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It Is Time to Think and Thank !

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

By Rev. B. JACKSTEIT, Anaheim, Calif.

A TEACHING PLAN

Date: November 29, 1953

Theme: **OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL.**

SCRIPTURE: Deut. 24:14-15, 19; Amos 5:10-15, 24; 2 Thess. 3:7-10.
PURPOSE: To show that justice and righteousness are necessary to the welfare of a nation.

GETTING STARTED: In the Bayou Country of Louisiana there lived a woman of courage and imagination. Having among her neighbors women who often complained of their hard lot and their seeming isolation from the rest of the world, she finally grew tired of their complaining and said to them, "Nonsense! You're not isolated. From this bayou you can get into the river, and from the river into the Gulf, and from the Gulf into the ocean, and from the ocean you can reach any country of the world. Why, from a bayou you can go anywhere!"

One of the things that has made America great is that it has given people an opportunity to go almost anywhere they wanted to go. Starting from even the humblest of beginnings, they've had the chance to rise to great heights of wealth and power and influence. As in no other country of the world, they've had the opportunity to get ahead and to realize their hopes and ambitions. This is one of the glories of America and the fact that has made it "the land of opportunity." By the grace of God, let us keep it that way.

Developing the Theme:

I. GOD REQUIRES THAT NATIONS PRACTICE JUSTICE AND RIGHTEOUSNESS (Amos 5:24).

1. When the voice of the prophet and reformer is stilled, the nation is on the way to ruin (Amos 5:10).
2. Where injustice and oppression prevail, destruction and ruin always follow (Amos 5:11-13).
3. Only a return to righteousness and justice and true godliness can save a nation from destruction when once corruption has set in (Amos 5:14-16).

II. THE PRACTICE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS AND JUSTICE WILL MEAN THE GIVING OF EQUAL OPPORTUNITY TO ALL (Deut. 24:14-15, 19).

1. No man is to be oppressed and exploited but is to be treated fairly and given a fair chance (24:14).
2. Every man is to be paid a fair and living wage (24:15).
3. Love and consideration are due the poor and unfortunate and provision must be made for their needs (24:19).

III. EQUAL OPPORTUNITY DEMANDS EQUAL RESPONSIBILITY (2 Thess. 3:7-10).

1. Every right and privilege brings with it a corresponding responsibility, and no man can enjoy the privileges without assuming the responsibilities.
2. If we want to enjoy the fruits of labor, we must be willing to assume the responsibility of labor (3:10).
3. Equal opportunity for all involves equal responsibility to all.

Applying the Lesson:

1. In what ways does race prejudice deprive other people of their God-given right to equal opportunity?
2. What are the responsibilities of the employer to his employee, and of the employee to his employer?

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A TEACHING PLAN

Date: December 6, 1953

Theme: **GOVERNMENT UNDER GOD.**

SCRIPTURE: Romans 13:1-10; Acts 5:25-29.

PURPOSE: To help us understand the place of government in society and our Christian responsibility toward it.

GETTING STARTED: In the light of Romans 13:1-7 how would you evaluate the following statement made by Abraham Lincoln in his first inaugural address on March 4, 1861? "This country, with its institutions, belongs to the people who inhabit it. Whenever they shall grow weary of the existing government, they can exercise their constitutional right of amending, or their revolutionary right to dismember or overthrow it." Is revolution ever justified, and is it one of the "rights" of the people?

Developing the Theme:

I. GOVERNMENTS ARE OF GOD (Romans 13:1-2).

1. The final sanction comes from God, not merely from the people. And while the choice of government belongs to the people, the permission to govern is given by God.

2. God has ordained and the life of society demands that there should be strong and responsible government. However, God only allows men to govern. He gives no "divine right" to any particular man or group to rule.

3. All governments need to realize that they govern only "by the will of God."

II. GOVERNMENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE TO GOD.

1. Since they govern only by the permission of God, they are respon-

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Dec. 6 (Sunday)—Corona, S. Dak.

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Dec. 6 (Sunday)—Tyndall, S. Dak.

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Rev. Herman Palfenier, Evangelist
Nov. 22-Dec. 4—Streeter, N. Dak.

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sible to him, to his law and purpose. Thus to govern well, governments need a sense of divine responsibility.

2. God judges governments impartially. If they obey him, he blesses them and they prosper. If they disobey him, he judges and destroys them.

III. GOVERNMENTS ARE DUE THE RESPECT AND LOYALTY OF GODLY PEOPLE (Romans 13:5-7).

1. God gave government for the good of society and the nurturing of the good life; therefore it deserves the loyal support of all (Romans 13:3-4).

2. Beyond loyalty and obedience, the Christian must give his government the "plus" of love and good will (Romans 13:8-10).

3. The Christian is a good citizen not out of fear but out of respect for

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Editorial

Count Your Blessings!

IT MIGHT BE a profitable thanksgiving exercise to count your blessings and to name them one by one. Like Abraham of old, you will soon learn that it will be like counting the stars in the heavens above or the sands along the seashore. God's promises and their fulfillment in the blessings of life are beyond count and completely above expectations. That alone is reason sufficient for heartfelt thanksgiving by everyone who serves the Lord Jesus Christ.

Count your blessings and you will soon see how rich you are in Christ in unexpected ways. As heirs of God and joint-heirs with the Apostle Paul: "O the depth of the riches, both of the wisdom and knowledge of God" (Romans 11:33). For to know the mysteries of God and to be partakers of his truth means "to be strengthened with the might of his spirit in the inner man, according to the riches of his glory" (Ephesians 3:16).

"When you look at others
With their lands and gold,
Think that Christ has promised you
His wealth untold."

These are the unsearchable riches of his Gospel. He has given us his peace which the world cannot give. He has shown us how to gain the victory over the world through our faith. He has imparted a royal priesthood, children of the heavenly Father. He has made us him in the work of his Kingdom. He has blessed us, co-laborers with way, Yes, count these blessings and "you will be singing as the days

Count your blessings and it will surprise you what the Lord has done for you. Most of us soon forget the joys and blessings we have had until we take inventory of life. A few stumbling blocks or adversities shut out from view the many good things that have come by one, and then we shall see what the Lord really has done for us.

True Thanksgiving presupposes a humble heart before God, recognizing our dependence upon him and acknowledging him to be the Creator of all things. It requires us to offer unto him the sacrifices of "a broken spirit," a life that is completely surrendered in love to him. 51:17). This is the Christian's highest expression of his gratitude as he counts his blessings before God.

Then, also, count your blessings and you will never grumble again. We can never be separated from the love of God. We stand firmly on the promises of his Word. We are more than conquerors through him. Even the bird on the housetop tells us that "his eye is on the sparrow and I know he watches me."

"So, amid the conflict
Whether great or small,
Do not be discouraged,
God is over all."

Try to count your blessings, name them one by one. You are bound to end up by marvelling at what God has done for you. That will be a heavenly Thanksgiving for you!

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It Is Time to Think and Thank!

It is in our Savior that we have the fountains of blessing, bringing perfect salvation. Should we not, therefore, early and often in our Christian experience learn to say: "Thank you, Lord?"

By the REV. HAROLD E. WEISS, Pastor of the Northside Baptist Church, Sioux Falls, South Dakota

"We need to be on our guard lest the perils of prosperity or even lack of prosperity deaden us to the virtue and beauty of a thankful life."

THE PEOPLE of America were shocked to read in their papers and to hear over the radio of twenty-three American soldiers who refused to return to their homeland. Parents, brothers and sisters of these men cried out with sadness and shame: "No, no, it can't be true, that our boy, our brother has done this thing!"

Yes, we have been shocked so many times in recent years at the turn of events in our nation and throughout the world that we often failed to realize what might be the true meaning of these events. What is it that startles us when twenty-three young men fail to return to their homeland? You are right, the pathetic fact of the matter is that here are young men who have experienced the daily blessings of a free land, yet fail to appreciate it. Worse than that, they reject the blessings that could be theirs.

Would to God that all of us might be shocked into a realization and an appreciation of God's manifold blessings to us as his children. We have been so busy with the multifarious activities and tasks, with the scientific discoveries and developments of the atomic and hydrogen bombs, with the fears of a catastrophic third World War, that we have not paused to be reminded of God's goodness to us.

The Psalmist expresses this thought so beautifully: "O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever . . . Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men" (Psalm 107:1, 8).

CONFUSION

Even though the twentieth century is known to be the age of great learning, when we have seen before our very eyes the gigantic growth of universities and colleges, there seems to be evident in the minds of a co-called civilized people a confusion of ideals, of principles and of values. A philosophy of life is essential but a wrong philosophy may produce generations of ungrateful people.

There are certain philosophies which even affect Christians to live

ungrateful lives. Some of these are as follows:

1. "The world owes me a living, therefore, why should I be thankful?" We readily sense that such a view of life not only is harmful to oneself and to others but it is erroneous. What we are or what we possess is because of God's love and grace to us. He deserves our gratitude. "The righteous, and the wise, and their works, are in the hand of God . . . (Ecc. 9:1).

2. Another philosophy of life by which men live is that whatever they have has been worked for by them by the sweat of their brows. Therefore, it rightly belongs to them. The confusion of their reasoning and thinking is further made clear when they say: "Why should anyone else get the praise and glory for my achievements or attainments?"

3. Still others believe that each man must live for himself to try to earn a living. They owe no man or God anything. Gratitude is unnecessary. These various people holding to these views fail to recognize that it is God who gives us life, strength, wisdom and grace to carry out the duties of every day.

"Know ye that the Lord he is God; it is he that hath made us, and not we



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ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture" (Ps. 100:3).

Man has done nothing to deserve these blessings or favors from the loving Hand of Almighty God. It is because of ignorance and sin in the hearts of men that they can not and will not express gratitude to God. Only Jesus Christ through his Holy Spirit is able to cause us to recognize the virtue and beauty of the thankful heart.

RECEIVING WITHOUT THANKING

Most of us have often been astonished to observe how God has repeatedly blessed certain people with physical, material and spiritual blessings and then to note that these same individuals have not recognized the need for thanksgiving. The Apostle Paul in writing to the Ephesians emphasized the importance of "giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Eph. 5:20).

In the old Anglo-Saxon language thankfulness means "thankfulness." As we think of all God's blessings to us the result should be gratitude expressed with our lips, and through our lives in sacrificial service. "I beseech you therefore, brethren by the mercies of God that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service" (Rom. 12:1).

Have you ever been aware of the monotony of continually receiving without thanking? We are so constituted that we do not appreciate always doing the same things, always going to the same places without a change or variety of experience. The Lord Jesus does not intend our life to be dull. He has new experiences and new challenges for us each day. If your Christian life has become shallow and meaningless, why not try to begin a new life of thanksgiving?

Why not adopt for your life or for your family the motto **THINK AND THANK**. This will open visions of new horizons for you in your life. I feel that it is our Christian duty to express gratitude to God and man because it is the **NATURAL** thing to do; because it is the **LOGICAL** thing to do; and because it is the **SCRIPTURAL** thing to do.

Notice the following Scripture passages which are intended to lead us through the gates of thanksgiving: Ps. 67:3; Ps. 100; Ps. 107:22; Isa. 42:12; Col. 3:15; 1 Thess. 5:18; Heb. 13:15.

THANKSGIVING FOR FREEDOM

When we stop to think of God's blessings to us, and begin to enumerate them, we find it to be an almost impossible task. They have been showered upon us as the showers of rain. So great and wonderful have been his mercies! As I ponder over God's blessings to me I stand in humility before his presence and join with A. H. Ackley, the song writer, and say:

"I am amazed that God could ever love me,
So full of sin, so covered o'er with shame;
Make me to walk with him who is above me,
Cleansed by the power of his redeeming grace."

More than that, we owe thanksgiving to God for permitting us to live in a land where we have freedom, the greatest freedom any nation of the world has even known. Even though our economic or civil ledgers may have shown a balance sheet of gain or staggering losses, yet we have reason to offer thanksgiving. The people of the United States and Canada have the comforts of home where they may live in peace and quiet. We have freedom in matters of religion to worship according to the dictates of our hearts. We have free institutions for the learning and development of sound Christian character and personality.

We will do well to give attention to the words of Moses: "When thou hast eaten and art full, then thou shalt bless the Lord thy God for the good land which he hath given thee" (Deut. 8:10).

THANKSGIVING FOR OUR CHURCH

Ever since the Lord opened the doors for us to serve our Master here at Northside Church in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, we have been surprised time and time again at God's wonderful leading. We cannot speak of spectacular increases of membership but we are thankful for the evidences of God's leading in the spiritual life and growth of our church. We have witnessed marvelous spiritual and financial victories.

One problem which seemed insurmountable at first is turning into another victory. Last fall we discovered termites in our basement church and parsonage buildings when we were about to launch a building project in order to build an auditorium on our basement structure. This discovery involved the removing of all the old lumber inside the parsonage, leaving only the concrete block walls and roof. Many hours of sacrificial service were donated to rebuild the entire struc-



"The Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad."

ture, most of the work being done in the evening hours.

This discouragement brought all of us to our knees before the Lord who provides so marvelously. People began to pledge money above their tithe. Men, women, young people and children worked together to rebuild the termite infested structures. Friends and relatives gave additional gifts of money in order to have the buildings treated to guarantee against any further termite troubles. In spite of this difficulty, the Sunday School has almost doubled its attendance to the



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point where we can hardly invite any more because of the limited space.

We are not waiting for the thanksgiving season at the Northside Church but we are thanking our Lord daily for his goodness and mercy to us. We can only say, "The Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad" (Ps. 126:3).

THANKSGIVING FOR A SAVIOR

As Christian people, those who have been redeemed through the blood of the Crucified, we owe our love, our allegiance, our thanksgiving, our ALL to HIM! Every Christian is able to give his or her testimony of how the Lord Jesus Christ has followed them with his divine love, how their lives were changed from sin to victory over sin. We are now able to blend our voices with all the redeemed and sing the words of the song writer:

I once was lost, in sin's dark sea
I heard Christ call, "Come unto me";
On that drear night, he rescued me
And broke the chains, from sin I'm free.

I love my Christ, who died for me
On that cruel Cross of Calvary
And some day soon his face I'll see,
And live anew, eternally.

It is in our Savior that we have the fountains of blessing, bringing perfect salvation. Should we not, therefore, early in our Christian experience learn to say, "Thank you, Lord"? All the gratitude of our heart will be centered in and about one Person—the Lord Jesus Christ. "Thanks be to God for his unspeakable gift" (1 Cor. 9:15).



We Thank Thee, Lord!

A Thanksgiving message of praise and challenge for the observance of Thanksgiving and Sacrifice Week, from Sunday, November 22, to Sunday, November 29

By DR. FRANK H. WOYKE, Executive Secretary

something but also to **Someone**. From whom do all these blessings flow? To the Christian the answer is obvious: from God, the Giver of all good and perfect gifts! God must be in the center of our Thanksgiving celebration. He must receive the glory due unto his Name. That is why we shall sing unto the Lord, and enter his courts with praise.

THANKING GOD FOR BLESSINGS

As North American Baptists, we are grateful to God for many blessings, for spiritual as well as material gifts. We shall thank God for his presence in our family circle, for our churches, for opportunities for service and for the challenge of spiritual fields white unto harvest. Here are some of the ways in which God has blessed us as North American Baptists.

1. **An increase in numbers.** During the past year our churches were privileged to receive 1930 members by baptism. Our total membership now stands at 45,121, a net gain of 1102 over the previous year. Knowing that there is joy in heaven over one soul that turns to God, we rejoice over the host of people who have found faith in Christ through the ministry of our churches.

2. **Record Contributions.** Contributions of our people for both local and missionary purposes reached the sum of \$3,041,174.51, or \$67.40 per person. This is an increase of \$315,059.29 over the previous year. Giving for all missionary and benevolent purposes amounted to \$793,422.01. This record giving, a demonstration of devotion and sacrifice, has helped to speed the Word of God to many parts of the world.

3. **Home Mission Opportunities.** The opportunities for evangelism in Canada and the United States are almost

unlimited. From all directions we hear the Macedonian call: "Come and help us!"

In Canada, the call comes primarily from immigrants in need of a bilingual ministry. Driven from their homes and arriving on foreign shores like the pilgrims of old, they long for fellowship and a house of worship. It is our responsibility and privilege to assist them in the establishment of churches in their new homeland.

In the United States, a shifting population has resulted in the mushrooming of many new communities. Often these groups are without an evangelical witness and it is our duty to do our share to furnish such a witness.

4. **Challenging Foreign Fields.** God has blessed us also with a great foreign missionary program. He has given us open doors and grand young people willing to consecrate their lives for missionary service.

In the British Cameroons of West Africa a staff of 38 missionaries supervises a program that is almost fantastically successful. Every year our mission reports nearly 5000 inquirers, with between 1200 and 1500 baptized and added to the membership of the native churches. In addition, thousands are trained in the schools. A blessed healing ministry is carried on by Bansa Hospital and the New Hope Colony for leprosy patients. The benediction of God rests also on our work in Europe and in Japan.

BRING AN OFFERING

We could continue to name our blessings and opportunities, but those we have listed will suffice. The important decision we face now is: What will be our response? The Psalmist says: "Bring an offering."

A small boy, when asked to give a definition of mashed potatoes, said: "Mashed potatoes are so that everyone will have enough." Something similar can be said of our **Thanksgiving and Sacrifice Offering**. If each one of us places on God's altar a generous gift, our offering will be "so that everyone will have enough."

In response to the challenge confronting us, we have greatly expanded our missionary program. We dare not falter or fail. As we sing our songs of Thanksgiving, let us also bring a worthy offering for the support of our missionary cause.

Meet Our Youth Director!

On Dec. 1, 1953 the Rev. Lawrence G. Bienert of Cathay, N. Dak., will begin his new ministry as Youth Director under appointment of the Commissioned Baptist Youth and Sunday School Union

By the REV. J. C. GUNST of Forest Park, Illinois

"The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth laborers into his harvest" (LUKE 10:2).

THE PRAYERS of a great many pastors, leaders, and young people were answered when the General Council approved the plan, and the Conference Union Executive Committee called a Youth Director for our denomination. After much prayer, planning and deliberation over a period of many months, the Conference Union Executive Committee met in special session for the purpose of interviewing a man, and extending a call to him to become the Youth Director.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

We are exceedingly happy to announce that the Rev. Lawrence Bienert has responded favorably to the call extended to him to become Youth Director. He will begin his ministry on December 1, 1953.

Mr. Bienert was born and raised at Leduc, Alta., Canada, where he also finished his high school training. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Leduc. Mr. Bienert spent two years, 1945-1946, at the Christian Training Institute at Edmonton, Alta., after which he entered the North American Baptist Seminary in Rochester, New York. In the spring of 1951 Mr. Bienert graduated with a B.Th. degree from the Seminary, at that time located in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Besides his formal training during those six years, he enjoyed rich experiences in the university of life, serving in various places and capacities. He spent two summers as student missionary worker on the Indian mission field at Hobbema, Alberta. One summer he served under the Student Service Plan in the Southern Conference where people were very grateful for his fine ministry in preaching, Vacation Bible Schools, and youth camp work. He served one summer as student pastor at our church in Avon, South Dakota. The people of our church there were most happy to hear that Brother Bienert has been called as Youth Director since they were so well pleased with his ministry among them.

While he was a Senior at the Seminary, Mr. Bienert was chosen as pas-



Rev. Lawrence G. Bienert, Youth Director of the Commissioned Baptist Youth and Sunday School Union

tor and leader to survey the community, and to give guidance in the organization of the Trinity Baptist Church in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

CATHAY, NORTH DAKOTA

For nearly three years he has served the Cathay Baptist Church, Cathay, N. Dak., as its pastor. The good people at Cathay are most unhappy to lose their much loved pastor at this time, since church and pastor have enjoyed a happy, progressive and successful ministry together. We are confident that the church realizes that the Lord leads his faithful stewards on to greater responsibilities, greater service and greater leadership. The Cathay Church is not losing Brother Bienert; they are merely sharing him with all the other churches of the denomination.

During his pastorate he was active in the Dakota Conference as youth worker. For two consecutive years he served as chairman of the Leadership Training Program in that conference. He was also re-elected as dean of the Northern North Dakota summer assembly. Everywhere he has proven himself as a faithful and efficient steward of the Lord Jesus. Thus the Conference Union has added an additional

full-time worker to the ever increasing duties we face as your leaders and workers together in this extremely important work of the church of Christ.

All those responsible for the overall leadership of our denomination have displayed vision and real spiritual concern for the youth of our churches and a love for the Kingdom cause when they approved the calling of a Youth Director. We thank God for the cooperation of our General Council, the Finance Committee, the general secretaries and our Conference Union Council for their prayers and support in calling a Youth Director.

It should be mentioned here that the organization of the Conference Union as such does not change with the coming of a new Youth Director. The general secretary, the Rev. J. C. Gunst, will continue to serve as general secretary of the Conference Union. Being released from most of his responsibilities to the Commissioned Youth Department, he will concentrate his efforts more fully on the Sunday School work. He will give guidance in the functions of the school, in materials, in promotion, and in Sunday School progress. He will stress the need for Christian Workers' Conferences, Week Day Schools, Teacher Training and progress in general of the Sunday School in the local church and on a conference-wide basis.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S ACTIVITIES

The Rev. Lawrence Bienert will concentrate his efforts on young people's activities. He will promote summer camps and assemblies, and give guidance in rallies and leadership training. He will give guidance in program planning plus materials for the local CBY groups and promote CBY activities in general throughout the General Conference.

Miss Ruth Bathauer will continue as Children's Worker. She will give leadership in Scripture memory work as heretofore. She will give guidance in Vacation Bible School planning, and direct children's work in general in the local church and on a General Conference basis.

All three of these workers will be available for service, as time permits, in any one of our local churches, each in his own field. In addition they will serve at conferences, assemblies,

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THANKSGIVING AND SACRIFICE WEEK

Sunday, Nov. 22 to Sunday, Nov. 29

- Bring an offering. Special Thanksgiving Offering envelopes have been sent to all churches.
- Give careful attention to the "Statistics of Our Churches, 1953" appearing on page 11.
- Your offering will help support our expanding missionary work in all parts of the world.
- Read the fine missionary article on Belo, Cameroons, on pages 8 and 9 of this issue.

David W. Corson from A. Devaney, N. Y.

"Sing unto the Lord, bless his name; show forth his salvation from day to day. Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name, bring an offering, and come into his courts" (PSALM 96:2, 8).

THE THANKSGIVING season is old yet ever new; and it comes every year but is always welcomed with joy!

For what shall we be thankful this year? We shall be grateful for the same, wonderful everyday gifts. We shall give thanks for the great land which God has given us and for its wonderful prosperity; for health and happiness; for the warmth and love of our family circle; and for our bountiful Thanksgiving dinner—be it turkey, chicken or roast beef. All of these are precious gifts and we have every right to rejoice in them.

Yet the deeper meaning of Thanksgiving will escape us if these are the only objects of our gratitude. After all, if we are to be genuinely thankful, we must not only be grateful for

Christian Teachers' Conference at Belo

We thank God for the mission schools which we have in the Cameroons, Africa, which are not an end in themselves, but a means to the end—the salvation of boys and girls to Christ

By the REV. HOWARD W. ROTH, Missionary, stationed at Belo, Africa

AUGUST! It's vacation time for the boys and girls who attend our schools in the Cameroons. It's the time to which they look forward, because it means that for a brief time they do not have to be concerned with studies and exams. The teachers also look forward to this time because it means that those who are away from home teaching can journey home for a few weeks to see their loved ones.

Vacation time for these people is broken up into several periods rather than having it all at one time as in the United States. August is the longest period, with the exception of the time at the end of the year when the school term ends and before the new year begins. This time is their own and they are anxious to spend as much of it at home as they possibly can.

CONFERENCE PREPARATIONS

However, just as in America and in many other countries, we feel that if a teacher is to do his best, he must be constantly studying and learning. Because of this, we plan each year to hold a series of lectures and discussions for the benefit of the teachers. We call it a Teachers' Conference and try to make it a time when both the experienced and the inexperienced teachers may benefit. Our time is limited and so it must be brief and yet long enough so that the teacher feels that the days are well spent. This year the conference was at the Belo Station from the 26th to the 28th of the month.

The teachers of the Belo "school district" left their homes a week early and journeyed to Belo for this Teachers' Conference. Some had to walk for three days. If they began early enough in the morning, they could be reasonably sure that they would have four or five hours of good walking before the rains began. If they timed their journey right, that was just enough time to get to the place where they would spend the remainder of the day and the night. Usually it was at a friend's home somewhere along the road, since hotels are almost unknown. If there did happen to be "a hotel," it probably wouldn't be a safe place to spend the night.

At every conference there must be outside speakers in order to draw the crowd. For our special speakers



David Williams, traveling preacher-teacher in the Cameroons, who was one of the special speakers at the Belo Teachers' Conference

we had our missionaries, Don and Verna Ganstrom. Don is supervisor of all our Cameroons schools, as well as youth director. His wife also held several classes. As special speakers, we had Mr. David Williams, who is our traveling preacher-teacher, and the senior evangelist of Belo field, Mr. Lucas Ndichafah. The balance of the speakers consisted of a number of teachers.

The first hour of each morning was in charge of the senior evangelist who brought to us three fine messages on how to grow as a Christian through Bible study, prayer and giving; three very important things which no Christian can afford to neglect.

DAVID WILLIAMS

Mr. Williams, who in years past tried to mix his religion with the things of the world, but who not so many years ago found out that it couldn't be done and who has come out "once and for all" for his Lord, besides his lectures dealing directly with education, brought a very interesting and timely lecture on Christian recreation. He surprised everyone with what he had to say.

Although the African in the Cameroons is far behind in many aspects of modern civilization, the devil is not overlooking a thing when it comes to the damage he can do. The modern dance, the cinema, the phonograph with its worldly records, and the cards have all made an impression to a certain degree on the lives and minds of many of the more educated people of this land. These are the things about which Mr. Williams spoke as he warned the teachers of the evils which they bring. Although there are no movies here in the grasslands (Victoria has one), the other three items mentioned are here and are a great temptation.

Mr. Ganstrom refreshed the minds of all the teachers concerning the principles and methods of teaching, with the emphasis on the thought that in order to teach a child the teacher must "suffer," that is, the teacher must put everything he has into each lesson if the child is really to learn. As a Christian teacher, he has a greater reason for teaching than the non-Christian teacher, namely, to bring each child in his class to know the Lord. During each lecture there was time for questions and answers.

"FAMILY DEVOTIONS"

At another time during the three days, Don Ganstrom spoke on the topic, "Family Devotions," pointing out the spiritual as well as the material advantages of having devotions with the family. In Africa, where the wife is the servant and the husband is the master, where the woman does not have equal rights with the man, this is a new idea. Only in those families where the "white man's" ways have been adopted does the wife even eat at the same table with the husband! Africa has to come a long way before equal rights are given the woman, but once they are given and once the family altar is started the family will be strengthened and through this the church and the nation will benefit.

Because the English language is not the native tongue of the African, he has a difficult time with many words of the language. Even our teachers need help in this respect, so Verna Ganstrom held a course in phonetics, (I must admit that I learned something from her lecture, too.)

There were other lectures on teaching English, arithmetic, history and geography, how to make visual aids, and even singing. In these lectures the teachers brought out pointers which they, while teaching, have found helpful in getting their lessons across to the children.

Taking the saying, "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy," literally, we took time out during the second evening to have a social hour. Verna Ganstrom and Betty Holzimmer were the hostesses. They arranged the games and refreshments. We did not expect too many of the teachers to come to the social because it was at night and raining and not many people like to walk out at night with a poor light and improper clothing for rain, but to our pleasant surprise every teacher came.

GAMES AND REFRESHMENTS

They enjoyed themselves, too. They pinned the tail on the cat, they played "button, button, who's got the button," and other games and not one of them seemed the least bored! After the games, coffee, cookies and cake were served.

After the refreshments, there was a brief devotional during which time an opportunity was given for testimonies. Three outstanding testimonies were given by three men, each testimony different from the previous one, but each from the heart.

Mr. Williams gave thanks to God for his watch-care over his daughter who, for the first time in her life, took an airplane ride. She flew to a large city in Nigeria, Enugu. Friends of hers were to meet her at the airport, but for some reason they were not there when she arrived in that large and strange city. However, a white Englishman and his wife took her under their wings and saw to it that she reached her destination safely. Mr. Williams did not like the idea of her flying since he did not quite trust an airplane.

Mr. Peter Fomunyan, the headmaster (principal) of our Belo School gave God praise and thanks for giving to him a fine Christian wife who has been a great help to him and to the church. In Africa a man does not always have something to say as to who his wife shall be. Often, he does not see her until just before the wedding because his family will make all the necessary arrangements. Our Christian men realize the dangers involved in marrying a pagan wife and, because they do not always have anything to say in the matter, they are greatly concerned.

Peter calls it a miracle that he has the wife he does have since he obtained her without his family's help. His wife's father, who was nothing more than a friend to Peter, came to him one day and told him that he would like to have him for a son-in-law. So the arrangements were made



Stephen Ndip (center) after recovering from a leg amputation with Missionary Margaret Kittlitz and Church Teacher David Nyanganji who helped him spiritually to face life again

by Peter, they were married, and he took her to his house where she has proved to be an excellent wife, mother and helper to him.

NDIP'S AMPUTATION

Mr. Stephen Ndip was the third man to give his testimony. It was last January that a crisis came into Stephen's life. He was on his way to the school in which he was to teach when he fell and twisted his right leg under him in such a way that the main arteries were torn and the leg



The Cameroons Baptist Mission teaching staff of the Belo School all of whom attended the recent Teachers' Conference

had to be amputated. He was not the strongest Christian at the time and, since he felt that he was now useless because of having only one leg, he despaired of life itself.

It was the witness of our missionary Margaret Kittlitz, at Bansa where Mr.

Ndip was convalescing after his operation that he put his trust in Christ completely and again had the desire to live. His family, with the exception of his wife and children, have all forsaken him. He is an outcast to them and yet he is happy because he realizes that, although man might forsake him, Christ will not.

(Efforts are being made towards an artificial leg for Stephen. He is now teaching again with the aid of crutches.) During his testimony he gave thanks to God for his goodness. He also thanked God for the witness of Miss Kittlitz at Bansa and for the skill of our doctor. His wife gave birth to a baby girl during the time he was in the hospital and he named the girl Margaret in honor of Miss Kittlitz.

With these testimonies and after several brief prayers, the men returned to their homes for the night.

WITNESSING IN THE MARKET

Although the conference officially ended on Friday, we took some of the teachers in Don Ganstrom's car and drove to a market square which is just at the foot of a hill on which a Roman Catholic Mission is located. There we played hymns on the phonograph over the public address system which Don uses in connection with his youth work.

The people streamed out of the market square and crowded about the car in amazement and wonder at the "white man's magic." After playing the records for a while, one of the teachers preached in the native tongue. The fact that the car made such "pretty music" was not as amazing to the people as the fact that the car was able to speak their language!

We thank God for the witness of our Christian teachers. We thank God for the schools which we have in the Cameroons which are not an end in themselves, but a means to the end—the salvation of boys and girls to Christ.

A New Hymnal for Our Churches

A contest for the title for our new denominational HYMNAL is now open. You can make your suggestions until April 1, 1954. It will cost you nothing but it will give you much joy, especially if your suggestion is the prize-winning entry

By DR. M. L. LEUSCHNER, Editor of the BAPTIST HERALD

THE DENOMINATION is considering the preparation of a new, all-English hymnal with wonderful features for our churches. The Publication Board and General Council have appointed the important Hymnal Committee. Its first session was held on Friday, October 9, in Cleveland, Ohio, when a thrilling beginning was made to this memorable publication venture!

HYMNAL COMMITTEE

The Hymnal Committee is constituted as follows: Rev. Paul Wengel, Brooklyn, N. Y., chairman; Dr. H. von Berge, Dayton, Ohio, honorary chairman; Rev. E. J. Baumgartner, Cleveland, Ohio, secretary; Mr. Herbert Fankratz, Chicago, Ill., secretary pro tem; Dr. Frank H. Woyke, Forest Park, Ill.; Mrs. Emma B. Meier, Portland, Ore.; Rev. Assaf Husmann, New York, N. Y.; and Dr. M. L. Leuschner, Forest Park, Illinois. The local pastors, the Rev. Paul F. Zoschke and Rev. Edwin Miller, and the "Sendbote" editor, the Rev. W. J. Luebeck, were in attendance upon the committee's invitation.

The new hymnal will be the best possible combination of worship hymns and Gospel songs that can be used by our churches. In addition, it will contain quite a number of translations of familiar German songs and hymns which were formerly used by the churches in "Die Glaubensharfe." Some of them were sung enthusiastically by General Conference visitors at Philadelphia, Pa., from the translations prepared by Mr. Wengel. The hymnal of about 450-500 pages will be available prior to the 1955 General Conference.

TITLE CONTEST

The Committee would like to find the most appropriate name for this new hymnal. Have you something to suggest? A title contest is now under way. You may send as many title suggestions as you wish of four words or less for the hymnal. Send them to the Rev. E. J. Baumgartner, 3734 Payne Ave., Cleveland 14, Ohio, before April 1, 1954. The first prize will be a special leather bound volume of the hymnal with your name gold-embossed on the cover. If several suggestions of the winning title are sent, the first one received at the Publication House will be regarded as the winning entry. So hurry and send your suggestions!

An editorial committee has been appointed to study the various types of hymns and Gospel songs and to make definite recommendations for the new hymnal to the Publication Board and General Council meeting next spring. This sub-committee is composed of Paul Wengel, chairman; Herbert Fankratz, Assaf Husmann and Mrs. Emma B. Meier. A Responsive Reading Committee to recommend the scripture readings for the hymnal has been appointed with Rev. M. L. Leuschner, chairman; and Rev. Paul F. Zoschke and Rev. Edwin Miller as members. All financial arrangements for the hymnal will be in charge of Dr. Frank H. Woyke and the Rev. E. J. Baumgartner.

BIRTHDAY PARTY

A happy feature of the day's session was a birthday celebration in honor of Dr. H. von Berge. A few days previously he had observed his 82nd birthday. A large birthday cake with several lighted candles and ice cream

were provided by Mr. and Mrs. Baumgartner. The group sang "Happy Birthday" in two musical versions and extended heartiest congratulations to its revered honorary chairman. No living man has had so much to do with our denominational hymnals, German and English, as Dr. von Berge. In addition, he has composed the music and given us the words for many of our General Conference theme songs and Sunday School programs. We trust that God will continue to bless Dr. von Berge with years of good health and golden joy!

Announcements about the progress being made on the publication of this new denominational hymnal will be made from time to time. If your church is considering new hymnals, it will pay you to wait until you have seen this new hymnal for use in North American Baptist churches. It will be well worth waiting for! All of us can be excited with eager anticipation over the probable distribution of this new denominational hymnal by 1955!

Missionary Picture Packets

An important announcement about the Missionary Packet of thirty-two pictures of all of our missionaries

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

THE MISSIONARY PACKET of pictures of all of our missionaries has proved to be most popular. The pictures have been used for colorful missionary exhibits and have helped our people to visualize our missionaries more clearly and to pray for each one with earnest requests. Hundreds of the packets have been distributed during the past several years.

A few weeks ago it was deemed advisable by the secretarial staff to bring the packet up-to-date with the latest pictures of our most recently appointed missionaries: Rev. and Mrs. Walter Sukut and Miss Lois Lechner in Japan; Miss Eleanor Schuler in the Cameroons, Africa; and Miss Florence Eisele in the Spanish-American Field in Colorado. Several other pic-

tures of missionaries were changed with their most recent photographs, such as that of the Rev. and Mrs. Earl Ahrens and their son Billy.

Since this revised missionary packet with thirty-two pictures is quite new, it was decided that only new orders for the missionary packets at \$1.00 can be received. No more separate pictures of our missionaries will be sent. If you want the latest set of all of our missionaries with the thirty-two fine pictures, you will have to order the entire set at \$1.00.

The pictures are 5 x 7 inches in size with the names and fields of service of all missionaries listed. They are printed on heavy enamel paper, giving the picture photographic clarity.

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GOOD NEWS FROM OUR SEMINARY

By DR. RALPH E. POWELL, Seminary Professor

Well under way is the first semester of studies at our Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., with a total enrollment of thirty-seven students. In addition to these Seminary students, there are twenty-two pre-enrolled men in residence. These are men from our churches who are taking collegiate work at either Sioux Falls College or Augustana College. Other pre-enrolled students not living in Sioux Falls number twelve.

Readers of this column will be interested in knowing where our Seminary students come from and how they are distributed as to classes, so the following information is given: From South Dakota there are ten; five from Iowa; two from each of the following states: North Dakota, Michigan, Minnesota; one from Colorado, Wisconsin, Washington and New York; and there are twelve students from Canada.

In the third year class (Seniors) are nine students, sixteen in the second year class (Middle), and nine in the first year class (Juniors). Besides these we have three special students, including our returned missionary from the Cameroons, Miss Berneice Westerman.

A public Convocation Service was conducted at the end of our first school week at which time the new students were introduced and welcomed by President George A. Lang; by the president of the student body,



Dr. Henry Brandt, temporary professor of practical subjects and director of student field work at the North American Baptist Seminary

David Nasgowitz; and by the Rev. Richard Grenz on behalf of Trinity Baptist Church and the Rev. Harold Weiss for our Northside Baptist Church. Dr. George Dunger, speaker of the evening, provoked thought with his message, "Missions — Whither Bound?" Following the service, a reception was held in the Seminary dining room, where opportunity was afforded for many profitable social contacts with students, faculty and the numerous visiting friends of our school.

At the time of writing the immediate highlight of our school's interest and activity is the securing of Dr. Henry Brandt from our Burns Avenue Baptist Church in Detroit, Mich., as temporary professor of practical subjects and director of student field work. He is teaching Christian Education, Homiletics, Elements of Worship and Practice Preaching.

Dr. Brandt has earned a M.A. degree at Wayne University in Clinical Psychology, a Ph.D. degree at Cornell University in Child Development and

MISSIONARY PACKET

The Missionary Packet with the latest 32 pictures of our missionaries is now available at \$1.00 per set. No more individual pictures can be sent. Only orders for the complete set can be received. Read the accompanying article of instructions.

EDITOR.

Family Relations. Besides teaching at the General Motors Institute and the Mental Health Clinic of Detroit, he has taught in the field of psychology at Houghton College in New York. At the latter school he also served as Dean of Men, Director of Practical Work in Christian Education, and was engaged in certain administrative and public relations responsibilities. Varied activities in fields of Christian service and organization, extensive travel and preaching experience have contributed to the enrichment of Dr. Brandt's background and to qualifying him for his present responsibilities at our Seminary. He is the father of three children, Richard, Beth and Sue. Mrs. Brandt and the children are living in Detroit until suitable housing can be secured in Sioux Falls.

MISSIONARY PACKETS

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They are ideal for exhibiting them on bulletin boards or missionary maps. We highly recommend a set to every missionary society or guild, to our pastors and youth leaders, and to the churches for a promotional ministry.

So, for the latest set of missionary pictures, send your order to North American Baptists, 7308 Madison St., Forest Park, Ill., at once. They will be sent to you postpaid without delay. The number of sets is limited. Order yours before it is too late. You will not regret it!

Statistics of Our Churches, 1953—North American Baptist General Conference

Conferences	Churches	Baptisms	Church Members	Local Expenses	Gifts for Our Mission Fields	Gifts for Other Mission Societies	Total Gifts for All Mission Purposes	Total Gifts for All Purposes	Sunday Schools	S. S. Scholars	Teachers and Officers	Woman's Miss. Soc.		CBY Groups	
												Societies	Members	Societies	Members
Atlantic	24	85	4199	\$ 253,476.65	\$ 30,182.35	\$ 62,679.92	\$ 92,862.27	\$ 346,338.92	24	2705	371	23	706	15	266
Central	27	347	7646	395,939.76	87,213.39	93,264.36	180,477.75	576,417.51	27	5754	611	42	1557	33	872
Dakota	57	307	7100	333,853.21	93,386.72	15,793.91	109,180.63	443,033.84	69	6959	788	70	1465	62	1493
Eastern	16	59	2570	90,518.38	21,430.76	8,879.93	30,310.69	120,829.07	15	1526	189	15	425	13	282
Northern	48	309	6926	211,418.39	69,146.62	15,420.88	84,567.50	295,985.89	49	5418	542	35	916	35	1523
Northwestern	36	244	5940	290,694.88	75,678.73	36,199.57	111,878.30	402,573.18	37	4614	578	57	1517	51	968
Pacific	31	423	6893	423,026.28	76,732.45	18,957.72	95,690.15	518,716.43	34	6613	734	27	1151	32	1132
Southern	12	39	1196	59,945.74	13,741.71	4,359.18	18,100.89	78,046.63	12	1223	167	11	254	14	473
Southwestern	23	117	2651	188,879.21	61,918.28	8,435.55	70,353.83	259,233.04	23	2259	330	27	678	24	469
Totals	274	1930	45121	\$2,247,752.50	\$529,430.90	\$263,931.02	\$793,422.01	\$3,041,174.51	290	37071	4310	307	8669	279	7478
Last Year	274	1851	44019	1,956,191.15	530,999.64	238,924.43	769,924.07	2,726,115.22	288	35568	3976	253	8078	238	7486
Total Increase		79	1102	\$ 291,561.35		\$ 25,066.59	\$ 23,497.94	\$ 315,059.29	2	1503	334	34	591	41	
Total Decrease					\$ 1,568.65										

WHAT'S HAPPENING

● The Baptist churches of Southey and Serath, Sask., Canada, have extended a call to the Rev. E. L. Thiesen of Fenwood, Sask., to which he has responded favorably. He hopes to begin his pastorate on the new field about December 1st. He has served as minister of the Fenwood Baptist Church since 1951.

● The Baptist Church of Elgin, Iowa, has extended a call to the Rev. H. John Vanderbeck of Austin, Texas, to which he has responded favorably. He will begin his pastorate at the Elgin Baptist Church on November 19, succeeding Dr. Arthur Ittermann. Mr. Vanderbeck was formerly pastor at Kyle, Texas, until he resigned to give his full time to graduate studies.

● The Baptist Church of Bison, Kans., has extended a call to the Rev. David Littke of Billings, Mont., where he and his family have been residing since his resignation as pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church of Billings in 1952. Mr. Littke has accepted the call of the Bison Church in Kansas and has been on the field since Nov. 1st. He has succeeded the Rev. Jack Block.

● The Calvary Baptist Church of Tacoma, Wash., has extended a call to the Rev. Robert S. Hess of the Clinton Hill Church, Newark, N. J., to become its pastor. He has given a favorable answer and will begin his pastorate in Tacoma on Jan. 31, 1954. Mr. Hess has served the Clinton Hill Church in Newark, N. J., since 1951. In Tacoma he will succeed the Rev. H. J. Wilcke, now of Stafford, Kansas.

● The Shell Creek Baptist Church near Columbus, Neb., will observe its 80th anniversary from November 26 to 29 with the pastor, the Rev. Paul T. Hunsicker, leading his people in a fine program of festivities. Former members of the church are invited to be guests of the Shell Creek Church at these anniversary services. A very special program is planned for Sunday, Nov. 29. Letters can be addressed to the minister, Route 3, Columbus, Nebraska.

● The Rev. Walter Gordon Gummelt resigned as pastor of the Elm Creek Baptist Church of La Vernia, Texas, some months ago and brought his ministry there to a close on August 31st. He enrolled for the fall semester at the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary at Ft. Worth, Texas,

where he is working toward his Bachelor of Divinity degree. He served the Elm Creek Church as its pastor since 1949.

● The Northside Baptist Church held evangelistic meetings from Oct. 28 to Nov. 1st with the Rev. Walter Stein of Tyndall, S. Dak., serving as evangelist. On Sunday, Oct. 11, an impressive service of dedication was held when eight children were presented by their parents for dedication to the Lord. The Rev. Harold E. Weiss, pastor, was in charge of the service. The thanksgiving sermon of Mr. Weiss is featured in this issue of the "Baptist Herald" on pages 4 and 5.

● The Baptist Church of Linton, N. Dak., held its Harvest and Mission Festival on Sunday, Oct. 4, with the Rev. L. O. Wahl of Wishek, N. Dak., as guest speaker. The offerings amounted to \$1,200. The CBY recently presented the play, "Converting Dad to Missions," to the nearby Herreid and Napoleon churches besides the Linton church. Mrs. Alma Kremer is the CBY president. The offerings at the various programs went toward the Cameroons Crusade project of the Dakota Conference. The Rev. Arthur J. Fischer is the pastor.

● The Fleischmann Memorial Baptist Church of Philadelphia, Pa., observed its 110th anniversary from Oct. 28 to Nov. 1st with a series of special services. Dr. Leslie M. Chaffee, medical missionary in the Cameroons, was the principal speaker at the Sunday services on Nov. 1st. The Rev. Peter M. Kemper, pastor, was in charge of the programs and introduced the guest speakers. The church, founded in 1843 by Konrad Anton Fleischmann, is the oldest organized church in the North American Baptist General Conference.

● From Nov. 10 to 15 the Temple Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wis., held "Spiritual Emphasis Meetings" with the Rev. E. W. Klatt of St. Paul, Minn., pastor of the Riverview Church, serving as the guest minister. On Sunday evening, Oct. 25, the film, "The Church Moves In," was shown by a representative of the Milwaukee Rescue Mission. New officers of the young people's society are: Donald Nagowitz, president; Dannie McGinnis, vice-president; Barbara Holzer, secretary; and Janice Strauss, treasurer. The Rev. G. K. Zimmerman is the pastor.

● The First Baptist Church of Sumner, Iowa, purchased a parsonage, located at Second and Chicago Street, an eight-room house across the street from the recently purchased church building. The pastor, the Rev. Fred Mashner, baptized four young people at a candlelight baptismal service on September 20th. On October 4th the Elgin Baptist Church choir and orchestra, under the leadership of Mr. Harry Johnson, brought a sacred concert in music and song to the Sumner congregation, commemorating the 60th anniversary of the first service in the Sumner vicinity as a mission of the Elgin church.

● The Bethany Baptist Church of Lethbridge, Alta., held its first services in the new church building on Sunday, Sept. 27, with more than 300 persons present. The exterior of the edifice is completely finished with brick veneer. The services for the present are being held in the basement until the interior of the sanctuary can be finished. On the last two Sundays in September more than \$1,200 were contributed by church members and friends for the new building fund. This is an unusual record when you consider that all of these people are immigrants from Europe during the past two years. The Rev. O. A. Ertis is the minister of the church.

● The First Baptist Church of Mott, N. Dak., dedicated its new edifice on Sunday, Oct. 4, with the Rev. Le Roy Schauer, pastor, in charge of the three services. Dr. John Leypoldt of Forest Park, Ill., was the guest speaker. The Rev. Edward Oster of Hettinger, N. Dak., directed the mass choir that sang at the afternoon and evening services. The Rev. Walter Klempel of McIntosh, S. Dak., the Rev. Norman Miller of Selfridge, S. Dak., the Rev. Emil Becker of New Leipzig, N. Dak., were also present with their congregations and took part in the program. A number of musical selections were rendered. A more detailed report will be published in the next issue.

● "The Erie Churchman," a publication known as "The Voice of Erie's Protestantism" in Erie, Pa., presented a two column, illustrated article about Mr. Fred G. Schillinger of the Central Baptist Church in its October 1953 issue. Mr. Schillinger was featured as "the active layman of Erie for the month." He has been assistant Sun-

day School superintendent, a teacher for over 50 years, a deacon for 30 years and church clerk for 25 years. As an active Gideon, he still takes part in the monthly jail services conducted by members of that organization. The "Baptist Herald" joins in commending Mr. Schillinger for his fine, fervent witness for Christ. The Rev. Peter Pfeiffer is his pastor, serving the Central Church of Erie, Pennsylvania.

● The Pilgrim Baptist Church of Philadelphia, Pa., held its 79th anniversary with a dinner program on Saturday evening, Sept. 26. About 225 persons attended. Following the election of officers, musical numbers and selections by the church choir and men's chorus were rendered and church reports were given. A hearty welcome was extended to Miss Audrey Miller, the part-time church worker. The Rev. W. C. Damrau, pastor, reviewed the ministry of the church. The message was brought by the Rev. Herbert J. Freeman of the Faith Baptist Church, Union City, New Jersey. Copies of a very interesting and comprehensive brochure with the annual reports from the various departments of the church were distributed to those in attendance.

● The Rock Hill Baptist Church of Jamaica Plain, Boston, Mass., celebrated its Diamond Jubilee (75th anniversary) from Sunday, Oct. 18, to Tuesday, Oct. 20. Dr. Frank H. Woyke, executive secretary, brought the Jubilee messages at the Sunday services. At the Family Night on Monday slides of Scotland taken by Mr. and Mrs. John McDonald together with a short film on the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II were shown. The Jubilee banquet was held on Tuesday evening with the Rev. Robert S. Hess of Newark, N. J., a former pastor, speaking on "The Divine Pattern." The Rev. William R. Kershaw, pastor, was in charge of the festive services. An attractive and most informative anniversary booklet of 12 pages was prepared for this occasion.

● The new superintendent's residence of the Baptist Home for the Aged in Bismarck, N. Dak., was dedicated on Tuesday afternoon, Oct. 6. Dr. N. O. Brink of Bismarck, N. Dak., and Dr. John Leypoldt of Forest Park, Ill., brought the dedication messages. The dedicatory prayer was offered by the Rev. E. Kary of Bismarck. The brick house, costing \$17,500, but actually valued much higher because of unusual savings in the construction work, is located west of the Home for the Aged. The Rev. and Mrs. P. W. Krentz are the first occupants of the residence. At the annual meeting of the Society on Tuesday morning, Oct. 6, Mr. Krentz, superintendent, gave a fine report which showed one of the best financial years in the Home's history.

C.B.Y. and S.S.U.

HERALD NEWS

YOUTH COMPASS TOPICS

November 22, 1953—"Thanks Plus Giving," Spiritual Adventuring in My Denomination. By Karl Korella, Edmonton, Alberta.

November 29, 1953—"He's All Right," Spiritual Adventuring With Others. By Darlene Bill and Ramona Schroeder.

INTRODUCING HAROLD GIESEKE

The Rev. Harold W. Gieseke, the fifth member of our executive committee to be introduced through these pages, is the pastor of our Carroll Avenue Baptist Church in sunny Dallas, Texas. Harold has been active in youth work since the days when he was president of his own BYPU in our church at Trenton, Illinois. A happy year as president of our Linwood Park Assembly at Vermillion, Ohio, introduced him to our larger denominational work, in which he has been busy ever since.

From 1946-1949, he served as vice-president of our General Conference Union. At the Sioux Falls General Conference he was elected president, a position he held until the Philadelphia General Conference. In this triennium, though not an elected officer, Harold is giving his valued time and service to the committee in the capacity of "past president."

His happiest experience, he says, was to meet hundreds of our fine North American Baptist youth during the summers of 1947-1950, when he visited a dozen of our conferences and camps throughout the United States and Canada.

Harold is married to Hilda Tobert, our former Cameroons missionary-nurse. They have a fine, year-old son, Gordon Harold, who keeps them both busy and happy.

Here is his own word of Christian testimony:

10th Annual Worldwide BIBLE READING Thanksgiving to Christmas, 1953

Scripture selections by the
American Bible Society.
Bookmarks with readings available on request.

Universal Bible Sunday
Dec. 13, 1953

HAROLD'S TESTIMONY

Once, upon opening Oswald Chambers' book, "My Utmost for His Highest," I came across this Scripture verse:

"My eager desire and hope being that I may never feel ashamed, but that now as ever I may do honor to Christ in my own person by fearless courage" (PHILIPPIANS 1:20, Moffatt's translation).

"That I may do honor to Christ"—what a happy, meaningful phrase that is! It was Paul's aim, and I claimed it as mine, too! Since the Lord Jesus has saved me by his own costly sacrifice on Calvary and called me into his glorious service, my constant prayer is that, in thought and word and deed, I might do honor to him. He has given me countless blessings—none of them dearer than himself. Now I want to give him all that I am and have.

To the thousands of loyal North American Baptist young people in the U.S.A. and Canada—my best greetings! I believe God has a great future for us. We could be the group through whom a great spiritual revival could come. With me, will you make Paul's "eager desire" your very own?

MISSION PROJECT POSTERS

Mission project posters have been mailed to all conference and regional union officers. These are being distributed in all churches to familiarize each CBY and Sunday School with the mission project of their conference area. Surely, all local organizations will want a vital part in praying for, and participating in whatever mission project the leaders have chosen for your area.

YOUTH WEEK PLANNING

Youth Week is from January 31 to February 7, 1954. It is not too early for the CBY presidents and program chairmen to start planning for a rich Youth Week. Program suggestions and materials will appear in the January, February, March issue of "Youth Compass" which will reach the leaders early in December.

The newly called Youth Director, the Rev. Lawrence Bienert, has prepared the outline of youth activities for the week. The Rev. Harold W. Gieseke, past president of the Conference Union, has been asked to give additional program suggestions on the Youth Week theme, "So Send I You." These helpful aids will be mailed to all presidents whose names we have at our office in Forest Park, Illinois. Please feel free to write for this material if you do not receive a copy. Additional copies of the material will be available in limited numbers.



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Across the Seas

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SYNOPSIS

Tom Wilson and Mickey Conant were Christian buddies aboard the destroyer "U.S.S. Mastin." At the International Date Line, when the customary initiation exercises were held, another sailor Farrow showed a violent dislike to Conant. That hatred was fanned into serious threats one evening at the dinner hour when Farrow thought he caught Conant laughing at him and Herky, the ship's mascot, ate his chow. That night the ship's captain asked Conant, the radioman, to report to the bridge. Some code messages were missing and the trouble was being pinned on Conant. Later that evening Tom Wilson and Mickey Conant were two very serious sailors when they held their devotions together.

CHAPTER THREE

THE TWO young men took turns reading the forty-second chapter of Job, verse by verse. At the finish, they began to discuss what they had just read. They took the chapter to pieces, imparting to each other the thoughts that occurred to each, comparing notes and observations. Finally the subject seemed exhausted.

"Tommy," added Mickey, thoughtfully, "one more thing: what do you think happened to Job's wife? Nothing is said about her."

"Hmm. I couldn't guess. Come to think of it, I never heard any preacher mention her, either."

"Well, notice," Mickey continued, "that it says Job had three more daughters and seven more sons. He must have had a second wife, because surely the first one was past the age to have children—his first seven sons were already old enough to have their own homes. Wonder why nobody ever explains where this first wife went, and where he got the second."

"I can't tell you now, but we'll find out. That's a good question, Mick; makes a lot more sense than to ask about Cain's wife."

Mickey laughed. "This is once you're certainly right, friend. Well, we've sure got plenty to pray about tonight."

Bowing their heads and lifting their voices in prayer, they made mention of the special needs of the hour: the unfriendly relations with Farrow and the missing code book.

"These, Lord," concluded Mickey, in calm assurance, "are matters that are beyond our ability to cope with at this moment, but we trust Thee to dispose of them in a way that will make all concerned see Your intervening hand. Let the Name of Jesus be magnified even in our troublesome time, we pray in His Name, Amen."

The two boys stowed away their Bibles and left the office, closing and

locking the door behind them. A reluctant Herky was routed from his slumber and hazed out into the passageway.

"Go on down to your own den, pooch," urged Tom, and laughed to see the dog plod sleepily away. "That hound thinks he owns the ship just because he has free gangway into every room on board."

Out on the deserted decks, they felt their way cautiously along toward the hatch leading down to "C" Division. Overhead the stars had come out in brilliant display. Tom looked up and spotted the Big Dipper.

"One of these days before long, Mickey, I'll be looking up at that through a street lamp haze. I'll give you a thought then," he bantered.

His companion did not smile. "You'll give me a thought oftener than just when you see those stars—me and a lot of other things on the old Mastin. It's sure going to be different around here after you go ashore and get married off . . ."

Next day, the Mastin and the transports arrived at a previously arranged rendezvous off the coast of a small, rugged island, uninhabited and used only as a landmark by the U.S. naval forces. There a division of destroyers and an aircraft carrier met them. Official papers were passed on to these vessels from the Korean war zone, and the three transports were formally handed over into the safekeeping of the newly arrived warships. This was as far as the Mastin was expected to go; the transports would go on to deliver their cargo of fighting men to the battle front. From here, the Mastin was scheduled to turn south and proceed to the port of Auckland, New Zealand, there to pick up a small convoy of noncombatant ships and escort them back to the States.

While the fleet was lying at anchor during the hours of negotiation and visitation, permission was granted by Captain Norquist for a group of the crew to go ashore for a period of recreation. Sailors are always glad for even a few precious hours on land, after weeks at sea. The opportunity to walk for more than a hundred feet in one direction is rare and eagerly seized upon.

Tom and Mickey, being in the same liberty section, were among those eligible for this bit of relaxation, although Conant had to obtain the special permission of his division officer because of his uncertain status after the code book incident. The two boys drew .22 caliber target rifles from the armory and went ashore determined to bring back game of some kind to attest their marksmanship and prowess with arms.

The recreation party piled into two whaleboats. Mickey and Tom took seats in the bow, holding Herky between them. The big, ugly canine was

in his element. He wriggled in impatience, uttering short, urgent barks now and then in his eagerness to get under way. A romp on the beach was the greatest happiness in his young life, and the thrill of riding in a boat made his joy almost too much to endure.

"S'love off, coxswains!" ordered the OOD, leaning out from the head of the gangway. "Take the recreation party to the beach and return to the ship."

"Aye, aye, sir." The two boats purred away and made a direct line for the tiny stretch of beach that served as a landing place here. Other ships had used the island for this very purpose, and a small dock had been built to accommodate boats landing men. Thirty sailors in dungarees talked expectantly of the pleasures ahead: the feel of firm ground underfoot, unlimited room to run and walk, and the baseball game to be battled out between deck force and "black gang." Herky stared straight ahead, ears aloft and tongue lolling out so far it seemed likely to whip in the breeze of the boat's passage.

Upon arrival at the dock, the men disembarked quickly, some carrying sports equipment or boxes of lunch. Herky dashed madly away, barking furiously, telling all and sundry of his joy at being ashore once more. The truth is, Herky was no sailor. The sea was not for him; he had been drafted.

Mickey and Tom took their rifles and drifted away down the shore line. A sandy but rock-strewn shore line it was, with a sheer, stony wall rising abruptly on the inland side to a height of fifty feet. They strolled along, rifles at the trail, enjoying the tang of surf air, and laughing at sand crabs and wading birds which scuttled away before them.

Glancing out to sea, Tom was struck speechless by the Beauty of the scene. Beyond a point of land, the Mastin rode easily at anchor, its gray hull a break in the deep blue of water. The sun was battling it out with an array of clouds which had not yet succeeded in obscuring its brightness. Sky and ocean, equally bright, were separated at the horizon only by a cumulus wall. Tom looked long, marvelling at the beauty of God's creation, wishing he could capture the picture in its color and take it home to Jean. Finally he hastened on after his friend. "Jean," he pondered, "this is just one more of the things I'll try to tell you about some evening when we're sitting in our own home."

The sheer bluff on their right fell away into a more shallow ascent, and the two men decided to climb up there. Making sure their guns were unloaded, they slung them across their backs and struggled upward, tennis shoes giving firm hold on the rocky slope, hands grasping for clumps of grass or rugged outthrust of stone. In a few minutes

they arrived at the top, and stood panting at the edge of a brushy meadow, with a stretch of woods just ahead.

"Looks like there should be some rabbits around here somewhere," commented Mickey, unlimbering his rifle. "Let's load up and be prepared." "You expect to hit a rabbit with one of these .22's?" asked Tom. "That'll be a miracle, believe me."

Mickey grinned. "Who cares? Just so we do a little shooting and make some noise, that's the main thing."

They advanced across the meadow, poking at brush piles here and there, waiting hopefully to see myriads of bunnies come charging out. No rabbits appeared. Upon reaching the woods, they stopped to consider.

"Maybe there aren't any rabbits on this island," ventured Tom. "This isn't southern Illinois, after all. You want to try these woods?"

Mickey eyed him critically. "Looks pretty dense, like your head. We couldn't shoot anything in there, unless it was within ten feet."

"Aw, who cares, you said. Let's go in, just to look around. Maybe we can find a coconut tree, or maybe a monkey," he added, his eyes brightening hopefully.

"There are no monkeys on this island, either," answered his buddy, scornfully. "Present company excepted, of course," he bantered.

Tom disdained to answer this, and they moved on into the junglelike growth, stepping cautiously over dead wood and trailing vines, circling large tree trunks with arms ready for any ferocious beast that might be encountered on the other side. Gloom settled around them as the foliage shut off all but patches of light, and the air was dense and still. They stuck close together.

Suddenly a harsh cry sounded overhead, causing the boys to start nervously, then a flash of color split the jungle green ahead. Mickey whipped gun to shoulder, but lowered it slowly.

"Just a bird. But believe me, there's a lesson. That thing was absolutely invisible. Could just as easily have been a camouflaged Red soldier, if this was a landing party."

"Yeah," Tom answered soberly. They pressed on, each now determined to spy anything that seemed out of place in the growth before them. This is good training, meditated Mickey, whether we ever use it or not. Sweat began to roll down their necks and trickle between shoulders. Quick glances aloft into the branches revealed nothing alive; mostly they searched at ground level.

At last there was a reward for their vigilance. A snort sounded directly before them, and a small brown shape darted away through the thick growth.

"That's a deer!" shouted Mickey, exuberantly, and was gone in chase.

Tom looked uncertainly about. "A deer, he says. I'm not sure they even have any of those on this island. It could be anything—maybe something a lot less timid than a deer."

He sprang ahead in pursuit. After a moment he called and Mickey answered. A sound of breaking brush and rustling leaves set the course, and he hastened onward. In a few minutes he overtook Mickey, who had halted and was trying to regain his breath in the humid, close atmosphere while wiping his forehead with an already sweat-soaked sleeve.

"I think he went that way," He pointed. "Let's go get him." He set out once more, angling off their path, followed by a fellow hunter who was reluctant but too breathless to protest. For ten minutes the game of hide and seek went on. Tom carried his rifle with the barrel pointed backward, not trusting the safety catch in the midst of all the trailing branches and vines.

At last a sharp crack rang out ahead, followed immediately by another and yet a third. Mickey's triumphant shout echoed louder than the sound of his rifle.

"I got him! I got him! Who said you can't bring anything down with a .22?" He beamed upon the weary Tom. But his friend was not so enthusiastic. Slumping tiredly onto a fallen tree trunk, he stared apathetically at the carcass of a small, dun-colored animal which lay at their feet, a trophy to Mickey's unerring aim.

"No good to eat, not big enough to be dangerous, and not fast enough to get away from M. Conant. The poor critter."

Conant was somewhat damped. "How do you know he's not dangerous?" he demanded, defensively. "Take the wolverine, for instance. Little as a dog, but he can lick a cougar. See those claws? They look pretty mean to me."

"Hah!" scoffed his friend and severest critic. "Probably used them to climb trees when he went after bananas."

Mickey pulled out his sheath knife and knelt to remove the claws, while Tom looked about. A vague uneasiness began to settle upon them, as they recovered from the excitement and fatigue of the chase. It became noticeable that there was even less light than before, in spite of the openings through the overhanging branches. There was no sunlight, and the tree tops above them swayed widely to what must be a rising wind.

"Get that done, Mick," urged Tom. "I think we better get out of here and back to the beach. Looks like some weather coming up."

"Right," agreed the other. He arose, returning his knife to its sheath at his belt. In his hand glistened a dozen or so of the long, sharp claws which

constituted the late beast's means of defense and provision.

"After I clean these, bore a hole though each one and string them together, it'll make a nice necklace to take back home," Mickey declared.

"Okay, Nimrod," Tom agreed. "Put 'em in your pocket, and let's get going."

They began the return trek, choosing a course which was as near as they could agree upon to bring them out at the same place where they had come into the woods.

The going was slow; rifles weighed heavily now, and their damp garments dragged at chafed limbs. It seemed hours before they finally detected a lessening of the semi-darkness around them. Soon afterwards they burst forth gratefully into light and blessed, clean air.

Tom breathed deeply again and again. "I'm glad I'm not a submarine man. I need lots of breathing space, and an open deck on a wide sea sure does provide it. Where's that break in the cliff now, so we can get down out of this hunter's paradise?"

The descent was soon found, not too far away, and the two young men made their way down cautiously. They hastened back along the beach, noting that the surf was running high, and that whitecaps now covered the water's surface clear across the bay. They had covered only half the distance when they were met by a member of the Mastin's crew. He seemed anxious, and exclaimed with relief at sight of them.

"It's about time you guys showed up. We had a signal from the ship quite a while ago to return immediately. The weather has changed, and we're going to have a rough ride back, believe me. Come on, let's have more speed!"

The three men broke into a jog and ran at the very water's edge to obtain firmer footing on the harder sand. Hissing waves broke a few feet offshore and reached out angrily for them, while a brisk breeze whipped spray from each breaking crest. In a few minutes they reached the landing. One whaleboat had already departed, and was now a tossing speck on the water almost back to the ship. O'Donnell, the coxswain of the other boat, was standing at his tiller and two crewmen on the dock were holding ropes to keep the boat from drifting away.

"Where have you fellows been, anyhow?" demanded the coxswain. "We have been waiting a half hour for you, and that sea is coming up fast. Jump in, and let's get out of here. Cast off, bow and stern!"

All hands piled into the crowded boat, and O'Donnell guided it away from the dock. Almost immediately the frail craft began to take water over bow and sides as it headed into the waves running in from seaward.

"A couple of you men grab those cans out of the lockers and start bailing!" shouted O'Donnell. He didn't have to issue the command twice. Before the boat was a hundred yards offshore, water was ankle deep in the bottom. More than one man began to look worried. The Mastin seemed miles away, and the island was a deserted refuge. Heavy waves slammed into the bow, whipping solid sheets of green water over the sides, drenching everybody aboard. It was warm, but, as Mickey thought to himself, that's small comfort when it comes to drowning. The men clung to each other to preserve their balance; those who could braced themselves against gunwales and engine hood.

"Look behind you," muttered Tom. Conant glanced over his shoulder, and was surprised to see Farrow standing directly behind him, firmly grasping the gunwhale alongside. He caught Mickey's glance, and sneered scornfully.

"Scared, Conant?" he inquired. "This might be a good time for you fellows to get in some more praying. Maybe your Jesus will come walking across the water and calm it down for you."

Mickey turned slowly and carefully about, finally stood looking the electrician squarely in the eye. "If He does, you'll talk a lot less smart than you do right now. Only a greenhorn would be anything else but concerned during a spell of weather like this. You're not at Seventh and Broadway now, mister."

The other returned look for look. "No, and you're not under the Captain's eye now, either. Wish I'd known you were ashore; we'd have settled this—quick. I'm aching to lower the boom on you."

Mickey ducked a sheet of stinging salt water, unsuccessfully. Wiping his face with a wet hand, he smiled thinly into the other's eyes. "You sure talk like a sailor, but somehow you don't act like one, comrade."

With a furious cry, Farrow lifted one hand from its hold on the gunwale and swung at Conant. The blow was ineffectual, because of the wild yawning of the boat, but it landed, and Mickey's eyes narrowed as he rubbed fingers across a slight bruise on his cheek.

"You're not only a boot; you're a fool," he said, evenly. "Trying to fight in a crowded whale boat in the middle of a blow that may put us all in the water! You've been looking for trouble with me for quite a while now. Wait patiently, Farrow; maybe I can satisfy your urge for violence before long."

He turned his back contemptuously, leaving Farrow to stand uncertainly a moment before he, too, shifted to lay hold more firmly on the gunwale and to stare moodily out over the heaving water, impervious to hard looks and mutters from the men nearby.

Mickey spoke to Tom. "One thing I'm glad for, Tommy. When you first began to get interested in the church and the Bible, a while back, and I wasn't yet a Christian, at least I never made any wise remarks about it. That way the fall wasn't so far when I finally got on my knees."

"You sure didn't, Mick," agreed his friend. "You're a fresh kid, but you've never been one to say things that really hurt. Don't let that windy character get you down. The Lord can take care of even harder cases than that."

"You fellows stand by, down there!" bellowed the coxswain from his station at the tiller. "We're going to change directions a few points, and we'll be quartering into the sea instead of heading direct into it. Can't keep this course or we'll miss the ship. Hang on, because we'll be taking a pounding."

He leaned hard against his tiller, and the small boat pulled around sluggishly across the hard charging waves. The port bow tilted perilously up and up, then the wave slid underneath, and the boat pitched down the opposite slope. Passengers and crew alike were snapped violently from side to side as the craft changed ends and dived from crest to trough.

"Don't know as I care for much of that," complained Mickey to Tom. "Oh well, we can be thankful for one thing: at least we're wearing dungarees, and not liberty blues. Remember some of those rides we've had back to this ship in San Pedro bay, in the middle of a Santa Ana? It sure breaks a man's heart to come back from a liberty, already planning the next one, and get his best shore-going uniform beat all out of shape by salt water."

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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

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God's ordinance and a desire to help his fellow men.

IV. GOVERNMENTS MUST GIVE WAY TO GOD (Acts 5:29).

1. Man's highest loyalty is to God, not to his government.

2. When governments govern according to God's will and law, the Christian owes an unfaltering allegiance to them; but when they govern contrary to the commandment of God, the Christian's duty is to obey God even if that involves being disloyal to his government.

Applying the Lesson:

1. What should be our attitude toward conscientious objectors who because of their Christian convictions refuse to bear arms in time of war?

2. Some Christians refuse to vote in our elections because the name of Christ is not mentioned in the Constitution. What do you think of their reasoning?

We, the Women

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

THANKSGIVING IN ADVERSITY

Annually on Thanksgiving Day voices from coast to coast in this privileged nation ring out the hymn:

"Come, ye thankful people, come,
Raise the song of harvest-home;
All is safely gathered in,
Ere the winter storms begin;
God, our Maker, doth provide
For our wants to be supplied;
Come to God's own temple, come,
Raise the song of harvest-home."

This year again we will thank God for "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." We will praise him for the constancy of nature, and for the beauty and bounty of our world. More intimately we will mention our homes, families and friends as blessings. Gratitude for the knowledge that brings us love, help and counsel from those who are wiser and better than we are will be expressed.

We will praise God for our Christian heritage and for the new life we possess through the grace of God. Many hearers will be inspired to give sacrificially. Others will want to share the peace of heart that the Light of the World can bestow upon those who follow him.

How many worshipers, however, will thank God for the tasks and trials that discipline us and bring men into a closer fellowship with God? How many will thank God for the patience learned from suffering? How many will thank God for the deepening sympathy for others learned from sorrow? How many will thank God for the tender ties of loved ones that bind them close to heaven and fill the saddest and last moments of life with the light of an immortal hope?

Suffering and trials are numbered among the blessings of God. There is no way of distinguishing between a blessing and a misfortune while it is happening. From a human point of view many things appear as sheer tragedy, only to become the greatest blessings of our lives later on.

Francis of Assisi prayed: "O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved, as to love; for it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life." He knew how to translate trials and suffering into blessings.

Thanksgiving is not a season nor a one day affair. It should include every moment of life, whether it is filled with sunshine or sorrow. Thanksgiving in adversity puts little emphasis

on the prevailing situation, but it depends upon how the circumstances are met. Genuine gratitude to God is not prompted from material sources that influence us from without but the well springs within.

We often attribute "Thanksgiving" to the Pilgrims. It belonged to Biblical days long before the "Mayflower" event. Strange to say, however, both Israel and the Pilgrims gave thanks to God in special ceremonies following times of hardship and suffering.

Too many Christians even boastfully seem to interpret God's Providence only in terms of the manifestly favorable by saying, "He gave me this," or "He delivered me from that." They call it God's "watchcare." If God only bestows goodness upon our lives, what happens to the intervals when things go wrong? It is usually the Christian, who thanks God for the dark clouds of adversity, with which he dared to entrust him, who comes out of the hottest fire as pure gold.

"In everything give thanks" for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." That means to give thanks in adversity, as well as on the sunny days.

Our Lord said: "I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you."

The Apostle Paul testifies: "I know whom I have believed. . . . At my first

YOUTH DIRECTOR

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workers' conferences, rallies and at any other gathering where they can be of service. Your requests for the services for any one of these may be addressed directly to them, Box 6, Forest Park, Illinois.

In confidence and faith we look forward to spiritual and numerical progress in the children's, youth and Sunday School work of our great denomination. It is fitting that you should have a personal word from the new Youth Director. So here is his own testimony:

"On the front page of the pocket Bible presented to me by the young people of the First Baptist Church of Leduc, Alta., are inscribed the words of Proverbs 3:6, 'In all thy ways acknowledge him and he shall direct thy paths.' This Bible was a gift to me when I first left to attend our Seminary at Rochester, N. Y., in 1946. These words of farewell have become the guiding principle in my life.

"I can say with the song writer that Jesus means all the world to me. He is, first of all, my Savior and Lord.

defense no one took my part but all forsook me. . . . But the Lord stood by me and strengthened me."

The Psalmist says: "For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion."

"I had fainted unless I had believed to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living." "Many are the afflictions of the righteous; but the Lord delivereth him out of them all."

"Tribulation" has wrought "patience; and patience experience; and experience, hope."

In Romans we read: "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or anguish, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? Even as it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long, We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us."

"Fear not" gives the blessing of peace to the anxious soul. Only the child of God hears his promise to be with us until the end of the world. Jesus always joins himself to his children of faith just when they need him most. It is they who can triumphantly sing: "Faith is the victory that overcomes the world." It is to such he says: "Peace, be still," and "At eventide it shall be light."

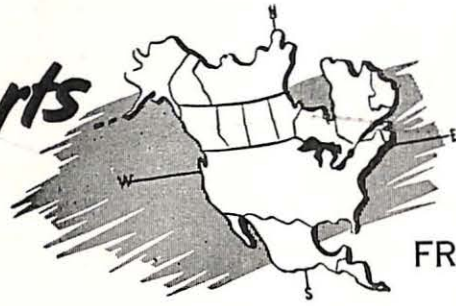
Are God's people thankful for the enriching experiences of adversity? Thanks be to God for that dear saint who through victorious suffering not only has become a beautiful temple wherein God's Spirit dwells, but who in spite of physical weakness has drawn many closer to the Lord. In such a soul the flames of gratitude to God in the very face of adversity will never flicker out.

For this I can never thank or praise him enough. Because he has redeemed me, and I belong to him, I have experienced an inner peace which the world could never give nor can take away from me. I have found in him a constant companion and guide.

"The Lord has opened to me this new avenue of service. The challenge and the opportunities that lie ahead are very great, especially if we remember that the youth of today will be the adults of tomorrow. We all realize that our young people are faced with many temptations, fears and discouragements in planning for their future. They need our prayers, our help and our interest. I am so grateful that we have a Christ whom we can uphold as the solution to every problem, the hope and sustainer of every individual, for in him lies the hope of this world.

"My prayer and desire are that I might be found faithful in the work of the Lord. I am looking forward to meeting personally the many fine young people of our denomination. I would like to say with the Apostle Paul that I am 'your servant for Jesus' sake'."

Reports



FROM THE FIELD

Northern Conference

Vacation Bible School Is Held at the Baptist Church of Minitonas, Manitoba

Another successful Vacation Bible School was held by the First Baptist Church of Minitonas, Man., from Aug. 3 to 7. Both morning and afternoon classes were conducted. The interest of the children was very good with a record attendance of 90 and an average attendance of 83.

The school was under the direction of our pastor, the Rev. I. Faszer. It was also our privilege to have Miss Ruth Bathauer of Forest Park, Ill., with us who rendered a very fine service. The school was divided into four departments: Beginners under the direction of Martha Siewert, Lydia Abrecht and Olga Greiger; the Primary Dept. which was taught by Betty Wegner and Lily Boymook. The Junior Dept. was instructed by Miss Bathauer, Gertrude Ginter and Elsie Leopoltz. Intermediates were under the direction of Adena Tulman and Mary Sonnenberg.

A fine program was presented by the children at the end of the week with a display of handwork. This was climaxed by a Sunday School picnic which was enjoyed by all.

Lily Boymook, Reporter.

Vacation School and Sunday School Rally by the Grace Church, Davin, Saskatchewan

From August 3 to 9 a very successful Vacation Bible School was held at the Grace Baptist Church of Davin, Saskatchewan. We had an enrollment of 45 children which is the highest attendance we have ever had and most of these had a perfect attendance. Much visitation work had been done by our pastor, the Rev. Richard Grabke, before this school was held and as a result 21 families were represented, other than those of the church.

Miss Eyla Wensler instructed the Juniors on "The Christian's Birth and Growth." Doris Rosom taught the Primary Class about, "The Lord Our Good Shepherd," and Mrs. Lester Kuehl was in charge of the Beginners and the theme of their lessons was "Learning About Jesus." Our pastor, Mr. Grabke, was the director.

A Sunday School Rally was held on September 13. This rally was held to encourage those who usually do not worship with us to come with their children. The speaker for the morning service was the Rev. Homer Edwards of Caronport, Saskatchewan. A

basket lunch was served at the church and another service was held in the afternoon. The speaker for this service was Rev. E. J. Thiessen of Fenwood, Saskatchewan.

Recently we held a "Deeper Life Crusade." This is a ten week campaign in which a special effort is made to encourage Christians to a deeper life with God. As a church we have visited over 200 homes during a Christ for Everyone Campaign.

Doris Rosom, Reporter.

Miss Verda Scheeler, New Teacher at the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alta., Canada

The new school year of the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton, Alta., Canada, opened on Thursday, October 22, with a large enthusiastic student body. The Rev. E. P. Wahl, president, welcomed the students and presented the objectives of the school for the coming term.

A number of new teachers were also introduced. The Rev. Edward Link, formerly of Regina, Sask., was one of them to be presented. Another was Miss Verda Scheeler, who has succeeded Miss Erna Schwanke. Miss Scheeler's picture accompanies this report.

Her home has been near Millet, Alta., where she grew up on a farm. She attended a one-room grade school at West Liberty and the high school



Miss Verda Scheeler, a member of the teaching staff of the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alberta

at Wiesenthal. Her father died when she was quite young, leaving the mother and three daughters to manage for themselves. Four years ago the Scheelers moved into the town of Leduc.

Miss Scheeler has had considerable musical training and experience. In Edmonton she received her degree (ATCM) from the Toronto Conservatory of Music. She was a student at the Christian Training Institute for two terms. She is a member of the Wiesenthal Baptist Church of which the Rev. E. A. Hoffmann is the pastor. She has served as Young People's President, Sunday School teacher and church pianist in her home church. Her occupation in Leduc prior to her going to the C.T.I. was that of a piano teacher.

She comes to the Christian Training Institute with a great promise for the future and with high recommendations. We shall follow her teaching career with keen interest and with our sincerest prayers.

Martin L. Leuschner, Reporter.

Ordination of Rev. Bert Milner by McDermot Avenue Baptist Church, Winnipeg, Manitoba

Upon the invitation of the McDermot Ave. Baptist Church of Winnipeg, Man., twenty delegates from eight of the Baptist Churches of Manitoba gathered together on September 30th for the purpose of examining Mr. Bert Milner for ordination into the Gospel ministry. The meeting was opened with a hymn, after which the local pastor, Dr. C. H. Seecamp, read from II Timothy, chapter 2. The Rev. E. H. Nikkel of Swan River led in prayer. The Rev. R. H. Zepik of Ochre River was elected moderator and the Rev. J. Kuehn of Whitemouth as secretary.

The candidate was presented by his father, the Rev. J. Milner. Mr. Bert Milner then gave his conversion experience, call into the ministry and doctrinal views. All questions raised were satisfactorily and clearly answered.

On the evening of the same day the members of the McDermot Avenue Church and friends and delegates met for a very impressive ordination service, of which the Rev. R. H. Zepik was in charge. The Rev. E. H. Nikkel read Isaiah 6 and led in prayer. The Rev. J. Milner, father of the candidate, brought a stirring and challenging message. Dr. C. H. Seecamp gave the ordination prayer as all the ministers present took part in the laying on of hands. The Rev. Isador Faszer of Minitonas and the Rev. R. Kanwischer of Morris gave the charge to the candidate and church, respectively. The chairman, the Rev. R. H. Zepik, warmly welcomed the candidate into the ranks of the pastors. The two choirs of the host church rendered three numbers. The Rev. Bert Milner closed the service with the benediction.

The Rev. Bert Milner holds a B.D. degree from the Northern Baptist Seminary of Chicago. He is at the present time pastor of the Baptist Church of Moosehorn, Manitoba.

J. Kuehn, Reporter.

Evangelistic Meetings and New Building Additions for Winnipeg's McDermot Avenue Church

In order to begin the fall season in a spirit of consecration, we of the McDermot Ave. Baptist Church of Winnipeg, Manitoba, held evangelistic meetings in the German language from August 21 to September 11 with the Rev. John Wahl of Onoway, Alta., as our evangelist. The three German choirs rotated every evening in order to render the musical portion of the services. We are very happy to report that ten persons accepted the Lord as their Savior during this period.

Together with our joys, we also have sadder moments to report and that is, that on Sept. 23rd we had to say "farewell" to our assistant pastor, the Rev. A. Hart, and his family, who served us so faithfully for 2½ years. He has gone to a new field in Prince Rupert, British Columbia. The "farewell" service was held in the upper auditorium of the church, at which time the choirs sang, recitations and farewell messages were presented, as well as musical numbers rendered. After the service the entire congregation was invited to the lower auditorium where refreshments were served.

It is always our privilege to witness an ordination service, especially when it concerns one of our own members. On September 30th we had the opportunity of sharing the fulfillment of Mr. Bert Milner's highest hopes in holding his ordination service in our church. Mr. Milner's father, the Rev. A. J. Milner, preached the ordination sermon. The Rev. Bert Milner is ministering to the church at Moosehorn, Manitoba.

Our building project, which began June 15th, has now been completed and on Sunday, October 4th, we held our dedication service. From this construction we now have at our disposal two big new rooms. The main aim of this project was to add a nursery to our church. We are indeed thankful for the willingness shown on the part of God's people to finance this work, which will prove to be a great blessing to the mothers with children (the nursery has a loud-speaker whereby they can hear the sermon, as well as sound-proof glass windows through which they can see everything that goes on) and to the Sunday School, which was greatly in need of large classrooms.

Miss R. Redlich, Reporter.

Golden Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Ludwig Priebe of Edmonton, Alberta

Recently Mr. and Mrs. Ludwig Priebe of Edmonton, Alta., were honored and given a pleasant surprise as their golden wedding anniversary was celebrated in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Jespersen of Spruce Grove, Alberta. Guests included Mrs. Mary Rinas and Mrs. Emily Kales, sisters of Mr. Priebe, from Vancouver, B. C., and Mrs. Elsie Dingfeld, a friend from Tacoma, Washington.

Since all of their children were not present at this time, the parents were



Mr. and Mrs. Edward Rocks of Portland, Ore., who recently celebrated their golden wedding anniversary

honored again on the occasion of the wedding reception for their youngest daughter, Cecilia, on July 29. An impressive marriage ceremony uniting Miss Cecilia Priebe and the Rev. Wilton Schwanke was solemnized during the late afternoon at the Central Baptist Church of Edmonton. The Rev. P. Henkelman and the Rev. O. R. Schmidt officiated. Mrs. Fred Mashner and Mr. Victor Priebe rendered vocal selections.

As the young couple knelt in dedicatory prayer, the beautiful duet, "Seal Us, O God," was sung. After the wedding supper at the C.T.I., the Rev. Fred Mashner served as toastmaster.

Mr. and Mrs. Priebe have seven children, 21 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. The children of the family are: Reinhold, Abbee, Alta.; Pearl, Mrs. A. Hiller, South Edmonton; Ruby, Mrs. Kalinski, Milwaukee, Wis.; Arpa, Mrs. L. Jespersen, Spruce Grove, Alberta. Three children have dedicated their lives to full-time



Mr. and Mrs. Ludwig Priebe (seated) of Edmonton, Alta., at the wedding reception for their daughter, Cecilia (second from left, standing), and their seven children who honored their parents at a belated golden wedding anniversary celebration

Christian service: Agnes, the wife of the Rev. Fred Mashner, who is serving as pastor of our church in Sumner, Iowa; Victor, who is attending our Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., and who was also a member of the "King's Stewards" Seminary Quartet; and Cecilia, who is now serving with her husband, the Rev. W. Schwanke, as a missionary in Alaska.

Mr. and Mrs. Priebe are members of the McKernan Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alberta.

Mrs. O. R. Schmidt, Reporter.

Pacific Conference

Golden Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Rocks, Trinity Church, Portland, Oregon

On Sunday, August 23rd, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Rocks of the Trinity Baptist Church in Portland, Ore., had the privilege of celebrating their golden wedding anniversary with their immediate relatives and friends of the church. Mr. and Mrs. Rocks were married on August 18, 1903 in Cleveland, Ohio, and shortly thereafter migrated to Oregon, first making their home in Salem and later in Portland. They have been faithful members both of Bethel Baptist Church in Salem and Trinity Baptist Church in Portland, serving in various official positions in the church.

During the absence of the pastor, the Rev. John Wobig, the supply pastor, Dr. Stuart Hackett, spoke words of best wishes and appreciation to the happy couple. Following this, their children and friends banqueted with them at richly laden tables set up in the beautiful yard of their home. Church members and friends expressed to them their congratulations and spent the time reminiscing on past experiences and in happy Christian fellowship.

We wish Mr. and Mrs. Rocks God's guidance and blessing upon their continued journey of life.

John Wobig, Pastor.

Bethel Church of Anaheim, Calif., Welcomes Martha Leypoldt as Christian Education Director

Members of the Bethel Baptist Church, Anaheim, Calif., welcomed Miss Martha Leypoldt as director of Christian Education at a reception at the Sunday evening service on Sunday evening, Sept. 20. The Rev. Herman Wedel, chairman of the Board of Deacons, spoke for the church, and Paul Jungkeit welcomed her in behalf of the Sunday School. Miss Janet Isbell, head of the young people's group, expressed welcome from this department to Miss Leypoldt.

Mrs. Art Mabs, representing the Woman's Missionary Society, extended an invitation to the new director to join the group as she extended greetings from the society. Harry Fox, church moderator, spoke for the congregation. In response, Miss Leypoldt expressed her happiness at being in Anaheim and with the Bethel Baptist Church.

The Rev. Bertholdt Jacksteit, pastor, spoke briefly on "The Call of God," relating the topic not only to the future program under the new Christian education director but gave it as a challenge to all the church members.

Musical program for the reception included a duet by Mrs. Kenneth Verrees and Mrs. August Litz entitled, "Song in My Heart." Mrs. Alex Stark, chairman of Deaconesses, in extending greetings to the new director, presented her with a corsage.

Miss Leypoldt comes to us from our denominational headquarters in Chicago, Ill., where she worked as editorial staff secretary and general assistant. She was also associated with the Rev. Mr. J. C. Gunst, general secretary of the CBY and SS Union. She was associate editor of "Youth Compass."

A graduate of Linfield College, McMinnville, Ore., the Northern Baptist Seminary in Chicago and the Berkeley Divinity School in California, Miss Leypoldt has worked extensively with youth throughout the United States. She is the author of a handbook for leaders of young people entitled, "Christian Baptist Youth Guide."

M. Fries, Reporter.

Sessions of the Pacific Northwest Woman's Missionary Union Held at Paul, Idaho

The Woman's Missionary Union of the Pacific Northwest Association met for its annual meeting on Friday, Sept. 25, in connection with the association sessions at Paul, Idaho. Our president, Mrs. F. E. Klein, Colfax, Wash., presided. The reports from each society gave evidence that each was actively engaged in our Master's work.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: president, Mrs. J. Broeder, Paul, Idaho; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Schlimmer, Odessa, Washington.

Mrs. J. C. Schweitzer, wife of our church extension worker, opened the afternoon program with the devotions. Each society challenged our hearts with a musical number or reading. Mrs. A. O. Krueger of Colfax led us



Miss Martha Leypoldt, Director of Christian Education of the Bethel Church, Anaheim, California

in the memorial service in memory of one who had gone to glory. Our guest speaker was the Rev. E. P. Wahl, president of C.T.I. at Edmonton, Alberta. His timely message was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

The afternoon offering and dues, which were designated in advance to be equally divided between the leper work and the church extension program, amounted to \$126.00. The benediction by Mr. Wahl climaxed a successful afternoon.

Mrs. Walter Berkan, Reporter.

Southwestern Conference

Harvest and Mission Festival Is Observed by Baptist Church, Durham, Kansas

On Sunday, October 4, the Durham Baptist Church, Durham, Kans., celebrated its annual Harvest and Mission Festival. A crisp, sunshiny fall day added to the pleasure of the fine crowds in attendance, which included members of the neighboring Strassburg and Marion Churches.

Dr. George A. Lang, president of our Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., was the guest speaker. He delivered inspiring and helpful sermons at the three sessions. Meetings were held in the local high school auditorium. Fine music was furnished by the home church and by the two guest churches.

Bountiful meals were served at noon and evening by the women of the church. Offerings totaling \$901 were received.

Mrs. Irwin Geis, Reporter.

Mission Festival and Homecoming Day at the Dickinson County Church, Elmo, Kansas

The First Baptist Church of Dickinson County at Elmo, Kans., Rev. Herbert Schauer, pastor, held its Mission Festival and Homecoming on Sunday,

October 4th. The front of the sanctuary was attractively decorated by the young people with a colorful display of fall flowers, ears of corn, pumpkins and other farm produce.

This special day of blessings began with Sunday School beginning at ten o'clock. Raymond Ihde is Sunday School superintendent. This was followed by the morning worship service at which the mixed choir sang two numbers, "Sanctus" and "Bless the Lord, O my Soul." Dr. Frank Woyke, executive secretary of our denomination, was the guest speaker of the day. At the morning service he brought a very fitting and challenging message in which he stressed, first, our need for more gratitude to God for "all his benefits"; second, as Christians we are stewards of the Gospel, therefore the missionary task is the task of every Christian; and third, that we, as ambassadors of God are to bring to those about us "the Word of reconciliation."

At noon a bountiful basket dinner was served by the ladies of the church. Mrs. Ernest Kohman, Mrs. Herbert Hoffman, Mrs. Melvin Klingberg and Mrs. Howard Jacobson were on the committee in charge of the serving. During and following the dinner was a time of visiting.

The theme of the afternoon service was "Homecoming." Sixty-nine guests registered at this service, most of whom were former members of our church. At this service the Rev. Norman A. Berkan of our neighboring Ebenezer Church read the Scripture; Rev. Bob Clark of the Rural Bible Crusade led in prayer. James Wendt, accompanied by his sister Mae, was guest soloist. The choir sang two numbers, "Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem" and "The Lord Bless You and Keep You." Dr. Woyke then presented some very timely thoughts on "The Blessings and Responsibilities of a Christian Home and Parents."

Beginning at 7:30 P.M., Mr. Schauer, aided by the Junior Choir, led an inspirational song service. The special music was a cornet solo by Anita Jacobson and a Junior girls' quartet which sang, "I don't have to wait until I'm grown up to be what Jesus wants me to be." Following this two missionary films were shown. One was of the work being done among the lepers in the Camerons mission field and the other showed scenes taken on our home mission field among the Indians of Canada. Dr. Woyke gave very interesting and helpful comments during the showing of the films. A missionary offering was received at each of these services which amounted to \$384.00.

The loud speaking system which was presented to the church last summer in memory of Mr. Alvah Ihde was greatly appreciated by the mothers in the nursery and by the women working in the basement. It was truly a great day of spiritual blessing to our church. We could say with the Psalmist, "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits." As a church we were especially grateful to Dr. Woyke for his services.

Mrs. Earl Rhodes, Reporter.

Northwestern Conference

New Parsonage Is Dedicated by the Baptist Church of Parkersburg, Iowa

Sunday, September 20th, was a big day at the Baptist Church in Parkersburg, Iowa. The spacious and comfortable parsonage, purchased in December 1952 from our member, Mrs. Esther Bruechert, was formerly dedicated to the Lord. Dr. Martin L. Leuschner, one of our denominational secretaries, was the speaker of the day and lifted the hearts of the people to heights of worship. As evidence of the unity and sacrifice of the congregation, it can be reported that the purchase price of the parsonage is now fully paid. A suggested offering of \$1,000 on Dedication Day was swelled to about \$1,800.

Following the morning service the worshipers assembled in the lower auditorium for a family-style luncheon, arranged by the Sunshine Society. At 2 p.m. members and guests gathered on the lawn in front of the parsonage for the dedication period. Mrs. John Goldhorn sang, "Bless This House," accompanied on the piano by Miss Esther Schwerdtfeger. In addition to the message by Dr. Leuschner, greetings from sister churches were brought by Rev. Frank Veninga of Aplington, Rev. Henry Smuland of Sheffield, and Rev. Fred Lower of Steamboat Rock.

The following verses were adapted for the occasion and sung by the people to the tune of "Blest Be the Tie."

Christ make this home thine own;
Abide in it, we pray,
All thoughts pervade, all words
control;
All lives be thine alone.

Thus may this home, Christ-filled,
Thy willing channel prove,
To bear to neighbor, nation, world,
The treasures of thy Love.

The pleasant temperature and the use of a loud speaker added greatly to the success of the outdoor meeting. The hour of 2:30 p.m. was the time for Open House. Refreshments were

served, happy fellowship was enjoyed, the guest book was filled with signatures, and the features of the new home for the pastor were freely inspected.

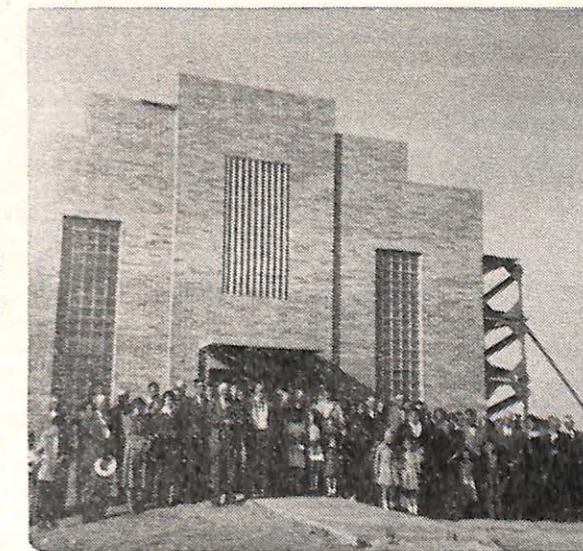
The pastor, the Rev. R. C. MacCormack, stressed the point that this, too, is church property and that all are welcome to visit freely at any time. The Lord is good! May he bless you all!

R. C. MacCormack, Pastor.

In spite of two discouraging setbacks, the work continued steadily all summer. The setbacks came because of unusually heavy rain and wind which caused the basement to cave in twice.

Due to these discouragements, our joy was even greater when we gathered for the cornerstone laying service in our new church on Sunday, Sept. 27. At this time the church was entirely closed in and interior work was

Members and friends of the Baptist Church located in Holloway, Minn., in front of their new church building in Appleton, Minn., for the cornerstone laying exercises



Cornerstone Laying Exercises by Holloway Church for the New Building at Appleton, Minnesota

It is with great joy and thankfulness that we of the Holloway Baptist Church, Holloway, Minn., write this report about the activities of our church during this past summer.

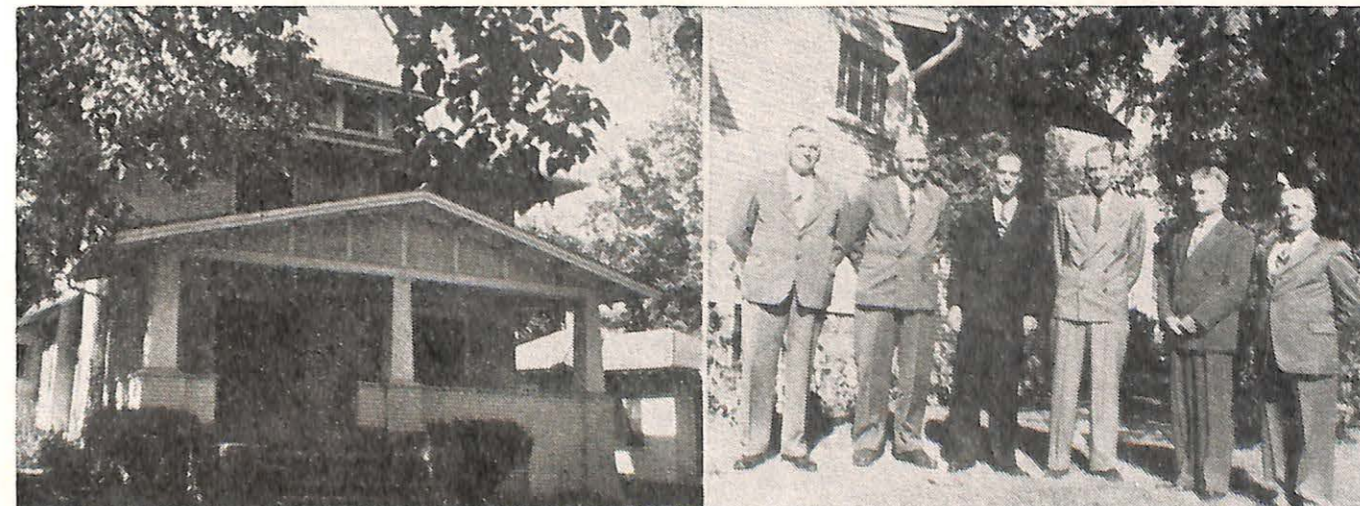
For several years it has been the desire of this church to change its location to the neighboring town of Appleton, Minn., which has a population of 2500. Lots for the new church were purchased in Appleton in 1952. On June 3, 1953, excavation for the basement began, marking the beginning of a busy and profitable summer for our people.

begun thereafter.

The Rev. Herman Lohr of Corona, S. Dak., and the choir from the Corona Baptist Church joined with us for this service. Mr. Lohr brought the challenging message which had added significance because he was Minnesota state missionary at one time and conducted the services at Holloway.

The Corona Choir sang "Onward, Christian Soldiers." The newly organized Girls' Choir of our church sang, "I Will Pilot Thee." An offering of \$440.00 was received for the building fund. New and greater promises of God's guidance are with us as we plan for the future program of our church in a larger field of service.

Edward A. Kopf, Pastor.



The newly acquired parsonage of the Baptist Church, Parkersburg, Iowa, which was recently dedicated, and the Rev. Ronald C. MacCormack, pastor (3rd from left in group) with members of his official church board

BAPTIST HERALD CONTEST WINNERS

WINNERS IN 1st CONTEST

"What I Liked Most in the 'Baptist Herald' During the Past Year."

1st Prize: Mrs. John Adam, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

2nd Prize: Mrs. Merwyn Betz, Marengo, Iowa.

3rd Prize: Mrs. Viola A. Pahl, Olds, Alberta.

Honorable Mention: Margaret Goehring, Lodi, California. Bertha Seibel, Acampo, California.

WINNERS IN 2nd CONTEST

"My Best Snapshot."

1st Prize: Mr. Thomas Lutz, North Freedom, Wisconsin.

2nd Prize: Mrs. Reuben Graetz, Pound, Wisconsin.

3rd Prize: Mr. William Siegrist, Erie, Pennsylvania.

Honorable Mention: Mr. Elmer Faszer, Edmonton, Alberta. Miss Lucille Van Gerpen, Avon, South Dakota. Mrs. David Zimmerman and Miss Evelyn Meyer, La Salle, Colorado.

WINNERS IN 3rd CONTEST

"My Suggestion to Improve the 'Baptist Herald'."

1st Prize: Mr. H. P. Donner, Chagrin Falls, Ohio.

2nd Prize: Miss Betty Zoschke, Junction City, Kansas.

3rd Prize: Miss Jeanette Braun, Chilliwack, British Columbia.

Honorable Mention: Mr. Will Yungton, Detroit, Michigan.

REPORTS FROM FIELD

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A banquet at 5 P.M. was served to about 180 guests in the Lutheran church parlors. Between courses we were favored with messages in song. The Rev. Irvin Schmuland of Goodrich, N. Dak., also gave a short but challenging talk directly to the young people. We were wonderfully blessed with a beautiful day and good attendance.

Lydia Anderson, Reporter

Harvest and Mission Festival at the Baptist Church, Venturia, North Dakota

The Harvest Mission Festival held on Sunday, October 4, at the Venturia Baptist Church, North Dakota, will be remembered as one of the highlights of 1953. Plans for our festival were made far in advance, and thereby we were happy to have Dr. M. L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., as our guest speaker with us for the entire day. He brought us an inspiring and challenging message on the theme, "Unser Dankesopfer," based on Psalm 50:14 and 23.

During the evening service he showed us two films from our mission work in the Cameroons. One film brought us a graphic picture of the new hospital buildings and the medical work among the natives. The other film showed us the Bible School in action. The afternoon message was brought by the pastor, the Rev. Raymond Dickau, speaking on Mark 1:20, "Follow Me."

All of these services were beautified with special music by the choir, duet, solo, ladies' trio and male quartet. All services were attended by capacity crowds. The offerings of this blessed day amounted to \$2,802.24, which we were able to put upon God's altar.

The ladies of the church ably took care of all needs of all of us, in serving a chicken dinner. Supper was also served in the church parlors, and, in that way too, a time of fellowship ensued. At the close of the evening service so many said, "It was good to be here and enjoy God's rich blessings."

R. F. Dickau, Pastor.

Woman's Missionary Society at Wishek, N. Dak., Is Host to Neighboring Women's Groups

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Baptist Church of Wishek, N. Dak., was host to missionary societies from th neighboring towns of Fredonia, Lehr, Ashley, Venturia, Linton, and Napoleon on Wednesday, September 30th. Attendance was approximately 100 persons.

Guest speaker on the program was Mrs. Carl Weisser of Carrington, N. Dak., president of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Dakota Conference. Mrs. Weisser addressed her talk to the members along the lines of service, citing Christ as the example to follow and showing the effect of one's personal life on others, the giving of selves rather than material things.

The program opened with a vibraharp prelude by Mrs. L. O. Wahl. Mrs. Emil Herr gave the opening prayer and a short meditation on Deborah, a Bible heroine. Mrs. Herr welcomed the guests and introduced Mrs. Weisser to the group presenting her with a corsage. Other numbers included were a solo and an autoharp and zither duet.

Mrs. William Stading presided at the coffee table in the church parlors where a tasty lunch of sandwiches, cookies, and coffee were served.

Mrs. Vernon Herr, Secretary.

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