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The S. S. Lesson in ACTION

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A LESSON PLAN

Date: October 4, 1953.

Theme: GOD'S DESIGN FOR A BETTER WORLD.

Scripture: Isaiah 42:5-9; Mark 1: 14-15; John 3:16-17; Revelation 21: 1-5.

GETTING STARTED: For over a year now we've been talking in our church about a building program. Our facilities need to be expanded. The question has been how to go about it. All kinds of ideas have been suggested. But all the talk hasn't gotten down to any actual building—all because we haven't known just what to do. What we've lacked is an over-all plan—something to tie our ideas together and give direction to our efforts. For without such a master plan it is impossible to plan intelligently and to build wisely.

Similarly, no man can keep straight in his thinking about the affairs of his life and the world in which he lives, nor can he act wisely, unless he has some understanding of the master plan that controls the universe. He needs to know where the world is going and what the final goal is toward which all things are moving. Otherwise he will be hopelessly bewildered and get lost.

PURPOSE: For that reason our lesson calls attention to the over-all design that God has established for his creation and toward which we are moving.

Developing the Theme:

I. GOD'S DESIGN IS FOR A NEW HEAVEN AND A NEW EARTH (Rev. 21:1).

1. For man this means a new life—a life of spiritual rebirth and moral uprightness (Isaiah 42:6-7), of endless duration (John 3:16), of release from the bondage and weakness of mortal flesh (Rev. 21:4), and of unbroken fellowship with God (Rev. 21:3).

2. For the world this means the reign of righteousness under the Lordship of Christ, with God's will done on earth as it is in heaven (John 3:17).

3. For the universe this means the gathering together of all things—in heaven and on earth—in Christ (Rev. 21:2).

II. ALL OF GOD'S ACTIVITY IS POINTED TOWARD THE REALIZATION OF THAT DESIGN.

1. He took the initiative, devised the plan, set it into motion, and is carrying it through to the end (Isaiah 42:6; John 3:16).

2. In Christ he paid the price and provided the means that makes the realization of that design possible (Isaiah 42:1-4; John 3:16-17).

3. His activity continues until this day and directs all the events of time and space unto that end (Rev. 21:5).

III. GOD REQUIRES OF EVERY MAN THAT HE IDENTIFY HIMSELF WITH HIS DESIGN AND WORK FOR ITS REALIZATION.

1. He demands that men change their way of thinking, be reconciled to him, and fall in line with his on-going purposes (Mark 1:14-15).

2. To those who fall in line he offers the opportunity to be his partners in no lesser undertaking than the building of eternity itself.

Applying the Lesson:

1. If someone were to ask you, "What is God doing now?" how would you answer?

2. What are some of the specific ways in which we can help God bring his grand design to full realization?

A LESSON PLAN

Late: October 11, 1953

Theme: GOD'S DESIGN FOR NEW MEN.

Scripture: Jeremiah 31:31-34; 1 Peter 1:13-16, 22-33.

PURPOSE: To show that men must be changed if ever the world is to be changed.

GETTING STARTED: Everywhere people are asking, "What's wrong with the world?" The answer is, "Nothing!" There's nothing wrong with the world; for the wrongness lies in men, not the world. And every problem that besets the life of the

FRONT COVER PICTURE

The quiet waters with the reflections of the trees along the river bank shown on the front cover form a lovely scene at Sioux Falls, South Dakota. On Saturday, July 18, the young people attending the Christian Workers' Training Conference at the Seminary enjoyed a picnic at one of the city's beautiful parks. While several of them struggled with Dr. Leslie Chaffee, missionary, in a croquet game, the editor strolled a few feet away to take the entrancing picture that speaks of "the still waters" of Psalm 23.

world finally comes to rest on the doorsteps of man himself. For man himself is the problem and source of infection. That's why he creates problems wherever he makes his influence felt and fills with ruin the planet he inhabits.

That's the reason, too, why any effort to solve the problems of the world must finally get down to solving the problem of man himself—or else get nowhere. You cannot change the world without first changing men. You cannot get rid of the symptoms of disease without first dealing with the source of infection. Solve the problem of man—the problem of his sinful and twisted nature—and you've solved the problems of the world.

Developing the Theme:

I. MEN NEED TO BE CHANGED.

This is the basic insight with which Christianity begins. There's something radically wrong with man—a wrongness that must be righted if he is to escape the ultimate ruin that awaits him.

1. That wrongness consists in the fact that man is a sinner.

2. This sinfulness, in turn, is the reason why—

(a) Man's baser desires always get the better of him and lead him into ruinous ways of living (1 Peter 1:14).

(b) All his efforts finally get him nowhere, and he ends up with a life and a world that don't make sense (1 Peter 1:18b).

II. MEN CAN BE CHANGED.

This is the basic conviction on which Christianity is built. Men are sinners; yet no matter how sinful they are, they can be made over and become new persons in Christ. This conviction is based on the fact—

1. That God willed it (Jer. 31: 31-34).

2. That Christ made it possible (1 Peter 1:18-19).

3. That through his Word God accomplished it (1 Peter 1:23b).

4. That countless numbers of people have experienced it (1 Peter 1: 22-23a).

III. CHANGED MEN MAKE FOR A CHANGED WORLD.

1. They live a life that is different in quality from that of the rest of men (1 Peter 1:13-16).

2. This quality of life cannot but make its influence felt upon every area of life with which they come into contact and finally change them.

Applying the Lesson:

1. Can you name any particular instances when a whole situation was changed because someone involved in it became a new person in Christ?

2. What influence do the Christian people of your acquaintance have on the life of your community?

Editorial

Precious Jewels

CHILDREN are God's precious jewels. They are equally precious for parents and Sunday School teachers. This truth is the focal point of attention during Sunday School Week which will come to a close next Sunday on September 27. It will be an equally prominent truth to be dramatized on Rally Sunday, at the Harvest and Mission Festivals and in the fall program of every Sunday School.

Sunday School teachers have the unique privilege of helping to mould the lives of children spiritually until they shine as brightly as diadems in the sky. To be sure, the Holy Spirit alone can be the life-producing power. The home and parents are also important factors in this character building work. But Sunday School teachers have a big place of influence reserved for them, since children's hearts under their teaching ministry are especially responsive to spiritual truths.

How intimately close these teachers and children can come to each other in the Sunday School classroom! In this spiritual fellowship God can shape his jewels through the faithful work of teachers of his Word! Many adult Christians, looking back on their childhood experiences, can testify to this fact. Sunday School Week should help all of us to appreciate more than ever the unstinting work of our Sunday School teachers.

We can never overlook the unfolding possibilities in children. They are the precious jewels of a church, for the future of a church will be lustrous and bright only as children grow up to be its strong pillars. That means that a church ought to give increasing attention to its Sunday School ministry. This is its greatest evangelistic outreach. Here is a mission field which must not be neglected.

Every church should not be satisfied with anything less than the best in building and classroom facilities for its Sunday School children. A vital vigorous program of Sunday School Teacher Training should be emphasized every year. The literature used by the Sunday School should be carefully studied in the light of modern educational standards. Teachers should be selected only on the basis of preparation and ability. The church that cares enough for its Sunday School to pay the price for this concern will have a future crowned with glory.

God's love is dramatized in the picture of Jesus drawing the children to himself. Christ said that the Kingdom of heaven is like unto one of these children in spirit. To enter this Kingdom all of us will have to become like a child in trust and love and faith. So we can assume that heaven will be resplendent with these brightest jewels of all redeemed peoples who have received God's gift of salvation as a child in spirit. This is a truth that all of us need to take to heart during this Sunday School Week.

In our own "Acres of Diamonds" in local churches we can discover "the jewels" in these children if we will only care enough to give them the best in facilities and teaching. This is real caring for their souls, even as Christ loved them and gave himself for them. This is our God-given Sunday School responsibility and privilege!

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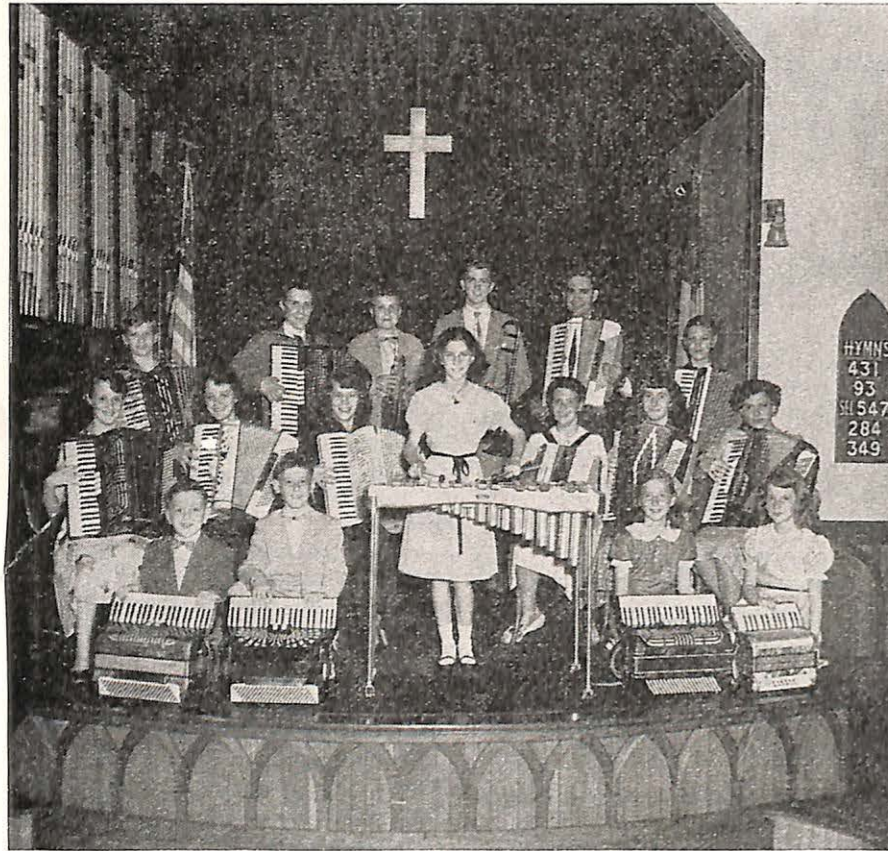
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The Accordion Band of the Fellowship Baptist Church of Passaic, N. J., organized by the Rev. Robert Ambler, pastor (back row, right)

Untapped Resources!

We who claim to be interested in God's harvest of souls ought to be planting where the ground is most fertile, cultivating where the crops are most promising, in the immortal souls of little children, God's "precious jewels"

By the REV. ROBERT AMBLER
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TODAY much thought and action are being given to attempts to extract untold wealth from so-called worthless Dead Sea of Palestine. These actions are causing world speculation as to just how great the mineral deposits are, but conservative estimates run into the millions of dollars. Probably many countries are looking longingly at these rich resources and wishing that they, too, might possess a similar source of wealth.

Be this as it may, we desire to point out the fact that we, as Americans, especially as Christian Americans, have at our disposal a vast "sea" of untapped resources. This is not a sea limited to a comparatively small area but rather one extending the length and

breadth of our blessed land. It is a sea containing a few important minerals but one containing an abundant supply of the most important thing in the world, namely, life. Here is a sea that has its contents not limited by a few millions, or even billions of dollars, but one having incalculable potential limited only by our apathy to extract the wealth that lies, in some cases, so close to the surface.

THE LIFE OF A CHILD

This sea of which we speak so promisingly surrounds each of us and is known to us as life. The untold riches lie not in life itself but in the individuals possessing life with all its possibilities. The most valuable, and

still most accessible, and yet for some unknown reason in too many cases, the least desired of these riches, is the life of a child.

Today many governments and groups are recognizing this and are taking steps to capitalize on it, but we as Christians must realize it and, realizing it, do something more about it. Today there is a cataract of youth plunging endlessly into the great abyss of life with little contribution of power to a darkened world because we have taken little time to harness this living dynamo. The greatest danger is not that we do not know of this enormous dissipation of power, but that we do not care about it!

Today the average church is satisfied, or would be satisfied, in having its Sunday services well attended, but we dare not accept this as a success in the sight of God. Though the Sunday services are of utmost importance in the plan of God, they are only successful to the extent that they are able to animate the participants throughout the remainder of the week.

By the same token it is important that our aim is not just to woo the children to the Sunday School but to win them to Christ. Many a Sunday School teacher feels that her job is completed when she has taught the lesson. Rather than being the end, the lesson should be the means to the end. The proper conclusion to the lesson can only be when the teacher is completely convinced in her own heart that her pupils have personally accepted that which she has presented to them. The efficiency of the Sunday School is of utmost importance and must be given careful and prayerful consideration and it can only hope to be really successful as long as it continues to reach new children.

This aspect is our chief concern today in the light of the disgraceful fact that less than one-fourth of the children of our "Christian America" are receiving religious training of any sort. Under conditions such as these, is it possible to see a time in the not too distant future when the name "Christian" will not only be unknown in its true sense, but will not be tolerated. God forbid that the guilt of this heinous crime should be placed on us!

GREAT HARVEST FIELD

The question naturally comes, "What am I doing to win the children of my community to the Lord?" This question will be asked each of us some day and the barrage of silly excuses will fall on the deaf ear of God's righteousness and a sentence of guilt will have to be pronounced, bringing with it the withholding of God's rewards, eternal rewards, to them who today are refusing to "lay up

treasures in heaven" (Matt. 6: 19-20) by failing to gather, as the old hymn says, those "precious jewels," the little children.

According to the Scriptures (Luke 19:10), Christ's mission on earth was "to seek and to save" the lost, and after his atoning death this duty was passed on to the church (John 20: 21). Therefore, it is not the principal duty of the church to entertain, educate, or emulate the individual but to evangelize him.

According to statistics, about 85 per cent, or more than eight out of ten active Christians today, were converted before they were 15 years of age. Thus with the light of Scripture and the picture of statistics, it is only common sense that we focus our sight on the field that will give us the clearest reproduction of that compassionate commission, to seek and to save sinners.

With this indwelt desire in our heart, and the God-given knowledge of the simplicity of a child's faith, the receptivity of a child's mind, the fertility of a child's heart, the vitality of a child's future and the longevity of a child's usefulness, we ought to give earnest consideration to and show active participation in our children's program. We who claim to be interested in God's harvest of souls ought to be planting where the ground is most fertile, cultivating where the crops are most promising and the weeds of life most easily removed, and then reaping where the harvest is ripest. All this will find its fulfillment today in the development for God of the greatest untapped resource in our community, the immortal souls of our children.

SHIRKING OUR RESPONSIBILITY

The danger point in this all important program is that it is so easy to neglect or to shirk our responsibility, and nobody knows the difference—that is, nobody but God. Most of us feel that obligations connected with children belong to the pastor, the young people's leader or the Sunday School officers and so we, consciously or unconsciously, withdraw ourselves from the opportunities and blessings, none-the-less our responsibilities, of winning the children for Christ.

In Luke 14:16-24 we have the parable of the great supper which gives us a clear picture of the servant's responsibility to the will of the master. Several portions of Scripture remind us that we, as Christians, are Christ's servants (1 Cor. 7:22), and thereby applying this parable to ourselves, we can readily see that it is our responsibility to go into the highways and byways, the main streets and side streets, and compel them by the constraint of love to come in and partake of the feast of God's Word.

Many will be quick to reply that they are not able to do anything because of a lack of experience or training. Neither of these excuses will stand the test of common sense. In the first place, nobody is ever born with experience or ever acquires it in any other way than by putting into practice the things God has given to him as an individual. In regards to training, we all admit that many people have more training and talents than we do.

Perhaps, many do not have a college degree or maybe not even a high school education, but how much train-

Let us explore God's promises. "And whoso shall receive one such little child in my name receiveth me" (Matt. 18:5). Let us execute God's will. "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God" (Mark 10:14). Let us experience God's blessing. "Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you . . . Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me" (Matt. 25:34, 40).



The Fellowship Baptist Church of Passaic, N. J., with a membership of about 30, had a Vacation Bible School with an enrollment of 101 and an average attendance of 70. The Rev. Robert Ambler, pastor, is in the back row to the right of the poster

ing do we need to pray earnestly for some child? How much training do we need to invite the neighborhood children to Sunday School this Sunday? How much training do we need to get up earlier on Sunday morning to use our car to take someone to Sunday School who could not go otherwise? The answer to these questions and many more is not found in the degree of training, but in the willing hearts of interested Christians.

If you think there is nothing you can do, remember that Satan can use this false humility just as he uses pride! Whether he makes us think too little, or too much, of ourselves will make no difference to him as long as he can keep us from doing our job.

LOVE FOR CHILDREN

The burden of these thoughts is to stir each of us to a personal realization of our individual responsibilities to God for the children of our day. In the light of Scripture let us examine God's emphases. "Then there arose a reasoning among them, which of them should be greatest. And Jesus, . . . took a child, and set him by him, and said unto them, . . . he that is least among you all, the same shall be great" (Luke 9:46-48).

We do not mean to intimate that the older members of our churches are to be neglected, but we are convinced that if we care for the lambs it will be much easier to tend the sheep.

Said a precious little laddie
To his father one bright day,
"May I come and trust in Jesus,
Let him wash my sins away?"
"Oh, my son, you are too little,
Wait until you older grow;
Bigger folk, 'tis true, do need him,
Little folk are safe, you know."

Said the father to his laddie,
As a storm was coming on,
"Are the sheep all safely sheltered,
Safe within the fold, my son?"
"All the big ones are, my Father,
But the lambs, I let them go;
For I did not think it mattered,
Little ones are safe, you know."

O my brother, O my sister,
Have you too made that mistake?
Little hearts that now are yielding
May be hardened then, too late.
Ere the evil days come nigh them,
"Let the children come to Me,
And forbid them not," said Jesus,
"For of such My fold shall be."

Spanish Summertime in Colorado

God's victories in the Vacation Bible Schools conducted during the summer months on our Spanish-American mission field of Colorado by Miss Helen Lohse and the author

By MISS FLORENCE EISELE, Spanish-American missionary in the San Luis Valley, Colorado

MISS HELEN LOHSE of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., and I of Los Angeles, Calif., have concluded a most wonderful summer of work in the San Luis Valley of Colorado. It has been a time, both of intense prayer and intense activity, because there is sure to be trouble in any service, attended by these Spanish people, if there is even one dull moment! So you can be sure that we kept things moving in an orderly, yet interesting, fashion.

For Helen it was a summer of brand new experiences, seeing the terrible poverty of the adobe homes and the ill kempt youngsters who came to us from them, the natural musical ability of the Latin who loves to sing with all his heart, and the extra love for which these children seem famished. With these, and more, I had become acquainted in Old Mexico, but together we enjoyed the new experiences of seeing flocks of sheep on roads and fields (from 800 to 2000 in a flock), bright yellow hatted cowboys on beautiful horses riding everywhere, great gushing wells of water all over the valley and snow on all the surrounding mountains, even in summer.

36 CHILDREN IN CENTER

Our first Vacation Bible School was held in Center. We commuted back and forth every day from Monte Vista, where the mission parsonage is located, to the small, three-room store building which our headquarters rents for the year round services in Center, fourteen miles north. The good attendance at the weekly meetings there was due to the sacrificial and voluntary labors of friends and a few members of the local English Baptist Church.

Our average attendance was thirty-six, all but four of whom were Spanish youngsters. It was amusing to see the Anglo-Saxon children learning the Bible verses and choruses in both languages, too, and apparently thinking nothing of their accomplishment. Five children from this school accepted Christ as Savior.

Our biggest difficulty was lack of sanitary facilities and running water on the premises. The first was solved

by "borrowing" the built-above-ground, well-ventilated-on-all-four-sides outhouse on the next lot, used normally by at least four families of persons of both sexes. The drinking water problem was solved by the "simple" expedient of washing and rinsing forty empty cola bottles every night, and filling them with fresh water every morning! The closing program was held in the town hall, with unkempt hair miraculously slicked down or formed into well-oiled, jumpy curls, and little brown bodies clothed in shining silks or rayons. Each group did its part well, and we were proud of our "children."

FORTY PUPILS IN SAGUACHE

Helen and I lived in the trailer, owned by our mission, during the next two weeks, while we taught in the second school at Saguache, 35 miles up from Monte Vista. This town and church, pastored by the Rev. F. Mendez, is no longer considered a part of our denominational work, so that our services there were somewhat in



Two Spanish-American youngsters of Del Norte, Colo., who loved to come to the Vacation Bible School

the nature of a friendly Christian loan. Again we had 40 Spanish pupils, with a few Anglo-Saxons also. Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Schantz drove up from Center to help teach, and the pastor's wife also helped. We truly felt that a great deal was accomplished, and the pastor was really encouraged, especially because of the four conversions.

Here we did much visiting and were appalled at the large families living in tiny adobe houses with barely sufficient income. The outstanding event was the traditional, close-of-school picnic at which the mothers served an appetizing lunch, after which the children enjoyed the new games which we taught them. The closing program was especially well attended by parents and friends, and the children presented that which they had learned in both languages in a truly inspiring manner.

OPPORTUNITIES AT DEL NORTE

The third school was held at Del Norte, where we again lived in the trailer. Investigation is under way to secure a permanent place of meeting for our Spanish Baptist services, but meanwhile we were glad for the loan of the basement of the English Baptist Church. The local pastor is very much interested in reaching the Spanish population of that town which outnumbered the Anglo-Saxon by three-fourths.

Here we found that most of the youngsters preferred Spanish, and even the older Juniors wished that they "had a teacher who could speak our language, because we can think better in it." Helen had to take over the Beginners for a while, and did splendidly, armed with a list of Spanish words and phrases, compiled by yours truly. Included in it were such ideas as, "Keep quiet, sit down"; "Keep quiet, stand up"; "Let's sing, keep quiet," etc. You've probably gotten the idea as to what was the most important and necessary phrase in that crowded basement school.

Understanding the confusion which often crowds the minds of youngsters who use two languages, I have always been especially careful to explain clearly all unusual English words. The

memory verse of the last Friday morning was from Joshua: "Choose ye this day whom ye will serve." I explained how we choose sides for games, or select one of two choices of food or wearing apparel.

Then I asked for a volunteer to tell me what the word for "choose" was in Spanish. All the children raised their hands vigorously. That was easy. The boy selected shouted the answer, "Zapatos," and everyone else nodded in agreement. In case you haven't recognized it, it's the Spanish word for "shoes." That's how these Spanish youngsters always say it in English: "Hey, teacher, how do you like my new 'choose'?"

Here, too, I learned a new definition of what a preacher should be. Truly, Baptiststic, too! The memory verse was that famous and beloved one in 2 Corinthians: "If any man be in Christ, he is a new—PREACHER!" They just couldn't understand the use of the word, "creature," at all. And when I taught them: "Now YOU are clean through the Word," the repetition always came back: "Now WE are clean through the Word," both in Spanish and in English!

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This is the town in which I had the most reason to thank God for my car, collecting and returning as many as fifteen ragged, smelly youngsters at a time from the poorer of the two Spanish settlements. Their fathers owned no cars, and every day I had to separate angry little spit-fires who quarreled over who would occupy the fourth remaining empty space in front with me.

Going home it would always be the youngsters in the center of the back seat, at the bottom of the heap, who had to get out first, and it always seemed that I carried a double load at noon, what with their heat-causing hostility toward one another, their restless hunger and the handwork, held protectingly towards the ceiling away from everyone else's.

Here we had no closing program because the church was having revival services. Instead we had an after-school picnic, after which we gave out the prizes and certificates. The best prize for us was in having seen twelve youngsters accept Christ as their Savior. We are looking forward to having a hand in their future spiritual nourishment.

MONTE VISTA, COLORADO

Our fourth and last school was in Monte Vista in our own denominationally owned mission building. Again we lived in the mission parsonage. As in the Del Norte school, we had only Spanish children, and the number here reached forty. Here a knowledge of both languages is essen-



A Baptist Sunday School group of Spanish-American children at Monte Vista, Colo., with Miss Florence Eisele at the back (center)

tial even though the children of school age have become better adapted to English than those in Del Norte.

The sanitary problems have been permanently taken care of by the Rev. A. G. Rietdorf who put up a new, solidly built outhouse and coal shed on the back of the lot last month. The temporary drinking water problem was solved by the pail, tin ladle and paper cup method; water being carried across the lots from a neighbor's free flowing well. We rejoiced in plenty of space, both inside and outside, shouting room and playing room.

At present there are still two pieces of play equipment in the mission yard, though one needs repairing or replacing. Since this is the only playground in the neighborhood, it is used daily by children of both sexes, and could be improved so as to be a good means of drawing these spiritually needy ones into the mission house to hear the Gospel.

Here for the first time we had Primary children who were thoroughly trained in the Roman Catholicism of their parents. Why they were permitted to attend our Vacation Bible School is a mystery, and just how much seed, which was sown in their hearts, will remain, is a question. Three of them would have nothing to do with a formal decision regarding

the acceptance of Christ as Savior, but we rejoice with the angels over the other five who did.

The closing program found the mission packed with parents and friends, so we "shooed" the large class of Beginners into their own side room, and kept them busy with toys until their turn came for shining up the program. This they did very well! But the cake, as usual, went to the energetic Primary children who lustily sang the six brand new choruses, first in English, and then in Spanish, and with equal fervor recited the nine new Bible verses in both languages.

SERVING THE LORD

We were fortunate in being able to start the Vacation Bible Schools earlier this year, so that all of them could be held before the children had to go to the potato and pea harvests. Besides the schools, we helped in the Boys and Girls Clubs in Center, and with the two weekly evening services there. I appreciated the difficulty which Helen Lohse had in saying "Goodbye" to everyone and everything, and thank the Lord that he has permitted me to stay on and work for him, and with him, here in this needy place on the Spanish-American mission field in Colorado.

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Christian Young People at School

Testimonies of Christian young people in training at high schools and colleges in observance of Sunday School Week from September 20-27, 1953

By the Commissioned Baptist Youth and Sunday School Union

INTRODUCTION

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

THE READERS of the "Baptist Herald" will be delighted to read the testimonies of some of our fine young people in training. Getting a formal education in preparation for a life work is not always an easy undertaking for a young person. For Christian young people who find it necessary to attend non-Christian schools it can be doubly difficult.

On the other hand, many of our young people consider it a real opportunity to give a positive Christian witness in these so-called non-Christian schools. Those in Christian schools acquire a basic Christian training and are influenced by other fine Christian young people to develop a stable Christian character which can be an asset to the cause of Christ for the rest of their lives.

We can be justly proud, and at the same time be very grateful to God, for a large host of Christian young people is training. We shall let a group of seven of these promising students speak for themselves. Their testimonies will not only thrill your hearts but at the same time challenge you to give a more positive Christian witness yourself.

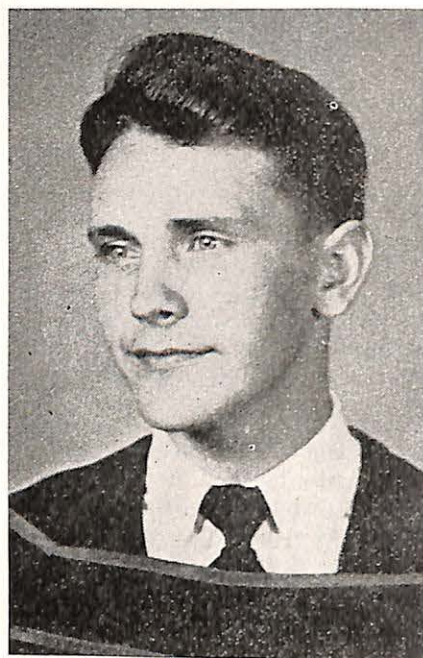
May we urge all young people, youth counselors and leaders carefully to study the program suggestions in "Youth Compass" for the October, November, December, 1953 issue on the topic, "A Christian at School." This material has been prepared by the Rev. Berthold Milner of Moosehorn, Manitoba, and was based on the testimonies of these young people.

STUDENTS WITH TRAINED MINDS AND WILLING HEARTS

By MISS J. ARLEAN KRAMER
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In Isaiah 43:7 we are reminded that the Lord created us so that he might be glorified. For this we must have strong faith with trained minds and willing hearts.

In Christian schools God is supreme and young people are made steadfast in their love for him. Bethel College



Mr. Arthur Fritzke of Vancouver, B. C., a member of the Ebenezer Baptist Church

and Seminary in St. Paul, Minn., is just such a school. God is given a humble invitation at the opening of each class period. He is dominant an hour daily at chapel services and again recognized at various group prayer meetings. You may say these surroundings are perfect and all is well, but you are wrong. Mr. Problem enters uninvited.

1. We may tend to make worship a habit so that God cannot speak to hearts. My solution is always to be careful, alert and sincere.

2. Sometimes we let all the group meetings take the place of private devotions. By this we often shut out God, for he speaks in silence through Bible meditation and prayer. He gives a peace which we can find nowhere else.

3. Some young people do not possess any definite talent. At times it is hard to understand God's goodness since they feel forgotten. Really, God does not expect anything beyond our means. We find clarification in 1 Corinthians 3:10 and Romans 12:6-8.

As Christian young people we strive to seek his will.

FOUR PROBLEMS FACING THE CHRISTIAN

By MR. ARTHUR FRITZKE
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Student at the University of British Columbia.

Problems are common to all men, and a Christian student is no exception. The student encounters many perplexing situations as he strives to maintain a strong Christian witness. Here are only four problems which I should like to present.

The first and foremost problem that a Christian student at a university has to cope with is the maintenance of private devotions daily. Under social and scholastic pressure, a student can become negligent about his "Quiet Time" with the Lord. This can be overcome by setting aside a definite time daily for this specific purpose and never to deviate from it except in extreme emergencies (Isaiah 40:29-31).

The second problem is that of applying oneself to study and grasping the material at hand. To shut away outside influences and to utilize the available time is imperative! If possible have a separate study room. Draw up a schedule for each day, including all activities—lectures, student activity, recreation, meals, sleep and relaxation. By knowing that there is free time set aside, your power of concentration will be improved. Having your assignments properly completed gives you ease in establishing social contacts. Genuine friendship is essential for a strong witness.

Let us turn our attention to witnessing itself. As students we very often regard witnessing as something we must do; consequently we attempt to create opportunities. To produce such artificial situations is not only wrong but detrimental. The solution is to have genuine friends and to seize the natural openings in conversation to witness in this manner.

The fourth problem in witnessing is to pursue the essential phases relevant to salvation. Avoid the "bull session" topics such as science and the Bible, differences of religion, social problems. We must be convinced of the need of the individual and our witness is to give evidence how Christ

as Savior has satisfied our needs (Luke 24:46-48).

The true secret of success in solving our problems is undoubtedly prayer. Philippians 4:6 and 7 in Phillips' translation reads: "Don't worry over anything whatever; tell God every detail of your needs in earnest and thankful prayer, and the peace of God, which transcends human understanding, will keep constant guard over your hearts and minds as they rest in Christ Jesus."

STUDENTS WHO FIND THE RIGHT ANSWER

By MISS NANCY SCHMAUTZ
of Missoula, Mont., a High School Student.

Christian young people of today have many forces working against them. It isn't always the easiest thing to stand on that "solid rock" when the world in all its false glitter seems to offer so much.

The biggest problems seem to be that of shows, card playing and dancing. So many of our young people are not fully convinced that these things are of the world. Perhaps they're not kept busy enough with the Lord's



Miss Doris B. Schroeder of Lodi, California, a member of the Temple Baptist Church

work to know the real joy there is in serving HIM. If this is the case, then the churches should get busy.

However, many young people are content living their Christian life in a haphazard way. For those who are in earnest and mean business with their Savior, there's only one way to find out the right answer, and that's simply by asking HIM.

The Lord has provided the most precious Book in this whole world

for us. We can find all of our answers right in that Book. Only through prayer and the reading of his Word will HE reveal to us those things about which we're in deep concern.

Some Christians find it hard to testify. It's not that they're ashamed, but they don't know how to introduce Christ to their friends. Read your Bible, talk with Jesus, and he'll help you through every decision!

WITNESSING CHRISTIANS ON A COLLEGE CAMPUS

By MISS DORIS B. SCHROEDER
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a Student at Sioux Falls College.

Do you suppose Christian young people have problems in a church affiliated college? "Yes, they do!" What are they? One could name several, but here's what seems to be the No. 1 problem to me.

We, as Christian young people, often forget to witness as Christians when we get to a nice "comfortable" Christian-influenced campus. Religion is taken for granted. We're all Christians. No one is taking note of our actions—or are they?

A large percentage of the students who attend a church school have come from good Christian homes and communities. Now we have come to a denominational school and there doesn't seem to be anything to challenge our Christian living. We go on day by day just "being good"—but wait a minute!

Did I say, No challenge? What about that certain student who didn't have the advantages as you and I? Do you suppose he wonders what this Christian living is all about? Does he understand more about Christian principles of life because of what he sees us do and because of our attitudes?

Or what about that boss of yours at your part-time job? Does he know the Lord? And the paper boy that you just give a "Hi, Kid" as he hands you the evening edition? How often does he attend Sunday School? Challenge? You bet! And the greatest challenge is that of being a witnessing Christian on any campus.

"Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth" (2 Timothy 2:15).

A STUDENT FOLLOWS IN CHRIST'S STEPS

By MISS MARILYN RAPPUHN
of Maywood, Illinois,
a High School Student

One problem which I have faced during the past few months has been witnessing for the Lord Jesus to a young Jewish classmate. Although Jewish by nationality and some of his

customs, he will not even accept the Old Testament as the Word of God. He claims anybody could write a book like the Bible, and he always wants to know how I know that it is the inspired Word of God.

Therefore, quoting Bible verses doesn't do much good, since he accepts them as just part of another book. I have found that the best thing to do is wait for the opportunity to present itself. Often he brings up the



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subject of religion and then I try to show him, using present day situations, the Presence of the Lord. Of course I pray about it, and then I ask myself two questions. They are, Would the Lord do this if he were in my situation? and, Would I be happy doing this thing or being at this place if the Lord were to come again? If I can definitely answer, "Yes," I feel it would be all right to do it, for after praying about it the Lord will guide my answer. If you're not sure of the answer or if you know the answer is definitely, "No," don't do it! You won't be happy!

Remember, pray about everything, for "God answers prayer."

PROBLEMS FACING A YOUNG ENGINEERING STUDENT

By MR. TED GALAMBOS
of Streeter, North Dakota,
Student at the University of North Dakota.

When a young man goes to college, he has certain ideas what college life is going to be. All these ideas are shattered in the first two days of registration. He is lonely, confused and homesick. Everything is strange, and he is afraid.

There are so many voices calling him to come, to see and to enjoy. Dozens of fraternities will call him

and tell him about their parties and dates. If he is a Christian, he will probably follow the invitation of one of the Campus religious organizations. I went to the group set up for Baptist Congregational students. We drank coffee, talked about the last summer's work, and the minister had to close early, so that the students could go to a movie. Jesus Christ was never mentioned.

This experience is probably common to most students. Fortunately, there is a church of our denomination in Grand Forks, N. Dak., and I have made it my spiritual home.

No matter how busy college life is, it is important to set aside some time for prayer and the reading of the Scriptures. Often it is impossible to be alone. The roommate may lie in bed and watch, maybe with ridicule.



Mr. Ted Galambos of Streeter, N. Dak., a member of the Streeter Baptist Church

I was ridiculed at first, and a few times a friend read passages from Paine's "The Age of Reason" while I read my Bible. I did not reply to his charges, but just sat quietly and prayed.

After he noticed that I could not be moved, he gave it up. He had respect for my devotion time and never bothered me again. Sometimes when I neglected to read because of overwork, he used to say: "Ted, you better read your Bible."

Sooner or later the Christian student will find fellow-Christians on campus. When I was a freshman, there was no evangelistic group at the university. We met in rooms to pray and to study God's Word. Later we got a room in the Student Union. These fellowships were of invaluable importance to all of us.

It is also vital to stay in contact with the church. Many students be-

lieve that if they go to Sunday morning service, their duty is done. I got a great blessing out of going to Sunday School, teaching there, and out of going to CBY meeting and the evening service.

To the student of engineering other problems arise. Scientists are apt to feel proud of the accomplishments of man, which indeed are great. But they don't realize that the brain also is given by God! I had to find answers to the questions of creation, evolution, divine origin of the Scriptures and many other problems. Due to these many doubts, it is extremely difficult to remain spiritually pure. I believe that college is the place where one can most quickly lose Christ.

As a conclusion to all these problems I have the answer: Christ can dispel doubt. Through prayer, Bible study and fellowship, we can stay close to HIM, no matter what happens.

LIVING VICTORIOUSLY AS CHRISTIAN COLLEGE STUDENTS

By MISS LOIS GROSSER
of Oak Park, Illinois,
a Student at Grinnell College.

It is difficult to state concisely the main problem facing college young people today. They confront many trying situations at this stage of their development. However, I feel that one of the biggest problems of the college youth is HIMSELF. Let me qualify this statement.

Some young people are facing reality, so to speak, for the first time. They are beyond the naive adolescent stage and are ready to inspect some of the overwhelming situations in the world. Yet, paradoxically, these same youth who see the many avenues of advance open to them, at the same time become apathetic and self-complacent. This is a very dangerous state of mind for any young person and for his society as well.

The Christian young person, above all, because of his faith in Jesus Christ, should possess an attitude of optimism and zeal to strive ahead into new challenging fields of service. Yet many of us have failed in this attempt. What seem to be the reasons behind this failure?

First of all, many young people have an attitude of futility about the general situation in the world. They do not see how they, as mere individuals, can possibly help improve the degenerate state of affairs. Young men find it especially difficult to see beyond their terms of service in the armed forces, and, "For what?" they ask.

Secondly, many young people shut their eyes to the evil surrounding them because they are afraid to face the real facts of our world. This causes them to live in emptiness and

darkness. They contribute nothing to fighting the evil about them and in turn reap no benefits.

Thirdly, we have many superficial distractions about us in our busy sensate culture which deter us from the important realities of life. As Christian young people we have a real job on our hands to overcome these superficialities, and to work diligently to further God's purposes here on earth according to Christ's commission.



Miss Lois Grosser of Oak Park, Ill., a member of the Forest Park Baptist Church

It is true that we are facing overwhelming odds in our efforts toward this end, but we are in no worse condition than Noah, Daniel, Paul and many other godly men. What would have happened if they had given up hope and zeal in the face of adversity? If we as young people do not feel a definite drive and hope to fulfill our Christian responsibility, who will?

How are we to accomplish these ends? First of all, I would suggest that we have more faith in God. More sincere prayer, meditation, and Bible reading will, in spite of our heavy secular assignments, renew our strength and enthusiasm to carry on.

Our actions should be constructive and consistent with our Christian principles, even in small or insignificant matters. We must not shut our eyes to the world about us, but keep alert and aware of our surroundings so that we may more intelligently cope with our problems.

Finally, I would say that we can live victoriously as college students by keeping these precious truths of the Scriptures within our hearts: ". . . I will never leave thee nor forsake thee . . . The Lord is my helper and I will not fear what men shall do unto me . . . Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today, and forever."

God Hears — and Answers!

Day by day in trials, great and small, our Cameroons missionaries lean heavily upon God, the Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us the assurance in his Word that he hears and answers prayer. This was also the experience of Jick, the dispensary boy at Belo

By MRS. HOWARD ROTH, Missionary at Belo, Cameroons

PERHAPS the greatest privilege in a Christian's life is prayer. God does hear prayers, and more than that, he answers them. How we thank God for the prayers he has answered for us in the past. Day after day there are problems which we face that only God can solve.

In our missionary work and in our personal lives this is true. One such problem which concerned our work faced us some weeks ago here in the Cameroons, Africa. It all began when a young woman, a Christian of the Belo Baptist Church, who was desperately ill, was brought to the dispensary. She was running a high fever and was not able to take anything by mouth, so our first thought was to treat her for malaria.

DOCTOR'S DIAGNOSIS

Her family who brought her said that she took sick two days previously and that it first began with a small fever and headache. Also the back of her neck was aching. All these things led us to believe that it could be more than malaria, and since we have only a small dispensary and since the woman was so ill, we suggested that the family take her to Bansa where our doctor is, or if they were unwilling to do this because of the hardships involved, at least they should go to the hospital at Bamenda where there is a government doctor.

They chose the latter, and four men carried her the first five miles where they found transport to take her the remainder of the way. A few days later the report came from the government doctor that she probably had spinal meningitis. This meant that since the woman had exposed many, it was possible that others might come down with the same disease. Since the woman came from our own little town a mile or so from the mission compound, we had to be careful in checking others who came as patients to the dispensary.

Several weeks passed and then another Belo Christian, a young girl, who was attending our weekly women's group, was brought to the dis-



David Jick and his wife, Lydia, of Belo, Cameroons, Africa, in their wedding clothes

pensary. She had all the symptoms of meningitis. It was necessary to get her away from others on the compound.

ISOLATION NECESSARY

We had just had two native houses built some distance from the other houses, and we decided to keep her in one of these. Her father, mother, brothers and sisters were all present along with other relatives. They insisted on being near and attending to her needs. We did our best to convince them that it was dangerous for them to be near her, but they could not understand the necessity of isolation.

We asked them to select one person to take care of her and for all the

other people to please go home and not remain here, where they might contract the dreaded disease. Since we do not have nurses to care for the sick ones, someone in the family must act as nurse.

We began giving her medicine and doing all we could for her. After the first six or seven days she seemed to improve, but suddenly she lapsed into unconsciousness and died a few days later.

Our faithful dispensary boy, David Jick, who had been giving her her medicine, came to me after about the ninth day of the girl's illness complaining of a strong fever and headache. The fear that we had of this disease spreading seemed to be materializing.

Immediately we put him to bed and gave him medicine. His condition turned from bad to worse. There was no doubt about him having meningitis, also. Since he had no one to look after him, our second dispensary boy cared for him. This was on Friday.

GOD'S ANSWER

Prayer was offered constantly in his behalf on this day and on following days. On Saturday he could still speak to me. I asked him if he was afraid. "Yes," he said. "I do fear, but I think say tomorrow go come, I go better." We did our best to comfort him, and left him in the hands of our Lord. By Sunday morning his body was twisting and turning and his face was distorted.

The crisis came that night. By morning, Jick (as we call him) was on the road to recovery. God answered our prayers!

After a few days Jick was able to sit up and walk about. Jick is one of our most faithful Christians and has testified that if it were not for God's healing hand he would not be alive today.

Day by day in trials, great and small, we in this land lean heavily upon God, the Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us the assurance in his Word that HE HEARS AND ANSWERS PRAYER.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

- The Baptist Church of Glidden, Sask., has extended a call to the Rev. Wilfred Reimche of Burstall, Sask., to which he has responded favorably. He began his ministry in the Glidden church on August 1st. He had served as pastor at Burstall since 1950.
- The Rev. and Mrs. Ben Lawrence, missionaries in the Cameroons, Africa, have announced that a daughter was born to them on July 26 who has been named Karen Lee. This is their second child. The good news has also been received from the mission field concerning the safe arrival of Miss Eleanor E. Schulert of Detroit, Mich., as our most recent missionary-appointee, in the Cameroons on July 13.
- The Lauderdale Baptist Church of Edmonton, Alta., has called the Rev. Arthur Pohl of Forestburg, Alta., as its pastor, to which a favorable response has been given. Mr. Pohl is an immigrant pastor who is able to preach English quite acceptably. His picture appeared in the March 12, 1953 issue of the "Baptist Herald." He will begin his ministry at the Lauderdale church toward the close of September, succeeding the Rev. Willy Muller, now pastor at Carbon, Alberta.
- On Sunday, July 26, the Rev. J. J. Renz presented his letter of resignation to the Baptist Church of Ashley, N. Dak., with its mission stations at Johannesthal and Jewell. He also announced at that time that he was accepting the call from the First Baptist Church of Evansville, Ind., a church of the American Baptist Convention. He preached his closing sermon in Ashley on August 23, and began his pastorate in Evansville on Sept. 1st. He had served the Ashley church since 1951.
- The Humboldt Park Baptist Church of Chicago, Ill., has extended a call to Mr. George W. Lang, a 1953 graduate of the Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, Chicago, Ill., and a son of Dr. and Mrs. George A. Lang of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., to become its pastor. He will also enroll as a resident student at the University of Chicago for graduate work this fall. He has accepted the call and began his ministry at the church on Sept. 13. He is living in the parsonage next to the church.
- The Rev. and Mrs. Walter Sukut of Wessington Springs, S. Dak., sailed from San Francisco, Calif., on August 16 on the M.V. SURPRISE for the mission field in Japan. Miss Lois Lechner of Chicago, Ill., sailed on the M.V. SEA SERPENT on Sept. 5 from San Francisco for Japan. These are our three new missionary-appointees for the Japanese field. About 15 days are required for their sea voyage to Japan. Miss Florence Miller and the Rev. and Mrs. John Rhoads are our missionaries already stationed on the field.
- Miss Myrtle Weeldreyer, Cameroons missionary who has been serving as nurse at the Banso Hospital and later as nurse supervising the work of the dispensary at Mbem in the grasslands, sailed from Africa in August from England on the "S.S. Veendam" on Sept. 5, and arrived in New York City about Sept. 12 for her first furlough. Her home is in Emery, South Dakota. She was commissioned at the General Conference in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., in 1949 and by her home church in Emery before sailing for the Cameroons in the Fall of 1949.
- Mrs. Jay Hirth, one of our missionaries to Japan, has been in the Hinsdale Hospital and Sanitarium at Hinsdale, Ill., since June 28, where she has been receiving a series of electric shock treatments. Her condition has taken a change for the better and her family and friends are hopeful of continued progress. The Rev. Jay Hirth has assumed a temporary secular job in order to help defray the medical expenses that have been incurred with the illness of his wife. At Christmas time the General Missionary Committee will review the situation regarding his missionary ministry in Japan.
- Mrs. Ernest Hildebrand, wife of the missionary builder at Banso in the Cameroons, Africa, returned home to Stafford, Kans., by plane towards the close of August on an emergency call. Her daughter, Mrs. Ralph (Virginia) Hedrick of Hutchinson, Kans., had been suddenly stricken with polio and at the last report was in an iron lung in the Grace Hospital at Hutchinson. Mr. Ernest Hildebrand will remain in the Cameroons to complete his assignment. Our "Baptist Herald" readers will want to remember this family in prayer before God's throne of abundant grace and power!
- The fall rally of the Central Dakota CBY Union was held on Sunday, August 23, at the Baptist Church of Lehr, North Dakota. The guest speaker was Professor Herbert Hiller of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota. The afternoon service was in charge of the president, Miss Dorothy Michaelsohn, with special musical numbers and talks by some of the CBY members. The Union has adopted a mission project of \$3000 towards the Cameroons Mission Crusade of the Dakota Conference. Miss Ruth Kiemel is the editor of the ably edited paper, "Our Assembly Journal" which appears quarterly.
- On August 29 near Buffalo, Wyo., while motoring with his wife from Chicago, Ill., to his home at Oroville, Wash., the Rev. J. G. Rott suffered a fatal heart attack and died within a few minutes. He had preached on the previous Sunday, August 23, in the Humboldt Park Baptist Church of Chicago. He was a graduate of our Seminary in the class of 1926. He was the pastor of the following churches in our conference: Spring Valley and Unityville, S. Dak., 1923-1936; Odessa, Wash., 1936-1944; and Carbon, Alta., 1949-1952. In the family that survives him is a son, Dale, who is a pre-enrolled student in residence at our Seminary at Sioux Falls, South Dakota.
- The resignation of the Rev. R. Milbrandt as Conference Worker of the Northern Conference, to which he has given part of his time in addition to his ministry as superintendent of the Haven of Rest at Medicine Hat, Alta., has been accepted by the General Missionary Committee, effective on August 31st. He has served in this capacity since 1946. As announced in a recent issue of the "Baptist Herald," Mr. Milbrandt has received an appointment by the General Council and the relief committee of the Baptist World Alliance in the interest of immigration work. He left for Germany early in September for this ministry, about which more details will be announced in a forthcoming issue.
- The Rev. and Mrs. Elmer C. Strauss of Ellinwood, Kans., have announced the birth of a daughter on August 4 who has been named Amy Carleen. This is their first child. The Rev. and

Mrs. Eric Kuhn of the Fourth Avenue Church, Alpena, Mich., have announced the birth of a daughter on August 8, who has been named Eunice Marie. This is their second daughter. The Rev. and Mrs. Leland Friesen of Okeene, Okla., have announced that a son was born to them on August 12 who has been named Roger Bruce. This is their fourth son. Announcement of the birth of a daughter on August 23rd to the Rev. and Mrs. A. Lamprecht of Golden Prairie, Sask., Canada, has also been received. She has been named Barbara Mac.

● The McKernan Baptist Church of Edmonton, Alta., enjoyed having several guest speakers during the summer months. On July 19, the Rev. Lawrence Bienert of Cathay, N. Dak., conducted the worship service and brought a heart-searching and challenging message on the decisions to be faced in life. The Rev. Fred Mashner of Sumner, Iowa, was also a guest speaker on one occasion. At that time Mr. and Mrs. Victor Priebe from the Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., shared in the service. Earlier in the summer the Seminary Quartet brought their inspirational message in song and word. Miss Berneice Westerman, missionary, was at the church one Sunday evening, at which time she showed films of the mission field. The pastor, the Rev. O. Schmidt, returned from his vacation in August and also from Sioux Falls, S. Dak., where he was one of the instructors at the Christian Workers' Training Conference.

● Miss Dorothy Kienzle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kienzle, of Edmonton, Alta., and Mr. Rubin Herrmann, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Herrmann of Medicine Hat, Alta., were united in marriage at a beautiful ceremony solemnized in the Central Baptist Church of Edmonton on Friday, August 7th. The Rev. E. P. Wahl, president of the Christian Training Institute, officiated. The Rev. Walter Hoffman, pastor of the Ebenezer East Church of Saskatchewan, sang the vocal selections. As the couple knelt before the altar, dedicating their lives in service, Mr. Hoffmann sang "The Lord's Prayer." Readers of the HERALD will recall Mr. Herrmann as a member of the King's Stewards Quartet, as well as a student at the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota. During the summer months he assisted the Rev. H. Pfeifer at the Central Baptist Church of Edmonton. Miss Kienzle has been an active member and faithful pianist at the McKernan Baptist Church. Mr. and Mrs. Herrmann are returning to Sioux Falls where they will further prepare themselves for the Lord's service.

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

IN APPRECIATION OF MISS MARTHA LEYPOLD'S SERVICES By the Rev. J. C. GUNST

SIX AND A HALF years ago there came to the North American Baptist General Conference office in Forest Park, Ill., a person who helped turn the tide of greater progress for the Commissioned Youth and Sunday School Union. For those of us who serve the Conference Union, it has been quite evident that God directed Miss Martha Leyoldt to come to our office and work. She served in a most commendable and highly acceptable way all these years. We shall never be able to put into words our deep appreciation for her excellent services.

Miss Leyoldt has the training and talents which made her highly qualified for the great variety of responsibilities and tasks which are expected of any person working in our headquarters office. Very few, if any, of our people, outside of the office staff, realize what herculean demands are made upon every one of the workers in our denomination. Miss Leyoldt did exceptionally well as one of these workers.

Besides the proper training for the work, Miss Leyoldt manifested an excellent spirit of cooperation which is so essential to success in Christian work. God supplied her with a keen vision of the needs both for the Sunday School and youth work in our churches and Conference Union. She never spared herself in giving of her time and talents for the progress of our Conference Union work. Always there was a deep interest in winning youth for Christ and help them grow in the Christian faith for service.

Miss Leyoldt was much more than a stenographer or office secretary to the general secretary with office responsibility. She was very well qualified for that, but for more than three years her major responsibility was to be editor of the children's paper, "Salute". Still only a very limited amount of time was allotted her for this important work. Her fine services rendered as editor of "Salute" and her excellent ministry along that line will be appreciated more and more as time goes on.

As associate editor of "Youth Compass" Miss Leyoldt rendered an extremely important service. All de-

tailed work in connection with "Youth Compass," such as typing, filing, keeping records, plus giving vital assistance in editorial work were her duties. She was a member of the editorial committee acting as secretary of that committee.

Miss Leyoldt was also called upon to do field work when there was a need for that. Not infrequently Miss Leyoldt was called upon to serve as instructor at Christian Workers' Training Conferences, both in the local church and on a local conference wide scale. During the summer months she served as instructor at summer assemblies and youth camps. In any field of service in the Conference Union, Miss Leyoldt demonstrated exceptional ability, always rendering service which was satisfactory to everyone concerned.

Her great contribution to the youth of our Conference Union was the writing of the "CBY Guide for Leaders." This leaders' handbook to be used by our youth leaders has been well received in all of youth organizations. Other churches and youth groups outside of our fellowship have found it excellent material for their young people's organizations.

Miss Leyoldt's influences as a consecrated Christian leader, which have been so far reaching in our denominational work, will be reflected in the lives of the many leaders and in the lives of our many young people whom she served so ably. Her contribution to the cause of Christ through our Conference Union, which is such an integral and vital part of the denomination, can be measured only in the souls won to Christ and by the lasting services of those who have dedicated their lives, time and talents for Christian service in years to come. Her contacts were many and effective.

Miss Leyoldt is not leaving our work. She is changing one place of service for another. For some time she has been thinking of getting more practical training in one of our churches so that she might have an opportunity to put her talents to use. This wish of hers was fulfilled when the Bethel Church of Anaheim, Calif., extended a call to her to become the Director of Christian Education.

We are confident that Miss Leyoldt will continue to contribute to the larger fellowship in our Conference Union as she faithfully serves in the place to which God has called her.



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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 Steve Glen's parents and the reading of the Bible brought Steve 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 marsh and councilmen. Troubles soon followed in tragic succession. Steve's car was mysteriously wrecked one night but he was not seriously injured. Jenny became sick and after several weeks died. Jason tried to comfort his son. "We're two-world people," he said. "We've another world to live in." Even Dian, his rich friend of town, came to comfort and to compliment him and possibly to win him for herself. But Jason said sarcastically, "Does a man need to be complimented because his wife died or because he had an accident?"

CHAPTER SEVENTEEN

SHE IGNORED my sarcasm. "You've borne up under it bravely. And I hope you'll bear with me if I tell you that the accident doesn't keep you from looking wonderful when you're standing in the pulpit—"

She stopped suddenly. Then: "All right!" she cried. "So my meaning is obvious! Well, can I help it if I feel as I do toward you—?"

"You're a strange person, Dian," I said, feeling sorry for the girl who had always had her own way.

"Do you despise me for being honest?"

"I don't despise you. I think I'm sorry for you, and perhaps afraid of you."

"Afraid? Afraid?"

"I don't know for sure what it is. It's always been like that with me. Maybe it's our worlds—they just don't match."

"Maybe we could make them match, Steve."

I shook my head, troubled over her. "I doubt it. Since this is an unconventional conversation, anyhow, and we're being frank, I want to say this. You're an attractive girl. You are intelligent. You have money. You—"

"If you say the rest of it, Steve, I'll be angry!"

"I don't think you should be. I just want to say that, somehow, there's a gulf between us. Neither of us put it there. It's just there. But I desire your friendship very much."

"You really loved Jenny, didn't you?" she asked unexpectedly.

I started, but nodded. "I really loved her."

"I feel a little silly. Somehow, I've always managed to make myself feel that way when I talked with you about your friendship. Perhaps you're right—that our worlds can never meet. But somehow I can't believe it."

I don't know what I might have felt, or done, if my heart hadn't been in the place where they laid Jenny. I took my hat, which Dian held out to me, and walked to the door. A minister, with one arm, leaving a rich and lovely girl whose eyes asked him to come again. But my heart was somewhere else, and I would have to walk alone . . .

I was the lone occupant of the parsonage. I looked out the window upward, and the cross on the church was barely distinguishable on the darkening sky.

Drawing the blinds I turned back into the house. There the wood lay in the fire place. I touched a match to it, and the flame leaped bright and high. I sank down on the davenport, face to the fire, and watched it struggle up the chimney.

The rivers had been crossed, and the mountains, and the earth. Here in this little place I had found my greatest adventure. Here I had found the wonder of love and the terror of having it taken from me.

The adventure was not done, however, and I knew it. It had to do with God and the high calling, the calling that has a cross for a coat-of-arms.

The fire light washed the walls of the room, and I was alone. My heart stood naked before my own look, and it was not too pleasant a thing to see, for it wanted to run on an easier way. How could I stay here—where Jenny—We are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.

I got up and went outside and found the Sacramento paper where the boy had tossed it. I opened and saw the black headlines:

PRESIDENT TRUMAN ORDERS TROOPS INTO KOREA

The headline made me think unaccountably of Tony. Would he want to get in the thick of things again? And then I thought of the Gold Rush Club and the months I had been fighting it and what it symbolized.

Sunday morning when I was on the rostrum listening to the organ it wasn't playing as it used to. I knew the girl who was assistant organist was at the keys, but I didn't look at her because I knew I couldn't bear to see who was missing.

The voices of the choir swept an old hymn across the church-nave:

Rock of ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee.

I looked out over the congregation. My glance fell on Adam Lockwood,

sitting in his accustomed place near the front. His face was a mask of controlled feelings—and the feelings were not pious.

Could my tears forever flow,
Could my zeal no languor know . . .

Something was about to happen. I had a premonition.

But I finished my message with the premonition still nagging me. It was easy to see that Adam Lockwood had something on his mind.

Adam Lockwood sat across the desk from me in the church study. "I have been talking to the councilmen, Steve, and to the mayor," he said.

"How are they?" I asked.

"They are disturbed."

"I never thought of them as gentlemen who were easily disturbed."

"Steve, they're really good men. They want this town to get along without a lot of fireworks, and that's as it should be. They have been bothered ever since you got Sheriff Beare to raid Granite's night club."

"Why?"

"You know why as well as I do. Election is coming one of these days. They figure you'll be running some candidates of your own!"

"Well, I won't. Unless they force me too!"

"Steve, we got along fine in this town before you started all this ruckus. Do you think you're a better minister than Allan Grant was?"

"Allan Grant had a daughter. She was a good, sweet girl who loved her father and followed him. I have a kid brother that needs help. There are plenty of kids like that in Gold Springs. I intend to run Tony Granite and his kind out of town. Even if you won't back me!"

Anger blazed in Lockwood's eyes. "You're talking pretty big, Steve."

"I'm saying what I think and feel."

Adam Lockwood stood up, pride and bitterness in his face. "You might as well understand me, Steve. YOU aren't running this church. And you might as well know—"

"You know something, Mr. Lockwood? You don't really care too much about whether the councilmen and the mayor like my doings, do you?"

"What do you mean?"

"You're really worried because I'm the kind of preacher that you can't handle."

"I just don't like preachers who interfere with things that are none of their business," he cried with mounting anger. "And I'm going to ask you to do something. I want you to resign as pastor of St. Paul's."

"What?" I cried incredulously.

"Resign, Steve. You haven't got a chance fighting me. I've been in this town too long. I know ways to fight that you never dreamed of."

"Ways that I wouldn't stoop to, you mean!"

"Your insults will avail you nothing. Do you think you can sway the board of elders against me?"

"All right. You have three elders on your side, right or wrong. But I doubt if you have any of the others. I still have a majority."

"Then you want to fight me?"

"Why not?"

"I'll tell you why not. I will break up the congregation. It will tear it apart. Jason Gray will stand for you, and maybe the other elders you mentioned. But I, and my men, won't budge. We'll carry the thing to the congregation eventually."

"You mean you'd destroy St. Paul's—in order to have your own way?"

"I mean I'd rather see the doors of the church locked than to be dictated to by a young upstart preacher! Is that clear?"

The realization of what he was saying broke in on me like a blow. I knew he meant it, too. He would never weaken. He was Adam Lockwood. My heart suddenly grew heavy in me—for I could see defeat written in the future. There would be war to the hilt between Jason Gray and Lockwood. That would be inevitable.

"Think it over, Steve," said Lockwood. With that he strode from the church study.

I sat down drearily and tried to understand all that had happened. This feeling had been growing in Lockwood for months. His enmity toward me had been increasing for a long time. But I had never expected him to throw down the gauntlet in such an arrogant manner.

Rumors, arguments, dark sessions with the elders. And in the end a strife-torn congregation. The argument would never be kept behind the scenes, within the borders of the church; it would spill over into Gold Springs; it would make the church a stumbling-stone to all unbelievers. Scars would be made that would never heal.

I stood up and walked over to the window. There were tears in my eyes. My ministry, so young, was tottering. Oh, somewhere I would pastor another church. But my failure here would attend me wherever I went—in my own heart, at least. I asked myself many questions. Had I been wrong in challenging Tony and his kind? Something in me cried, "No!" And I knew what I had to do.

Lockwood had won. I was sitting at my desk staring at nothing when Jason Gray walked in. "What's wrong, Steve?"

I spoke flatly, quickly. "I'm going to resign the pastorate."

His eyes were question marks. "Talk sense, Steve."

"I'm resigning," I said.

He crossed the floor and gripped my shoulder in his great hand, almost

hurting me. "You can trust me," he said.

It wouldn't do to tell him. He would carry the fight to Lockwood with all his strength. I pushed his hand away, hating to do it. "We've been awfully close, Jason. You know me pretty well. But this time I wish you wouldn't ask me any questions. When I'm ready I'll tell you—if I ever am. Will you bear with me?"

He looked disturbed. Then running his fingers through his white hair he nodded. "All right, Steve."

There weren't many men like Jason Gray.

My suitcase was open on the bed, and I began packing shirts, socks and pajamas. I looked at Jenny's picture on the dresser and she smiled at me. I remembered how she had held up under her long suffering. And I remembered how clear her eyes used to be. I gazed at the picture a long time, holding it in my right hand.

"I won't let you down, darling," I said.

I put the picture on top of the clothes in the suitcase, snapping the suitcase shut. After looking about the room, as if seeking something that wasn't there, I switched off the lights. I passed through the unbearable silence of the house, snapped out the last light, and went to my car, tossing in the suitcase. For a second I glanced up at the cross of St. Paul's sketched against the stars, and a memory stirred in me—a memory of a day in a bombed English town. I could see again the towering arch, the only remains of the church, on which were engraved: "The word of the Lord endureth forever."

I put my foot on the starter of my car and was off. I drove past the Gold Rush Club; it was ablaze with lights.

"You win, Tony, I guess," I said as I saluted the place in passing.

At Gray's, Phoebe began to weep, but Jason held his old poise, though I knew he wasn't calm inside. We drank coffee in the kitchen.

"But where will you go?" asked Jason.

"I'm going down to Los Angeles to see the president of the college. He may have some suggestions."

"People in Gold Springs will wonder why you left."

"They'll soon forget I was ever here."

My attempt to keep it light failed. Jason said, "Getting a church isn't an easy job for a minister who—"

"Who has failed?"

"No. Who's inexperienced?"

"I'll be experienced, it seems, before I'm through."

"Oh, Steve," cried Phoebe, "what will happen to you?"

"Look, honey. I was at the Bulge, remember? Stop worrying."

I went into Dick's room, but he was

asleep. I felt as if I were running out on him. I said softly, "So long—brother."

It was late when I climbed into my car. I was on the highway out of Gold Springs when a voice spoke up from the rear seat. It startled me a bit until I realized it had a familiar tone.

"Nice night for driving, pal."

Tony Granite climbed over into the front seat with me.

"Didn't scare you, did I?" he said.

"No, not after the first moment. Are you hitch-hiking?" I said.

"I like to ride," said Tony. "So keep driving."

He reached in his pocket and took out a knife which he opened. The long thin blade flickered in the dash-light. Tony began to trim his fingernails.

"I thought I had my share of trouble in Gold Springs," I said.

"Keep driving."

"You should do a pretty good business in town, now. I've closed shop."

"That's what I hear."

My head swung toward him "How did you hear?"

"Things get around."

"I see."

"Seems Lockwood's still running St. Paul's, huh?"

"Anyhow, I'm not running it."

"Turn right at the next road." Tony gestured with his knife.

When we turned down the road I realized this was the one over which Tony and I had walked countless times to go swimming in the creek.

"Remember the cabin to the right a mile ahead?" asked Tony.

"I guess so." Fear-bugs ran along my back.

"I bought it last year. Nice place to relax," he said.

I kept silent. As I drove over the narrow road I was haunted with a foreboding thought that Tony had lost all sense of right. Doubtless his wild spirit against which he had struggled so long had taken the upper hand.

"There's the place," said Tony. "Pull up right here."

When my car stopped he said, "Let's go in."

There was a light in the cabin. "I'm meeting a guy here," explained Tony. The knife glittered in his hand as he turned it.

I cut the motor. We went into the cabin. Inside I recognized Hallie Moogan slouched at the table, a smoking cigarette slanting from his mouth.

"Hello, Tony," said Hallie. "I've been waiting for you."

"Sit down," Tony said, motioning to a chair near by.

I sat down, then said to Tony, "What gives?"

Tony Granite remained on his feet cleaning his fingernails with his knife. "I'll tell you, Steve. There's a couple of things I want to clear up."

When I didn't say anything he went on, "I'm going to let Hallie tell you about one."

"Me?" asked Hallie.

"You," answered Tony. "You see, Steve, you've been going under a wrong impression. I was too mad to come and tell you before. Whatever else I am, or have been, I'm not the type of guy who gets to an enemy with a knife in the back. I may hang a right on his jaw, but I don't fix his steering gear so he'd lose an arm!"

The words sank into my ears like an unexpected crash of thunder. Tony said, "Well, Hallie, tell him how it was."

"Listen, Tony, what's eatin' you?" said Hallie.

"Don't ask questions, chum." The knife gleamed in Tony's hand. "Tell Steve how it was."

"Let him find out!" growled Hallie rising to his feet, his face brutal.

Tony's eyes gleamed as he faced the other. "Sit down, Hallie."

Moogan sank back on his seat. I said, "Never mind, Tony. I know what you mean."

"Okay!" snapped Hallie. "So I done it. I'm mad about one thing—it didn't kill you! You're a—"

"Cut it!" grated Tony. "Listen, Hallie, get out of Gold Springs. The town is too little for both of us."

"I'm your friend," whined Moogan.

"No man's a friend of mine who operates your way, Hallie. Get going."

A thick silence lay in the cabin after Moogan went out into the night. Then I asked, "Aren't you afraid he'll try to get even?"

"He's yellow. He'll keep going."

"Thanks, Tony. That takes a load off my chest."

"Hallie told me a day or so ago. I didn't know who did it. I appreciate that you didn't do more about it. I guess your religion must be pretty good stuff. I'm sorry about your arm. Fact is I'm sorry about quite a few things. About your wife. About us, you and me."

"It's okay now, Tony."

"But I want you straight on one thing. I was too mad to give this to you before. I never did let the kids gamble. I just let 'em hang around. Maybe I felt a little sorry for 'em—since they didn't have homes—except Dick—and I just liked him in a personal way."

"Funny, Dick never told me," I mused.

"You made him mad at you. Kids hate you when you try to cram it down their throats. Gray never did cram it down yours, did he?"

"You're quite a guy, Tony," I said.

"Sometimes I think I was born at the wrong time of the moon. I've been fighting all my life and not getting anywhere."

"When I was a kid I guess I had more intuition than I've exhibited lately." I gave him a long look. "I knew you were a real Joe inside."

"Skip the blarney, Steve. Where were you going when you left Grays?"

"Just going. Nowhere."

"That's quite a place—nowhere. What's wrong with you, fella?"

"Wrong?"

"You should get up there in the pulpit and tell people about fighting the good fight instead of—"

"I'm not exactly running out."

"Don't give me that! You're running like a scared rabbit, and I don't like it," Tony said.

(To Be Continued)

We, the Women

News and Views of the National Woman's Missionary Union

By MRS. WALTER W. GROSSER, President

SEPTEMBER!

Summer vacations have ended for the year 1953. Another school year has begun. Monthly Woman's Missionary meetings are in full sway with renewed enthusiasm. The White Cross list appears in the **Broadcast**. All of this indicates that the month of September calls for stewardship of our time on the local church front.

Women's societies work throughout the vacation period planning their missionary programs and endeavors. One program chairman wrote that she had never spent such a pleasant summer. Her concern for the programs which she and her committee were to plan was completely relieved when she received her **Program Packet**. Have you ordered yours, Madam President or Program Chairman?

While the supply lasts, they are still available in German or English at \$1.00 each. Send your orders to the Woman's Union, 7308 Madison St., Forest Park, Illinois. Our answer to the question, "Are these packets just for presidents?" is "No!" Anyone wanting program material suitable to women's groups may order one (pastors included).

WHITE CROSS CHAIRMAN

The president of your society should have the **White Cross List** which is enclosed in the September 1953 **Broadcast**. The list was prepared by Miss Margaret Kittlitz, appointed in the Cameroons to deal with the White Cross problems during 1953: Patterns for baby shirts and hospital gowns sent to her have been prepared in a miniature mimeographed form. They come as an "answer to the many requests." Just how should we make them?

However, they are not the only items on your White Cross list. Read the entire list carefully, Bandages may not be as interesting as gowns but they are so sorely needed for our New Hope Settlement work among the lepers.

When you roll the bandages, please roll them tightly. The women of the Forest Park Guild spend many hours re-wrapping the loose rolls that Miss Remmler cannot pack for shipping. Such a duplication of effort is unnecessary. To be good stewards of our God-given time, follow the instructions for rolling bandages.

Miss Kittlitz reminds us of some of the problems in the following excerpts from her letter:

"I am sending a copy of the White

Cross list as it now stands. We do hope your faithful women won't be completely frustrated by the apparently numerous changes. The thing is, we are in a period of transition. We are in the process of growing and changing and it is difficult to tell just what the needs will be for any long time ahead.

"The beginning of the Training Program for nurses caused many changes to take place, so that some things requested formerly are no longer suitable. Also other types of equipment and surgical supplies are needed to carry out the numerous procedures which are a part of nurses' training, as well as part of a growing hospital. When we move into the new building there will be other changes. We will need more beds and we do not know what type or size. This may mean a change again in bedding. We hope you will bear with us during these months of change



Girls' Handwork and Bible Class meeting weekly at the Bamenda Elementary School in the Cameroons, Africa

and not grow discouraged. We simply would not know what to do if we couldn't answer the request, 'Please, sister, I need some cotton to make dressings,' or, 'Please, I need a larger piece of plastic for those hot compresses,' by simply going into the store room and taking them off the shelf."

"We do want the women to know that we appreciate all of their efforts in our behalf."

OUR WOMEN'S WORK IN THE CAMEROONS

The accompanying picture of the Girls' Weekly Handwork and Bible Class was taken in front of the Bamenda Elementary School, and sent to us by our Women's Worker in the Cameroons, Mrs. Verna Ganstrom.

Shortly after Mrs. Ganstrom was appointed as the one whom our Woman's Union is supporting, she indicated great enthusiasm for her new assignment. She has sent reports of the trip which she and Mr. Ganstrom took to Nigeria to study women's work of other Christian groups.

A part of Mrs. Ganstrom's letter is as follows:

"You can be sure that it was with mixed feelings that I accepted the task of Cameroons Women's Worker. It is a vast assignment and I realize the great responsibility in the present stage. The women and their children have always been my special interest, even when I was doing full-time school work during our first years in Africa. However, to have an interest is one thing and to carry out a concrete program in that interest is quite different. Also, I shall only be able to do justice to this challenge as long as we have mission school classes for our children.

"Already you have received an excellent background for our woman's work in the Cameroons through Miss Forsch's Conference speech at Philadelphia and Mrs. Gebauer's article in the 1953 Annual.

"Last year Mrs. Mildred Schneider

did a good job of getting program materials accumulated and distributed to her missionary helpers. A committee is now putting this into working order for possible native helpers.

"Locating native women workers is our present important problem. In the past, the missionaries' wives have been carrying on most of the women's work. Many native women have been contacted, but only a few leaders have arisen. Our goal for this year is to locate and train leaders besides carrying on our program of the past. We need your united prayers.

"We should attempt some concrete program for the training of native women as leaders. As you carry forward on the home front, we covet your prayers for our task of leading the women of the Cameroons."

JULY CONTRIBUTIONS—NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST GENERAL CONFERENCE

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ALL PURPOSES

Conferences	July, 1952	July, 1952	July, 1951
Atlantic	\$ 4,203.49	\$ 1,393.54	\$ 970.78
Central	7,251.19	7,661.70	5,677.14
Dakota	5,396.10	2,665.99	4,780.37
Eastern	2,822.74	1,720.56	1,303.40
Northern	4,269.13	6,489.84	6,156.12
Northwestern	4,526.11	5,941.67	6,377.00
Pacific	6,269.90	6,239.08	4,866.50
Southern	2,447.62	3,791.70	957.05
Southwestern	2,669.91	4,161.95	1,458.52
Total Contributions	\$39,856.19	\$40,066.03	\$32,546.88

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED

	Budget Contributions	Other Purposes	Total Contributions
For the month of July, 1953	\$ 36,889.19	\$ 2,967.03	\$ 39,856.19
For the month of July, 1952	31,217.58	3,848.45	40,066.03
For the month of July, 1951	26,135.93	6,410.95	32,546.88

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR

April 1, 1953 to July 31, 1953	\$173,929.74	\$ 10,097.76	\$184,027.50
April 1, 1952 to July 31, 1952	132,615.89	28,048.91	160,664.80
April 1, 1951 to July 31, 1951	113,312.95	17,553.24	130,866.19

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED FOR THE TRIENNium

April 1, 1952 to July 31, 1953	\$651,711.22	\$ 96,057.23	\$747,769.45
April 1, 1951 to July 31, 1952	562,343.99	126,435.90	688,779.89
April 1, 1950 to July 31, 1951	485,962.25	124,557.65	610,519.90



FROM THE FIELD

Southern Conference

Vacation Bible School and Other Activities of the Greenvine Church, Brenham, Texas

On Sunday evening, June 28, the Rev. Frank Armbruster of the Greenvine Baptist Church near Brenham, Texas, baptized two young people on confession of their faith in Christ.

During the week of July 5 to 12 a Vacation Bible School was held with an average attendance of 25 children. The Rev. F. Armbruster taught the Intermediate Class, Miss Dorothy Deiss the Beginners and Mr. John Binder, Seminary student worker from Sioux Falls, S. Dak., taught the Juniors. Classes were held each morning and on Saturday afternoon an outing was held at a nearby lake. The school was climaxed by a program presented by the children on the following Sunday evening. Evangelistic meetings were conducted each night during the same week by Mr. John Binder.

We received many blessings and counted it a great privilege in being host to the Southern Conference during July 22 to 26.

Ruth Heinemann, Reporter.

Eastern Conference

Enrollment of 55 at First Vacation Bible School at Baptist Church, Arnprior, Ontario

For the first time in its history a Vacation Bible School was held by the First Baptist Church of Arnprior, Ont., from July 7 to 15. The enrollment was 55 children with an average attendance of 50.



Children and teachers at the first Vacation Bible School held by the First Baptist Church of Arnprior, Ontario, Canada



Children and teachers at the Vacation Bible School held by the Greenvine Baptist Church near Brenham, Texas

Teachers included Miss Lorraine Scheel, Mrs. Clarence Scheel, Mrs. Kenneth Holbein, Mrs. Edward Holbein, Mrs. Walter Schmidt, Mrs. Leslie Kauffeldt, Mr. Robert Heins, and Rev. Walter Schmidt. In addition Mrs. Earl Heins and Mrs. Wesley Swant assisted in many ways.

The closing program was held on Wednesday evening, July 15th. Each pupil received a diploma in recognition of work completed and faithful attendance. An offering was taken to defray expenses. After this program the parents and friends went to the church basement to see the hand-work completed by the pupils.

Within the past six months our church spent over \$3500 in improving our church basement and in building on the back of the church edifice. The addition provides a back entrance into both the basement and church auditorium. It is large enough

to provide room for an additional Sunday School class. Over 1400 hours of free skilled and semi-skilled labor was donated by men of the church in making these improvements. In all, over 45 men helped us out.

Walter Schmidt, Pastor.

Central Conference

Vacation School and Women's Birthday Dinner at State Park Church, Peoria, Illinois

The State Park Baptist Church of Peoria, Ill., held a Vacation Bible School of two weeks in June. There were 119 children enrolled with a daily average attendance of 78. The highest number of boys and girls to attend on any one day was 91. The program that was given on the closing evening told all the parents and friends how much had been accomplished at the Vacation School.

Several accepted Christ as their personal Savior. Treats were given each day by individuals. Mrs. Fred Smith and her faithful corps of teachers and helpers rendered a very fine piece of work.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the State Park Church held its annual birthday dinner in June. Mrs. Wm. Hyde is the president.

Lydia E. Vinz, Reporter.

Northern Conference

Vacation Bible School Is Held by the Nokomis Baptist Church, Nokomis, Saskatchewan

Under the direction of the Rev. R. Jaster and the assistance of three other leaders, the Nokomis Baptist Church of Nokomis, Sask., conducted a successful Vacation Bible School from Aug. 3 to 7, with an enrollment of 30 pupils who came out faithfully every afternoon from 1:00 to 4:00 P.M.

The first hour and a half were enjoyed by children in memory verses, Bible lesson and Bible drill. Every afternoon was started by a 20-minute worship period. On Sunday evening, Aug. 9, the children presented a very interesting program by reviewing some of the things they had learned and having on display some of the hand-work which they had made.

The teachers were as follows: Beginners, Mrs. Walter Hoffman; Primary, Rev. R. Jaster; Juniors, Miss Frieda Renner of the Edenwold Church; Intermediates: Mr. S. E. Felske. We are indebted to young people such as Frieda Renner who are willing to give of their time by going out into other churches to help in Vacation Bible School work. Besides Frieda we have Ethel Huber, Eyla Wensler and Norman Taylor helping out in this work in other churches, who have been asked by our Saskatchewan Tri-Union and will receive a small remuneration from the assembly for their services. May the Lord richly bless these young people in their work.

Robert Jaster, Pastor.

Activities and Vacation Bible School at Clover Lawn Baptist Mission, Leduc, Alberta

The words, Clover Lawn Baptist Church, are inscribed on the church built in Clover Lawn near Leduc, Alta., in 1944 under the auspices of the Rev. J. B. Kornalewski, now in Kelowna, British Columbia. It was about five years previously that missionary work was begun in this community. Through all these past years a small group of faithful believers has continued to support and maintain this missionary project, displaying an apostolic spirit of zeal and patient labor for the Lord.

In times when no mission worker is stationed on this field, it is being served by the Rev. J. C. Kraenzler, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Leduc, of which it actually is a mission station. Although seven miles of gravel road and a valley separate us from our mother church, nevertheless we work hand in hand and practice fellowship. Certainly, we have experienced that God is also on this side of the "Coulee."

The church enrollment in Clover Lawn is small, but the mission field is great. There are many people in this community who need a living Savior. Hence this work is of vital importance. Besides our regular services and other activities, the church held a Vacation Bible School from July 2 to 9, which was attended by 40 children. The three teachers who worked hard and diligently to make these days a visible success were Mrs. Don Dargatz of Clover Lawn, Miss Eleanor Price of Edmonton, and the undersigned.

The picnic on July 10th constituted the climax to these happy days. The school rendered an inspiring program in the forenoon, after which parents and children partook of a delicious lunch prepared by the ladies. Recreational activities in the afternoon concluded the day that will be remembered by many adults as well as children.

Bernhard Schalm, Student Pastor.

Dakota Conference

Sixteen Converts Are Baptized and Received Into Baptist Church, McClusky, North Dakota

During the last few months God's blessing in the McClusky Baptist Church of McClusky, N. Dak., was much in evidence. From May 24 to June 3 the Rev. and Mrs. G. G. Rauser of Lodi, Calif., served us as evangelists. These were days of great blessing. Although we were hindered by too much rain and bad roads, the meetings were well attended and six persons were won to Christ.

But there were others who had to be gone after long after the meetings were over, and as a result it was our privilege to baptize 16 converts on Sunday, July 12. Some of these people were saved in Mr. Rauser's meetings, some in other churches, some in their homes and in the parsonage.



Vacation Bible School group at the Clover Lawn Baptist Church, a mission of the First Baptist Church of Leduc, Alberta

This baptismal service was a union service with the Baptist Church of Turtle Lake held at Brush Lake. The Rev. A. Bibelheimer also had a group of converts to be baptized. This was a great day for both of our churches.

D. Klein, Pastor.



Members and friends of the Baptist Church, Plevna, Mont., with the Rev. G. Beutler, pastor, and Prof. H. Lueck, guest speaker, gathered for an out-of-door baptismal service

Baptismal Service and Construction of New Parsonage at Plevna, Montana

Sunday, July 12, was a great day for the members of the Plevna Baptist Church of Plevna, Mont., and its many friends. On this day Prof. Hugo Lueck from Sioux Falls and his family stopped over with the pastor's family of the Plevna Church. An outdoor baptismal service was planned for this Sunday, and Professor Lueck was our guest speaker at both services.

In the morning, Prof. Lueck spoke to a big audience in the German language on "The Church of Jesus Christ." In the afternoon he brought an English message on "The Meaning of Baptism." The Lueck sisters and Anita Beutler sang "The Lord Is My Shepherd," after which the local pastor, the Rev. G. Beutler, baptized two converts. After the baptism, all went back to the church where the pastor extended the hand of fellowship to the baptized converts and led all in

a very impressive communion service into the presence of God.

At present the Plevna Baptist Church is building a new parsonage beside the church. The construction of the fully modern parsonage, 28 by 48 feet, has already begun, and should be finished in the fall. We praise God for the many wonderful blessings.

G. Beutler, Pastor.

Farewell Service at Wessington Springs, South Dakota, for Rev. and Mrs. Walter Sukut

Rev. and Mrs. Walter Sukut and baby daughter Nora Jane of Wessington Springs, S. Dak., newly appointed missionaries to Japan to sail August 17, were honored with a heart-touching farewell service at the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Wessington Springs, S. Dak., on Sunday evening, July 5. The Ebenezer and Immanuel Baptist Churches, the latter of which Mr. Sukut organized during his short two-year ministry with us, joined together to wish the Sukuts God's richest blessing in their Crusade for Christ in Japan.

Mr. William Radke, Sunday School superintendent of Immanuel Church, had charge of the program and introduced the guest speaker, the Rev. Roy Seibel of Emery, South Dakota. His

topic, "Pioneers for the Lord Jesus," was based on Joshua 3. Following his heartwarming sermon, words of thanks for the Sukuts' faithful service were spoken by various members representing different organizations of the church. The evening program was beautified with the enthusiastic singing of the audience led by William Radke along with three choirs, sextet, duets and trios.

A love offering was presented to Mr. and Mrs. Sukut by the church as well as by the other organizations. A miniature "SS Fleetwood" was packed with parcels by the Beginner and Primary Sunday School classes and given with their thanks and appreciation to the Sukuts. Mr. and Mrs. Sukut expressed their gratitude for the gifts and the many kindnesses shown them during their pastorate with us. After the service refreshments prepared by the Woman's Missionary Society were served in the basement to the large crowd.

Mrs. Fred Weber, Clerk.

Badlands Young People's Assembly at First Baptist Church, McIntosh, South Dakota

The eighth annual Badlands Young People's Assembly was held from July 6 to 10 at the First Baptist Church in McIntosh, South Dakota.

The guest speakers at the annual meeting included Prof. Hugo Lueck of the North American Baptist Seminary at Sioux Falls, S. Dak., Miss Berneice Westerman, who recently returned as a missionary from the British Cameroons in Africa, and Miss Stillner, a youth worker in Brazil. The speakers did very well teaching the young Christians how to live a better life for our Lord.

The average attendance for the assembly was approximately 75. The evening services were enjoyed by a large congregation from McIntosh.

On the following Sunday, July 26, the Rutsches closed their second pastorate in Gackle and Alfred, N. Dak., after a blessed ministry of eight years and two months. Open House was held for them on Sunday evening, July 26. A lovely evening of devotion, special musical selections, speeches and fellowship were enjoyed with Mr. and Mrs. Rutsch receiving many words of cheer from members and friends who came to wish them "God Speed." They were presented with a generous love offering.

However, the church was very fortunate and is grateful to God to have found someone to fill the vacancy without any interruption. The Rev. Manuel Wolff, one of this year's Seminary graduates of Sioux Falls, accepted the call extended to him, and he and his young wife began their ministry on August 1st. Mr. Wolff



Officers, teachers and counselors of the California CBY and SS Assembly at Hume Lake, Calif., attended by 276 young people

The new elected officers are as follows: president, Alvin Auch; vice-president, Romona Bertsch; secretary, Betty Lou Smith; treasurer, Shirley Moser; assembly dean, Rev. Bernard Fritzke; dean of men, Rev. Herbert Vetter; dean of women, Mrs. LeRoy Schauer; recreational director, Jim Kasper; director of music, Rev. Edward Oster; mission director, Rev. Norman Miller.

A blessed week in the service of the Lord was enjoyed by all. Everyone is looking forward to another Baptist Badlands Assembly next year.

Shirley Moser, Reporter.

Two Baptisms, Farewell and Welcome at the Grace Church, Gackle, North Dakota

The Rev. G. W. Rutsch had the joy of baptizing two prominent businessmen of Gackle and the wife of one of them, also a 10-year-old Sunday School lad, on July 19. In the evening service at the Lord's Supper the hand of fellowship was extended to these new members.

preached his opening sermon on Sunday morning, Aug. 2. In the afternoon another baptismal service was held. Mr. Rutsch baptized a man and his wife and the Rev. Paul Galambos of Streeter, N. Dak., baptized six candidates from his church.

In the evening the two churches met to extend an official welcome to the new pastor and his wife. The first deacon, Mr. Harry DeWitt, had charge of the program. The leaders of the various organizations spoke words of encouragement and inspiration. Special numbers in song by the Ladies' Chorus added much to the warmth of the program.

The Rev. G. W. Rutsch gave a challenging message to the church and to the new pastor based on 1 Chronicles 28:20, and very fittingly presented the new servant of the Lord and his wife to the church, urging the congregation and pastor to work together in harmony and love as co-laborers in the Master's vineyard. Mrs. Rutsch also spoke words of congratulations and pinned a lovely corsage of roses on Mrs. Wolff.

The Rev. V. Prendinger of Fredonia, N. Dak., expressed his regrets and joys. He was sorry to bid farewell to a colleague in the ministry, but also was very happy to welcome Mr. Wolff as his neighboring pastor and as a long-time friend of the Wolff family.

Church Reporter.

Pacific Conference

Hume Lake is Site of Many Blessings for the Large California Assembly

Many were the blessings received by the California Conference of CBY and Sunday School workers. The camp at Lake Hume, Calif., was one that will long be remembered for its spiritual blessings and inspiring classes. A large group of 276 young people spent many wonderful hours attending this year's assembly from July 25 to August 1.

Our challenging speakers and inspiring classes presented a wonderful program for all. The Bible Hour, taught by Dr. Donald Davis of the Berean Church, on the five short books of the Bible, opened the morning program. This was followed by a choice of three classes which were: "Building a Christian Home" taught by Rev. E. Mittelstedt of the Fifteenth St. Church, Los Angeles; "Youth Looks at Life," taught by Rev. Berthold Jacksteit of Anaheim; "Winning Our Friends to Christ," taught by Rev. P. G. Neumann of Costa Mesa.

The morning program was completed with a class taught by one of our guest speakers, the Rev. J. C. Gunst, on "Christ in My Life" and followed through our conference theme, "For Me to Live is Christ." The primary and junior classes were taught by Miss Lillian Graf, Miss Helena Wiebe and Miss Arlene Baldwin.

After the challenging messages of the evening service brought by the Rev. Robert Schreiber of the Temple Church, Lodi, our guest medical missionary, Dr. Leslie Chaffee, brought us missionary glimpses of the Cameroons through colored slides. A fire-side singspiration for the young people, led by Bill Acton of Costa Mesa and Rev. Henry Hengstler of Ebenezer Church, Los Angeles, followed the evening services.

Much praise should go to the many who helped make this camp such a success: our dean, the Rev. W. W. Knauf of Elk Grove, for the wonderful program; our president, Ray Jantz of the Fifteenth St. Church, Los Angeles, for his efficient leadership; our registrar, Mrs. Barbara Wunsch of the Ebenezer Church, Los Angeles, for her faithful service again; and to the many other officers and counselors.

After much prayer the assembly has decided to help the new work among the lepers at the Bamenda New Hope Settlement and has designated as next year's project \$1500 towards this work.

The elected officers for the coming year are as follows: Rev. Berthold Jacksteit, Anaheim, dean; Mr. Ray Jantz, Fifteenth St. Church, Los An-

geles, president; Mr. Powell Forrester, Ebenezer Church, Los Angeles, first vice-president; Mr. LeRoy Grauer, Costa Mesa, second vice-president; Miss Barbara Chappius, First Church, Lodi, secretary; Mr. Paul Jungheit, Anaheim, treasurer; Mrs. Barbara Wunsch, Ebenezer Church, Los Angeles, registrar; Miss Elizabeth Michelson, Temple Church, Lodi, camp hostess; Miss Violet Rau, Elk Grove, representative; Dr. Donald Davis, Berean Church, Los Angeles, representative.

Gloria Walpus, Secretary.

First Baptist Church, Lodi, Calif., Holds Vacation Bible School for 222 Children

The First Baptist Church of Lodi, Calif., held a Vacation Bible School for two weeks. The children brought their missionary offerings during the two weeks, totalling \$70.00. It was a most successful school.

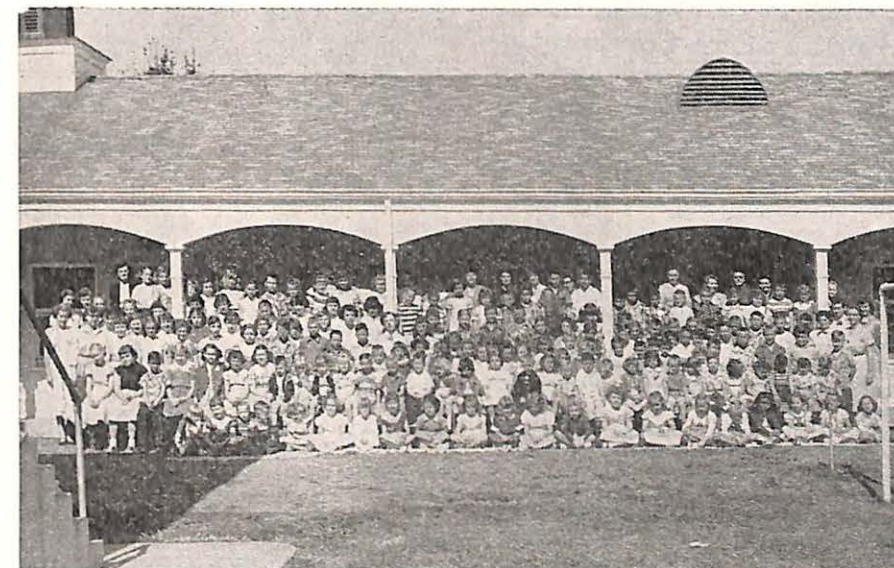
We want to make special mention of the faithful teachers and helpers in our Vacation Bible School. Mrs. G. G. Rauser was in charge. The teachers were: Beginners Department, Eisie Bolen, Adeline Zimmerman and Deborah Krause; Primary Department, Mabel Steinert, Frieda Michelson, Christine Pankow and Alvina Stroh; Junior Department, Melitta Sivell, Ann Fandrich and Marian Erbele; Intermediate Department, Ruth Mauch. Those who were classified as helpers and who also deserve a lot of credit were: Elsie Weisser, Helen Deibert, Bernice Hanselman, Meta and Barbara Chappuis, Janice Jenner, Lula Quaschnick, Leah Reich, Phyllis Bertsch, Ella Liebelt, Edward Deibert, Ludia Neuharth, Tillie Bertsch, Rosella Forsch and Mrs. Art Schopp.

This was one of the finest schools we have had. The enrollment reached the 222 mark. Let me repeat what the Rev. G. G. Rauser had in one of the bulletins, "Your reward is not in this world, but in the ages to come. Remember the Word of God teaches and promises: 'And let us not be weary in well doing, for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not' (Gal. 6:9)." Thelma Fischer, Reporter.

Summer Activities and Vacation Bible School at Temple Baptist Church, Lodi, California

Mr. George Breikreuz, student from our Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., together with his wife, the former Esther Krombein, served the Temple Baptist Church in Lodi, Calif., during July and August. Mr. Breikreuz was the director of the Vacation Bible School and supplied the pulpit while the pastor, the Rev. Robert Schreiber, was at summer assembly.

Summer Assembly at Hume Lake, Calif., for Commissioned Baptist Youth and Sunday School workers was attended by 23 of our people from July 25 to August 1. Our Sunday School bus driven by Pastor Schreiber was used to transport our young people as well as several from other churches. The trip was enjoyed by all in spite of mechanical difficulties encountered in getting there. The return trip was



It was a big crowd of children and young people at the Vacation Bible School of the First Baptist Church, Lodi, Calif., with a good sized staff of teachers in charge

fine and the youngsters were rewarded with a watermelon feed on their way home. Each evening it was the privilege of our beloved pastor to give a series of talks on inspiration and decision. We are happy, too, that one of our number accepted Jesus Christ as her personal Savior.

A Vacation Bible School was held at Temple Church from July 6 to 17 with 25 teachers and helpers. We had an enrollment of 140, with an average daily attendance of 103. There were 24 enrolled in the Beginners Department, 59 in the Primary Department and 57 in the Junior Department.

Our Sunday School bus was driven by Pastor Schreiber and made its daily round to pick up the children in the rural areas who would otherwise have been unable to attend. A daily missionary offering was taken for the Vacation Bible School work in our Spanish-American Mission in Colorado. This amounted to \$65.07. In conjunction with the lesson one day hundreds of useful and varied

gifts were brought for our mission work in the Cameroons.

A closing program was held on Friday evening to which the parents and friends were invited. The children of the school together with the staff marched in to the sanctuary, as was customary each morning. The salutes to the American flag, Christian flag and the Bible were given. This was followed by each department presenting a short resume of their work. An interesting feature of the Beginners Department was a Rhythm Band. At the close of the program award winners were announced. These were earned on a point system basis. The teachers had prepared exhibits in their classrooms and everyone was given an opportunity to view them at the end of the evening.

We are grateful for the decisions that were made and for the opportunity to impart more knowledge of Jesus Christ to all those who attended our school.

Mrs. Pauline Gigax, Reporter.



The enthusiastic crowd of children and the faithful staff of teachers at the Vacation Bible School of the Temple Baptist Church, Lodi, Calif., have their official photograph taken

Northwestern Conference

Sessions of the Northwestern Conference at the Riverview Church, St. Paul, Minnesota

Delegates and visitors of Northwestern Conference churches of the North American Baptist General Conference gathered at the Riverview Baptist Church of Saint Paul, Minn., for their annual conference, July 8 to 12.

Messages brought by denominational workers and pastors of the conference churches were centered around the theme, "Partnership With Christ." The last portion of Matthew 16:24 was used as the key verse.

The conference was set off to a good start with a message, "The Basis of Partnership," brought by the Rev. A. J. Esperson, pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Other messages during the conference included "Comparison With

past year. A gain of 95 in membership appeared on the church rolls. The reports further indicated that although our churches are supporting our own missionary endeavors, quite a large sum of money is given to the support of other missionary endeavors. We were reminded of the tremendous God-given task given us in our own missionary endeavors. Copies of the reports of the committee on the Digest of Church Letters and the Resolutions Committee were to be sent to all churches so that all might be aware of the work of the churches in the conference and the recommendations adopted by the conference.

Conference officers elected at the business sessions are: moderator, Rev. Frank Veninga, Aplington, Iowa; recording secretary, Rev. Wilmer Quiring, Bethany Church, Milwaukee, Wis.; statistician, Rev. Henry Smuland, Sheffield, Iowa; treasurer, Fred Grosser, Forest Park, Ill.; representatives elected to the mission committee include: Rev. W. Gerthe, Buffalo Cen-

The 1954 Northwestern Conference is to be held with the Grace Church, Racine, Wisconsin. Members of the program committee for the conference include Rev. Jothan Benke, Watertown, Wis., chairman; Mr. Harry Luiken, Steamboat Rock, Iowa; Rev. Adam Huber, Minneapolis, Minn.; and Rev. Raymond Parry, Racine, Wisconsin.

Ellen Lehr, Reporter.

Young People's Sessions of the Northwestern Conference at St. Paul's Riverview Church

The CBY and SS Union played an important part in the Northwestern Conference, which met at Riverview Baptist Church of St. Paul, Minn., from July 8 to 12. Under the leadership of our president, Miss Doris Glewwe, we enjoyed a very fine program.

At the annual business meeting held on Saturday afternoon, the society voted to designate the money in the treasury, over and above necessary running expenses, for the New Hope Settlement of the Cameroons.

Officers elected to lead us for the new year are: president, Miss Virginia Glewwe, St. Paul, Minn.; vice-president, Miss Clara Wall, Minneapolis, Minn.; secretary, Miss Donna Mae Rabenhorst, Watertown, Wis.; and treasurer, Mr. Donald Richter, St. Paul, Minnesota. The balance of the afternoon was spent in recreation, sightseeing and looking forward to the banquet. And a wonderful banquet it was! The Riverview ladies really out-did themselves and served a lovely meal to a large crowd. In fact, we had to move to a neighboring church to accommodate all the people.

Mr. Bob Stassen makes a fine toastmaster, and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the chorus singing and special music. Dr. Peter Smit of the First Baptist Church of St. Paul, Minn., was the speaker of the evening. His inspiring message, "Measuring Your Partnership," tied in perfectly with the general theme of the conference.

The Sunday afternoon service was equally uplifting. We were very fortunate to have our own beloved Dr. Leslie Chaffee, Cameroons medical missionary, speak to us. He likened our task as Christians to that of an envoy to a foreign country—we are "Ambassadors for Christ." As such, we must be true to Christ whom we represent. With the great commission, "Go ye . . ." ringing in our ears, we look forward to great victories with and for our Lord, whose we are and whom we serve.

Iona Fluth, Reporter.

Sessions of Northwestern Conference Woman's Missionary Union at Riverview Church, St. Paul

"Ladies' Day" at the Northwestern Conference held at the Riverview Church of St. Paul, Minn., began with breakfast at 7:45 A.M. on Friday, July 10. The breakfast was served by the women of the Cherokee Heights Presbyterian Church of St. Paul, in the lower auditorium of that church. Seventy-six women attended the

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Some of the Iowa visitors and delegates to the Northwestern Conference in front of the Riverview Baptist Church, St. Paul, Minnesota

Secular Partnership," "Partnership in World Missions," "Corporeal Partnership," "The Acquisition of Money," "Partnership in the Use of Money," "Partnership in Action," "Partnership in the Use of Time," "Partnership in Worship," "Partnership in Spiritual Purpose." These were brought by Dr. George A. Dunger, Dr. Leslie Chaffee, Dr. Dunger, the Reverends Fred Lemmert, Richard Schilke, Thomas Lutz, Henry Smuland, R. Schilke, and John Reimer, respectively.

Devotional sessions during the conference days were led by the Reverends Rudolph Rapske, Donald Patet, Edward Kopf and Ronald MacCormack. We were thrilled by the special music presented by the choirs of the Riverview and Dayton's Bluff Churches and by visitors and delegates to the conference.

A memorial service calling attention to those of the Conference who had passed away since the last conference session was conducted by the Rev. R. S. Wipf.

Reports from the churches of our conference indicate that they have gone forward with Christ during this

ter, Iowa; Rev. Donald Patet, Randolph, Minn.; Rev. G. K. Zimmerman, Temple Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Rev. Donald Patet was elected representative to the General Missionary Committee with Rev. W. Gerthe serving as alternate to this committee. Rev. G. K. Zimmerman was again elected secretary of the conference mission committee. Rev. William Jeschke of the Dayton's Bluff Church, Saint Paul, Minn., was elected representative on the General Council with Rev. Fred Mashner of Sumner, Iowa, as alternate.

Rev. Frank Veninga, conference moderator, appointed three committees to serve during the year. The nominating committee composed of Rev. Thomas Lutz, North Freedom, Wis., chairman; Mr. Fred Woyke, Minneapolis, Minn.; Rev. John Kroeker, Baileyville, Ill., is to be prepared to present a slate of candidates early in the conference sessions. Mr. Richard Mulder, Parkersburg, Iowa (chairman), Rev. Edgar Klatt, Saint Paul, Minn., and Mr. Arthur Kehrein are to report suggested constitutional changes at the next conference.

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.)

MRS. LENA NANSEN of Burlington, Iowa.

After being a member of the Oak Street Baptist Church of Burlington, Iowa, for 68 years, Mrs. Lena Nansen of Burlington, Iowa, entered the Church Triumphant on the 26th of July in her 92 year. Lena Wiesel was born in Oldenburg, Germany, Sept. 13, 1861. In 1884 she came to this country. She was married to John Rieckhoff in 1897. After several years he preceded her in death. Her second husband, Carl Nansen, also preceded her in death.

She is survived by a son, a daughter, five grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. Her children gave her the testimony that her Christian life was characterized by a faith which manifests itself in works. They suggested the use of James 2, in which the argument is made very clear that faith without works is dead. God knows our works and rewards accordingly. After these many years of faithful life, God says: "Well done, thou good and faithful servant—enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

Oak Street Baptist Church, Burlington, Iowa

OTTO E. KRUEGER, Pastor.

MR. ELMER ALLEN RABENHORST of Unityville, South Dakota.

Elmer Allen Rabenhorst, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Rabenhorst, was born in Pearl Township, McCook Co., S. Dak., and here he also attended the grade school and the Spenser High School. He was well liked in the whole community and had many friends. Allen accepted Christ as his Savior in his youth and was baptized at the age of 16 years by the Rev. Arthur Schulz, who was pastor of the Unityville Church at that time.

On April 10, 1951 he entered the United States Army and faithfully served his country in the Far East till he was discharged with honor, April 2, 1953. His tragic death, caused by an auto accident near Madison, S. Dak., on July 18, brought his earthly life to a close on July 24 at the age of 25 years, 3 months and 5 days.

He leaves to mourn his loss his father and mother; his sister, Ardis; his brother and sister-in-law, Robert and Beverly; and nephew, Tommy; his grandmother, Mrs. Carl Wobig; and a host of relatives and friends. May the Lord comfort the bereaved!

Unityville Baptist Church, Unityville, South Dakota

J. F. OLTHOFF, Pastor.

MR. JOHN HENRY HEIMANN of Eunice, Louisiana.

John Heimann of Eunice, La., was born February 16, 1881 in Frankenberg, Germany. On May 5, 1907 he married Elise Bieber. In 1924 he and his family immigrated to America and settled in this community of Louisiana and became a member of the Mowata Baptist Church, which he served very faithfully as Sunday School teacher, superintendent, Sunday School teacher, church secretary and finally as a deacon.

He was reared in the Lutheran faith, but, while serving in the German Army, he accepted Christ as his Savior and somewhat later followed Christ in biblical baptism, which was performed by the Rev. Mr. Naundorf and received into the fellowship of the Baptist Church.

He leaves to mourn: his wife, Mrs. Elise Bieber; his son, Adolf; two daughters: Emilie Loewer and Mrs. August Loewer; and six grandchildren. One of his grandchildren preceded him in death. He is also survived by his brother, Adolf; his sisters: Minna Kursch and Auguste Griesel of Germany.

For a long time he suffered with a heart ailment. On August 4 he entered the hospital in Eunice, La., for the last time. On August 6 he was called to be with his Savior at the age of 72 years, 5 months and 22 days. "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints."

Mowata Baptist Church, Branch, Louisiana

ALEX SOOTZMANN, Pastor.

MRS. FRED ZUBER of Fessenden, North Dakota.

Mrs. Fred Zuber, nee Amelia Beier, of Fessenden, N. Dak., was born on May 6, 1887 at Bridgewater, South Dakota. For a time the family resided at Cooperstown where she attended schools. In 1906 they moved to Carrington, North Dakota. On September 26, 1909 she was united in marriage to Mr. Fred Zuber. This union was blessed with three children. They made their home in Fessenden where they resided until her passing. She was an active member in the Mothers' Club, Ladies' Aid, American Legion Auxiliary and The Order of Eastern Star. She had been ailing in health for the past ten years.

After much suffering, death was caused by a malignancy on August 4, 1953. She had reached the age of 66 years, 2 months and 29 days. She leaves to mourn her passing her devoted husband; one daughter, Mrs. Charlotte Durocher, Washington, D. C.; two sons: John V. Zuber of Milton-Freewater, Ore.; Robert H. Zuber of Hyattsville, Md.; six grandchildren; three sisters; two brothers and many relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held from the Fessenden Baptist Church with the undersigned speaking on John 1:4.

Fessenden, North Dakota

VERNON LINK, Pastor.

MRS. ANNA HILLEN of Houghton, South Dakota.

The Henry Hillen family of Houghton, S. Dak., reports the homegoing of Mrs. Anna Hillen in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Riedsorph, Marion, Ind., daughter and son-in-law. She had been born as Anna Meyer in Germany, Nov. 4, 1867. She came to this country in 1893. In 1895 she was united in marriage with John Hillen at Mt. Union, Iowa. In 1908 the Hillens moved to South Dakota. Not finding a Baptist church there, they retained their membership in the Oak Street Church of Burlington, Iowa, all these years. Mr. Hillen passed on in 1931.

Mrs. Hillen leaves three sons, three daughters and ten grandchildren. The letter from the Henry Hillen family contains these words of appreciation of her life. "She left her children a great heritage in her godly life over many years. Recently she often expressed the desire soon to cross over into the eternal home of the blessed. She had enjoyed a long and happy life with the Lord and has seen all of her family taking the way with the Lord and serving him. God was so near at the funeral; it was wonderful, just like a home-going." The Rev. J. F. Simpson of Rapid City assisted by Rev. Paul Essex of Houghton, S. Dak., conducted the funeral services.

Oak Street Baptist Church, Burlington, Iowa

OTTO E. KRUEGER, Pastor.

MRS. IDA RAPPUNH ZUBER of Fessenden, North Dakota.

Mrs. Ida Rappuhn Zuber of Fessenden, N. Dak., was born in Germany on November 4, 1881. At the age of four she came to the United States with her parents, who settled first in New York and then in Nebraska. When she was 16 years old, they migrated by covered wagon to a farm near Fessenden, North Dakota. On December 25, 1900 she was united in marriage to Adam V. Zuber. This union was blessed with five children. In 1950 the happy couple celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

She was converted and united with the First Baptist Church at an early age. She was an active member, taught a Sunday School class and sang in the choir. She was a charter member of the Ladies' Missionary Society and served as president for 14 years. For 21 years she served as Juvenile Court Commissioner with her husband in this area. Her life was full and rich and a blessing to those with whom she came in contact.

She passed away, as the result of a chronic cardiac condition, on August 7, 1953, at the age of 71 years, 9 months and 3 days. Besides her devoted husband she leaves her five children: Mrs. Wilson (Edna) of Malta, Mont.; Mrs. A. Knodel (Esther) of Fessenden, N. Dak.; Mrs. F. Rypka (Agnes) of Moorhead, Minn.; Mrs. Otto Fiesel (Helen) of Sidney, Mont.; and Arthur V. Zuber of Red Lodge, Mont.; 14 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren, five sisters; one brother; her church, and many other relatives and friends.

The undersigned spoke on Psalm 116:15 at the funeral service held at the Fessenden Baptist Church.

Fessenden, North Dakota

VERNON LINK, Pastor.

MR. CARL ALBERT APEL of Gatesville, Texas.

Last rites were held at the Bethel Heights Baptist Church, near Gatesville, Texas, for Albert Carl Apel, who passed away on August 10, 1953. Mr. Apel was born in Cassel, Germany, December 17, 1891, and was baptized by the Rev. D. Naundorf, pastor of the Cassel Church on September 8, 1907.

In 1908, his parents, August and Emma Apel, together with their five children, emigrated to this country and settled near Gatesville where Mr. Apel lived the rest of his life. Upon his arrival, he united with the Bethel Heights Baptist Church where he faithfully worshiped and served his Lord until the time of his death. Up until a few months ago, when his illness started, he was regular in his attendance at prayer meetings as well as the other services of the church. He served as church clerk for 25 years and as teacher for the Boy's Sunday School class for many years. He was a good Bible student and also a member of the choir and male chorus. This church will miss him in many ways for a long time to come.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Lizzie (formerly Miss Lizzie Schaub); and three daughters: Mrs. Walter (Louise) Stephens, Mrs. Carl (Alfreda) Schoenewolf, and Mrs. Elmo (Norma) King; and four sons: Albert, Jr., Eddie, Edwin, and Irvin Curt. One son, John, preceded his homegoing in 1940. Brother Apel also has two sisters: Mrs. Gus Cook and Mrs. Otto Schwartz; and one brother, Richard Apel. His brother, William Apel, passed away on August 13, only three days after his death.

Brother Apel was brave in facing death as he was courageous in living. He said to his pastor, "I am not afraid to die, if that is the Lord's will." This was because he knew that he was ready. What a blessed hope this is! Thus the Christian can shout with the Apostle Paul: "O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? . . . Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us."

Bethel Heights Baptist Church, Gatesville, Texas

EDWIN KRAEMER, Pastor.

ALL THINGS TO ALL MEN

Christ was a home missionary, in the house of Lazarus. Christ was a foreign missionary, when the Greeks came to him. Christ was a city missionary, when he taught in Samaria. Christ was a Sunday School missionary, when he opened up the Scriptures and set men to studying the Word of God. Christ was a children's missionary, when he took them in his arms and blessed them. Christ was a missionary to the poor, when he opened the eyes of the blind beggar. Christ was a missionary to the rich, when he opened the spiritual eyes of Zaccheus. Even on the cross, Christ was a missionary to the robber, and his last command was the missionary commission.—Amos R. Wells.

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breakfast and business meeting which followed.

Mrs. Fred Lemmert of LaCrosse, Wis., vice-president, presided at this meeting as well as at the afternoon session. Mrs. Wm. Jeschke of the Dayton's Bluff Church, St. Paul, guided our thoughts during the devotional time. "Partnership In Compassion" was her theme, stressing in particular our needs on the mission field.

The following officers were elected: president, Mrs. Frank Veninga, Applington, Iowa; vice-president, Mrs. Wm. Stassen, Riverview Church, St. Paul, Minn.; secretary, Mrs. Louis Schulze, Burlington, Iowa; treasurer, Mrs. Fred Mashner, Sumner, Iowa. After the business was completed, a very informative playlet, "Talking Bandages," was presented by the ladies of the Faith Baptist Church of Minneapolis.

Two workshops had been planned. "Program Planning" was conducted by Mrs. Miller of Randolph, Minn.; Mrs. Stanke of Dayton's Bluff Church led the workshop on "White Cross." Both groups received much new and helpful information to be used in the local societies.

The newly elected officers were installed by the Rev. Frank Veninga, conference moderator, at the afternoon service. Other features of this service were the ladies' chorus directed by Mrs. Edgar Klatt and the marimba and flute duet played by Mrs. Adam Huber and Mrs. David Dunn, both of the Faith Baptist Church. It was a special joy to have

**HARVEST AND MISSION
FESTIVAL**

The 1953 programs and recitation material for the Harvest and Mission Festivals to be observed by our Sunday Schools have been sent to all churches before the close of August.

This program is to be observed early in the fall, preferably on Sunday, Oct. 11, 1953. The offerings are to be designated for the missionary enterprise of our denomination. The pictures and brief stories of the three most recently appointed missionaries for Japan appear on page 4 of the program leaflet.

our missionary doctor, Dr. Leslie Chaffee, as guest speaker for this service. All the ladies heard with great interest about the medical work being done at Banso and other mission stations in the Cameroons.

Not only did we learn of new goals, new program ideas and new methods, but we have also renewed our fellowship with Christ for another year of service for him.

Mrs. Edward Kopf, Reporter.

**Missionary Service Guild of Oak
Street Church, Burlington, Iowa,
Celebrates 35th Anniversary**

Thursday, August 6, was a festive day for the members of the Missionary Service Guild of the Oak Street Baptist Church of Burlington, Iowa.

On that evening they gathered with a large number of their friends in the social hall of the church to celebrate their 35th anniversary as a missionary organization.

A fitting and interesting program began with devotions on "This is the day which the Lord hath made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it." Brief talks followed by several of the members on what the Guild has meant to them, as well as the story about its activities.

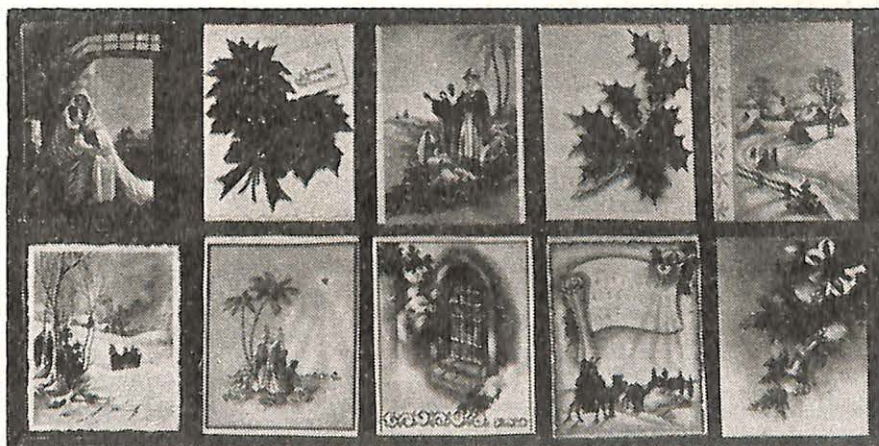
Especially fitting and a cause for rejoicing was the fact that we had the Rev. and Mrs. O. E. Krueger with us, under whose ministry the Guild was founded, and who are now serving the church in an interim capacity. Both of them spoke, Mrs. Krueger cherished certain "Memories" of the past, and Mr. Krueger challenging us to "Evangelism" and "Integration," both of which are necessary in order to achieve success as a missionary organization.

Infusing a bit of humor, but at the same time bringing home to the listeners the many excuses for lack of service, the presentation of the playlet, "A Missionary Clinic," was well received. Choral music was rendered by a group of Service Guild members and by teen age group of "future Service Guild members." The program was climaxed with an impressive candlelight service. A missionary offering of \$116.00 was received.

Following the program, those in attendance were served refreshments from a lovely table decorated with a beautiful birthday cake bearing 35 candles, the creation and gift of one of the Guild members.

Mrs. H. O. Kohrs, Reporter.

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