a special offering for foreign missions was taken.

To make this program even more effective, the platform was appropriately decorated in autumn colors with baskets of flowers, fruit and vegetables as well as large boles of cotton from Texas farms and ears of yellow corn which the Rev. and Mrs. Louis Johnson brought back with them from their visit in Iowa. These were visible reminders of God's faithfulness and goodness to his people.

The Rev. Louis Johnson's sermon, "Harvest and a Harvest of Souls," further emphasized the harvest and missionary theme of the day and challenged us to make the most of our opportunities as we made preparations for our evangelistic meetings which began the following Sunday.

Mrs. Ernest Steindam, Reporter.

Northern Conference

Song Festival is Presented by the Southern Alberta Churches at Carbon, Alberta

On Sunday, Oct. 18, the Baptist churches of Southern Alberta, Canada, gathered for their annual Song Festival at Carbon, Alberta. It was a beautiful day and the church was filled to capacity.

In the morning the regular Sunday School session was held with the superintendents of the various churches giving short talks on the lesson. Two special instrumental numbers were rendered, a saxophone duet and an accordion duet. At the morning serv-

ice, two challenging messages were brought by the Rev. David Berg of Trochu on "Thanksgiving" and the Rev. Fred Pahl of Olds on "Missions." The Carbon choir rendered two numbers.

After partaking of a delicious lunch served by the ladies of the Carbon church, we all gathered in the main auditorium for the song festival. The Rev. W. R. Muller of the Carbon Church presided as chairman. After a song service led by Mr. Pete Neufeld and Scripture and prayer by Rev. F. Pahl, the massed choir as a combination of the choirs of Carbon, Zion, Calgary, Olds and Trochu rendered the anthem, "Fortress of the Faithful," under the capable leadership of Mr. Robert Neske.

Each of the choirs of the churches present rendered two numbers. Three special numbers were brought by a male quartet from the Bridgeland Church, Calgary, by the Ladies' Octet from the Zion Church, and a Ladies' Trio from the Olds Church. The Rev. William Effa of the Zion Baptist Church, Drumheller, Alta., brought the message entitled, "Making a Life."

The final number was an anthem rendered by the massed choir, "Gloria in Excelsis." Truly, this was a day in which the Name of the Lord was praised in both word and song and we thank him for this day of Christian fellowship.

David Gieck, Secretary.

Pacific Conference

First Anniversary Dinner Held by the Berean Baptist Church, Los Angeles, California

The Berean Baptist Church of Los Angeles, Calif., commemorated its first birthday on Friday evening, October 2, with an anniversary dinner. Eighty-five persons were present for the turkey dinner, and it was a real occasion of thanksgiving unto the Lord for countless blessings bestowed upon the little congregation. Dr. Donald G. Davis is the pastor.

The program closed with a message on "Bible Feasts" by the Rev. Henry Hengstler, pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Los Angeles. The entire evening's activity was tape-recorded and sent to the Kenneth Goodmans, members of the Berean Church, in Warwar, the Cameroons. The church workshops at 170 S. Virgil Ave., Los Angeles, California.

Donald G. Davis, Pastor.

Harvest Festival and Missionary Speaker at the Baptist Church, Startup, Washington

It is not so long ago that we sent in a report from Startup, Wash., but our Sunday School had its Harvest Festival recently and we have had a visitor since then so that we felt the readers would like to hear about the blessings which have been ours.

The children gave their best at the program, and the Lord added beautiful sunshine to make the day complete! We have many reasons for which to be thankful. The Lord has been good to us. On Tuesday, Oct. 13, two days later our general mission secretary, the Rev. R. Schilke, stopped in. We were very happy to have him with us. He gave us an inspiring message on missions, and brought before our eyes gorgeous pictures of our mission fields which increased our interest.

May God bless the work that he has entrusted to us as a denomination and may we all be found faithful in carrying out God's will concerning it.

R. G. Kaiser, Pastor.

Pacific Northwest Association Holds Its 50th Annual Sessions at Paul, Idaho

The 50th annual Pacific Northwest Association met with the Paul Baptist Church of Paul, Idaho, from Sept. 23 to 27. The theme of this session was "The Love of God in Christ Jesus."

The pastors of the various churches represented brought the rich, inspiring messages and discourses as follows: "The Love of Christ Constraineth Me," "The Love of God to Us," "The Love of Christ in the Home, in the Sewardship of Talents, in the Stewardship of Money," "The Love of Christ in Church Relationships," "The Love of Christ in the Concern for the Lost," "Victory Through Christ" and "The Love of Christ and the Blessed Hope."

The Rev. E. P. Wahl, president of the Edmonton Christian Training Institute was the guest speaker at this Association. He brought to us many fine messages and told of the marvelous work which is being faithfully carried on at the Institute by its staff of efficient teachers and workers.

The Rev. Orville Meth was elected associational representative to the Mission Board of the Pacific Conference. Delegates came from Odessa, Colfax, Tacoma and Spokane, Wash., and from Missoula, Montana. All were happy to meet the Christian brethren of Paul, and felt their warm hospitality enfolding them throughout the sessions.

The Rev. J. C. Schweitzer, extension worker, told of the work he has been doing in Prince Rupert, Canada, where a new church has been established. He also brought to our attention various areas nearby which he will be visiting shortly. We understand more fully the urgent need for home missions. With renewed courage and zeal we press forward in the work which God has entrusted to us.

Mrs. Ben Schmidt, Secretary.

\$23,000 New Baptist Church Is Dedicated at Prince George, British Columbia

The dedication services for the new edifice of the Hager Memorial Baptist Church of Prince George, B. C., Canada, on Sunday, September 6, were held in the golden sunshine of a beautiful fall day. The pastors and groups of people of our churches at Chilliwack, B. C., and of Kelowna, B. C., were present to share the festivities with us. These are our neighboring churches, but they are 450 miles away. Because of bad roads, the visitors required sixteen hours to get to Prince George.

In the spring of 1952 we as a church began our building project with considerable volunteer labor. By Christmas of last year we could hold our first meeting with the Christmas program presented by the children. Since then, we have worked hard to complete the new church.

At the Sunday School hour on the dedication Sunday with the Sunday School under the direction of our superintendent, Mr. F. Heffke, Mrs. J. B. Kornalewski of Kelowna and the Rev. F. W. Bartel of Chilliwack spoke. The Rev. J. C. Schweitzer, denominational extension worker, brought the dedication message at the morning worship service, and the Rev. J. B. Kornalewski offered the dedication prayer. The church choir of 32 voices, directed by Mr. F. Kallweit, Sr., rendered two fine numbers. The entire service was in charge of the pastor, the Rev. Phil. Daum.

After dinner had been served by the women in the church basement, the afternoon service began with greetings by our visiting pastors and with the reading of telegrams from the Ebenezer Church of Vancouver, B. C., and the Faith Church of Vernon, British Columbia. The message was brought by Mr. Kornalewski. Musical numbers were rendered by the church choir and the Kallweit Orchestra. In the evening service the Rev. F. W. Bartel of Chilliwack brought an English message, and the Youth Choir sang several numbers. The offerings of the day amounted to \$731.70.

The church building is 36 by 62 feet in size. The cost of the church is approximately \$23,000 with many donations made for lumber, etc., and with 2500 work hours contributed without charge by members. A loan of \$6000 was made by the denominational Church and Parsonage Loan Fund and an additional loan of \$2,000 has been given from the Chapel Building Fund. We have already paid back \$500 on the loan, which is quite an undertaking for this small church with its large percentage of recent immigrants from Europe.

Our services are well attended by members and friends in this promising area of Prince George. Our prayer is that this new house of God might be the place of salvation for many souls and that our church might be in all truth "the place of God's habitation."

Phil. Daum, Pastor.



Colorful decorations in the Baptist Church of Startup, Wash., for the Harvest and Mission Festival observed by the Sunday School

Calvary Church, Tacoma, Wash., Holds Farewell Reception for Rev. and Mrs. H. J. Wilcke

When the Rev. H. J. Wilcke and his family came to the Calvary Baptist Church in Tacoma, Wash., five years ago, we certainly did not anticipate that on October 18, 1953 we would be bidding them farewell. During these years the pastor's family and the church enjoyed blessed times of fellowship.

There was probably nothing novel about the farewell service and reception. Mr. Otto Stolz, chairman of the deacons, presided. Representatives of the Deacons Board, Woman's Missionary Society, Sunday School, Choir,

CBY, Adult Fellowship briefly addressed the Wilckes thanking them for their leadership and helpfulness and wishing them God's blessing for their new work in Stafford, Kansas. The Junior groups of the church sang appropriate choruses, a "Good-bye" song and gave an original "Thank you" poem. Mr. Walter Dinger, chairman of the Executive Committee, spoke in behalf of the church. Several gifts of remembrance were presented.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilcke also had an opportunity to tell us what was upon their hearts. The admonition was that we serve the Christ, and diligently work together with the new under-shepherd whom God will send. Refreshment time gave everyone an opportunity personally to bid them farewell.

We rejoice that God has answered our prayers and will send to us the Rev. Robert S. Hess, pastor of the Clinton Hill Baptist Church, Newark, N. J., beginning his pastorate with us on January 31, 1954.

Lucy Ahrens, Reporter.

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The choir of the Hager Memorial Baptist Church, Prince George, British Columbia, on the occasion of the new church's dedication with Rev. Phil. Daum, pastor (fourth from the left on the front row)

Southwestern Conference

Reception for the Rev. H. J. Wilcke and Family at Calvary Church, Stafford, Kans.

The members and friends of the Calvary Baptist Church of Stafford, Kans., together with friends from our sister churches, in Ellinwood, Bison and Lorraine, joined together on Sunday, Oct. 25th, to welcome our new pastor, the Rev. H. J. Wilcke and his family.

The Sunday School hour and the morning worship service were conducted as usual with Mr. Wilcke bringing the message of the morning on "Looking Ahead With Christ." A basket dinner and a time of fellowship were enjoyed by all in the fellowship hall following the morning service.

In the afternoon a reception service, led by the Rev. Leon Bill, was held in honor of our new minister and family. Music was rendered by the choir and the male quartet. A read-

ple, including pre-theological students for our North American Baptist Seminary in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

We are very happy that God has permitted us thus far to operate in the black, which is more or less unusual in our day. We are building a Library and Administration Building and believe that it will be completed without debt. God's hand has been shown in every way.

Dr. Maynard Peck, a Baptist, is head of our Commerce Department. Special emphasis is laid on a sound Christian position of the teachers for in the end it is the type of a professor that makes or breaks the school. Here at Sterling College piety is no excuse for learning as we want the educational standard to be high.

It is remarkable that it has not been necessary to raise the cost of tuition at Sterling. The entire cost—tuition fees, books, board and room—is only \$700 per year, providing the student does not have to do outside work. With work, for which there is ordinarily opportunity, the cost is noticeably reduced. Ministers' children are

given a discount of \$100 per year. The reason for all this is that we want young people from homes with limited means to be able to get a college education.

The accompanying picture presents the Hildebrand family from our Calvary Baptist Church in Stafford, Kansas. Miss Anna Hildebrand is cafeteria manager, Mrs. Hildebrand is one of the cooks, Mr. Hildebrand is one of the custodians, and the daughter, Mercile, is helping in the kitchen.

Theo W. Dons, Executive Assistant to the President.

Sessions of the Nebraska-Colorado Association at the Shell Creek Baptist Church

The Nebraska-Colorado Association convened at the Shell Creek Baptist Church, near Columbus, Neb., from Thursday evening, Sept. 24, through Sunday, Sept. 27. These were great days of spiritual refreshment with the note of urgency sounded from the association theme, "On Business for the King." The text for the theme was taken from Luke 2:49b, "Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?" Our theme song was, "In the Service of the King."

Inspiring messages were brought by our guest speaker, Prof. Herbert Hiller, of our Seminary at Sioux Falls, South Dakota. With his sincerity and fluency of speech and his winsomeness he stirred the hearts of many to greater service for their King. The pastors of the churches represented also brought inspiring messages on our theme. These messages were used of the Holy Spirit in that many listeners resolved in their own hearts to be busier about the King's business. May his Kingdom be furthered and the churches represented be strengthened as a result of these meetings.

The host church and the neighboring church of Creston rendered special music, which beautified the services and was greatly appreciated. The women of the host church provided delicious meals during these days for the delegates and friends of our association.

On Sunday afternoon the young people were in charge of the services. The local CBY brought musical selections and readings. The Rev. G. Neubert of Beatrice, Neb., brought the message of the afternoon on the theme, "He Gave Me a Job to Do." On Sunday evening the sessions came to a climax when Professor Hiller brought the message on the appropriate theme, "Forward with God."

We are only a small group consisting of four churches—La Salle, Colo.; Beatrice, Creston, and Shell Creek of Nebraska. However we are a close and a great fellowship even though we are small in number. May the Lord continue to use us as an association; also the messages that were heard during these days.

The new officers of the ensuing year are: moderator, Rev. G. Neubert; vice-moderator, Rev. R. C. Stading; secretary, Mrs. Evelyn Prang; and treasurer, Mr. Adam Moser.

R. C. Stading, Reporter.

Zion Baptist Church of Okeene, Oklahoma, Holds A Father and Son Banquet

"Baptist Men" of the Zion Baptist Church of Okeene, Okla., our most recent organization, sponsored a Father and Son banquet on Tuesday evening, Oct. 20, with 75 men and boys present. Two of our boys, Harlan Fisher and Glen Laubach, who are students at A and M College, Stillwater, Okla., as well as friends from neighboring churches were guests of the occasion.

A fine program consisting of instrumental and vocal numbers was enjoyed by all. The highlight of the evening was our guest speaker, the Rev. Alfred Bernadt of Lorraine, Kans., who inspired us with a fine message entitled, "God and You." A well prepared banquet was served by the Woman's Missionary Society of the church.

The purpose of "Baptist Men" is to enlist all the men of the church into a more vital and effective service for Christ and the church, and to provide a fellowship that is a wholesome influence for spiritual growth and development. The Rev. Leland Friesen is the pastor of the Zion Baptist Church.

Harry H. Geis, Reporter.

Northwestern Conference

Cornerstone Laying Exercises at the First Baptist Church, Steamboat Rock, Iowa

The laying of the cornerstone for the new edifice of the First Baptist Church at Steamboat Rock, Iowa, took place on Sunday, October 18, following the morning worship service. The special music was furnished by the brass quintet composed of Patricia Luiken, Karen Luiken, Royce Luiken, Robert Luiken, and the Rev. Fred Lower. A brief message on, "Christ, the Chief Cornerstone," was brought by the pastor.

Mr. Peter Luiken, the church clerk, then presented the list of articles to be enclosed in the stone. They included: a copy of the New Testament, a copy of the church covenant and constitution, the 75th anniversary booklet, a church membership list, a list of the church officers, building committee, and contractor, a copy of the church bulletin of that Sunday, a copy of the "Baptist Herald," and a copy of "Der Sendbote." The actual laying of the stone was completed by Mr. Ben Johnson, chairman of the building committee, and Mr. Alfred Gast, chairman of the board of trustees. Mr. L. G. Johnson, chairman of the board of deacons, closed the service with prayer.

The \$65,000 structure is expected to be completed by January of 1954 with dedication services being planned for February 12 to 14, 1954. A large amount of the labor has been donated by the men of the church under the skilled direction of Mr. Christie Voss, contractor.

Regular services of the church are now being conducted in the basement of the new structure. The first meetings held in the new building were evangelistic services with Dr. Bruce Blunt of Central Baptist Seminary, Kansas City, Kansas. Four young men confessed Christ as Savior during these meetings.

The heating system is baseboard radiant heat with oil fired furnace and electrically controlled zoning. The church furnishings and woodwork on the main floor will be oak, finished in natural color. The pews will have Cushion-Eze seats of foam rubber and plastic.

Fred Lower, Pastor.



Building Committee for the \$65,000 new edifice of the First Baptist Church, Steamboat Rock, Iowa

Left to right: Max Klatt, Ben Johnson, Minert De Vries, Rev. Frederick Y. Lower, Alfred Gast, Henry Rose, Jr., C. E. Sentman, John Frierichs, Wendell Luiken, Michael Finger, Peter Luiken, Mrs. Harold Hartman, Mrs. Harold Luiken, Mrs. Neil Bittner, Mrs. Irvin Gast, and L. G. Johnson

Session of Woman's Missionary Union at the Minnesota Association, Dayton's Bluff Church

The Woman's Missionary Union of Minnesota met on Sept. 24 in connection with the Minnesota Association meetings at the Dayton's Bluff Baptist Church, St. Paul, Minnesota. The business session included the election of officers. The following were elected: Mrs. Wm. Jeschke, president; Mrs. Edward Kopf, vice-president; Mrs. Donald Patet, secretary-treasurer. The program was delightfully enriched by special music and accompaniment of Vibraharp music by Mrs. Adam Huber of Faith Church, Minneapolis. Mrs. Richter and Mrs. Riesenweber beautifully sang, "Teach Me To Pray, Lord." Devotions were led by Mrs. Don Patet.

Mrs. Lois Ahrens endeared herself to the hearts of all who heard her. She challenged us to the fact that the work in Africa is ours as well as the missionaries, that the beauty of the Lord's holiness comes only from being on our knees before him. She gave us a picture of the African women and their needs in education and in the knowledge of the Lord in order that they might be helpmeets to their husbands and help to win their families.

Following this word picture, the women resolved to "support some African women in the Bible School." The Rev. Arthur Odens closed the session with a benediction.

Mrs. Harvey Stanke, Reporter.



Mr. and Mrs. John Hildebrand and their daughters, Mercile and Anna, of the Calvary Church, Stafford, Kans., who are working in the cafeteria, kitchen and on the campus of Sterling College, Sterling, Kansas

ing, "Our New Minister," was enjoyed by all. The Rev. Elmer Strauss spoke appropriately on the subject, "The Duties and Obligations of the Pastor and His People."

A welcome was extended to our pastor by our sister churches and some of the local churches in the city. A fine response was given by Brother Wilcke. May the Lord lead us in the days that lie ahead so that we may grow spiritually and be found faithful in Christ's service.

Mrs. Kurt Mueller, Reporter.

North American Baptist Students and Workers at Sterling College, Sterling, Kansas

Sterling College of Sterling, Kans., opened with an increased enrollment this fall. Among the students are a goodly number of Baptist young peo-

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The new parsonage of the Baptist Church, Aplington, Iowa, in which the Rev. and Mrs. Frank Veninga and their family have been the first occupants

The Baptist Church at Aplington, Iowa, Dedicates Its New \$29,000 Parsonage

The beautiful parsonage of the Aplington Baptist Church, Aplington, Iowa, was dedicated on Sunday afternoon, October 18. Dr. George Lang of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., was the guest speaker for this delightful occasion.

Approximately 200 people assembled on the parsonage lawn and listened eagerly to the various speakers who had been invited to participate

in the service. Pastors from nearby churches brought greetings and congratulations from their churches. A vocal trio from the local church sang an appropriate selection for the occasion, "Bless This House." The dedicatory prayer was offered by Dr. Lang.

The parsonage, though occupied since March, 1953, was opened for inspection and the members and friends of the church as well as out-of-town visitors had occasion to see the beauty of the new home. Refreshments were

served by one of the Sunday School classes.

A dream has become a reality. The parsonage was built at an approximate cost of \$29,000. We thank God for permitting us to build it and we pray God's blessing upon our new parsonage. It is our prayer that the servants of God and their families may find comfort, peace, and his Presence in the new home. The Rev. Frank Veninga is our pastor.

Mrs. Paul Voogd, Reporter.

Cornerstone Laying Service for New Building by the Immanuel Church, Kenosha, Wisconsin

The Immanuel Baptist Church of Kenosha, Wis., recently celebrated the laying of the cornerstone for its new edifice, now under construction, with an afternoon ceremony, followed by a reception and refreshments at its present house of worship.

The weather was perfect for such an occasion and a beautiful red, white, blue, and gold pulpit, built especially for a Youth Rally, at which Dr. Billy Graham spoke in Kenosha several years ago, was borrowed for the occasion. Music was provided by the church's Hammond electric organ especially transported for the service and by the robed choir of the church. The Rev. L. Kenneth Huyck, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Kenosha and moderator of the Walworth Convention, gave the invocation, after which the audience of some 500 persons was welcomed by the Rev. Charles J. Anderson, pastor of the church.

Greetings were brought by Mr. Frank A. Nelson, president of the Wisconsin Baptist Convention; Mr. Walter Grosser, moderator of the North American Baptist General Conference; Rev. Raymond Parry, pastor of the Grace Baptist Church of Racine, Wis., "mother" church of Immanuel; general contractor Charles E. Yandre; City Councilman Gilbert Petzke (on behalf of the city of Kenosha); and other distinguished guests.

Organizational leaders deposited specially prepared parchment (plastic wrapped) scrolls in the copper box prepared for that purpose. The choir sang as the box was sealed by Mr. Sam Friedrich and deposited in the white granite cornerstone (inscribed "Founded 1906 Erected 1953"). For the actual cornerstone laying Mr. Anderson graciously yielded the trowel to the Rev. August Rhode, retired Baptist minister and member of the church, who ceremoniously placed the cornerstone "In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost," the stone being raised into place by Clarence and Gilman Thompson, mason contractors.

When the exterior of the church is completely finished (approximately December 15th) the men of the church plan to complete its interior. The colonial brick and stone structure has one of the most beautiful and imposing corners in Forest Park section of Kenosha, and is already drawing much favorable comment from citizens and public officials.

Charles J. Anderson, Pastor.



—Jack Tracy, Photographer

Guest speakers and pastors at the cornerstone laying exercises held by the Immanuel Baptist Church, Kenosha, Wisconsin

Left to right: Frank A. Nelson, Rev. L. Kenneth Huyck, Dr. Charles W. Koller, Mr. Walter W. Grosser, moderator of the North American Baptist General Conference; Rev. Raymond Parry, Racine, Wis.; Rev. August Rhode, retired pastor; and Rev. Charles J. Anderson, pastor of the Immanuel Church

Woman's Missionary Union of the Iowa Association Meets at Aplington Baptist Church

One of the highlights for the women of the Iowa Association that convened at Aplington, Iowa, from Oct. 19 to 21 was the women's meeting which was held on the afternoon of Oct. 21st with Dr. Leslie Chaffee as the guest speaker.

After an inspiring program of music and devotions, the hearts of the women were thrilled to hear Dr. Chaffee tell of his great work as a medical missionary in the Cameroons of Africa. It will be a pleasure for the women to go on with the White Cross work, after hearing how very useful it is out in the Cameroons.

The ministers' wives were given a special welcome to the association by the president, Mrs. Harm Sherman of Aplington, Iowa, who also presided at the business meeting. The results of the election were as follows: president, Mrs. Harry Luiken, Steamboat Rock, Iowa; vice-president, Mrs. William Huisman, Parkersburg, Iowa; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. Louis Muller, Victor, Iowa.

A splendid offering of \$131 was taken for missionary purposes, the greater share going to our own Cameroons' work.

Mrs. Louis Muller, Secretary.

Special Programs and Activities at the Bethany Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

The Bethany Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wis., has begun its fall activities with enthusiasm. Our Sunday School held a Promotion Day program on Sept. 27 and Rally Day on Oct. 4. The young people's society held the installation of its new officers and its meetings are now held in the church auditorium to accommodate parents and visitors. The attendance has been encouraging.

On Sunday, Oct. 11, the Brotherhood observed Laymen's Sunday. Our men of the church participated in the morning worship service, with our pastor, the Rev. Wilmer Quiring, bringing an inspiring sermon, "Christ Calls Men." The evening service was again in charge of the Brotherhood with the speaker being Mr. Theodore Kaap, a Public Service Executive who is also a Christian businessman. He brought a challenging message that inspired all of us to live more Christ-like lives.

On Friday evening, Oct. 23, our Sunday School sponsored a Parent-Teachers' Meeting to which all the parents of the Sunday School pupils were invited. This was a new venture of faith. A panel consisting of Mrs. Wilmer Quiring, Miss Laura Weihe, Rev. G. K. Zimmerman and our pastor discussed the topic, "Church and Home Should Work Together." Our Sunday School superintendent, Miss Marie Baudisch, led the service.

As we approach the Christmas holiday season, Bethany Church is looking forward to accomplish greater things for our Lord Jesus Christ.

Mrs. Alfred Klein, Reporter.

Dakota Conference

Baptism of Ten Persons and Church Dedication at Mott, North Dakota

A report of the work in the Mott, N. Dak., area, concerning the new First Baptist Church, appeared almost a year ago, but since then many things have happened which may be of interest to the readers of the "Baptist Herald."

On June 4th of this year the Rev. Le Roy Schauer arrived on the field to begin his work as full-time pastor. On June 7th at the afternoon service the church held the reception in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Schauer. The

same day they had their mission festival and the special occasion of their 65th church anniversary. The offerings for the entire day, which totaled almost \$600, were designated for building fund purposes.

The work has been progressing steadily and we as a church hope and pray that it might continue to do so in this new area where no Baptist church has ever existed.

Mrs. Edd Auch, Church Clerk.

Harvest Festival of the Ebenezer and Immanuel Churches, Westington Springs, South Dakota

The annual Harvest and Mission Festival of the Ebenezer and Immanuel Baptist Churches of Westington Springs, S. Dak., was held on October



Eleven persons who were recently received into the fellowship of the First Baptist Church, Mott, North Dakota, by the pastor, Rev. Le Roy Schauer (right)

The five adults are from left to right: Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Phillips, Albert Schafer, Mrs. Rudolph Fiedler and Mr. Rudolph Fiedler. The children in the front row, left to right, are: Kenneth Auch, Jeffrey Auch, Gerry Auch, Deanne Auch, Dorean Ruff and Delmar Auch

Rev. Emil Becker of the New Leipzig Baptist Church was in charge of the afternoon service for the reception. Representatives of the various organizations took part in the program.

One of the most glorious days which the church has been privileged to experience was on July 12th when the church had its first baptismal service. At that time Mr. Schauer baptized ten persons (four adults and six children) in an impressive outdoor river scene. At the communion service that same afternoon the church received eleven persons into the fellowship. Seven were received before this time and two since then by transfer by letter so that the membership has grown from the original twenty-four charter members to forty-four.

On October 4th the church had its dedication service for the church basement building. Dr. John Leypoldt of Forest Park, Ill., was the guest speaker for the day and brought three inspiring messages. The afternoon service was the dedication service at which time over 200 people were present. There was a good representation from the neighboring churches of New Leipzig, Hettinger, Selfridge, N. Dak., and from McIntosh and McLaughlin, South Dakota. The Hebron church could not be present because on that

11. Professor Herbert Hiller of the Seminary at Sioux Falls, S. Dak., was our guest speaker, bringing us heart searching and challenging messages on "The Ripeness of the Harvest" and "The Call of Abraham," for God is still calling men and women today into the harvest field. All received a great blessing and were encouraged to launch out and work for our Master.

Special music was provided at each service by the choir, men's chorus, quartet and sextette. Meals were served in the church dining room by the Woman's Missionary society. The offering for mission work was \$500.

Mr. Clemence Auch, student at our Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., is serving our churches at the present time, and has accepted our call to be our full-time pastor after he has completed his work at the Seminary in January 1954. We hear from our former pastor and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. Walter Sukut, now missionaries in Japan. They are busy studying the Japanese language and our prayers are with them as they prepare for the great work God has called them to do. We praise God for their consecrated Christian lives.

Darlene Kludt, Reporter.

Pulpit Furniture Is Dedicated by the First Baptist Church, Underwood, North Dakota

The First Baptist Church of Underwood, N. Dak., dedicated its new pulpit furniture on Sunday evening, Oct. 4. After a lively song service, the reading of Scripture and prayer, we were favored with a duet by Mrs. Ted Meyer and Mrs. Fred W. Knalson. The Rev. Fred W. Knalson gave a brief story of the furniture and how it was purchased.

Mr. Knalson brought the message of the evening which centered around the pulpit and communion table. We are thankful to the Lord for this improvement. May it always be used to his honor and glory, and may the pastor behind the pulpit always preach the true Gospel. The dedicatory prayer was offered by our pastor. The Men's Chorus sang a number.

The pulpit is a memorial to the late Mr. John Hepper by his family. The center pulpit chair is a memorial to the late Mr. and Mrs. Johannes Koenig by Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Henricks. One of the side chairs is a memorial to the late Mr. and Mrs. August Janke by their children. The other side chair is a memorial to the late Mr. and Mrs. Adam Hepper by their children. One of the communion chairs is a memorial to the late Mrs. Neil Gogstetter by her daughter, Jeanine. The communion table and one communion chair were purchased by contributions from members and friends of the church.

Emma Blatchford, Reporter.

Reception for Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Voigt by the Rosenfeld Church, North Dakota

On Sunday, Oct. 11, the Rosenfeld Baptist Church near Anamoose, N.

Dak., had the joy of welcoming its new pastor and wife, Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Voigt. The morning service was held as usual. Mr. Dave Deiterle, chairman of the board of deacons, introduced the Rev. Arthur Voigt, who then brought his introductory message.

In the evening service the reception was held. The church was filled to capacity to witness this event. Three neighboring churches of Anamoose, Drake, and McClusky and many friends of the community were present to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Voigt. Mr. Dave Deiterle was in charge of the service. Musical numbers were rendered by the various branches of the church and a very appropriate reading, "The New Minister," was given by Mrs. Albert Isaak.

Mr. Reuben Kolschefski, deacon; Mr. Albert Isaak, Sunday School superintendent; and Mrs. Dave Deiterle, president of the Woman's Missionary Society, extended words of welcome. Our visiting pastors also spoke words of welcome: Rev. Joseph Hefti for the Drake Baptist Church, Rev. Fred Fuchs for the Anamoose Baptist Church, and Rev. Daniel Klein for the McClusky Baptist Church. Mr. and Mrs. Voigt responded with words of thanks for the kindness shown by the church and expressed their desire to labor with the church in witnessing for the Lord and winning lost souls for him. A love offering was then taken and presented to the pastor and his wife.

After the program, all assembled in the church parlors for refreshments and a period of friendly fellowship. As a token of kindness, the women of the church had previously redecorated the parsonage. The Woman's Missionary Society also arranged a pantry shower and purchased a new

refrigerator for the parsonage. May God richly bless the Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Voigt in our midst as we labor together with them for the cause of Christ.

Mrs. William Isaak, Church Clerk.

Baptismal Service and Mission Festival at Immanuel Baptist Church, Beulah, North Dakota

Sunday, August 9, was a day of rejoicing for the Immanuel Baptist Church of Beulah, N. Dak., and the station at Zap. We had the joy of baptizing six blood-bought souls. These were the first candidates whom the pastor, the Rev. Ernest Lautt, baptized. The first of these candidates was the pastor's own daughter. Two of these candidates became Christians just three weeks before. Several found Christ during Vacation Bible School. We as a church have obligated ourselves to pray for these young Christians.

After the morning service a pot luck dinner was served in the basement to all our people as well as to visitors. At 2 P.M. we gathered on the shore of beautiful Knife River in our city park. After singing the old songs of Zion, the pastor gave a short message on, "What Does It Hinder Me to Be Baptized?" Immediately after baptism, the congregation gathered at the church at which time the hand of fellowship was extended to the candidates and the Lord's Supper was commemorated. After lunch in the basement, everyone went on his way rejoicing.

Our attendance in the last four months has been increasing, as well as our finances. We made our last payment on our new gas furnace in the parsonage and also insulated the parsonage. We have also made a num-

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. RUDOLF RISKE
of Trochu, Alberta.

Mr. Rudolf Riske of Trochu, Alta., who has lived here since 1928, was born January 27, 1886 in Grundi Lublin, Poland, and died of a heart attack on his farm on October 5, 1953, at the age of 67 years, 8 months and 8 days.

Mr. Riske was converted at an early age. The Rev. Martin Lasch baptized him upon his confession of faith and welcomed him into the Baptist Church at Zezulin, Poland. Since coming to Canada, he had his membership in the Trochu Baptist Church until he died.

He was joined in holy wedlock to Johanna Bartsch on October 28, 1911. This union was blessed with four children of whom one baby girl preceded him in death. He leaves to mourn his beloved wife, one daughter, two sons, four grandchildren, all of Trochu; one sister in Germany and a host of relatives and friends in this country as well as abroad.

Funeral services were held at the Trochu Baptist Church on Saturday afternoon, October 10, with the local choir and pastor officiating. Words of comfort were taken from John 16:22 and of warning for all of us from Matt. 24:44. May the God of all comfort lay his soothing hand upon those who have remained behind!

Trochu, Alberta, Canada
DAVID BERG, Pastor.

MR. FRED SCHMIDT
of Hobart, Oklahoma.

Mr. Fred Schmidt formerly of the Salem Church of Gotebo, Okla., passed to his heavenly reward on Thursday, October 15, 1953 at the Hobart Community Hospital after an illness of several months. He was born in Frank, Russia, August 30, 1881 and God used him as a faithful servant until he reached the age of 72 years, 1 month, and 15 days.

The Rev. B. F. Taylor, pastor of the Salem Church of Gotebo and the Rev. C. C. Meadows, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Hobart, Okla., were in charge of the services. Interment was in the Hobart Cemetery.

In 1900 Mr. Schmidt was united in marriage to Anna Margaret Frank and to this union were born four children: Mrs. Harry Greb of Hobart, Lee Schmidt of Hobart, Dan of Gotebo, and Harry of Rocky, Okla.;

one child having died in infancy. He came with his family to America in 1907 and settled in Washita County where he lived on a farm northwest of Gotebo until 1950 when he moved to Hobart, where he was living at the time of his passing.

At the age of 29 he accepted Jesus Christ as his Savior and united with the Salem Church where he remained a faithful member until moving his letter to Hobart in 1950. He is survived in his passing by his wife and four children, seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild as well as other relatives and friends.

Fred was a gracious friend and neighbor, a devoted husband and father and a good devout Christian. Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.

Salem Baptist Church,
Gotebo, Oklahoma
B. F. TAYLOR, Pastor.

MR. JACOB RUEB
of Tyndall, South Dakota.

Mr. Jacob Rueb of Tyndall, S. Dak., son of Gottlieb and Caroline Rueb, was born in Bon Homme County of South Dakota on October 15, 1881 and died in his home on the farm on October 17, 1953 at the age of 72 years and 2 days.

Mr. Rueb was married to Catherine Weber on Jan. 20, 1908 and this union was blessed with four children. In the year 1920 Jacob Rueb was converted, baptized by the Rev. Albert Lang and became a member of the Tyndall Baptist Church of which he remained a faithful member until his death. He was teacher of the Bible Class for several years.

Five years ago the departed suffered a stroke and since that time had been in ill health. About two weeks ago he became bedfast and on Saturday, Oct. 17, the Lord relieved him of all his pain and sickness. Jacob Rueb has farmed with his family in Bon Homme County all his life.

Left to mourn the passing of Jacob Rueb are his wife; Eddy of Tyndall; Mrs. Martin DeYoung of Springfield; Mrs. Ed. Schuh of Avon; Mrs. Louis DeYoung of Springfield; four grandchildren, two brothers: Fred of Parkston and Gottlieb of Tyndall; four sisters: Mrs. Jacob Schuh, Elmdo, Calif.; Mrs. Jacob Gross, Cleveland, N. Dak.; Mrs. Caroline Finck, Avon, S. Dak.; Mrs. Adam Meyer, Huron, S. Dak.; and a host of friends and neighbors.

The Lord of all comfort bless the bereaved.
Tyndall, South Dakota

W. STEIN, Pastor.

MR. HENRY BRINING II
of Cherokee, Oklahoma.

Mr. Henry Brining II of Cherokee, Okla., was born in Kuder, Russia, on April 8, 1874. At the age of 18, together with his parents, Henry and Kathrina (Schmidt) Brining, he came to this country from Russia on June 25, 1892. Upon landing at New York the family proceeded to Otis, Kans., where they settled until moving to Oklahoma on February 16, 1895. On December 24, 1899 he was united in marriage to Eva

Beltz by the Rev. S. Reinhardt. This union was blessed with three sons: Henry Brining III, who passed away in infancy, Herbert E. Brining and Raymond B. Brining.

Mr. Brining became a Christian and, after being baptized in June 1903, he became one of the 17 charter members of the Bethel Baptist Church of Ingersoll, Oklahoma. At the time of his death Mr. and Mrs. Henry Brining were the two remaining charter members still with the church.

On April 4, 1945 his wife, Eva, was taken home by the Lord. Later the Lord supplied a second "helpmeet," Katherine Frey, in 1947.

After an extended period of illness Mr. Brining passed away on October 1, 1953 at the age of 79 years, 5 months and 27 days. He leaves to mourn: his wife, Katherine; two sons: Herbert and Raymond; four grandchildren; one great-grandchild; one sister, Elizabeth Lohrey of Bison, Kans.; many nephews and nieces and a host of friends.

Ingersoll, Oklahoma
WALTER L. WEBER, Pastor.

MRS. CHRISTINA BENDER
of Venturia, North Dakota.

Mrs. Christina Bender, nee Knoll, was born on April 15, 1861, in Kassel, South Russia. On January 18, 1883, she was united in marriage to Martin Bender. Two years later they emigrated to America, settling near Tyndall, South Dakota. The following year they came to McIntosh County in North Dakota, settling on a homestead nine miles northwest of Venturia. Here they resided until 1928, when they retired from the farm and moved into Venturia.

Her marriage to Martin Bender was blessed with 15 children, seven of them preceding her in death, as well as her husband who passed away on July 3, 1931. She was converted in the year 1891, baptized the same year, and became a member of the Danzig Baptist Church. In 1912 when the Venturia Baptist Church was organized, she became one of the charter members, and was a member of this church until her death.

Several years ago she lost her eye-sight completely. Thirteen months ago she became bedridden because of a stroke that left her partially paralyzed. Her children took care of her the entire time. She passed away at the age of 92 years, 5 months and 28 days, on October 13, 1953.

She leaves to mourn her passing, Mrs. Katherina Schnabel, Mrs. Philipina Dockter, Mr. Samuel Bender of Venturia, N. Dak.; Mr. Martin Bender, Mrs. Christina Schrenk, Mrs. Albina Feiock of Ellendee, S. Dak.; Mrs. Bertha Krause of Ellendee; Mrs. Freda Krause of Bismarck, N. Dak.; one brother, Mr. Jacob Knoll of Lodi, Calif.; 45 grandchildren, 77 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

Words of comfort were spoken by the pastor on Revelation 21:6-7.

Venturia, North Dakota
R. F. DICKAU, Pastor.

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ber of other improvements during the past year. At the present time we are painting the church.

On Sunday, October 11, we had our Harvest and Mission Festival. The church served dinner and supper to the guests who also stayed for the evening service. Since the Dalzell Party held a series of meetings in our church from October 6 to 18, they served us with the music and messages. During these meetings three persons found their Savior and many Christians found a new joy in the Lord.

Our CBY was recently reorganized and is now meeting every Monday evening. The officers are: president, Ray Binder; secretary-treasurer, Margie Kling; Enlistment Commissioner, Norman Binder; and Fellowship Commissioner, Wilma Binder. The young people are planning to take over the evening service one Sunday a month. Ernest Lautt, Pastor.

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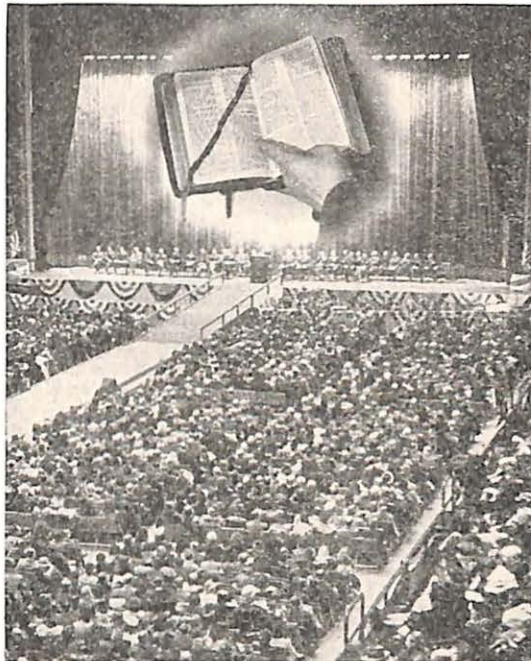
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