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"Christ Is Risen, Indeed!"

Missionary Articles from Japan, Indian
Field and Youth Work.

Appointments at Home and Abroad

Important General Conference committees and the latest appointments of the Cameroons missionaries to their respective fields

Mr. Walter W. Grosser, General Conference moderator, has appointed the following important committees which have been announced by Dr. Frank H. Woyke, executive secretary.

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- Rev. Paul Wengel.
- Mr. J. O. Johnson.
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- Dr. Frank H. Woyke, ex-officio.

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- Dr. Frank H. Woyke, ex-officio.

In recent years we have found it advisable to appoint a denominational Arrangements Committee to assist the entertaining church in making practical arrangements for the General Conference sessions. As you will note from the above title, the chairman is suggesting that the Time and Place Committee also serve as the Arrangements Committee for the next triennial General Conference sessions.

PLACEMENT OF MISSIONARIES IN THE CAMEROONS

(Determined at the annual Missionary Conference at Banso in Dec. 1952.)

- Rev. and Mrs. Earl Ahrens, On Furlough in the United States.
- Dr. and Mrs. S. William Boutwell, Banso Baptist Hospital.

Dr. and Mrs. Leslie M. Chaffee, On Furlough in the United States.

Miss Ida Forsch, Manager of Schools at Mbem.

Rev. S. Donald Ganstrom, Supervisor of Schools stationed at Ndu.

Mrs. Verna Ganstrom, Chairman of Women's Work. (Also stationed at Ndu.)

Dr. and Mrs. Paul Gebauer, Director of the Cameroons Baptist Mission, Bamenda.

Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Goodman, Warwar.

Rev. and Mrs. George Henderson, Kumba.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hildebrand, Building Contractor, Banso.

Rev. and Mrs. Fred Holzimmer, Principal of Bible School and Station Manager, Mbem.

Miss Margaret Kittlitz, in charge of Nurses' Training, Banso Hospital.

Miss Minnie Kuhn, to be placed at Warwar when Eleanor Weisenburger returns to Banso Hospital.

Rev. and Mrs. G. Ben Lawrence, Ndu. (Later to be placed in the forest area for its urgent building program.)

Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Michelson, Soppo.

Miss Laura E. Reddig, Bamenda New Hope Settlement.

Rev. and Mrs. Howard Roth, Belo.

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Dr. Frank H. Woyke
March 16-18—Baptist World Alliance Relief Committee, Washington, D. C.

Rev. J. C. Gunst
March 18-24—Bethany Baptist Church, Portland, Oregon.
March 25-31—First Baptist Church, Colfax, Washington.

Rev. Daniel Fuchs, Evangelist
March 15-27—Bethel Church, Salem, Oregon.

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Editorial

Christ Is Risen, Indeed!

THIS ISSUE of the "Baptist Herald" will lead you through the open gateway into the resurrection garden of the Risen Lord. It is the first of two numbers prior to Easter Sunday that will present the story of our mission fields and of the power of Christ's resurrection as seen in the lives of nationals who are walking with the Risen Christ.

Christ is risen, indeed! That was the triumphant shout of the Emmaus disciples when their hearts burned within them and their eyes were opened to behold the Christ who had risen from the dead. That is the convincing testimony of every Christian, regardless of race or color of skin, who has met the living Christ on the road of life. That is the triumphant theme that will speak to you in the following pages in the characters of the Japanese language and of the Cree Indians, in Spanish and in English.

These weeks before Easter Sunday ought to stamp this truth upon our souls as a daily observation and experience—"Christ is risen, indeed!" The reality of the living Christ is then realized as the most intimate and precious experience of our lives. His radiant Presence blesses everything we do and say. His abiding companionship is a warm, tender, comforting reality. His gifts are showered upon us for every need.

The wonderful historical fact of Easter is God's great miracle of his revelation "according to the working of his mighty power, which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead" (Ephesians 1:19-20). But it also belongs to God's miracle of grace when with burning hearts and opened eyes we are led daily to exult: "Christ is risen, indeed."

The greatest proof of this truth, which we hold so precious, is seen in the reality of his saving power as evidenced through his Gospel. This is the Christ who was "declared to be the Son of God with power of the resurrection from the dead" (Romans 1:4) so that the Apostle Paul could say that the Gospel is "the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth" (Romans 1:16).

You will see this reality of the Gospel's saving power and of the living, triumphant Christ in the former Japanese army officer who is now a radiant Christian witness because of our missionaries who pressed the claims of Christ upon his soul. You will see the same marvelous story unravel in the pilgrimage of William Standing on the Road who probably will some day be the Indian chief on the Montana Reserve but for whom Christ is the Great Chief in his life. You will find almost every page in this issue exalting this truth as seen on the Spanish-American mission field (next issue), in the lives of our young people, and in the testimony of prospective missionaries.

Christ is risen, indeed! That is the source of the Christian's joy. It is the secret of his power. It is the summary of all the blessings that enrich his life. It is also the summons to more victorious living and to greater, more sacrificial giving. If Christ is risen, indeed, then he has the right to ask: "All this I did for thee; what wilt thou do for me?"

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The thrilling story of the Japanese army captain, Muneo Hirose, whom God delivered from machine gun bullets of the U.S. Air Force during World War II, who is now Hirose sen-sai, a radiant Christian witness, because of the saving power of the Risen Christ in his life

By REV. JAY HIRTH, Missionary Who Led Hirose sen-sai and His Wife to Christ

IN JUNE 1944, while World War II was raging with all of its fury, Captain Muneo Hirose was sent to the Dutch East Indies from Java, on a Japanese destroyer and two escorting ships. As the ships made their way through the treacherous submarine and mine infested waters, all of a sudden another danger appeared.

The American Air Force discovered the position of the Japanese ships and now the bombers and the fighter planes

Army Captain Muneo Hirose darted from one position to another. Just as he left his position, machine gun bullets shattered against the steel plates where he had been. Friends nearby were wounded and killed, but God delivered this Japanese army captain from the shadow of death because God had a special work for him to do.

Muneo Hirose was born in Tokyo during the 7th year of the reign of Emperor Taisho (1918) on February 3rd. His father was a government

Kami-dana (Buddhist god-shelf and a Shinto god-shelf) in it. The whole family was taught to worship the gods and ancestors in front of these shelves every day. How they would have liked to have gotten some response, but they could not!

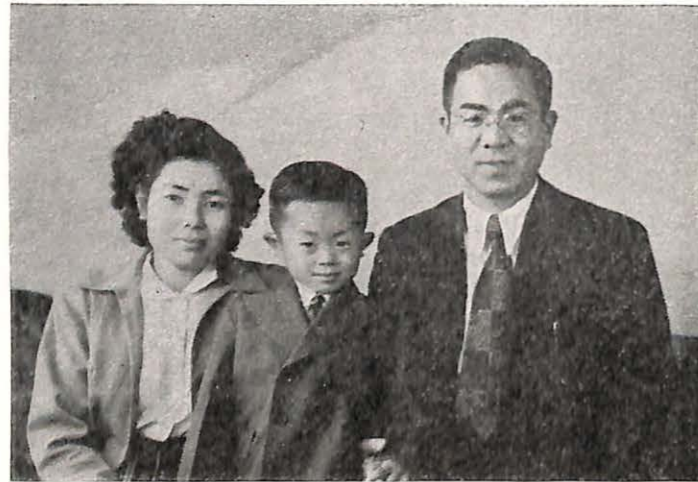
In 1937 Muneo Hirose entered the famed Waseda University. While at the university he majored in political economics. Throughout the pre-war years and the early war years, he received the Shintoistic and nationalistic teaching which were given to all students. He was also introduced to the Bible in his literature course, but the Bible teachings were put aside for the teachings of nationalism. His life and his future were centered around his military career and the country's program of expansion.

WITHOUT THE RISEN CHRIST

In September 1942, shortly after the war broke out with the United States, Muneo Hirose graduated from Waseda University with high honors. After graduation, competitive examinations were given and Muneo Hirose was chosen to be one of the seventy-eight men to be commissioned as an officer in the regular Japanese army out of a field of 2700 university graduates from all over Japan. His position was finance officer, and he soon was promoted to the rank of captain.

During his army career he traveled throughout the islands of the sea, the Philippines, Dutch East Indies, Java and Singapore. He saw the destruction, misery and the heartache that are caused by war. As he traveled about, he came face to face with the dangers and the reality of death. Then he came to know the taste of bitter defeat.

Because Muneo Hirose had been a professional army officer, he was purged by the allied government. He could not hold a public office or teach. As a result he worked as an accountant until he was depurged and then he accepted a position to teach in a



Mr. and Mrs. Muneo Hirose of Japan and their son Ichiro, whose faith in Jesus Christ is beautifully described in the accompanying article.

were approaching. The ships began crazily to zig zag and they were opened up to top speed. Then with all of the horror and cruelty of war, the battle began. As the planes drew near, the captain's order, "Open Fire," was followed by the barking of the anti-aircraft guns and the rattling crash of machine guns.

More than forty bombers and fighter planes made passes at the ships as they would come in and drop their deadly load and then turn and machine gun the ships. As the bombs exploded on the deck and the deadly machine gun bullets were sprayed on the ship, Japanese sailors and soldiers were wounded and killed.

railway official. In the tragic earthquake and fire of 1927, Muneo Hirose's home burned. As a result of this tragedy, the Hirose family moved to a suburban city of Tokyo.

From his early childhood Muneo Hirose was taken to the Buddhist temples and to the Shinto shrines. The father of the home was a chief supporter of the local Buddhist temple. His home, like almost every Japanese home, had both a Butsu-dana and a

The heading for the articles on page 4 and page 6 of this issue mean "Christ Is Risen, Indeed" in Japanese and the Indian Cree language, respectively.

high school. Hirose sen-sai (teacher) soon became the head of the Department of English and Social Studies, and now he also teaches "Kanji" (Chinese picture writing characters).

INTRODUCED TO THE RISEN CHRIST

Our first contact with Hirose sen-sai was in May 1952. We were looking for a place to start a church. We heard that this man opened his home to teach his high school students English after school, so we thought that he might allow us to meet in his home. When we asked him if we could use his home, he readily agreed. He also agreed to announce the meetings to others in the community.

The next Sunday, May 10, 1952, we held our first service in his home. As we sang songs like "Holy, Holy, Holy" and "What a Friend We Have in Jesus," we had to teach them about God and the Lord Jesus Christ. After the service Hirose sen-sai said to me: "I believe that your God has led you to me." That night in the teacher's little home Peter's message to Cornelius was preached to Hirose sen-sai, his family, and to his friends:

ACTS 10

1. God is no respecter of persons (Verse 34).
2. God's gift to us, Jesus Christ (Verse 38).
 - a) Characterized by power (38).
 - b) Characterized by sacrifice (38).
 - c) Characterized by victory (40).
3. God's expectation of us: Faith in Christ (Verse 43).

When the invitation was given for salvation, there were many hands. After dealing with them from 9:00 P.M. until 11:00 P.M. when the invitation was given again, Hirose sen-sai raised his hand and said: "Of course, I want to become a Christian tonight. Okusan (wife), how about you?" She also said that she wanted to become a Christian. That night, a little after midnight, Hirose



It is the supreme purpose of our missionary efforts in Japan that many Japanese might come to know Christ as their Savior and Risen Lord, even as this truth is symbolized in the lovely Easter lily.

sen-sai and his wife prayed and asked the Lord Jesus Christ to save them and to give them eternal life. It was with radiant faces and a new found joy that they said "Good night" to us.

LIVING FOR THE RISEN CHRIST

As the weeks and months have gone by, Hirose sen-sai and his wife have been growing together in the grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus. They have asked friends and neighbors to come out to the meetings, and they have encouraged many to accept the Lord Jesus as personal Savior. Mrs. Hirose plays the accordion at the meetings, and she often sends out postcards to announce the meetings. There has been opposition, to be sure, and yet these two go on for God. Recently they dedicated the land in front of their home to God for the purpose of

building a church so that the message of the crucified and risen Christ can be more effectively preached to the community. It is a tremendous sacrifice, but God will bless them super-abundantly for making it.

Hirose sen-sai was burdened for his father who was critically ill, but to his dismay he could not get in to see his father because of the doctor's orders. However, he did not become discouraged, for he realized that he must win his father to Christ.

One day just before I had to go to school, Hirose rode his bike to our home through the snow to see me. After greeting me, he told me that he tried to get his father to hear and to accept Christ as his Savior, but that his father couldn't hear or speak. We prayed and asked God to do the impossible by allowing Hirose sen-sai's father to hear the Gospel message once more and to save him.

GLORY TO HIS NAME!

As Hirose prayed with tears in his eyes and a broken voice, God heard and answered prayer. "The Lord hath done great things for us: whereof we are glad. They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him" (Psalm 126:3, 5-6).

"Sow in tears!

Reap in joy!

Bear precious seed!"

Right after he left our home, Hirose sen-sai went back to his father's side and there he prayed and tried to get his father to understand. In the early hours of the morning, God graciously performed a miracle and made it possible for his father to hear the salvation message from his son and to be saved.

Hirose sen-sai said: "God blessed our family by saving my father and I know I will see my father in heaven because he too has eternal life." As (Continued on Page 9)



Missionary Jay Hirth (left) on a survey trip to Yamaguchi, Japan, watching farmers threshing and (at center, left and right) he takes pictures of Japanese women washing clothes in a stream and gives them Gospel tracts, while at right he stops at a railroad on his return trip from Yamaguchi.

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The amazing story and testimony of William Standing on the Road of the Montana Indian Reserve in Alberta, Canada, who someday will probably succeed Chief John Bear as chief, how the Risen Christ has blessed his life!

By the REV. R. NEUMAN of Ponoka, Alberta, Missionary to the Indians

BORN OF PAGAN parents, William Standing on the Road experienced the new birth in 1947 at the age of twenty-two. In a small cell in a prison of Fort Saskatchewan the living Christ became a reality in the soul of this Cree Indian.

William, like all others until they experience the new birth, found the tomb of Jesus open and empty. We must remember that the resurrected faith was not founded on the discovery of an empty grave. To Mary it meant only that the grave or tomb had been

looked beyond the open and empty tomb and came in contact with the living, risen Christ and with that kind and gracious Master about whom he had heard from the lips of the late Rev. F. W. Benke and Miss Twila Bartz. He admitted his mistake and acknowledged his sin. The burden was getting heavier and more miserable as the hours went by. The sin was more than he could bear. The shame and disgrace upon himself, family and relatives crushed him to the gutter of despair.

flooded his soul with the indwelling presence of the living, risen Christ by faith. The pierced hands, feet and side of Jesus and his empty tomb were no longer the dreadful stigma of defeat but a transcendent victory. He was now identified with the disciples who knew and loved Jesus. After the deliverance from earthly limitations, Jesus was brought nearer to his disciples as well as to all in whose hearts he now lives through the Spirit he gives. The Spirit of Christ now indwelling in the heart of William is the Spirit he wishes would indwell in the heart of every Indian.

THE RISEN CHRIST

The constant recurrence of the power of the risen Christ in the lives of the Indians makes Easter no mere anniversary of an ancient wonder, but a testimony to an eternal fact. It was the faithful Holy Spirit who furnished assurance and evidence, yes, even while in the prison cell that faith in the living Christ would dispel all doubt and restore to full bloom the marred and wasted life of William, this Indian.

A change took place within. It must be seen without. What will it mean to others, to his family, and to his people? The voice that spoke to him, which he heard, obeyed and to which he yielded must now become the voice of power in his life. Released from the cold, unwelcome walls of the jail house, he felt like a bird out of a cage. What felt more like being a free bird was the release from the fetters of the devil. Not only to go home to his lovely wife and children but he now knew that some day he would be going home to loved ones in heaven where he with others would join in the Redemption Song to glorify God. The experience of the resurrection of Jesus Christ in his life while in prison also assured him of the final resurrection in glory to be with his Savior throughout all eternity.

PERSONAL TESTIMONY

The personal testimony of William Standing on the Road bears out the



Mr. and Mrs. William Standing on the Road and their family, Indians on the Montana Reserve near Hobbema, Alberta, Canada.

robbed. ("They have taken away my Lord.") There are many who only venture as far as the grave. Their steps cease at the tomb. They are like a Peter of old and a doubting Thomas who said, "I am going back to fishing, from where I came" and "I won't believe unless I can see and feel him." We walk by faith and not by sight when the light of the resurrected Christ shines in our hearts. To walk by sight spells absence of Christ's power in our life.

The resurrection faith came to William, an Indian on the Montana Reserve, Canada, as the eyes of faith

Then Jesus came and spoke, "William!" He realized as never before that he was not beyond repair after all and that physically, socially and spiritually there was hope. Mary could not see Jesus clearly in the half-light of the early dawn, but there was no mistaking concerning the well remembered voice as it spoke her name. William was glad when he, although yet in a daze and bewildered state of mind, could also more clearly hear than see in the prison cell to which he was confined.

As the heart melted in the presence of God, William's decision to yield

truth of Christ's power in his life, as follows:

"In 1947 I received Christ into my heart. It was in Fort Saskatchewan jail that I made my decision, just a short while before the late Mr. Benke visited with me. We visited together for fifteen minutes. I was very surprised that he would come and visit me in this place. Mr. Benke read to me out of Matthew 11:28-30 and then talked about it. I told him about giving my life to Jesus. This made him very happy. We both prayed and from then I had real peace with God in my heart.

"It was a week after I got into the jail that I gave my heart to the Lord. Mr. Benke gave me a New Testament which I read in the prison. Ever since I became a Christian, I had Christian friends. This has helped very much in my Christian life. It has given me victory and strength over sin. God has given me wisdom to be a leader of my people. I am a counsellor. God has blessed me richly in my work here on the Reserve. This past year I had a very good crop as Rev. M. L. Leuschner and Rev. J. C. Gunst know. They saw how the dear Lord blessed me and our people on this Reserve. God has blessed me with a good wife and children, a church in which I serve my people in the name of Jesus as an interpreter.

"I want to be a better Christian than I was in the past, in word and also in action. It is my prayer and desire to win lost souls to Jesus Christ. Jesus is real to me and I love him because he first loved me. One of my favorite Bible portions is found in John 11:25-27. We thank God for raising Christ from the dead. Because he arose, we too some day shall rise to go to heaven. God bless all our Christian Indians and white people."

CHRISTIAN INDIANS

The above testimony of William was recorded by me in his own home on January 19, 1953. The Word of God is read in the home of William and prayer is exercised. I took advantage of the moments spent with him and asked him a question out of the favorite passage of Scripture he gave me. "What if Christ had not risen?" I asked him. Without hesitation he replied, "Then our faith in Christ would be vain."

Christ's enemies nailed him to the cross and saw him die. His friends took his body and placed it in a tomb. That seemed to be the end of it. But it was not. In the third day he arose from the dead. There was a heavy stone rolled against the opening of the sepulchre, but that stone was rolled away and Jesus rose out of the grave. That's the reason we celebrate Easter. It means Christ's victory over death.

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Proclaiming the Risen Christ!

The testimony of our 38th missionary for the Cameroons, Africa, who will leave for "the Dark Continent" soon after Easter Sunday

By MISS ELEANOR E. SCHULERT of Detroit, Michigan



Miss Eleanor E. Schulert of Detroit, Mich., who will soon go to the Cameroons, Africa, as our 38th missionary for that field.

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of Creation. Oh, my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation."

TRULY, MY HEART is filled with praise to the Lord for the way in which he has led in my life. I thank him for Christian parents who brought me up in the "nurture and admonition of the Lord" and who, from my earliest days, took me to the Ebenezer Baptist Church in Detroit, Mich., where I heard God's Word faithfully proclaimed. After my conversion in December 1927, I enjoyed teaching Sunday School classes, particularly in the Intermediate Department.

Wayne University, Detroit, Mich., granted me the Bachelor of Arts degree and Life Teaching Certificate in 1934 and, thereafter, even though I was enjoying my years of teaching, I felt the Lord was calling me into full-time Christian service. So I enrolled in the Christian Education-Music Course at Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, Illinois.

After graduation from Moody in August 1944, it was my privilege to do some work in the Graduate School of Wheaton College. However, even before completing my course at Moody,

the Lord had given further revelation of his plan for my life and I praise him for having called me to bear his Name to the "regions beyond"—specifically to Africa.

"After all he's done for me,
After all he's done for me,
How can I do less than give him my best
And live for him completely,
After all he's done for me."

When I first applied to our denominational mission board in 1945 there was no opening, and at that time Psalm 37:4 and 5 brought great comfort: "Delight thyself also in the Lord; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart. Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass."

The door did open to go to southwestern Nigeria with another mission in 1948, and I praise God for all the experiences of the following four years of service there. However, it is so fine to feel that at last he has led back into the "denominational family."

Sometimes when I wondered why it was that I had not been led first to a Christian college, why I had not felt the call to the foreign field earlier in life, or why certain experiences of shadow or sunshine should come my way, I realized that, after all, it was the Lord's leading. His Word has said, "And the Lord, he it is that doth go before thee; he will be with thee; he will not fail thee, neither forsake thee: fear not, neither be dismayed" (Deut. 31:8). Also, I had his promise, "Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart; wait, I say, on the Lord" (Psalm 27:14).

I am deeply grateful to God for the opportunity of once again returning to the "Dark Continent" to make Christ known. Even though Africa has changed so tremendously politically, economically and scholastically, it is still very dark spiritually. There are many people in isolated places where they have not had the opportunity to accept the Lord Jesus as their own personal Savior.

There are many older persons with sin-blinded eyes who are so steeped in paganism that they do not realize that the Light of the World has come. Many women and girls whose lives have been filled with superstitious fears and who know only enslavement to sinful customs need, like the Samaritan woman, to know that Jesus is the only Living Water to Whom they may come so

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Christ Is Risen, Indeed!

In the lives of North American Baptist young people, the Risen Christ means EVERYTHING with his blessed promise and hope and with his indwelling Spirit

Edited by the REV. J. C. GUNST, Youth Secretary

EASTER REMINDS the Christian of the most joyous and victorious event in the history of man. Easter always means: "Christ Arose," "He Lives." "It is a faithful saying: For if we be dead with him, we shall also live with him. If we suffer, we shall also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us" (2 Timothy 2:11-12).

Easter is an experience to be shared. This can be done by all who believe in the risen Christ.

We are happy indeed to publish testimonies of two of our fine Christian young people in connection with our Easter emphasis this year. You will enjoy reading what they have to share on the subject, "What the Risen Christ Means to Me." After reading these messages, formulate in your own mind a statement as to what the Risen Christ means to YOU.



Miss Elaine Lange of Tacoma, Wash., a student at Biola, Los Angeles, California.

WHAT THE RISEN CHRIST MEANS TO ME

MISS ELAINE LANGE of Tacoma, Wash., a student at the Bible Institute of Los Angeles, Calif.

"He is not here! He is risen!" These are the words spoken by an angel of the Lord in a garden set in the Judean hills. To Mary Magdalene and the

other Mary, these words were mingled with fear and great joy. Yes, the greatest joy—the knowledge of knowing that Christ was not still in the tomb, dead, but that he had risen—that he was ALIVE.

It thrills my heart today to know that Christ did rise and is alive. Without his resurrection, there would be no Christianity and there would be no hope of an eternal future.

Just the mere knowledge that Christ arose is not significant if it does not have a personal meaning. By believing that Christ took my sins away through his death on the cross, I have been crucified with Christ; and as Christ arose from the dead and has new life, I too live. I do not live as unto myself, but Christ lives in me. The Holy Spirit has infilled my life and I need not worry about wandering aimlessly alone. He is daily guiding and directing my life, moulding it into his set pattern with a purpose.

Oh, the many precious promises that we have as children of God. Christ ascended into heaven and he lives to make intercession for us. When we sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, who is Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the Mediator between God and man. We are told therefore to come boldly unto the throne of grace, to obtain mercy, and to find grace to help in time of need.

We who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. We are heirs of God and joint-heirs with Christ. We have an inheritance incorruptible, undefiled, that fadeth not away. Jesus Christ is now preparing a place for us and gives us the promise that he will come again and receive us unto himself. What a blessed promise and hope! He is risen and we will some day reign with him!

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WHAT THE RISEN CHRIST MEANS TO ME

By MR. GUNTHER WAHL of Onoway, Alberta, a student at the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

As I ponder over this question a truth comes to my mind: vast, profound, almost phenomenal, and yet as firm and impregnable as a cliff in treacherous seas.

Overwhelming, conquering truth! To succinctly express it I am con-

strained to return to a period of untold sorrow—World War II.

Countless crimes were committed which no print will ever reveal. Men turned into beasts, women and children became fugitives and subjects of



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vile aggression! Human beings were butchered, slaughtered—utterly destroyed. Desperation characterized the victims. A cry of bewilderment resounded through a blood-stricken Europe. People everywhere pleaded and prayed for justice and peace. No response! Where was this heavenly Father who administered help to the afflicted? And still no response! It was beyond my comprehension. Doubts and skepticism crept into my life, permeated my childhood faith with its devastating influence and smirched the very recess of my soul.

Satan visibly tightened his tongs. Great was his anticipation of victory. Then it happened! I met the Crucified who freed me from the shackles of the evil one, removed all doubts and fear and replenished them with interminable joy and freedom.

Out of the gutter of sin and perniciousness, he lifted me up to behold

his glory. Not a dead but a LIVING Christ provided the solution for the problems of my life.

Out of the night of the tomb into the light of the day—this is not a mere miracle. It is an event destined to kindle a pyre of hope in this world of turmoil and distress, an event which offers peace and life eternal to a debased and degraded generation.

This is the forceful truth for which a sinful humanity is clamoring. A LIVING CHRIST who is able to turn the darkness of night into brilliant daylight, remove the crimson stains which mar our lives, and restore peace of heart and mind.

We cannot prevent the present decay of our Christian ethics and principles. We cannot combat the serpent of skepticism and indifference. We cannot check the victorious avalanche of communism and atheism, unless the truth of the LIVING CHRIST becomes a staunch reality among the Christian nations of today.

It was the personal realization of this truth which re-invigorated my belief in him, set my heart on fire for his cause and culminated in a pledge of perpetual allegiance to this Living Conqueror over death.

Clouds of menace and threat obscure the future horizon. A concealed foe is lying in ambush, yet I do not dread the coming morrow. The radiance of the living Savior dispels all doubts. It casts out the tension of fear. At last I have realized that my apparently futile efforts are not unavailing, my toil is no longer in vain, because the reality of the Risen Christ has added to my plight a purpose and a song.

"Dying with Jesus, by death reckoned mine, Living with Jesus, a new life divine. Looking to Jesus till glory doth shine Moment by moment, O Lord, I am thine."

Watch for more missionary articles on "Christ Is Risen, Indeed!" in the next issue. Editor.

GOD BLESS AMERICA

By REV. S. H. HOUBOLT, pastor of the Centerline Baptist Church, a mission of the Burns Ave. Church, Detroit, Michigan.

O Lord our God upon thy throne, We thank thee—thou art God alone. No other Power on earth like thee, To keep our glorious country free.

The evil forces of our land, Destruction bent joined hand in hand, Hast thou subdued, our homes to spare, In answer to thy people's prayer.

Now bless, we pray our president; Grant him true godly penitence. May he give honor to thy Son, And let HIM guide till victory's won.

The glory shall be thine alone, Who rulest from thy heavenly throne; The blessings shall be ours below, Whose hearts with praises overflow.

Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, with your EASTER OFFERING to be used for our mission fields and the advancement of God's work through our denominational enterprise.

ON THE INDIAN RESERVE

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Yes, Christ's victory over death is seen in the life of this Indian. We truly rejoice with such men as William Standing on the Road who through faith in Jesus Christ are pressing onward and forward to the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

We solicit your prayers for our Christian Indians here and everywhere. There are many precious souls to be harvested for the Master among our Indian people everywhere. There are still fields where no seed of God's Word has been sown. There are fields that are ripe unto harvest, but where are the laborers? Let us pray that the Lord of the harvest will send forth laborers into these ripened fields.

A JAPANESE CHRISTIAN

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Hirose sen-sai told me this with a beaming face, I suggested that we pray and praise God for his wondrous love and grace. Hirose sen-sai agreed, but he said: "First, can we sing my favorite song, 'Ta-da Shin-ze-ru' (Glory to His Name)." I said: "Yes, I'll be glad to sing it with you," and we sang in Japanese:

Down at the Cross where my Savior died, Down where for cleansing from sin I cried, There to my heart was the blood applied; Glory to his Name!

Oh, precious fountain that saves from sin, I am so glad I have entered in; There Jesus saves me and keeps me clean; Glory to his Name!

Now that his father has accepted Christ as his Savior, Hirose sen-sai has a vision and burden to win the rest of his family to Christ. Even during the time of the funeral of his father, he told his family to believe in Christ and also to be saved. Hirose sen-sai said: "Now I want God to use me to help bring salvation and revival to all of our relatives, neighbors, Nerima district, Tokyo for Christ. . . . Japan, Asia and all over the world."

"I know that I am saved because I have eternal life and because it is written in God's Word. Now that I am a Christian, God's words and their meaning have taken a deep significance. The reason: we have been

studying the Bible not as culture or literature, but as God's Word.

"Since we have become Christians, God has drawn my wife and me closer together to love each other, to live in peace, to follow God's Word and to pray . . . and to establish a Christian home and testimony."

From Hirose sen-sai's testimony, from his wife, from his home it can be seen that "CHRIST IS RISEN, INDEED."

PROCLAIMING CHRIST

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that their thirsty souls may be completely satisfied. Many educated young Africans, who seem to have thrown overboard parental discipline and who no longer feel bound by the social and moral laws of their elders, still are seeking stability and rest for their souls.

Since I already have had an opportunity to observe first-hand some of the spiritual needs of these people, I feel that I can appreciate more adequately their pressing problems and shall be able to help them find in the Lord Jesus the answer to all the questions and longing of their hearts. As yet, I do not know what specific service I shall be rendering but, whatever it may be, I rejoice in the fact that God has promised, "As thy days, so shall thy strength be" (Deut. 33:25). He has also said, "Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest" (Joshua 1:9).

John the Baptist was called a witness, "He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light" (John 1:8). As I look forward to returning to the "Dark Continent," I too believe I am called to be a witness to Jesus, the Light of the World. In going to these people whose souls are every bit as precious as ours in the sight of the Lord, it is my purpose "to open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins" (Acts 26:18). I may be only a little lamp, but it is my desire to shine for the Lord until the day when I shall see him face to face.

"His lamp am I, to shine where he shall say, And lamps are not for sunny rooms, Nor for the light of day; But for dark places of the earth, Where shame and crime and wrong have birth; Or for the murky twilight gray Where wandering sheep have gone astray; Or where the light of faith grows dim, And souls are groping after him."

"And as sometimes a flame we find, Clear shining through the night, So bright we do not see the lamp, But only see the light; So may I shine—his light the flame — That men may glorify his name." —Annie Johnson Flint.

A Year's Ministry as Evangelist

A review of events and observations of life in the important ministry of one of our denominational evangelists

By the REV. DANIEL FUCHS of Oak Park, Illinois

EASTER OF 1952 was only two weeks away. The time had arrived for me to leave our large church at Winnipeg, Canada, and to launch out upon a new ministry as evangelist of our North American Baptist General Conference. To choose this course of action involved for me one of the hardest decisions of my life. It meant leaving wife and children behind and being continually separated from loved ones for weeks at a time.

Surely, if it were not the Lord's work, we would never have consented to do it. But it is his work, and since it is our earnest desire to be in the center of his will, we felt constrained to yield to the call of the General Mission Committee.

Our first assignment was with the Riverview Church of St. Paul, Minn., with the Rev. Edgar Klatt as pastor. This is the home church of the former governor of Minnesota, Mr. Harold Stassen, later the distinguished President of Pennsylvania University. It was a delightful experience, indeed, to meet the parents and relatives of Mr. Stassen and to fellowship with the other fine members of this church. A deep concern was evident among the members that others might be won for Christ. God was good to us and gave us the harvest of a goodly number of precious souls. We deeply appreciated the splendid hospitality of Riverview Church and its congenial pastor's family, the Rev. and Mrs. Edgar Klatt.



Rev. Daniel Fuchs, one of our two denominational evangelists.

A variety of experiences are in store for the evangelist on his various tours. On my way to one of our churches, it was necessary for me to change trains in an average Dakota town. I arrived at the station at four o'clock in the morning, and according to train schedule, I was to take another train in three-fourths of an hour. After waiting in the station for approximately half an hour, the station-agent asked me where I was going.

When I told him, he said: "Oh, that

train will not leave this town before 10 o'clock this morning." "But," I protested, "the schedule reads that my train should leave here at 4:45 this morning." "We do not work according to that schedule," he said. "The boys will not begin working before eight o'clock, and it will be at least 10 o'clock before they will have the train ready to start."

The fact is, it was exactly 11 o'clock when the conductor walked into the station and said to me: "All right, Sir, you can board the train now. We are about ready to pull out."

Subsequently we did "pull out" and got as far as the next station, when the conductor informed us that if we cared to eat lunch, we should take the restaurant on the left side of main-street in the town at which we had just arrived.

"How much time will we have for lunch?" I asked.

"Oh," he said, "all of us will want to eat, and we shall take all the time we need."

The passengers as well as the entire traincrew left the train, walked up mainstreet to the restaurant on the left, and all had lunch. After visiting comfortably for a while, we all walked back to the train, everyone took his place, the engineer blew the whistle, and away we went.

We arrived at our destination after seven o'clock in the evening. According to the train schedule, we should have been there at eleven in the morning. It was the most interesting train-ride I have ever had.

THE DAKOTAS

In many of our Dakota churches as well as in our churches in western Canada, the German language is still being used to some extent. This is also true of our church at Fredonia, N. Dak., where I was privileged to help with special meetings. The Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Kraenzler were ministering to this fine church at the time. It was interesting to find that the name of the Sunday School superintendent as well as that of the senior deacon of this church is Wolf. My own name is Fuchs. But we got along beautifully together. This church ministers to a large rural area. The meetings were well attended, and several persons yielded to the claims of Christ and experienced salvation.

At our church in New Leipzig, N.



During the winter months, when snow covers the ground, the Baptist Churches of the Dakota prairies, like this one at Napoleon, N. Dak., are the center of fervent revivals and busy spiritual activities.

Dak., where the Rev. and Mrs. Emil Becker are effectively ministering, we found the church enlarging its present building. As is true with many of our churches, this church is growing and needs more room especially for Sunday School purposes. Our hearts were moved with joy, as during the special meetings a larger number of adults and young people yielded their hearts to Christ and were later received into the church.

One other church at which we were able to serve in the Dakotas was at Medina, North Dakota. The Rev. Paul Galambos is the aggressive pastor on this field. We appreciate the splendid efforts of God's people as they continue to carry forward the work of God's Kingdom at Medina.

Upon entering the province of Alberta in Canada, and especially as one approaches Leduc and Edmonton, one becomes oil-conscious. The very atmosphere often smells of oil. Most of our churches in this area have profited by this recent oil boom. Many of the members have income from oil leases, and some have oil wells on their land. This puts them in a special position where they are able to do more in the work of the Kingdom of God. We thank the Lord for all his people who remember with their contributions the great mission work that God has especially given to us as North American Baptists.

CANADIAN PROVINCES

For two weeks we were able to help with evangelistic meetings at our Fredricksheim Church of Leduc, Alberta. The Rev. and Mrs. C. H. Seecamp were still ministering here at the time. The meetings had been well planned by pastor and people. Each evening was sponsored by a different group of the church. Neighboring churches, kindly assisted by pastors and people, attended the meetings. The Lord gave his blessing and souls were reconsecrated and gloriously saved.

It was also our privilege to help three other Canadian churches with special meetings: Hilda, Alta., with Rev. G. J. Thiessen as pastor; Trochu, Alta., where Rev. David Berg is the minister; and Wiesenthal, Alta., with Rev. Ernest Hoffmann as its pastor. The kind hospitality accorded me in the homes of all of these pastors and their good wives will remain in my memory as a most happy experience.

God has entrusted to us as North American Baptists a challenging field of ministry which reaches from the North to the South and from the extreme West to the East of this great continent. To win souls for Christ is the earnest desire of God's people in all of our churches throughout the land.

For two weeks I was able to participate in a special evangelistic effort



THE CHRISTMAS RECESS

By PROF. HERBERT HILLER.

The Christmas recess is always eagerly anticipated at the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Students and professors alike welcome the relaxation after 3½ months of intense Seminary activities and the delightful change that the festive season brings. More than that, as all through Advent the lovely carols are sung and chapel meditations stir hearts with blessed Christmas meanings, there is felt in time a strong impulse to lay aside routine work and celebrate the divine event of Christmas—God's Coming in Human Flesh—with friends and loved ones near and far away.

CHRISTMAS EXCITEMENT

When greeting cards make their appearance in ever-increasing volume and mysterious packages and boxes arrive from thoughtful churches with nuts, oranges, home-made cookies and other gifts of love, there is a noticeable heightening of joy and thankfulness as hearts grow tender and thoughts of home turn into plans to be realized when classes end.

One married special student, however, found it financially impossible to join his family in New York City for the holidays. So money was contributed by students and faculty and presented to him at an impressive chapel service to realize his joy of being home again with his own.

A Christmas musicale entitled, "The King of Kings," and a party were given in the Seminary dining room.

at the Forest Church in Winburne, Pennsylvania. The Rev. George Zinz, Sr., is the beloved pastor. Here we have a smaller church in the beautiful hills of Pennsylvania. This church, under the energetic leadership of its pastor, is carrying on an outstanding ministry in the entire community for miles around. A large number of souls were won for Christ during the meetings, and a commendable mission offering was laid on God's altar as an expression of appreciation.

From this comparatively small church at Winburne, we came to the large Fleischmann Memorial Church in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Here too we found a fine group of people who were eager to put forth effort that souls might be won for Christ and his

After the last festive chapel program under the leadership of President George A. Lang, students and professors scattered in all directions, some travelling east to New York City, others as far northwest as Edmonton, Alta., enjoying glorious experiences everywhere.

All returned safely from their trips, reporting rich blessings in the fellowship of home churches and loved ones and opportunities of service for Christ. Refreshed and strengthened, they continued the work of preparation for the final examinations at the end of the first semester and beyond that—the Gospel Ministry with its tremendous challenge awaiting them.

However, as were other parts of the country, so was Sioux Falls affected by a flu epidemic, and several students and faculty members were laid up for several days. We trust that both mumps and the flu are a thing of the past.

DR. ALBERT BRETSCHNEIDER

It was a joy to have as guest chapel-speaker the former Professor Albert Bretschneider and witness the conferring on him of the well-deserved honorary Doctor of Divinity degree by Sioux Falls College.

We rejoice in the spacious accommodations for "the School of the Prophets" which the generosity of the churches of our beloved denomination have made possible, and we also deeply appreciate the continued interest of these churches in the Seminary, and their loving tangible remembrances at Christmas time and commendable thoughtfulness throughout the year.

As in this new year of grace we press on with deeper consecration in the ministry of teaching and preparation for effective Kingdom service, we earnestly covet your participation in prayer for the appointment of an additional faculty member for the Christian Education Department, and God's blessing upon all honest, diligent efforts for his cause put forth here at the Seminary.

church. Unfortunately the church was handicapped at the time because it had no permanent pastor. God nevertheless blessed the meetings and a number of Sunday School scholars accepted Christ as their Savior.

Our last campaign for 1952 was held with the Temple Church of Milwaukee, Wis., with Rev. G. K. Zimmerman as its pastor. These meetings too were well received, and souls were rededicated to Christ.

We rejoice and are thankful to God for the evangelistic efforts put forth by pastor and people of every one of our North American Baptist Churches. May we continue to give to Christ the consecrated energy of our minds, our hearts and lives, in definite redemptive action!

WHAT'S HAPPENING

● The Rev. and Mrs. Walter Sukut of Wessington Springs, S. Dak., have announced that a daughter was born to them on Feb. 10th who has been named Nora Zane. This is their first child. Mr. Sukut is pastor of the Ebenzer Baptist Church of Wessington Springs, South Dakota.

● At the Watchnight Service of the Baptist Church, Eureka, S. Dak., the Rev. A. Krombein, pastor, baptized seven converts and received these and that others at the communion service the following. These converts were blessed at Eureka and its Hoffnungsfeld Station by the Rev. and Mrs. G. W. Rutsch of Gackle, North Dakota. The closing hour of the old year was reserved for testimonies and prayers in which many people participated.

● The Baptist Church of Forestburg, Alta., Canada, extended a call some time ago to the Rev. Arthur Pohl, one of the immigrant Baptist pastors of Germany who arrived in Canada last fall. He served several Baptist churches in Germany and is able to speak the English language quite fluently. Mr. Pohl accepted the call of the Forestburg Church and began his ministry there on Dec. 1, 1952. He has succeeded Mr. Leonard Maier, who is now residing with his family in Medicine Hat, Alberta.

● Mrs. Nellie Muller Zirbes of Victor, Iowa, passed away on Jan. 7 after a prolonged illness of several years' duration. She and the late Rev. William J. Zirbes rendered an illustrious ministry of 17 years at the Evergreen Baptist Church of Brooklyn, N. Y., the blessings of which are still evident in the lives of present church and denominational leaders. Mrs. Zirbes was 73 years of age at the time of her homegoing. A detailed obituary appears in this issue of the "Baptist Herald."

● The Baptist Church of Parkston, S. Dak., held evangelistic services from Jan. 4 to 16 with the Rev. Daniel Fuchs, denominational evangelist, bringing the messages. There were eight converts during the meetings. Plans have been made for a baptismal service at Parkston on Palm Sunday, March 29, when the pastor, the Rev. Alfred Weisser, hopes to baptize five converts. On Sunday evening, Feb. 1st, the church service was in charge of



Rev. Arthur Pohl, Baptist minister of Germany who emigrated to Canada last fall and is now serving as pastor at Forestburg, Alberta.

the young people's group with Miss Rosann Radel, president, in charge. The program consisted of readings and musical numbers.

● On Jan. 16 the Rev. John Borchers of Columbus, Neb., was called to his heavenly Home after an illness of several months. He served the four following churches from 1928 to 1950: Gotebo, Okla.; Ellinwood, Kans.; Chancellor, S. Dak.; and his home church, the Shell Creek Church, Columbus, Nebraska. Upon his retirement in 1950 the Shell Creek Church elected him as a deacon. The Rev. Paul Hunsicker, his pastor, prepared the obituary which appears on page 22 of this issue. Brother Borchers' ministry will be lovingly remembered by many who thank God for his faithful services!

● The Rev. H. John Vanderbeck recently resigned as pastor of the Immanuel Church of Kyle, Texas, which he has served since 1950. His resignation was accepted by the church with sincere regrets. Mr. Vanderbeck will give his full time to his studies at Saint Andrews Academy at Austin, Texas. He brought his ministry at the Kyle Church to a close on March 1st but he and his wife will continue their membership in the Kyle Church. They will move to Austin, Texas, where Mr. Vanderbeck later hopes to carry on graduate studies at the University of Texas.

● A brass band has been organized in the Emanuel Baptist Church of Morris, Man., with the pastor, the Rev. R. Kanwischer serving as director. The band, which consists of 25 instruments, plays for special programs and as the lively introduction to some evening services. The male chorus of 28 voices is also directed by the pastor. Miss Lynda Rempel, reporter of the church, has announced that every other Sunday evening service is conducted in English "for Morris is a large mission field and we are eager to proclaim the Gospel so that many people may hear it through us."

● From March 8 to 15 the Conner Baptist Church of Detroit, Mich., is holding a "Key to Life" Campaign with the Rev. Charles J. Anderson, the pastor-elect of the Immanuel Church, Kenosha, Wis., as the evangelist. The Rev. Otto Patzia is pastor of the Conner Church. From April 5 to 10 Mr. Anderson will serve in the radio broadcasts over station WLP in Kenosha, Wisconsin. From April 14 to 17 he will bring the "Bread of Life" broadcasts over radio station WMBT in Chicago, Illinois. He will begin his ministry at the Immanuel Church of Kenosha, Wis., on Easter Sunday, April 5.

● The Rev. Stuart C. Thomas is continuing to render a deeply appreciated ministry as the interim pastor of the Baptist Church of Southey and Serath, Saskatchewan. He and his wife are hoping to pass the necessary medical examinations before returning to India as missionaries. Mrs. Thomas underwent an operation on Jan. 28. They have been home on furlough since April 1951. The members of the Southey Baptist Church and a committee from the Serath Church have announced that "if the Rev. and Mrs. Stuart C. Thomas cannot return to India, we want them to continue serving us." A definite decision by Mr. Thomas and the mission board will have to be reached by April 1, 1953.

● On Feb. 11 the Rev. William Sturhahn of Winnipeg, Man., immigration secretary from the Baptist World Alliance, met the "S.S. Beaverbrae" on its 38th arrival from Germany at St. John, New Brunswick. A total of 103 Baptists were on board who were greeted by Mr. Sturhahn to their new homeland in Canada. Among these were the Rev. and Mrs. Gerhard Ge-

bauer and their six children: Doris, Johanna, Karin, Roland, Reinhold and Gabriele. Mr. Gerhard Gebauer is the oldest brother of the Rev. Paul Gebauer, our missionary in the Cameroons. The Gerhard Gebauer family has moved to Edmonton, Alta., where the Rev. Henry Pfeifer of the Central Baptist Church has found lodging and work for them.

● The Minnesota CBY Mid-Winter Institute was held at the Faith Baptist Church of Minneapolis, Minn., from Feb. 20 to 22. A large representation of the various church groups from Minnesota and from La Crosse, Wis., was in attendance. The Minneapolis Church with the Rev. A. Huber as pastor served as friendly hosts to the institute. The guest speakers who inspired the young people with their messages were Dr. Ralph E. Powell, faculty member of our Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., and the Rev. (Miss) Ethel Ruff of the Mid-West Hebrew Mission in St. Paul, Minn., and former faculty member of the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alberta. A more detailed report about the conference will appear in a forthcoming issue.

● Sioux Falls College of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., conferred the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity (D.D.) upon Professor Albert Bretschneider of Rochester, N. Y., at its midwinter convocation from Jan. 6 to 8. Dr. Bretschneider gave the convocation address on "Ministers' Problems," preached in the First Baptist Church of Sioux Falls, and spoke in the chapel of the North American Baptist Seminary. All "Baptist Herald" readers will be happy to share the editor's enthusiasm in saying: "Congratulations, Dr. Bretschneider! The honor is richly deserved!" Dr. Bretschneider is now serving as religious education director and as associate minister to Dr. Fred E. Dean, pastor of the Grace Baptist Church in Rochester, New York.

● Youth Week from Jan. 25 to Feb. 1 was observed by the Central Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alta., with special youth programs planned for every evening. The Rev. Henry Pfeifer, pastor, opened the week by preaching on the topic, "Let No One Despise Thy Youth." Several groups met for prayer on Wednesday evening. The film, "The Man Who Forgot God," was shown on Thursday evening. A large crowd attended the banquet on Saturday evening, Jan. 31. At the closing service on Sunday evening, Feb. 1st, students of the Christian Training Institute presented a fine program. From March 15 to 29 evangelistic meetings will be conducted in English and German by Dr. A. S. Felberg of the Eben-

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

YOUTH COMPASS TOPICS

March 15, 1953—"It's a Habit with Me" by Rev. Walter Sukut, Wessington Springs, South Dakota.

March 22, 1953—"We Sing" by Rev. Eldon Seibold, Canistota, South Dakota.

SUMMER STUDENT WORKERS

Students who are studying at either our Seminary, Bible School or some Christian colleges are again available for summer work. The Summer Visitation Committee will gladly assist our churches or conferences in securing a student worker. Application blanks for these student workers have been mailed out to all of our churches. May we again remind you that these blanks are to be filled out and returned to the headquarters office no later than March 10th if your church desires a student worker this summer.

It is also important that all students, interested in work for the summer under the Student Service Plan, fill out an application and send it to Rev. J. C. Gunst no later than March 10th.

All Canadian churches will send their applications for student workers directly to the mission secretary of the Northern Conference, the Rev. Rudolf Milbrandt.

The Summer Visitation Committee will meet on March 16 and 17 to plan final appointment for students and general workers.

THEME SONG

The new CBY and SS Union theme song sheet, "Live Christ," is now available. Copies of the song may be secured without cost by writing to the headquarters office. Secure sufficient copies, learn the song, and join CBY groups throughout the land in singing this wonderful theme song.

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"The weakest among us has a gift, however seemingly trivial, which is peculiar to him, and which worthily used, will be a gift also to his race.

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—Ruskin.

YOUTH COMPASS

The words, "It pays to advertise," are a familiar slogan but it is one that can be used to great benefit in CBY groups. Take a tip from the business-

men who realize the value of advertisements and advertise your CBY activities. Make use of some of the fine poster suggestions in YOUTH COMPASS. In the current issue the author, the Rev. Alphonz Lamprecht, has a clever suggestion for several posters as well as an idea for "Running Sentence Signs."

Remember to make use of the alternate programs suggested in each issue of "Youth Compass."

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS

A leaflet has been prepared to assist the workers and leaders in our Sunday School in planning and preparation for the 1953 Vacation Bible Schools. Ideas for planning, values of the school, and duties of the staff members are included in the leaflet. Copies of the leaflet have been mailed to pastors and Sunday School superintendents. If you would like to have a copy, write to Rev. J. C. Gunst, Box 6, Forest Park, Illinois.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING COURSES

Sunday Schools and churches in general are in need of real trained, consecrated leaders. The Sunday School can rise or fall on its leadership. We cannot emphasize the need enough for urging our leaders and teachers to more and more training in the Bible and Sunday School methods.

At this time of the year it is an excellent time for a leadership training course. In making a selection of the course or the textbooks you would like, it would be well to take advantage of the Leadership Training Curriculum as well as the books which may be borrowed from the Headquarters Library. One of the goals in our Sunday School Standard is a Leader Trained School with no less than one standard leadership training class to be held during the year.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

A Sunday School larger than the church membership! Every church member in Sunday School, every Sunday School member in church. Every member a born again Christian. All members present every Sunday and on time. Members talking about THEIR Sunday School wherever they go. Regular monthly workers' conferences in every department. All teachers and prospective teachers seeking more training in Bible and methods. Daily and definite prayer for guidance and for each member.



Of Men and of Angels

A Prize-winning Christian Novel by LON WOODRUM

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SYNOPSIS

To Steve Glen, home meant his foster parents, Phoebe and Jason Gray, and the little town of Gold Springs, California. After years of army service, battle-weary and frustrated, Steve decided to return. Before long, he met Dian Lockwood, with whom he had gone to high school, and her rich father. He soon saw Jenny Grant, the preacher's daughter, a sweet and sincere girl, as he knew. At his home he met the new orphan boy, Dick Reubens, who had come to live with the Jasons. On the wall was the motto, "God Is Love." That was the spirit of the home!

CHAPTER THREE

"I HAVE YOUR ROOM all fixed up for you," said Phoebe.

"You would have," I replied pushing back from the table. "I'd never come home without expecting you had worked yourself half to death fixing up for me."

"I enjoy every minute of it, Steve." "You would. You know something, Phoebe? If I ever get married my wife will hold it against you for spoiling me."

"You're my son, remember." "I've never forgotten. I won't ever forget."

I went to my car and brought in my suitcases and went into the room I had occupied as a kid. It was bright and tidy, with a clean smell, and the curtains were new, stirring slightly

in the spring breeze. My eyes ran over some books I had read years ago, and a feeling of contentment washed through me as I stood there.

I discovered I was out of shaving cream, so I went back to my car and drove to McGutty's Drug Store. A few people glanced at me, half-remembering who I was, I suppose. McGutty waited on me, and recognized me, and we chatted a few minutes while he wrapped up my shaving cream. As I was turning to leave I almost bumped into a slim, dark fellow who had the Italian in him crowding hard through the Irish, and his grin flashed brightly across his dusky face.

"Man, oh, man! It's not possible!" he cried.

"Tony!" I said. "Anything can happen now!"

"Anything!" said Tony Granite as our grins met in a sort of ecstasy.

"You mean you came back to Gold Springs?" I said.

"Man, I've been back for over two years. Ever since I got Japan on the mat!"

"The Army?"

"Army? Don't be like that! The Marines, pal!"

"Don't be so high-hat about it. The Army didn't do so badly, you know."

"Yeah. They tell me you Army guys helped a little."

"Well, you seem to have come out in pretty good shape."

"You too, Steve. You look like a million bucks."

"I can't measure up to that, financially."

"Don't get nervous. I wasn't fixing to put the bite on you. I can still buy a few groceries—even if some of the citizens of the community don't like the way I get the wherewithal."

My gaze studied his dark, good-looking face. "What do you do—stick up banks or something?"

Tony's right hand delved into his pocket and came out with a pair of dice clicking in them. He rattled them a moment then shoved them back in his pocket.

"Jody picked the cotton," he said. My face must have revealed my reaction for he added, "You mean to tell me, Steve, you were in the Army and never learned about the ivories?"

"I never learned. I was reading Spinoza in my spare time."

Tony laughed. "You and your Spinoz—and your Plato!"

"And Henry Thoreau," I said.

"Look, my philosophic friend, come with me to Jack Gopher's and I'll buy you a nice big drink to celebrate our survival of the great war."

My head moved negatively. "No good, Tony. I'm not a man of distinction."

Tony laughed softly. "Old Steve. Well, all right. I don't do much drinking myself. I'd rather stay sober so I can take care of the guys who do get drunk!" He took out the dice again and clicked them significantly.

"I'll buy you a coke," I said.

"It's a deal."

We sat at the soda counter sipping our drinks, and Tony smoked a cigarette, his eyes on me, lighted as they always had been, with the smoke wreathing about his half-wild, half-kind face. When our drinks were finished I rose to leave.

"It's swell seeing you again, Tony."

"You staying in Gold Springs?" he asked.

"Not very long, I guess."

"The old restless feet, huh? Well, Gold Springs isn't so bad, not for me, anyhow. Look, I'm staying at the Reagan Hotel. Give me a buzz any time."

As I was driving back to the Gray's house the past I had lived with Tony was like a book whose leaves flicked open one by one.

Tony Granite's father had been a benign alcoholic of the periodic type with the sprees growing longer and closer together. He was a likeable Irishman when sober but full of boring garrulity when drunk. He had married a pretty Italian girl, gentle as she was pretty, who died when Tony was born. Mike Granite never got over Maria's death, for he had

loved her with a fierce Irish emotion. The bottle became his solace as well as his slow disintegration. Tony had grown up in the Granite shack at the edge of town, unwashed and wild, roaming the streets at all hours when his father kept to the shack in drunken stupors. He resented the kids who made nasty remarks about his father, his temper was quick and his fist hard, and many a body had nursed a battered nose when Tony was on the defensive. Tony was like a wolf who prowled about outside men's campfires, lonely, hungry for friendship, but not daring to ask for it. At school the kids more or less evaded him. I did, too, until the day Tony and I had a fight. After the fight, however, we became good friends. There was an element in his make-up that appealed to me, and there was something in my more balanced life which he liked.

We built a terrific comradeship out of experiences that come naturally to boys: splashing and shouting in the creek, afterwards cooking chunks of meat over an open blaze, while smell of nature came down upon us. We had long conversations, intimate talks about life, the exciting wonder of it and the challenging mystery of it. About the people who are a part of it, especially about the strange, indefinable female!

One of the incidents on the near-edge of my memory had to do with the month Tony and I spent one summer, camped on the bank of the Consumnes River. Mike Granite had invited us on one of his prospecting trips. Mike was a man with a yen for placermining, who dreamed of hidden "pockets" in back-channels of blue gravel. He had the unshakable faith that some day he would find yellow wealth. The grim fact that the Consumnes River had been gouged and combed for gold ever since the early gold-rush days never deterred Mike. Some day he would find the fortune by-passed by a thousand prospectors. And he could fairly well make any listener believe it, too.

I could remember so clearly the time Tony and I spent with him on the river. At nights, after the hot days in the sun, we would sit around the campfire, and Mike would spin great tales of incredible imagination with frequent pulls at a bottle of bourbon. Tony and I used to watch him put the bottle to his mouth, the bottle gleaming in the firelight, the liquor gurgling as he drank; and he usually shuddered when he rammed the cork into place.

I recall asking him one night, "Don't you like it?"

He put a foggy eye on me and muttered, "I hate it!"

"Why do you drink it then?" I asked him.

That caused him to twist his face up in a funny grin which was all the answer I got from him.

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We were working on a "pot-hole" that lay in the middle of the riverbed, a deep shaft bored into the bedrock by countless years of water-erosion. The river was down to a bare trickle, and we built a dam above the pot-hole, turning the water from it; then we erected a windlass over the mouth of the shaft from which we lowered an iron bucket. One person at a time would be let down with pick and shovel and the other two would draw up the bucket when it was filled. It was a slow, hard job. I was sure we were silly, but Mike Granite was certain there was a fortune lying under the gravel.

"Nobody has ever dug in there," he would say, excitedly. "Once we get the loose stuff out we'll come to the blue gravel—and the world will be ours!"

When the last shovelful of gravel had been hoisted to the top and Mike had been lowered with a flashlight to study the crevices in the shaft-bottom we brought him up with bleak desolation in his drink-beaten face.

"Well," he muttered in a voice that made me feel terribly sorry for him, "I guess that's the end of something."

When we went back to camp Tony and I ran on ahead for Mike came slowly, like a man dragging a load of shattered dreams. Tony was carrying the 32-20 Winchester rifle which we always carried to work with us to keep it from being stolen. When we reached camp I walked over to the wooden table and froze suddenly in my tracks. I knew the familiar sound. Nothing else on earth sounds exactly like a diamond-back rattler.

With the cold fear rooting me to the spot I heard Tony Granite say, "Stand still, Steve—don't move."

I stood boulder-still. The click of the Winchester seemed loud, and the flat crack followed it. I sprang with the report away from the table.

"Knocked his head square off!" exulted Tony pumping out the exploded shell.

Later that evening when Mike lay in his blanket, silent, I said to Tony, "You saved my life, I guess."

Tony wiggled his shoulders. "Naah! You might have made it if you'd jumped."

"I might have. I might not have, either."

Now, after running into Tony Granite at the drug store, I was con-

scious of the old bond between us, forged out of youthful experiences; but I was conscious of a sharp irritation toward him too, because he had followed in his father's footsteps in making an odious name for himself in Gold Springs. I knew that a man with his intelligence was capable of building a good name at some right task. Still, I found myself thinking of him apart from what he appeared to be on the surface. I had seen more than that in him at times, for I had had chances to look deeper into him than most of the others.

Even now out of the past flashed the moment when Tony had said to me, with an honest gratitude in his dark eyes: "Steve, I'll always appreciate the fact that you look on my dad as a human being in spite of his weakness."

Back home I took a shower, shaved carefully, breathing with delight the fragrance of the after-shave lotion, and dressed in a casual outfit of gray flannel trousers and blue tweed jacket. I came out to the living room just as Phoebe was greeting Dr. and Mrs. Grant and Jenny.

The minister looked a little older; his hair was quite thin. But he was still a dignified person. His wife, Vera, was the same quiet and amiable woman I remembered from boyhood. They both greeted me with sincerity. "It's good to see you home again," they said. Jenny, standing to one side till I advanced to her, offered me her hand and when my fingers closed on hers I thought again, How could you have changed so much, from such a funny little thing to such a lovely girl?

Her hazel-green eyes were on mine and they struggled in my look an instant, as she said, "A second welcome home, Steve."

There was a gentle aliveness in her eyes and a warm smile clung to her fine-shaped mouth. Her dress was a pretty blue and her rusty-blond hair was gleaming in the lights which Phoebe turned on.

"Being home," I grinned, "is like starting a new adventure!"

She got the import of my words and a flush rose in her face. Just then Jason came into the room. His greetings to the Grants warmed my heart. It was easy to sense the bond of friendship existing between him and Allan Grant.

"Dinner is ready," Phoebe announced, a short time later.

We ate by candlelight, and though the silver was old it had a bright gleam. The atmosphere was one of serenity.

Isn't this wonderful, I thought, this simplicity, this sense of security, even for a man with a wanderlust? Jenny's face is beautiful there in the candlelight!

(To Be Continued)

We, the Women

News and Views of the National Woman's Missionary Union

By MRS. WALTER W. GROSSER, President

You have heard it said that because the Lord loved the Schmidts he made so many of them. Even among our nine local Woman's Union conference presidents we have two, namely, Mrs. Fred Schmidt and Mrs. Walter Schmidt. To complicate the name situation we have discovered that these two women are related. Furthermore, Mrs. Fred Schmidt's maiden name was Schmidt. After reading the introductions to both Mrs. Fred Schmidt and Mrs. Walter Schmidt, you will be able to solve the name puzzle by associating each Mrs. Schmidt with her respective conference.

INTRODUCING MRS. FRED SCHMIDT

Mrs. Fred Schmidt is president of the Woman's Union of the Dakota Conference. Her husband, the Rev. Fred Schmidt, is the pastor of our West Center Baptist Church in Madison, South Dakota. She has two brothers who are pastors of our North American Baptist Churches, the Rev. Walter Schmidt, now serving in Arnprior, Ont., Canada, and the Rev. Roger Schmidt, just recently called to the church at Jamesburg, New Jersey. The latter is studying music with a scholarship at Catham Music School in New York. Rev. Otto R. Schmidt, her husband's brother, is serving the McKernan Avenue Church in Edmonton, Alta., Canada, and is also teaching at the Christian Training Institute.

As a good minister's wife, Mrs. Schmidt helps in all branches of the church besides managing the home for her husband and daughters, Marilyn (7) and Judy Joy (3). As president of her Ladies' Missionary Society in Madison, past secretary of the Northern North Dakota Woman's Union, and present president of the Dakota Woman's Union we introduce her to you.

Other officers working with Mrs. Schmidt are: Vice-president, Mrs. Carl Wiesser, Carrington, N. Dak.; secretary, Mrs. L. Bienert, Cathay, N. Dak.; treasurer, Mrs. B. Fritzke, McLaughlin, South Dakota.

WALKING TOGETHER WITH GOD

By MRS. FRED SCHMIDT

Walking together with God. This is how I like to think of our Woman's Union of the Dakota Conference for it is only as we walk side by side with him that we can hope to attain our

goals. No missionary would dare start out to any field of work if he did not have close communion with his Lord. And I feel sure that each member of our Woman's Missionary Union must share that same closeness to God before she can help in the larger group, trying to create more interest in the work of God's Kingdom.

Our Dakota Conference Woman's Union has been steadily growing in numbers and in spiritual blessings. I believe we are the largest conference with 67 active societies, having a total membership of 1,331. Our system for the past two years of presenting a ribbon to each society, the color determined by the points earned during the year, is a constant challenge to all women to work harder in God's service. The points are obtained by the number of new members gained, percentage of attendance, goals accomplished as set up by our Woman's



Mrs. Fred Schmidt of Madison, S. Dak., president of the Dakota Conference Woman's Missionary Union.

Union of the General Conference, sick calls made with scripture and prayer, plus one point for every dollar raised per member in the society. These points and goals are a test of our spiritual growth and activity during the year.

Our women are eagerly endeavoring to aid our missionaries on the foreign and home fields by prayer, financial and White Cross support. This past summer Mrs. Mehlhoff, matron at our Baptist Home for the



Mrs. Walter Schmidt of Arnprior, Ont., president of the Eastern Conference Woman's Missionary Union.

Aged in Bismarck, N. Dak., showed us the great need they have for a deep freeze, and we are working to swell this "Deep Freeze Fund."

INTRODUCING MRS. WALTER SCHMIDT

Since Mrs. John Kuehn, the president of the Eastern Conference Woman's Union has moved to White-mouth, Man., Canada, the vice-president, Mrs. Walter Schmidt, has assumed the duties of the presidency. She is the wife of the Rev. Walter Schmidt, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Arnprior, Ont., Canada. In her local church Mrs. Schmidt is vice-president of the Woman's Missionary Society, monitor of the Junior Young People's Society, a member of the sick committee, and a program leader of the CBY group. Her husband, as has been indicated, is a brother of Mrs. Fred Schmidt.

The Woman's Union secretary of the Eastern Conference, Mrs. Reuben Houseal, has also moved. This will necessitate a new secretary. Mrs. Alfred Gronmeyer, the treasurer, is a member of the Temple Baptist Church in Buffalo, New York. The secretarial records are at present in her possession.

Further information on the Eastern Conference Woman's Missionary Union follows.

THE EASTERN CONFERENCE WOMAN'S UNION

By MRS. WALTER SCHMIDT

In Proverbs 31:30 we read: "Favor is deceitful and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the Lord, she

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FROM THE FIELD

Northwestern Conference

Rev. Charles J. Anderson, New Pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church, Kenosha, Wisconsin

The Rev. Charles J. Anderson has been called as the new pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Kenosha, Wisconsin. Coincident with the calling is the announcement that the church voted to begin construction of a new edifice on lots at 39th Ave., at Taft Road in late spring or early summer. The parsonage at 2818-64th St. will be sold and Mr. Anderson's residence at 6343-29th Ave. will become the parsonage until a new one is added to the church.

Mr. Anderson spoke at the church as pastor-elect on Sunday, Feb. 1st. Coming to Kenosha from Brooklyn, N. Y., in 1944, the minister has been active in religious work for more than 25 years. He has served as industrial chaplain and personnel and public relations director at the Arma Corporation in New York and at the Quaker Stretcher Company, Kenosha.

Recently he attended the semi-annual Youth for Christ International executive council sessions at Toronto, Canada. His services with the youth organization have taken him to over 25 countries in a period of five years. Mr. Anderson succeeds the Rev. Edward D. McKernan, who plans to resume his pastoral work in the Pacific Northwest. His final service will be given Wednesday, April 1.

—Kenosha Newspaper.

Northern Conference

Several Fine Young People's Programs at the Lauderdale Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alberta

The accompanying picture shows the young people of the Lauderdale Baptist Church of Edmonton, Alberta. They had a busy December schedule. A group of 25 members conducted an evening service on December 3rd at Warburg, Alberta. On December 23 the same group went from home to home in the community singing Christmas carols for the ill and the aged.

On the Sunday night preceding Christmas the young people and the Junior Choir presented the Christmas story in shadow drama. The Scripture passage and music were arranged by Mrs. Willy R. Muller, our pastor's wife, furnishing the background for

the presentation. The program was climaxed with a White Christmas service and the gifts which were brought were given to the Rev. R. Neuman for the Indian mission field of Alberta.

On January 7th the young people held their election for 1953 with the new officers as follows: president, Emmy Schubert; vice-president, Max Schubert; secretary and reporter, Mrs. H. Kuerbis; and treasurer, Ursula Al-gajer.

Mrs. Heinz Kuerbis, Reporter.

Southwestern Conference

Sunday School Workers' Banquet and Mr. John Frick Honored at Durham, Kansas

On Sunday, December 7, the First Baptist Church of Durham, Kans., honored its oldest member and deacon for 35 years, Mr. John Frick. The occasion was Mr. Frick's 88th birthday.

Seven years ago Mr. Frick was elected honorary deacon. He has also served as trustee for a number of years. In addition Mr. Frick has been Sunday School teacher for about half a century. However, he asked to be relieved of this responsibility effective at the beginning of this year. Truly, Mr. Frick has been, and is, a pillar of our church.

As a token of their recognition of the services which he has so unselfishly rendered and of his whole-hearted support to the church, the members presented Mr. and Mrs. Frick with a beautiful floor lamp. Also, refreshments were served by the Ladies' Aid in his honor.

Our Sunday School workers ob-



Young people of the Lauderdale Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alberta, who presented several inspirational Christmas programs.

served their annual banquet before Christmas. Forty-two attendants, including husband or wife of the worker, were present to enjoy the delicious food. The Rev. Paul Shellhouse of our neighboring church at Marion presented an appropriate message to the workers after the supper. Mr. Willis Herbel is our Senior Superintendent and Mrs. Adam Zimmerman is the Junior Superintendent.

Dr. T. W. Bender was our Mission Festival speaker. His ministry was greatly appreciated and a real blessing. An offering of \$1283 was raised for our denominational missionary enterprise.

Henry R. Baerg, Pastor.

Christmas Activities and Watch-night Service at the Emmanuel Church of Marion, Kansas

Christmas activities brought many blessings to the Emmanuel Baptist Church of Marion, Kansas. The full week began with the presentation on Sunday evening of a cantata sung by our small but energetic choir. Our director is Mr. Otto Funk.

Monday evening we met in the church basement for a most enjoyable Christmas party. There were games for young and old. After refreshments, class and personal gifts were distributed. The pastor and his wife were pleasantly surprised by a bountiful pantry shower expressing the love of the people.

On Wednesday evening a packed church witnessed the reliving of the Christmas story in the program presented by the Sunday School. The beginner, primary and junior classes recited and sang an assortment of pieces and verses suited to the occasion. The intermediate and high school classes, assisted by both junior and senior choirs, presented a pageant, "Joy to the World," written and directed by the pastor and wife, Rev. and Mrs. Paul M. Shellhouse. Mr. and Mrs. Haizlip created the huge background scenery for the shepherd and manger scenes.

Interwoven into the pageant were our Sunday School missionary projects, the Hendersons in the Cameroons and the San Luis field in Colorado for the Spanish-Americans. Following the dignified appearance of the Wise Men and the presentation of their gifts, the pageant was brought to a fitting climax. The senior choir sang, "O Come, All Ye Faithful," and the representatives of the various classes came from all parts of the church to present the WHITE GIFTS to the Savior. A solemn and holy thrill gripped the audience and participants alike, as we all stood and sang "Joy to the World."

The New Year's Eve service was well attended. From 9:00 to 10:00 P.M. the Cathedral film, "For Good or Evil," brought the message of stewardship in a dramatic way. The second hour was spent with refreshments and informal fellowship. A candle light observance of the Lord's Supper and fellowship in prayer saw the old year out. The new was welcomed with the singing of "Blest Be the Tie That Binds."

Paul M. Shellhouse, Pastor.

Activities of the Woman's Missionary Society, West Side Church, Beatrice, Nebraska

The Woman's Missionary Society of the West Side Baptist Church of Beatrice, Neb., under the leadership of Mrs. George Neubert, is a small group, but we are working very hard for the Lord's work. We are also very thankful for his love and guidance.

We have six to ten church women meeting every Tuesday afternoon for prayer from 1:30 to 3:00 P.M. at the home of the Rev. and Mrs. George Neubert. We held a bazaar and food sale in October and netted \$127.20 with the proceeds going for equipment for our new kitchen.

The society held its White Cross sewing on Jan. 20th, making hospital supplies to be sent to the Cameroons, Africa.

Mrs. Helen Worent, Reporter.

Ordination of the Rev. Leland Schantz by the Salem Church, Gotebo, Oklahoma

A council for ordination was assembled by call of the Salem Baptist Church of Gotebo, Okla., on Jan. 29, to consider the ordination of Mr. Leland Schantz. The meeting was called to order by the pastor, Rev. B. F. Taylor, with song and prayer. Rev. Oliver K. Ringering of Shattuck, Okla., was chosen chairman and Rev. L. H. Smith of Corn, Okla., as clerk. All seven churches of the Oklahoma Association were represented by pastors and delegates. The candidate to be considered for ordination, Leland Schantz, was then introduced to the council by the pastor.

The moderator called upon the can-



Pfc. Willard B. Littke of Elk Grove, Calif., checks on records for the U.S. Air Force in Korea.

dismiss the candidate and proceed to the consideration of his testimonies. A general feeling of satisfaction over the candidate's testimonies was expressed after which a motion carried that the council recommend that the Salem Baptist Church proceed with a service of ordination.

The ordination service was as follows: song service led by Lloyd Schantz (brother to candidate); Scripture and prayer, Harry Geis, Okeene; solo by Leo Schantz (brother of candidate); ordination sermon, Rev. B.



Young people of the Fifteenth Street Baptist Church, Los Angeles, Calif., who presented the effective Christmas drama, "Out of the Darkness."

didate to state his conversion experience, after which he was asked to relate his call to the ministry. The candidate's educational training was described and then he proceeded with his doctrinal statement. He gave a very clear and gratifying statement concerning God, Christ, the Holy Spirit, Satan, the Church, Man, the Future State and the Pastor. After a very happy period of questioning from the council, a motion carried to

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New Sanctuary Under Construction and Great Programs, Baptist Church, Costa Mesa, California

The First Baptist Church of Costa Mesa, Calif., is making great strides in an effort to make the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ known in the entire area. Each year the church has laid a cornerstone because of such rapid growth.

It really began in 1948 with visits made to the homes of Costa Mesa Baptist families by the Rev. P. G. Neumann, who at that time had a church in Anaheim. It was not long before he was called to organize the Costa Mesa Church in July of 1949. The congregation first met in the American Legion Hall of Costa Mesa, but within the first year of its organization, the church built its own youth center and chapel where services were held.

Under the organizational and spiritual guidance of its pastor, the Rev. P. G. Neumann, the church has grown from a small membership of 58 people to its present congregation of 495. Last year it laid its second cornerstone when it built the Sunday School and evening training center. Another cornerstone was also laid last year when the parsonage was constructed at 2619 Orange Avenue.

The Sunday School, under the direction of Mr. Ernest Crain, has been the joy and delight of all. Departments for all ages have been organized, and each one is an integral part of the church program. The teaching ministry is vital to the life and future of the church, and at the present time there are 693 enrolled in Sunday School. In cooperation with the Sunday School, a Training Union program has been organized for all ages during the evening hour, 6:30 to 7:30 P.M.

The Men and Women's Prayer Groups have been the backbone of the church. The Men's group is under the leadership of Mr. Elvin Grauer and the women meet under the guidance of Mrs. Wm. Scruggs. These groups meet every Monday evening. As the history of the church is unfolded, it can be clearly seen that everything that God is doing in the Costa Mesa Baptist Church is in definite, direct, wonderful answer to prayer.

The Thursday Evening Prayer and Praise Service is a source of great joy to many of the members. The pastor opens the Word of God and lays bare the truth to the hearts of all who listen. It is during this mid-week Bible study that many of the congregation receive instruction concerning Christian conduct.

The church services on Sunday are marked by great spiritual blessing for all who attend. The morning service is enhanced by the choir under the direction of Mr. Clarence Twigg. The evening service is helped by the Male Chorus under the direction of Pastor Neumann. The Male Chorus is a blessing to many as the men also minister in neighboring churches from time to time.

The church is also carrying on an active missionary program. Two missionary families are supported, Fred and Dorothy Holzimmer, serving in the Cameroons, and John and Eleanor

F. Taylor, Gotebo; ordination prayer and laying on of hands, Rev. Jacob Ehman, and ministers; hand of fellowship, Rev. L. H. Smith, Corn; charge to candidate, Rev. Walter Weber, Ingersoll; trio by Velora, Milton and Beth Reimer, children of Missionary Jacob Reimer, and the pastor of Leland at the time he accepted Christ; charge to the church, Rev. Leland Friesen, Okeene; and benediction by the Rev. Leland Schantz.

L. H. Smith, Clerk.

Pacific Conference

Pfc. Willard B. Littke of Elk Grove, Calif., With Engineer Aviation Battalion in Korea

Pfc. Willard B. Littke of Elk Grove, Calif., checks on records for the 1903rd Engineer Aviation Battalion at a forward airstrip in Korea. He is administrative non-commissioned officer in his unit which builds advanced fighter-bomber strips for the Fifth Air Force.

He graduated from the Elk Grove High School in 1950 and attended Sacramento Junior College before entering the service in February, 1952. He trained at Camp Roberts, Calif., and has been in Korea since October, 1952.

Pfc. Littke is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Littke, Route 1, Elk Grove, California. He is a member of the First Baptist Church Elk Grove, Calif., of which the Rev. W. W. Knauf is the pastor.

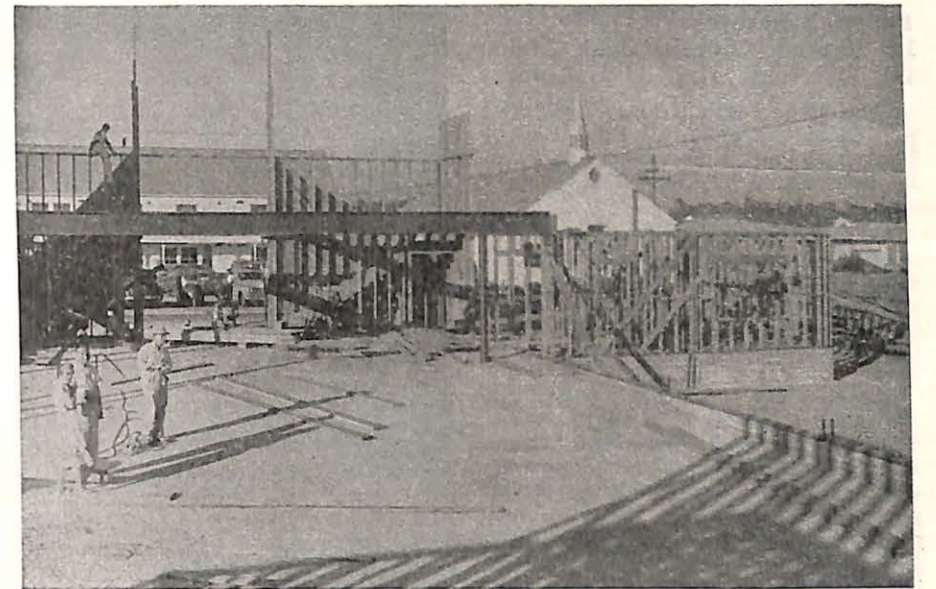
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Christmas Program and Watchnight Service at Fifteenth Street Church, Los Angeles, California

The holiday season brought a veritable flow of blessings to us at the Fifteenth Street Baptist Church of Los Angeles, California. We were especially happy to enjoy our Christmas program in a newly decorated auditorium. The children and young people rendered an inspiring program highlighted by a soul-stirring drama entitled, "Out of the Darkness" by M. B. Shannon. This dramatic review of the birth of our Lord and Savior was ably presented by the Senior Department, under the direction of Mrs. Bert Jantz. The program closed with the holy scene at the manger with the star shining brightly above.

New Year's Eve was again the occasion for our Watchnight Service, which climaxed a beautiful season of fellowship. We enjoyed a program of music and challenging reports by the leaders of the various organizations. This time we had an especially blessed evening as a shower was given for the four families who have recently come to us from Europe. It was touching to see their happiness, especially that of the little children. As a fitting close to the evening, our pastor, the Rev. E. Mittelstedt, gave an inspiring message of faith and hope in the German language. We wish these dear people God's richest blessings as they begin a new life here in America.

Mrs. Esther Johnston, Reporter.



The new sanctuary of the First Baptist Church, Costa Mesa, Calif., under construction with the chapel and Sunday School unit in the background.

Nickel, serving in Nigeria. The Women's Missionary Union is under the leadership of Mrs. Melton. The Young Women's Circle is under the leadership of Mrs. Cozad. The church is planning to provide opportunity for all of its young people who surrender to God in missionary endeavor.

True to the precedents established in the first two years of the church, Costa Mesa Baptist Church is laying a cornerstone in its third year of growth. Construction of the new sanctuary is on a pay-as-you-go basis, with both men and women of the church pitching in with true Christian friendship to do much of the work. While the men speed things along on the growing sanctuary, the women of the church prepare a dinner for the hungry tired workers. Every nail driven into this new House of God carries a prayer

that many will find their way inside and find Jesus Christ as Savior.

Plans are under way for a great evangelistic campaign for the spring, as the new sanctuary should be complete by that time. Cottage prayer groups are even now being organized, with men and women, young people, boys and girls calling upon God to glorify himself during this coming campaign.

The congregation is thankful for the man whom God has given as the spiritual leader and friend to the church, Rev. P. G. Neumann, in his untiring efforts, who is being used of God to inspire hundreds in this area. The work in Costa Mesa is continuing with this verse as a basis, Psalm 127:2, "Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it."

Mr. Elvin Grauer, Reporter.



The Rev. P. G. Neumann, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Costa Mesa, Calif., teaching the Men's Class with Mr. Elvin Grauer, reporter, almost hidden by the pulpit.

Farewell Reception by Baptist Church, Paul, Idaho, for Rev. and Mrs. J. J. Lippert

On October 12th a large congregation filled the beautiful First Baptist Church at Paul, Idaho, to say farewell to their pastor, the Rev. J. J. Lippert and his wife.

After the farewell sermon the chairman of the deacons arose and invited everyone to the church annex to a sumptuous dinner to the surprise of the Lipperts. After dinner all gathered again in the annex for the farewell program by the church.

Many lovely tributes were paid to the pastor and his wife in this farewell service and many tears were shed. Among those who had part in the program were: Mrs. Richard Preagitzer, moderator; Mrs. Regina Vollmer, vice-president of the Ladies' Aid, who presented a lovely gift in behalf of the Ladies' Aid; John Riedlinger, Sunday School superintendent, who also came with an electric alarm clock as a remembrance of the school and with words of appreciation for the work done among the children. Dave Kraus spoke for the deacons and others personally spoke words of appreciation and gave gifts by which they wanted to be remembered.

The Paul Baptist Church, in spite of adversities, has made splendid progress during these past four years. In 1948 there was only a handful of faithful members in a one-room building. During these four years a large church has taken its place. It was relocated. The membership was nearly doubled. "Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised."

Reporter.

Central Conference

New Annex, Christmas Program and Watchnight Service, Foster Avenue Church, Chicago, Illinois

We of the Foster Avenue Church of Chicago, Ill., would once again give expression to our joy in the Lord and gratitude for his blessings. Even in these months during which we have been without a pastor, the attendance at our services have not diminished and we have had the joy of adding to our membership, both by letter and by baptism. A great deal of credit for this goes to our acting moderator, Mr. Walter Pankratz, the fine leadership he has given the church and the excellent pulpit supply secured by him for all our services.

Another cause for joy is the erection of our annex. Mr. Edward Meister is again serving as voluntary general contractor, for which we are very thankful. Originally we had planned to build this educational unit some five or six years after the erection of our main church building. However, due to the rapid growth of our Sunday School, it became necessary to start on the addition just two years after completion of the first unit.

Our annex is 64 by 36 feet in area. The basement will provide room for our primary and nursery departments.



Mr. and Mrs. Gottfried Grenz of Hebron, N. Dak., with the golden wedding anniversary cake in front of them.

Radiant heat in the floor will make it very comfortable. The first floor will take care of 125 people as overflow from our main auditorium, which now has a seating capacity of 375, making it possible for us to accommodate a total of 500 people. The second floor will provide a recreation room with an extra high ceiling, a light refreshment corner with sink and stove, and washroom facilities.

The addition is of Lannon stone and red brick, matching the original unit. In the past year we have also purchased a 60 by 125 foot corner lot across the street from the church, which will be developed for auto parking.

The holiday season will long be remembered. On Dec. 14th we had a baptismal service which always makes our hearts rejoice. On Dec. 21st our mixed choir, under the faithful direction of Mr. Herbert Pankratz, presented a fine Christmas concert at a most impressive candlelight service. On Dec. 23rd more than 200 people gathered for a German Christmas celebration. Participating in the program were our young people, who have come to us recently from across the ocean, as well as some of our "old timers." On Christmas Day the Sunday School presented a most enjoyable program, surprising the audience especially with musical talent.

On Dec. 28th the Christian Fellowship Club sponsored a social for everyone in the church, providing opportunity for fellowship and recreation. On Dec. 29th the young people brought joy to those at the Home for the Aged, with a fine program and Christmas sweets.

Our Watchnight Service was well attended. The first part was in the German language, with a message by the Rev. Johann Kuhn, recitations by the young people, and a song by the male chorus. During the next part a brief review of the events of 1952 was brought by various church officers. At 11:15 P.M. we assembled again in the sanctuary. A brief message by Dr. T. Bender, selections by the choir and

male quartet, and the observance of the Lord's Supper brought the old year to a close.

On Sunday, Jan. 4th, Mr. Walter Pankratz read to the congregation a letter which made all hearts rejoice and all faces reflect deepfelt gratitude for answered prayer. The letter contained the news that the Rev. Joe Sonnenberg of Camrose, Alta., had accepted the call extended to him by our church.

Mrs. Louise Zoch, Church Clerk.

Dakota Conference

Golden Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Gottfried Grenz at Hebron, North Dakota

On Sunday, Dec. 14, the First Baptist Church of Hebron, N. Dak., had the pleasure and the honor to celebrate the golden wedding anniversary of two of our pioneers, who have been members of our church for over 42 years.

Fifty years ago, Gottfried and Anna Grenz gave their solemn promise before God and man to travel the roads of life together, with all its joys and pleasure, as well as the trials and disappointments—for better or for worse. God did not bless them with a large family, so in addition to their own, they took in the children of a brother, who had been left as orphans, and raised and educated them as their own. Among these are Dr. J. E. Grenz of Kulm, N. Dak., and Mr. Carl Grenz, superintendent of a school at Savage, Montana. They have always been great lovers of children, and did more than their share in the raising of two grandchildren, Irvin and Hugo Heinle, while now their pride and joy is little Sandra, the great-granddaughter, being the daughter of Irvin and Irene Heinle.

Mr. and Mrs. Grenz came to Hebron from Herreid, S. Dak., in 1910 and settled on a farm near Hebron until 1942, when they retired and moved to town. Mr. Grenz was baptized in 1895 by Rev. Friedrich Golling, and Mrs. Grenz in 1908 by Rev. Franz Dobrovolsky. Mr. Grenz served the Hebron Baptist Church for many years as Sunday School teacher, treasurer and deacon. We honor them for the years of service in the church and wish them many more blessed years in the future.

The children had arranged a short program in the auditorium of our church. Mr. and Mrs. Grenz were escorted to the platform by the daughters, Lydia Heinle and Tillie Kallis, who pinned a corsage on each. Mrs. Heinle gave a reading. The choir, men's chorus and men's quartet sang a few suitable numbers, and grandchildren sang a song. The Rev. C. T. Remple brought the congratulations of the church and gave an impressive address. After the services, the honored couple and guests were seated at the head table in our church parlors. A three-tier wedding cake decorated the table. The Woman's Mission Society then served a delicious lunch to all friends and guests. Many beautiful gifts were then presented to them.

I. E. Giedt, Correspondent.

Evangelistic Meetings and Special Events at the Baptist Church of Washburn, North Dakota

The Washburn Baptist Church of Washburn, N. Dak., held evangelistic meetings for two weeks in October with the Rev. E. Gerlitz of Mobridge, S. Dak., as evangelist. Very inspiring messages were brought to us and a spiritual revival was felt by all.

It is with great joy that the church reports twelve new members taken into God's Kingdom of service. Some came by letter and seven were baptized on Sunday, Nov. 23, by our pastor, the Rev. F. Alf. There were a father and daughter and a father and son among those baptized.

On Dec. 1st, the Rev. J. C. Gunst visited us and showed us very interesting missionary pictures, telling us of the need for such work. On Sunday evening, Nov. 30, a group of young people gathered and organized a CBY which is to meet every other Sunday evening. Jack Luithle is president of the new organization. Orin Reiser is vice-president; Lydia Anderson, secretary; and Lloyd Kost, treasurer. There are now 37 members.

Several Christmas socials, with tree and nicely decorated room, were enjoyed the first week in December. One was for the children, the intermediates and the young married people. May we as a church strive to do a greater work in Christ's service!

Mrs. Orrin B. Enockson, Clerk.

Atlantic Conference

Impressive Programs at the Walnut Street Baptist Church of Newark, New Jersey

Our activities for the holidays were numerous at the Walnut Street Baptist Church, Newark, N. J., under the faithful ministry of our pastor, the Rev. Richard K. Mercer, Jr. On Sunday morning, Dec. 7, two three-foot candles set in a background of evergreens decorated with colored ornaments were lighted at a special program of the Sunday School. They were lighted by Mrs. Eleanor Wessel and Mr. Edward Kramer.

On Sunday, Dec. 14, our pastor presented "The Nativity" in song, word and beautiful colored pictures with the use of our slide projector. Christmas Sunday was a day of rain, but there was a heavenly glow in our special services with a good attendance. Our pastor brought a message on "Call His Name Jesus." The choir, under the direction of our organist, Mrs. Josephine Rauscher, sang two beautiful selections. In the evening, the service of carols and candle lighting was acclaimed by many as one of the most beautiful and stirring services they had ever attended.

Our church sanctuary was open for prayer and meditation during Christmas week, as live organ music and recorded chimes were played and as several came to pray. During the Christmas season the members of our



Twelve converts who were recently baptized by the Rev. F. Alf of Washburn, N. Dak., and received into the fellowship of the Washburn Baptist Church.

Sunday School were taught the lesson of giving by bringing gifts so that we might distribute them in the Children's Hospitals and missions. The response was nearly 100 percent so that a large number of neatly wrapped gifts were distributed with a tract announcing the birth of Christ enclosed in each package.

Our Christmas program was presented by the Sunday School on Dec. 25th. Mr. Joseph Balogh, the assistant superintendent, led the program, and scripture was read by Mrs. Harry Williams. It was inspiring to listen to "the little ones" give their recitations and songs under the direction of Mrs. Fred Steinke. A dramatic play entitled, "Jingle Bells," was given by the Junior and Intermediate classes. Mrs. John Belle was the director of this part of the program.

The Watchnight program, led by our pastor, was an evening of inspiration and fellowship. It was nine o'clock when the religious film, "Guiding Star," was shown. At 9:45 P.M. a Bible Quiz was in charge of the young people's group. An impressive communion service commenced at 11 P.M. with our guest speaker, Rev. "Pete" Humeniuk, who has traveled for Youth for Christ.

The year 1952 was a year of thankfulness in the Walnut Street Church as the spirit of God led us in all our services and activities. Our pledges for the mission budget were more than doubled. Our current expenses increased 35 percent in pledges. A new Woman's Missionary Society was organized. We purchased an air cooled slide projector along with 800 colored slides, giving us the complete story of the Bible for better teaching methods for our church family.

Joseph Balogh, Reporter.

THE EASTER OFFERING

Your Share in the Lord's Work
and in God's Blessings!

Your generous gifts will bring
great joy to those who receive
the Gospel of Christ!

WE, THE WOMEN

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shall be praised." We trust that all the women of our Eastern Conference Union are God-fearing women and thus they shall be praised of God some day.

Out of 15 churches in the Eastern Conference, eleven of them have active Woman's Missionary Societies with a total membership of 329 women. These women all find joy in working for the Lord in their local societies and also have achieved much in the larger work of our Conference Union. They are good examples of the woman described in Proverbs 31:20: "She stretcheth out her hand to the poor; yea she reacheth forth her hands to the needy." They have contributed generously to the poor and needy wherever they have found them.

SPECIAL NOTICE

Inadvertently the names of Helen M. Burgers, now Mrs. William Knechtel, and Esther Burger, now Mrs. John C. Young, were omitted from the list of Scholarship Girls in "We, the Women" of the Baptist Herald, January 15, 1953.

The Eastern Conference Union is at present working toward a goal of \$1,200 for the maintenance of the Bansa Hospital in the Cameroons. This is a three-year project that was begun in 1951. Our previous three-year goal was \$1,000 for the Seminary. We raised \$63.30 above this sum and sent this money to the Bansa Hospital. In 1951 our conference celebrated its 100th anniversary at Rochester, New York. Our women's touch was evident in the beautiful bouquet of flowers presented for the occasion by our Conference Union.

One can look into any local union and see the women busy fulfilling the goals of our National Union. Our churches would not be able to carry on so well for the Lord without our women. Who can measure our work as we send forth White Cross material, give to our Old People's and Children's Homes, send supplies to local hospitals, help in church building and improvement funds, help keep up the parsonages, visit the sick and shut-ins, and send flowers and memorials in memory of those who passed on to be with their Lord? These are only some of the activities that are carried on as the result of inspiration received at our General, Eastern, and other local conferences, and from the preaching of the Word in our several churches.

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. WALDEMAR LONGIN LAND of Edmonton, Alberta.

Waldemar Longin Land of Edmonton, Alberta, son of Eugene and Frieda Land, was born on October 4, 1931 in Edmonton, and came to an untimely end of his life on January 18, 1953. Found in an unconscious state in his room, he lived but a few more hours, never regaining consciousness again.

Early in life Waldemar learned to know the privileges of a Christian home. Although his mother predeceased him in 1936, she had made a lasting impression on her son. Her Christian care and love for her children and her prayers will ever be remembered. Besides his father and second mother, Waldemar leaves to mourn his shocking death a brother, Norman; two half-sisters (Anita and Shirley); and a half-brother, Wayne.

The Rev. H. Pfeifer and the Rev. E. J. Wahl sought to bring comfort to the bereaved from God's Word with a male quartet from the Christian Training Institute assisting.

Edmonton, Alberta

E. P. WAHL, Correspondent.

MRS. LOUISE KNOPF of Portland, Oregon.

Mrs. Louise Knopf, nee Petke, of Portland, Ore., was born in Poland May 11, 1866 and died at the Baptist Home for the Aged in Portland, Ore., on Jan. 20, 1953 at the age of 86 years, 8 months and 9 days. Mrs. Knopf was converted and baptized when still in Poland under the ministry of the Rev. H. Assman in 1888 becoming a member of the Baptist church there.

In 1886 she was united in marriage to Christian Knopf in Poland. In July of 1897 she came with her husband to Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada and from there in April of 1911 to Portland, Ore., where she lived until her death. Her husband preceded her in death in September of 1938. While in Winnipeg she was a member of the McDermot Avenue Baptist Church and while in Portland of Trinity Baptist. She was a faithful servant of her Lord and Savior until he called her home. Much of her life was spent in missionary work and in a ministry of benevolence toward those in need. She leaves to mourn her departure one brother, John Petke of Portland; one sister, Edna Dreske of Portland, eight nieces and ten nephews; besides a large host of friends.

May the memory of her life linger to bless and inspire all who knew her and may the Lord comfort all who mourn her passing.

Trinity Baptist Church,
Portland, Oregon

JOHN WOBIG, Pastor.

MRS. ELIZABETH SIELER of Wishek, North Dakota.

Mrs. Elizabeth Sieler of Wishek, N. Dak., was born in Gluecksthal, South Russia, on March 8, 1886, and died in Wishek, N. Dak., on December 26, 1952. She came to the United States at the age of two with her parents, who settled in Eureka, South Dakota.

She was married to John P. Sieler on February 16, 1908. To this union nine children were born. She was converted in Eureka, S. Dak., at the age of 16, under the ministry of the Rev. Riester. She united with the First Baptist Church of Wishek by baptism on April 26, 1938.

She is survived by her children; six sons: Elmer, Philip, Albert, Ronald, Donald and Ervin, of Billings, Mont.; three daughters: Mrs. Elise Burgard and Mrs. Edna Kuntz of Napoleon, N. Dak.; and Mrs. Lea Sukut of Wishek, N. Dak.; one sister: Mrs. Rose Herr of Moorhead, Minn.; two brothers:

John and Martin Mueller of Wishek, N. Dak.; and 15 grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. E. K. Hiemer of the Evangelical United Brethren Church of Wishek, N. Dak.; the Rev. Henry Lang of Napoleon, N. Dak.; and the Rev. Loren Wahl of Wishek, North Dakota.

Wishek, North Dakota

L. O. WAHL, Pastor.

MR. HENRY H. CLASSEN of Salt Creek, Oregon.

Mr. Henry H. Classen of Salt Creek, Ore., was born in Germany on July 24, 1868. As a young man he came to this country, making his home in Cleveland, Ohio. Here he was united in marriage with Rose Schaffer on July 13, 1897. This union was blessed with six children. The family moved to Manitoba and then to Saskatchewan, Canada for but brief stays and then came to Salt Creek, Ore., in 1913. The wife and mother passed away in February, 1938.

In 1944 Mr. Classen was united in marriage with Mrs. Katie Dyke. He gave his life to Christ in his comparatively early years. He had been a member of the Salt Creek Baptist Church since the time he came to Oregon. He served as Sunday School superintendent, for many years as church clerk, was a member of the choir, and served in various other capacities. Always and everywhere he proved himself as a loyal and faithful Christian.

On Tuesday morning, January 13, 1953 he departed this life very suddenly from a heart attack, having attained the age of 83 years, 5 months and 19 days. He leaves to mourn his passing his wife, Mrs. Katie Classen; his children: Mrs. George Voth, Henry Classen, Elmer Classen, Mrs. Ruth Aebi and Norman Classen; 14 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren and many friends. May God grant them all his quickening and comforting presence!

Salt Creek Baptist Church,
Dallas, Oregon

Emanuel Wolff, Pastor.

MR. WILLIAM KARBURG of Watertown, Wisconsin.

Mr. William Karberg of Watertown, Wis., a well known farm resident of this area, passed away on January 19th in Columbia Hospital, Milwaukee, Wis., following a lingering illness. He was 84 years of age. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Karberg, and had lived in the community all his life. Fifty-six years ago he was united in marriage to Miss Augusta Noetzel. This union was blessed with three sons.

Mr. Karberg accepted the Lord as his personal Savior in his early youth and was baptized in the icy waters of Rock River on March 8, 1885 by the Rev. W. Paul. On March 22nd he received the hand of fellowship into the First Baptist Church and has since that time been a faithful member, serving in various capacities in the church. He was one of the first members of the Men's Fellowship which was organized under the ministry of Missionary Carl J. Bender.

Those who mourn his departure are his loving wife; three sons: George of Beaver Dam, Wis.; Arnold of Watertown, Wis.; Benjamin of Lake Mills, Wis.; three grandchildren and two sisters. Three brothers preceded him in death. A favorite verse of Mr. Karberg was Psalm 31:3, "For thou art my rock and my fortress; therefore for thy name's sake lead me, and guide me." This text sums up his Christian life and faith.

The funeral service and interment on Jan. 22 at Oak Hill Cemetery in Watertown were conducted by the pastor. May the comfort of the Lord be with all his beloved!

Watertown, Wisconsin

JOTHAN G. BENKE, Pastor.

MR. LUDWIG HAUX of Goodrich, North Dakota.

Mr. Ludwig Haux of Goodrich, N. Dak., was born on March 14, 1870 in Bergdorf, South Russia, and passed to his eternal reward on January 9, 1953. At the age of 14, he came with his uncle to America, settling in McIntosh County, North Dakota. In 1897 he moved to 4½ miles northeast of Goodrich where he took up a homestead, and farmed there until a few years ago when he moved to the town of Goodrich.

The last year he spent at the Baptist Home for the Aged in Bismarck.

In 1891 he joined hands in holy matrimony with Miss Katherine Wiest. The joy of this union was short-lived since after a year of married life she died. One son, John, was born into this family. His second marriage was solemnized with Miss Katherine Koenig in 1894. With her he shared the joys and sorrows of life for almost 55 years. Twelve children blessed this union, one child died in infancy.

He was converted in 1899 and followed the Lord in baptism the same year. He became a charter member of the Goodrich Baptist Church, and remained a faithful member of it until his death.

He leaves to mourn his passing his children, John, Goodrich; Henry, Chasely; Carl, Denhoff; Fred, Hurdfield; Martha Deckert, Bismarck; Lydia Unruh, McClusky, all of North Dakota; Barbara Baumgard, Brewster, Minn.; Louise Kruse, Fresno, Calif.; Elsie Pool, Lamida, Calif.; Jake, Oakland, Calif.; Clara Ross, Selah, Wash.; Ida Schmidt, Casper, Wyo.; 36 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren, and many relatives and friends.

Mr. Haux went to his eternal rest in the Bismarck Hospital, having reached the honored age of 82 years, 9 months and 27 days. Funeral services were held in the Goodrich Baptist Church and words of comfort were gleaned from 2 Timothy 4:7-8. May the Lord of all comfort bless the sorrowing!

Goodrich, North Dakota

IRVIN H. SCHMULAND, Pastor.

REV. JOHN BORCHERS of Columbus, Nebraska.

The Rev. John Borchers of Columbus, Neb., was born November 26, 1888 in Defiance, Iowa, and died in his home, January 16, 1953, at the age of 64. In his childhood he came and settled with his parents in Platte County, Neb., where he grew up to manhood. At the age of 17 he accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as his personal Savior, was baptized upon confession of his faith by the Rev. Wm. Papenhausen and added to the congregation of the Shell Creek Baptist Church.

On February 17, 1915 he was united in marriage with Josephine Krause. In 1922 our brother entered college at Grand Island, but discontinued his education there after one and a half years to enter the North American Baptist Seminary. Graduating from the Seminary in 1928, he began a blessed ministry, serving four churches in his life-time: Gotebo, Okla.; Ellinwood, Kans.; Chancellor, S. Dak.; and his home church, the Shell Creek Baptist Church near Columbus, Nebraska.

Upon retirement in 1950 he became a deacon of this church. This office he held to the greatest of joy and inspiration of his successor. His patience and experience, his willingness and humble considerations, made him an invaluable friend to his past-admonishment were spoken by the Rev. S. Kyrk of the Evangelical Free Church, the Rev. H. Palfenier, denominational evangelist, and the local pastor.

He leaves to mourn: his wife, Josephine; their adopted son, Kenneth, Beverly Hills, Calif.; one sister, Mrs. Mary Hook, Columbus, Neb.; and one granddaughter.

"Servant of God, well done
Thy glorious warfare's past
The battle's fought, the race is won
And thou art crowned at last."
Shell Creek Baptist Church,
Columbus, Nebraska

P. T. HUNSICKER, Pastor.

MR. PHILIP SCHAUER of Wishek, North Dakota.

Mr. Philip Schauer of Wishek, N. Dak., was born in Neudorf, South Russia, on March 28, 1880, and died on his farm near Wishek, N. Dak., on January 1952. He came to the United States at the age of three with his parents, who homesteaded near Artas, South Dakota. He spent eight years as section foreman for the railroad; the remainder of his life was spent on the farm.

He was married to Amelia Traurman on November 22, 1903. To this union fifteen children were born, of which three preceded him in death. In 1906 he homesteaded six miles north of Wishek, N. Dak.,

where he lived until his death. He was converted in March 1924 under the ministry of the Rev. Grotzan and united with the Ruff Station of the Lehr Baptist Church. He united with the First Baptist Church of Wishek in 1944, of which he was a member at his death.

He is survived by his wife; his children, seven sons: Walter, Theodore and Elmer of Wishek, N. Dak.; Alfred and Bert of Napoleon, N. Dak.; Ellis of Las Vegas, Nevada, and Milton with the United States Army in Germany; five daughters: Mrs. Freda Schuchard and Mrs. Verna Klien of Wishek, N. Dak.; Mrs. Martha Schlect of Jamestown, N. Dak.; Mrs. Mildred Wilken of Bismarck, N. Dak.; and Mrs. Violet Fandrich of Hillsboro, N. Dak.; three sisters: Mrs. Hattie Diede of Wishek, N. Dak.; Mrs. Amelia Barrete of Artas, S. Dak.; one brother: John Schauer of Artas, S. Dak.; fifty-three grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. J. J. Renz of Ashley, N. Dak., and the Rev. L. O. Wahl of Wishek, North Dakota.

Wishek, North Dakota

L. O. WAHL, Pastor.

MR. PETE BALZER of Bessie, Oklahoma.

Mr. Pete Balzer of Bessie, Okla., was born August 3, 1881, in Marion County, Kans., close to Hillsboro, Kans., and passed away at 3:15 P.M. at the Home for the Aged, Corn, Okla., December 25, 1952, reaching a ripe age of 71 years, 4 months and 22 days.

On December 18, 1907 he was united in marriage to Susie Penner. To this union five children were born: two sons and three daughters. Of these children, four mourn his passing away: Erwin and Viola (Mrs. John Schilberg) living in and around Bessie, Okla.; Alice (Mrs. Carl Penner), Wasco, Calif.; and Edna (Mrs. Ernest Hertz) of Bloomington, Calif.; besides eleven grandchildren and one brother (A. B. Balzer of Bessie); and a host of other relatives and friends. One son (Harry) in early childhood and his wife, who passed away July 5, 1923, preceded him to their heavenly place of abode.

On September 15, 1906 he gave his heart and life to the Lord and the words of Romans 10:10 brought conviction to his heart that he needed this salvation. Since that time he tried faithfully, with the Lord's help, to serve Christ and was a member of the First Baptist Church of Bessie, always in his place when health and circumstances permitted it, until he went to make his home in "The Home for the Aged" at Corn on September 1, 1952.

In May of 1945 he had a stroke which left his right side paralyzed, from which he practically had had a complete recovery. His health was as well as could be expected until December 22, 1952, when he had another stroke during the evening devotions at the Home, from which he never recovered and quietly slipped away to be with the Lord, where his soul will rest in peace awaiting the time when the Lord shall come for the resurrection of the body.

Funeral services were conducted in the First Baptist Church, Bessie, Okla., with the Rev. Jacob Ehman, pastor of the church, officiating, and burial was made in the Mennonite Brethren Cemetery of Bessie, Oklahoma.

First Baptist Church,
Bessie, Oklahoma

JACOB EHMAN, Pastor.

MR. WALTER I. KOPPIN of Detroit, Michigan.

Mr. Walter I. Koppin of Detroit, Mich., was born June 30, 1879, in Germany, and passed away Jan. 18 at his home in Detroit after months of illness. However, he went to work as long as possible, and the same is true regarding his attendance of the church services and his devotion to the same. At 2½ years of age he was brought by his parents to Detroit. At 14 years he was converted and baptized by the Rev. R. Otto with 35 other converts at the First Baptist Church at that time. Later on he joined the Ebenezer Church, and thus became a charter member of the same organization.

Here he made himself useful in various capacities. Thus he served as a teacher in

the Sunday School for 25 years and for seven years he served the church as choir director, and for some years he devoted his talents as leader of the Junior Church. He likewise had the privilege to serve his church as a deacon. It was a real joy for him to serve his Master and Lord in these various capacities.

In his later life he had his membership transferred to the Burns Ave. Baptist Church. Realizing the brother's usefulness he was elected as a deacon. I still recall the brother's faithfulness in attending the deacons' prayer meeting in the tower early Sunday morning. How fervent were his prayers, and how cheerful were his greetings when he met you. Not only the bereaved family misses a devoted father but also his church misses his fervent prayers and cheerfulness of heart.

The funeral service was conducted by Dr. Dale Ihrie, pastor, on Wednesday, Jan. 21, at the Harris Funeral Home. The pastor based his message of comfort on the text, Romans 8:28. Many friends were in attendance, and the numerous bouquets of flowers showed that he had won many friends in his life. After the service the body was taken to the Lutheran Cemetery for interment.

The deceased is survived by his wife, Emma; two sons: Walter and Donald; two sisters: Mrs. Minnie Oppermann and Mrs. Laura Schultz; two grandchildren and by two great-grandsons. May the Lord of all comfort grant the bereaved family the needed grace in this hour of sorrow!

H. P. KAYSER, Correspondent.

MRS. L. B. POPKES of Aplington, Iowa.

With the death of Mrs. L. B. Popkes, the Aplington Baptist Church of Aplington, Iowa, lost its oldest member and the community its oldest citizen. Mrs. Popkes (nee Antje Snitjer) exceeded the Biblical lifespan of threescore and ten by 35 years, reaching the age of 105 last December. She died at her home in Aplington Saturday evening, January 17, 1953.

Mrs. Popkes was born in Ostfriesland, Germany, on Dec. 27, 1847, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harm Snitjer. She was married to Lammert B. Popkes in May, 1879. The marriage was blessed with three sons and two daughters. The couple came to America, settling in Aplington, Iowa, in June, 1899. They moved to a farm near Britt, Iowa, in 1900, retired in 1913 and returned to Aplington. Her faithful husband preceded her in death February 3, 1930.

At the age of 17 she experienced the joy of entering into a personal relationship with her God through Jesus Christ her Redeemer. She was baptized and joined the fellowship of the Baptist Church at Ihren, Ostfriesland, Germany. Her church membership was later transferred to the Aplington Baptist Church where she enjoyed the worship services and the fellowship of those of kindred mind. She loved her Lord and found joy and peace in her prayer life. She found genuine joy and inspiration in the reading of her Bible. Her simple trusting faith in the goodness and kindness of God will long be remembered by those who knew her. Even while approaching the valley of the shadow of death she spoke of "Die Herrlichkeit Gottes."

Surviving Mrs. Popkes are two daughters: Elsenia Popkes and Mrs. Roos of Aplington; two sons: Ben of Aplington, and Bert of Cedar Falls; nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; one sister, Mrs. Heyo Frey of Aplington, who is approaching her 101st birthday. One sister, Mrs. S. Korfe, and one son, Herman, preceded her in death.

Job 5:26, applying so well to the deceased, served as the funeral text. "Thou shalt come to thy grave in a full age, like as a shock of corn cometh in his season."

Aplington Baptist Church,
Aplington, Iowa

FRANK VENINGA, Pastor.

MR. CHARLES SPECHT of Manitowoc, Wisconsin.

Mr. Charles Specht of Manitowoc, Wis., passed away to his heavenly Home on Sunday, January 18, at 12:15 P.M. at the age of 77 years. He was born February 13, 1875 in the town of Manitowoc Rapids, Wisconsin. On April 18, 1899 he married

Minnie Rohrback who preceded him in death on April 5, 1945.

On July 28, 1889 at the age of 14, he was baptized and received into the membership of the Kossuth Baptist Church which is now the First Baptist Church of Manitowoc, Wisconsin. For years he remained an active member of the Manitowoc Church and among other things served in the capacity of a deacon until ill health overtook him at which time he was made an honorary deacon. Besides his church work, Mr. Specht also took an active interest in the community in which he lived and for some time was secretary of the Progressive Dairy Farmers Association. When his farm work did not keep him busy, he pursued the vocation of rug weaving on a primitive loom.

His survivors are three daughters: Mrs. George Anhold and Mrs. Herman Palfenier of Manitowoc, Wis.; Mrs. Donald Liesche of Green Bay, Wis.; a son, Harvey of Manitowoc; five brothers: Herman of Green Bay, William of Milwaukee; Henry, George, and Richard of Manitowoc; six sisters: Mrs. Emma Rohrback of Manitowoc; Mrs. Helen Widder and Mrs. Martha Schielke of Milwaukee, Mrs. Anna Schaus of Manitowoc, Mrs. Orville Hampton of California and Mrs. Frank Benedict of Wausau; twelve grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on January 21 at Manitowoc. The Rev. Harvey Rakow officiated at the services, using Numbers 23:10 as the text and speaking on the theme, "The Death of the Righteous." Because of the ideal weather a large gathering of relatives and friends attended the services at the graveside in Evergreen Cemetery, Manitowoc.

First Baptist Church,
Manitowoc, Wisconsin

HARVEY RAKOW, Pastor.

MRS. ALVINA LOUISE STEINFELD of Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Mrs. Alvina Louise Steinfeld of Minneapolis, Minn., nee Sauber, was born May 12, 1859, in Mecklenburg, Germany, and passed away in Minneapolis on December 27, 1952 at the age of 93 years, 7 months and 15 days. She was married to Louis Steinfeld in Germany in 1880 and lived a happy married life until her husband died in 1917.

In August 1882 the family emigrated to America residing temporarily with Mr. Steinfeld's uncle, the Rev. John Wendt of St. Bonifacius, Minnesota. Rev. Wendt was the first pioneer preacher of the German Baptist work in Minnesota. Here services were held in a church built of logs. This was the first edifice of the Minnetrista German Baptist Church. Mr. Steinfeld was an expert cabinet maker; consequently, he could not find employment in a small town, so they moved to Minneapolis and settled on the East Side.

In 1892 Mrs. Steinfeld was saved and baptized by the Rev. Jacob Albert and joined the First German Baptist Church, now Faith Church, where she remained a member until her death. After Mr. Steinfeld's death she sold the original property and moved to North Minneapolis and since 1926 made her home with her youngest daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. John Adam.

Mother Steinfeld, although frail in body, retained and possessed an unusually alert and keen mind and memory to the end of her life. Her youthful spirit and interest in young and old were remarkable. She hardly missed a church service and was vitally interested in all phases of church activity. On Christmas Day she enjoyed her many gifts, cards and flowers. She had visited with children of three generations and seemed very well. The next morning she arose early, as was her habit, busied herself with house duties, fed the birds and appeared unusually strong. During the midmorning she suffered a heart attack; at midnight she was rushed to the hospital and died the next morning.

Her loyalty and unselfish devotion to her Lord, her church and her family will always be a challenge and precious memory to her loved ones and friends. An appropriate memorial will be purchased for the church which she loved so dearly. Besides her husband, two sons preceded her in death. Those who remain to mourn her

death are: Walter of St. Paul, Minn.; Arthur of Anoka, Minn.; Mrs. Martha Ohde of Mound, Minn.; Mrs. Elsie Sycks of Webb neapolis, Minn.; Mayme Trutman of Omaha, Neb.; Mrs. Lydia Thoms of Rapids, Mich.; Mrs. Ruth Johnson of Grand Minneapolis, Minn.; and Mrs. Esther Adam of dren, 25 great-grandchildren; six great-grand-grandchildren; and a host of relatives and friends. After an appropriate service in which we visualized the glory of the redeemed, another saint of God was laid to rest.

Faith Baptist Church,
Minneapolis, Minnesota
REV. A. HUBER, Pastor.

MRS. WILLIAM J. ZIRBES
of Victor, Iowa.

Mrs. Nellie Muller Zirbes of Victor, Iowa, passed away at 9:45 P.M. on January 7, 1953 at the age of 73 years, 3 months. Her death came after a prolonged illness of being a fractured hip and ensuing pneumonia.

She was the eldest daughter of Henry and Adelaide Muller and was born on October 6, 1879 at Victor, Iowa. In her teens she made her confession of faith in Christ, of the Victor Baptist Church. She was a graduate of Victor High School, a student also a graduate nurse of the State University of Iowa.

On September 7, 1913 she was united in marriage to the Rev. William J. Zirbes by the Rev. A. G. Lang, pastor of the Baptist churches of Muscatine and Victor. At the time of the marriage, Mr. Zirbes was pastoring a church at Cleveland, Ohio. He later accepted the call to the Evergreen Baptist Church of Brooklyn, New York. Mrs. Zirbes served faithfully as a pastor's wife, being active in these churches until the Brooklyn Church after 17 years in her husband's retirement. Upon retirement, N. J., where Mr. Zirbes passed away on January 4, 1943. Mrs. Zirbes lived in this home as long as her health permitted, then came to live in Victor in March of 1948.

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will be received in our churches
from Palm Sunday, March 29, to
Easter Sunday, April 5.

Let us proclaim in word and deed
that "Christ Is Risen, Indeed."
Make your Easter Offering as
as unto the Risen and Triumphant Christ!

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and three brothers, Henry, John, and Herman.

She is survived by her stepchildren, Dr. Laura Zirbes of Columbus, Ohio; Dorothy of New York, N. Y.; Walter of Buffalo, N. Y.; and George of Murphy, North Carolina. She is also survived by three brothers and three sisters of Victor: Mrs. Anna Bohstedt, Martha Muller, Mrs. Adelaide Folkerts, and Harry, Walter and Louis Muller. In addition she will be missed by a great number of friends who knew and loved her friendly ways and Christian spirit.

Funeral services were held Saturday, January 10th, with the Reverends Alvin Wetter, local pastor and Frank Veninga, a former member of the Brooklyn Church and now pastor at Aplington, Iowa, officiating. Two songs were sung by Arthur Lang, "The Lord Is My Shepherd" and "I Know that My Redeemer Lives." Mrs. Zirbes was laid to rest at the local Victor cemetery.

Victor Baptist Church,
Victor, Iowa
ALVIN WETTER, Pastor.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

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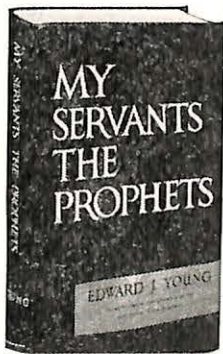
A reception was held for North American Baptist students studying in Chicago or vicinity at the denominational headquarters in Forest Park, Ill., on Thursday evening, Feb. 12. A splendid group of about 75 persons included students, visiting ministers who were attending several committee meetings at the time and headquarters personnel. Mr. David Draewell of Detroit, Mich., led the group in the spirited singing of choruses. The Rev. J. C. Gunst led the program, which featured the introduction of all students present. Dr. Frank H. Woyke, executive secretary, spoke for the denomination. Challenging messages were brought by Miss Berneice Westerman, Cameroons missionary who had just returned from Africa; by Mr. Ralph Kletke of Philadelphia, Pa., president of the CBY and SS Union; and by Mr. James Billeter of Portland, Ore., representative-at-large for the Conference Union. One of the latest Cameroons films about the leper camp was shown by the Rev. R. Schilke and the Rev. M. L. Leuschner. Delicious refreshments prepared by the office personnel were served in generous portions to the students. It was a grand and memorable evening for those in attendance.

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