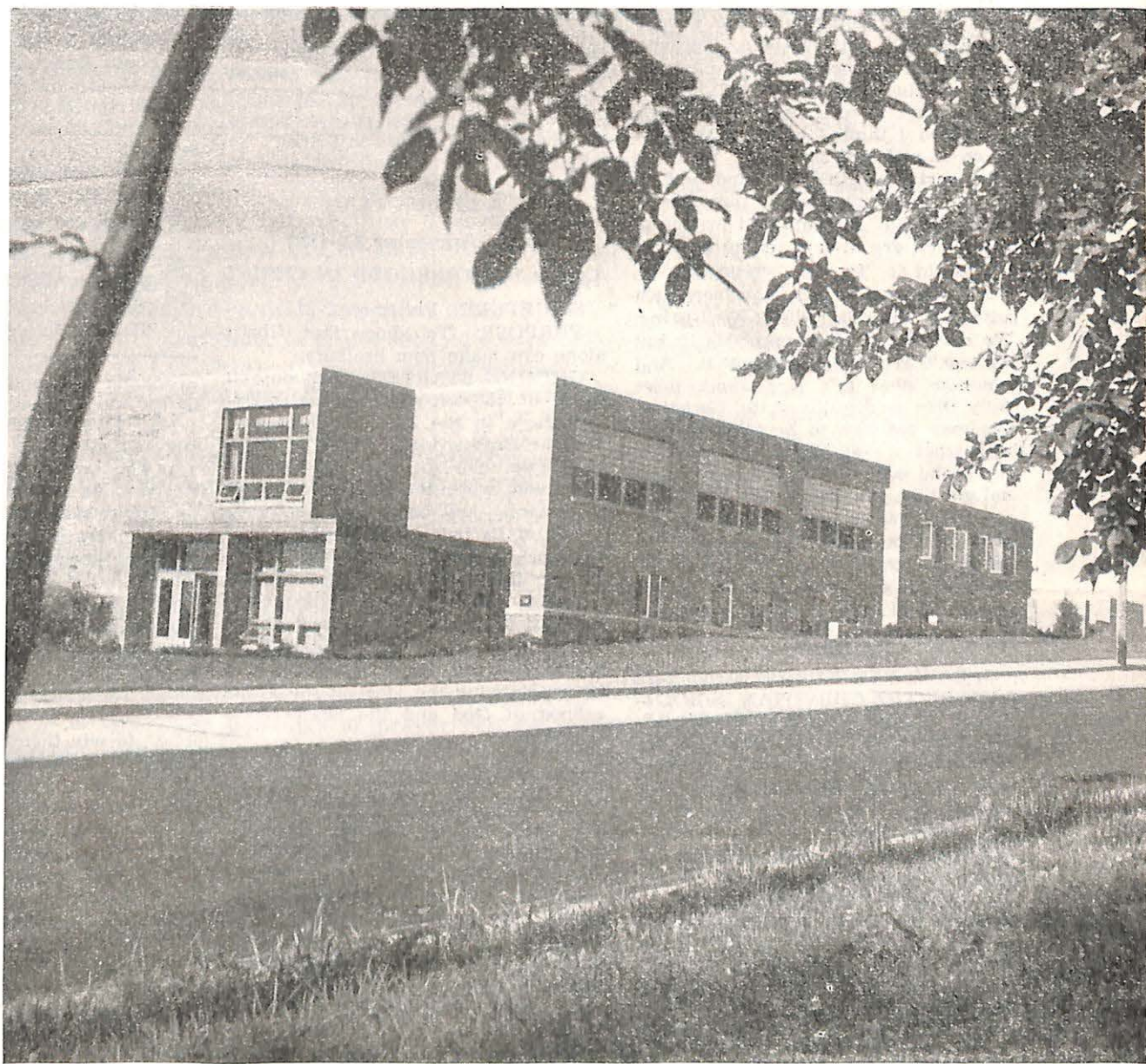


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# The S. S. Lesson in **ACTION**

By Rev. B. JACKSTEIT, Anaheim, Calif.

## A LESSON PLAN

Date: September 20, 1953

### Theme: COUNSEL FOR CHRISTIANS

SCRIPTURE: Titus 2:7-8; 3:1-11.

PURPOSE: To remind us that a Christian lives a new life because he has been made a new person.

**GETTING STARTED:** Have you ever known people who are always handing out advice—who, perhaps, will take you aside, put an arm around your shoulder and say to you, "Now, please don't be offended; but for your own good I think I ought to tell you to do so and so"? No doubt, all of us have met up with their kind and do not feel too kindly toward them. "Advice is cheap," we say, and we resent those who are always telling us what we should do "for our own good."

As a matter of fact, however, such advice is essential to our well-being. We may not always appreciate it; but we can't get along without it. And nowhere does this fact apply more fully than to the life of the Christian. We may not like to be told continually what we as Christians ought to think and do. Yet for our own spiritual good we need to be told; otherwise we should soon lose sight of the essentials of our faith and walk and get off on the wrong track. For that reason we need to give close attention to the counsel Paul gives us in today's lesson.

### Developing the theme:

**I. PAUL REMINDS US THAT THE LIFE OF THE CHRISTIAN IS ROOTED IN A FACT—THE FACT OF REGENERATION.** A Christian is one who has been reborn and been made a new creature. Apart from that fact, no man is a Christian, nor can he live a Christian life.

1. This fact is a gift that God bestows on us in love (3:4-5).

2. It was made available to us through the work of the Holy Spirit in response to our faith (3:5).

4. It results in a new life for us—a life that is Christ-like in quality and eternal in duration (3:7).

**II. PAUL REMINDS US THAT THE CHRISTIAN LIFE IS A GROWTH THAT SPRINGS FROM THAT FACT.** The new birth does not come about as a result of Christian living; rather, Christian living is the result of the new birth. Therefore a Christian—a regenerated man—will live a life that will have these characteristics:

1. It will be a life that holds itself to right and sound thinking in all matters pertaining to Christian faith and

thought (2:7b, 8; 3:9-11). Strong Christian living can never grow out of weak Christian thinking.

2. It will maintain the highest standards in personal conduct and altruistic service (2:7a; 3:8).

3. It will measure up to all the requirements of good citizenship and Christian neighborliness (3:1-2).

### Applying the lesson:

1. Are Christians behind the "iron curtain" bound by Titus 3:1-2? Or are they free to reject this counsel of the apostle? Why?

2. By what process does a person become a new creature in Christ?

## A LESSON PLAN

Date: September 27, 1953

### Theme: BROTHERHOOD IN CHRIST

SCRIPTURE: Philemon 8-21.

PURPOSE: To show that Christ alone can make men brothers

**GETTING STARTED:** What do you think of the oft-repeated statement, "I believe in the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of man"? There are those who speak as though this statement were the very essence of Christianity and as though the realization of its truth would solve all of the world's problems. Are they right? Is this indeed the core of Christian teaching, and does it have the power in itself to give us a new and better world? All of us are interested in brotherhood. But can it be achieved by proclaiming the ideal of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of man?

### Developing the theme:

**I. MEN ARE NOT BROTHERS.** The realization of this truth must be our starting point if brotherhood is ever to be achieved. Men are fellow-creatures, created by the same God and in the same basic human mold. But they are not brothers; for to be brothers, men need something more than a common physical birth.

**II. MEN CAN BECOME BROTHERS.**

1. This is the most hopeful thing about men. They can become brothers. But only through Jesus Christ! For as they experience a common spiritual rebirth through him, they become true brothers in him.

2. Note that it is upon this basis that Paul appeals to Philemon and not upon some idealistic doctrine of the brotherhood of man (v. 16).

3. Only the saving and reconciling power of Christ is strong enough to

## CONFERENCE DATES

Sept. 17-20—Atlantic Conference at the Clinton Hill Baptist Church, Newark, N. J. Rev. and Mrs. Earl Ahrens and Rev. R. Schilke, Speakers.

Sept. 23-25—Minnesota Association at the Daytons Bluff Baptist Church, St. Paul, Minn. Rev. and Mrs. Earl Ahrens, Speakers.

Sept. 23-27—Washington, Montana and Idaho Association at Paul, Idaho. Rev. E. P. Wahl, Edmonton, Alta., Guest Speaker.

## SEMINARY OPENING

North American Baptist Seminary, 1605 S. Euclid Ave., Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Sept. 14 (Monday)—Registration for all students.

Sept. 15 (Tuesday)—Classes begin.

Sept. 18 (Friday, 8:00 P.M.)—Opening Convocation with address by Prof. George A. Dunger.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL WEEK

Sept. 20-27—Observance of "Sunday School Week" in all churches. (See articles in next issue of "Baptist Herald.")

overcome our animosities and prejudices and make us brothers.

### III. TRUE BROTHERHOOD CAN BE ACHIEVED.

1. The key to it is the phrase, "in Christ." As men come to be in him, he transcends their differences and unifies them in "one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide world."

2. Since that is so, the greatest contribution any one of us can make to the achieving of brotherhood is to do the following:

(a) To make the name of Christ known to all men and to seek to win them to him.

(b) To make the life of our own church a true expression of the brotherhood that is ours in Christ, so that men might say of our church, "Behold, how these Christians love one another!"

(c) We must follow the example of Paul and through our own personal efforts seek to bring about understanding between people and reconcile them to one another in Christ.

### Applying the Lesson:

1. What are some of the areas of friction and misunderstanding in your own church and community that you could help to remove—if you'd take the time and be concerned enough to do so?

2. If a person of another race applied for membership in your church, would you vote to accept or reject him? Why?

# Editorial

## The Stewardship of Prayer

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP is an acknowledgment of God's principles of life as indispensable for every disciple of Christ and of our right relationship to him in every dealing of life. It is the spiritual outlook of the Christian on everything that he is and has and does for his God. This right relationship with God or this application of the Christian to every divine principle is essentially the stewardship of prayer. It is the practice of the presence of God. It is living at its best in the sight of God and at the center of his will.

This spiritual basis of stewardship is emphasized in the booklet, "Bible Stewardship" by J. E. Dillard. "Christian stewardship is not primarily a means for raising money but a plan for making the right kind of men. 'I seek not yours but you' (2 Cor. 12:14). We are not to be stewards simply because God made us but because he redeemed us (1 Cor. 6:19-20). Christian stewardship is not so much a matter of duty as the experience of gratitude. It is the economic expression of Christian experience (2 Cor. 9:15). Christian stewardship is not only a matter of law requirement but of love expressing itself in practical service (John 14:15)."

This larger, all inclusive view of Christian stewardship is to be our denominational emphasis during the fall months of 1953 as we apply ourselves to the truths of the stewardship of prayer. For the Christian steward seeks God's fellowship for the sheer joy of this partnership. This is the only true, happy way to live for him. This is the meaning of "praying without ceasing" for him, for all of life is spiritually lived in conscious awareness of God's abiding Presence. This is the joy of the steward's accountability to his God!

In this fellowship, the steward is prompted to ask: "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" The blessings of prayer can never be contained within mere contemplation or reverie. Prayer must always lead us to rise from our knees, strengthened and fortified for tasks ahead of us. Christian stewardship is not driving a sharp bargain with God but entering into a blessed partnership with him. Fellowship must always result in partnership for "we are laborers together with God" (1 Cor. 3:9).

In this service prompted by our fellowship of prayer with God, the steward must always give his best (and only his best) to his Lord and Master! "The Lord hath done so much for me, I never will cease to love him!" That kind of stewardship relates not only to money but to personality and powers and to all of life. It is presenting "your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service" (Romans 12:1). It is your spiritual commitment to God to give him only the best of which you are capable. This is the wonderful flowering of the stewardship of prayer through the intimate spiritual relationship of a steward with his Creator.

Each one of us will be asked to give an account of his or her stewardship this fall in the light of these Bible truths and in this prayer fellowship with our God and Savior!

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# When Life Is at Its Best

Our churches will become great spiritual life-giving centers when we let the Spirit of Christ surge through our lives and when we give and share sacrificially for our Savior and his Church

By the REV. WILLIAM L. SCHOEFFEL of the Grace Baptist Church,  
Chicago, Illinois

"Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee" (ACTS 3:6).

THE MEETING of the Apostle Paul with the lame man in the beautiful hall of the temple brought about an unforeseen crisis.

To many temple worshipers walking through this beautiful hall of marble columns, the beggar was a mere nuisance, a pest, a parasite. Peter did not quite share that point of view. He had met too many of the same unfortunate kind of people in the service with the Master, and the Master always gave aid and help. What was he to do now?

Fortunately for Peter, he had no gold with him, and suppose he had, what good would it have done the poor man? For a short time it might give food and shelter or pay a doctor's bill, but then what? Now that he faced the situation, he realized that he had resources which the lame man never suspected. But would he dare to reveal them here in the open temple?

Did he have the conviction of his soul to offer these powers here in the public domain? Did he have the courage to testify openly for his Master? Listen: "Silver and gold have I none, but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk."

## THE LOVE OF GOD

He had something far better than silver or gold, and the thrilling part of the whole experience was that he, Peter, was willing to share it with this lame beggar.

His heart was full of the LOVE OF GOD, that great infinite love revealed in Christ Jesus, that infinite tender love of God, forgiving and uplifting and redeeming.

He had Christ Jesus his Master, his Savior, his Lord, the living triumphant Christ who was able to heal, to restore, to save and keep. He had a HOPE that makes happy and content, a hope that sees beyond all this misery and all this nauseating suffering, the hope that holds out life eternal, a life

in all its beauty and joy, the life that does not end with the grave, a hope that leads upward and beyond.

Surely, these values are more precious than all the silver and gold I might have and give to my fellow-man. I can't help him that way, but I know what will help him far more than these material goods. I can share my Christ, my Savior, my faith, my hope, the love of God. That's what I can give him which will help him far more than all the silver and gold.

Thus Peter becomes an example to every Christian to give and to share with others whatever we possess. Every Christian can be a giver in this sense. If we are selfish, we would not share a million dollars with others, but if we have the spirit of sharing in our heart we will share a dime with someone in need.

## THE PRIVILEGE OF GIVING

Sharing or giving is the heart of the Gospel. Giving is Christ-like. Giving is God-like. The entire Gospel may be condensed in that one great verse of John 3:16: "For God so loved the world that he gave."

There were many things which God had given to man, but what man needed most and sought most intensely was the knowledge and revelation of God. That God made possible and a reality by his self-giving through his Son Jesus Christ. God gave himself in Christ Jesus. God gave his Son!

Jesus in turn gave himself through unselfish service, through sacrificial death. "This is my body which is broken for you." "This is my blood which is shed for you." The very spirit of the Christ is to give, to give with abandon.

No wonder that Peter said: "I give thee what I have." We cannot think of Peter otherwise. Once with Jesus, touched and inspired by unselfish life and sacrificial dying, Peter could not live otherwise. In the school of Christ he learned the one great secret of life: "If one would live, one must be willing to die." Love never holds back; love always gives. God's love

gave all, gave itself. He discovered that "life at its best is to give to give itself."

So for the rest of his earthly life he could no longer live for himself. He could not think of himself standing always at the receiving line. He could not simply gather in. Peter felt he had to give. He lived in order to share.

Giving is not only a privilege; it is also a necessity of life. Not to give is to commit suicide. Life itself is only sustained, indeed, is propagated by giving life. Every mother takes her life into her hand to give birth to the sweetest and most precious baby in the world. Love begets love. Stop loving others and you will soon be lonely and friendless; the world will be cold, barren and dreary. Stop giving or stop loving and your life will shrivel up; it will lose its joy and zest. Yes, indeed, it is more blessed to give than to receive.

A great artist was commissioned to paint on canvas "A Dying Church." After several attempts, he finished this painting which was placed at the entrance of the great church. The painting revealed a beautiful, inspiring cathedral-like edifice with wonderful colored windows through which the rays of the sun streamed into the auditorium. Uplifting organ music seemed to fill the air as hundreds of worshipers sought entrance.

As they all entered the wonderful sanctuary, they passed a beautiful ornate chest placed at the entrance to receive the offerings of the worshipers. On the chest the word MISSIONS was engraved on a silver panel. Why was this typical of a dying church? Alas, the wonderful chest was encircled with cobwebs.

## SACRIFICIAL LIVING

"What I have that I give thee." What if every Christian would be moved by this same spirit? What a change would be wrought in this world, in the church, in each respective life! What is the trouble with the world today? Is it not this? Selfishness, greed, hatred and bitterness have taken possession of the hearts of men.

This world will never be any different until men are so deeply touched by the spirit of Christ that, like him, they too will begin to deny themselves and seek first of all the Kingdom of God. The secret of real happiness and peace and tranquility is to be found in self-denial, in giving, in sacrificial living for Christ and his cause.

It has been true in the past and will continue into ages to come and will remain as a basis of the Kingdom of God because it is one of those eternal axioms which cannot be altered that: "He who seeketh his life shall lose it, but he who loseth his life for my sake shall find it." The sage of the Old Testament discovered this truth long ago when he called out: "Cast thy bread upon the waters, for thou shalt find it after many days."

"In the cross of Christ I glory, tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time." Why? Because on that Cross Christ died, on that Cross a life was broken, on that Cross the blood was spilt of One who died for the sins of men. It is profoundly true what one man said: "Christ became the Savior of men because when he had the chance to step down from the cross, he chose to remain there."

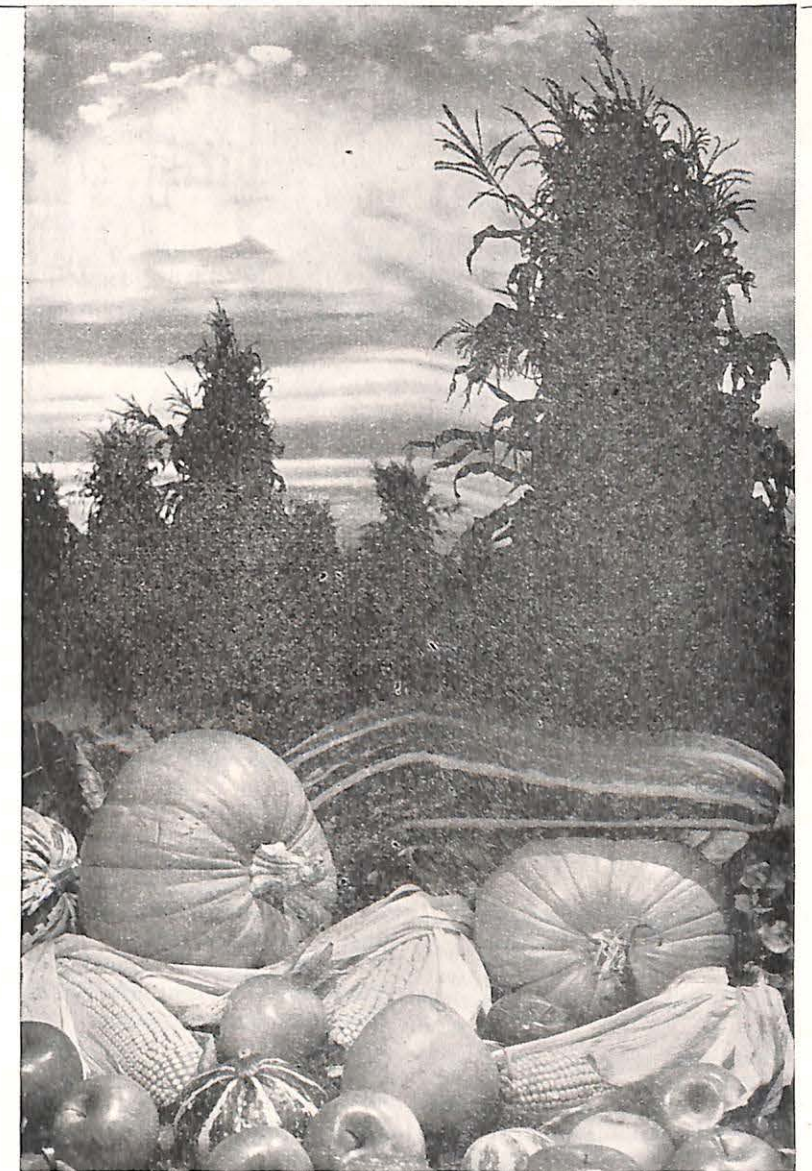
For the same reason men will be attracted to the church and to the Gospel. Our churches will become great spiritual life-giving centers when we let the Spirit of Christ surge through our lives and when we give our share sacrificially for him, our Savior and his Church.

## MY STEWARDSHIP

All this is contained in the well known word of STEWARDSHIP. It is the responsibility of a manager, a householder of the great riches of God, a STEWARD OF THE GOSPEL. That was the motive that moved Peter to dare to testify to the lame beggar. He had been entrusted with the great Gospel of Jesus Christ Crucified, the Savior of men. In sharing it with the lame beggar, he honorably discharged his obligation toward God and toward the poor fellow.

Stewardship is not a virtue. It is more than a supreme beatitude. It is a fundamental principle of the Christian life. Every Christian is a God-appointed trustee over life, over talents and gifts, over the Gospel Truth of Jesus Christ.

I can be wholly selfish and appropriate all of God's blessings to myself, live in ease, comfort and spiritual security, but someday the tables will be turned and I shall stand in the presence of my Lord. Then it will be a matter of eternal joy to hear him say, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant." Or it will be eternal misery when he says, "Take away that which he has" and as Moffatt translates it, "Throw the good-for-nothing servant into outer darkness."



God has blessed the countryside with harvests and our lives with boundless spiritual gifts so that we might share what we have with others and enter into the glorious stewardship of our Lord!

## A CLARION CALL

If the clarion call for all Christians ever needed to sound clearly, it is in our day, a day of selfishness and greed, of bitter hatred and strife. In this day when the world is facing JUDGMENT DAY, the Christian must take

his stand for the things of Christ and the things of the Kingdom of God.

It was indeed a great day when our marines planted upon the blood-soaked slopes of Iwo Jima the Star Spangled Banner. But let us pray for the hour when the BANNER OF THE CROSS will be unfurled and planted over every citadel of sin and evil. We can all have a share in that great victory, but we must be willing to share the cost. We must give ourselves, we must share our Christ; we must share our faith, our hope, and the love of God as we have never done before.

We have more than Peter had. We too have the Christ, but we also have silver and gold. Are we willing to share to give what we have? Are we willing to enter into the full and glorious stewardship of our Lord?

"Rise up, O men of God,  
Have done with lesser things,  
Give heart and mind and strength  
To serve the King of kings."

## FRONT COVER

This is a new view of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., as seen from 23rd Street. This view shows the Euclid Ave. entrance, president's office and classrooms (upper floor) and faculty offices.

Our Seminary opens on Monday, Sept. 14, for registration and on Tuesday, Sept. 15, for classes for the academic year 1953-1954. Dr. George A. Lang is the Seminary president.





The front entrance and tower of the Ndu Baptist Chapel in the Cameroons, Africa, on dedication Sunday

FOR MONTHS after the roof of the old Ndu Baptist Church in the Cameroons, Africa, fell in in September, 1949, the unanswered question was, "Where shall we build the new church building?" Was it to be on the Mission Compound? No, it seemed best to have it outside the Mission boundary so that the Ndu Christians would accept the responsibility for the care of the surroundings as well as of the building.

Should it be on the football field just across the road from the missionary homes? The Ndu Chief could not agree to this, for "if goats were to graze around the building and destroy the flowers, there would be bitter trouble."

Between the Mission Compound and the chief's compound rises the Ndu Rest House Hill. (It was so called because years ago a Government Rest House stood on the summit.) It can be seen for miles from any direction, even from Warwar Area on a very clear day.

#### A CHURCH ON A HILL

A church on the top of that hill would be a testimony to travellers on all motor roads and foot paths of the faith that is slowly but surely gaining a foothold amongst the Nsungli (Ndu Area) people. It will be cold, and the church will be in the mists and clouds in the rainy season. It is a long hill to climb to reach the top.

But the objections were overruled, and the chief and his council members agreed to grant the hill to the

## The Cameroons People Had a Mind to Work

The fascinating story of the construction of a Baptist church on Ndu Chapel Hill in the Cameroons, Africa, and of its shining witness for Christ since its dedication

By MISS RUBY SALZMAN, Missionary

Ndu Baptist Christians. Today a massive stone structure has changed the name of the hill from "Ndu Rest House Hill" to "Ndu Chapel Hill."

How was the building to be financed? Gradually Christians in our outstation churches were accepting the responsibility of building their own semi-permanent buildings. But this was to be a permanent house. The final arrangement was that the members were to bring stone, timber and sand and provide the common labor. The Mission agreed to give the cement and zinc and to pay the artisans.

The carrying of stones began early in 1950. In 1951 the foundation was dug; in 1952 the walls crept up. Then came the A.M.C. (Annual Missionary Conference) of December, 1952. The Ndu missionaries pleaded that Ndu Chapel might be among the priority buildings for 1953, and the conference agreed.

In January our new builder, the Rev. Ben Lawrence, came with his family to Ndu and the Christians were stirred into action. The hill became a scene of beehive activity. Women and girls came on their "country Sundays," took headpans and shovels from the carpenter shop and trudged cheerfully up the winding path to mix clay and water for the "putta-putta" mortar. Men joined hands to dig and carry sand. The carpenters and masons working at the Mission gave a week of "free labor." The Ndu small truck carried tons of sand and water up the winding motor road which led to the church plot.

When Builder Lawrence set the date for the dedication for February 1, 1953, the natives refused to believe that the building could possibly be ready, for the zincs were just beginning to go on the roof, and our builder with only a few months in this country couldn't understand why they didn't believe him until he was reminded of the fact that the foundation was dug in 1951. A missionary in charge of an entire field and station cannot possibly push these lackadaisical natives to "keep moving" since he has few hours of the day to spend right at the

building project. As a result, a building program often becomes a long, drawn-out affair.

The last week of January 1953, the church teacher and leaders began to concentrate on the program for the dedication. Since they had had various types of expenses in the building program, they felt it unwise to tax the members further by having a "chop palaver" (feast). That would come later in the year when the church compound had been cleared, levelled and planted with grass.

We hope to have the Ndu 1953 Bible Conference late in the year and combine the "official opening," as the natives have termed it, with the conference. Because of these plans, only two or three representatives of each of our Ndu Area churches were invited to attend the dedication. The Ndu Chief and his important leaders were also invited.

#### DEDICATION PROGRAM

On the morning of the dedication, excitement ran high among the natives as they streamed up the hill from several directions. All gathered before the front of the church and various groups of the area sang their well rehearsed songs of praise. Zacharias Abanda, a deacon of long standing, led in the opening prayer. With the hundreds of people surrounding him, the Evangelist, Abel Gaduma, read the dedication Scripture and gave a short message expressing gratitude to God for his guidance in this great undertaking. Missionary Lawrence, the builder, offered the prayer of dedication.

The next item on the program reminded us of the choir anthem which we sang in younger days, "Walk About Zion," as the whole assembly began singing, "We Will Sing to Praise the Lord, Hallelujah," and fell in line to march several times around the church building. "Walk about Zion, and go round about her: tell the towers thereof. Mark ye well her bulwarks, consider her palaces; that ye may tell it

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The new medicine for leprosy came much too late to save the fingers and toes of the native (at the left) but the leprosy will be completely healed. Womfe, a former schoolboy at Lus (center) spent four weeks getting to New Hope Settlement. Three miles was all he could go the last day. A bad case of leprosy is shown at the right, with nodules and ulcers of the legs

## "Go Home and Pray While You Wait"

A heart-rending story and plea from the Bamenda New Hope Settlement by our Cameroons missionary-nurse

By MISS LAURA E. REDDIG, Nurse at the Settlement for Lepers

TOWARD THE END of May we received word at the "New Hope Settlement" that no more lepers were to be admitted until our own missionary doctor was out here to stay. But Simon from Babanki Tungo did not know of this letter. He had a severe case of leprosy, and had heard the good news that a settlement was here, and that he could receive treatment.

He took some of the money he had hoped to use for food, and gave it to the driver of a native lorry (truck) to take him along to the Settlement. How happy he looked when he hobbled down from the back of the truck. Besides his leprosy, he had had a severe burn on his leg which has crippled his knee, forcing him to crawl along with the help of a stick. Ulcers covered his feet, and several raw spots were seen on his hands. But now he had arrived!

He told someone to call me while he set his basket of worldly possessions (clay pot for cooking, cutlass and shovel for farming, and his sleeping mat) down beside the road. When I saw the eager look in his face, it almost broke my heart. I had learned from others that it takes weeks and months to get up the courage to leave

home and families, and come to this strange place and stay for a couple of years for treatment.

This young man had not only convinced his family that he wanted to come here, but had left them behind with the native medicine man who had "treated" him for many months. Now with all these victories won, he had arrived at our "New Hope Settlement."

There was no time to waste, for the driver was eager to return to Bamenda. I had to tell this young man that because we had no doctor staying here, we could not admit him or begin treatment for him.

He just couldn't believe his ears. He showed me every one of ulcers, his scarred knee which needed surgery and skin-grafting, his sore hands, and the many nodules on his face and ears. How could he go home and face his family again? Couldn't he just stay here until the doctor arrived? What about his ulcers?

No, he would just have to go home and wait. How long should he wait before coming again? When he hears a doctor has arrived, then he should come again. I packed a little box of our White Cross bandages and dressings and gave him some medicines for

his ulcers and sores. He appreciated these, but how he wanted to stay!

What should he do until the doctor comes? Pray every day that God will call out a doctor from among our Christians in America, who will come out to be our leprosy doctor.

God has given us this work, and the lepers, about 2500 of them, are crying for treatment. So pray and pray! Simon said he would, for he is a Christian, and God would not fail him now. "I will pray," were the last words he said as he climbed painfully back on the truck.

Simon is just one of many, many lepers who have had to return to their homes after coming all the way to the New Hope Settlement for treatment. "When will the doctor come?" "Is he on the way now?" "What will become of me until he comes?" The "New Hope" is here, but until a doctor comes to take up his residence here and be in charge of the leprosy work of Bamenda Province, these questions will remain just heart-breaking questions.

Fifty-eight lepers are now being treated at Bamenda New Hope Settlement, and ninety-eight are still staying. (Continued on Page 24)





North American Baptist young people and Sunday School workers along with members of the teaching staff at the first Christian Workers' Training Conference held in the Seminary buildings, Sioux Falls, South Dakota

## Christian Workers' Training Conference

This first Conference, held at the Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., from July 13 to 19, 1953, and attended by 152 youth and Sunday School workers, was an eminent milestone in our denominational ministry

By MR. E. RALPH KLETKE of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania,  
president of the CBY and SS Union

JULY 13 to 19, 1953, proved to be a week of historical significance as the first Christian Workers' Training Conference took place at the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota. The Conference sponsored by the CBY and SS Union had a total of 152 registrations from 15 states and three Canadian provinces. Many other workers came in for day and evening sessions from the neighboring South Dakota churches.

### CONFERENCE PURPOSES

This was the initial conference of its kind. The purpose was to provide our workers with a week of specific and concentrated training that would enable them to render a more effective Christian service in their local churches. It is to God's glory, that the unanimous opinion of all concerned was, that the purpose was achieved.

It was altogether fitting that the Seminary served as the site of the Conference since the purpose of the Conference very closely paralleled the Seminary program. This also allowed

many of our promising young people and workers to get better acquainted with the Seminary facilities.

On Monday evening, July 13, the general secretary of the Conference Union, the Rev. J. C. Gunst, presided over the opening session. After the welcome by Dr. George A. Lang, Seminary president, and the various preliminaries, the Rev. Roy Seibel of Emery, S. Dak., set the inspirational tone for the conference with a superb opening address. Mr. Seibel spoke on 1 Cor. 13, dwelling on the theme that the "one absolute essential in Christian work is love—God's love."

Each morning the workers began the energetic program with breakfast at 7:30 A.M. In addition several groups met for prayer daily prior to breakfast. "Daily Meditation and Prayer" was very ably led by Dr. George A. Lang from 8:20 to 9:00 A.M. Dr. Lang presented a very practical review of the book of Philipians.

The Leadership Training Classes were held at 9:00 A.M. and 11:00 A.M. each morning. Dr. Frank H. Woyke,

executive secretary, taught the course, "THE BAPTIST FAITH." The Rev. O. R. Schmidt of Edmonton, Alta., taught the second course, "CHRISTIAN GROWTH." Both courses proved to be stimulating and helpful to the workers. Each worker selected one course, the majority taking them for credit, indicating the keen interest in the classes.

### GENERAL ASSEMBLY PERIODS

Dr. M. L. Leuschner presided over the very informative General Assembly periods held from 10:15 to 11:00 each morning. The following staff members presented their topics during these periods. Tuesday: Highlights and Personal Experiences at Bansa, Dr. L. M. Chaffee; Wednesday: Missions Through the CBY and SS Union, Dr. M. L. Chaffee; Thursday: How the CBY and SS Union Fits Into the Denominational Program, Dr. Frank H. Woyke; Friday: Stewardship, Dr. M. L. Leuschner; and Saturday: Conference Union Promotion, Mr. E. R. Kletke.

At 12:15 P.M. the workers were daily refreshed by the delicious dinners prepared under the supervision of Mrs. Okko De Boer of the Seminary staff. Mrs. De Boer was aided in the kitchen and at the tables by the women of the following South Dakota churches: Corona, Spring Valley, Plum Creek, Chancellor, Emery, Northside and Trinity of Sioux Falls.

After the relaxing fellowship around the tables, the schedule was resumed at 1:15 P.M. for the Project Activity periods. The workers selected one of the four classes offered. Missionary Promotion by the Rev. R. Schilke, Camp Programs and Ideas by Miss Martha Leypoldt, Vacation Bible School by Miss Ruth Bathauer, and Audio—Visuals by Dr. M. L. Leuschner and the Rev. J. C. Gunst. During these activity periods the workers were able to avail themselves to a wealth of suggestions and ideas.

The Rev. Roy Seibel did a very excellent job in supervising the afternoon recreation from 2:30 till 5:00 P.M. which consisted of softball, volleyball, swimming, and croquet. The facilities of McKennan Park, Terrace Park, and Sioux Falls College Campus were open to the Conference for this purpose. Saturday afternoon a picnic supper was held at Terrace Park. The Seminary library was also open from 2:30 till 4:00 P.M. in the afternoon for those who cared to browse and study.

### EVENING PROGRAMS

After supper, Dr. Ralph E. Powell taught the class, "Directing Church Music, and Choir," from 6:15 to 7:15 P.M. In addition, Dr. Powell was the very able and genial Conference song leader. The evening schedule began at 7:15 P.M. with the Vesper Services under the direction of the Rev. R. Grenz, pastor of the Trinity Church, Sioux Falls. Vespers proved to be a daily source of spiritual strength and upliftment, as the following men spoke through the week: the Reverends O. R. Schmidt, R. Schilke, Dr. Powell, and Dr. L. M. Chaffee. To this reporter, one of the outstanding vesper messages was "How to Know the Will of God" by Dr. Powell. This was vital since many in the group were making important decisions during the week.

Each evening one of the project activity classes presented their findings to the entire group. The workers will long remember the various programs such as the new Cameroons film "Didga," the impressive "first night campfire program" entitled "Along Paths of new Discoveries," the sparkling skit on planning a Vacation Bible School, and the informative skit portraying the correct method of missionary promotion in the local church. On Saturday evening the choir and soloists under the supervision of Dr.



Dr. Ralph E. Powell leading an out-of-door rehearsal for the Chorus that sang at the Christian Workers' Training Conference, Sioux Falls, South Dakota

Powell presented a sacred concert. At this service Mr. E. R. Kletke, president of the Conference Union, paid tribute to Miss Martha Leypoldt for her loyal service and presented her with a corsage. Miss Leypoldt has assumed her new duties as Director of Christian Education at the Bethel Baptist Church of Anaheim, Calif., as of Sept. 1st.

The daily schedule was ended by the Fellowship Hour at 9:30 P.M. under the direction of the Rev. H. Weiss of the Northside Church, Sioux Falls. This proved a fitting climax as the workers had some fun and shared their Christian experiences and testimonies together. The coke and ice cream bar and the book store were open at various periods during the day for the workers' convenience. These were next to the Exhibit Room at which various denominational and Conference Union materials were available free of charge.

On Sunday morning, services were held at the two local churches. Sunday afternoon the project activity periods presented their final reports. Dr. L. M. Chaffee presented a general

message on the Cameroons mission field. Dr. Chaffee's contributions to the program throughout the week were highly appreciated, as very ably and sincerely he presented the mission work to the Conference. The Conference was brought to a close on Sunday evening with the consecration message at vespers by Dr. George Lang. This was followed with Dr. Leuschner presenting the latest film of Ruby Salzman and the Bible School work in the Cameroons.

The Conference also had its extra blessings. As Conference pastor, the Rev. Roy Seibel had the privilege of leading one of the delegates to a personal faith in Christ. This young woman had been the prayer burden of many of her friends throughout the week. During the week the Conference Union Executive Committee met in special session to consider the calling of a Youth Director. The call was extended and we are now awaiting the news as to the decision of the young pastor in mind.

Much credit for the success of the Conference goes to Dr. Lang for his  
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Some of the teaching staff and leaders of the Christian Workers' Training Conference held at the Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota





President Eisenhower in North Dakota speaks to Susan Smart who invited him to her sister's birthday party on her second birthday. In the background is the smiling governor of North Dakota, the honorable Norman Brundsdale.

EVER SINCE I WAS A LAD, it was my fond hope to be able someday to see the President of the United States. After I grew up, that hope was no longer so strong, but when the opportunity came to be a member of the press corps upon President Eisenhower's visit to North Dakota, I took advantage of the opportunity immediately.

At the time I was teaching a class at the Northern North Dakota Assembly and had to make some last minute arrangements so that I could leave camp. I remembered the arrangements that the professors at the Seminary used to make when they left town for a day or so. They gave the class so many more pages to read in their absence and sometimes even required a written report on the assignment to be handed in by the time of their return.

#### AN EXCITING ARRIVAL

Oddly enough, the assignment which I gave was to read a booklet entitled, "How to Choose Your Vocation." I hope some day that one of the fine young men in the class will become president of the United States.

# Meeting the President!

A Baptist preacher serves as reporter for the Underwood newspaper during President Eisenhower's visit to the Garrison Dam in North Dakota

By the REV. FRED J. KNALSON of Underwood, North Dakota

The presidential plane, "The Columbia," was to land at the Minot airport at about 5:50 P.M. of June 10. True to form, the big four-engined plane landed only a minute or two off schedule. "The Columbia" was preceded by another plane which carried the White House press staff and newsmen from the major news gathering agencies. Needless to say, I felt a little bit like an amateur among all these newsmen. They came off the press plane like a football squad at half-time. The men of the press were allowed to get within twenty feet of the door of the plane.

The clouds were hanging low and the sun was occasionally peeking through as the plane arrived. A few secret service men emerged from the plane first. Then came the big moment! The President appeared flashing his famous smile. He walked down the ramp and ahead about five steps before the Minot State Teachers College Band struck up and played, "Hail to the Chief." The president stopped and stood at attention like the general he was.

Then Governor and Mrs. Norman Brundsdale, who headed the reception committee, stepped forward to welcome the President to North Dakota. Many other notables were on hand to welcome him as well as a group of Indians from the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation in North Dakota. The Indians were on hand in full dress and it made an impressive scene to see the president listening carefully to what they were saying.

#### A BIRTHDAY INVITATION

As the reception line ended, the press corps was "turned loose" and I came within arm's length of the president much of the time. He answered all who greeted him. I also greeted him and he waved, smiled and spoke a word of greeting to me as to all the others.

No one was allowed to shake hands with him except two little girls who came from the crowd and ran up to his car. They gave the president opportunity to really be himself and to relax for a few moments. Most people know him as a friendly man but here we learned this first hand. One

of the little girls came to invite the president "to my sister's birthday party." The president ruffled her hair, shook hands, beamed and reluctantly turned down the invitation. He explained that his agenda left him little time for another party.

The president remained overnight in Minot and the next morning drove to the Garrison Dam where he delivered the address at the Closure Ceremonies. There again I was privileged to be right next to the president and to notice and observe many of the precautions that are taken by the Secret Service and the National Guard, which were on hand, and local law enforcement agencies.

#### A SIGNIFICANT SPEECH

The address that President Eisenhower delivered that day was a very significant one and one that should interest every Christian. First, he spoke on the part which the Federal Government, the state and local municipalities have in such a large project and in the functions of good government. Then he said, "Now my friends in these days and times we know how necessary it is that we don't forget the spiritual strength of America." He brought out the fact that as we commemorate a great job well done to strengthen us physically, we should not forget the spiritual.

He went on to say some very significant words: "Many men have seen the need of a spiritual renaissance, a rekindling of the kind of spirit that made Patrick Henry say, 'Give me liberty or give me death.'"

I felt that all the President had said before he made the above remarks was in preparation for them. Then he emphasized what he had said in those significant preceding phrases which were the central theme of his address. He touched on something which all Christians have been looking for, hoping for, and praying for: "a spiritual renaissance," or a spiritual revival.

We have seen and heard much of the spiritual emphasis which the president has made. These include his prayer at the time of his inauguration, his recent signature of the March of Freedom sponsored by the

National Association of Evangelicals in which the freedoms of the 23rd Psalm are set forth, and many other public pronouncements of spiritual significance.

#### A SPIRITUAL REVIVAL

It was a real privilege for me to see and hear the president, along with many other people from this area. I was personally impressed with President Eisenhower's humble spirit and sincerity. His call for a spiritual revival ought to be heeded by Christians everywhere.

The pattern for revival might well be that verse in 2 Chronicles 7:14, the verse on the page of the Bible on which the President placed his hand when he was sworn into office: "If my people which are called by my name shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways: then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

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to the generation following. For this God is our God for ever and ever: he will be our guide even unto death" (Ps. 48:12-14).

To watch the crowd push through the doorway, one would scarcely believe this was a church building and a church service, but they sensed there would not be room for all. Indeed, many were left outside and took turns looking through the windows. The final attendance count inside and out was 910.

Following the usual native fashion, the program consisted of twenty different items. In the welcome address given by our Headmaster of the Ndu Junior School, mention was made that this new church is now known as the third Baptist Church in the Cameroons. The missionaries and natives understood well what he meant. Were there not only two other Baptist churches in the Cameroons which could boast of a zinc roof?

Even the chief who follows the Mohammedan religion attended the service sitting in all his finery and flowing robes up on the platform and he had his opportunity to greet the people. He and his big men (Council members) are happy over the building, for it gives a certain prestige to their country.

The Rev. S. Donald Ganstrom and the Rev. Ben Lawrence brought brief messages urging the people to remain united in their Christian efforts just as they had labored with united hearts and hands to build the building. They were reminded also of Psalm 127:1, "Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that

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OUR BEAUTIFUL SEMINARY  
By DR. GEORGE A. LANG, President

The summer months usually find the Seminary buildings quiet and unoccupied except for the Seminary and faculty offices. The superintendent of buildings, Mr. Okko De Boer, is busy cutting the lawn, trimming the shrubs, and making the necessary repairs in preparation for the opening of school in the fall. The grounds and buildings present one of the most beautiful sights in Sioux Falls.

It is for that reason that many visitors from within the city and from points as far east as New Jersey, as far west as Oregon, as far south as Texas, and as far north as Edmonton stop in to see what the North American Baptists have built. Hardly a day passes throughout the summer but that some visitor makes a call for which we are most delighted. We feel that these are your buildings and grounds.

This summer was somewhat different, however, than other summers. From July 13 to 19 the Seminary was a veritable beehive of activity. Here the Christian Workers' Training Conference under the auspices of the CBY and SS Union convened. The Rev. J. C. Gunst, the general secretary, and Mr. E. Ralph Kletke of Philadelphia, the national president of the Union, gave the Conference most efficient and inspiring leadership.

No doubt, the Union will give a more extended report. (See pages 8 and 9.) But we do wish to state that we have never before had such a gathering of denominational leadership in one place for the purpose of inspiration and instruction as we found here. The Union and its leaders are to be congratulated on their achievement and are to be encouraged to carry on similar programs from time to time.

The seminary buildings showed their adaptability. The upper floor of the dormitory was used to house the women, while the lower floor was used

#### SEMINARY CATALOGUE

The 1953-1954 catalogue of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., is now available for distribution. Those who desire copies of the catalogue should write to Dr. George A. Lang, president, 1605 S. Euclid Ave., Sioux Falls, S. Dak., with their request.

by the men. The dining room accommodated the hungry guests at meal-time and also served as a fellowship hall. The various classes were held in the classrooms. The beautiful lawn in front of the large library and dining room windows served as the gathering place for the inspirational vesper services. The spacious chapel was the scene of the large evening meetings. Thus all parts of the buildings were made use of for this conference, which brought youth and youth leaders to the city of Sioux Falls.

The summer months have seen the professors and students scattered to all four winds in service for our Lord and beloved denomination. Conferences, assemblies and camps were served by all members of the faculty. Prof. George A. Dunger went east to Pennsylvania and to Minnesota; Prof. Herbert Hiller to Manitoba, to Saskatchewan, to Kansas; Prof. Hugo Lueck to North Dakota, to Washington, to Canada; Prof. Ralph E. Powell to Iowa, to North Dakota, to Alberta; and Pres. George A. Lang to Kansas, to Michigan, to Wisconsin. Students were found working in churches of our fellowship through the mid-west states, New York, Texas, Louisiana, California, and the prairie provinces of Canada.

Now we begin to think of the opening of the Seminary. Registration Day is Monday, September 14th. Classes begin on Tuesday, the fifteenth. Friday evening, Sept. 18, at 8 o'clock the opening convocation of the Seminary with Dr. George A. Dunger as main speaker will be held in the chapel. We welcome everyone to this important occasion.

It is difficult at the time of this writing to give an accurate picture of the enrollment for this fall. According to all appearances, we will have as large an entering group and as large a student body this year as we had last year. In fact, the student body may be larger. We have received more applications at this time of the year than we had last year. But applications and actual students sometimes vary as all educators find out to their dismay. We shall be pleased to give a more definite report after opening day.

May I be permitted to write a few words on a trained ministry. We are pleased to note that more men with full college education are entering our Seminary. If we ever needed a ministerial leadership of well trained men, it is today. Talent plus training infused by the Spirit of God makes for an effective and influential spiritual ministry. May we encourage our young men who are called by God into the Gospel ministry to take time to get a thorough college and seminary training. Our churches and the Kingdom of God will profit much by this procedure!



# WHAT'S HAPPENING

• The Calvary Baptist of Stafford, Kans., has extended a call to the Rev. H. J. Willeke of Tacoma, Wash., to which a favorable response has been given. The Stafford Church recently dedicated its beautiful \$141,000 edifice as reported in the July 30, 1953 issue of the "Baptist Herald." Mr. Willeke has served as pastor of the Calvary Church of Tacoma, Wash., since 1948. He will begin his pastorate in Stafford, Kans., about November 1st.

• The Plevna Baptist Church of Plevna, Mont., is building a fully modern parsonage beside the church which will be ready for occupancy this fall. It will be 28 by 48 feet in size. The Rev. and Mrs. G. Beutler and family are looking forward eagerly to this new home in which they will live. A baptismal and picture about a recent Baptist Church service held by the Plevna Baptist Church appears elsewhere in this issue.

• The Rev. and Mrs. Walter Sukut, newly appointed missionaries for Japan, visited with the Baptist Church of Baileyville, Ill., on Sunday, July 22. The church is partially supporting this missionary couple in Japan. On July 12 and 26 the pulpit was supplied by Mr. Ralph Nast, student of the Northern Baptist Seminary, Chicago, Illinois. The new president of the Baptist Men's Fellowship is Mr. Donald Bonebright, and Bill Stees is the president of the CBY. The Rev. John J. Kroeker is the pastor.

• On Sunday morning, August 2, the Rev. Paul Galambos of Streeter, N. Dak., baptized six converts in the Grace Baptist Church of Gackle, N. Dak., and received these into the fellowship of the Streeter Baptist Church at the Lord's Supper held that evening. Among the baptismal candidates was a father with his three children. The mother of his three children was received into the church by her testimony at the communion service. Mr. Galambos is the pastor of the Streeter and Medina Baptist Churches.

• A missionary service was held on Sunday evening, August 9, at the First Baptist Church of Underwood, N. Dak., sponsored by the Sunday School in the interest of the Cameroon native worker whom the church is supporting. The women presented the play, "Giving." Mr. Ferdinand Koenig reported about the denominational

Christian Workers' Training Conference held in July at Sioux Falls, South Dakota. The offering was used to complete the pledge of \$150 for the native worker in the Cameroons.

• On Sept. 1st Miss Martha Leypoldt began her ministry as Director of Christian Education at the Bethel Baptist Church, Anaheim, Calif. The pastor, the Rev. B. Jackseit, recently concluded a popular series of Sunday evening messages on "Sermons from Baseball." In August a Vacation Bible School was held in the Freeway Park area with about 85 children enrolled. On Wednesday evening, Aug. 19, Dr. Martin L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., spoke on "Our Bethel Experiences." About ten men of the church attended the 20th annual Baptist Men's Conference at Thousand Pines, Calif., on Sept. 19 and 20.

• Miss Evelyn Wedel of Anaheim, Calif., a member of the Bethel Baptist Church of Anaheim, sailed from New York City about August 20 for Bremerhafen, Germany. She will be teaching in a school in Germany for the children of men engaged in the United States defense forces. Miss Wedel has been an elementary public school teacher in Culver City, Calif., for the past several years. She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Wedel of Anaheim, California. She has promised to give "Baptist Herald" readers a report about her experiences in Germany.

• The Dayton Bluff Church of St. Paul, Minn., presented the Christian film, "Banderilla," on Sunday evening, June 7. On Wednesday, July 19, the Rev. Wm. L. Jeschke, pastor, concluded a series of introductory studies on "The Prophecy of Jeremiah." Mr. Fred Heckmann, the church caretaker for almost 40 years, celebrated his 80th birthday on July 8. The church expressed its appreciation for his services in the Bulletin as follows: "We thank God for Brother Heckmann's dedicated services and for the good health that permits him to continue as energetically as ever in his special ministry to our church."

• The Bethel Baptist Church of Prince Rupert, British Columbia, has extended a call to the Rev. Alexander Hart of Winnipeg, Man., the assistant pastor of the McDermot Ave. Church.

Mr. Hart has accepted the call and expects to begin his ministry in Prince Rupert on Sept. 20. On July 25 a Baptist Council met to consider the request of the Prince Rupert church for recognition. On Sunday, July 26, the recognition service was held with Dr. A. S. Felberg of Vancouver, B. C., bringing the recognition message. The Rev. J. C. Schweitzer, denominational church extension worker, who was instrumental in organizing the church, was in charge of the recognition proceedings. A more detailed report will appear in the next issue.

• Mrs. Ethel Ruff of St. Paul, Minn., on completion of her ministry in the Vacation Bible School at the Dayton Bluff Church of St. Paul, was stricken by a cerebral embolus (blood clot) upon her arrival at Karlstadt, Minn., in the early morning of July 5. She was in the Karlstadt Hospital in a critical condition for several days, when she was transferred to the University Hospital in Minneapolis, Minn., where she underwent surgery to relieve her condition. She is now making a good recovery toward health. The Rev. Miss Ethel Ruff was formerly on the staff of the Christian Training Institute in Edmonton, Alberta. Her many friends in our churches will want to remember her in prayer and with cards by sending them to 1349 Midway Parkway, St. Paul, Minnesota.

• On Sunday, Aug. 2nd, the members of the Emery Baptist Church, Emery, S. Dak., gathered after the evening service to celebrate the 15th wedding anniversary of their pastor and wife, the Rev. and Mrs. Roy Seibel. The guests of honor with their two children, Jeanice and Marylyn, sat at a table decorated with a large three-tiered wedding cake topped with a miniature bride and groom. Mr. Laurence Brown acted as master of ceremonies. Mrs. John Terveen sang, "O Promise Me" and Mrs. Carl Olthoff and Mrs. Art Edzards sang, "Lord, Be My Companion." Jeanice Seibel read a poem and Marylyn Seibel gave a recitation. Mr. John Heitzman presented a purse of \$100 to the couple and expressed the church's appreciation for their ministry. The Rev. and Mrs. L. Hoeffner, members of the church, were celebrating their 38th wedding anniversary on August 3rd, and the church also presented them with a gift.

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build it." Our young missionary organization of Royal Ambassadors (all boys, following the organization of the Southern Baptists) sang one of their favorite hymns, as did also our entire Ndu School group.

The church teacher in his dedication message expressed the appreciation of the church members for the financial assistance given them by their fellow-Christians in America. It is difficult for them to realize just how much "hard cash" went into the zinc, cement, cello-glass, transport expenses and labor bills. A congregational song and prayers by a deacon and deaconess brought the service to a close, a service long to be remembered by the Christians and pagans alike.

The following months found the average attendance holding at five hundred and Easter Sunday all benches were filled. One Sunday as we stepped outside to call in stragglers, one woman said, "Chance no dey for we inside!" And she spoke truly; only standing room remained. Already young girls were sitting on each others' laps to make room for one more on the bench. Since then we have again begun holding Junior Church at the Ndu School building so as to accommodate the adults in the church auditorium. Our Headmaster of Ndu School has vague dreams of a "children's chapel."

## PRAYER REQUEST

In numbers the Ndu Church has grown. Our prayer is that they might also grow spiritually. On your prayer list will you please include the following needs, organizations and individuals: a deeper spiritual understanding for our members of what it means to be a Christian; a fearlessness to witness in the weekly "market meetings" and in village visitation a continued outreach to unevangelized areas by our Royal Ambassadors; a greater enthusiasm on the part of our Sunday School teachers (who are our day school teachers); a comforting and convincing message by our church teacher to the old "mamas" who begin now to attend services as well as several Mohammedan women who have attended Sunday services a few times; and, last but not most important, will you pray for our Inquirers and those who indicated on Easter Sunday night, following the Bible slides of the Easter story, they wanted to follow Christ?

"He that winneth souls is wise" (Proverbs 11:30). "And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever" (Daniel 12:3)

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

## YOUNG PEOPLE'S NEWS FROM THE DAKOTA CONFERENCE

By MRS. ESTHER BREITKREUZ.

Because our Dakota Conference is quite large and covers a large territory, we have our Young People's Camps divided into four groups. In this way more of our young people are able to attend, since the camps are situated in different areas of the Dakotas making distance no problem. Also this provides smaller camps, making it possible to become better acquainted with one another and with our missionaries and guest speakers.

Although the Dakotas are mostly prairie with very little scenery, two of our camps are situated beside lakes. The Northern Assembly has its group meet at Lake Bentley and the Southern group meets at Lake Madison. The Central Association has its assembly on the spacious Jamestown College campus, where they are privileged to use all the facilities, including the beautiful chapel and swimming pool. The Badlands Association usually meets at churches and the guests stay in private homes. The meals are provided by members of the church where the camp is being held.

The BADLANDS YOUNG PEOPLE'S ASSOCIATION held its eighth annual assembly at McIntosh, S. Dak., from July 6 to 10. They were privileged to have the Rev. Hugo Lueck, professor at the North American Baptist Seminary, and Miss Berneice



Donald Vietz (left), president of the Central Dakota CBY and SS Union, and Clinton Grenz (right, seated), treasurer, registering a summer camper at the Central Dakota Assembly on the campus of Jamestown College

Westerman, Cameroons missionary, as their guest speakers. Their theme was "That the World Might Believe." The General Assembly messages were: The Christian and his private life, The Christian—in the home, in his social contacts, in the church. The assembly was closed with a banquet on Friday evening.

The CENTRAL DAKOTA CBY ASSEMBLY held its meetings at the Jamestown College campus, Jamestown, N. Dak., from June 29 to July 5. Dr. Ralph Powell and Miss Berneice Westerman were the guest speakers. Dr. Powell taught a class on "Courtship and Marriage" while Miss Westerman spoke on "Missions" at the General Assembly. On the afternoon of July 4th a picnic was held. In the evening the film, "Regions Beyond," was shown after which a consecration service was held. The young people were unaware of the fireworks all about them as they got into the spirit of the consecration service which was led by Berneice Westerman and Dr. Powell.

The CHRISTIAN SOLDIERS' TRAINING CAMP or South Dakota Camp was held at Camp Lakodia, Madison, S. Dak., from July 20 to 24. The camp theme was "Soldiers of Christ: Prepared, Equipped and Trained." The guest speakers were: Rev. Edwin Miller of Cleveland, Ohio, who taught a class on "The Spirit Filled Life"; Mrs. Earl Ahrens, Cameroons missionary, who was in charge of the mission study; and Miss Martha Leypoldt, Forest Park, Ill., who taught the class for the Juniors. The evening services were evangelistic meetings with campfire services on Tuesday and Friday. A consecration service was held at the close of the camp.

I know that I am speaking for the young people in the Dakota area when I say that the camp or assembly is the highlight of our summer vacation. The Lord seems so very near during this time of Christian fellowship. The persons who are won to the Lord and the lives that are consecrated to the Lord are blessings which can never be taken away or forgotten.

In the fall each group has a CBY and SS Union, which convenes in one of the churches in each area. These rallies too prove a great blessing to all who attend.

As young people of the Dakota Conference, we are grateful for the privilege which is ours as servants of Christ.





## Of Men and of Angels

A Prize-winning Christian Novel by LON WOODRUM

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### SYNOPSIS

To Steve Glen, home meant his foster parents, Phoebe and Jason Gray, and the little town of Gold Springs, California. After years of army service, battle-weary and frustrated, Steve decided to return. The sermons by Dr. Grant as well as the example of his parents and the reading of the Bible brought him to a profound experience of faith in Christ and trust in God. He told Dr. Grant of his plans to enter the ministry. During the next four years studying at a seminary, God equipped him for service. Then he and Jenny Grant were married. Four days later they were notified that Dr. Grant had had a heart attack, from which he died. Steve Glen was asked to take over the church for a while at least. But his sermons that revealed the sins in town were offensive to the marshal and councilmen. Then Jenny became sick and the examination at the clinic revealed a malignant condition. Late one night after an emergency visit to the Lawlor home, Steve's car went out of control and was wrecked. He was taken to the hospital, where later Sheriff Beare visited him and said he wanted to talk to him.

### CHAPTER SIXTEEN

"Sure," I said.

"Well, I looked over your wrecked car."

"Oh?"

"It wasn't an accident, Reverend. Somebody messed with your steering gear."

Then I remembered how the car had acted to strangely. "You mean—?"

"Yeah, somebody tried to kill you."

"I'd better tell you, I guess. I tipped him off that night before the sheriff moved in on him."

"I know."

"You know?"

"It didn't take very good guessing, Dick."

He hesitated. His lip was quivering. Then, "We're still brothers, huh?"

I put out my right hand. "Still brothers."

When Dian came she was wearing a white dress and her face was marked with anxiety.

"Oh, Steve!" she said.

I grinned at her a little. "Hello," I said.

"I'm so sorry, Steve." She took my right hand and gripped it tight a moment. She seemed close to tears. I was affected by her attitude, and must have shown it.

"Don't worry," I said, I'll soon be as good as new." Then I grimaced "Well, practically as good as new!"

"It won't matter," she said glancing at the place where my left arm should have been. "Nothing will matter. You'll still be wonderful."

When she had gone that last word of hers kept hammering in my mind, bothering me a little. Then the throbbing in my left shoulder returned, and a wave of self-pity rushed through me. But Jenny's voice, calm and serene, and reassuring, came back to me. Jenny, oh, Jenny—what right have I to complain, when you are so ill? I'll be up and out of here in no time.

I was home sooner than anyone expected, for I wanted to be with Jenny every minute that I could. She was ill and needed me. The doctor was making regular trips to the parsonage. One night he dropped in to see Jenny. I met him at the stairs when he came down.

"Come out into the kitchen, Dr. Keyes, and have a cup of coffee before you go." I lit the burner under the coffee pot. Dr. Keyes sat down heavily at the table, his face tired. He watched me, his look resting, unconsciously perhaps, on the empty sleeve at my left side.

"You get tired, don't you, Doctor?" I asked.

"I guess we all do. But sometimes I feel so tired I could quit the whole business."

"Why don't you quit?"

He lifted his big shoulders and then let them sag again. "You just don't quit," he said.

The dark amber jet of coffee made a whirlpool in the cup before him, and the smell came up in a steam to our nostrils. I pushed the cream pitcher toward him.

"Black," he said. "It's better for you black."

I put my cup to my lips but the taste was wrong, and I thought, It will never taste right again—nothing will

ever taste right, or look right, or feel right again while Jenny is sick.

Dr. Keyes looked deep into his cup and said glumly, "I'm sorry about Jenny. I'm so helpless. There's not much I can do."

He took up his cup and drained it. I said, "It's a terrible disease, isn't it?"

"It's a stubborn, stinking thing," he said.

I poured him another cup of coffee in silence. "Some day," he said, lifting his head confidently, "some day we'll beat it! We'll find a weapon some day. That's my faith."

"I've heard you didn't have any faith, Doctor."

"You wouldn't call me religious, I guess. Not outwardly at least. But science has changed some of its views about the cosmos in the last few years."

"I know."

"Twenty years have changed a lot of thinking in the field of science. A Nobel Prize winner in physics has said there's nothing to contradict a man's faith in the Divine Presence. You can prove God as well as you prove the atom."

"What do you mean by 'faith'?"

"Faith, of course, is a relative term, Steve. The trouble with it is that it can be based on such flimsy stuff. Men have faith in everything. A deck of cards, tea leaves, a rabbit's foot. I heard of a man who went to the late war utterly fearless because a crystal-gazer had told him he wouldn't be wounded or killed. He would walk right into flying lead with his faith. But a bullet got him in the groin—and he cracked up! He had to have mental treatment. Faith in some things is bad."

He glanced at his wrist watch. "I've got to go. Better use the injections whenever she's in pain. It's the best we can do—now."

"What do you mean, 'now'?"

"Some day we'll lick this thing, I hope."

The doctor started out of the kitchen and turned back and put a hand on my arm. "Anyhow, Steve, your faith will help a lot. Keep it."

When he had gone I went into Jenny's room and stood looking at her. The shot the doctor had given her was holding back the dragon—for a while. But the intervals between the attacks were getting shorter. He was closing in, now. A shiver arrowed through me, though the room was warm. In the faint light I could see that Jenny's face bore the marks of her illness. It was a face of pain, almost as marred as it had been lovely. More and more she would need the bright needle-sword to ward off the foe—and finally the sword would fail.

"Some day," Keyes had said, "we'll find a weapon."

Some day. When my beloved on the bed there has gone.

Faith? Oh, all the smug talk about it. My darling lies there—soon the drug begins to lose its power—and faith runs out on me—I am face to face with a dark shape on a hill—a cross. And I who should have had faith prayed a dark prayer.

My God, my God, why—why hast Thou forsaken me?

There is no sleep, now. Maybe an hour, maybe half an hour. But the dragon won't let me sleep. He's prowling through the whole night, and through the day, too, now.

Dear, scarred Jenny. Heart of my heart. They made us one that bright June day. When I took you in my arms you became part of me, and I part of you, and we were one. We are still one and that is why the dragon tears me when he tears at you.

The Sundays are nightmares. My heart stays in the room in the parsonage with Jenny and her mother when I go into the pulpit to speak to the people. The people are kind; they look at me, understanding, for they can see how thin my face has grown. But there is no solace for me.

Death, be kind and come, is what I say when I mean to pray.

Jason and Phoebe came and took turns sitting with Jenny so Mrs. Grant could have a night's sleep. But at three in the morning, when the world was asleep, I came back to see about her. My feet were like rocks; my head spun, but I had to see about her. Once I sat in the parsonage kitchen, late.

"It's a big word," I said.

"Huh?" said Jason.

"The word 'why'."

"It's an old word, Steve. You can't escape it."

"She's young. So beautiful."

"Yes," said Jason.

"Wicked men live and build big houses. They spread themselves all over the place."

"Some things happen to the good and bad alike, Steve."

"I'm like Job. All I have is questions and no answers."

"Listen, son, we're two-world people." He repeated it, "Two-world people. We're not finished, even at the grave. We have another world to live in."

I put my one arm on the table and put my head on it. Weariness ran in my blood. The tears flowed out from under my tired, burning eyelids, and I knew I was close to cracking up. The dragon was going to win. I was too weak to fight, and I had no weapon, anyhow. My strength was gone. My heart was heavy.

Jason Gray put his big hand on my shoulder and with my head still down, I heard him quoting from far away—I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills from whence cometh my help.

When I looked up Phoebe was

standing in the doorway. "Come," she said, "she wants you, Steve."

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help—O God, my help—

I stood in the living room of the parsonage, alone. Jenny's mother had gone to visit her sister in Denver. Jason and Phoebe, who had been with me an hour ago, had gone home. I was alone, and loneliness took over the whole house. I could still smell the sweetness of the flowers, hear the minister's voice—the text.

Over them death has no power.

Death has no power over the dead; death has power over the living. I was in the living room, and death had emptied it. I went into the bedroom and it was empty, too. Jenny's picture was on the dresser and she was smiling.

"Don't smile, darling. This is no time to smile," I said in silence.

I went over and took the picture from the dresser and I stared at it, and remembered how warm her mouth had been and how her rust-blond hair shone in the light, and how womanly her voice had been. I held the picture against my heart and my heart beat against it. I placed the picture back on the dresser and walked away from it. I walked through the silence and the emptiness back to the living room, then out to the kitchen and started to make some coffee. But I remembered how she looked, making coffee in her blue apron, and I didn't want any.

I wandered out and got into my car and drove to the highway, leaving Gold Springs behind me. I took the winding road, higher and higher, fighting the wheel at times with my one hand, till I came to the place where Jenny and I had had the picnic that beautiful day. I sat in the car looking at the hills running toward the Sierras, and the view that had been so full and exciting when we shared it together was all empty and lonely now. And I knew that my hours and days would be empty.

A few weeks later while I was in the study, the phone rang. "This is Dian, Steve. Father would like to have you come over, if you have time."

I hung up, wondering what Lockwood wanted, and why he hadn't asked me himself instead of having Dian do it.

My car looked out of character as it turned into the sweeping drive of the Lockwood estate and stopped behind Diana's imposing convertible parked by the door.

At the chiming of the bell I expected to see the butler, but Dian herself came to the door.

"Do come in, Steve," she said.

My glance ran around the living room, just as it had done many years (Continued on Page 23)



# We, the Women

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

## INTRODUCING MRS. WILLIAM J. APPEL

Several important events make Mrs. William J. Appel's introduction timely. The Atlantic Conference will convene in a few days. As president of the Woman's Union, Mrs. Appel has given excellent leadership to the women's part in the conference. Then secondly, Dr. William J. Appel, her husband, is the newly elected Home Mission Extension Worker. As a Woman's Union we have pledged \$10,000 to this particular work as one of our three-fold financial projects.

The Appels left the Pilgrim Baptist Church parsonage of Jersey City, N. J., on August 3rd to begin their new work in Hillsboro, Kansas. Together they figured out how to move the furniture of seven rooms into "our lovely trailer," as Mrs. Appel called it. Their missionary program promises to be not only a great venture of God, but calls for our continued support and sincere prayers on their behalf.

When Mrs. Appel's mother came from Germany to the United States, she immediately joined the Immanuel Church, 75th Street and First Avenue, New York City. She was a member there for two years when the Rev. John Pastoret was the pastor. Later she joined the First German Baptist Church on 14th Street and 1st Avenue in New York City where she was a member for about ten years. The Rev. William Swyter and the Rev. G. A. Schneck were pastors there during her membership. Thereafter she joined the Evergreen Baptist Church of Brooklyn, N. Y., of which she is still a member.

She accepted Christ as her Savior and was baptized by the Rev. J. Niebuhr in the absence of a pastor at the First Church in New York City at that time. She was graduated from New York University with a B.A. degree with her major in history. Her minor was English. She was a member of the German honor society, Delta Phi Alpha, at the university.

Dr. Appel served as the assistant pastor of the Baptist Temple, Philadelphia, Pa., for several years in which both he and Mrs. Appel rendered a great ministry, prior to their coming to Jersey City, New Jersey.

Both to Dr. and Mrs. Appel, the Woman's Missionary Union pledges a special measure of prayers and interest on their behalf as they venture out to do business for their Savior in the Home Mission Expansion Work.



Mrs. Betty Appel of Jersey City, N. J., president of the Atlantic Conference Woman's Missionary Union, and wife of Dr. W. J. Appel, a newly appointed Extension Worker of the denomination

## THE SPIRITUAL GLOW

By MRS. William J. APPEL,  
President of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Atlantic Conference.

The story is told of two artists, with like brushes, palette and colors, who were asked to paint a scene. Both had the privilege of choosing what they would paint and what colors they would use.

The first man chose to paint his canvas with the drab, gray colors of a rainy day, and the even darker hues of coming night. He delighted in the shadows of the valley, of forest shade and cloudy days. His soul was likewise colored with the hues of gloom, for he was gloom incarnate. He revelled in his own disappointments, discouragements, failures, loneliness, for gloom was never popular except with himself. When he did go among other people, he proved his own selfishness by inflicting a gloomy, grouchy face on others. He lived so much in the shade and with the drab colors that he used for his paintings, that he actually cast gloom as a shadow before him wherever he went.

## MITE BOXES

The mission mite boxes for Woman's Missionary Societies are available at Headquarters, 7308 Madison St., Forest Park, Ill., without charge. Please state the number of boxes needed when making your request.

The other man chose his colors to match the beauty of the rising sun, the brilliance of the noonday. His soul was a prism that caught heaven's light only to break it into rainbow colors of happiness and joy for those around him. By keeping his face constantly to the sunlight, he kept the shadows of discouragement and disappointment behind him, while he bounded eagerly forward to meet the surprise of each new experience.

Both men had the same colors with which to work. The choice was different, therefore the results were different.

None of us lives to himself alone. Each person influences those about him. To each is given the choice of colors, whether the drab, gloomy ones or discontent; or the bright, inspiring ones of a happy Christian life. It is important that we recognize the responsibility which we as Christian women have to "maintain the spiritual glow" (Romans 12:11, Moffatt) and so determine the influence our lives will radiate.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The excellent response on the pink REPORT SHEETS from our Society was sincerely appreciated. Statistics on the returns will soon be published.

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WHITE CROSS PARCELS should not only have the name of your church but the name of your society and your president in order that the "Thank You" note may be sent to the proper group.

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Please fill out your VALUATION SHEET found in the new Program Packet and send it immediately to Mrs. Albert E. Reddig, Cathay, North Dakota. Your response will help the Missionary Education Chairman to prepare the kind of program materials our women desire.

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PROGRAM PACKETS for June 1953 to June 1954 are going fast. Before the packets are a complete sell-out, order yours from the Woman's Missionary Union, 7308 Madison St., Forest Park, Illinois. They are \$1.00 each. Specify English or German.

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EXTRA. A thousand Baptist Women delegates from the North American continent are planning to meet in Columbus, Ohio, November 2-4, 1953. This first Congress of a North American Baptist Union of the Baptist World Alliance will meet to organize a great Christian fellowship with the theme, "One Savior—One Fellowship." Our Woman's Union has been permitted to send ten delegates. Our Executive Committee plans to meet in Forest Park just prior to the Columbus Congress.



## FROM THE FIELD

### Southwestern Conference

#### Golden Wedding Anniversary Celebration of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Vilhauer, Loyal, Oklahoma

Sunday, June 21, was a day of special blessing and joy for the Immanuel Baptist Church, Loyal, Okla., as the many relatives and friends of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Vilhauer helped them in the celebration of their golden wedding anniversary. At the close of the morning service, which was recorded on magnetic tape, Mr. and Mrs. Vilhauer were presented with a plaque by the church, congratulations were extended by the pastor, the Rev. G. W. Blackburn, on behalf of the church, and the couple were remembered in prayer.

A group of 75 relatives gathered in the church basement for dinner and in the afternoon there was Open House during which many other relatives and friends gathered at the home to extend their congratulations. This, too, was tape recorded as a permanent record.

Adolph Vilhauer and Rachel Lorenz were married by Brother Graalman, who was the first pastor of the Immanuel Church. The couple were blessed with eight children: Mrs. Paul Staude, Oklahoma City; Mrs. Carl Wehrenberg, Kingfisher; Rufus, Lauretta, Norman, and Cecilian of Loyal; Mrs. Charles Pavlu and Mrs. Elmer Fisher of Okeene, Oklahoma. There are also 21 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Mrs. G. W. Blackburn, Reporter.

### Northern Conference

#### Reception by the Zion Church, Drumheller, Alberta, for Rev. and Mrs. Wm. Effa

On Sunday, July 12, we of the Zion Baptist Church near Drumheller, Alta., had the joy of welcoming our first pastor, the Rev. William Effa, and his wife to our church. It was with great eagerness that we gathered with our many friends in the church for this event. The morning service was held as usual with Sunday School at 10 A.M. and at 11 A.M. the worship service. Mr. Arthur Forsch, leading deacon, introduced the Rev. Wm. Effa who then brought his introductory message. The choir also rendered two numbers.

In the evening the reception service was held. The Rev. Fred Pahl of the Olds Baptist Church was in charge of



Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Vilhauer of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Loyal, Okla., at their golden wedding anniversary celebration.

the service. He welcomed Mr. and Mrs. Effa to the church. The choir then sang the song, "Deep in the Heart of God." Mr. Pahl spoke on Philippians 1:21-30, entitling his message, "That Love Shall Rule in Your Midst." Various other numbers were rendered and speakers from all the branches of the church extended the hand of welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Effa.

The Carbon Baptist Church also participated in the program with one of their deacons, Mr. Ernest Bettcher, bringing a few words of welcome and with a number by the church's male quartet. The Rev. Jim Sinclair of the Rosebud Baptist Church also brought a brief welcome.

The Rev. and Mrs. William Effa were then given an opportunity to respond. In closing the choir sang another number, "Are You Telling the Story," after which Mr. Effa led the closing prayer. We then met in the basement of the church for refreshments.

As we look into the future as a newly organized church, and with the Rev. Wm. Effa beginning in his first field of service, we trust that the love of God will reign serenely within our church circle so that many lost souls may be pointed to the Savior.

John Seibel, Church Clerk.

#### Junior and Senior Camps of the Alberta Tri-Union Held at Sylvan Lake

The days from July 13 to 19 were very active and happy ones for more than 100 Juniors who came from far and near by bus and car to attend a

blessed week of fun and fellowship at the Alberta Baptist Tri-Union Junior Camp at Sylvan Lake, Alta., Canada. The cooks, Eunice Kern, Ruth Strauss, Velma Shippy and Mrs. Scheeler, were kept busy in appeasing the hungry appetites of the boys and girls, and each morning, as the four classes assembled, the eight teachers provided the spiritual nourishment for their hungry souls.

The Junior girls taught by Manetta Froehlich and Ardath Schmierer, and the Junior boys taught by Verda Scheeler and Faye Strohschein, studied a course on the Life of Christ. The Intermediate girls, taught by Irma Schonert and Madeline Nikolai, and the Intermediate boys, taught by the Rev. R. Neuman and Eugene Neufeld, were drawn closer to the Lord through their study on "Followers of Jesus."

Each evening, an evangelistic service was held during which a total of 21 boys and girls responded to the invitation and gave their hearts to Jesus Christ. The week was climaxed with challenging messages brought by Mr. Rubin Herrmann of our Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., and Rev. H. Schumacher of Wetaskiwin on Sunday morning and afternoon.

Sunday also saw the ushering in of a number of Seniors who were arriving to enjoy the week of Senior camp which was to follow. Over 60 young people spent the days from July 19 to 26 in Christian fellowship. Each morning began with devotions, breakfast, chores, and continued with two very interesting classes consisting of a missionary course taught by Missionary Berneice Westerman, and a course on "How to Know the Will of God for Your Life," taught by Dr. Ralph E. Powell, professor at our Seminary.

Although the occasional showers interfered with the afternoon recreational activities, they did not dampen the spirits of the campers. Our hearts were challenged anew each evening as Dr. Powell brought the messages, followed by the showing of some Moody Bible Institute Science films.

Sunday again was the highlight of the week as hundreds of people came to participate in a day filled with blessings as Dr. Powell and Miss Westerman brought challenging messages in the morning and afternoon services, and as the camp mass choir brought messages in song.

Wednesday of the week was a special day for Sunday School and young people's workers as well as for the annual business sessions and elections of the Tri-union. Results of the elections were: president, Rev. E. A. Hoffmann; vice-president, Rev. H. Pfeifer; dean, Rev. H. Schumacher; camp host, Rev. F. Pahl; secretary, Verda Scheeler; treasurer, Martin Grabia; pianists, Jean Haller and Delores Gruber; editor and ass't editor of the "Baptist Bugle," Verda Scheeler and Joyce Hammer.

The Tri-union has set a project of \$1000 for foreign and home missionary use to be raised during the next year. Truly, we have much for which to praise the Lord, for all his bountiful blessings showered upon us.

Ardath Schmierer, Reporter.



**Thirtieth Anniversary Program of the Woman's Missionary Society, Morris, Manitoba, Canada**

With grateful hearts we of the Woman's Mission Society of the Emmanuel Baptist Church of Morris, Man., look back upon the last 30 years and praise God for the blessings bestowed upon us and for his guidance in this mission circle.

In 1923 our Society was organized under the leadership of Mrs. Philip Daum. Two charter members are still living and attended our anniversary meeting this year.

On March 29th we held our yearly program in connection with our anniversary festivities. It was opened with Scripture reading and prayer. Mrs. Emma Paschke, our president, gave a warm welcome to everyone

The completion of the redecorating of the church was also an occasion of joy in that a new Minshall electric organ was presented to the church on that day by two of our members, Messrs. Jake and Philip Hertz. Mr. Korella, in dedicating the organ, called for dedicated lives which will "show forth the praises of him who has called us out of darkness into his marvelous light."

Very fittingly the closing program of the Vacation Bible School, held in the evening, brought before us a missionary challenge and called upon us to make this year a record year in what we do for others. We were reminded that a growing denomination and a growing church require each one to make his added contribution to the Lord.

Stuart C. Thomas, Pastor.



The large group of children and staff teachers of the Vacation Bible School held by the Shroyer Road Baptist Church, Dayton, Ohio

present. Our program consisted of a ladies' choir, quartet, trio and duet numbers, a German dialogue, "Beneath the Cross" which was well presented. Our pastor, the Rev. R. Kanwischer, as our guest speaker encouraged us to keep our lights shining since there is still a lot to be done.

With prayerful hearts we want to continue serving in the vineyard of our Lord and to be real witnesses for Christ.

Mrs. R. E. Walters, Reporter.

**Baptist Church Is Redecorated and Electric Organ Installed at Southey, Saskatchewan**

There was real blessing enjoyed in the Southey Baptist Church of Southey, Sask., on Sunday, July 12th. The occasion was the completion of work which we began a year ago when we undertook the redecorating of the church. Last year we made alterations to the basement and decorated it. This year the work upstairs completed the transformation, and everyone was pleasantly surprised at the change. We were privileged to have the Rev. Karl Korella from the Edmonton CTI with us and his message challenged our hearts to attempt great things for God while we also expect God to do great things for us.

**Vacation Bible School With 108 Children at Shroyer Road Church, Dayton, Ohio**

The Shroyer Road Baptist Church, Dayton, Ohio, held a very successful Vacation Bible School this year. The church has been in its present location only three years. So we are very happy to have had an average attendance of 108 children for the two-week period this June. The school was under the capable direction of Mrs. Lillian Graham, our regular organist, and she was assisted by 28 teachers and helpers. The course they studied was "Jesus," with the various departments taking up different aspects of his life.

The closing program was held on June 26, with a capacity attendance of 275 parents and children. An offering of \$50 was given for missions, and two lovely pictures of Christ were given to the Sunday School. After the short program, a reception was held in the social room.

Mrs. John Bersuder, Reporter.

**Eastern Conference**

**Central Church, Erie, Pa., Appreciates Dr. Leypoldt's Services and Welcomes Rev. & Mrs. P. Pfeiffer**

Joy, beauty, thoughts of springtime and rebirth come with Easter, after the darkness and cold of winter, bleak and drear. With the coming of Dr. John Leypoldt as interim pastor to Central Baptist Church of Erie, Pa., on Easter Sunday, after almost a year of no undershepherd, a new spiritual era began for "Central." He was just "what the Doctor ordered" and Central people speak lovingly of him and count his short stay of three months as one of the spiritual highlights of their church's history.

On Sunday evening, May 31st, Dr. Leypoldt turned over the entire evening service to the CBY group which put on a play entitled, "The Broken Circle." A free-will offering amounted to over \$104 which went toward their goal of \$500 toward the opening of a mission station to the lepers in the Cameroons. The play, which has a high spiritual plane, has proven a blessing wherever it has been shown, both in Central Church and other area churches. The CBY went "over the top" in their goal and have pledged \$1000 this year toward their conference goal.

All this time Central Church had been waiting expectantly for its new pastor and, on July 10th, we had the joy of welcoming Rev. and Mrs. Peter Pfeiffer and daughter Natalie Ann at a combined reception and pantry shower. A program was presented under the direction of Mrs. Louise Meuser and displayed some of the church's talent with brief messages from the Rev. W. S. Argow, pastor-emeritus; Rev. Richard Mikolon, pastor of the Open Bible Tabernacle; and Dr. John Leypoldt. Mr. J. A. Zurn as moderator welcomed the Pfeiffer family into the church's membership and each president of the various organizations personally welcomed them.

Mrs. Jack Garnaaf, Reporter.

**Central Conference**

**\$32,000 Pledged Toward New Edifice for Holmes St. Baptist Church, Lansing, Michigan**

From June 15 to 18 the Holmes St. Baptist Church of Lansing, Mich., held a financial drive during which members and friends pledged \$32,000 toward the erection of a new church edifice to cost approximately \$125,000. The drive was begun with a "Kick-off Banquet" on the opening night. The Rev. Arthur McAsh of Detroit, Mich., was the guest speaker.

Our Vacation Bible School was held from June 22 to 28. It was one of the finest schools which we have ever had. The average attendance was 90. We had fifteen teachers and four departments. The missionary offering was designated for the Children's Home at St. Joseph, Michigan. The Bible School was directed by Bonnie Morgan, our church missionary.

On Sunday evening, July 19, six persons were baptized, including the pastor's daughter. This was followed by the Lord's Supper. From June 7 to July 19, 1953, 13 new members have been received into the church. The Rev. A. A. Buhler is the pastor.

Though our new pastor has been with us but a short time, his honesty, his impartiality, his humbleness and consecration to his ministry through his Christ-centered messages have inspired us all and endeared him to us. Mrs. K. Louise Eichler, Reporter.

**Evangelistic Meetings and Vacation Bible School at Baptist Churches of Killaloe, Ontario**

The two Baptist churches of Killaloe, Ont., are grateful to God for his many blessings received during our recent evangelistic services. The churches as a whole were spiritually revived. The soul searching messages, chart talks, songs and music given by Evangelist Joseph T. Larson and his wife of Denver, Colo., stirred the hearts of many.

The annual combined Vacation Bible School was held in the Calvary Church from June 28 through July 10, with an enrollment of 86 pupils. The average attendance was 79. The school was divided into three departments. The Beginners were in charge of Mrs. Louis Felhaber, Mrs. Alex Kuehl, Jule Webber and Lois Kuehl. The Primary Department was in charge of Mrs. L. George, Mrs. Reuben Kuehl, Mrs. Rachel Grace and Mrs. George Kuehl. The Junior Department had Mrs. L. Getz, Mrs. M. I. Kuehl, Mrs. Floyd Chatsick and Georgena Krantz.

At the close of the school awards were given to those with perfect attendance, and all enjoyed ice cream and cold drinks. In the evening a special program was given by the children and handwork was on display in the newly decorated classrooms in the basement of the church.

Mrs. Melville Kuehl, Reporter.

**Northwestern Conference**

**Scripture Memory Awards for "Know Your Bible Club" Members of Sumner, Iowa**

On May 31 the Sunday School of the First Baptist Church of Sumner, Iowa, was happy to witness seven members of the KYBC (Know Your Bible Club) receiving Scripture Memory pins for completion of their year's work in the Scripture Memorization Course. Four of the students received the second year wreath, one student the third year bar, and two students the fourth year bar. These well earned awards were presented by our Sunday School superintendent, Louis Harsley.

Our KYB Club meets the first Sunday afternoon of each month. We have chorus time, classes for each age group and a brief story time. The teachers issue the memorization assignments weekly. During the past year we have given special recognition each month for work completed. We had 16 boys and girls enrolled this year.

Eight of our Junior boys and girls attended our Junior Baptist Camp at the Regular Baptist Camp Grounds at Clear Lake, Iowa, in June. Irene Sage, Sponsor.



The Vacation Bible School group of the two Baptist Churches of Killaloe, Ontario, Canada

**Ground Breaking Exercises for New Edifice by Immanuel Baptist Church, Kenosha, Wisconsin**

The Immanuel Baptist Church of Kenosha, Wis., dedicated its property at 39th Avenue and Wilson Road, and broke ground for a new church in a public ceremony on Sunday, June 21st, at 3:00 P.M. Dr. Jacob Meister, president of the Baptist Union of Germany, and Dr. F. Townley Lord of London, England, president of the Baptist World Alliance, were unexpected guests and brought their greetings and good wishes in the name of Baptists from across the ocean.

Dr. Martin Leuschner, representing the North American Baptist Conference, gave the main address. Mr. Frank A. Nelson of Racine, Wis., president of the Wisconsin Baptist Convention, also brought greetings to the more than 300 spectators present.

The Rev. Charles J. Anderson, pastor, yielded the spade for the ground

breaking to Mrs. Anderson and to the wives of two former pastors, Rev. William Schoeffel and Rev. A. G. Schlesinger, both of Chicago; followed by the pastor, Dr. Leuschner, Mr. Nelson, Walter Kopf, moderator; Herbert Kaiser, chairman of the Board of Deacons; Leonard Friedrich, chairman of the Board of Trustees; Mrs. Milda Marquardt, president of the Woman's Missionary Society; Mrs. Hertha Behr, S. S. superintendent; and Bruno Frese, Building Committee chairman. During this ceremony the Salvation Army brass band played "Amazing Grace." The invocation was given by the Rev. A. G. Schlesinger and the benediction by the Rev. Wm. Schoeffel.

A reception was held at the present church following the outdoor service with some 200 guests attending. Musical entertainment was provided by Mr. and Mrs. Richard Weiss of Detroit, Michigan.

Melissa Schabeck, Church Clerk.



Pastor and guest speakers at the ground breaking exercises for the new edifice of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Kenosha, Wisconsin

Right to left: Rev. Charles J. Anderson, pastor; Mr. Frank A. Nelson, president of the Wisconsin State Convention; Dr. F. Townley Lord, president of the Baptist World Alliance; Dr. Jacob Meister, president of the Baptist Union of Germany; Dr. M. L. Leuschner, promotional secretary of the North American Baptist General Conference





The Vacation Bible School children (left) and large staff of teachers (right) of the Stafford Baptist Church near Sherwood, Oregon

### Happy Events and Inspiring Programs at the Baptist Church, Aplington, Iowa

A week of evangelistic meetings was held from March 22 to 29 at the Baptist Church of Aplington, Iowa, with Dr. F. D. Whitesell of the Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, Chicago, Ill., delivering the inspiring messages.

The Rev. and Mrs. Frank Veninga and their children moved into the newly constructed parsonage on March 1st. Open House was held on Sunday afternoon, April 19, with approximately 175 friends of the church attending. Dedication of the beautiful parsonage will be held in the near future.

was climaxed with a Mother-Daughter Banquet held in the church parlors on Wednesday, May 13, which was attended by 140 guests. Fourteen men of the church served the delicious dinner which had been prepared by a committee of ladies.

Closing exercises for the Community Vacation Bible School were held at the high school auditorium on Sunday evening, June 7. The school is an interdenominational project sponsored by the three churches of Aplington and is open to any child four years of age through high school. Children from nine denominations were represented with an enrollment of 292, the largest since the school began 15 years ago. The late Rev. C. Fred Lehr, former pastor here, was instrumental

### Pacific Conference

#### Woman's Society Program and Vacation School at Stafford Baptist Church, Sherwood, Ore.

On Sunday evening, June 14, the Woman's Missionary Society of the Stafford Baptist Church near Sherwood, Ore., held its annual program. A group of talented young people from the Bethany Church, under the able direction of Mr. Sam Rich, graciously presented the play, "Shadow of Peter." Following the program, refreshments were served in the church basement.

As the hour of 9 o'clock drew near on the morning of June 15th, great activity could be observed in the Stafford vicinity. It was the opening day of Vacation Bible School and boys and girls were enthusiastically enrolling for "Expedition Conquest." With the aid of 17 teachers and helpers, the 91 boys and girls of the Nursery age through Junior age were kept busy learning God's Word, singing and various other activities that are included in Vacation Bible School.

A program was held on Friday evening, June 19th, at which time the handwork from the departments was displayed. The daily average of attendance was 77. Our pastor, the Rev. Ervin Gerlitz, was the director, with Mrs. Fred Schaber as Nursery superintendent, Mrs. Henry Abderhalden, Beginner superintendent; Mrs. Edwin Angell, Primary superintendent; and Mrs. John Baker, Junior superintendent.

We praise God for that which was accomplished during the school and for his graciousness in granting grace and strength to the workers.

Mrs. John H. Baker, Reporter.

#### Activities of the Deborah Circle of the Trinity Church, Portland, Oregon

On Friday evening, May 8, 1951, the Deborah Circle of the Trinity Baptist Church, Portland, Ore., held its first meeting. From our charter membership of 22 women, we have now grown to 54. Our members include college aged girls and young married women. Although we are the youngest organized group of the church, our outreach into the community has been most encouraging. Recently we held an anniversary program.

Our aims are: 1. to develop the Christian life of its members; 2. to be of real service to the church in carrying out its program; 3. to do personal work among prospective members and those who may have a specific need; 4. to strive to serve Christ in all we do. Some of our projects have been gathering clothes for the needy in China and Korea, and giving money to the building fund of the church.

Our monthly meetings consist of devotions led by members, special music and speakers from various walks of life. The Lord has proven himself true to our lives, and many are the truths we find from his Word in our devotional periods.

Mrs. Paul Voogd, Reporter.



Members of the Deborah Circle of the Trinity Baptist Church, Portland, Oregon

Seven candidates were baptized on Sunday, April 26, upon their confession of faith. These, and one upon transfer of letter, were welcomed into the fellowship of the church on Sunday May 3. Progress was reported at the annual business meeting held recently. The total receipts of the church for the year amounted to \$32,288.64, of which \$7,862.74 was sent in for missions. The new officers and committee members were dedicated to the services of their Lord at a special service held during the morning worship service on May 3.

Carnations were distributed to all mothers present at the morning worship service on Mother's Day. This

in organizing the Vacation Bible School, and Mrs. Harm Sherman has been its capable and efficient superintendent.

A year ago the Sunday School adopted the Cross and Crown attendance award system. Approximately 80 beautiful pins were awarded recently for good attendance. The Rev. Frank Veninga, pastor, received a pleasant birthday surprise from the congregation—a check for \$1,200 to be used toward the purchase of a new car. One hundred and sixty persons attended Family Night at the church on Thursday evening, June 11. Following the potluck supper, a film was shown.

The officers are as follows: president, Wanda Hughes; vice-president, Genevieve Rork; secretary, Alice Zeeb; ass't secretary, Gertrude Wyss; treasurer, Fern Becker; ass't treasurer, Florence Schirman. It is our prayer that we as a group and as individuals may live up to our motto:

"To look up and not down,  
To look forward and not back,  
To look out and not in,  
And to lend a hand."

Alice Zeeb, Secretary.

### Dakota Conference

#### Inspirational Sessions of the 45th Dakota Conference at Bismarck, North Dakota

The 45th Dakota Conference of the North American Baptists met in Bismarck, N. Dak., from June 24 to 28 with the Bismarck Baptist Church as host. The theme of the Conference was PARTNERSHIP WITH CHRIST. The text was "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God" (Romans 8:14).

The following nine topics were dealt with: "The Basis of Our Partnership With Christ," "Partnership With Christ in Secular Pursuits," "Partnership With Christ in Worship," "Partnership With Christ in the Use of Time," "Partnership With Christ in the Acquisition of Money," "Spiritual Partnership With Christ," "Partnership With Christ in Action," "Christ and Our Body," "Partnership With Christ in the Use of Money."

Many of the churches reported excellent growth, although others showed none. A brief total of the giving of the Dakota Conference for all purposes during the past fiscal year shows that the churches gave more than \$445,000. The total of the offerings received at the Conference itself was over \$3,000. Our churches also showed an increase in the per capita giving for missions.

An excellent spirit was manifested in the conference decisions to launch out into new fields for our Lord and the conference pledged itself to support these new fields. On Saturday evening the laymen presented their first program. This was an inspiration and a blessing to all who attended.

As the Rev. J. C. Gunst and our missionaries, the Rev. and Mrs. Ahrens, challenged us to a closer walk with Christ and as the speakers drew us nearer to him, we saw anew the harvest fields that are ripe unto harvest, and we were stimulated to go out and gather the sheaves for our precious Lord. Our new missionary family, Walter and Barbara Sukut and their baby girl, Nora Jane, were dedicated to the Japanese mission field in a very impressive service on Sunday.

There was a large attendance and all received a great blessing and encouragement to launch out and to do greater things for Christ. One of our pastors remarked that this was a "red letter conference."

Walter H. Klempel, Reporter.



Children and teachers of the Vacation Bible School at the Mowata Baptist Church, Branch, Louisiana

#### Central Dakota Young People's Assembly Is Held at College Campus, Jamestown, N. Dak.

The Central Dakota Young People's Assembly convened from June 29 to July 5 on the college campus at Jamestown, North Dakota. Our enrollment was gratifying, and everyone gave evidence of having a blessed time fellowshiping with our Christian young people. We were privileged to have as our instructors and guest speakers, Miss Berneice Westerman, missionary from the Cameroons, who is home on furlough, and Dr. Ralph Powell, a member of our Seminary faculty at Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Our day began with breakfast at 7:15 A.M. followed by morning devotions which were in charge of various CBY groups of our assembly. The classes taught were "Stewardship" by Rev. Edward Kary of Bismarck; "Courtship and Marriage" by Dr. R. Powell; and a course for younger children, "Crusaders for Christ" taught by Miss Delores Henne. Assembly period was just before dinner and there Miss Westerman spoke about the mission field in Africa and also showed slides. Our afternoon was devoted to recreation.

Vesper services each evening were held outside on the college lawn and were in charge of the Rev. J. J. Renz of Ashley. The evening services, which were of an evangelistic type, were conducted by various pastors.

Our newly elected officers for the coming year are as follows: president, Dorothy Michaelsohn; vice-president, Rosemary Fode; secretary, Marilyn Saylor; treasurer, Richard Vietz; dean of women, Mrs. C. T. Remple; dean of men, Rev. J. J. Renz; assembly dean, Rev. C. T. Remple; music director, Rev. Chris Weintz; mission promotor, Rev. Fischer; recreation director, Rev. Ernest Laut; Assembly Journal editor, Ruth Kiemele.

This year, as usual, we held a picnic at the City Park, where everyone had a most enjoyable time. Saturday evening the film entitled, "Regions Beyond," was shown.

Marilyn Renz, Reporter.

### Southern Conference

#### Vacation Bible School Held at the Mowata Baptist Church, Branch, Louisiana

The Mowata Baptist Church near Branch, La., held its Vacation Bible School from June 22 to July 3. Our classes were conducted from 3:00 to 6:00 P.M. every afternoon. The classes were as follows: Beginners, Mrs. L. J. Casselman and Janell Lengefeld; Primary, Mrs. Edgar Bieber and Elfrieda Loewer; Junior, Mr. John Binder and Mrs. J. A. Lengefeld; Intermediates, Rev. and Mrs. Alex Sootzmann.

We were happy to have Mr. John Binder, pre-enrolled Seminary student of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., with us during those two weeks. There were 45 enrolled in the Bible School and an average of 41 attended each day.

The Bible School ended with a program given by the children for their parents and friends on Friday evening, July 3. After the program the parents and friends were asked to see the work that had been accomplished during the two weeks by their children.

An offering was taken each day for missions while an offering was taken on the closing night for missions and Bible School expenses. On Friday afternoon a social was enjoyed by both teachers and students.

Janell Lengefeld, Reporter.

#### The Southern Conference in Session at Greenville Baptist Church, Burton, Texas

The 70th session of the Southern Conference of North American Baptists convened with the Greenville Baptist Church near Burton, Texas, from July 22 to 26. This is the "mother church" (oldest) of our Conference and an air of family reunion prevailed as members from our twelve churches renewed acquaintances, made new friends, and recalled by-gone days as they joined hands and hearts in Christian fellowship.

Our first impression as we arrived was the evidence of careful and thorough preparation which had been made for the Conference. The church grounds were perfectly groomed for the occasion; the auditorium, which had recently been remodeled, was beautiful with caladium, ivy and gladiolus. The Sunday School annex in which meals were served was decorated as for a banquet. A cold drink dispenser and plenty of ice water under the shade trees on the lawn made the Texas sun less noticeable. Members of the church were on hand to welcome delegates and visitors as they arrived and homes were opened for all who desired lodging. The Rev. and Mrs. Frank Armbruster, host pastor and wife, were on hand to extend greetings as visitors continued to arrive each day until on Sunday the church auditorium was taxed beyond its capacity. Every church in the Conference was represented by delegates.

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E. P. Wahl, founder and president of the CTI, Edmonton, Alta., Canada; Messrs. John Binder and Arthur Brust of Swan River, Man., Canada, now pre-enrolled students at the Seminary in Sioux Falls who have also been active in Vacation Bible Schools and visitation work in our Southern Conference churches this summer.

The sessions were opened on Wednesday evening with Rev. Harold W. Gieseke (Dallas), moderator in charge, and continued through Sunday night. The Conference theme was "God's Claims On Us" and these claims were presented by the following speakers: "Give Me Your Heart," Rev. J. K. Warkentin (Crawford); "Give Me Your Body," Rev. Harold Ekrt (Hurnville); "Give Me Your Time," Rev. A. R. Kingman (Cottonwood); "Give Me Your Talents," Rev. Oliver Whitson (Donna); "Give Me Your Possessions," Rev. Alex Sootzman (Mowata, La.); "Give Me Your Home," Rev. Edwin Kraemer (Gatesville) and "Give Me Your All," Rev. Louis Johnson (Waco). Each morning Mr. Wahl of Edmonton conducted a half-hour devotion and also brought the message at the Sunday morning worship service. We were especially blessed by messages and pictures presented by our missionary, Rev. Earl Ahrens, as well as by the various musical numbers given by the mass choir and by individuals.

Time was set aside each morning and afternoon for Conference business: Woman's Missionary Union on Friday morning with their program on Friday afternoon; the men on Friday morning with their program the same evening; the CBY and SS Union on Saturday morning with a rally on Sunday afternoon.

From beginning to end there was evidence of God's presence with us as we sought his direction and power in the important decisions and plans which were made. Until we meet in Kyle, Texas, in 1954 we will be busy carrying on the work which our Lord has entrusted to us.

Southern Conference officers, who were elected are: moderator, Rev. Philip Potzner (Elberta, Ala.); vice-moderator, Rev. Harold Ekrt (Hurnville, Texas); recording secretary, Rev. Frank Armbruster (Greenville, reelected); statistical secretary, Rev. Eldon G. Schroeder (Kyle, Texas); mission secretary, Rev. J. K. Warkentin (Crawford, Texas); General Council representatives ((alternates only elected): Rev. Harold Ekrt elected alternate to Rev. Louis R. Johnson; Mr. Ernest Steindam elected alternate to Mr. Julius Hill.

Mrs. Ernest Steindam,  
Conference Reporter.

### Sessions of the Southern Conference Woman's Missionary Union at the Greenvine Church

The business session of the Southern Conference Woman's Missionary Union held on July 24 at the Greenvine Church of Texas was opened with the president, Mrs. Charles Marstaller in charge. After reading a portion of scripture and invoking God's guidance on our deliberations, she in-

troduced and welcomed the wives of the new ministers in our Conference, namely: Mrs. Eldon G. Schroeder (Kyle) Mrs. J. K. Warkentin (Crawford), Mrs. Russell Kingman (Cottonwood) and Mrs. Harold Ekrt (Hurnville). A tally of votes showed Mrs. Charles Marstaller and Mrs. Harold Gieseke re-elected as president and vice-president, respectively, and Mrs. Ernest Steindam elected as secretary-treasurer. Mrs. Raymond Engelbrecht retains her office as council member for another two years.

The treasurer's report was encouraging showing a balance of \$385.24. Of this amount \$370.24 will be sent to headquarters designated for our project and divided equally between the home mission expansion work, the woman worker among the African women, and the Japanese mission.

On Friday evening an interesting program was rendered. The presentation of awards was made by Mrs. R. E. Engelbrecht and were received by the Mowata, La., W.M.U. for ATTENDANCE and GIVING and by the Hurnville W.M.U. for BIBLE READING and EFFICIENCY. The charge to the officers was given by the Rev. E. P. Wahl using Hebrews 3:6. A service in memory of our two departed sisters, Mrs. Alma Brown and Mrs. Martha Braun, was conducted by Mrs. J. K. Warkentin. A duet "Beyond the Sunset," by Rev. and Mrs. Louis Johnson closed this part of the service. Mrs. Walter Hill gave a reading, "Who Kissed Me?" and Mrs. J. J. Lippert, wife of a former pastor of the church, sang "On Calvary's Mountain."

Our guest speaker was the missionary, Rev. Earl Ahrens, who was introduced by a former missionary, Mrs. Harold Gieseke (Hilda Tobert) in the dialect of the Cameroons native. Her introduction was not only unique and amusing but brought just a little of the foreign mission atmosphere into our meeting. Mr. Ahrens spoke on the "Broken Woman of Africa" and presented definite prayer requests in her behalf. The missionary offering amounted to \$85.05. The Rev. Louis Johnson closed our meeting with prayer.

Mrs. Ernest Steindam, Secretary.

### Young People's Sessions at the Southern Conference Held at the Greenvine Church

The annual sessions of the North American Baptist Commissioned Youth and Sunday School Union of the Southern Conference was held at the Greenvine Baptist Church of Burton, Texas, on July 25.

On Saturday morning, July 25, the business meeting convened. Our president, Herman Balka, presided at the meeting, at which time the following new officers for the coming year were elected: president, Edward Schmeltekopf, Kyle; vice-president and dean, Rev. Walter G. Gummelt, Elm Creek; associate dean, Rev. Eldon G. Schroeder, Kyle; secretary, Harriet Grinke, Dallas; treasurer, John Massier, Jr., Waco; dean of women, Mrs. J. K. Warkentin, Crawford; National Council member, Milton Lippert, Waco; "Young People's News" editors, Mil-

dred Johnson and Mary Lou Hoeffner, Waco; members at large, Dorothy Deiss, Greenvine; Ollie Ray Lampert, Cottonwood; and Leonard Schaffner, Hurnville.

The young people and Sunday School workers have certainly shown their kindness and love in a visible way toward God and the work of his Kingdom. With a response of over \$4,000, the mission project was exceeded by over \$500. The Bansa Hospital has received \$1100, Austrian Missions \$1000, Japanese Missions \$500, and \$250 were sent to the Mission Advance Offering. The Lord has been blessing our meager efforts for which we praise his name.

On Saturday afternoon the Greenvine Baptist Church entertained with a barbeque supper at a nearby lake, at which the fellowship was most refreshing and stimulating. The Lord's presence was definitely felt as everyone gathered that evening for a vesper service. Mr. John Binder and Mr. Arthur Brust, students from our Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., led a very inspirational service.

A new project of \$4000 was accepted at the young people's rally on Sunday afternoon. This includes \$1000 for Mexican Missions, \$1000 for the Japanese Field, \$600 for Leper Work in the Cameroons, and \$500 for the Bansa Hospital. After several musical selections, we were privileged to have the Rev. Earl H. Ahrens, one of our missionaries from Africa, serve as our special speaker, who emphasized how we are to be examples each day for the Lord Jesus Christ.

Doris Engelbrecht, Secretary.

### Sessions of Baptist Men at the Southern Conference, Greenvine Church, Burton, Texas

The men of the Southern Conference made new gains as they met together as "Baptist Men" at the Greenvine Baptist Church near Burton, Texas, during the annual conference sessions from July 22 to 16. The number of organized men's groups in our churches is small, but there is a very encouraging interest that will surely result in the establishing of more "Baptist Men's" groups.

During the business meeting on Friday, July 24, new officers were elected. They are: president, Mr. R. E. Engelbrecht; vice-president, Mr. Herman Balka; secretary, Mr. Harry Hoeffner; treasurer, Mr. Emil Schmeltekopf. Also, plans are being made for a conference-wide men's banquet. As a mission project, the men are investigating the possibility of sending books to the Bible School in our Cameroons' Mission Field.

On Friday evening, July 24, the men presented their program. Several special musical numbers were given by the men. Then as a climax, the Rev. Earl Ahrens, one of our returned Cameroons missionaries, challenged us from God's Word and then showed us some slides of the Lord's work in the Cameroons.

As Baptist Men, we look forward to years of growth and victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Walter G. Gummelt, Reporter.

## Obituary

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

### MR. TERRANCE RUST of Martin, North Dakota.

Terrance Alan Rust was born in Martin, N. Dak., on March 8, 1942, and passed away suddenly on July 18, 1953. He met with instant death when the tractor he was driving turned over into the ditch and pinned him underneath.

Terry was converted in the fall of 1951 and baptized and accepted into the fellowship of the Martin Baptist Church by the Rev. J. Engel on August 2, 1952. He was an active member of the CBY and Sunday School. Although Terry was still young, he had already expressed his desire someday to attend CTI and later to enter the ministry. But the Lord had different plans and called Terry to a higher and greater service in the realms beyond. Funeral services were conducted on July 22, with the pastor speaking words of comfort taken from John 11:23.

He leaves to mourn his early departure, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jake Rust of Martin; his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Simon Jans of Drake; six brothers and four sisters, a host of relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by one brother who died in infancy. May the Lord of comfort keep and bless those who mourn!

Martin, North Dakota  
JOHN ENGEL, Pastor.

### MR. CLARENCE R. HUGHES of Dayton, Ohio.

Mr. Clarence R. Hughes was born in Dayton, Ohio, on September 6, 1892. On the 19th day of August 1914 he was united in marriage to Charlotte Bartels by the Rev. L. C. Knuth at the Fourth Street Baptist Church, now the Shroyer Road Baptist Church of Dayton, Ohio.

At the personal invitation of one of our deacons of years ago, he confessed his faith in Jesus Christ and was baptized by the Rev. A. G. Schlesinger on April 8, 1920. Since uniting with the church, he has been regular and faithful in attendance and devoted in his service. He has served on our Board of Trustees and, at the time of his death, was an active member of our Board of Deacons. We shall miss his friendly greeting at the door of our church each Sunday morning.

He had been employed by the Universal Hardware Company as a salesman. Apparently in good health, death came as a shock and surprise to all, as he was taken ill by a heart attack and passed away on Saturday, July 11, 1953 at the age of 61.

He is survived by his wife, Charlotte; two daughters: Mrs. Foster Apple and Mrs. Paul Rank; four grandchildren and other friends and relatives. Services were conducted by the undersigned on Tuesday, July 14, 1953. "Well done, thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord—"

Shroyer Road Baptist Church,  
Dayton, Ohio  
ALEX H. ELSESSER, Pastor.

### MR. WILLIAM BITZ of Medina, North Dakota.

Mr. William Bitz of Medina, N. Dak., was born in South Russia on December 13, 1884. He came to the United States when a child with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Bitz, who settled at Scotland, S. Dak. Later they moved to a farm near Wishek, N. Dak., and in 1899 came to Stutsman County, taking up a homestead northeast of Medina.

Mr. Bitz and Miss Elizabeth Zelmer were married in Calgary, Alta., Canada, on June 26, 1907. After their marriage, Mr. and

Mrs. Bitz lived on a farm northeast of Medina until 1935 when they moved into Medina. Mr. Bitz was converted and baptized in Jamestown, N. Dak., by the Rev. J. J. Lippert in 1928, when he joined the Baptist Church in Medina of which he was a faithful member until his death. He died in the Trinity Hospital in Jamestown on July 17, 1953. His age was 68 years, 7 months and 4 days.

Surviving are his widow and the following children: George and Mrs. James Meade, Medina, N. Dak.; Mrs. Mathilda DeNault, Los Angeles, Calif.; Mrs. Theodore Rink, Tacoma, Wash.; Mrs. George Jennison, Oakes, N. Dak.; and Mrs. Philip Davis, Hazelton, N. Dak.; eight grandchildren; his brother and sisters, George Bitz and Mrs. Christ Hust, Jamestown, N. Dak.; Mrs. Milton Brandt, Carrington, N. Dak.; Mrs. Andrew Peterson, LaPorte, Minn.; Mrs. Gust Hins, Medina, North Dakota. A daughter, his parents, a brother and sister preceded him in death.

The funeral service was held in the Town Hall of Medina with the local pastor in charge, who brought an English message on "The Restored Paradise" and a German message on 1 Samuel 20:3b. Two duets and a trio were sung comforting the bereaved family.

Medina, North Dakota  
PAUL GALAMBOS, Pastor.

### MR. THEODORE S. FELCHLE of Goodrich, North Dakota.

After more than 22 years of suffering, the Lord finally called his child, Theodore S. Felchle of Goodrich, N. Dak., home. Now his hearts desire is fulfilled and that—being in the presence of his Lord.

Theodore S. Felchle was born on December 1, 1907, on a farm seven miles southwest of Goodrich and went home to be with the Lord on Tuesday morning, July 21, 1953 in Harvey Hospital. For 23 years he lived with his parents on the farm of his birth, then he moved with them to the town of Goodrich. Since the passing of his mother in November 1952, he stayed with his brother Fred in town.

He accepted the Lord as Savior during the Gospel ministry of the Rev. S. J. Fuxa on January 10, 1924. He was baptized on July 6, 1924 on confession of his faith in Christ, and received into the fellowship of the First Baptist Church of Goodrich, of which he remained a member until his death.

In spite of the cross that the Lord laid upon him to bear, he remained steadfast in the faith of his Lord. Since 1931 he was unable to attend Sunday School which was one of his favorite places. Because of his inability to support himself, he constantly prayed that the Lord might take him home. His earthly pilgrimage lasted 45 years, 7 months and 21 days. He leaves to mourn his passing one sister, Mrs. Jacob Rund; and six brothers: John D., Fred B., Edward R., Jonathan A., all of Goodrich, N. Dak.; August H. of Carrington, N. Dak.; and Jack W. Felchle of Vancouver, B. C., Canada. Besides his sister and brothers he leaves many nephews and nieces, and relatives and friends.

Funeral services were conducted in the First Baptist Church with the Rev. A. Bibelheimer of Turtle Lake bringing words of comfort in the German language, and the undersigned in English on the text of Phil. 1:23. "Having a desire to depart and to be with the Lord."

Goodrich, North Dakota  
IRVIN H. SCHMULAND, Pastor.

### MRS. DORATHEA SCHMIDT of Martin, North Dakota.

Mrs. Doratheia Schmidt, nee Wagner, of Martin, N. Dak., was born on Jan. 27, 1877 at New Danzig, Russia, and passed away on July 21, 1953 at the St. Aloisius Hospital at Harvey, North Dakota.

At the age of 17 she migrated to America settling near Eureka, S. Dak., where she met and married Mr. Adam Schmidt, with whom she shared joys and sorrows for 51 years. This union was blessed with 13 children, four of whom preceded their parents in death.

From Eureka the family moved to Germantown, later moving to Martin, N. Dak., in 1907. The parents were privileged to celebrate their 50th anniversary on Jan.

30, 1944. The following year, the father passed away on July 21, 1945. Eight years later on the same day and within only a few minutes difference the mother quietly slipped away to take her vacation in heaven, as she so sweetly expressed her wishes during her prolonged illness.

Mrs. Schmidt was saved as a young woman and served her Lord faithfully throughout her entire life. She was baptized and received into the Baptist Church at Martin by the Rev. Karl Gieser in July 1934. She was a wonderful mother, always concerned about the spiritual welfare of her children. On Jan. 1, 1951 she suffered a stroke, hospitalizing her for the remainder of her days. She endured much suffering and pain quietly for the Lord.

She leaves to mourn her departure the following children: Adam of Harvey; Sophie, Mrs. F. A. Helm of Martin; Walter of Wahpeton, N. Dak.; Pauline, Mrs. Lewis of Aberdeen, S. Dak.; Jake of Valley City, N. Dak.; Julius of Garrison, N. Dak.; Henry of Kensal, N. Dak.; Evelyn, Mrs. Engen, of Valley City, N. Dak.; Lorraine, Mrs. A. Seibel, of Martin, N. Dak.; 30 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; and two sisters: Mrs. P. Wagner, Aberdeen, S. Dak., and Mrs. William Herringer, Butte, North Dakota.

Funeral services were conducted from the Martin Baptist Church on July 24, 1953 with the pastor using as a text the one chosen by Mrs. Schmidt before her death, 2 Cor. 5. May the Lord graciously comfort and bless those who remain behind!

Martin, North Dakota  
JOHN ENGEL, Pastor.

## OF MEN AND ANGELS

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before, and I was aware suddenly, for some odd reason, that my left sleeve was tucked in my jacket pocket.

"Have some tea?"

Dian motioned to a teakwood table on which had been placed two cups and a silver teapot.

Puzzled, I took the seat she indicated, glancing at the two cups, knowing there should be at least three. Dian sat down, and the golden tea rushed into my cup.

"Sugar?" smiled Dian.

"Two," I said frowning.

"Steve, I hope you won't be angry with me. Father isn't here. Nobody is here but us. I wanted it that way," Dian said.

"I don't think—" I began.

"I wanted to talk to you, Steve. There's something I have to say to you. And I never got a chance to speak to you. I was afraid you wouldn't come if I asked for myself instead of for my father. Am I forgiven?"

"Well, I suppose it's all right, Dian."

She said, "I have wished to do something for you during the past months. Life has been unkind to you. I'm sorry. Oh, don't misunderstand. I know you're not the martyr type. The fact is you're a real man, Steve, and I admire you greatly—"

I stirred in my seat, a little embarrassed and unprepared. When I didn't speak Dian went on. "Oh, you needn't blush! You deserve a few compliments!" She laughed softly.

"Does a man need to be complimented because his wife died, or because he had an accident?"

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**THE "BAPTIST HERALD" IS EAGERLY READ IN KOREA**

**An Open Letter of Appreciation by Corporal Willard B. Little of the United States Army.**

Dear Editor:

I would like to send you a few words of appreciation and thanks for sending the bi-weekly copies of the "Baptist Herald" to me over here in Korea.

The news of home churches and various mission fronts really has been a blessing and an inspiration to me over here. I have especially enjoyed reading the sections on missionary news from different countries, particularly the missionary stories from our missionaries in Africa having been a real blessing to me.

Over here where news from the churches at home does not reach me, I greatly appreciate reading the "Baptist Herald" and it has meant much to me.

So I would like to thank you, Mr. Leuschner, and the editorial staff, who have made it possible for me to get the "Baptist Herald." May the Lord increase your blessings manifold as you spend many long hours each day of the week preparing this bi-weekly publication.

A Christian Reader,  
Willard B. Little.

**HARVEST AND MISSION FESTIVAL**

The program material for this Sunday School program in October has been sent to all churches. Write to the ROGER WILLIAMS PRESS, 3734 Payne Avenue, Cleveland 14, Ohio, if it has not been received.

**CHRISTIAN TRAINING CONFERENCE**

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detailed attention to every need, to the Seminary staff, to Miss Evelyn Lang as registrar, to Mr. and Mrs. Okko De Boer for their valuable assistance. God's blessings were evident as the entire Conference staff and instructors worked together, giving of their best.

**LIVE CHRIST!**

Many thanks and tributes are also due to the Rev. J. C. Gunst for his detailed duties in the months of preparation for the Conference, his contribution as the conference leader, announcer and instructor, and for his fine Christian spirit and supervision.

The workers came to the Conference with "a mind to work." Not only did they gain a more thorough knowledge of the "mechanics," but each worker received a new spiritual impetus in his or her life. Praise God, for his Holy Spirit was keenly felt in every session. May God bless these workers as they continue to LIVE CHRIST in their local churches and communities.

**GO HOME AND PRAY**

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ing at the old camp near Bamenda. But what is that number against a possible 2500 still waiting treatment? The British Leprosy Service has granted us some of the funds needed for the main Settlement buildings, but the privilege of serving these unfortunates in "Jesus' Name" has been given to us as Baptists.

Let us arise and bring our united pleadings before God, so that he might find the doctor especially dedicated to this work. Let every prayer of every Christian include the daily plea for this leprosy doctor. Let special prayer meetings be held in churches, in Sunday Schools, in our CBY's in the Woman's Missionary Societies, and let prayer reminders be posted on kitchen window and barn door and office desk and classroom wall to remind us all to pray, unitedly and earnestly.

The doctor should be on the field by the end of 1953, lest the government think we are not serious in our promise to undertake this leper work. Let us unite our prayers daily so that Simon may come back, and that the other men, women and children may begin treatment and find the "New Hope" for their physical and spiritual needs. Jesus showed mercy on the lepers. Will we, his followers, be found showing this same mercy to our unfortunates here in the Cameroons?

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