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Religion in Stamps

The coronation of Queen Elizabeth at Westminster Abbey in London on June 2, 1953 is actually an impressive church service

THE MANY BEAUTIFUL Stamps presently being issued by Great Britain, her dominions, and British colonies the world around call attention to that event which is being witnessed this year for the first time by millions of Americans, via films on television.

Yet to the millions who watch, it may come as a surprise to learn that the Coronation is actually a church service!

The concept of dedicating a new ruler to God runs deep in British philosophy. The Coronation takes place on June 2, 1953 in London's most famous church, Westminster Abbey, with the Archbishop of Canterbury, primate of the Church of England (Episcopal) officiating. Leaders of the nation, foreign ambassadors, and dignitaries of other churches in England are gathered in the pews.

The religious ceremony is made up of five parts: 1. recognition of the new ruler and oath of office; 2. anointing with holy oil; 3. investiture with robes and crown; 4. enthroning, and 5. celebration of Holy Communion.

As the ceremony opens, a hymn, "I Was Glad They Said Unto Me" is sung (based on Psalm 122). Following this comes prayer and a reading from the Gospel of St. Matthew. Then young Queen Elizabeth comes forward to take oath of office.

Now comes the most solemn moment, the anointing with holy oil. This symbolizes God having anointed her to be the spiritual and moral leader of her people.

She receives from the hand of the Archbishop a jeweled sword, and with it this moving charge:

"With this sword do justice," the prelate admonishes. "Protect the Holy Church of God, help and defend the widows and orphans, restore things that are gone to decay, punish and reform that which is amiss, and conform to that which is in good order. And so faithfully serve our Lord Jesus Christ in this life that you may reign forever with him in the life which is to come."

Next comes "The Orb" in which the Queen is invested with robes that signify the religious aspects of the Kingship. Then the Coronation Ring, signifying an indissoluble link with God and her people, is presented, following the Scepter and Cross.

Finally, the Crown is laid upon her head, and she becomes Queen. And



Two stamps of Queen Elizabeth printed for use in Great Britain prior to the coronation festivities.

now, in the first act of her reign, she joins with the vast throng in the Abbey in observance of the Lord's Supper.

Only then does she leave the Abbey to greet the joyous throngs that await her outside. There is a deep spiritual significance in the Coronation, a ceremony of dedication to God, that many a televiewer may miss.

In our own Presidential inaugurations, more and more emphasis on religion and faith has been noted in recent years.

On January 20, 1953, three hours before President Eisenhower took the oath of office, he and members of his official family attended a church service of prayer and dedication. That it was a moving experience is attested by the fact that the President-elect returned to his room and immediately wrote down in his own hand a prayer to be delivered as his first official act as President.

At the ceremony itself there were three prayers, delivered by leaders of America's great faiths, by Bishop Henry Knox Sherrill, former president of the National Council of Churches (Protestant), Archbishop Patrick A. O'Boyle (Roman Catholic) and Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver (Jewish). The most impressive prayer, however, was the President's own, delivered before he began his inaugural address.

As we contemplate the burdens that are laid on the leaders of nations in this day, let us read again the President's earnest prayer:

"My friends before I begin the expression of those thoughts which I deem appropriate to this moment, would you permit me the privilege of uttering a little private prayer of my own, and I ask that you bow your heads.

"Almighty God, as we stand here, at this moment, my future associates in the executive branch of government join me in beseeching that thou wilt

SECRETARIAL ENGAGEMENTS

- Rev. R. Schilke
May 24 (Sunday A.M.)—St. Joseph, Michigan.
- May 24 (Sunday P.M.)—Benton Harbor, Michigan.

CONFERENCES AND SPECIAL MEETINGS

- May 22-24—Spring Rally and Workers' Conference for Atlantic Conference Churches at Evangel Church, Newark, New Jersey.
- May 24— Pentecost Sunday Festival at Marion, Kansas. Prof. Ralph E. Powell, Speaker.
- May 28-31—British Columbia Association at Ebenezer Baptist Church, Vancouver, B. C. Dr. Jacob Meister (Sunday, May 31) and Rev. Karl Korella, Speakers.
- June 1-4—Kansas Scripture Memory Camp at Camp Fellowship near Wichita, Kansas. Miss Ruth Bathauer and Rev. and Mrs. Earl Ahrens (June 3-4 only), Speakers.
- June 4-7—Kansas Young People's Assembly at Camp Fellowship near Wichita, Kansas. Rev. and Mrs. Earl Ahrens, Speakers.
- June 4-7—Central Saskatchewan and Alberta Association at Golden Prairie, Sask. Prof. Herbert Hiller and Rev. Karl Korella, Speakers.

EVANGELISTS' SCHEDULES

- Rev. Daniel Fuchs
May 24-June 5— McLaughlin, South Dakota.
- Rev. Herman Palfenier
May 17-25—Bison, Kansas.

MISSIONARIES' ITINERARIES

Dr. Leslie Chaffee, Rev. and Mrs. Earl Ahrens and Miss Berneice Westerman will be visiting churches and attending conferences and assemblies during the next few days. They have a very busy schedule for the entire summer. Let us remember them in prayer.

make full and complete our dedication of the service of the people in this throng and their fellow-citizens everywhere. Give us, we pray, the power to discern clearly right from wrong, and allow all our words and actions to be governed thereby and by the laws of this land.

"Especially we pray that our concern shall be for all the people, regardless of station, race, or calling. May cooperation be permitted and be the mutual aim of those who, under the concept of our Constitution, hold to differing political beliefs, so that all may work for the good of our beloved country and for thy glory. Amen."

Editorial

Scepters of Power

THE YEAR 1953 has witnessed decisive changes in the leadership of great and mighty nations of the world. The scepter of power has been passed on to new hands. New voices are sounding in some of the world's capitals, and the entire world has been spellbound to get the latest news.

The inauguration of President Dwight D. Eisenhower in Washington, D. C., in January 1953 has initiated a new era in American politics and in the role of leadership assumed by this country in world events. But the impact of President Eisenhower's spiritual utterances and religious example has probably been of greater importance than those things that have found their way into newspaper headlines. The editor has made some observations on this important fact elsewhere in this issue.

The death of Stalin in Russia and the succession to power of Malenkov have started an avalanche of apparent changes in communist policies, of peace talks in Korea, and of conflicting reports that may have the last word to speak in that country that boasts of its godless philosophy.

On June 2nd Elizabeth will officially become the queen of the British Empire at the impressive coronation festivities. All eyes will be upon Westminster Abbey in London, England, as this queenly young woman is given the scepter of power and millions of people rise up to sing, "God save the Queen!" For our Canadian readers as well as for those "south of the border," the article about Queen Elizabeth in this issue of the "Baptist Herald" by the Rev. C. B. Nordland will be of unique interest.

The Apostle Paul was greatly concerned that Christians should not forget their responsibilities to support their leaders in authority by their obedience to law and their intercessory prayers in authority half. Those who wield the scepter of political power have heavy burdens of responsibility which they must bear. "I exhort therefore," Paul wrote, "that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior" (1 Timothy 2:1-3).

The carrying out of this spiritual exhortation ought to strengthen our faith that God is in all human history, that his truth will ultimately triumph and that behind the various symbols of political authority is the divine scepter of his almighty power. Paul believed that all governments were ordained of God and therefore deserved our respect and obedience. But this does not mean that all governments are infallible or righteous, for sometimes God permits some things to happen and some leaders to rise to ascendancy in order that the foolishness of men's ways and the wickedness of man's heart might be made evident.

In the freedom loving world of today, with its Christian atmosphere pervading many of its events, let us thank God for those in authority over us and pray for those who wield the scepter of power as good stewards of their people and of their God.

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Queen Elizabeth

On June 2, 1953 the pageantry of the centuries will be unfurled in London, England, at the coronation of Queen Elizabeth. All of this is only of passing significance. But the sterling character and spiritual faith of this Queen, portrayed graphically in this article, may prove to be the foundation on which she may lead the British Empire to new heights in the field of moral and spiritual leadership

By the REV. CHAUNCEY B. NORDLAND of Oak Park, Illinois



The first formal portrait study of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, since her Accession, and taken by Royal Command, shows Her Majesty wearing a dress of ivory brocade woven with gold and turquoise thread. She is wearing the sash and star of the Order of the Garter, a necklace given to her as a wedding present by the Nizam of Hyderabad, and a diamond bracelet which was a gift from the Duke of Edinburgh. Her tiara of diamonds and pearls has been worn by queens of England since Queen Victoria. (Command portrait by Dorothy Wilding.)

"THE KING IS DEAD; long live the Queen!"

In other years, before the advent of radio and television, in days that were characterized by pomp and ceremony, the announcement of the death of the late King, George VI, would probably have been made from the balcony of the palace to the assembled populace and then, in turn, be carried by courier on foot, on horseback and on ships over the earth's oceans to distant segments of the British Empire.

SAD NEWS

But in this advanced and enlightened day, the sad news of the death of Britain's reigning Sovereign was flashed across the world in a matter of moments after the announcement was officially made by the Prime Minister on the morning of February 6, 1952. And most of the world paused to ponder the significance of this event in a great nation's history and to sorrow with the loved ones in the immediate family of the King and with the people who make up the far-flung British Empire.

Many thousands of miles away in Kenya Colony, the news of her father's

death was given to the heir to the throne, Princess Elizabeth, by her husband, Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh. A week before, the King, though greatly weakened by a prolonged and chronic illness, had been present at the departure from the London airport of these two who were to engage in a tour of the commonwealth. Now, she was Queen and must hurriedly return to take upon her slender shoulders the weighty affairs of state. However, deep was her personal sorrow, it had to be tempered by the realization that all she had been trained for was now suddenly thrust upon her and "duty" must henceforth be the watchword of her life.

A plane carried her from Entebbe, Uganda, to London, England, and on the day following the death of the King, she was met at the airport by the Prime Minister, Winston Churchill, Clement Atlee as head of the Opposition, the Duke of Gloucester, Sir Allen Lascelle, and the privy councillors. Born Princess Elizabeth, known to her family and intimates as Lilibet, she now was "Elizabeth II by the grace of God, Queen of the realm and all her other realms and territories, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith." A new era had begun, both for the Queen and her Empire.

A REMARKABLE PERSON

The young Queen is a very remarkable person. She is conceded by all who know her to be a young woman of finest character, devout, earnest, serious, keen minded and of deepest personal integrity. We may well rejoice with her subjects that one so eminently fitted for the tasks of leadership has "come to the kingdom for such an hour as this." But character after this fashion doesn't just happen. Where it is found, there is a reason, and in this brief article I'd like to look a bit at the background of the Queen and those forces that contributed to the making of a queen.

Elizabeth was born on April 21, 1925. True, she was born into a royal house-

hold and there was always the possibility of her ascending to the highest position the state could offer, but there was probably little thought in the minds of her adoring parents at that moment that subsequent events would lead them to Buckingham Palace and make this beautiful baby the heir apparent to the throne of the British Empire. Only gladness filled their hearts in the realization that a new little life had come into their home to gladden their days.

Days turned to weeks, weeks to months and months to years. As she approached the age of six, a tutor-companion was carefully selected for her. Some intimate glimpses into the girlhood of the little princess have been given to us in the book titled, "The Little Princesses," written by this able teacher, Miss Marion Crawford.

Speaking of Elizabeth she says, "Her mother had taught her to read when she was five. She proved an unusually interesting child to teach, with a high I. Q., and from the start there was always a certain amenability, a reasonableness rare in anyone so young. She was quick at picking anything up, and one never had to do a lot of explaining to her."

Her tender-heartedness is seen in her comment concerning riding of horses and the cutting of a pony's tail. She was just a young girl when, looking out of the window and seeing the busy activities of people bent on sport on Sunday, she said, "If I am ever queen, I shall make a law that there must be no riding on Sundays. Horses should have a rest, too. And I shan't let anyone dock his pony's tail."

BIBLE READING

Queen Mary, Elizabeth's grandmother, played a large and important part in the moulding of her character. She was constantly concerned about the training of her grandchild. She carefully followed all her activities and made it a point from early childhood days to talk with her and plant in her mind and heart the seeds of

character and spiritual development without which her life could not be fully rounded.

Carefully scrutinizing the daily schedule of the Little Princesses on one occasion, she wrote Miss Crawford commending her on the fine work she was doing and the splendid program of activities she had outlined, but suggested that more time ought to be allotted to Bible reading and study.

In this connection, Miss Crawford writes, "It was, I believe, a worry to Queen Mary that the custom of family prayers, still held at the palace, was not kept at 145 Piccadilly. The Duke and Duchess had allowed that sometimes uncomfortable ceremony to lapse. But there was something about the house that was in the best sense deeply religious, though perhaps not entirely conventionally so. The Duchess read her children Bible stories and taught them their collects and Psalms, as she herself had been taught them, in the old Scottish paraphrased version that we who come from the north of the border find so much more beautiful because it is what we are accustomed to. Here is an example:

'The Lord's my Shepherd,
I'll not want,
He makes me down to lie
In pastures green, he leadeth me
The quiet waters by.'

Lilibet was to choose that, set to the tune of Crimond, for her wedding service many years later."

THE ROYAL HOME

Nor were Elizabeth's parents unmindful of their responsibility to their children even under the press of the affairs of state to which they would later have to give so much of their time and strength. Here again is seen a key to the building of the character of the Queen-to-be. Says Miss Crawford, "No matter how busy the day was to be, the morning sessions with the children began it. The children came first." We could well wish that Christian parents everywhere had the same high purpose toward their children for it might be that at this point and in this noble example is to be found the solution to the world's problem of juvenile delinquency.

"Lilibet was far more strictly disciplined than Margaret ever was . . . The King set a very high standard for Lilibet, perhaps because she is heir to the throne . . . Lilibet had a kind of natural grace all her own. The King had great pride in her, and in turn had inborn this desire to do what was expected of her."

The abdication of King Edward, who gave up his throne for the love of a woman who could not reign with him, projected George VI into a position for which he was not fully prepared. A new order of things began with the removal of the family to Buckingham Palace following the coronation on

May 12, 1937, and whatever hopes Elizabeth, then eleven years of age, might have had for living what most people would consider a normal life, were dissipated. Henceforth she had to think and act and live in the shadow of the throne.

Even the area of her heart was affected. When she reached that age to which all girls come when she began to dream of love and home, she had to make her choice in the light of the position she might some day occupy. In the course of time she met and fell in love with Lt. Philip Mountbatten, former prince of Greece, who

read at Charing Cross, Chancery Lane and the Royal Exchange.

In clear, firm voice the Queen said, "By the sudden death of my dear father, I am called to assume the duties and responsibilities of sovereignty . . . The grief which his loss brings us is shared among us all. My heart is too full for me to say more to you today than that I shall always work, as my father did throughout his reign . . . to advance the happiness and prosperity of my people, spread as they are all the world over. I know that in my resolve to follow his shining example of service and devotion



Queen Elizabeth with the Commonwealth Ministers in the Throne Room at Buckingham Palace.

Left to right: the Hon. D. S. Senanayake, Prime Minister of Ceylon; the Rt. Hon. Sir Godfrey Huggins, Prime Minister of Southern Rhodesia; the Rt. Hon. S. G. Holland, Prime Minister of New Zealand; Mr. Winston Churchill, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom; the Queen; the Rt. Hon. R. G. Menzies, Prime Minister of Australia; the Rt. Hon. L. S. Laurent, Prime Minister of Canada; the Hon. N. C. Havenga, Minister of Finance, Union of South Africa; the Hon. Khwaja Nazimuddin, Prime Minister of Pakistan; and Mr. C. D. Deshmukh, Minister of Finance, India.

had distinguished himself in the Royal Navy. They were married on November 20, 1947 and have been blessed with two lovely children, Prince Charles Philip Arthur George, born November 14, 1948, and Princess Anne Elizabeth Alice Louise, born August 15, 1950.

ACCESSION TO THE THRONE

Five days after her return to England following her father's death, on the morning of February 11, Elizabeth took the oath and signed the act of accession before the Accession Council of 192 Privy Councillors and leaders at St. James Palace. She also took the oath to preserve the Church of Scotland. The Proclamation of Accession was read at 11 A.M., from the balcony of the palace by Sir George Bellow, Garter King of Arms, and, preceded by a salute by trumpeters, it was also

I shall be inspired by the loyalty and affection of those whose Queen I have been called upon to be. I pray that God will help me to discharge worthily the heavy task that has been laid upon me so early in my life."

Thus a new reign began and the highlights of spiritual aspiration and the sense of dependence upon God for the strength worthily to fulfill her mission have been evident in every public utterance which has come from the lips of the Queen. In her Christmas message sent out over the world by radio last December, Queen Elizabeth appealed again to her people for their support through prayer. "At my coronation next June, I shall dedicate myself anew to your service . . . I want to ask you all to pray for me on that day—to pray that God may give me wisdom and strength to carry out

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The Gospel of Divine Protest

The second of a trilogy of messages about the Gospel of Christ that promises the more abundant life

By the REV. PAUL WENGEL of Brooklyn, N. Y.,
Vice-moderator of the General Conference

AT FIRST GLANCE there seems to be a contradiction between "divine persuasion" and "divine protest." How can the words, "gospel" and "protest," be rightly linked together? "Gospel" means good news and the word "protest" implies dissatisfaction. Can they be mentioned in the same breath? This is just one of the many paradoxes that recur so frequently in holy writ.

AFLAME WITH INDIGNATION

The Gospel we preach assures the fulness of life and a full salvation (John 10:10; 2 Cor. 5:17). Halfway measures or compromises will not do. Hypocrisy, forgery or false ideologies must be uncovered. It represents a clear antagonism to any exploitation of the oppressed, a holy resentment against the degrading of life. It is perfectly normal as a Christian to be "afire with indignation" regarding anything or anyone causing others to fall or get hurt. (2 Cor. 11:29. See Revised Standard Version, Moffat or Weymouth.) The Gospel that promises the "more abundant life" must of necessity protest against any thing that limits or mars it.

Thus we hear Jesus condemning the Pharisees (Matt. 23). Theirs was a religion without life, deformed, unnatural, ungodly. It consisted of hypocrisy. It was a forgery of the real thing. Their piety was an imitation, their philanthropy counterfeit and their virtue fictitious. Many were dragged into the net of their outward show and enslaved by formalism. They were kept from finding the true life because they were blinded by this counterfeit life.

Those who would say that corruption is none of our concern and that we need but preach the Gospel, forget Jesus. Like some present-day compromiser he might have said, "The corruption in the temple courts smells to high heaven, but actually it is no skin off my nose. Besides it is too dangerous." Instead, he dared the "powers that be" and cleansed the temple (John 2:13-22; Matt. 21:12-17). Would anyone care to accuse the Master of error in judgment?

We would never have received the parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37) if Jesus had not raised his

voice in protest against the doctrine of national and racial discrimination. He could have saved himself a lot of trouble if he had refrained from comparing a despised Samaritan favorably with a priest or Levite, a Jew.

The miracles of Jesus had a purpose in witnessing to the deity of Christ. Yet somehow, one has the feeling that there was another objective in the mind of Christ when he healed the man with the withered hand in the synagogue on a sabbath (Matt. 12:9-14). It looks more like a protest against inane man-made laws and restrictions which had had general sanction for centuries.

Why did Jesus invite himself to the home of Zacchaeus? (Luke 19:1-10.) Why did he intervene in the stoning of the woman taken in adultery? (John 8:1-11.) Why did he permit the woman to anoint his feet in Simon, the Pharisee's house? (Luke 7:36-50.) Why did he give us that gem, the parable of the Pharisee and the Publican? (Luke 18:9-14.) There is but one collective answer. His acts and his words were often a Gospel of Divine Protest against the callous heartlessness of religion.

PRESIDENT EISENHOWER'S INAUGURAL PRAYER

Almighty God, as we stand here at this moment, my future associates in the executive branch of the Government join me in beseeching that thou will make full and complete our dedication to the service of the people in this throng and their fellow-citizens everywhere.

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It is true that this phase of the Gospel has been the cause of much suffering and persecution for the Christians. It seems to make many hearers uncomfortable—those whose ungodliness it hits and the Christian who is challenged to really take on a cross. War, slavery, racial, national and religious prejudice are hard to kill. Admiral Standley some time ago addressed a Rotary Club and asked for funds to fight pacifism in the churches, YMCA's and YWCA's. Why, Mr. Standley? Is it because some intelligent protests are bringing to light the futility of your trade?

"We are living, we are dwelling,
In a grand and awful time,"

writes Bishop Coxe in his famous hymn. Yes, in some ways it seems to become grander and awfuller all the time.

ANOTHER REFORMATION

Man's conveniences and gadgets are increasing with supersonic rapidity. Ships, planes and bombs can be directed by remote control. Not only voices but pictures can be brought from far-off places right into our living rooms. Travel at 1000 miles per hour seems to be at the door of civilization. Unlimited atomic power threatens to alter our whole human life, if it isn't first destroyed by the Frankenstein's of man's own making.

In this day, have we emphasized the Gospel of Divine Persuasion, as important as it is, to the exclusion of the Gospel of Divine Protest? For the sake of our convenience, because of the fear of our lives, are we silent when we ought to speak? Our early Baptist forebears were numbered among the "dissenters" in England. Those who gave impetus to the Reformation are called "Protestants." Is there no more reformation necessary?

It could be that Protestantism has become dull, boring and vitiated because it is easier to conform than reform, easier to preach the individual Gospel of Divine Persuasion and sidestep the more dangerous Gospel of Divine Protest. A little more of the Apostle Paul would help today. "Who is led astray into sin (tripped up) and I am not aflame with indignation?" (2 Cor. 11:29.)

President Dwight D. Eisenhower's Faith

Observations by the editor of the "Baptist Herald" after meeting President Eisenhower in Washington, D. C., and becoming acquainted with some of his relatives in Alberta, Canada

By DR. MARTIN L. LEUSCHNER, Editor

PRESIDENT Dwight D. Eisenhower is a deeply spiritual man. He is earnestly sincere about his religious pronouncements. His words and his conduct have already stamped him as one of the most deeply Christian presidents in Washington, D. C., for several decades.

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This heartening conviction has grown upon commentators in the capital city as well as upon the American people. It was echoed in the hearts of 110 members of the Associated Church Press, including the Rev. J. C. Gunst and the editor of the BAPTIST HERALD, as we met the President personally on April 9 at the White House and listened to his convincing words. "It is my unshakable belief," the President said to us, "that it is only through a rejuvenation of respect for moral values that this world can possibly come through the long period of tension." He had intended to extend greetings to us only, but he stated that he could not overlook the opportunity to discuss his favorite subject—that of a spiritual awakening in America.

This is a new note that is being sounded in Washington, D. C. In fact, it has been a dominant note in President Eisenhower's messages since his inaugural on January 20. Stanley High in the April 1953 issue of the "Reader's Digest" states that President Eisenhower has one consuming ambition. "He is determined to use his influence and his office to help make this period a spiritual turning point in America, and thereby to recover the strength, the values and the conduct which a vital faith produces in a people."

HOPES FOR AMERICA

The evidences of these longtime hopes and purposes for America in the heart of the President are almost too numerous to mention. The opening prayer by President Eisenhower before his inaugural address (cited on page six) startled the millions of people who were listening to him because it was so unusual and so sincere. His decision to join the National Presbyterian Church and his attendance at

church services have proven to be a real part of his character. Without fanfare and publicity, the President opens his cabinet meetings with prayer, attends early morning prayer meetings held for congressional leaders in Washington, refuses to take part in cocktail parties, and supports worthy spiritual causes of our day.

Stanley High wrote that "by some current standards, the President is old-fashioned in what he most deeply believes. In today's atmosphere of pseudo-intellectualism, the President's

His forebears and family were members of the River Brethren Church with a strong emphasis on personal faith, stern discipline before God, and a clear awareness of God's will for themselves.

You cannot understand the emphasis on "the godly virtues" by President Eisenhower and not recognize those spiritual influences upon his early boyhood and days of youth in the Brethren Church of Kansas. This was made unmistakably clear to me last fall shortly before the national election



Mrs. O. L. Waddell of Heatherdown, Alberta, a first cousin of President Dwight D. Eisenhower (insert picture), who was photographed by Editor Leuschner in front of the Baptist parsonage at Onoway, Alberta.

profoundest beliefs perhaps seem 'corny.' In one pre-convention conversation he remarked, "From the way I'm talking and for what I'd like to see happen, it looks as though I should have been a preacher." This preacher's job is what he has cut out for himself to lead America into "a revival of religious faith that will produce a reeducation to religious values and conduct," as interpreted by Stanley High.

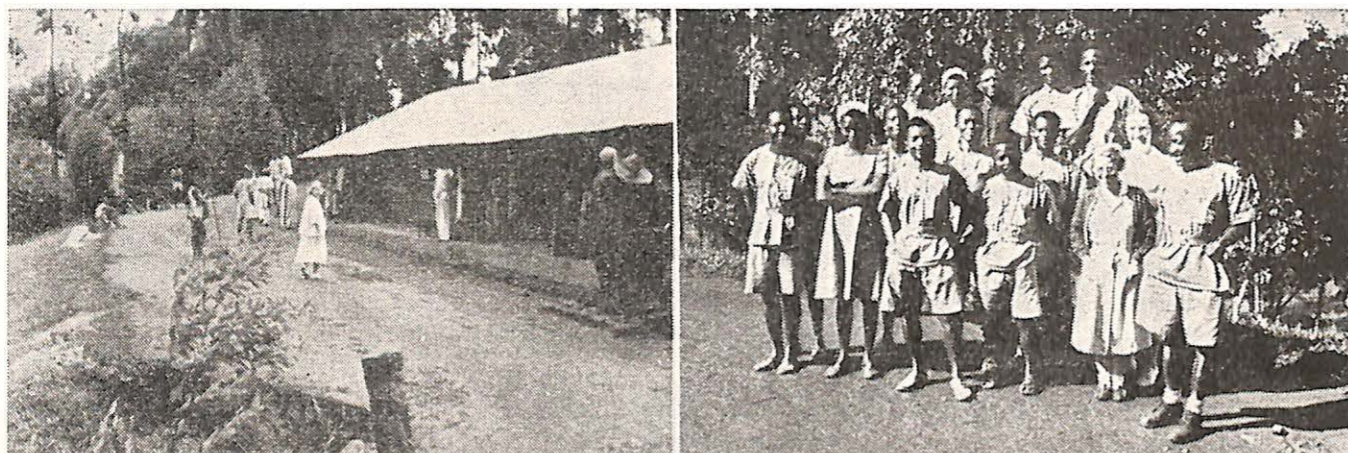
RIVER BROTHERS BACKGROUND

How does one account for these spiritual strains in the life of our President? Around Abilene, Kans., you will see the roots that laid the foundations for Dwight D. Eisenhower's life.

when I met a cousin of his, Mrs. O. L. Waddell of Heatherdown, Alta., at our little Baptist Church in out-of-the-way Onoway, Alta., Canada.

Mrs. Waddell permitted me to take her picture only after considerable insistence on my part. She is a first cousin of President Eisenhower, since her mother was a sister of President Eisenhower's father. Mr. and Mrs. Waddell were married in the Eisenhower house in Abilene, Kans., which is now an historical shrine. From conversation with her, I soon learned that she is a pillar of spiritual strength in prayer, in reliance upon God's grace, and in faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. As I listened attentively to President

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Margaret Kittlitz, missionary in charge of the Nurses' Training Program in the Cameroons, in front of the old Banso Baptist Hospital ward (left), and (right) Missionary-nurses Margaret Kittlitz and Ardice Ziolkowski with their student staff of native nurses in September 1952.

Banso Training Program for Nurses

Young Christians in the Cameroons are being trained to become efficient nurses at the Banso Hospital and, even more important, to become spiritual centers, radiating the love of Christ

By MISS MARGARET KITTLITZ,
Missionary in charge of the Nurses' Training Program

I AM SITTING in my living room at Banso, Cameroons, drinking a 10:30 A.M. cup of coffee to provide the necessary energy for the remaining hours of the morning. There isn't always time for this luxury to relax and to let one's soul catch up with oneself. Today there were so many things in my mind which needed to be done almost immediately that the frustrated mind said, "Well, you can't do them all at one time. Better sit down and make out a program of attack."

As thoughts are whirling and the coffee cup is steaming and the pencil for notes lies idle for a while, my thoughts are interrupted by a high voice singing, "Jesus Paid It All." That is Susannah, one of our new preliminary training students in the Banso Hospital training program. A low pitched voice soon joins the high one, "All to Him I Owe." That is John, another preliminary student of this year. Then three other voices of various caliber are joined to the first two, "Sin had left a crimson stain; he washed it white as snow."

There is harmony of voices as well as of hearts, as this group of preliminary students sits on the floor of my veranda folding old newspapers into bags to be used for sputum cups in the wards. The first song is followed by others, "Lord, O, Lord, you have surely been good to me"; "I will make you fishers of men"; "Mine, mine,

mine, mine, Jesus is mine"; "We'll be dwelling together." No idle minds to be the devil's workshop here; only joy in a Savior who alone can give that joy, and contentment with work and service given one to do.

It lifts up and inspires the heart of their teacher to know that these young hearts are happy in Christ. Now the tune is, "Following Jesus, ever day by day." The songs bubble forth faster than I can type.

SIX YOUNG MEN

It all began last year, that is, the actual training program. Really, it began back in 1946 when six courageous young men came to Belo to be trained as nurses. Five of them had just come out of school from the eighth grade; one had been a school teacher for two years. He left his chances of promotion and high salaries to start on a new course in life for a mere ten shillings a month allowance. Obviously, it was not possible to train nurses in a small "bush" dispensary, but they learned much about the rudiments of nursing, and more about the value of service.

The following year four more young men came, making ten in all. As soon as they were able to help with listening to patients' complaints and know in some measure what to give for treating worms and malaria fever and how to dress wounds and ulcers, the chief complaints which come to a small

dispensary, these young men were divided out among the mission dispensaries at Warwar, Mbem, Ndu and Belo.

Three of this original group have found other pathways for various reasons. One of them this year has gone to Bible School after trying other jobs. He has come to the conclusion that nursing is still the only course open to him if he would do the will of God. We now require all who wish to enter nurses' training to spend one year at the Bible School, believing they will thus be better prepared to serve and to witness, as well as to withstand the continual assaults of Satan in a place as cosmopolitan as Banso.

It was not until last year that we were given permission by the Senior Medical Officer to train our own nurses for the Banso Hospital. During these six years of waiting these young men, with the addition of a number of others, were simply helpers in the hospital. They gave the simpler medicines, did the simpler treatments, reported on the patients as much as they were able to with their limited knowledge, while the missionary nurses carried on the more intricate treatments, medications and more thorough observations.

These activities kept the missionary nurses so busy that there was no time for teaching or observation of these so-called "helpers." Hence they de-

veloped many bad habits of nursing which are very difficult to break. It would be much easier now to take an entirely new group of young people and introduce them into nursing as it should be done.

That group we have this year and there IS a difference. During the years gone by patients were cared for mostly by their relatives who have given the name of "carers." I am struggling to teach these young people that the nurses are the "carers" of the patient, not the relatives. The relatives are necessary because, first of all, the patients would find it very difficult to leave all members of their tribe and family behind, remaining all alone among strangers. They are also the only means by which the patients can get food, since diet kitchens in our hospital are out of the question for the immediate present, at least.

Patients were not bathed and beds were not changed from the time the patient entered the hospital until he left. In most cases the patient brought his own bedding. Only a soiled mattress and an iron bedstead without springs were provided for him. When the helpers had time or were willing to take the time the wards were swept, and then only around the middle, never in the corners. They could not be blamed; no one was available to teach and to supervise.

Patients walked about without orders, or if there were orders from the doctor they walked about in the mud or sand, depending on the season of the year, and crept back into their beds with muddy or dusty feet, causing indescribable dirty conditions. Again, no one could be blamed. There was not a sufficient amount of sheets, towels, wash clothes, plastics to make protectors, and all the other necessities. Now, thanks to our women at home, these conditions have been entirely removed.

THINGS TO LEARN

The first thing in their nursing career which the "helpers," now called student nurses, have learned was how to give a bath, the reasons for it, and how to make beds. All the blankets which were available were patched and mended, sometimes two or three pieces being sewn together to make one. Flannel sheets, such as there were, were put to immediate use. The mattresses, with an accumulation of every kind of bodily excretions and other dirt, were washed with soap and brushes, dried in the sun and covered with new ticking. New mattresses were sewn and stuffed with wood shavings or grass. Now the patients have clean, comfortable beds.

From the market we bought extra wash basins and buckets. Also from the market, at approximately 25 cents a pair, were brought slippers made from old rubber tires. Patients able to

walk about outdoors (the only place where they can walk, since there are no glass enclosed sunparlors and wide hallways, only the overcrowded ward) are given a pair of slippers to keep their feet clean, enabling them to creep back into bed without soiling the sheets with mud.

Since many of our patients, especially the women, have scarcely seen a pair of shoes, much less had a pair on their feet, this procedure leads to some ludicrous sights. One nurse, leading a patient to the operating room for her operation, finally became disgusted with her halting steps, took her in his arms and carried her the rest of the way. That was definitely unusual for an African man to carry a woman!

with tight fitting covers, was collected from kitchen and White Cross supplies to sterilize gauze, cotton swabs and other necessary articles for dressings. A few enameled trays left from "ancient" times were cleaned up and set up with bottles, cold cream jars, etc., to hold ointments, powders and disinfectants. Boxes and odd square tins hold bandages and soiled dressings that come from the wounds and ulcers.

Baby food jars from White Cross supplies and from some missionaries' babies hold individual thermometers for cases who are isolated, as well as other ward thermometers. A cookie tin was painted and made into a medicine tray. The medicine glasses are small, one-ounce bottles from the bot-



The first class of student nurses in the Nurses' Training Program in 1946 at Belo, Cameroons, who were taught by Missionary Margaret Kittlitz.

This will raise the question in someone's mind, "Do the patients walk to the operating room?" Yes, of course, since there are no carts or stretchers on wheels. Even if there were, the way would not permit the use of such equipment. There would be the question how to get the cart down from the one step, high veranda, then over the stony road and the small hill and then down the dozen steps to the operating room which is situated considerably lower than the driveway, or in African parlance, "motor road."

All the hospital buildings are built on terraces, all the way up to where the nurses' duplex and the doctor's house are situated, like Solomon's hanging gardens. One is constantly climbing steps or hills, a rather tiring day of walking, you may be assured!

WHITE CROSS SUPPLIES

As from time to time the students have learned more procedures, there arose problems of equipment. Every available tin, large, medium and small

tles sent in White Cross shipments. One medicine measuring glass is used for measuring the medication, then poured into the small bottles. The pills are served in the covers of the one-ounce bottles. Formerly the one medicine glass was used for all patients.

One patient was given his medicine, the glass taken back to the cupboard, washed and dried. Then patient number two got his medicine and so on down the line, until all medicines were given to some thirty patients. Now most of them are placed on the tray at one time and the nurse goes from patient to patient without the wasted time and effort of returning to the cupboard for each dose.

Paragraphs could be written about the many new procedures and techniques, the plastic mattress covers for babies and drainage cases, the diapers, consisting mostly of odds and ends of rags, the plastic protectors over the diapers, further keeping the beds from being soiled. Formerly the mothers

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Christian Education Committee at Lorraine, Kansas, in Action

The organization and ministry of an important church board at the Baptist Church of Lorraine, Kansas

By the REV. ALFRED R. BERNADT of Lorraine, Kansas



The Rev. Alfred R. Bernadt of Lorraine, Kansas, in his study of the Lorraine Baptist Church.

THE CHRISTIAN Education Committee of the Lorraine Baptist Church, Lorraine, Kans., was organized approximately fifteen years ago, and through faithful, devoted service to the church and the community, it has been accorded a position of influence and importance in the church organization.

The committee consists of seven members in addition to the pastor and the Sunday School superintendent with one-third of the members being elected annually by the church. Even though they are elected by the church, nominations for membership on the

committee are made by the teachers and officers of the Sunday School, the adult leaders of the CBY and Junior CBY groups, as well as by the officers of the senior youth group. Additional nominations can be made from the floor in true Baptist manner. Elected members of this group serve for a term of three years.

COMMITTEE'S RESPONSIBILITIES

In keeping with the church constitution, the Education Committee is responsible for the election of materials used as study and teaching materials in the Sunday School, the youth groups of the church, as well as any other educational agencies of the church. This committee also appoints departmental superintendents, secretaries and other needed officers in the Sunday School, and cooperates in many ways with the youth groups and other organizations of the church in correlating the entire educational program of the church.

Monthly meetings are considered a minimum for this important committee, and, when special matters arise, the committee meets on call of the chairman to consider the problem and to give advice or take the needed

action to keep the educational program of the church at its highest level.

In the matter of Sunday School programs and presentation, the committee finds its greatest field of service. The chairman of the Lorraine educational committee is also general Sunday School superintendent. Materials for study, the matter of teaching personnel, ways and means to improve the Sunday School, the planning of Sunday School programs for special days of the year, the planning of the Sunday School picnic, the presentation of challenges to the Sunday School in behalf of missions, orphanages, etc., these matters are all planned and carried out by the education committee.

As pastor of the church, I can readily see where this relieves the department superintendents of many details, and it enables the Sunday School to carry out an all-inclusive, comprehensive program that would bog down in departmentalism unless such a group were authorized to plan the Sunday School program as a whole.

ANNUAL PROJECTS

The Vacation Bible School is also an annual project that comes under the direct supervision of the Christian Education Committee. Materials, teachers, dates of meetings and plans for programs are all taken care of by this efficient committee. At times the details are referred to appointed leaders within the Vacation School organization, but the complete, overall presentation of this summer project is ultimately in the hands of this church committee.

The three youth groups of the Lorraine Church are also the responsibility of the local Christian Education Committee. While the youth groups have their faithful and loyal sponsors as well as their elected officers, and for months at a time will function without seeking advice or suggestion from the Christian Education Board, yet the integration of these groups is carried out by the committee that has rendered excellent service in this particular field. Youth groups include boys and girls from 5 to 25 years of age, and because the committee cor-



The Educational Committee of the Lorraine Baptist Church, Lorraine, Kansas. Left to right: Delmar Wessler, Chairman; Vada Rolfs, Ruth Staeber, Ruth Meacham, Thelea Wessler, Esther Dobrinski, Walter Kohrs (face partially hidden); Richard Johnson, and Rev. Alfred R. Bernadt, standing in the rear.

relates the work of each group, there is a certain continuity in training given to our young people on Sunday evenings that would not be the case if each youth group functioned in a closed corporation manner.

While there are differences of opinion that must be taken into consideration in any large group, the exchange of ideas and constructive suggestions are an education and a wholesome influence in any organization. The Christian Education Committee at Lorraine has been the point at which many ideas have been assimilated and put into practical use in the various organizations of the church.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The present members of the Lorraine Committee are Mr. Delmar Wessler who is also the general superintendent of the Sunday School. Mrs. Randall Rolfs, another committee member, is also the superintendent of the Primary Department in the Sunday School and a teacher in the local school system. Mrs. Walter Kohrs, the third member of the committee, is teacher of the high school age class in the Sunday School. Mrs. Carl Dobrinski is a teacher in the primary Department of the Church School. Mrs. Delmar Wessler, a member of the Education Committee, is also chairman of the Church Music Committee and in that capacity can correlate the musical programs throughout the church.

Mr. Richard Johnson is also a deacon as well as a member of this committee and presents the views of the deacon board when questions arise regarding the spiritual program of the

church and Sunday School. Mrs. E. D. Meacham, wife of the local superintendent of schools and faithful organist and worker in the church, is also a member of the Christian Education Board. Mrs. Ruth Staeber, local music teacher in the school system and also organist of the church, represents that particular phase and influence of the church program. Thus in these men and women from the various branches of the church and from all walks of life, we get a comprehensive presentation of the needs of our work in the field of education.

It is the humble opinion of the writer that because of this overlap in departments as represented on the Christian Board of Education, the church has a committee that can make a unique contribution to the program of any organized church group.

To all our friends throughout the denomination the Lorraine Church and the Board of Christian Education sends greetings and prays that God will richly bless the work of his children as they seek to enrich the program through an active, organized presentation of a program for training and education throughout the whole scheme of the church's work among both old and young.

PHOTOGRAPH CREDITS

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DENOMINATIONAL MEETINGS

- May 20 (Wednesday)—Committee on Education, Headquarters, Forest Park, Illinois.
- May 21-22—General Council at Headquarters, Forest Park, Illinois.
- May 21 (Thursday), 8:00 P.M.—Rally for churches of Chicago and vicinity at Forest Park Church, Forest Park, Illinois. Speakers, Dr. Jacob Meister of Berlin, Germany, and Mr. Edwin H. Marklein of Brooklyn, New York. Showing of film about the Bansa Baptist Hospital.
- May 23 (Saturday)—Loan Fund Committee at Headquarters, Forest Park, Illinois.
- June 14 (Sunday)—Children's Day with programs by Sunday Schools.

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Moosehorn, Manitoba
Canada
- Rev. R. Neuman
Wetaskiwin, Alberta,
Canada
- Rev. R. C. Stading
Creston, Nebraska



A group of the Commissioned Baptist Youth of Lorraine, Kansas, during the showing of a film at a regular Sunday evening meeting.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

● The Rev. and Mrs. Jay Hirth, missionaries in Japan, have announced the birth of a daughter on April 2, 1953, who has been named Sharon Lynn. This is their second daughter.

● The April 23rd issue of the "Baptist Herald" announced that the Rev. R. C. Stading had begun his new pastorate at Creston, Neb., on April 1st. It should be stated that he will begin his services as the minister of the Baptist Church of Creston, Neb., on Sunday, June 7th.

● On Easter Sunday evening, April 5, the Rev. Robert F. Zimbelman, pastor of the Evergreen Baptist Church of Brooklyn, New York, baptized eleven converts on profession of their faith in Christ as Savior. These and one other person were received at the communion service held on Sunday morning, April 12.

● On Sunday evening, March 29, the Rev. G. K. Zimmermann, pastor of the Temple Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wis., baptized seven converts and received these and seven others who came by letter into the fellowship of the church on Easter Sunday, April 5. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Godtfriing of the Temple Church observed their 58th wedding anniversary on April 5.

● On Easter Sunday the Rev. Walter C. Damrau, pastor of the Pilgrim Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pa., extended the hand of fellowship to four new members by letter and experience. Among these was the Rev. Julius Kaaz who is a guest at the Home for the Aged. Evangelistic services were held at the church from April 19 to 26 with the Rev. Robert S. Hess of Newark, N. J., bringing the messages.

● Mr. Kirby Wahl of McClusky, N. Dak., a student at Northern Baptist Theological Seminary of Chicago, Ill., who graduated in May 1953, has accepted the call to the pastorate of the First Baptist Church of Berlin, Wis., consin. Mr. and Mrs. Wahl have moved into the parsonage at the Berlin Church following graduation at the Seminary. This is a church of the American Baptist Convention.

● On Easter Sunday, April 5, the Baptist Church of Startup, Wash., had the joy of having the Rev. and Mrs. Earl H. Ahrens, Cameroons missionaries, as guest speakers. The Rev. R. G. Kaiser, pastor, reported: "They gave us stories, sermons and illustrated

lectures about their work in the Cameroons, Africa." The offering for the denominational mission work amounted to more than \$200. The church grounds have been beautified and improvements will be made in the parsonage.

● On Sunday morning, March 15, the Rev. Rudolph Woyke of Salem, Ore., was the guest speaker at the Carroll Ave. Church of Dallas, Texas. Mr. and Mrs. Woyke and their family were visiting with Mrs. Woyke's mother in Dallas at the time. The newly elected president of the Woman's Missionary Union is Mrs. Ed Monschke. A series of pre-Easter meetings were held at the church from March 30 to April 2nd with the Rev. John Walkup of Minneapolis, Minn., bringing the message at the first service. The Rev. Harold W. Gieseke is pastor of the church.

● On Easter Sunday evening, April 5, the choir of the Temple Baptist Church, Lodi, Calif., rendered the cantata, "The Promise of Easter" by Fred B. Holton. Mr. Calvin Lohr directed the choir with Mrs. Aimee Sawatsky at the organ. The record attendance at the Sunday School service on Easter Sunday was 294. An Easter sunrise service was held at 5:30 A.M. in the Grape Bowl of Lodi in which the church young people had a part. The Rev. Robert Schreiber, pastor, spoke on "The Seven If's of the Resurrection" at the Easter Sunday morning service.

● The Rev. Heinz H. Grabia of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., who received his Bachelor of Divinity degree from the North American Baptist Seminary on May 17, has accepted the call of the First Baptist Church of Rapid City, S. Dak., a church of the American Baptist Convention. During the past two years Mr. Grabia has served on the staff of the First Baptist Church of Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Mr. Grabia wrote that "the opportunities for an aggressive witness for Christ by a Baptist church are tremendous in the fast growing community of Rapid City."

● The Woman's Missionary Union of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Kyle, Texas, held a special meeting on Thursday, April 9, with 20 members and eight guests present. Mrs. Emil Schmeltkopf, president, extended greetings to the group. Mrs. Charles Marstaller of Waco, Texas, the state Woman's Missionary Union president, brought a brief talk. Mrs. Louis John-

son of Waco, Texas, reviewed the book, "Nests Above the Abyss" by Isabel Kuhn, which deals with mission work in China. Mrs. W. C. Schmeltkopf, corresponding secretary, forwarded the news to the editorial office.

● For two weeks late in March the Rev. A. J. Fischer of Linton, N. Dak., and Miss Eleanor Weisenburger, Cameroons missionary, visited 16 churches of the Central Dakota Association in behalf of the Dakota Conference missionary project. Miss Weisenburger has many friends and relatives in this area and is well known for her missionary service so that large crowds greeted her everywhere. Picture slides were shown of the mission fields, and the project was interpreted by Mr. Fischer, the mission promotional director for the associated area. The people gave generously to the project because of their love for this work.

● Miss Martha Leypoldt of Forest Park, Ill., served as guest teacher at the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., on April 15 and 16. She taught four classes daily on the techniques and teaching methods to be used in Vacation Bible Schools. Her teaching ministry was greatly appreciated by the seminary students. On April 22 and 23 Dr. Frank H. Woyke, executive secretary, delivered four lectures on "The Theology of Karl Barth" at the North American Baptist Seminary during the convocation services. The entire student body and faculty of the seminary and neighboring pastors were in attendance.

● Easter Sunday had many blessings for the East Side Church of Chicago, Illinois. At 6:30 A.M. a sunrise service was held at the church, sponsored by the young people of several neighboring churches. At 9:45 A.M. the Sunday School children presented a fine Easter program, and at the worship service the Rev. Henry R. Schroeder, pastor, spoke on "Meeting Christ on Easter Morning." Two soloists and the church choir enhanced the service with praises to the Risen Christ. At the evening service on April 5 the pastor baptized three fine boys and two promising young men on confession of their faith in Christ as Savior.

● On Sunday, April 26, the Oak Street Church of Burlington, Iowa, heard Miss Berneice Westerman, Cameroons missionary, at the Sunday School hour, the Rev. W. S. Argow, a

former pastor, at the morning worship service, and Dr. S. Leslie Chaffee, medical missionary at Banso, Cameroons, at the evening service. The cantata, "The Redeemer" by Clarence Dickinson, was rendered by the Oak Street Junior and Senior Church chorus on Sunday evening, April 12, with Mrs. M. C. Ellerbruek directing the choirs, Mrs. H. O. Kohrs at the piano and Mrs. J. E. Johnston at the piano.

● Mrs. Christina Gunst of Medina, N. Dak., passed away on April 10 in the Bismarck Hospital where she had been a patient since Feb. 16. She was the mother of the Rev. J. C. Gunst of Forest Park, Ill., general secretary of the CBY and SS Union, as well as of eight other children in the family. She was in her 83rd year at the time of her homegoing. The Rev. Paul Galambos of Streeter, N. Dak., and the Rev. B. W. Krentz, superintendent of the Bismarck Baptist Home for the Aged in which Mrs. Gunst had been a guest, brought messages of comfort at the service held on April 15 in the Medina Auditorium. The more detailed obituary will appear in the next issue.

● The Immanuel Baptist Church of Kenosha, Wis., is rejoicing in the provision of the Lord and the faithfulness of its members in the reception of an Easter Sunday morning cash building fund offering of more than \$6000. Various organizational gifts came to more than \$700 in addition to almost \$800 from the Sunday School and almost \$4500 in individual cash contributions on that morning. Spiritual results were also in evidence with three candidates for baptism and church membership responding to the invitation at the close of the morning message which was the first sermon by the pastor of the church, the Rev. Charles J. Anderson.

● The Rev. Paul C. A. Menard of Cincinnati, Ohio, resigned as pastor of the Walnut Street Baptist Church of Cincinnati in 1944. Since then he has taught Greek and Latin at God's Bible School and Missionary Training Home in Mount Auburn, Cincinnati, Ohio. He retired from this work in 1952 and was given high recognition by the faculty and student body at a farewell reception. But private students still come to him for assistance and the school recently called him back to substitute for the Latin teacher during the latter's illness. He taught six classes a week until February 20, 1953. With the 1953-1954 semester he will also discontinue his private teaching of students.

● On Sunday morning, April 29, a dedication service for little children was held at the Central Church of Edmonton, Alberta. The Rev. Henry Pfeifer conducted the impressive service

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HERALD NEWS



E. Ralph Kletke of Philadelphia, Pa., president of the CBY and SS Union.

E. RALPH KLETKE

Ralph Kletke is the dynamic, aggressive young president of the CBY and SS Union. To become acquainted with the background of his life is to appreciate his present leadership and Christian witness in the youth work of our denomination.

He was born in Philadelphia, Pa., on January 27, 1928. At the age of nine years he accepted Christ as Savior in the Pilgrim Baptist Church of Philadelphia under the ministry of the Rev. A. Husmann. He states that his actual decision was made during evangelistic meetings conducted at the church by Dr. Charles W. Koller, who at that time was pastor of the Clinton Hill Baptist Church of Newark, New Jersey. Several months later he was baptized by Mr. Husmann.

Ralph is thankful for the influence of his deeply spiritual Christian home. His mother and father have always been active in the church. His mother has been a member of the choir for 33 years. The family always has had a profound interest in the work of our denomination. His parents often talk about the ministry of Dr. William Kuhn and the Rev. S. A. Kose in the Pilgrim Church. Even from his early age the Atlantic Conference sessions always interested him.

Ralph attended Central High School in Philadelphia, taking the academic course. Central is the second oldest

high school in the United States. It is one of two high schools that confers honorary B.A. degrees to its graduates. It was in his second year at high school that he was led to study in the field of engineering. He graduated in 1945.

At that time he entered Drexel Institute of Technology in Philadelphia to study Mechanical Engineering. He took the five-year cooperative course combining study and practical work. While in college he worked at the Hajo Corporation as Sales Engineer Trainee and also at the Proctor and Schwartz Mfg., Inc., as Methods Engineer Trainee. He was graduated from Drexel Institute in June 1950 with the degree of Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering.

After graduation he joined the Philco Corporation in the Government and Industrial Division. At the present time he is a senior mechanical engineer at Philco concerned with the design and development of Microwave Transmission Communications equipment. He is active to some extent in the local chapter of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

In the Pilgrim Church, Ralph has been a member of the church choir for nine years. He has also sung in the male chorus and quartet of the church. He has been the local CBY president for three separate years from 1944-45, 1947-48, and 1949-50. He considers the highlight of his CBY activities to have occurred during Youth Week in 1950 when the Pilgrim Church CBY presented the program, "In Faith We Serve," at a Sunday evening service. A 20-voice Youth Chorus composed of CBY members participated in the program along with other talent. Ralph has been the Sunday School superintendent in the Pilgrim Church for almost two years.

In the Atlantic Conference activities, he has been the song leader for many years. He helped to organize the first Christian Workers' Conference for the Atlantic Conference area in 1950. He has assisted in the planning of other Workers' Conferences as well as in many other activities pertaining to the Atlantic Conference.

Ralph states that his favorite interests besides church work is that of music. He has always loved classical and religious music. He has had some formal vocal training and has sung with the Philadelphia Choral Society in three annual performances of "The Messiah" at the Academy of Music.

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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! At first, Steve did not want to go to church, but a strange impulse prompted him to go one Sunday morning. He was blessed and went again and again. The sermons by Dr. Grant as well as the example of his parents and the reading of the Bible brought him to a profound experience of faith in Christ and trust in God. One morning he called on Dr. Grant at his office. Dr. Grant prayed that God's will might be done in the life of this young man and then asked whether he was really in earnest about entering the Christian ministry.

CHAPTER EIGHT

"I SUPPOSE there are good many fellows who since returning from the service have thought about their lifework seriously—perhaps more seriously than ever before. But are you sure, Steve?" Dr. Grant asked of me.

"I'm sure, Dr. Grant. But I wish I weren't."

"Don't look at it that way." He smiled. "The call to the ministry has a time-honored dignity."

"Back in my mind, I guess, I've had the thought that the clergy were people who wouldn't fit into more realistic ways of life. And I think a good many people in the world hold that opinion. I remember a lecturer once told me that the president of his particular bureau stated flatly that there were two classes of speakers who were too impractical for his line of work. Professors and preachers!"

Allan Grant chuckled. "Preachers are rather spotted pups among the professions, I suppose. But you get used to that after a while. After a few professionals call you in to marry their offspring and bury their dead. Anyhow, Steve, ours isn't exactly a profession. It's a calling."

"Hmmm. There have been some derogatory remarks made about that term 'calling' too."

Grant lifted his hand and smiled broadly. "You won't pay too much attention to such remarks after you've seen a few lives changed from bad to good. But it's a nice thing to do what you're doing—face a few of the handicaps before you decide definitely."

"I think I've tried to talk myself out of it, but I can't."

"Yes, the ministry is a calling," he repeated. "Of course there's much more to the task than you can imagine, both fine and tough, but there will be compensations. You'll touch the stars at times. You'll get stuck in the mud, too, at times!"

"I'm scared," I said suddenly.

"Sure you are. That's part of it. You're not different from any of the others. Maybe it's a good thing to be a little scared. I'm still a bit jittery myself after all these years when I face the congregation."

"Look—not you? Now I am scared!"

Grant laughed softly. "All right. We'll see what we can do to help you. I want you to take the Sunday vesper meditation."

My jaw dropped. "This Sunday? I'd better go to seminary before I stand in the pulpit."

"You'll have to get the feel of the pulpit sometime. You might as well do it now in your home town. Sunday evening will be a good time."

"I'm scared stiff right now thinking about it."

"Hmmm. Wait till you perform your first marriage ceremony!"

"What on earth will I say?"

"Well, let's see. There's Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, and all the epistles of Paul. And you might be able to dig up a few thoughts from the psychologists you referred to once—"

"It's not funny to me, Doctor."

"I know. And I'll tell you, Steve. You have studied a lot, but here's what will happen to you Sunday. You'll use up every thought you have and run short."

"You're not helping me a bit."

"But the experience will start you in a new world. And if you get in too big a squeeze you can look down at Jason Gray and he will help pull you through. I've done it many times."

"And don't forget," said Jenny from the doorway, "I'll be off to your right giving you my full support."

I came to my feet as she entered; she put out her hand and said, "Forgive me for standing outside listening. I think it's wonderful."

"I think it's awful," I groaned. "Maybe I should have stayed in the army."

"You're in the Army," smiled Grant. "The best Army of them all. No matter what the cynics say."

"It must be a pretty tough Army too," I said. "Normandy Beach will probably seem like a Fourth of July celebration."

"You'll look fine in a dark suit," smiled Jenny. "Come over to the parsonage. I have some tea."

"I must make a call," said Dr. Grant. "Mrs. Gellicky is sick."

"Mrs. Gellicky?" I said. "Isn't she the woman who talks your arm off?"

"She is. But she's sick."

"All sick people are alike to Dad," explained Jenny.

"Run along and have your tea," said the minister. "Maybe I'll get back before you're through." And I caught the significant note in his words.

"Jenny's eyes were like hazel-green stars, and her hair was shining, too. Looking at her I burned my tongue on the hot tea, and when I jumped I spilled my tea. Instantly Jenny was trying to help me. She was close and I put my arm around her. She stood quietly for a moment, and then flushed and withdrew, returning to her chair across the table from me. She poured me a fresh cup of tea.

"A preacher," I said, "needs a good wife."

Her eyes were bright, and she answered, "Of course," as she passed the plate of cookies.

"I imagine that a preacher's daughter, if she were the right person for a certain man, would make an ideal preacher's wife, because she already knows a lot about his future problems."

She lifted her eyes to mine. "I used to think I'd marry a preacher. Before you came back to Gold Springs, I mean."

"Wait a minute. Could you repeat that for me slowly?"

"Well, you weren't a preacher when you came back, were you?"

My breath caught in my throat. "You mean—?"

"You weren't a preacher, or even a Christian, but I couldn't help feeling as I did about you, could I?"

"And to think I almost slapped you once!" I said.

I got up and walked around the table to where Jenny sat. She lifted her face to me, and there was surrender shining in her clear eyes. I held her dear face in both my hands. Her mouth was warm and good, and my heart began to sing. Jenny loved me. Of this I was sure.

It was almost dark when I left the parsonage and walked home. The evening was cool and the air was full of the odor of summer. My heart was full of drums. So much had happened in so short a time.

The familiar convertible drove up to the curb and stopped with a sound of brakes. It was Dian Lockwood, of course, dressed in light green and wearing a bright-colored scarf over her golden hair.

"Never walk when you can ride," she said. "I'll drive you home, Steve."

Instinctively I almost shook my head, then half-embarrassed at my hesitation, I climbed in.

"It's a lovely evening," I said to make conversation. I had the feeling that I should still be walking.

"Ummm!" said Dian her smile flashing. "I quite agree with you."

"It's cool," I muttered inane. "California nights are cool."

"The moon will be up soon. Do you

like the moon?"

"The moon," I said, "is nice."

"When I was a little girl I asked my father to give me the moon!"

The thought struck me that her father had given her nearly everything else, but I said, "He didn't give you the moon?"

"No. He was an old meany."

"You shouldn't ask so much."

"You're wrong, Steve. I don't ask too much, really. I just want to live."

"Aren't you living?"

"A person can't live in a town like this!"

"I'm beginning to like the town."

"Do you mean that?"

"Uhuh. I'm going to stay here."

"Well, what could be nicer than that?" she said. "I'm glad."

"Say, the Grays live over on Pine Street."

"I know. Come take a little spin. I'll bring you right back."

"Really, Dian—" I said.

"Don't be so fidgety. I won't kidnap you."

Remonstrance rose quickly in me, but I quelled it. Somehow, it wasn't easy to oppose her, not simply because of her attractiveness or compelling force, but because, I think, of an attitude I had formed toward her when I had been a child. Through my frustrated feelings came the thought that almost any young man in Gold Springs would welcome the chance to be with her in this expensive car. She was not only beautiful but the smokestacks of the Lockwood Door Company were symbols of her importance in this town.

Suddenly I was fretting against the past that had put me in a certain position to this girl who was riding beside me, driving her costly car, self-assured—the princess. She had been the fiery princess back there when I was a kid, and I had been the little serf, looking hungrily at her lofty gates. And even as I grew older Dian had kept her unattainable pinnacle.

There were little sharp scenes connected with that over-all picture of the princess and the peasant. There was the time when I was working in her father's factory, swamping timbers from a bandsaw. The factory was a screaming, howling thing, with dozens of saws and a great planing machine going at the same time. I was taking the lumber as it whined through rollers which drove them relentlessly through the devouring saw-blade, the fine white dust clinging to my hair, and eyebrows, when, glancing up suddenly I saw that I was being watched, by none other than Adam Lockwood.

He had a habit of popping up among the workers and giving them a sharp scrutiny. Among them he had acquired the name of "Old Eagle." He looked at me, and by his side was Dian. I became self-conscious and dropped a slab of lumber. I stooped to pick it

up and was hit on the head by a second piece. The feeder man on the other side of the machine saw my predicament and stopped the rollers. I remember my deep humiliation, plopped there on the floor, a bump on my head. Lockwood seemed to show little concern over my plight, but advanced and said above the factory noises, "When you drop a piece of lumber don't try to pick it up till the machine stops!"

Scrambling to my feet, my head hurting, and seeing Dian smiling, "I know that, sir, but—"

"Remember it, then!" he snapped.

Dian's car was shooting smoothly over the highway. She turned to me and shattered my meditations with a laugh. "Don't frown so, Steve," she said.

I rubbed my hand on the top of my head. "A board banged me there once, and when I remember it I frown."

Her laughter rose in volume. "You're priceless, Steve! I remember the board."

"You thought it was funny!"

"I didn't really. I was sorry for you."

"Dian, I'd better be getting home—"

"Oh, just a little farther, Steve." She looked at me coyly. "Shall I tell you something?"

"Why not?"

"I fell for you when I was a little girl!"

Somehow I managed to muster up a grin. "You're not a little girl now!"

"Uhuh. But I've never gotten over it."

I could feel the flush firing my face, and Dian said, "Well! Do you think I go around telling men I've fallen for them? You should at least be complimented."

My equilibrium came back to me after a fashion. "I was about to tell you something, Dian, a moment ago. I've just asked a girl to marry me—"

"Oh, Steve, no!" It was her turn to be caught off balance. Her eyes widened. She was speechless.

"That's it, Dian."

Her breath came in a hard sigh. "Funny world, isn't it?"

"Funny?"

"Uhuh. Well, I'm not elated over the fact you've promised some girl you're going to marry her. It's Jenny, isn't it?"

"Yes, it's Jenny," I said.

She started the car, backed it up, and took the highway. The car fled back toward Gold Springs. Then she seemed more composed as she said, "Jenny's a lovely person, Steve. May I congratulate you?"

"Of course."

She drove on in silence for a time and the needle moved up the speedometer. She seemed unaware of the speed.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

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at which ten children were brought for dedication by their parents. On Sunday evening, April 5, the Lauderdale Church which was formerly a mission of the Central Church, held a baptismal service at the Central Church at which the Rev. Willy R. Muller of the Lauderdale Church baptized 16 converts. He also brought the message on "Believer's Baptism." The Central Church held a baptismal service on Sunday, April 26, at which the Rev. Henry Pfeifer, pastor, baptized fifteen converts.

● The CBY of the First Baptist Church of Sumner, Iowa, during the Easter season presented the pageant, "The Challenge of the Cross," three times: in Sumner, in the Baptist Church of Elgin, Iowa; and at the Salvation Army Temple in Waterloo, Iowa. On May 1st the group presented the pageant again in the Grace Baptist Church of Sheffield, Iowa. The pastor, the Rev. Fred Mashner, directed the pageant and gave an earnest invitation at the close. On Thursday night before Easter the choir of the Elgin Baptist Church presented the Easter cantata, "The Resurrection Song," in the Sumner Baptist Church.

E. RALPH KLETKE

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His greatest musical thrill was experienced when he sang in the 300-voice chorus, rendering the Verdi "Requiem" with the Philadelphia Orchestra at Robin Hood Dell under the direction of Dimitri Mitropoulos in July 1945. He has been an avid fan and booster of the Philadelphia Orchestra. At Drexel Institute he was a member of the Glee Club for four years and a member of the Varsity Club besides serving in the Drexel Male Quartet.

Ralph Kletke's personal testimony shows his staunch faith in Christ and gives the secret of his spiritual power in which he serves his Lord:

"It was in my early boyhood that I came under the conviction that I was a sinner and accepted Christ as my Savior. It was not an act of pure emotion, because the reality of Christ's great salvation and love has grown with me over the years. Christ has given me a real purpose to life. I have seen his leading through the many decisions and events that have taken place, for which I am thankful. As a child of God, I have felt that it is not only an obligation, but a God-given privilege to serve him. In 1 Corinthians 12, Paul exhorts the Christians to service, no matter what their gifts. Whether it be the talents of time, money or personal capabilities, it should be the desire of every believer to give the tithe and over. This is the secret of victorious Christian living."

CHILDREN'S DAY

Children's Day will be observed on Sunday, June 14, 1953, by our Sunday Schools and churches.

Program material in English and in German has been sent to all churches sufficiently in advance. If it has not been received, write to Roger Williams Press, 3734 Payne Ave., Cleveland 14, Ohio, with your request.

Besides several unusual pictures, the programs feature a new Children's Day song by Dr. H. von Berge of Dayton, Ohio.

DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER

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Eisenhower's words at the White House addressed to the Associated Church Press, I couldn't help but envision this dear saint of God in Alberta, praying for her famous cousin in the most powerful job in the world and symbolizing the spiritual forces that have helped to mold his outlook and personal faith.

A SPIRITUAL HUNGER

"I am sure of one thing," President Eisenhower has said. "There is a great spiritual yearning, a hunger among the people of this country. And I meet more and more people who are not ashamed to express it." The President is one among many people who witness unashamedly to this faith in Jesus Christ and our dependence upon God's guidance and power.

We need a great host of people everywhere, who like Mrs. Waddell in Heatherdown, Alta., will uphold the President with their prayers and will dedicate themselves to the great spiritual tasks before us. We must expect great things of God that he will use this servant of his and leader of our nation in the White House as a channel of the ministry of his Holy Spirit. Keep your eyes posted on Washington, D. C., and await the most important developments in many a decade, not so much in political and material affairs, but in the things of the Spirit, in the unseen truths of God's Kingdom.

BANSO TRAINING PROGRAM

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took the simplest way out, merely holding the baby over the floor, or letting the bed become soiled. Even today they understand nothing about diapers and their uses but we have a young girl who wants badly to be a nurse but is still too young to be admitted into formal training. She watches the mothers and helps them

with this problem. The wards are now cleaner and the air is fresher.

All of the foregoing is a very important side of hospital life, especially where young people are being trained, but it is all definitely "of the earth, earthy." What is the spiritual outcome? Yesterday I took a patient, a young boy, who had been in the hospital for over a year, to his home. While here, he found the Savior and found real joy in his salvation. A few days before he went home his sister who had been caring for him all this time suddenly became ill and died. Although she had made no definite profession of faith, we believe that in her heart was a belief that Jesus had died for her.

While the mother was giving vent to her pagan misery in cries and moanings, the young boy said, "Be quiet, my sister is not dead; she is sleeping. If you will believe in Jesus, as I do, you will see her again, for you will be where she is when you leave this earth." The mother readily obeyed. This boy has gone home with the determination to witness to his family, and with God's help to see to it that a church is established in his area. His conversion was brought about through the faithful witnessing of our student nurses.

These young people are like any other group of young people. They are young Christians, most of them from pagan homes, yet I venture to say that they witness to others about their Savior more frequently than an equal group in our own Christian America! They fall into numbers of temptations. They are not always honest, loyal, trustworthy. They need much help and guidance in their Christian walk. No one can throw off, like an old cloak, centuries of teaching.

Yet, could you see their happy faces when they go to the market from week to week, singing, playing their drums and talking in the marketplace about him who came to save; could you see them as they come back with a group of young and old following them into the church to hear more of the Good News; could you hear the taunts and see the smirks on the faces of many of the people at the market and see how our nurses, strengthened by the knowledge that they are serving him, who saved them, go on their way in happy obedience, without hesitation nor murmuring, you would be certain of the sincerity of their faith!

Often we despair of making of them what we would consider really efficient nurses. While this end would be desirable, it is not our foremost aim. What we pray for and the end toward which we direct our teaching, is that each one will become a "spiritual center, radiating the love of Christ." Won't you pray with us for this result?

We, the Women

News and Views of the National Woman's Missionary Union

By MRS. WALTER W. GROSSER, President

OUR WOMEN'S WORK IN AFRICA

Doesn't it warm your heart to see the lovely picture of Berneice Westerman, Baby Mark Michelson and Tina Schmidt on this page? From such an example of devotion and love the African women learn much from our missionaries. The importance of adding **example to precept** can never be over-emphasized whether Christians represent the Gospel in Africa, in Japan or in North America.

Berneice Westerman, one of our fine missionaries to the Cameroons is home on furlough. I was delighted when I met her unexpectedly in the room of Miss Alethea Kose, our Scholarship Chairman. There she indicated her willingness to take the time necessary to comply with the request to share the following article with our Woman's Missionary Union.

Since the entire support of our Women's Worker in the Cameroons depends upon our Woman's Union, we wanted to share this direct information with you. For a picture of our appointed missionary, Mrs. Verna Ganstrom, and a further explanation of her work please refer to the April 23, 1953 issue of the **Baptist Herald**.

The account of Berneice Westerman's missionary interests and another picture of her will be found in "Now We Are Fifty-Five" which is still available at Headquarters for 25 cents. This article about her closes with a favorite chorus of hers, that is suggested as a guiding light for all Christians:

"Help me, Lord, to witness for thee;
Help me, Lord, to set others free;
Help me, Lord, to give and to go
For thy dear Son who loved me so."

BERNEICE WESTERMAN'S MESSAGE

It hardly seems possible that three years have come and gone since I left for the Cameroons. As I take inventory I will have to say that the part of the work I enjoyed most was the work with the **African women**.

I shall not soon forget the first Wednesday that left me alone on Soppo Station. (Verna Michelson had gone home and Esther Schultz was inland.) That morning an Old Mummy came to me and said, "No be ye go get woman's meeting today?" (We are going to have women's meeting today, aren't we?) What more could I say but "We go try," and try I did with very limited and faltering Pidgin

English. Many are the blessings since that day that I have had with the women.

I learned to love those women but there were disadvantages, such as my age as well as my unmarried status. As soon as Mrs. Michelson returned to Soppo, the attendance began to increase, mostly because she was married and had children, which carries a great deal of influence.

For such reasons we are ever grateful for an answer to prayers. Often we on the field said, "If only we had a couple who could travel together as **Youth Director** and **Women's Worker**." Today such a thing is possible for Don and Verna Ganstrom



Berneice Westerman (left) and Tina Schmidt (right), Cameroons missionaries, admire Mark Michelson, the six weeks' old son of the Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Michelson of Soppo, Africa.

are fulfilling that task. As Don goes to visit all our schools in the Cameroons, he emphasizes the Cameroons Baptist youth program, and Verna at the same time meets with the women of these different villages. In this way we are giving our women of Africa opportunities to become more united and to share in that which their fellow-women are doing for the cause of Christ. Even now I can hear the Soppo women say, "Please greet the Bamenda women for us as you go to them."

As a School Manager, which was my primary task while I was on the field, I am glad for such advancement for in Africa our school problems very often stem from the home, and more specifically from the mother. Many

sharing a part of this fine report with you.

Lois Ahrens writes:

"You have heard repeatedly that the cry of our hearts is for native women leaders who are yielded to the Lord and fitted at least in a measure to be leaders. Thus far, we can not count even five such leaders. There are many things alluring to the school girls. So few girls are being sent to school. Please pray earnestly for the girls now attending our mission schools, that they might yield to the Lord and follow his leading.

"The most joyful aspect of our women's work is the Women's Department of the Bible School. This is only the second year it has been

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FROM THE FIELD

Southwestern Conference

Pre-Easter Meetings
at the West Side Baptist Church,
Beatrice, Nebraska

The West Side Baptist Church of Beatrice, Nebr., held Pre-Easter services for two weeks in March, with the Rev. Auril Mayson of Phoenix, Ariz., as evangelist. His spirit-led messages were highlighted by his outstanding memory of God's Word. They reached the hearts of Christians, as well as those of the twelve or more persons who accepted the Lord Jesus as Savior.

Definite prayers were made in the prayer meetings and the Lord answered our prayers. The evening services were very well attended, with the three choirs of the church providing special music.

We are planning baptismal services in the near future, at which time some fathers, whose families are already active church members, will follow the Lord obediently in baptism. The field is white for the harvest! May the Lord find his children watchful and faithful in his service.

Mrs. F. E. Paul, Reporter.

Atlantic Conference

Farewell Reception for
Rev. and Mrs. R. K. Mercer by
Walnut St. Church, Newark, N. J.

On Friday evening, March 13, the Walnut Street Baptist Church, Newark, N. J., held a farewell service honoring the Rev. and Mrs. Richard K. Mercer, who left us to assume the responsibility as Minister of Christian Education at the North Orange Baptist Church, Orange, N. J., a church of the American Baptist Convention. The sermon of the evening was preached by the Rev. Robert S. Hess of the Clinton Hill Baptist Church of Newark, N. J., our mother church.

Others taking part in the service were Dr. Harold F. Stoddard, executive secretary of the New Jersey Baptist Convention; the Rev. Everett Barker; the Rev. Kenneth Fowler, Methodist church minister representing the neighborhood Ironbound Council of Churches. Moderator Jacob Schmidt, Jr., presided.

A love offering was taken and presented to Mr. and Mrs. Mercer, along with gifts of remembrance by the Woman's Missionary Society and the Young People's Fellowship. Mr. and

Mrs. Mercer expressed their appreciation for the gifts and for the many kindnesses shown them during their five years' stay at the Walnut Street Church.

At the close of the evening, refreshments and a period of Christian fellowship were enjoyed by all. We wish God's blessing on Mr. and Mrs. Mercer and family as they go to their new field of service.

Joseph Balogh, Reporter.

Northern Conference

Annual Program of
the Woman's Missionary Society
in Trochu, Alberta, Canada

It has been some time since you have heard from the Woman's Mission Society of Trochu, Alberta. We have been busy in whatever way we could help, visiting the sick and aged. We have sent cookies, doughnuts, canned vegetables and treats to the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton. During the summer our attention is directed to the Home for the Aged at Medicine Hat, Alta., and suitable things are sent to them. We were also busy with White Cross Work and sending parcels to the needy in Europe and also to the Indian Mission here in Alberta. Donations were also sent to the Banso Hospital and the Leper Mission, and it has been our pleasure for the last few years to support a native missionary in the Cameroons.

On Sunday, March 1st, we presented our annual program, which consisted of two dialogues in English and in German and special numbers in song. In conclusion, our pastor, the Rev. David Berg, gave an interesting talk. We can indeed say the Lord has been good to us, for which we praise him. Our total income for the year was \$722.53.

Mrs. Alex Haller, Reporter.

Evangelistic Meetings and Easter
Sunday at the Temple Church of
Leduc, Alberta

We of the Temple Baptist Church of Leduc, Alta., look back with rejoicing upon the two weeks of blessing at our evangelistic meetings from March 9 to 20. The first week in German was conducted by our pastor, the Rev. H. Schatz, and the second week in English by the Rev. H. Schumacher of Wetaskiwin, Alberta.

We thank God for the many earnest prayers that were offered by the church before and during the heart searching messages at the meetings.

The Children's Story and a special musical number rendered every evening were also of great spiritual value.

The Christian cooperation of our two sister churches, First Church of Leduc and Wiesenthal Church, added greatly to the enrichment of our meetings in that they delivered the beautiful play, "The Broken Circle," and also rejoiced our hearts with their mixed choir and band on two nights. The sincere messages brought every evening that stirred the entire church finally convinced six persons to come out for their Lord as their Savior.

Easter Sunday, April 5, became a day of twofold joy for us as we were privileged to witness the baptism of these six converts into Christ's death and resurrection. On Sunday, April 12, the hand of fellowship was given to eleven new members.

We are thankful to our Lord for the steady increase in our church attendance and for the splendid spirit of giving in which two lovely flower stands were made by a young gentleman and donated to the church and then a beautiful Kimball piano for \$1,000 was bought by the church and on Sunday, March 29, was dedicated to the Lord's service.

Mrs. H. Schatz, Reporter.

Southern Conference

Southern Conference Woman's
Missionary Union Banquet
at Central Church, Waco, Texas

At six-thirty o'clock on the evening of March 27 in the annex of the Central Baptist Church, Waco, Texas, 85 women representing our various churches of Texas and the Southern Conference gathered around the banquet table, and in silence lifted thankful hearts, while Mrs. R. E. Engelbrecht expressed our thanks for the good things provided for us by a loving Heavenly Father.

After a delicious chicken dinner was enjoyed by all, Mrs. Louis Johnson of Waco presided over the program as toastmistress. The program hour began with the singing of several choruses, led by Mrs. Clifton Kraemer of Cottonwood. Mrs. J. J. Lippert of Waco read a very appropriate Scripture, Prov. 31:10-13, 25-31, after which Mrs. J. K. Warkentin of Crawford led in prayer. At this point Mrs. Chas. Marstaller of Waco, president of our Southern Conference Woman's Missionary Union, brought greetings and introduced two new pastors' wives of the conference: Mrs. Warkentin of Crawford and Mrs. Kingman of Cottonwood. Several numbers in song, readings and instrumental music were given by representatives of the churches at Cottonwood, Dallas, Gatesville and Crawford. The speaker for the evening was Mrs. Paul Hutchen-son of Dallas, who brought a very informational and inspirational message on "Woman's Place in Christian Service." Mrs. Kingman of Cottonwood led in the closing prayer.

Everyone departed with a feeling that it was good to have been present for the occasion.

Mrs. Edwin Kraemer, Secretary.

Dakota Conference

Twelve Converts Baptized
at the Grace Baptist Church of
Grand Forks, North Dakota

During the winter months, we of the Grace Baptist Church, Grand Forks, N. Dak., held cottage prayer meetings on Friday evenings in the homes of our members, along with our regular Wednesday evening prayer and Bible study. Our prayers were centered on unsaved souls.

As a result, our revival meetings held for two weeks, beginning on Feb. 24, were very successful. Our church was filled every evening, with many people from surrounding towns attending. The messages were forcefully delivered by the Rev. J. R. DeLoach of Avon, South Dakota. A booster band by the children was greatly enjoyed.

Two fathers, two mothers and eight Sunday School children followed the Lord Jesus Christ in baptism on Easter Sunday, April 5. May God's richest blessings rest on our beloved pastor, the Rev. H. J. Waltreite, and his family!

Mrs. Joe Werre, Reporter.

Choir Program and Farewell
Service at the Baptist Church,
Hettinger, North Dakota

On Sunday, March 22, the choir of the Grace Baptist Church at Hettinger, N. Dak., presented a musical program. The choir was under the direction of the Rev. E. Gutsche with Mrs. E. Gutsche as pianist. The program also included a duet sung by Lydia Follmer and Lydia Fuchs, a solo by Inez Davis, several cornet solos by Elmer Albrecht and a solo by Esther Ketterling. The program was brought to a close by the choir's singing, "The Awakening Chorus."

On Sunday, March 29, Mr. Gutsche, who served us so faithfully in the past year, brought his farewell message. A pot luck dinner was served after the morning service. Farewell gifts were presented to the Rev. and Mrs. E. Gutsche by the choir and the CBY. Words of thanks were spoken by Mr. and Mrs. Gutsche.

Mr. Andrew Kinsvater, deacon of the church, also spoke words of thanks and appreciation for the work that Mr. and Mrs. Gutsche had done and for the blessings we received during their ministry here.

Ella Mae Schneider, Reporter.

Reception for
Rev. and Mrs. Leland Schantz by
Zion Church, Vida, Montana

On Sunday evening, March 22, the Zion Baptist Church of Vida, Mont., had the privilege of welcoming the Rev. and Mrs. Leland Schantz. The program was under the leadership of one of our deacons, George Strobel. Scripture was read by Rudy Buechler and prayer offered by Gary Buechler. The Rev. Henry Lang, the former pastor, brought the message for the evening. Rev. and Mrs. Leland Schantz were presented with corsages by Mrs.



The remodeled edifice of the Baptist Church, New Leipzig, North Dakota, which was recently rededicated.

Art Remmich in behalf of the Sunday School.

Words of welcome were spoken in behalf of the different organizations of the church: Martin Leuenberger in behalf of the Church; Art Remmich in behalf of the Sunday School; Mrs. Art Remmich for the Ladies' Mission Society; and Jonathan Strobel in behalf of the CBY. After this Mr. and Mrs. Leland Schantz responded to the welcome. Special numbers were rendered by the choir, male quartet, several duets, and the children also sang a few numbers.

After the close of the service, refreshments were served in the church basement. May God bless our church that it may grow in spirit and number as we work with our pastor.

Gary Buechler, Reporter.

the room was still insufficient and the building incomplete.

Last summer (1952) a new addition of 28 by 16 feet was added as entrance and two classrooms to the building; basement was also put under this new part. Thus, the present building has a floor space of 1888 square feet which includes the auditorium, then entrance, and three classrooms; other classrooms are in the basement. The total cost of the additions and re-modeling is \$13,533.05 of which \$836.00 are still to be paid. The Woman's Missionary Society also bought new song books at the cost of \$210.00.

On Sunday, April 12, the congregation, friends of the community and neighboring towns, such as from the Baptist churches of Hettinger, Mott, and Hebron, gathered to re-dedicate

The choir of the Baptist Church at Hettinger, N. Dak., with its former director and pastor, the Rev. E. Gutsche, at extreme right in back row.

Church Re-modeling Costing
\$13,533 and Church Re-dedication
at New Leipzig, North Dakota

In the fall of 1950, it became evident that a larger church edifice was needed by the Baptist congregation of New Leipzig, North Dakota. Immediately the former Pilgerheim Baptist Church, south of Bentley, was moved to town and added to the church which was in use by the congregation for the last twenty years. A full basement was put under the entire structure, kitchen and heating system installed, and the auditorium remodeled. Nevertheless,

this house unto the Lord. The Rev. Richard Schilke, our denominational mission secretary, was the speaker in the morning, afternoon and evening services. He also offered the dedicatory prayer in the forenoon service.

The special music which was rendered consisted of selections from a male quartet, girls trio, a girls duet and the mixed choir under the direction of Mrs. E. Becker. Free meals were served in the dining room of the church. There is great joy for having the building in such a condition that it may be used to the glory of God.

E. Becker, Pastor.

Thirteen Converts Are Baptized by Rev. Roy Seibel at Emery, South Dakota

Baptismal services were conducted on Sunday, March 29th, at the Emery Baptist Church, Emery, S. Dak., when the Rev. Roy Seibel baptized thirteen converts. Both the morning and evening messages of the day given by the pastor were words of encouragement to the young Christians to grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

On Easter Sunday the church choir, under the direction of Mrs. Roy Seibel, delivered the resurrection message very effectively in the presentation of the cantata, "Christ, Our Victor."

At the monthly meetings of teachers and officers of the Emery Baptist Sunday School, the pastor has given short messages on ways and means of improving teaching in the Sunday School. He stressed the need of careful preparation of the lesson along with proper use of materials and equipment. The Sunday School has organized a Primary and Junior Department which has aroused interest, especially among the boys and girls.

Mrs. Herman Bleeker, Reporter.

Sunday School Workers' Conference of South Dakota Is Held at Emery, South Dakota

The First Baptist Church of Emery, S. Dak., had the privilege of being host to the initial Sunday School Workers' Conference of South Dakota on March 6 and 7. This conference was a milestone in our Sunday School history.

The challenging and inspirational program drew a large attendance from the surrounding churches. A feature that attracted much attention was the display of teaching materials. The guest speakers for the conference were Dr. George Lang, the Rev. J. C. Gunst, and Mrs. Walter Hoffmann.

The conference began on the evening of March 6. After a lively inspiration, the visitors were welcomed by Donald Fluth, superintendent of the local Sunday School. Musical selections were presented by ElDean Kohrs and the Masters Messengers' Quartet from the North American Baptist Seminary in Sioux Falls.

The Rev. J. C. Gunst led an open forum on "Where Is Our Sunday School Going?" After a discussion period a film was shown depicting the life of a consecrated Sunday School teacher and how her life influenced the entire class.

On Saturday, March 7, the topics discussed in open forum meetings were "Visitation That Pays" and "My Problem Child" by Dr. George Lang and "Measuring Our Teaching" by Mr. Gunst.

Clinics (meeting simultaneously) were conducted on "The Model Teacher and Superintendent." Mrs. Walter Hoffmann presented the model teacher for the Primary and Junior Departments. The model teacher for young people and adults was discussed by the Rev. J. C. Gunst while Dr. Lang had charge of the class for superintendents.

The evening service began with the film, "Stars in My Crown." In his closing message the Rev. J. C. Gunst challenged the Sunday Schools of the conference with the thought, "What Can We Expect of Our Sunday School Teachers and Officers?"

Mrs. John Fluth, Reporter.

Northwestern Conference

Easter Sunday Services at the Bethany Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Easter Sunday was truly a day of rejoicing at the Bethany Church of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The day began with a sunrise service at 6:30 A.M. given by the young people, after which they served an Easter breakfast in our Fellowship Hall. The Sunday School presented a special Easter program at 9:30 A.M.

At the morning worship service, our pastor, the Rev. Wilmer Quiring, brought an inspiring Easter message, and our choir sang H. von Berge's number, "He Giveth Us the Victory." At 3:00 P.M. a service was held for the benefit of our German friends, at which the Rev. Johann Kuhn of Chicago, Ill., brought the Easter message in the German language.

To complete a most "perfect day" spent in the House of the Lord, in the evening we had the privilege of witnessing the baptism of nine new converts, after which the hand of fellowship was extended to them as well as two others who were received into our church membership by letters.

Our Easter offering went to the support of our missionary, the Rev. George Henderson, stationed in the British Cameroons, West Africa. As Bethany closes another church year, its members have much to be thankful for.

Mrs. Alfred Klein, Reporter.

Inspirational Easter Programs at the Baptist Church of Randolph, Minnesota

A blessed Easter season was enjoyed by members and friends of the Baptist Church at Randolph, Minnesota. The message was given by the Methodist pastor on "Were You There, When They Crucified My Lord?" Special Easter music was contributed by each church and the service was largely attended.

The Easter Sunday morning worship service included a beautiful choir anthem, "Rejoice, the Lord Is Risen," and an inspiring Easter message, "That I May Know Him and His Power of Resurrection," by our pastor, the Rev. Donald Patet.

The Bible School Easter program followed, and proved interesting and spiritually profitable. Special features included music by an orchestra, recitations and songs by the children, also a solo, "Among the Lilies," by one of our Junior boys. A dialogue, "Untold Joy," and an impressive pantomime, "The Pilgrim," were presented, with a fitting scenic background and musical numbers to complete the pantomime. Mr. Patet sang "The Holy City" in closing.

On Easter Sunday evening our choir presented the cantata, "The Glory of Easter." Our pastor, Rev. Donald Patet, ably directed it and Miss Marie Magnuson was the accompanist. The Easter narrative in song was spiritually uplifting to a large audience. The offerings received were all designated for the annual denominational Easter Offering (Missionary and Benevolent Program).

Marie Lufi, Reporter.

Family Night and Easter Services at the Bethel Church, Sheboygan, Wisconsin

The Bethel Baptist Church of Sheboygan, Wis., again experienced many spiritual blessings as they observed their annual Family Night meeting. Mr. Francis Guenther was in charge of the program which featured Mr. Eugene Huyck on his musical saw, bringing special Gospel selections and also his technique of whistling Gospel hymns. Dr. Frank Woyke of Forest Park, Ill., was the guest speaker as he brought to us his impressions of his trip to Germany. Dr. M. Vanderbeck, our pastor, also emphasized the need of soul winning.

At our Easter services, many spiritual blessings were received as we gathered together at 7:00 A.M. for our early service. Our pastor spoke on the words, "Dead and Buried." Special selections were presented by Mr. Don Vasselos and Mr. Ottar Rohrstaff. Breakfast was served to the group in the church parlors, followed by the regular Sunday School and worship service. Miss Ruth Bathauer, a member of our church, now heading the Scripture memorization work in our denomination, was with us for that day, and she spoke briefly to the Sunday School at this time. We are very proud to have Ruth as a member of our church and fulfilling such an important task.

At the evening service, the Junior Choir again appeared, presenting several selections. Special vocal solos were presented by Gerald Schmidt and James Joslyn. A group of five girls presented the playette, "He Is Risen," written by Dr. Vanderbeck. A film entitled, "The Resurrection," together with a brief message by the pastor on "Jesus, Alive" concluded another Easter celebration.

Elaine Vasselos, Reporter.

Pre-Easter Activities at the Riverview Baptist Church, St. Paul, Minnesota

On Sunday, March 8th, the Junior CBY under the able leadership of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Miller, presented a play entitled, "Mr. Tightwad," in which the stewardship of our giving for God's work was stressed. The offering received was given towards the Minnesota State CBY goal of \$1000 as a share in the support of Ida Forsch, missionary in the Cameroons.

The "Home Builders" adult class of the Sunday School had an attendance of over 50 at their supper on Sunday, March 22. Mrs. Margaret Peters, president of the class, presided over the interesting program. Prof. Edwin

Omark of Bethel College was guest speaker at the event and also served us at the evening service. Miss Ida Glewwe is teacher of the class.

During Holy Week we met every evening from Tuesday, March 31, through Good Friday. Anthems by the choir, men's quartet and vocal duets brought added blessings. Prof. H. Lueck was our guest speaker on Thursday and Friday evenings.

The CBY combined with the group of the Oakdale Community Church held an Easter sunrise service followed by a fellowship breakfast. Our young people provided the program. The Sunday School, with every department participating under the leadership of Dick Glewwe, superintendent, and Mrs. S. Dahlin, Primary and Beginners superintendents, presented an inspiring Easter program during the regular Sunday School hour. One of the features was a flannelgraph story of "Easter" presented by the Junior boys.

At the Easter morning service, Prof. H. Lueck again served us. His text, "I know that my Redeemer liveth," was confirmed by the beautiful anthems by the choir and the floral decorations.

We had another treat on Easter Sunday evening. Prof. Lueck of the North American Baptist Seminary brought the message with several selections by the choir as well as duets and a song by the men's quartet filling our hearts with thanksgiving that Christ is indeed risen.

Ida Glewwe, Reporter.

Pacific Conference

Easter Cantata Is Presented by Choir of Immanuel Baptist Church, Portland, Oregon

On Easter Sunday evening, April 5, the choir of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Portland, Ore., rendered the Easter cantata, "The Thorn-Crowned King," with text by Dr. H. von Berge of Dayton, Ohio, and music by Mr. Fred B. Holton. The church had purchased new blue robes for the choir which had been formally dedicated at the Palm Sunday morning service on Sunday, March 29. The sanctuary was well filled with an eager and attentive audience to hear this fine musical program. The choir director is Miss Hildegard Wagner with Miss Patricia Scheideman at the organ.

The church choir sang the opening and closing numbers of the cantata, "Let the Righteous be Glad" and "Praise Ye the Lord." The Men's Chorus sang two selections and the Women's Chorus rendered the number, "Alas, and Did My Savior Bleed." A number of solo selections were rendered by individuals with the choir as follows: June and Alvin Sauer, Hildegard Wagner, Paul Miller, Mollyanne Holland and Emil Mazetier. The selection, "Glory in the Garden," was sung by Joehannah Sauer and Florence Rattey with choir accompaniment. A quartet composed of Mrs. P. Schulz, Florence Rattey, Mr. J. A. Hoelzer and Rev. Chas. Wagner rendered the number, "Jesus Lives."



Mr. and Mrs. John Fandrich of Lodi, Calif., who recently celebrated their golden wedding anniversary with their children and the First Baptist Church of Lodi.

It was an evening of spiritual blessing that will long be remembered by all in attendance. The pastor of the church, the Rev. H. Barnet, opened the service following the singing of several selections by the congregation and Scripture reading as he offered the prayer, and at the close he pronounced the benediction following the inspirational climax with the choir's rendition of "Praise Ye the Lord."

Hildegard E. Wagner, Reporter.

Golden Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. John Fandrich of Lodi, California

Mr. and Mrs. John Fandrich of Lodi, Calif., celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on Feb. 28th. The spacious dining hall of the First Baptist Church was beautifully decorated for the fes-

tive occasion. While the church organist, Mr. Emanuel Dorheim, played appropriate music, the honored couple was escorted to the place at the table by two of their sons.

A very fine program was presented by their talented family to the many friends and relatives and members of the church who had come to express their good wishes. The pastor, the Rev. G. G. Rauser, opened the program with Scripture, prayer and a brief message and presented a Golden Wedding wreath in behalf of the church. Of the nine living children, all were present but one, who lives in Kief, North Dakota. Several musical numbers and readings were presented by the children and friends. Mrs. Sarah Rauser read a composition of their life's history which revealed many interesting as well as inspiring facts.

Mr. Sam Martin, the Sunday School teacher of a large Bible class of which they are members, spoke in behalf of the class and presented them with a gift. Mrs. Meda Burgdorf, president of the Woman's Missionary Society, brought best wishes in behalf of the women and also presented a gift to them. Mrs. Dora Fandrich, a sister-in-law who was the bridesmaid at the first wedding day 50 years ago, was also present and added to the program of the evening.

At the close Mr. and Mrs. Fandrich spoke words of praise to God for bringing them to this celebration by his matchless grace, and also thanked the children who had planned for many weeks to make the occasion such a delightful one. A very fine wedding supper followed the program. Mr. and Mrs. Fandrich are very active and faithful members of the First Baptist Church of Lodi. Their nine children are all Christians and active in the Lord's work in the various branches of the church.

G. G. Rauser, Pastor.



The choir of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Portland, Ore., with the women attired in their new blue robes.

Fifteenth Street Church, Los Angeles, Calif., Celebrates 10th Anniversary of Its Pastor

On Sunday afternoon, March 22, the Fifteenth Street Baptist Church at Los Angeles, Calif., was proud to honor and pay tribute to the Rev. and Mrs. Edmund Mittelstedt, our loyal pastor and his dear wife. It was the occasion of their tenth anniversary in our midst. During the decade of their ministry with us, they have faithfully and earnestly proclaimed the Word of God. The church has grown in power and grace as well as in the knowledge of the word of our Lord Jesus Christ. Our pastor has also served faithfully as our choir director during this time, for he has been blessed with a great musical talent.

Since our pastor and his wife love sacred music, the CBY, under the leadership of Sarah Stewart, prepared an inspiring musical program. Often we sing those familiar hymns without realizing what has inspired their writing. Stories of three beautiful songs, "God Will Take Care of You," "Wonderful Words of Life," and "Beyond the Sunset," were given by Anita Wolff, Raymond Jantz and Sarah Stewart. Our men's quartet, a duet, a double trio, and everyone present participated by singing these lovely old hymns helping to make the program a success.

The program was followed by a sunrise reception for our pastor and his wife. Mr. Henry Wetzler, head trustee, was in charge. At this time, he presented them with a plant and a beautiful flowering azalea in behalf of the church. Words of thanks were given for their faithful services to the church by Mr. Charles Walpus, head deacon of the church for many years, and Mr. Henry Wetzler. The Rev. John Penner gave a heartening message telling of the significant "in-roads" of a pastor's life—fellowship, friendship, and faithfulness.

The Rev. and Mrs. Edmund Mittelstedt both responded with sincere words of appreciation to the church for its kindness and splendid cooperation during their ten years of ministry with us. They coveted each and every member's earnest prayers.

A time of fellowship followed with refreshments being served under the auspices of the CBY with Helen Wetzler and Ruth Heiman in charge. The table centered a beautiful cake with these fitting words inscribed, "Ten Years of Fellowship," and "Thine for Service."

May God bless our pastor and his wife as they continue to give themselves unselfishly to his cause.

Mrs. Esther Johnston, Reporter.

Central Conference

Annual Board Meeting of the Central Baptist Home for the Aged, Chicago, Illinois

The attractive dining room of the Central Baptist Home for the Aged in Chicago, Ill., was the setting for the annual board meeting on March 16.

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. EMIL ZIMMERMAN of Herreid, South Dakota.

Mr. Emil Zimmerman of Herreid, S. Dak., was born October 29, 1891 at Artas, S. Dak., and died March 30, 1953, in St. Lukes Hospital in Aberdeen, South Dakota. The cause of his death was a brain stroke.

In 1919 he was united in marriage to Rose Kautz. To this union three children were born: Clarence Olson of Roscoe, S. Dak.; Agnes (Mrs. Engval Olson) of Aberdeen, S. Dak.; and Ruth (Mrs. Arnold Olson) of Aberdeen, South Dakota. Mr. Zimmerman was converted in 1923 and was baptized three years later by the late Rev. H. G. Bens and received into the fellowship of the Herreid Baptist Church.

He leaves to mourn his death, besides his widow and three children, five grandchildren, two sisters, four brothers, and a host of relatives and friends. The undersigned conducted the funeral service in Artas with the American Legion Post of Herreid participating at the burial rites.

Herreid, South Dakota

E. S. FENSKE, Pastor.

President Roland Ross was the genial chairman. After a happy singtime led by the Rev. Rubin Kern, Mr. Ross extended greetings of welcome and called attention to God's benevolence, for by his grace it was, spiritually and materially, a most excellent year. He further pointed to the very cordial relationship that exists between the board and the superintendent and matron, Rev. and Mrs. Otto Roth. It can be readily stated that through their personal efforts our Home has become a place fit to be shown.

Due to secretary Daniel B. Granzow's inability to attend, Mr. Henry Vogt read his report. It was to the point. Therein also was stated that during February's elections the following officers were enthusiastically re-elected for another term: Mr. Roland Ross, president; Mr. Otto Horn, vice-president; Mr. William J. Krogman, treasurer; Mr. Daniel B. Granzow, secretary.

The financial report given by Mr. Krogman made a very favorable impression. The reason—finances in excellent condition. The reason behind the reason—our former Girls' Home was sold to another Girls' Home Society and brought an appreciable sum to the building fund of the Old Folks' Home.

The Rev. Otto Roth reported concerning the larger family life of the home with all its vicissitudes and idiosyncracies. He also emphasized the spiritual ministry freely given by young people from our Chicago churches, particularly Sunday afternoons, and by ministers and students, who are holding devotional meetings on Wednesday afternoons.

We were especially thrilled that evening by the fine English and German selections rendered by the Men's Choir of the Forest Park Church under the able directorship of Mr. Harold Johns.

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MR. EMIL DASE of Kenosha, Wisconsin.

Mr. Emil Dase of Kenosha, Wis., was born on Jan. 15, 1854 and went to be with his Lord after a short illness on April 4, 1953. He came to the United States from Europe in 1895 and came to reside in Kenosha in 1912. He accepted Christ as his personal Savior at the age of 29 years and was baptized in Racine, Wis., and was a charter member of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Kenosha. On July 22, 1906 he was married to Anna Klaske and is survived by his wife, two sons, a daughter, one brother and eight grandchildren.

The burial service was held on April 6th from the Immanuel Baptist Church, with the pastor, Rev. Charles J. Anderson, officiating. Honorary pallbearers included Mr. August Lange and Mr. Fred Frese, two of the remaining original charter members of the church. Brother Dase was a faithful member of the church* and a devout Christian.

Immanuel Baptist Church,
Kenosha, Wisconsin

CHARLES J. ANDERSON, Pastor.

MRS. HENRY FROMM of Elmo, Kansas.

Mrs. Lydia Dahlinger Fromm was born in Russia August 7, 1864. She came to America with her parents when about eight years old. The family came to Marion, Kans., where they resided for many years. She was united in marriage to Henry Fromm on March 20, 1880. To this union nine children were born.

Mother Fromm united with the Baptist Church at an early age and retained her membership in this church until her death on March 14, 1953. She had a living faith in the Lord and trusted him to the end. Her soul has been wafted out on angel wings and her life remains a benediction to those who knew her.

Those surviving her are: Mrs. Leah Hoffman, Cottonwood Falls, Kans.; Karl From, Clear Lake, S. Dak.; Henry Fromm, La Junta, Colo.; Mrs. Emma Kohman, Hope, Kans.; Mrs. Eva Kohman, Elmo, Kans.; Mrs. J. W. Asling, Hutchinson, Kans.; two brothers, Jake Dahlinger, McPherson, Kans.; and Emanuel Dahlinger, Oklahoma City, Okla.; 23 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, and many friends.

First Baptist Church
of Dickinson County,
Elmo, Kansas

H. SCHAUER, Pastor.

MRS. AMALIA SCHULTZ of Gladwin, Michigan.

Mrs. Amalia Schultz, nee Schmidt, of Gladwin, Mich., was born in Kondreiez, Poland, February 13, 1864. There she also found Jesus Christ as her Savior and was baptized on April 1, 1884 by the Rev. Friedrich Rosoll.

On January 11, 1885 she was married to Samuel Schultz who preceded her in death on May 27, 1920. On September 26, 1933 our sister came to America and made her home with her children. She also became a member of the Round Lake Baptist Church of Gladwin, Michigan. On April 8, 1953 she suddenly died as a result of a stroke.

Mrs. Schultz went through many sorrows. During the time of the first World War she and her husband were deported into Russia and returned three years later on May 1, 1918 to their home. During the second World War two of her daughters were taken away and vanished. Survivors include: a sister, Mrs. Bertha Hell in Germany; eight children: Mrs. Amanda Wegner of Gladwin; Mrs. Helen Zion of Cleveland, Ohio; Emil Schultz of Gladwin; Otto Schultz of Detroit; Mrs. Amalia Ikert; Mrs. Alvina Gatz; Mrs. Alma Ellert and Walter Schultz of Sao Paulo, Brazil; 28 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren. May the Lord comfort the hearts of her loved ones in the assurance that God will wipe away all tears. Words of comfort were spoken from Revelation 2:10.

Round Lake Baptist Church,
Gladwin, Michigan

V. H. PRENDINGER, Pastor.

MRS. FRED PFEIFLE of Napoleon, North Dakota.

Mrs. Carolina Pfeifle, nee Strobel, of Napoleon, N. Dak., was born at Kulm, N. Dak., on April 2, 1894 and passed away on April 2, 1953 at the San Haven Sanitarium at the age of 59 years. After an illness of twenty months she was finally called to her heavenly reward.

She was married to Fred Miller of Kulm, N. Dak., on December 14, 1914. To this union six children were born, five of whom preceded the mother in death. In 1923 her husband passed away. On December 8, 1931 she was united in marriage with Fred Pfeifle of Napoleon, N. Dak., where she lived until her death.

She was converted in February 1916 and was baptized by the Rev. C. M. Knapp July 10, 1932 and added to the Wishek Baptist Church. Since 1941 she has been an active member of the Napoleon Baptist Church. She was president of the Ladies' Aid for a number of years, which office she held when she became ill; and Sunday School teacher of the Ladies' Class for over twelve years in succession. Her loving spirit has been missed much by all.

She was an understanding and loving wife and mother. Those who mourn her departure are her husband, Fred Pfeifle; one son, Ervin Miller of Fargo, N. Dak.; four stepchildren: Mrs. Bertha Hirsch, Mrs. Edna Zimmerman and Edwin Pfeifle, all of Napoleon; Mrs. Esther Moser, Yakima, Wash.; two brothers: Emil and Fred Strobel, both residing at Kulm, N. Dak.; seven sisters: Mrs. Emma Romein, Oakes, N. Dak.; Mrs. Magdalena Hoff, Lodi, Calif.; Mrs. Ida Larson, Yakima, Wash.; Mrs. Clara Johnson, Huron, S. Dak.; Mrs. Anna Halfinger, Formont, N. Dak.; Mrs. Alvina Heidinger, Kulm, N. Dak.; and Mrs. Olga Isack, Kulm, N. Dak.; eleven grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday afternoon from the Napoleon High School Auditorium with the Rev. Henry Lang, local pastor, and the Rev. Edward Kary of Bismarck, N. Dak., a former pastor, bringing words of comfort to a large audience in English and German, respectively.

Napoleon Baptist Church,
Napoleon, North Dakota

HENRY LANG, Pastor.

MR. JACOB LIPPERT of Tripp, South Dakota.

Mr. Jacob Lippert of Tripp, S. Dak., was born in Neudorf, Russia, on December 16, 1877. He came to America with his parents in 1879 and settled east of Tripp, South Dakota. He was born again on March 10, 1905 and baptized on June 11, 1905 by Rev. H. G. Benz, uniting them with the Baptist Church at Tripp, South Dakota. He proved himself a faithful member of the church serving his Lord in various capacities. On November 20, 1903 he was united in holy matrimony to Marie Winter by Rev. Sattlar in the Hoffnungsberg Congregational Church.

To this union were born two sons and nine daughters. One son died in infancy. Those remaining are his beloved wife; one son, Ammon of Tripp and nine daughters: Mrs. Wm. (Luella) Wiesz, Mrs. Andy (Ruth) Weber, Mrs. Ed. L. (Linda) DeWald, of Tripp; Mrs. Dan (Atia) Holbeck, Umatilla, Ore.; Mrs. Helmut (Esther) Weisser, Mitchell, S. Dak.; Mrs. Otto (Velora) Uttecht, Tripp; Mrs. John (Verna) Schilling; Mrs. Harry (Violet) Fode, Portland, Ore.; Mrs. Gabe (Freida) Wiegner, Parkston; 29 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; also two brothers and four sisters: Matt and John Lippert and Mrs. Magdalena Friederich of Tripp; Mrs. Christine Weber, Sacramento, Calif.; Mrs. T. L. Kirschmann, Lake Andes, S. Dak.; and Mrs. Wm. Mathias of Avon, South Dakota.

He farmed east of Tripp until September 7, 1943 when he retired to Tripp. On April 10 he was suddenly stricken with heart failure and went to be with his Maker at 11:45 A.M. "And at evening time it shall be light."

Tripp, South Dakota

ALFRED WEISSER, Pastor.

MRS. KATHERINA HEINRICH of Isabel, South Dakota.

Mrs. Katherina Schuler Heinrich of Isabel, S. Dak., passed away at the home of her daughter, Rose Moser, on April 5, 1953.

She was born in South Russia, Oct. 25, 1873; united in marriage, June 5, 1890 to Ludwig Heinrich, also in South Russia. In January 1910 they emigrated to Canada where they remained for two months. In March of the same year they emigrated to the United States.

She was converted in her youth and in 1916 upon confession of her faith she was baptized by the Rev. Mr. Bentz and admitted as a member of the Baptist Church at Herreid, South Dakota. She was a faithful and true follower of her Savior until he called her home into everlasting peace and eternal rest.

In 1916 her husband homesteaded 30 miles northwest of Isabel. In 1907 he moved the family to the new home where they resided until 1936 when they moved into the town of Isabel. Late in the fall of 1951 she was stricken with a lingering illness. Upon examination at the Bismarck Hospital it was discovered to be cancer. This finally resulted in her death at the age of 79 years, 5 months, 11 days.

To this marriage union 16 children were born, of whom eight preceded her in death. Her husband preceded her in death April 4, 1945. She leaves to mourn her death four daughters: Sophie Albricht, Bismarck, N. Dak.; Louise Feichtner, Loveland, Colo.; Katherine Scheaffer, Isabel, S. Dak.; Rose Moser, Deadwood, S. Dak.; four sons: Louie Heinrich, Isabel, S. Dak.; Jacob Heinrich, Isabel, S. Dak.; Carl Heinrich, Fort Collins, Colo.; Fred Heinrich, Deadwood, S. Dak.; one sister: Mrs. John Olhauer, Linton, N. Dak.; 51 grandchildren, 53 great-grandchildren, numerous nieces and nephews, and a host of friends and neighbors.

The funeral services were conducted at Isabel on April 9. Words of comfort were brought by the Rev. R. Sigmund of Billings, Mont., in German, and Rev. H. Vetter in English.

Isabel Baptist Church,
Isabel, South Dakota

HERBERT VETTER, Pastor.

MRS. ELIZABETH HEPPERLE of McLaughlin, South Dakota.

Mrs. Elizabeth Hepperle of McLaughlin, S. Dak., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Fischer, was born at Glueckstal, South Russia, Nov. 11, 1886. At the age of 66 years she passed away at her home on March 29, 1953.

She emigrated to this country with her parents at the age of two years. The family homesteaded on a farm southeast of Herreid, S. Dak., and it was here that Mrs. Hepperle grew to young womanhood. She was married to Ludwig Klingman at Herreid in 1908, and they settled on a farm southeast of Herreid. Mr. Klingman passed away in 1931 and a year later Mrs. Klingman moved into Herreid where she resided until 1942, when she was united in marriage to Fred Hepperle. They then moved to a farm nine miles northeast of McLaughlin, S. Dak., where she resided until moving into McLaughlin in 1945.

Mrs. Hepperle received the Lord Jesus Christ as her personal Savior in 1931. She was baptized by the Rev. Albert Alf and taken into the fellowship of the Herreid Baptist Church in the same year. On removing to McLaughlin, she had her church membership transferred to the First Baptist Church of McLaughlin, where she remained a faithful member until her home-going.

Survivors include three sons: Andrew Klingman of McLaughlin; Walter Klingman of Aberdeen; Herbert Fischer of Moberge; one stepson, John Klingman of Spearfish; three daughters: Mrs. Albert Linderman of Isabel; Mrs. John Quenzer of Rapid City; Mrs. Eugene Werre of Eureka; two stepdaughters: Mrs. John Beck of Sunnyside, Wash.; Mrs. Edward Schacher of Portland, Ore.; two brothers: Carl Fischer of Miller; Philip Fischer of Trenton, Wash.; two sisters: Mrs. Roy Lee of Kansas City, Kans.; Mrs. Emma Evans of Trenton, Wash.; 19 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband; one son, Jacob, in early age; and one stepdaughter, Mrs. Rosie Aldinger. Funeral services were conducted by the undersigned assisted by the Rev. E. S. Fenske at the Herreid Baptist Church on April 1st. May the God of comfort bless those that mourn!

McLaughlin, South Dakota

BERNARD R. FRITZKE, Pastor.

MRS. HENRY GUTSCH of Elmo, Kansas.

Mrs. Lydia Anna Gutsch was born Oct. 30, 1884 at Dillon, Kans., daughter of Gerhardt and Anna Broese Siek. She grew to womanhood in this community and was united in marriage to Henry Gutsch on Feb. 22, 1905.

This young couple soon realized their spiritual need and the importance of a church home. Under the guidance of the Rev. H. W. Wedel, they were united with God through Christ and baptized into the First Baptist Church of Dickinson County on May 6, 1906. Mrs. Gutsch maintained her membership in this church and her faith in God to the end. She passed away March 31, 1953 at McPherson, Kansas.

Those who mourn her earthly departure are: two brothers, B. F. Siek, Hope, Kans., and W. C. Siek, Denver, Colo.; her husband, Henry; and her niece, Mildred Siek, who had made her home with her uncle and aunt at the age of five; also many friends and relatives grieve her departure. Two brothers and two sisters preceded her in death.

After many years of failing health and poignant suffering this last year, she has gone to the land where there is no sorrow or tears and where there is "no night."

First Baptist Church
of Dickinson County,
Elmo, Kansas

H. SCHAUER, Pastor.

MRS. BERTHA WOLFF of Lodi, California.

Mrs. Bertha Wolff, nee Meyers, of Lodi, Calif., beloved wife of Edwin C. Wolff, passed away on April 7, 1953 after a long illness. She was born in Fessenden, North Dakota, and came to Lodi, Calif., with her mother, the late Mrs. Emelie Meyers, and the other members of the family when she was a very young child. Her father had passed away two weeks before she was born. Here she received her schooling and took up employment with the Newfield and Sons Department Store where she was employed for 26 years. Her friendly disposition won many friends for her.

On Sept. 7, 1942 she joined hands in marriage with Edwin C. Wolff, her devoted and loving husband. When she was 16 years old she received Jesus Christ as her personal Savior, and was baptized on profession of her faith and received into the fellowship of the First Baptist Church. She was a faithful and very active member. Her many talents made her useful in so many ways in the church and in the Kingdom of God at large. Mrs. Wolff was active in youth work, in Sunday School teaching, a member of the choir for many years, and a member of the Woman's Missionary Society of the church. She also served as a reporter for the church to the denominational papers. Her special talent of art was applied in decorating and sign painting for various and many occasions in church programs.

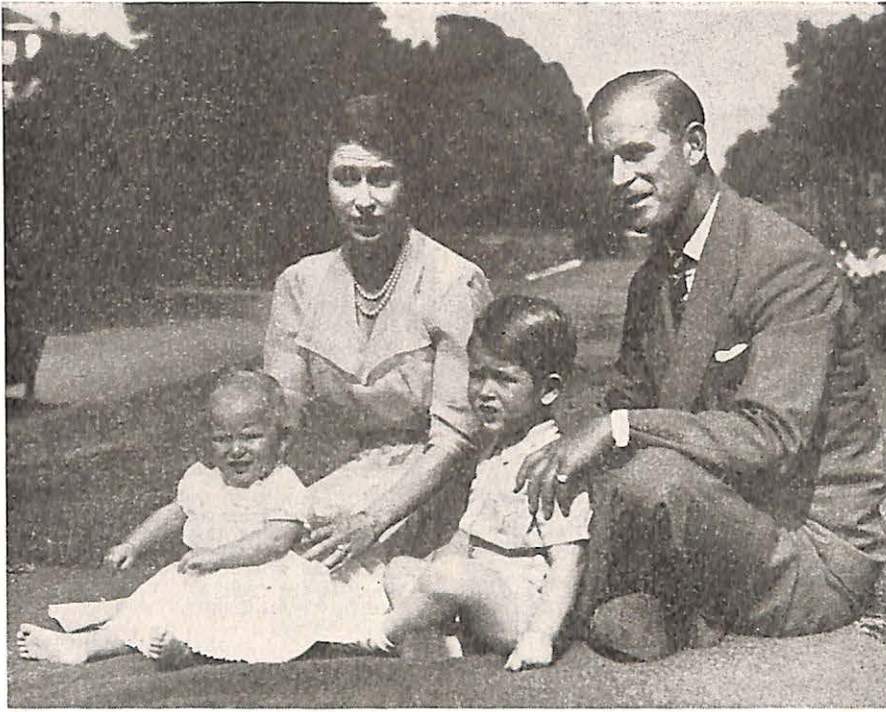
In the last few years, due to failing health, she had to retire from so many activities which she enjoyed so much. Through the days of her suffering she revealed an unflinching courage and invincible faith in God. Every day anew she would commit her ways unto the Lord and rest upon the promises of his Word, which gave her much comfort in her suffering. She was looking hopefully forward to the day of her release with the assurance in her heart that she would see God.

She is survived by her husband, Mr. Edwin C. Wolff; one brother, Mr. Elliott E. Meyers of Yuba City, Calif.; three sisters: Mrs. Emma Schmidt, Lodi, Calif.; Mrs. Lydia Lofelbine, Yuba City, Calif.; Mrs. Minnie Palma, Chico, Calif. She also leaves her father and mother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Christian Wolff of Java, S. Dak.; two brothers-in-law: Rev. Emmanuel Wolff of Dallas, Ore., and Ted. Wolff of Lodi; three sisters-in-law: Mrs. Phillip Goehring, Galt, Calif.; and Mrs. Bill Trefz, Hawthorne, Calif.; and Mrs. Leo Biel, Java, S. Dak.; and many other relatives and friends.

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints."

First Baptist Church,
Lodi, California

G. G. RAUSER, Pastor.



An informal picture of Queen Elizabeth with her husband, the Duke of Edinburgh, and their children, Prince Charles (born November 14, 1948) and Princess Anne (born August 15, 1950) in the garden of their London residence at Clarence House.

QUEEN ELIZABETH

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the solemn promises I shall be making, and that I may faithfully serve him, and you, all the days of my life. May God bless and guide you all through the coming year."

On June 2, 1953, the pageantry of centuries will come into being again. Now as always the British people will draw strength and faith from their past in order to face the future. The dominions will be more prominently represented than ever. The nations of the world will be represented by carefully chosen dignitaries. One hundred thousand seats will be available to those fortunate enough to be able to secure them. Other millions through the medium of television and radio will follow the royal procession as it wends its way through London's streets.

The Lord Mayor of London will carry the crystal mace. Lord Hastings and Lord Churston will carry the "great spurs," and Lord Dudhope the Royal Standard of Scotland. The jewels worn by the Queen will be fabulous. Preparation of them is a three months' job. There are about seventy-five pieces of jewelry ranging from a huge emerald to a solid gold salt-cellar about two feet high. The coronation crown, known as St. Edward's, will be placed on the Queen's head by the Archbishop of Canterbury and quickly removed because it is too heavy to wear. A lighter crown will be worn throughout the coronation.

The coronation procession will bring the Queen to Westminster Abbey, the most widely celebrated church in the

British Empire. Its fame lies not so much in its architecture, beautiful though it be, as in the fact that it has long been the place of the coronations of sovereigns and the burial place of many of them and of their greatest subjects. It is fitting that the coronation, which is essentially a religious ceremony, should be held in this great and historic church.

TRADITIONAL FESTIVITIES

Within the Abbey, the Queen will stand with the Archbishop of Canterbury on a gold carpeted dias. The Archbishop will make this announcement: "Sirs, I here present unto you Queen Elizabeth, the undoubted Queen of the realm. Wherefore all of you who are come this day to do your homage and service, are you willing to do the same?" The response of those present, in symbolic acceptance by the nation, will then be made: "God save Queen Elizabeth!"

When the homage ends, the drums will beat and the trumpets sound and all the people will shout, "God save Queen Elizabeth! Long live Queen Elizabeth! May the Queen live forever!" This will be followed by the traditional benediction by Canterbury, "The Lord give you a fruitful country and healthful seasons; victorious fleets and armies and a quiet empire; a faithful senate, wise and upright counsellors and magistrates; a loyal nobility and a dutiful gentry; a pious and learned and useful clergy; an honest, industrious and obedient commonality."

Following the coronation, a national service will be held at St. Giles' Ca-

thedral in Edinburgh on June 24, when the Scottish Crown, said to have been produced for Robert Bruce, the sword presented to James IV in 1507, the scepter and a gold rose, all used at the Coronation of Charles II, will be on view.

But all of this is but of passing significance. It is a public recognition and acceptance of a Queen by the people and of responsibilities by the Queen. It can add little to the stature of the Queen. To this day and for this great purpose was she born.

Those months and years of weary preparation will not have been in vain. The earnest prayers, the loving oversight of a godly grandmother, the tender watch-care of devout and earnest Christian parents, the solicitous concern of devoted friends, teachers, companions, all have combined to produce in the life of a young woman a character and spiritual experience which may well prove, in the providence of God, to be a foundation on which will be built a reign which may lead the British Empire to new heights of accomplishment, if not in areas of expansion, as did Queen Victoria, then most certainly in the field of moral and spiritual leadership.

With the millions of her subjects throughout the British Empire, we add our voices in the fervent prayer, "God bless and keep the Queen!"

WE, THE WOMEN

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functioning, but already we can see some fruit. Some of the women in last year's class are now in outstations with their husbands. Several of them are holding women's meetings in such places. All of them, we trust, are better wives, mothers and, most of all, better Christians because of their training."

"May you keep up the good work you have done. Be faithful in remembering the native African women, who love God before the mercy seat so they may become leaders."

CHICAGO BAPTIST HOME

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The devotional message was brought by the Rev. John E. Grygo, who spoke on: "How Old Are You?" The Rev. Henry Schroeder lifted our hearts in prayer to him who cares and sustains. Mrs. Ida Stockwell recited two story poems to the delight of all.

The latter part of the program was set aside for a special kodachrome picture showing of "Scenic Wyoming" by Mr. Vogt. We could not help but admire the well-chosen scenes and thanked God for his wondrously creative hand. Upon singing of a closing hymn, Mr. Roth thanked the Lord for a blessed evening and likewise for the refreshments prepared by Mrs. Robert Krogman and Mrs. Otto Roth.

John E. Grygo, Chairman
of Public Relations Committee.