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The S. S. Lesson in ACTION

By Rev. B. JACKSTEIT, Anaheim, Calif.

A LESSON PLAN
Date: May 2, 1954

Theme: JUDGMENT ON JEROBOAM

SCRIPTURE: 1 Kings 14:5-10a, 12-16.

PURPOSE: To show how very important vital religion is to the welfare and security of a nation.

GETTING STARTED: Why did Jeroboam fail? Considering that he was God's choice for the job and was made king by popular acclaim—both of which would indicate that he must have been a man of real ability and strength of character—why did he end up a failure and lead his people down the road to ruin?

The answer, according to the Scripture, is that he "did sin" and "made Israel to sin." Wherein did this sin consist? Primarily, it was this: he tried to manipulate the religion of the people to his own advantage and to secure his personal position. In so doing, he broke down the religious and moral fibre of the nation and started it on the road to ruin (1 Kings 12:24-33).

Developing the Theme:

I. VITAL RELIGION IS NECESSARY TO NATIONAL WELFARE AND SECURITY.

1. Only a common faith, deeply believed and sincerely followed can unite a people and give it solidarity (1 Kings 12:26-27).

2. Only such a faith can give a nation the moral and spiritual strength, the drive for righteousness and justice, so essential to its welfare.

3. As the history of Israel so clearly indicates, once the faith of a people loses its power and purity, that nation cannot long endure.

II. VITAL RELIGION MUST BE OBEYED, NOT MANIPULATED; FOR FAITH IS A COMMAND, NOT A CONVENIENCE.

1. Jeroboam recognized the importance of religion to the life of the nation but forgot that Israel had received its faith from God—a faith that was to be obeyed and faithfully adhered to. Thus, when he began to tamper with that faith and to manipulate it for his own advantage, he actually destroyed that faith and brought the judgment of God upon himself and his people (1 Kings 14:9-10, 15-16).

2. Today, too, there are those—dictators, nations, men eager to gain power—who would tamper with the Christian faith and manipulate it to fit their own selfish ends. Such tampering always brings tragic consequences, for Christianity is a divine revelation to be honored and obeyed, not a convenience to do with as men pleased.

Applying the Lesson:

1. What modern nations illustrate the truth set forth above?

2. Discuss the forces in our own nation that tend to use and manipulate Christianity for selfish ends.

3. How can we make sure that we as a people shall remain true to basic Christianity?

4. How important is it that the president and leaders of our nation should be Christian and actively promote vital Christianity?

A LESSON PLAN
Date: May 9, 1954

Theme: ELIJAH CHALLENGES BAAL WORSHIP.

SCRIPTURE: 1 Kings 17:1; 18:17-24, 37-39.

PURPOSE: To show the need for decisive and courageous action if the onward march of pagan and evil forces is to be stayed and their power broken.

GETTING STARTED: Elijah was not popular in his day; but he was desperately needed. There was a struggle going on in the land for the souls of the people. The adversaries were Baalism, a religion that defied every vice and glorified every perversity, and the faith of the fathers that called the people back to God and to a life of high personal morality and social righteousness. Elijah wasn't popular; but by his courageous action he saved the day for Israel.

The adversaries today are different; but the struggle for the souls of men still goes on. Godless Communism, an all pervading materialism, a Roman Catholic hierarchy set on expanding its power at any cost—all these are ranged against vital, evangelical, basic Christianity. To be outspoken and courageous in that conflict is not always popular; but such action is desperately needed if the battle is not to be lost and if America is not to lose its soul and go down the road to spiritual death and political and religious totalitarianism.

Developing the Theme:

I. FALSE GODS THAT VIE FOR MEN'S LOYALTIES.

1. In Elijah's time, it was the Baalim that sought men's devotion.

2. Today there are many such false gods. Which are some of them? How do they seek to win followers?

II. THE TRUE GOD TOLERATES NO COMPROMISE, NO DIVIDED LOYALTY.

1. Many in Elijah's day tried to serve both God and Baal. Such compromise, however, was intolerable to God (1 Kings 18:21).

ENGAGEMENTS

- Dr. Frank H. Woyke
April 23—Publication Board session, Cleveland, Ohio.
- April 24—Children's Home Survey Committee, St. Joseph, Mich.
- April 30-May 1—Seminary Board session, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.

- Rev. R. Schilke
April 25 (Sunday) — Immanuel Church, Kenosha, Wisconsin.
- April 27-29—Annual sessions, General Missionary Committee, Forest Park, Illinois.

- Rev. J. C. Gunst
April 24 (Saturday)—Youth Rally, First Baptist Church, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.
- April 25 (Sunday A.M.)—Madison, South Dakota.
- April 25 (Sunday P.M.)—Emery, South Dakota.

- Rev. Lawrence Bienert
April 24 (Saturday)—Youth Rally, First Baptist Church, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.
- April 25 (Sunday A.M.)—Trinity Church, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.
- April 25 (Sunday P.M.)—Northside Church, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.

- Rev. Martin L. Leuschner
April 27 (Tuesday)—Union meeting of Detroit Women's Missionary Societies at Conner Church, Detroit, Michigan.
- May 2 (Sunday)—Central Baptist Church, Kitchener, Ontario.

- Rev. D. Fuchs, Evangelist
April 25-May 7—Roberts Street Church, Toronto, Ontario.

- Rev. Herman Palfenier, Evangelist
April 18-25—Immanuel Church, New York, N. Y.
- May 2-9—Kenosha, Wisconsin.

IMPORTANT DATES

- April 23—Annual meeting of the Publication Board, Cleveland, Ohio.
- April 24 (Saturday)—Youth Rally, First Baptist Church, Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Dr. Joel Sorenson of Stockholm, Sweden, Speaker.
- April 27-29—Annual sessions of the General Missionary Committee, Forest Park, Illinois.
- April 27 (Tuesday, 7:45 P.M.)—Missionary Rally for churches of Chicago and vicinity at Forest Park Baptist Church, Forest Park, Ill.
- April 30-May 1—Sessions of the Seminary Board, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.

2. Many today are trying to divide their loyalties, to serve God and some others gods; but God will have no part of such compromise. He demands undivided loyalty and absolute devotion.

III. THE RESULT OF COMPROMISE IN MATTERS OF RELIGION IS ALWAYS SPIRITUAL CONFUSION AND MORAL AND MATERIAL DECAY.

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Editorial

The Bridge of Life

THE MAGNIFICENT Golden Gate Bridge at San Francisco, Calif., reminds us of three loads or stresses, which an engineer must take into account in designing bridges. These, according to a devotional reading in "The Upper Room," are the dead load, the live load, and the wind load.

"The dead load is the weight of the bridge itself. The live load is the weight of the daily traffic that the bridge must carry. The wind load is the pressure of the storms that beat upon the bridge. The designer plans for bracings which will enable the bridge to bear all these loads. In our lives, too, we need bracings which can make it possible for us to carry the dead load of self, the live load of daily living, and the wind load of life's emergencies."

Your life will be a magnificent, sturdy bridge only as you deal successfully with the dead load of yourself. The Lord Jesus Christ recognized this as he challenged the rich young ruler to follow him. Only he who is willing to lose his life for the sake of Christ and his Gospel will find it. The Apostle Paul said that he was crucified with Christ and, as a result, it was no longer he who lived but Christ who lived in him. Such a life is as magnificent as a bridge that can withstand the various stresses of the dead load of self.

Sometimes the daily cares and the anxieties of life are as heavy to bear as the daily traffic that rumbles over a bridge against which the structure must be braced. It is an experience of undergirding strength to cast all your cares on the Lord who can supply all your needs, to be "anxious for nothing" and to stand firmly on God's promises. Each day with its varied experiences is encountered in the strength of the Lord, awaiting the outcome of his will and power through your experiences. That is what the Apostle Paul meant by writing to the Colossians: "Whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him" (Col. 3:17).

But the bridge must also be designed to withstand the wind load of treacherous storms. Every Christian life must be able to take the stresses of the wind load of life's emergencies and crises. Peter wrote to the Christians to "think it not strange considering the fiery trial which is to try you . . . If any man suffer as a Christian let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf" (1 Peter 4:12 and 16). We are seen as more than conquerors in the testing hours of adversity and difficulty. The greatness of God's strength in us and our unshakable faith in Christ are revealed in such storms that blow against our bridge of life.

Consider your life as a bridge—as magnificent as the Golden Gate bridge itself. It too needs bracings to carry its load. It too must be built well to take care of all strain and stress. In Christ you build a bridge that will stand forever!

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The Power That Matters!

The message presented over television studio, WICU of Erie, Pa., by the pastor of the Central Baptist Church of Erie on Sunday morning, Feb. 21, 1954, with his congregation in the television studio. This was the first completely televised service of a North American Baptist Church!

By the REV. PETER PFEIFFER of Erie, Pennsylvania

WE LIVE in a day of remarkable scientific advancement, a day in which nearly everyone seems to be "power" conscious. The military enthusiasts think in terms of fire-power or striking power. Politically we speak in terms of "balance of power" with, of course, the balance in our favor. In industry we think in terms of productive power and in the home, it's the power appliances. Even in the field of sports the headlines eulogize the high scorer, the power runner or the power hitter.

whom alone real progress may be made.

Recently we celebrated the birthday of the "father of our nation." We may look upon George Washington as a real father—not because of his leadership ability as a general or his administrative ability as president, but because he was humble enough and wise enough to seek the power of God so that he might ever lead his national family wisely. Of all the pictures of Washington which we have, the one that appeals to us most is the one of

and secure. Rather than being secure, however, we are more uneasy and more afraid than ever. Why all this pessimism amidst the greatest display of power? We are afraid of the power uncovered by man in the hands of an enemy. Man's ingenuity when separated from God becomes man's folly and a monster to be reckoned with. We need more than ever to rediscover the secret of inner peace which the Psalmist had when he learned to "be still and know that I am God."

IN THE BEGINNING

Back in the very beginning was God! He was the Organizer and Creator of all that is or shall be. Every scientific advance made or to be made must be made according to the laws set up by God in the very beginning. Man can never invent nor create. At best, he can only discover and apply that which God had created in the very beginning. Basically our fears result from an abuse of power in the same manner as the first man became frightened as a result of his disobedience to God.

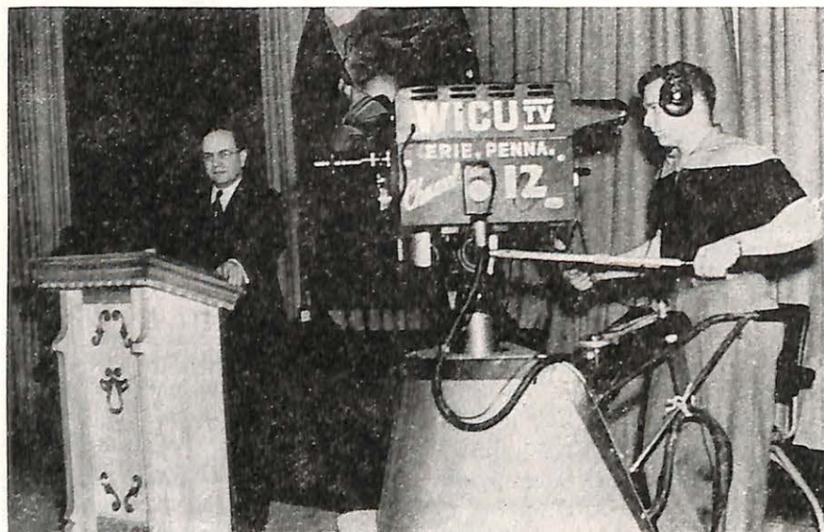
God made man a free moral agent. He gave man freedom. Man can build or destroy. Everything in this world has been created for man to be used toward good and wholesome ends. Instead of carrying out God's plan, we have used his blessings for selfish ends and thus we have made the holy unholy. May we awaken from our state of lethargic living, for "God is not mocked!"

We may act as we please in this life, but we must render an account of our stewardship when our earthly course is completed. All the begging and weeping will be to no avail, for we shall reap what we have sown. God, the righteous Judge, will give us what we have asked for—no more and no less.

This action is much like a judge and jury pronouncing a man guilty who has committed a crime. They have not judged him—he has judged himself through his act of violence. The judge and jury have simply pronounced that which he asked for through his action.

REAL POWER

The power that matters then is real power. It is power that comes from God to be used for godly ends. Like



Rev. Peter Pfeiffer, pastor of the Central Baptist Church of Erie, Pa., prepares to deliver his televised message, "The Power That Matters," over Channel 12 of Station WICU of Erie

Power in itself is an amoral force, that is, it is neither good nor bad. It only becomes a good or bad force when it comes under the direction of the mind of man. For only the mind of man can determine the direction which man-designed power will take.

GREAT ADVANCES

Despite the great strides made in our progressive age, we look for still greater advances. In our striving for power, however, may we never lose sight of the fact that the power that really matters is the power which comes from God. Let us continue to make scientific progress by all means, but let us not permit science or selfish desire to obliterate the God through

Washington on his knees at Valley Forge as his ill-clad and ill-equipped men faced a bitter winter and a powerful antagonist. The help Washington sought on his knees was the power that really matters.

The power available to us today enables us to cross the miles in split seconds via the various media of communication. The fire-power of our atomic weapons is overwhelming and the speed of powerful planes and automobiles cause us to stand in awe and amazement. As we add up the achievements of man we arrive at the answer, "So what?" What have these advances really given to men, the eternal man that is?

As we see the gala demonstrations of man's genius, we should feel at ease

many others, we say that this is a hard and cold world where there is no room for sentimentality and love among men. Is it foolishness though? All the power of "things" in this world cannot bring happiness even to a home. Home becomes a home only when and where the power of unselfish love reigns.

Jesus said, "I am come that they (you and I) might have life" and that we might have it in abundance. Life is power and real living is a power which is available to all who unreservedly acknowledge Christ as the focal point of their attention. To dedicate ourselves unreservedly to Christ does not mean that we are to live in a vacuum—not at all! We are not coffee beans; we are human beings who are supposed to mingle with our fellow-men.

Christ can use Christian businessmen, tradespeople and common laborers just as much, if not more, than Christian ministers. He needs them as living lights and witnesses in a world which is seeking enlightenment regarding the true meaning and purpose of life.

We pride ourselves on the fact that the United States considers the rights of individuals in contrast to Russia's rule by suppression of the individual. Do you realize that this power of democracy is God-given? It was Christ who said: "Thou shalt love . . . thy neighbor as thyself." Many think that religion is a sedative for women, children and weak men. How foolish and unrealistic is this attitude!

STRENGTH AS CHRISTIANS

Only the strong can be Christians, for only the strongest are able to swim against the tide. The real weaklings are those who float with the tide of popularity and superficiality. Remember that the army of Israel cringed in the presence of Philistia and Goliath. It took a God-fearing David to stand up to and defeat the power of evil as personified in Goliath.

In the twenty-third Psalm this same David says: "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil for thou art with me." Like fools, we too often fear the insignificant and do not fear (draw up to) the power of God who is able to destroy both body and soul, whereas man at best can only harm the body.

It should be encouraging to read in 2 Timothy 1:7, "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind." God needs us to help him complete his plans of building his Kingdom. Thus it is, that he says to you and to me: "Why stand ye here idle?"

We are so ready with an excuse when Jesus calls. We can't do this and we can't do that. Christ knows our failings better than we ourselves know them. If he calls us, he can use us. If we are willing, then he will fill us



The choir of the Central Baptist Church, Erie, Pa., gets "last minute instructions" before singing in the televised program of their recent regular Sunday morning worship service

with real power so that we are able to "do all things through Christ who strengtheneth me."

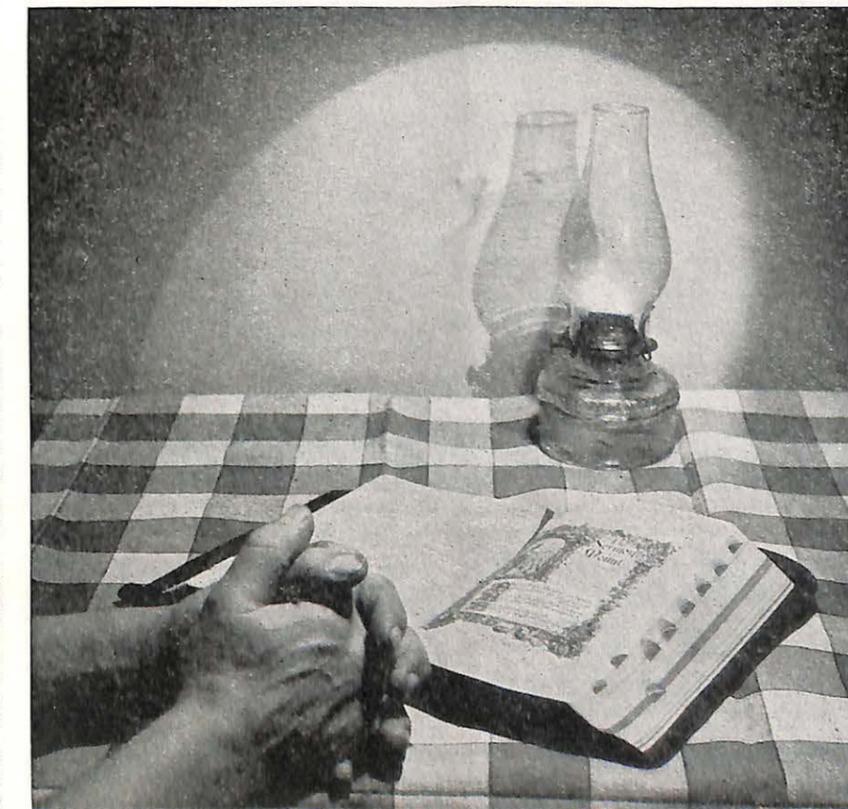
Jesus said: "I WILL build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." To refuse to cooperate with Christ is to oppose him. To oppose him is to pronounce our own eternal death sentence.

THE POWER OF CHRIST

One of the greatest evidences of the power of Christ and his Gospel is the ability of Christ and his "Good News"

to meet the needs of all men of all nations of all ages. He, as well as his message, are able to meet the needs of all, "yesterday, today, and forever." The reason he is able to meet all needs is because he made all things and not anything was created without him. "In the beginning was God!"

In the end, likewise, God will reign supreme. "I am the Alpha and the Omega!" Therefore, choose ye this day whom and what power ye shall serve—the power of a loving God or the powerless power of man?



We need to rediscover the secret of inner peace which the Psalmist had when he learned to "be still and know that I am God" —Eva Luoma Photo

I Have a Gospel to Preach

The personal testimony of the members of the Senior Class of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, prior to the commencement exercises on Sunday, May 16, 1954

Members of the Seminary Class of 1954

COMMISSIONED OF CHRIST TO PREACH

By GEORGE BREITKREUZ
of Springside, Saskatchewan.

"This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners" (1 Tim. 1:15). This is the Gospel which the Lord has commissioned us to proclaim, for "whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved" (Rom. 10:13), but "how shall they hear without a preacher?" (Rom. 10:14.) Therefore the Lord sends out his servants to present his message. I thank God that he has chosen even me for this specific task.

I am indeed grateful for having had the privilege to spend several years in preparation for the Christian ministry at our Seminary. The Lord has given us a devoted faculty who have given of their time and talent to make known to us the will of God. Not only do I thank God for the theoretical and intellectual knowledge I have gained at the Seminary, but also for practical Christian experience and the fortification of spiritual resources.

Invaluable were the experiences gained as a member of the "King's Stewards Quartet" in being privileged to visit about 90% of our denominational churches. Many were the blessings which Esther, my wife, and I received as student workers during the summer of last year at Temple Baptist Church in Lodi, California. The benefits of my student pastorate at Kimball and White Lake, S. Dak., have also made lasting impressions.

As Esther and I now look out to the fields white unto harvest, it is our sincere desire that God will continue to perform his matchless will in and through us.

CALLED OF GOD AS HIS MINISTERS

By HAROLD R. HEINS
of Arnprior, Ontario.

I found in the Seminary, not an angelic abode, nor a recluse of monastic saints, for the wings were missing; but I discovered a colony of men who had experienced life in its many beautiful as well as ugly phases. Some had tasted the transitory pleasures, but sought a more durable treasure. All have been called of God!

In the years succeeding my baptismal confession, I felt increasingly the call to the ministry. This growing compulsion loomed to such stature that I gave it my acceptance without reservation. Immediately I began formal preparation to enter our Seminary in September of 1948.

I came to the Seminary with a burning zeal to learn, and my aspirations were not frustrated. For each class session opened portals of extended opportunities to learn until I became engulfed with multitudinous motivations. The library provided me with ample sources from which I gleaned the truths. The intimate, personal concern of the teachers was very evident in my social, scholastic and spiritual development. My appointed teacher-advisor was ever ready to counsel, promote and guide. Students of like calling shared experiences in a commonwealth of brothers. Our individual enigmas received helpful attention from others by which all of us attained mutual benefit.

Life presented many seemingly insuperable problems, but their solution was resolved due to the valuable, concerted training at the Seminary and the brotherly concern of both teacher and student. And through it all, though the flame flickered for a time, the fire to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ has grown into its logical fruition. Abiding and eternal satisfaction is to be found in God; and with my entire life dedicated to Christ, and my mind being constantly saturated with the Word of God, I have a Gospel to preach.

FROM THE FARM TO THE PULPIT

By ELTON KIRSTEIN
of Windom, Minnesota.

The death and the resurrection of Jesus Christ are the heart of the Gospel. It is because of these great facts that we have a Gospel to preach. In John 15:16 we read, "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you."

There was a time in my life when I felt the call of Christ to the ministry, but I was not willing to yield. It was

sometime later that I committed myself to the Lord, and was willing to go where he would lead. In due time, the Lord led from a life of farming to that of a student in school. There were times of discouragement, but Christ, who is always faithful, was there to aid.

The three years I have spent at the Seminary are fast coming to a close. These have been years of enrichment and strength to my spiritual life. I am thankful for the privilege of attending this Seminary. The fellowship between faculty and student has been closely knit. In the times of rejoicing, we as a family rejoiced together. There have also been the times of sorrow, which were felt by each member of the Seminary family. The Christian fellowship around God's Word, which we have experienced as a Seminary family, will always bring back cherished memories. Those of us in the senior class will be going to the field of God's choice.

As I think of the ministry, I realize that in myself I would be a failure. But as Christ has been faithful through the years while I have been in school, so will he remain. I count it a privilege to go forth in his strength.

MY PREPARATION FOR THE MINISTRY

By BERT HULSING
of Sibley, Iowa.

I was born in Weener, Ostfriesland, Germany. It was my happy privilege to have the blessing of Christian parents, and a Christian training in a Baptist home. My God-fearing mother influenced me greatly. Her life was always radiant with heavenly beauty. Through her Christian living, I was brought to the saving knowledge of the Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, at nine years of age.

At that time I did not understand in the fullest sense what life was all about, but one thing I knew and that was that I was a sinner and needed a Savior. At home alone one day, the Lord spoke to me about my sinful condition and I repented, yielded to Christ, and my eternal destiny was settled. I publicly confessed the Lord as my Savior.

At the age of twenty I was baptized by immersion in Weener, Ostfriesland, Germany, by the Rev. August Schmidt

and what a wonderful day that was! The words of the hymn sung at that occasion still ring in my heart, "Gottlob, Er hat mich auch erkaufte, Hallelujah, auch mich. In Seinem Tod bin ich getauft, ich armes Würmlein ich."

The Lord kept on working in my life. As the years rolled on, I sensed an inner conviction that the Lord wanted me to go into the ministry. I began to do personal work, sowing the Gospel seed on the highways and byways of life. Later I attended Bible School in San Francisco, California. However, that was not sufficient training for me. I yearned and prayed for deeper insights. Then the greatest desire of my life was realized that I could enter our own North American Baptist Seminary.

"I think we can be proud of our Seminary with a well trained staff of Christian teachers, men who know and love the Lord, and who make his will known.

Sweet has been the fellowship with the faculty and the student body. The many blessed experiences in the Seminary will never be forgotten and the Lord has become more precious to me. When we leave this place, we have a Gospel to preach of which we need not be ashamed (Isaiah 52:7 and Romans 10:15).

SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT AT THE SEMINARY

By DAVID NASGOWITZ
of Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good work."

2 TIM. 3:16-17.)

Two areas of my life have received sound spiritual enrichment during these three years of study at the Seminary, namely, that of academic work and spiritual fellowship.

Through the able teaching of my professors and the aid of fellow students, the Bible has been deeply impressed upon my mind as the Word of God. New and intellectually exciting experiences were the results of delving into this sacred Book. Former difficult passages revealed great Christian truths. God manifested himself as far greater than one's highest imagination. And his fascinating plan of redemption for a world of sinful men was wonderfully unfolded. However, as one beholds a perfect God, he is bound also to reflect upon an imperfect self. My life was miserable until God revealed himself as my Shepherd as well as my Judge. Be that as it may, it is not only through the books that the Holy Spirit teaches.

The dedicated lives of professors, personnel, and fellow-students in worship, work, and play have also made a

FRONT COVER PICTURE

The front cover picture shows the members of the 1954 Senior Class of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota. The commencement exercises will be held on Sunday, May 16, 1954.

The students are: front row, seated, left to right: Werner Kroeker, Harold R. Heins, Clemence Auch and George W. Breitkreuz; standing, left to right: H. Oscar Fritzke, Gordon Huisinga, David W. Nasgowitz, Willis E. Potratz and Elton O. Kirstein.

Mr. Bert Hulsing, a special student, who will also be in the commencement exercises, is not shown in the picture.

profound impression upon me. For example, the Friday morning prayer meeting during the Chapel period has come to be a time of sharing spiritual problems with one another and taking

As I go back to school in Milwaukee, I pray that the influence of God might guide me on in the paths of his righteousness.

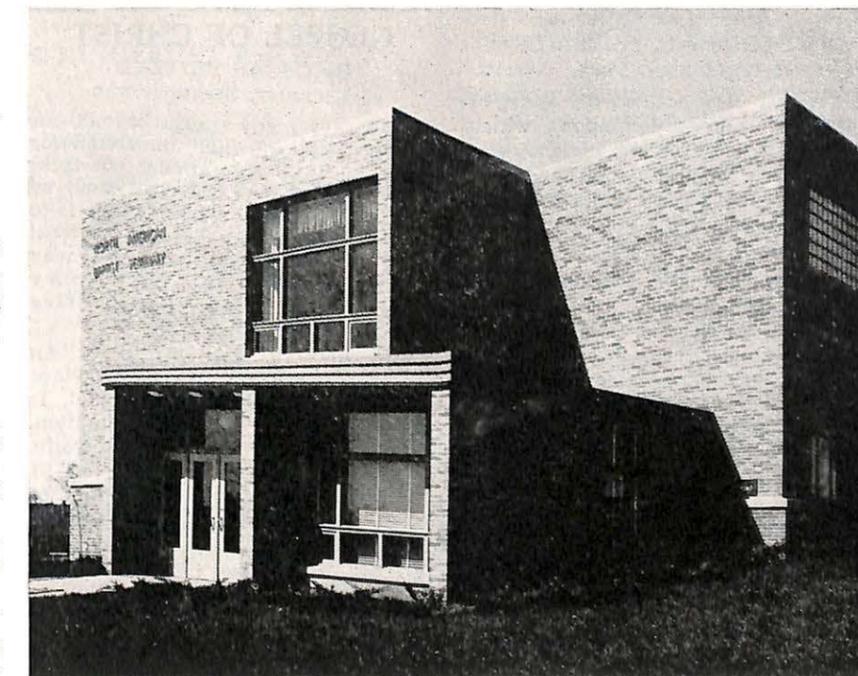
GOD'S GUIDANCE REVEALED AT THE SEMINARY

By WILLIS POTRATZ
of Sumner, Iowa.

"I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way in which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye" (Psalm 32:8).

In coming to these last weeks of Seminary training, my heart rejoices in God's manifestation of the truth proclaimed by the Psalmist in this verse. In that guidance, his mercies are manifold and new with the morning. However, there are certain avenues of this guidance for which I am particularly grateful.

Although it would be the natural thing to come to our own North American Baptist Seminary, after receiving God's call to prepare for the Gospel ministry, nevertheless, I am glad that



Beautiful entrance to the administration and instructional wing of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., showing the president's office at the right

them to God as a school. In spite of occasional differences of opinion, such as we all have, such a spirit of mutual helpfulness and concern has taught me much about the Christian way of life. Another sphere of spiritual influence to me was that of practical work on weekends. It is not easy to forget the fine example of Christian patience and understanding of those who bore with us as we attempted to put theory into practice. Though these influences may be thought of in the past tense, I trust that they shall never be forgotten.

he definitely led me here. A peace of heart, week after week, has given me the assurance of being in his will.

Our Seminary has much to offer. Our beautiful, new building is most conducive to study. There is a close-knit fellowship which we experience as we seek to follow Paul's exhortation to the Colossians, "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affections on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life

is hid with Christ in God" (Colossians 3:1.)

Then, too, we are a family. Most of us have come from similar backgrounds. When we pray for our missionaries, at the beginning of our classes and during the chapel period, we all know them, for many have spoken to us in our chapel services. When we leave the Seminary, we don't have to say "Goodbye," for the Lord willing, we will see each other, before too long, at the General Conference. Our wives also share in this fellowship in their Guild, and over the frequent coffee cups in the married couples' apartments.

Most important has been the experience of maturing in a Seminary where the Bible is proclaimed as the infallible, authoritative Word of God. All other convictions are based upon this wholesome stress.

A high percentage of our students are serving churches. I am grateful that during my entire Seminary training I have had the blessed privilege of serving a wonderful little church. These have been glorious years.

THE SPRINGTIME OF OUR YEARS

By GORDON C. HUISINGA
of Aplington, Iowa.

Have you ever noticed the spirit of expectancy and anticipation, which the farmer manifests in his thoughts and actions, when the first signs of spring appear? As the white snows of winter begin to melt, he knows that spring is near. Soon, when the warm rays of the sun have sufficiently prepared the ground for tilling, he will go into the fields to sow precious seed. For this particular work he has prepared, planned and provided.

We, too, are nearing the springtime of our years of anticipated service in God's tilled acres (1 Cor. 3:9).

These years of special preparation at the North American Baptist Seminary have been enjoyable. The Seminary is presently recognized by its soundness in doctrine and spirit, and by its effectiveness in the preparing of men and women for the Gospel ministry. Our Seminary has furnished adequate theological training and opportunities for practical experience. Many blessed and valuable experiences have been ours through the opportunities for service and training.

There is a spirit of true, warm, Christian fellowship with consecrated students and a godly faculty. We have been privileged to study under a faculty representing sound scholarship and who have had a fruitful ministry as ministers and missionaries.

Then, too, we have had access to a library, which is increasing in working volumes, giving opportunity for study in various fields of theological training. The Seminary building, with its clean, colorful construction, provides a pleasant environment for spiritual nurture and training.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY
"The more you make of Jesus Christ, the more HE will make of you!"

—Contributed by Herman Balke, Dallas, Texas, vice-president of the CBY and SS Union.

We have felt that our individual progress and spiritual growth are a matter of concern to all members of the Seminary family. This loving concern is fervently expressed in the Friday prayer services.

We are laborers together with God . . . "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord" (1 Cor. 15:58).

"They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing bringing his sheaves with him" (Psalm 126:5-6).

AMBASSADORS OF THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST

By OSCAR FRITZKE
of Ebenezer, Saskatchewan.

There are many things beyond our mental and spiritual understanding which we may not fathom, but these are made plain at the right time by God for a purpose. This purpose is to deepen our faith and increase our trust in him. I do not fully understand why he should have laid his hand upon my life to preach his Word, but one thing I know, that he knows best.

As ambassadors for Christ we can rejoice that he has given us his Word to preach. It is a message that is geared to every need and situation, whether ancient or modern. The words of the Apostle Paul (1 Cor. 15:1-5) are the most challenging summary of the Gospel we preach: "Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the Gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; by which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; and that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures; And that he was seen of Cephas, then by the twelve."

It is the Gospel of Christ unto salvation, that he died for me, a sinner. He was buried, and through his death the believer's sins are blotted out. Christ is risen, and he is able to save to the uttermost. But that would only be part of the Gospel. Christ also manifested himself to his followers, and we have the blessed assurance

that he is coming again. Ours is not a dead faith, but a living hope.

These years spent at our Seminary have been invaluable years of preparation to preach that matchless Gospel. Many blessings have been mine during this time. Illuminating were the classroom sessions spent in the study of God's precious Word and the ways through which we may give it forth. The chapel hour has always been an hour of inspiration as we listened to God's Word which was brought to us by visitors, faculty members and students.

Ever remembered, and a real source of strength, is our Friday prayer service, where we have the privilege as one family to gather around the throne of grace. These moments spent in our heavenly Father's Presence have been most rewarding, bringing our cares to him, and also seeing our prayers being answered. Thus, all things have contributed to the enrichment of my life, enabling me to serve him better.

MAKING KNOWN THE WAY OF LIFE TO OTHERS

By CLEMENCE AUCH
of Wessington Springs, South Dakota.

As a servant of God I have been called to preach the unsearchable riches of Christ. It is glorious to know that this Gospel has been able to withstand all the evils for centuries and today is still the Good News.

I am grateful to God for the efforts of consecrated men who have sought to direct our minds in the studying of this marvelous Gospel. Our Seminary has taught us to trust in God's revelation, the Bible, and to use it as our Guide Book in life. In this workshop we have been taught some of the mechanics in life and have been able also to apply them in classes as well as in churches which were served during the year or summer months.

When I first came to the Seminary, it was my desire to learn to know more about Jesus Christ, my Lord and Savior, and as I stand at the completion of my training, I realize that these aims have been not only fulfilled but God has directed me into even greater ways. Jesus Christ has become very real to me. I have learned to depend upon him for all my needs, and it is my desire to make him known to others through word and deed.

The world reveals to us a need, not for a new philosophy, but for a Way—the Way of Life! As servants of God we have learned of this Way, and it has become our responsibility to respond to this need. We have received the call, "Go ye . . . !" We have received the equipment in our training so that we know how to go. And now we look to God, knowing that he will supply all our needs in Jesus Christ for the continued strength to preach the Gospel which we have received to a lost world.

Cameroons Baptist Mission

Annual Reports for 1953

By DR. PAUL GEBAUER,
Superintendent



The annual report of the Cameroons Baptist Mission (U.S.A.) shows that 2232 natives were baptized on confession of their faith in Christ during 1953 and that almost 6000 Inquirers are awaiting baptism. This is, indeed, a remarkable and wonderful harvest of souls in Africa

WITH GRATITUDE toward God and our Baptists at home and out here in the Cameroons, Africa, I submit to you the statistics of the Cameroons Baptist Mission for the calendar year 1953.

Baptisms reached an all time high of 2232. Ndu field leads for the third time due to a well organized fellowship of the churches, an ideal integration of church and school, the strong emphasis on Sunday Schools, and the consistent leadership of Miss Ruby V. Salzman and Evangelists Abel Gaduma and Simon Njitor. Baptisms on Warwar field bespeak the extensive touring by the Goodmans.

The formidable figures of "Inquirers," as reported by the grassland field, are the undeniable indicators of future growth. By the same norm we must admit that our coastal fields are far from an awakening and normal growth.

We are mindful of the efforts and sacrifices involved in having kept our missionary staff at the peak of 38 members. This fact contributed greatly to our progress in 1953. It made possible the completion of the new Bansa Hospital plant of 74 beds. It made possible the building of Ndu's permanent chapel. It allowed us at Victoria to give its historical chapel a new face and to build at Newtown a permanent school plant and a home for missionaries. It permitted us to build permanent schools at Moliwe, Mutengene and Soppo. The Lawrences have had a very large share in all of these sudden developments.

At the Leper Settlement we have built within schedule. A herd of 180 heads represents the greater part of your self-support investments in this particular service.

Our greatest strategic losses occurred on our Belo field where we had to close down our maternity center for lack of acceptable personnel and where our entire school system (and with it the future of our churches) is challenged by Roman Catholic strategy. I regard the closing of the Mbem Maternity Center for lack of acceptable personnel as another serious loss. The premature departure of the Hendersons from Kumba field promises to stunt our growth on this new field. The absence of a resident doctor at the Leper Settlement retards the progress of this particular service. We would plead with you and the churches to hasten the coming of the much needed man.

Thanking you, the General Missionary Committee and our churches, for the faithful support throughout 1953.

GOD'S CALL

"Among the things that this day brings Will come to you a call,
The which, unless you're listening, You may not hear at all;
Lest it be very soft and low,
Whate'er you do, where'er you go,
Be listening.

"When God shall come and say to you, 'Here is the thing that you must do,'
Be listening."

STATISTICS — CAMEROONS BAPTIST MISSION — Calendar Year 1953

The Mission Fields	THE CHURCHES						THE SCHOOLS				
	No. of Churches	No. of Baptisms	Membership Dec. 31, 1953	No. of Inquirers	No. of Deacons	No. of Church Workers	No. of S.S.	S.S. Pupils	Schools	Teachers	Pupils
Victoria	16	61	977	103	57	12	6	117	2	6	272
Soppo	14	163	1078	203	61	10	3	192	5	14	493
Kumba	12	40	759	177	40	14	2	188	4	11	400
Bamenda	3	70	156	104	7	2	3	240	1	3	92
Mbingo	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Belo	39	460	2597	968	171	34	35	2071	11	20	551
Bansa	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ndu	52	677	2755	2242	132	42	48	2513	10	36	987
Mbem	43	571	2112	1462	108	33	33	3819	7	24	550
Warwar	13	190	462	730	32	12	15	1053	—	—	—
Total	192	2232	10896	5989	608	159	145	9193	40	114	3345

NOTES: Mbingo is reported under Belo Field. Bansa is reported under Ndu Field. For the third time Ndu leads in baptisms. For the third year Ndu leads in the number of inquirers. Baptisms reported by Soppo and Warwar speak of awakenings. The number of inquirers are the indicators of the future of any one field. Number of baptisms reported for 1952: 1808. Membership reported for 1952: 8434.

A Trek to Kumbe Balue School

Every trek in the Cameroons, Africa, is an adventure, etching memories on the minds of missionaries of crossing treacherous streams, meeting with snakes and jujus along the trail, getting acquainted with strange people in pagan villages, being stared at by many curious eyes, and serving as an eyewitness to the power of God's Word in the lives of Christian natives

By MISS TINA SCHMIDT, Cameroons Missionary

SQUISH! Squish! That's the way my shoes sound after we have crossed the eight rivers and streams enroute to Kumbe Balue School. Getting my brand new trekking shoes wet is not at all what my mother had taught me, but the stones are so sharp and slippery under bare feet. So on we trudge, putting one foot down on whatever is on the road, really, only a trail, because in some places the underbrush does not allow a view.

What, another river? We have no alternative. To get to our destination, we must cross it. We walk along, coming to a huge tree obstructing the path. We hoist ourselves up and, like a swivel chair, swing our legs to the opposite side, jump down and plod on. There are many such obstructions.

SIGHTS ALONG THE TRAIL

"I wonder for how many years hundreds of people walk along this path and no one takes time to hack away an over-hanging branch, or chop down fallen tree trunks. It would make walking so much easier." The reason is probably similar to the question of planting fruit trees. They are afraid that they will die before the tree bears and then what?

Alma Henderson is walking ahead of me. A startled cry brings me back to reality just in time to see a beautiful, green, slender snake slithering down the embankment. "I stepped right over it," she said weakly.

We hear voices of human beings, but nothing is in sight. Soon we see a huge basket of firewood, and bent low beneath her burden is an old mother. "Afternoon, Mummy! You well?" We step aside to let her pass and she returns our greeting with "Walka-goodo."

"Look at the juju, Tina," says Alma pointing in a certain direction.

"Where? I can't see anything. Do you mean that tuft of grass tied to that stick? Does that really keep one from taking corn from this patch?" (I have since discovered that it does.)

More voices! This time a hunting party of twelve or more men and boys arrive, armed with crude and vicious weapons. They too wish us well. "Walka-goodo." Ah, a village! How unexpectedly these clearings loom be-

fore one. This reminds me of two things, a farm yard and a college at mealtime. It reminds me of a farm yard because pigs, goats, straight-haired sheep, calves, ducks, chickens, and dogs are grovelling in the ground on the main thoroughfare, and of a college campus at mealtime because out of every doorway come men, women, and children to stare after the rare occasion—white people passing through their village!

Children, who are just old enough to recognize the difference between white and brown skins, cry and crouch behind their mothers. Too bad they can't hide in the folds of cloth, for not all mothers wear cloth. What is that spectacle in the doorway? (Here is where my mother tongue comes in handy.) I inquire of Alma, "Was in aller Welt soll das bedeuten?" She answers in German that the woman is only celebrating the birth of her first child. The woman was smeared from head to foot with a reddish, calcimine-looking stuff and bedecked with strings of beads and ornaments.

THE MISSION CHURCH

At the edge of this village we have a church. We stop there to rest our weary bones on the split log benches which in some churches aren't even raised off the mud ground. News travels quickly, and here comes the preacher with coconuts, and with a matchet he prepares a cool drink for us. The narrow window openings frame the faces of curious children. But just try to sneak out to get a picture of that! Either they run for their lives or they crowd so closely that it is impossible.

Another two hours pass and soon we'll be there at the school. The sun is mighty hot, and I feel mighty sticky. At last we arrive. The beds are set up, and the deacons bring chairs. Again the curtain of faces is round about our hut. Not even the promise of a penny for a lime fruit will scatter them to the bush. A penny can be earned another day; this is more interesting. So long after the men and women have greeted us, the "guardian angels" watch us as we take a nap under our mosquito nets.

Not only do the children come in swarms but also the sand flies and mosquitoes. "I like you so much, I could just eat you up" is the language of these pests. They mean every word of it! The only refuge is under the net, but it is time for the evening service as announced by the gonging of a substitute bell.

I must dress up to go to church, not like at home, with hat and gloves, but with crumpled long-sleeved blouse and slacks. How the natives can sing, and from memory! Even if they could read, they couldn't see because the lantern rays do not go beyond the first bench.

BLESSINGS OF GOD'S WORD

They are attentive to our words. God has promised that his Word will not come back void. And having spoken it, he will take care of it. The next day we visit and inspect the school and meet with the teachers. They are in the bush and are anxious to hear what is happening in civilization.

We take our leave. The beds and boxes are lifted on top of the carriers' heads and we wend our way to Kumbe. When we reach there, we are informed that a young Baptist mother had died.

We go to the house and there, dressed in a long white satin robe, lying on a bed, a pillow of flowers arranged about her head, is the corpse. Her only child, now motherless, wearing a bewildered expression, goes from friend to friend, not knowing the real significance of it. Friends are sitting, crowded around the bed and are singing hymns. The preacher reads from the Bible and the Rev. George Henderson prays.

In departure, we shake the bereaved husband's hand and he tells us that his wife kept pleading with him before she died, "Do not leave Jesus! Keep walking the Jesus' way." There is hope of meeting her again, for it shows in his eyes and in his firm hand grasp. We feel assured that he will walk well in the Jesus' Way. Praise God that his Word has gone forth and that here is evidence that it does not return void.



The Ebenezer Baptist Church of Shattuck, Oklahoma, of which the Rev. Oliver K. Ringer is the pastor

Ebenezer Milestone at Shattuck, Oklahoma

The story of the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Shattuck, Okla., on the occasion of its 50th anniversary and of the Rev. J. E. Ehrhorn who loved the church so much that he served it in four pastorates!

By the REV. OLIVER K. RINGER, Pastor

AS THE EBENEZER Baptist Church of Shattuck, Okla., celebrates its fiftieth anniversary on April 24 and 25, 1954, it can look back on remarkable changes that have proven that "hither-to the Lord has helped us."

From far off Russia, and previously Germany, the grace of God brought together a group of believers to Shattuck, Oklahoma. Mr. John George Ehrlich and wife from Russia came to Marion County, Kans., as nearly all of our early members. When western Oklahoma was opened for homesteads (1900), he as well as others filed a claim. Mr. Ehrlich had been a Baptist in Russia. He gathered his family together and gradually more and more friends cooperated in special worship on the Lord's Day. The Rev. Ed Graalman of Loyal and Okeene, Okla., the Rev. H. W. Mueller from Kingfisher, Okla., the Rev. P. Lauer, Messrs. L. Voigt, Regier, and Kees frequently came and assisted these pioneer believers.

THE GOODWIN CHURCH

On Sunday, April 24, 1904, the Rev. Ed Graalman assisted the group to organize into an official body known as "The First German Baptist Church of Woodward County, Oklahoma." However, it was frequently designated as the Goodwin Church, having the name of the nearby trading station applied. Twelve persons composed the charter membership. In one year 15 more members were added. Names predominating the future posterity and history were Fritzler, Klein, Long-

hofer and Mrs. Hefle, who was remembered chiefly in the Schoenhals family.

In 1907, upon the recommendation of some party, a Rochester student was invited for the summer. Mr. Julius E. Ehrhorn so successfully carried on his ministry that he was invited back upon the completion of his Seminary training. He returned as pastor for the period of 1908 to 1911.

The year 1910 featured a mighty revival with Evangelist Jacob Merkel. The crowd was so fascinated by him that they came in spite of their prejudices. There was quite an influx of former Lutherans who accepted regeneration and became obedient by baptism into the death of Christ. About 40 made decisions for Christ and 36 persons were baptized. Then the old building was enlarged.

In 1911 Mr. Ehrhorn was attracted to the church of a big city, the Third Baptist Church of Chicago, Illinois. A transient membership disappointed him. Upon hearing of his disappointment, the local congregation asked him to return. This brought him again to his first love to serve this church from 1912 to 1915. Years later he returned for the fourth time. Perhaps, his adaption to this western community was due to the fact that he had been a farmer doing well near Lorraine, Kans., before he entered the Christian ministry.

Mrs. Ehrhorn started the Woman's Missionary Society. A Sunday School was begun in Shattuck, but it did not fare very well.

The Rev. D. Kuchenbacker, a preacher of fire and brimstone, served the church during the winter of 1917-1918. He baptized five converts. The membership stood at 66 by the end of 1918. Another Rochester student was called in 1919. Mr. J. J. Abel served that summer. He was asked to return when he graduated, if there was an opening in the church.

After a year, the congregation was able to secure the Rev. Albert Koch who served the winter of 1920-1921. His tender ministry was handicapped and shortened by the illness of his wife. The Rev. Peter Geissler baptized 14 persons and accepted three more in February 1922, after special meetings. The Rev. J. J. Abel, graduating in the spring 1922, was called to Shattuck where he served until 1924.

The Rev. August Rosner served the long term of 1925 to 1934 in a well beloved and blessed ministry. The dreadful drought and depression of the thirties proved his sacrificial loyalty. Forty-four baptisms crowned his ministry.

REV. J. E. EHRHORN'S MINISTRY

It was learned that the Rev. Julius E. Ehrhorn was again available and he was called to serve from 1935 to 1938. In his four terms he holds the record of serving even a little longer than Mr. Rosner. These two fine records are a credit to the stability and affection of the church.

In the spring of 1929 the Rev. F. W. Socolofsky was procured. He had a serious heart ailment that handicapped him. In July 17, 1942, he suddenly slept away to heavenly glory at the age of 66.

The Rev. John Heer served from 1942 to 1946. In 1945 the church became self-supporting, no longer needing mission aid. In May 1946 the church took on a new name that should represent more faithfully their testimony and status, "The Ebenezer Baptist Church of Shattuck."

The Rev. Frank Armbruster arrived March 9, 1947. By April 9 a terrible tornado passed through our community, scattering death and devastation in its path. Mrs. Armbruster generously gave assistance to the overflowing hospital. Although many of the congregation's homes were destroyed, the Lord miraculously protected them.

NEW CHURCH BUILDING

Mr. Armbruster's greatest contribution was in having encouraged the people to proceed to build the new church. This has become a beautiful new sanctuary with the modern conveniences, located in town and which is much more available to all concerned. He was called to Greenvine, Texas, in January 1950.

By the time the new church was dedicated on September 3, 1950, the Rev. Oliver K. Ringer had just entered the field. The church rapidly adjusted

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

● The Rev. Arthur Odens recently resigned as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Jeffers, Minn., and accepted the call of a Baptist church in another conference. He will bring his ministry to a close at Jeffers, Minn., on May 1st. He has served the church since 1949.

● The First Baptist Church of Hebron, N. Dak., has extended a call to the Rev. C. H. Seecamp of Winnipeg, Man., to which he has replied favorably. Mr. Seecamp has been pastor of the McDermot Ave. Baptist Church of Winnipeg since 1952. In Hebron he will succeed the Rev. C. T. Remple, now of Missoula, Montana. Mr. Seecamp will begin his pastorate in Hebron in the near future.

● Dr. John Leypoldt of Forest Park, Ill., interim promotional secretary, is serving the German Baptist Church of Ashley, N. Dak., on the three last Sundays of April, including Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday, April 11 and 18. The church is prayerfully considering the calling of a pastor to the field. The church has been united for a more aggressive and consecrated ministry in the community and vicinity.

● Since March 15 the Rev. W. S. Argo of Erie, Pa., has been serving as interim pastor of the Delaware Ave. Baptist Church of Erie. He will serve in this capacity in one of Erie's outstanding churches until the church is successful in calling a new pastor. He ministered to the church in this same capacity for over a year prior to the coming of the pastor who has recently left. Mr. Argo is a member of the Central Baptist Church of Erie, of which he was the pastor at one time.

● The Aplington Baptist Church, Aplington, Iowa, is conducting two weekly radio programs on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 1:30 P.M. over radio station KNWS (1090 KC) in Waterloo, Iowa. The pastor, the Rev. Frank Venninga, reports that "numerous favorable comments concerning these broadcasts have been received." On April 2nd the religious sound film, "Oil Town," produced by the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association was shown to a large audience in the Aplington High School Auditorium.

● On Sunday morning, March 14, the Rev. Rudolph Woyke, pastor of the Bethel Baptist Church, Salem, Ore., baptized two converts on confession of their faith in Christ. The Home Builders Class of the Sunday School

presented new myrtlewood offering plates to the church. The guest speaker on Tuesday evening, March 30, was Dr. John Leypoldt of Forest Park, Ill., interim promotional secretary. From April 9 to 11 the spring rally of the Oregon Baptist League was held at the Bethel Church.

● The Central Baptist Church of Kitchener, Ont., has extended a call to the Rev. Johannes Goetze of Germany to which a favorable answer has been given. Mr. and Mrs. Goetze and their family hope to emigrate to Canada from Germany during the next few weeks. The Central Church was recently organized and recognized by a council of North American Baptist churches, as reported elsewhere in this issue by the Rev. G. Friedenberg, secretary of the Eastern Conference Mission Committee.

● The Fellowship Committee, representing the North American Baptist relief and immigration ministry, has appointed the Rev. Rudolph Rapske of Hutchinson, Minn., as Western Canada representative, working together with the Rev. William A. Sturhahn in the immigration ministry. Mr. Rapske recently resigned as pastor of the Northside Baptist Church of Hutchinson, Minn., and brought his pastorate there to a close on March 28. He and his family are now residing in Calgary, Alberta.

● The Rev. E. P. Wahl, president of the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alta., has announced that the Rev. H. Oliver Ohsberg has resigned as a member of the teaching staff and is bringing his teaching ministry to a close with the April commencement exercises. His plans for the immediate future were not announced. He has

served on the faculty of the C.T.I. since 1950, representing the Alberta and Central Canada Baptist Conference and the North American Baptist Conference.

● From April 8 to 15 the Male Chorus of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., made its spring tour, beginning with Aplington, Iowa, and concluding with the Daytons Bluff Church of St. Paul, Minnesota. The tour via Detroit, Mich., covered about 2500 miles. The chorus is composed of 18 Seminary and pre-enrolled theological collegiate students. Dr. Ralph E. Powell is the director and Mrs. Harold Weiss the accompanist. The itinerary included eight singing engagements.

● The Rev. Harlan Larson has announced that he has resigned as pastor of the Grace Baptist Church of Pipestone, Minn., and that this service terminated with the conclusion of the services on Sunday, March 7. He is now residing in Glen Lake, Minnesota. The church was received into the fellowship of the South Dakota Association of North American Baptists a year ago and has been receiving financial support by the General Missionary Society upon the recommendation of the Dakota Conference Mission Committee.

● The Baptist Churches of Nokomis and Lockwood, Sask., have extended a call to Mr. Oscar Fritzsche, a member of the Senior class of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Mr. Fritzsche has accepted the call and will begin his pastorate in the Nokomis and Lockwood churches on Sunday, June 13, soon after his graduation from the Seminary on Sunday, May 16, succeeding the Rev. Robert Jaster, now of Regina, Saskatchewan. Mr. Fritzsche's home church is the East Ebenezer Baptist Church, Ebenezer, Saskatchewan.

● Two Southern Conference banquets were held simultaneously in Waco, Texas, on Friday evening, March 26. The laymen of "Baptist Men" of Southern Conference churches met at the Youngwood's banquet room to hear the Rev. Charles Wellborn of Waco's Seventh and James Church. Mr. Raymond Engelbrecht was in charge of the fine program. The women's banquet was held at the Central Baptist Church with Mrs. Harold W. Gieseke of Dallas, Texas, former Cameroons missionary, as guest speaker. Both banquets were well attended.

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● Mr. Walter Dingfield of Tacoma, Wash., will receive his Master of Theology degree from the Dallas Theological Seminary, Dallas, Texas, on Tuesday, May 11. He is a graduate of Pacific Lutheran College, Tacoma, Wash., where he received his B.A. degree. He and his wife are members of the Calvary Baptist Church of Tacoma. Dr. Williard Aldrich of the Multnomah School of the Bible, Portland, Ore., will be the commencement speaker. Mr. and Mrs. Dingfield have a fine family of four children. They are awaiting God's guidance for the future and hoping for an opening of service in a North American Baptist church.

● Chaplain George W. Zinz, Jr., formerly pastor of the Central Church of Erie, Pa., and the Immanuel Church of Milwaukee, Wis., was in charge of publicity for the Religious Emphasis Days held from March 2 to 4 at Fort Devens, Massachusetts. A large two-page newspaper spread with prominent pictures told the story of the "Tri-Faith Emphasis Days" attended by 12,500 service men and personnel. Among the Protestant speakers were Dr. Hillyer H. Straton of the First Baptist Church, Malden, Massachusetts. Congratulations, Chaplain Zinz, on this outstanding program and on your continued effective witness for Christ as a chaplain at Fort Devens!

● The Temple Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wis., held a series of Lenten services from March 26 to April 15 with encouraging attendance of members and friends. The first guest speaker was Dr. Walter O. Macosky, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Beloit, Wis., a former student at the North American Baptist Seminary. Dr. M. J. Battle, president of the Milwaukee Ministerial Association and an outstanding Negro Baptist pastor of the city, spoke on April 2nd. The colored film, "The Crucifixion," was shown on Friday evening, April 9. The Rev. G. K. Zimmerman, pastor of the church, conducted the candlelight communion service on Thursday evening, April 15.

● A One-Week Bible Conference was held by the First Baptist Church of St. Joseph, Mich., from March 14 to 21. Mr. Harry Saulnier, superintendent of Chicago's Pacific Garden Mission, spoke on Sunday, March 14, and the film, "The Street," was shown on Saturday evening, March 20. The Rev. J. C. Gunst and Dr. M. L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., presented the challenge of our North American Baptist mission fields in messages and pictures on Sunday, March 21. Among the other speakers were Dr. S. Franklin Logsdon of Holland, Mich., former pastor of the Moody Memorial Church in Chicago, Dr. David Otis Fuller of Grand Rapids, Mich., and Dr. Roscoe Wilson of South Bend, Indiana. The Rev. L. H. Broeker is pastor of the St. Joseph church.

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HERALD NEWS

YOUTH COMPASS TOPICS

April 25, 1954—"Life With A Purpose" by J. G. Benke, Watertown, Wisconsin.

May 2, 1954—"Indian Missions—1954" by Reinhard Neuman, Wetaskiwin, Alberta, Canada.

CHRISTIAN WORKERS' CONFERENCE

The Erin Avenue Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio, was the setting for a two-day Christian Workers' Conference on March 12th and 13th. Teachers and officers of both Sunday Schools from the White Avenue and Erin Avenue Churches cooperated in a well planned program. Miss LaVerna Mehlhaff, church missionary; Carl Guenther, Sunday School superintendent of Erin Avenue Church; and Hubert Zion of the White Avenue Church, planned and presided at the meetings. The general secretary of the Conference Union, the Rev. J. C. Gunst, served as instructor and guest speaker.

Discussions were centered around two film strips dealing with the subjects, "How Persons Grow" and "The Teacher Prepares." Additional visual aids, particularly how best to use them in Christian education, were another emphasis. One period was spent discussing the Sunday School visitation program. The response and active participation on the part of the Sunday School workers were excellent.

The local Sunday School workers had arranged for an excellent display of books, periodicals and Sunday School materials in general. The ladies of the Erin Avenue Church prepared the fellowship meal on Saturday. We highly recommend such a most profitable weekend Christian Workers' Conference.

BAPTIST YOUTH RALLY AT SIOUX FALLS

Are YOU planning to attend the large Baptist Youth Rally in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., on April 24th? We wouldn't want you to miss out on this inspirational meeting. The Rev. Joel Sorenson of Stockholm, Sweden, the Youth Secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, will be the guest speaker. Come early. The meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church. Bring others with you to hear the Gospel message in song and sermon.

ference to many areas where two or more churches can cooperate in the program.

On Sunday, March 14, the general secretary visited the Erin Avenue Sunday School and brought a brief message to the large Sunday School attendance. The superintendent, Carl Guenther, and his many workers can be proud of a well planned and good functioning Sunday School. Rev. J. C. Gunst brought the Sunday morning and evening messages with emphasis on Christian education in the home and in the church.

WHITE AVENUE SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday School at White Ave. Church in Cleveland had a special Bible Day Program on March 14th. According to the Sunday School superintendent, Hubert Zion, the program and offering excelled any previous interest in Bible Day. Mr. Zion is also president of the Central Conference CBY and SS Union. Together with the general secretary, Mr. Gunst, plans were discussed for extended activities in both the Sunday Schools and CBY's of the Central Conference.

THAT VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

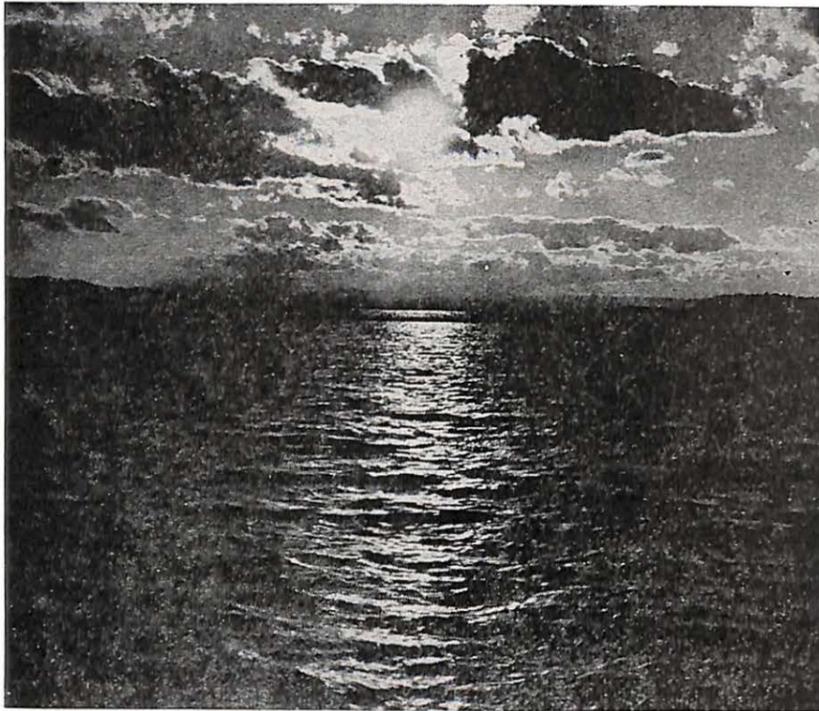
This is the time to make your final plans for your Vacation Bible School if it is to be successful. The Sunday School superintendent together with his workers, and possibly a special committee have already made plans. Final plans should be made at your local Sunday School workers' monthly conference. Here you may discuss the following:

1. The completed program, aim, etc.
2. Proper space for each class.
3. Be assured of full staff of leaders and teachers.
4. Recreational facilities and proper leadership.
5. Make sure of sufficient lesson and handwork materials.
6. Make sure that teachers make proper preparation.

All lesson and handwork materials should be ordered through Roger Williams Press, 3734 Payne Ave., Cleveland 14, Ohio. Order early! Attractive posters and postal cards to publicize your DVBS are available, at nominal cost, by writing to Sunday School Union, Box 6, Forest Park, Illinois.

SUNDAY SCHOOL QUESTIONNAIRE

Superintendent:
Have you mailed in your Sunday School questionnaire? Remember to emphasize the Sunday School Standard. It means growth and spiritual progress for your Sunday School.



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Across the Seas

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SYNOPSIS

Tom Wilson and Mickey Conant were Christian buddies aboard the destroyer "U.S.S. Mastin." At Auckland, New Zealand, the two sailors were assigned to Shore Patrol duty. They soon learned about mysterious things at "the Seamen's Club" and uncovered a communist spy ring but they had a hard fight with the leaders of the club before the police arrived and arrested the men of the ring. Later when the boat docked at Long Beach, Ernie Farrow, who was an ex-communist, led Conant into a strange place while Wilson waited outside. Farrow was ready to reveal this place to the police as he handed a plain, white envelope to the Communist chief or boss in the easy chair. Mickey watched intently!

CHAPTER FOURTEEN

THE CHIEF grasped the envelope eagerly and commenced to tear it open, but stopped abruptly in mid-motion. He stared hard for an instant, and Farrow noticed that he was seeing everything in the room except the envelope before him. Suddenly he was on his feet, and in his hand was a snub-nosed revolver. His eyes were blazing murderously.

"You double-crossing rat!" he snarled, his voice hoarse with rage. "What kind of game is this? This is the very same envelope I gave you to deliver to Auckland. Talk—and talk fast!" His finger seemed to tremble on the trigger. His henchman was poised and alert.

Farrow talked, and there was no stammer, no hesitation. Although he knew himself to be looking death in the face, he was calm.

"That's the same envelope, all right, Chief. I brought it back. You see, I changed my mind about delivering it. For that matter, I changed my mind about a lot of things, including you and your stupid, filthy Communist schemes."

Mickey did not move, but his eyes watched the civilians with hawklike intensity. He heard the Chief's labored breathing as the Chief fought to control the rage burning within him. The hoarse voice came again, slowly, almost a drawl.

"What a fool! What a fool! No, not you, Farrow. I mean myself, for entrusting such an important affair to a weakling like you. I thought you had courage—enough courage to do something for the Party. I thought you'd like to be one of the favored ones when our leader give out the rewards, after we have overthrown this accursed country and its decadent, capitalistic government. But you didn't have that kind of courage, did you, Farrow?"

"No," agreed Ernie, returning jibe for jibe, "not that kind of courage,

comrade. The sort of courage I found was the same kind found by a lot of men much better than you and your slimy crew. Men like Peter, and Paul, and Martin Luther, who were not afraid of what a few paltry men could do to them, because God was with them. I'm not afraid of you—traitor! And as for reward, God rewards His followers, too."

The Chief sneered. "Well, that certainly completes the picture! I had given you credit for being above putting any credence in this foolishness about Jesus Christ being a Savior—whatever that is. When Moscow becomes capital of the world, the Christian church will be blotted out in every nation on earth." Hatred convulsed his face as he ranted.

The door opened at last, and Mickey almost sighed with relief as Joe sidled into the room. He carried no weapon, but his face was ominous, and his big hands clenched and unclenched as he kept his gaze unblinkingly fixed upon Ernie. He spoke from the corner of his mouth:

"I've called the boys, Chief."

The leader smiled and relaxed. "I've changed my mind, Farrow: most assuredly you are a bigger fool than I. You have come back here and put yourself in my power. And if either you or your friend think you will leave here alive to carry word of this defeat to anyone else, you are sadly mistaken. You are also a fool for returning these papers to me. They contain messages that would have incriminated me in any court in this state." He laughed gratingly.

Ernie returned a thin smile. "Glad to hear that. You see, before I came ashore, we made photographic copies of every piece of paper in that envelope. Maybe we can yet arrange for your conviction in some court."

The Chief went livid. Raising his gun, he took quick aim at Farrow's heart. But he never pulled the trigger. A deafening report sounded from the door to the front room, a spurt of flame shot into the room, and the Chief's revolver fell from a smashed hand. In the doorway stood Lieutenant Malcolm, his own gun held in a steady line with the other two civilians.

The room presented an interesting tableau: a man bending in pain over a bleeding, shattered hand; two other civilians ready to spring headlong at the one who had attacked their Chief; two men in bluejacket uniforms registering extreme relief and happiness at the appearance of their rescuer; and a gold-striped officer dominating the scene with the instrument he called his "persuader." But, like all tableaux, this one was quickly broken up. Ernie stepped over to range himself alongside his superior officer.

"Mr. Malcolm, let me bid you welcome. I was never so glad to see gold braid before. In fact, I could have abided your presence just a wee mite sooner!"

"Amen!" echoed Mickey, fervently. "I thought for a minute I hadn't left that door open for you after all."

The lieutenant did not take his eyes from his enemies. "It's nice to have one's company appreciated," he commented, dryly. "But we'll save the sweet talk for later. Right now, Conant, I want you to walk around there behind those two handy men and see if they're armed. Keep out of the line of fire. Farrow, step over there to the phone and call the police. As for you, my traitorous ex-Chief, let me warn you that if you try to resist I'll shoot you down like I would a mad dog—which in my estimation you are."

The sailors carried out their assignments, and in another minute all three civilians were sitting suddenly in chairs, the wounded man nursing his hand which he had wrapped in a handkerchief to keep blood off the rug. Conant came back to stand alongside the lieutenant. In his hand he held a heavy automatic pistol which the owner would have no further need of.

"Nice toy," he remarked, eyeing it critically. "Bet a man would stop and think if he got hit by a slug from this."

A loud knock sounded at the front door, and Tom's muffled voice came through to their room. "Hey, Lieutenant, are you all right in there?"

"Go open the door, Conant," requested Mr. Malcolm. "Wilson's probably wondering what happened after that shot."

When the door was opened, Tom stood there, but not alone. He also held a revolver, and it was aimed unwaveringly at two young men in civilian clothes who very unwillingly held their arms aloft over their heads.

"Well, well—whom have we here?" Mickey waved his captured gun carelessly in the general direction of the strangers. The captives flinched.

"Stand still, boys," commanded Tom. "These are a couple of pals of your boss man in there, I guess, Mickey. They had the idea of coming up to help, just like we figured. When they couldn't get the elevator, they started hustling up the steps a mile a minute. By the time they got here, they were so fagged that all I had to do was say 'Halt!' and they've been standing at ease ever since. You ever watch a man try to get his wind back while he's standing with his arms over his head, Mick? Sure is good for the chest expansion."

"Hmm," Conant reflected. "These boys must have been summoned by Joe when trouble broke out in there. Maybe they've got a signal system which he could work by pressing a button in the kitchen. Clever people, these Reds, huh Tom?"

"Yea—in a stupid sort of way. Anyhow, you'd have died laughing to see the way they looked when I suddenly stepped around the corner and hailed them as they burst up out of the stairway. They could have earned 'Hero

of the Soviet Union' medals right then and there, but neither one wanted to be the first hero." Tom grinned at the two glaring prisoners. "I just knew I'd have some use for this shootin' iron."

"All right, Commodore," returned the deeply impressed Conant. "You met the enemy and they're yours. Let's get 'em inside where they can wait in comfort until the cops arrive." Tom gestured with his gun, and the captured men stepped at last through the apartment door. Mickey delayed long enough to close the elevator, then followed.

The Chief was snarling impotently. "What you Navy punks expect to accomplish by this I can't imagine. Anything you might accuse me of can't be proved. Why don't you be smart and get out right now? I'll try to forget what's happened—even this bullet through my hand."

Farrow bestowed a grim smile upon him. "Don't strain your forgettery. You'll have plenty of time to mediate upon this night. All we intend to accuse you of are little things like attempted murder, treason, espionage and several brands of subversive activity."

The Chief was no longer the suave, competent executive. He gaped in amazement. "You think any jury in the country will take the unsupported word of four ordinary sailors on a subject as important as that?"

"My dear sir," Farrow's voice was as impersonal as if he were addressing a class in domestic science, "the court will accept the word of four seamen of the United States Navy—one of whom is an officer, included in our visiting party for the very purpose of lending weight to any testimony we may be required to give."

"As for proving what we say, we already have a few written records bearing your own signature, plus the testimony of your own words during this last hour, when you confessed in the hearing of three of us that you are a Communist big shot."

"But you yourself were an active worker in the affairs of this—" he hesitated—"this office I maintain, and you'll be arrested, too. Besides," he went on desperately, "you had no authority to invade my apartment, and resort to force with the use of weapons. It's assault, and—kidnaping, that's what it is. What I did was only in self-defense."

Lieutenant Malcolm uttered a short laugh. "Why don't you shut up, sucker?" Disgust twisted his face as he looked at the fallen Chief.

"If you're interested in authority, let me advise you that this very afternoon, before we came ashore, a police official came out on a supply barge and swore the four of us in as temporary deputies. We also have his assurance that Farrow will not be prosecuted, and will have no action taken against him in any way. Actually, he

was in no danger of that, anyhow, because he didn't join your gang, and did nothing in support of your doctrine. You're licked, fellow, so pipe down and let's hear no more yapping from you."

These last words were spoken in a sudden burst of anger. The more Mr. Malcolm looked over this quintet of hoodlums, the more he disliked what he saw. He was becoming anxious to turn them over to the police and get out of the apartment.

He had not much longer to wait. A police car arrived, and the Communist agents were turned over to the police, along with the captured firearms. The Navy men took their departure after exchanging a few words with the officers of the law. The lieutenant drew a long, deep breath as he stepped out of the building.

"AAhhh! A man can appreciate good fresh air more after he's been cooped up in a pigsty for a while. Although I'll have to admit that was the most elegant pigpen I've ever seen. But, after all, it's not the looks of a place that identifies the pigpen, but the fact that there's pigs in it."

"I know what you mean, sir. Well, at last Ernie should be in the clear, so it was worth the trouble," commented Mickey. "You sure took a terrific chance facing that lunatic without any means of defense, boy."

Farrow was looking more than a little bit glum. "I'm glad it's all over. Can't imagine how I ever had such bad judgment as to think I could be partners with such loathsome human beings. As for the risk, I was perfectly confident Mr. Malcolm would have everything under control. If he hadn't—" Ernie shrugged—"I had to go through this, no matter what it cost, to prove myself. The thing I'm still afraid of is that the Navy will never forget that I was mixed up with a Communist unit, even if only for a short time."

"Stow that, Ernie." Tom clapped his shipmate heartily on the back. "If I know our skipper—and I should, being his talker on the bridge and the yeoman who handles his personal correspondence—he'll do everything he can to help you. It'll work out. And I doubt if anybody in Washington or Annapolis will ever hear a word about it."

"Sure," chimed in Conant, heartily. "And please note also that you didn't come up with even a sign of stammer in your speech during those few tight moments back there. Looks like that's gone for good, too. Brother, you're officer material in my book, and I have a feeling you'll be wearing those midshipman buttons this time next year."

Farrow's eyes were shining. "You really think so? Boy, that would be wonderful."

Lieutenant Malcolm took his arm and shook it gently. "It will be wonderful, young fellow."

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We, the Women

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

INTRODUCING
MISS ALETHEA S. KOSE
Chairman of the Scholarship Committee for the Woman's Missionary Union

The word **enthusiasm** with all of its genuine implications comes to mind when the name **Miss Alethea Kose** is mentioned. She is enthusiastic, first of all, about the entire cause of Jesus Christ. Her Christian zeal is more specifically apparent in her teaching, in her local church work at Forest Park, Ill., the work of our Woman's Missionary Union, and in the work of our General Conference at home and abroad.

Miss Kose's missionary emphasis becomes contagious as she presents the opportunities for Christian service to young women throughout our denomination. Her undaunted spirit, in the face of difficulties, has amazed and blessed many lives. She teaches by example as well as by precept.

As the granddaughter of the Rev. Henry Kose, the daughter of the Rev. S. A. Kose and the niece of both Mrs. George Kampfer and Mrs. Julius Kaaz, Miss Kose rates as an A No. 1 P.K. (Preacher's Kid). She is no stranger to North American Baptists. She has been introduced to the readers of the **Baptist Herald** previously.

The churches in the Dakotas remember with blessing her 3½ years of missionary service under the North American Baptist Conference. The afterglow of that work is still very bright. She served for eight years as director of Christian Education in the Ridge-wood Church of Brooklyn, N. Y., and the Bethel Baptist Church of Detroit, Michigan.

Since the fall of 1933 Miss Kose has been teaching at the **Baptist Missionary Training School** of Chicago, Ill., primarily in the field of Christian Education, assisting in the supervision of students' practice teaching.

Miss Kose's article, "**Did You Ask About Our Scholarship?**" is very timely. Share the message by encouraging your high school girl-graduates to read it. Then pray God's guidance in leading someone to hear Christ's call for this special preparation for Christian service.

DID YOU ASK ABOUT OUR SCHOLARSHIP?

By MISS ALETHEA S. KOSE

Many questions are asked about our Woman's Missionary Union Scholarship: Why do we have a scholarship? Who started it? How does it happen

that such a scholarship is connected with one school? Who is eligible? Questions upon questions arise, and rightly so.

Our **Woman's Union Scholarship** was the brain-child of Mrs. Gustav Schneck, whose husband was at one time professor in our Seminary. He also ably served several of our churches for many years. It was in 1931, when our General Conference was held in Detroit, Mich., that Mrs. Schneck, then president of our Woman's Union, introduced the whole idea of a scholarship to our women.

She told the story of one of their young women (Immanuel Baptist Church, Milwaukee) who had just graduated from the Baptist Missionary Training School. Her training had been made possible by scholarships from the American Baptist Convention. Seeing this girl, Pearl Vilhauer (now Mrs. F. William Godfring) active in Home Missions made Mrs. Schneck wish that we, as women of our denomination, could have a part in training our own girls. As Mrs. Schneck thought about this, she realized that all the early women missionaries in our work from 1883 to approximately 1915 were supported wholly or in part by the Woman's American Baptist Home Mission Society and had received their education at the Baptist Missionary Training School, which is a "child" of that Society. Their education was given them with no support coming from our churches.

One of the earliest missionaries was Miss Gesina Meier who graduated in 1883, appointed to work among the German Baptists of Chicago where she served effectively for many years. She is listed as the first specially trained German missionary graduating from the Baptist Missionary Training School. The Seils sisters, Hannah and Augusta, working in our Philadelphia and Brooklyn churches, were very well known. Other graduates who became our missionaries were Anna Dingel; Antoinette Koester (Mrs. Kratt), the mother of Clara Gebauer; Martha Troeck of Ellis Island fame; Hannah Neve; Minnie Mueller (Mrs. Otto); Lena Kruse (Mrs. F. C. Krueger); Anna Dietz, Hannah Ritzman (Mrs. William Lippard); Martha Liebig (Mrs. Peter H. Wedel); Mamie Bergeman (Mrs. S. A. Kose); Anna Knopp; Emma Kose (Mrs. George Kampfer); and Anna Brinkman. All these and at least thirty more B.M.T.S. graduates working in our churches were wholly or in part trained and



Miss Alethea Kose of Chicago, Ill., chairman of the Scholarship Committee of the Woman's Missionary Union

supported by the Woman's American Baptist Home Mission Society.

The booklet, "Twenty-two Years Work (Woman's Work) Among Germans in the United States" written by Mary G. Burdette, then president of B.M.T.S., is full of fascinating reports from these missionaries. In deep gratitude for the many years of support in the training and in the appointing of our missionaries for our own denomination, Mrs. Schneck proposed that we give an annual scholarship to B.M.T.S. This proposal was heartily accepted at the Milwaukee General Conference in August, 1931.

After our denomination grew stronger, we appointed and supported our own missionaries. However, since most seminaries were still reluctant to train women, our girls continued to train in this school where our early missionaries received their training. Nine of our missionaries in the Cameroons are recent graduates of the Baptist Missionary Training School. All nine are in Africa now, active and happy in the work there.

Requests for B.M.T.S. graduates for our own North American Baptist work continue to come in for both home and foreign work. This month two of our pastors came to interview a number of seniors hoping to find a church missionary or director of Christian Education for their churches. Requests continue to come in, and thus B.M.T.S. is still being used to train our women workers. When our Seminary at Sioux Falls, S. Dak., is ready to give our

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FROM THE FIELD

Atlantic Conference

CBY of Elsmere, Delaware, Presents World Day of Prayer and Dramatic Services

The World Day of Prayer Candle Light Service was presented by the CBY of the First Baptist Church of Elsmere, Del., with Miss Lucie Shoemsmith in charge. A vocal trio was given by the Misses Judith Colmery, Lucie Shoemsmith and Margaret Peters. This program was followed by a congregational "hymn sing" and refreshments.

Recently the CBY gave a play, "The Unused Talents," with Carolyn Harvey, Judith Confer, Florence Carlisle, Judith Colmery, Lucie Shoemsmith and Margaret Peters taking the parts. On the first Sunday evening of each month the CBY presents various programs at the evening services followed by "hymn sing" and refreshments. These young people also furnish the flowers for the church service on Sunday morning once a month.

The recently elected officers of the CBY are: Judith Colmery, president; Carolyn Harvey, vice-president; Margaret Peters, treasurer; and Lucie Shoemsmith, secretary.

M. Mc C. Shoemsmith, Reporter.

\$15,000 Organ Is Dedicated by the Pilgrim Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

For the Pilgrim Baptist Church of Philadelphia, Pa., Sunday, February 14th, marked a happy climax to several years of eager anticipation as we dedicated to the glory of God our new, three-manual pipe organ.

The instrument, which was built by a local concern, Jacob Gerger and Son, has four divisions: the swell, great, choir, and pedal. It consists of over 1800 pipes, has 32 stops, a set of chimes, as well as a full complement of couplers. About 55,000 feet of insulated copper wiring was used in the construction. The total cost was \$15,000 and we are happy to report that there remains a balance due of only slightly over \$4000.

Formal presentation was made by Mr. Otto Draeger, chairman of the Organ Committee, to Mr. Jacob Gruhler, president of the Board of Trustees.

The dedicatory service included appropriate numbers by the Men's Chorus and Mixed Choir under the direction of Mr. Fred Hofmaier, organ selections by our organist, Miss Eva Yung, and a fitting message by our pastor, the Rev. Walter C. Damrau.

Katherine Yung, Church Clerk.

Observance of Youth Week at the Pilgrim Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Youth Week 1954 was a busy time among the young people of the Pilgrim Baptist Church of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Our activities started January 30th with a combined banquet with the young people of the Fleischmann Memorial Church. The evening was filled with good fellowship, food and a film entitled, "Decision."

Sunday morning several young people spoke in Sunday School telling what our motto this year, "So Send I You," should mean to each of us as Christians. Tuesday evening we spent visiting the folks at our Baptist Home for Aged, leaving with each cookies that the girls had made as well as attractive book-markers made by our secretary, Irene Knaus.

On Wednesday evening Ralph Klette spoke in the midweek prayer service and gave a very informative talk on our Baptist missions. Sunday evening we took charge of the evening church service. Our speaker was Bill Knudsen, worker from the High School Born Againers Clubs here in Philadelphia. His sincere Christian attitude towards his work won the interest of our people and made us more aware of the need for Christ among young people.

So ended our activities for the week. Truly, we can say the Lord has been good to us and we indeed look forward to serving him better in 1954.

Ruth Schmidt, President.

Northwestern Conference

Mid-winter Institute of the Minnesota CBY and SS Union at Hutchinson, Minnesota

"Age Old Truth for Twentieth Century Youth" was the theme for the Mid-Winter Institute of the Minnesota CBY and SS Union held February 19-21 at Hutchinson, Minnesota. Our Mid-Winter Institute is a "clinic" of classes designed to be of help to us in our Christian life.

In the Senior Class, "How to Know the Will of God," was the main topic discussed, with Rev. R. F. McInay, pastor of the Powderhorn Park Baptist Church, Minneapolis, as instructor. Mrs. Howard Stien, Minneapolis, instructor of the Juniors, used "Christ, the Answer—Then and Now" as their phase of study.

On Friday evening, Pastor Mac spoke on "The Last Watch of the

Night." We had the special services of a quartet from our Seminary, consisting of Paul Siewert, Art Boymook, Bob Hoffman, Ervin Strauss, accompanied by Mrs. Ervin Strauss. The quartet had charge of the Saturday evening service and the Sunday morning worship service. We are very thankful for their messages in song and word as brought forth during our Institute.

The young people were not only given a chance to be refreshed spiritually, but also physically during the recreational periods throughout the entire weekend. Dr. Edward Simpson of the Northwestern Schools, Minneapolis, presented a challenging message entitled, "Flying Blind," on Sunday afternoon, the closing service of our Mid-Winter Institute.

About ninety young people were in attendance, and we thank God for the blessings which were shared as we studied together how we might continue to live for Christ. Our officers are: Doris Glewwe, president; Donald Richter, vice-president; Clara Wall, secretary; and Jerry Fluth, treasurer.

Doris Glewwe, President.

Highlights in the Ministry of the First Baptist Church, Buffalo Center, Iowa

The Lord is blessing the work at the First Baptist Church, Buffalo Center, Iowa. Our mission contributions last year totaled almost \$8000. We are thankful that we are able to help support a number of missionaries, namely, Lavonna Lee and the Rhoads family, as well as two native Cameroons missionaries, Luke and Jacob, supported by the Sunday School and CBY. Individual mission projects are also supported by the Sunday School classes as well as the Good News Fellowship.

Four church signs with Scripture verses were erected on highways leading into town, and a neon sign, "Jesus Saves," was installed on our church which lights up beautifully and can be seen for a great distance.

The midweek Bible study and prayer meetings are extremely profitable and well attended. During the first week in January we enjoyed a "Deeper Life Conference." Special efforts were made to encourage Christians to a deeper life with God, with Evangelist Ernest B. Rockstad as our guest speaker.

A love gift of money was given to the Rev. W. G. Gerthe and family for Christmas, which later grew to such a fund that Brother Gerthe was able to purchase a new Chevrolet car. We praise God for his faithful ministry and untiring efforts in preaching the true Gospel to us.

The Ladies' Mission Band celebrated its 24th anniversary on Feb. 24 with Dr. Henry Brandt of our Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., as guest speaker, accompanied by a men's quartet from the seminary who furnished the entire musical program. The offering amounted to \$362 which will be used for missions. The evening was thoroughly enjoyed by all and was a rich, spiritual blessing.

Mrs. Ed Feldick, Reporter.

Eastern Conference

Men's Brotherhood of the Andrews Street Church, Rochester, New York, Honors John Ehrlich

The Men's Brotherhood of the Andrews Street Baptist Church of Rochester, N. Y., can report a successful and blessed year of service for God and man. Our monthly meetings are always very interesting. We have a variety of speakers and often have films on things of interest. We also held a Father and Son banquet in March.

On January 18 we had an enjoyable evening at which we honored our oldest member, Mr. John Ehrlich. He came to Rochester from Germany when he was only six years old and became a member of the Andrews



Rev. Dale Chaddock (left to right, seated), pastor of the Union Baptist Church, Arnold, Pa., and Rev. Daniel Fuchs, denominational evangelist, and police officials of Arnold, Pa., who attended an evangelistic service at the Union Baptist Church

Street Baptist Church at the age of nine in 1877. In 1913 he became the teacher of a class, composed of daughters of the professors of our Seminary. Later he became the teacher of the Men's Class which was known as the Granite Class. He was a Sunday School teacher for over 40 years. He was also the treasurer of the North American Baptist Seminary for 25 years.

Testimonies of Mr. Ehrlich's good nature and true Christian spirit were given by many of his close friends, including Prof. Albert Bretschneider and the Rev. O. E. Krueger. Letters of good wishes were read from other friends who could not be present. The Brotherhood presented Mr. Ehrlich with an ottoman in memory of all the cheerful service he has rendered to others. Mr. Ehrlich expressed his joy and thanks at the honor given him. May God grant him many more years in his service and in our midst!

Wm. M. Morrison, Reporter.

Recognition Services for the Central Baptist Church of Kitchener, Ontario, Canada

Upon the invitation of the newly formed Central Baptist Church of Kitchener, Ontario, Canada, a group of delegates, representing several churches of the Eastern Conference,

together with the representatives of the inviting church itself, met in council at Kitchener, Ont., on Saturday evening, February 20th, to consider the propriety of recognizing this newly formed group as a regular Baptist Church of the North American Baptist General Conference with headquarters at Forest Park, Illinois.

The Rev. J. C. Schweitzer, extension worker under whose leadership this group of believers were organized into a church, welcomed those assembled and presented Mr. George Holz-aepfel who led the devotions. We sang, "Herz und Herz vereint zusammen," and listened to the reading of Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-16 and offered our prayer to God.

Professor Otto E. Krueger was elected as moderator and the Rev. Eberhardt Goetze was elected secretary. The following delegates were recognized: Rev. Arthur Weisser and

Professor Otto Krueger, Andrews Street Baptist Church, Rochester, N. Y.; Rev. Henry S. Stinner, Roberts Street Baptist Church, Toronto, Ont.; Rev. and Mrs. G. E. Friedenber, Temple Baptist Church, Buffalo, N. Y.; and Rev. Hugo Schade, retired pastor living in Kitchener who served the German group from 1951 to 1953. Delegates representing the church itself were: Mr. George Holz-aepfel, Eberhardt Goetze, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Wish-newski, Mr. John Zisske and Mr. Robert Hoffmann.

The minutes of the organizations of the church on December 27, 1953 gave conclusive proof that this church stands on the historical Baptist principles as to faith and order. For the sake of brevity, we report that after a frank and free discussion the council voted unanimously to recognize the Central Baptist Church, Kitchener, Ont., Canada, as an independent Baptist Church of like faith and order as the several churches of the North American Baptist General Conference and recommended that the Central Baptist Church of Kitchener, Ont., be affiliated with the Eastern Conference.

Sunday, the next day, was a time of rejoicing for all who attended the festive service, both in the morning and in the afternoon. Such of the visitors as were given the opportu-

ity to speak expressed their confidence in a glorious future for this new church and invoked God's blessings upon her worship and work. The climax to this day in the courts of the courts of the Lord was the celebration of the Lord's Supper with the Rev. John Schweitzer presiding, when 128 members and friends of this new church ate the bread and drank the cup in remembrance of Christ, who is the Head over all things to the Church.

G. E. Friedenber, Reporter.

Evangelistic Meetings Emphasize "Practical Godliness" at Union Baptist Church, Arnold, Pa.

A time of rich blessings has been ours at the Union Baptist Church, Arnold, Pennsylvania. We were privileged to have our denominational evangelist, the Rev. Daniel Fuchs, with us from February 7 to 19. Emphasis throughout the campaign was on "Practical Godliness." Several churches in the area cooperated and came as groups on various nights from towns as far as 14 miles away. There was a fine musical program each evening, with the other churches also participating.

One evening Mr. Fuchs spoke on "Dangers for a Successful Businessman." The pastor, the Rev. Dale Chaddock, invited the businessmen of the community as well as members of the Chamber of Commerce for this service. Several businessmen attended. A leading real estate man, Mr. James Lasher, gave a testimony as a Christian businessman. Mr. Wm. McCabe, president of the Union Spring and Manufacturing Company, brought greetings from the Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Fuchs declared in his message that "success in business without a life surrendered to Christ is, in God's sight, still a life of tragic failure."

On another evening he spoke on "A Positive Approach to Our Delinquency Problem." Our Arnold Chief of Police, Chief George L. Siegert, and the Juvenile Officer of the New Kensington Police Department, Lt. Louis Sakulsky, attended the service. A short question and answer discussion of the local delinquency problem was presented by Mr. Chaddock and the police officers. It was brought out that at least 80 per cent of the real problem is a "parental delinquency" problem. Lt. Sakulsky pointed out the value of having ministers on the Juvenile Board. Mr. Fuchs brought a stirring message, showing that there are dangers to be avoided, such as questionable amusements and friends.

Seven persons were saved during the campaign, and much spiritual blessing was derived. A complete redecorating of the church was completed late in January, which added much to the meetings. The pastor, Mr. Chaddock, is conducting two instruction classes for those saved during the campaign and other recent converts. A children's class with eight enrolled meets on Saturday mornings, and an adult class with nine enrolled meets on Sunday mornings during the Sunday School hour. A baptismal service is planned for the near future.

Mrs. Fred Pressnick, Church Clerk.

Dakota Conference

Nineteen Converts Are Baptized and Received Into First Baptist Church, McLaughlin, S. Dak.

On Jan. 31st the First Baptist Church of McLaughlin, S. Dak., had the privilege of witnessing the baptism of 19 converts, young and old. On that evening the members of the church drove to the town of Moberge, S. Dak., which is 36 miles away. The church there was overcrowded with witnesses. Our pastor, the Rev. Bernard Fritzsche, baptized these 19 converts in the Name of our Lord and Savior.

On the following Sunday these baptized converts and another person on confession of faith were given the hand of fellowship into the church by Mr. Fritzsche. We praise the Lord for these blessings and pray for more this year. We are planning another series of revival meetings for this spring.

J. J. Schweigert, Reporter.

Evangelistic Meetings for Two Weeks at Baptist Church, Bismarck, North Dakota

The Bismarck Baptist Church of Bismarck, N. Dak., held two weeks of wonderfully inspiring services from February 22 to March 5. The Rev. Edgar Klatt from the Riverview Church in St. Paul, Minn., brought the messages night after night. His messages were direct, forceful and challenging. Each night the congregational singing was led by the Rev. B. W. Krentz assisted by our church choir. The children enjoyed the object lessons immensely.

Practically every night we had a capacity audience and we rejoice over the eight decisions that were made for Christ. We are now looking forward to a baptismal service. Others are planning to join by letter. Thus we again rejoice over the constant growth that our church has been enjoying. In my opinion these were among the best meetings that we have had here in Bismarck. A wonderful spirit prevailed throughout.

We want to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Klatt again and also the Riverview Church in St. Paul for releasing their pastor to us for two weeks.

Edward Kary, Pastor.

Dedication of Church Building Improvements by the Calvary Church, Carrington, North Dakota

On Sunday evening, Feb. 14, the Calvary Baptist Church of Carrington, N. Dak., held an impressive dedication service. Some marked improvements have been made in the church building throughout the past year. A new cement floor was installed in the basement, new tile laid on the entire church auditorium floor, and finally a new rug was put down on the pulpit platform and an aisle runner in the main auditorium.

The program for the evening consisted of words of appreciation by the



Sixteen of the 19 converts who were recently baptized by the Rev. Bernard Fritzsche, (extreme left), pastor of the First Baptist Church, McLaughlin, South Dakota

Ladies Missionary Society's president, Sunday School superintendent and trustees. Numbers by the choir and other special music made the service very impressive, with the Rev. Richard Schilke of Forest Park, Ill., bringing an inspiring dedication message. Our pastor, the Rev. Carl Weisser, closed the service with a brief message of appreciation to all who helped with the improvements. Refreshments were served in the basement and a happy time of fellowship was enjoyed.

A variety of fine Sunday evening programs was presented during Youth Week in February by our young people. We are looking forward to further spiritual and material advancements in our church throughout the year as we continue in Christ's service.

Mrs. Ben Edinger, Reporter.

Southwestern Conference

Observance of Youth Week and Arrival of New Pastor at Lorraine, Kansas

The First Baptist Church of Lorraine, Kans., has extended a call to the Rev. Harold W. Gieseke of Dallas, Texas. Mr. Gieseke has accepted the call and will assume this ministry on April 25, 1954. The church was served during the month of January by Dr. John Leypoldt, interim promotional secretary of the denomination.

An extensive observance of Youth Week was made by the young people of the Lorraine Church. They were in charge of the mid-week service and presented the entire Sunday evening service on January 31. The weekly church radio broadcast was given over to them. On one evening the Billy Graham film, "Oiltown, U.S.A." was presented and on still another evening the CBY went out in groups to call on the shut-ins of the community, holding short devotions with them.

The week was climaxed with a banquet on Saturday evening at which the Rev. Jake Zimmerman of Lyons, Kans., was the speaker. The theme, "So Send I You," was carried out

throughout the evening. Young people from the churches of Stafford and Ellinwood, Kans., and their pastors were guests. A total of 65 persons were present at this inspirational meeting.

Mrs. Clarence Peters, Reporter.

Spiritual Blessings and Building Improvements at the Salem Church, Gotebo, Oklahoma

On Sunday evening, February 21, after the evening services, the Salem Baptist Church of Gotebo, Okla., met in the basement for a time of refreshments and fellowship. The occasion was to help our pastor and his wife celebrate their 14th wedding anniversary. The Rev. and Mrs. B. F. Taylor will soon begin their fourth year with us and two of our deacons, Messrs. R. H. Garner and Walter Laufer, expressed kind and appreciative words for the Taylors and their ministry here in our midst. Mr. Taylor responded and made fitting comments of the surprise arrangement. Our pastor and his wife were then presented with a beautiful cake with "Happy Anniversary" written on it.

Also honored at this occasion were Mr. and Mrs. Bonnie Schantz, members, who with their daughters, Nancy, moved to Oklahoma City. We did not want this fine young couple to leave our fellowship because they are always taking part in the activities of the church and Mrs. Schantz was a teacher and her husband an assistant.

We of the Salem Church certainly do appreciate the work that the Taylors are doing and praise the Lord for sending this couple to us. With members moving away and the unsaved being harder to win to Christ, there are times when we strike notes of discouragement. However, God is blessing and we are going forward. We are completely redecorating our church building, inside and outside. We have recently done some papering and other work in the parsonage. We are also looking forward to a great ingathering of souls as the Taylors begin their fourth year with us in September, 1954.

Viola Schanz, Church Clerk.

Central Conference

Recent Highlights in the Program of the Holmes Street Church, Lansing, Michigan

On Sunday, Feb. 28th, the Holmes Street Baptist Church of Lansing, Mich., experienced one of the greatest Sundays of its entire ministry. Our pastor, the Rev. Aaron Buhler, presented a very unique message in the morning worship service. His entire sermon from beginning to end was given in direct quotations from Scripture. Not only was there splendid continuity of thought but all Scripture was quoted from memory. What a marvelous testimony of the power of the Holy Spirit! "But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance" (John 14:26).



Some of the delegates and visitors to the South Texas, Louisiana and Alabama Association held at the Mowata Baptist Church, Branch, Louisiana

The evening service was a thrilling climax with the presence of three of our young men who are studying at the Grand Rapids Theological Seminary and Bible Institute, Grand Rapids, Michigan. These young men, Wilbert Dachtler, Lloyd Kwast and Robert Krueger, had complete charge of the music, testimonies and message of the evening. Bob, Lloyd and Wilbert are a wonderful trio and sang to a packed church. The trio sang, "Wonderful Peace," "Sweet By and By" and for our dear German people, "Ich bete an die Macht der Liebe." Bob Krueger's solo, "The 13th Psalm," was beautiful and Wilbert Dachtler's, "The Great Judgment Morning," caused us to search our souls. Bob Krueger brought a fine message from the Word of God. Our hearts are thrilled at the sincerity and consecration of these three young men and our prayer is that God might use them richly in his service.

The Woman's Missionary Guild presented its annual program on Sunday evening, March 14th, and was

privileged to have the Rev. Richard Schilke, general missionary secretary, as its guest speaker. Brother Schilke brought a splendid message both in the morning and evening service. We don't think anyone will ever forget Mr. Schilke's "Salute to Our Women Missionaries," which he gave for the Guild Program. His visit was a special highlight for the church since it was his first visit to Holmes Street Church.

Bonnie Morgan, Church Missionary.

Southern Conference

Women of Central Baptist Church, Waco, Texas, Observe World Day of Prayer

The Women's World Day of Prayer was observed by the Woman's Missionary Union of the Central Baptist Church, Waco, Texas, on Wednesday evening, March 3rd, during the prayer meeting hour instead of on Friday,

membered our denominational leaders who are giving so much of their time and strength to make plans for our work and to keep our people encouraged to go forward in the great mission endeavors in which we are already engaged and then to inspire us to accept new challenges which come to us from time to time.

An offering of \$56.99 was sent to apply on the Woman's National Project which includes home and foreign missions.

Mrs. Ernest Steindam, Reporter.

Sessions of the South Texas, Louisiana, Alabama Association at Mowata Baptist Church

The South Texas, Louisiana and Alabama Association was held from February 25 to 28 at the Mowata Baptist Church, La., where the Rev. Alex Sootzmann is pastor. "The Sovereignty of God," based on 1 Corinthians 15:27-28, was the inspiring theme for the Association. The Rev. Herman Palfenier, general evangelist, spoke at the opening session on Thursday night on the subject: "Did our Lord Jesus claim to be Co-Equal with God?" He also ministered to us through his Quiet Hour talks on "Discipleship."

Pastors of the four churches represented at the Association brought messages on Friday, as follows: "Sufficiency of His Grace," by Rev. Alex Sootzmann, Mowata, La.; "The Holy Spirit," by Rev. Philip Potzner, Elberta, Ala.; "Biblical and Unbiblical Sanctification," by Rev. Eldon G. Schroeder, Kyle, Texas; and "Israel and God's Promises," by Rev. Frank Armbruster, Greenvine, Texas.

We were very happy to have Dr. Martin L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., editor, with us during the days of the Association. He presented a brief sketch of present day denominational activities, showed several interesting and challenging missionary films and spoke at the morning worship service on Sunday.

All delegates and visitors greatly enjoyed the splendid presentation of the sacred play, "The Challenge of the Cross," given by the Mowata Woman's Missionary Union and the evening service conducted by the young people. During the various services over \$387 were received for the denominational mission program.

In addition to the enjoyment and spiritual uplift of the sessions, we were all privileged to be taken on a tour along the beautiful "Azalea Trail," to the Evangeline Country which so greatly inspired Longfellow. A visit was made to St. Martinville, one of the oldest towns in Louisiana, which lies along the banks of the Bayou Teche in that part of southwest Louisiana known as the Evangeline or the Acadian Country. The exiled Acadians came to this area in 1765 after having been forced to flee Nova Scotia with the British.

The 1955 Association will be held in Elberta, Ala., where Mr. Potzner will be the host pastor. The Rev. Alex Sootzmann will serve as moderator and Mrs. J. A. Lengefeld as secretary-treasurer.

Eldon G. Schroeder, Reporter.

Sessions of the North Texas Association at Carroll Ave. Church, Dallas, Texas

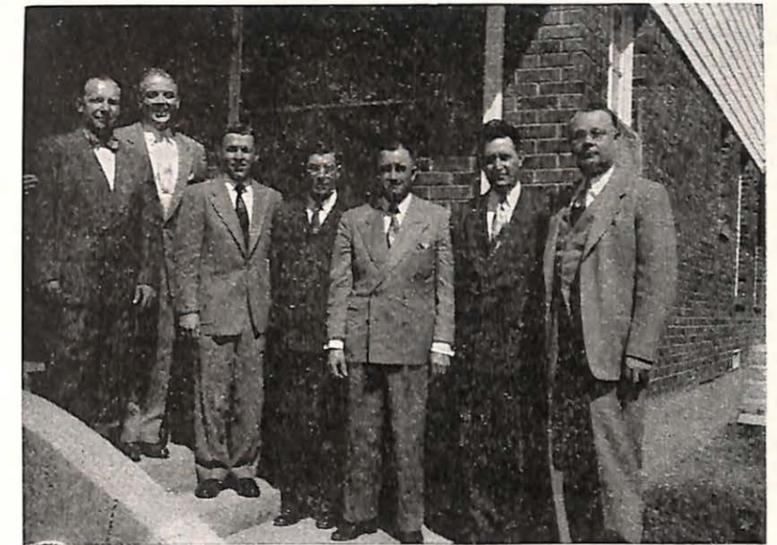
The North Texas Association of North American Baptists met from March 4 to 7 with the Carroll Avenue Church in Dallas, Texas (Rev. Harold Gieseke, pastor), with the Rev. J. K. Warkentin (Crawford) as moderator for the sessions.

The spotlight was focused on the theme "A Call to Prayer" and the key messages for each session unlocked the doors of "Adoration," "Thanksgiving," "Power," "Supplication" and "Intercession" into the very throne room of God with our plea, "Lord, teach us to PRAY." Not only did we feel the inspiration of these messages by our pastors but as we remembered the blessings of God upon our churches, the leadership and power of the Holy Spirit in our plans and efforts, and the challenge of the needs of our mission endeavors, both at home and abroad, we were constrained to heed this call to prayer and testimony—not only during the days of the Association but we trust it will continue to stimulate us to action in our various positions of responsibility and service.

We were privileged to have with us Dr. Martin L. Leuschner from Forest Park, Ill., as well as Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Schwerin of Burlington, Iowa. Mr. Schwerin is chairman of the Finance Committee of our Conference. Dr. Leuschner's report on our denominational activities made us realize anew that North American Baptists have a vital and unique place to fill in God's plan and purpose for the furtherance of the Gospel and that we have not yet seen, neither have we heard, neither has it yet entered into our minds what God can do for us and through us if we are fully surrendered to his will and are unafraid to accept the challenge which is ours.

This truth was again made real to us when Mr. Ernest Hildebrand, missionary builder, showed his colored films of new construction completed under his supervision in the Banso field—a new nurses' home, a doctor's home, and a three-unit hospital. This should be a challenge to our women for increased interest and effort in White Cross work. Also, he brought to our attention again the plight of the lepers in the New Hope Settlement. The need for a doctor becomes more urgent from day to day. A big ray of light in this direction is already shining and God will show himself faithful in supplying this need if we will continue to pray in their behalf.

The women presented a playlet, "Thine Own Way," on Friday afternoon and the laymen, with Mr. Raymond Engelbrecht, president of the Southern Conference Brotherhood presiding, had charge of the Saturday evening service. Sunday afternoon during the young people's rally Miss Eloise Kraemer, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Kraemer of the Gatesville church, surrendered her life to the Lord for full-time Christian service which was another evidence of God's overflow of blessings.



Ministers and guest speakers at the North Texas Association at Dallas, Texas

Left to right: Rev. H. Ekrut, Rev. H. W. Gieseke, Rev. Walter G. Gummelt, Mr. Ernest Hildebrand, Rev. J. K. Warkentin, Rev. Louis Johnson and Rev. Edwin Kraemer (Picture taken by Mr. M. L. Leuschner)

Music rendered by the choir and by individuals, both instrumental and vocal, emphasized the privilege and blessings of prayer and was one of the highlights of the Association.

The hospitality of the host church and its members in providing for our physical needs exceeded our expectations. The overnight accommodations, the fellowship and the food could not be excelled and the joyful spirit in which all was administered was evidence that even hard work is a happy experience when it is done as unto the Lord. God's bounty was demonstrated even in nature during these days of fellowship. Besides the flowering shrubs and bulbs, the budding trees and singing birds which are harbingers of spring, "Old Man Winter" laid a coverlet of soft, white snow over the city and said "Good bye."

The Association accepted the invitation of the Cottonwood Church of Lorena for its 1955 sessions. Until that time we commit ourselves and our work to "him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we can ask or think" and praise him from whom all blessings flow.

Mrs. Ernest Steindam, Reporter.

Northern Conference

Wonderful Sessions of the Central Alberta and Saskatchewan Tri-Union Workers' Conferences

The Central Alberta and Saskatchewan Tri-Union Workers' Conferences were held from February 22 to 28. It had been our custom to hold our activities in the late fall, but because of the crowded pre-Christmas season we tried this year to hold our conference in the winter season. As it turned out, the weather and roads were fine and we had one of our best attended Song Festivals.

Our special speakers, Miss Ruth Bathauer of Forest Park, Ill., and the

Rev. Wm. Sturhahn of Winnipeg, Man., spent two days in each of the churches in Golden Prairie, Hilda, and Medicine Hat, teaching courses on CBY and Sunday School Administration and Baptist Principles and Practices, respectively. In the evenings Mr. Sturhahn also drilled the local choirs in the Massed Choir pieces and showed slides of his recent trip to Europe in his work with the immigrants.

On Saturday afternoon, Feb. 27, we met at Medicine Hat, Alta., for our annual business meeting. The officers elected are: Rev. A. Lamprecht, president; Mr. C. Biffart, vice-president; Mr. Ed. Strauss, secretary; Mr. A. Unrath, treasurer; Sunday School director, Mr. L. Maier; CBY director, Miss C. Herrmann; music director, Mrs. A. Lamprecht. Miss Ivy Henning and Mrs. H. Fritzke are our pianists. It was also decided to amalgamate the activities of the Tri-Union and the Association, and to have a long weekend camp for the young people to be followed with a week's camp for the children.

On Sunday afternoon the Song Festival was held in the Empress Theater of Medicine Hat. The Massed Choir, directed by the Rev. Wm. Sturhahn, sang four numbers. The program also included songs by the male chorus, the ladies' choir and the mixed choir of Medicine Hat; a men's quartet from Hilda; and a mixed choir and girls' sextet from Golden Prairie. We were happy to welcome into our massed choir the fine voices of our progressive young immigrant church of Lethbridge, Alberta. The program was climaxed by the massed choir singing, "Ich mache alles neu." We wish to thank the Rev. E. Gutsche and members of the Grace Baptist Church of Medicine Hat for their hospitality.

Sunday was the climax to a week of instruction, guidance and inspiration attributable largely to Miss Ruth Bathauer and the Rev. William Sturhahn.

A. Lamprecht, Reporter.

Special Services and Ten New Members Received at Golden Prairie, Saskatchewan

During the month of December we of the First Baptist Church of Golden Prairie, Sask., had two weeks of inspiring evangelistic meetings with the Rev. Daniel Fuchs as our guest speaker. The special musical numbers that the young people brought to introduce the meetings were also a blessing to our listeners. For the youngsters Mr. Fuchs had a fine story every evening, which also had an ardent audience among the adults.

In the month of January we held for the first time a Children's Dedication Day in our morning worship service. Our pastor, the Rev. A. Lamprecht, used as the theme of his message the words of Samuel's mother, Hannah, "For this child I prayed," emphasizing that when parents dedicate their children they should also dedicate and consecrate themselves to God.

Improvements have been made in our church. The method of heating our basement was simplified and roll-up-type curtains were purchased to divide off our Sunday School rooms. This spring we also wish to begin a new class, the "Young Married People's Bible Class." Upstairs, in the church auditorium, a nursery was built for the convenience of mothers and children. Over at the parsonage the bathroom was remodeled and the house better insulated.

It was a blessing to us to accept ten new members into our fellowship on February 21st. On that Sunday we used for the first time our new Communion Service Set in celebrating together the Lord's Table.

Two great days in our church were held on February 22 and 23 when Miss Ruth Bathauer of Forest Park, Ill., and Rev. Wm. Sturhahn of Winnipeg,

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Man., were with us for our Tri-Union Workers' Conference. Miss Bathauer taught and answered questions on Sunday School and CBY problems. Mr. Sturhahn taught a course on Baptist Practice and Principles.

Fred Kramer, Reporter.

Pacific Conference

Birthday Celebration by Central Church, Portland, Oregon for the Rev. L. B. Berndt

On Friday evening, Feb. 26, the Central Baptist Church of Portland, Ore., held another of their fine family pot-luck fellowship dinners at the church. We have had them several times during the past year and they have proven to be a time of happy fellowship and a blessing to all the members and friends of the church.

On this evening it was an especially happy occasion as we celebrated the birthday of our beloved pastor, the Rev. Lewis B. Berndt, which happened to be the preceding day. Rev. Sidney Schmidt, our choir director, was toastmaster of the evening and led us in singing "Happy Birthday" to our pastor. He gave us a splendid talk, "Rejoicing on Birthdays," and referred to several Bible passages where birthdays are recorded. Then he presented our pastor with a gift certificate from the church.

We had some fine lively chorus singing during the meal and a time of testimony. Mrs. Lewis B. Berndt sang, "It's in My Heart," accompanied on the piano by her daughter Marilyn. Ronald Delzer played an accordion solo, "Mansions Over the Hilltops." The tables were decorated with spring flowers and a nicely decorated birthday cake with candles.

May the Lord bless our pastor and give him many more happy years with us. May he give him health and strength and wisdom as he preaches the Gospel to us Sunday after Sunday.

Esther M. Schmitke, Reporter.

Anniversary Program of the Baptist Woman's Missionary Society of Paul, Idaho

The Woman's Missionary Society of Paul, Idaho, held its anniversary program on Sunday evening, February 14th. Mrs. John Broeder, president, was in charge of a well planned program including a devotional period, several songs by the society, also a duet, double duet and readings by various women.

The guest speaker was Miss Myrtle Weeldreyer, missionary nurse, from the Cameroons of Africa. She showed pictures of our mission work in the Cameroons and explained them to us. The pictures were very interesting and we were challenged through them and the message of Miss Weeldreyer to labor more faithfully for HIM who came to save all mankind.

The offering of \$160 was designated for the threefold project of our denominational Woman's Missionary Union. At the close of the program a time of refreshments and fellowship was enjoyed. We then had the opportunity of becoming better acquainted with our beloved missionary. We pray that the wonderful work of the missionaries may continue.

The annual business meeting was held on March 4th. The following officers were elected: Mrs. John Broeder, president; Mrs. Huldrick Schafer, vice-president; Mrs. Lester Freeman, secretary; Mrs. Paul Schafer, treasurer; and Mrs. Alvin Renz, pianist.

Mrs. Lester Freeman, Secretary.

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itself from the country to town and is making the transition from German to English. Mr. Edgar Sturtz is enrolled in college as a pre-theological student.

May the fifty years of past history establish the permanence of the faith and body with gratitude to God for his merciful, sustaining grace! May the testimony of the church set forth the rock of salvation as "Ebenezer saying Hitherto hath Jehovah helped us" (1 Sam. 7:12).

On April 24 and 25, 1954, all friends everywhere are invited to share the commemoration or fiftieth anniversary with us. The Rev. Julius E. Ehrhorn of Waco, Texas, the first pastor who has served in four different pastorates here, will be the principal speaker.

Obituary

MR. WALTER GRESENS of Rochester, New York.

Mr. Walter Gresens of Rochester, N. Y., son of Mr. and Mrs. August Gresens, was born November 1, 1880 at Henrietta, N. Y., in the immediate vicinity of Rochester, N. Y., where he spent all of his life. He accepted Christ as his Savior at the age of 11 years and was baptized into the fellowship of Christ and his Church. He remained a faithful member of the Andrews Street Baptist Church until his homegoing.

On August 14, 1906 he married Emma Muenster. To this union nine children were born, of whom six predeceased their father. He leaves to mourn his departure his faithful and devoted wife; one daughter, Mrs. Herbert Berndt; two sons, William and Walter, both of Rochester, N. Y.; and also six grandchildren. He was a regular attendant of the Men's Granite Class and in his quiet way took his place in the church up to the time of his severe illness.

With much patience in suffering and in full confidence, he cheerfully depended upon God's will for himself and his family. After many months of suffering he longed for the sleep of peaceful rest in his Lord and Savior. Very quietly on the morning of February 16, 1954, he followed the summons of his Maker.

Andrews Street Baptist Church, Rochester, New York

ARTHUR R. WEISSER, Pastor.

MR. HENRY HIRT of St. Paul, Minnesota.

Mr. Henry Hirt of St. Paul, Minn., was born in Unterbergen, Austria, April 4, 1880, and passed away in the Riverview Memorial Hospital of St. Paul, February 24, 1954, after a brief illness as a result of a fractured skull. At the age of one year he together with his parents migrated to St. Paul, Minn., where he had lived since his arrival from Europe.

He accepted Christ as his personal Savior at the age of 18, and was then baptized by the Rev. John Jaeger and united with the Riverview Baptist Church in St. Paul. He was faithful to his Lord and Savior and served him and the church as Sunday School superintendent for 26 years, and as deacon since 1926 with the exception of one year. His fine service and Christian spirit are a memorial to him.

In 1904 he and Amelia J. Stassen of St. Paul were united in holy matrimony. God blessed the marriage union with one son. Surviving him are his wife; their son, Marshall of St. Paul; three grandchildren of St. Paul; two sisters: Mrs. Paul H. Jaeger of Los Gatos, Calif., and Mrs. Henry Marks of St. Paul; and one brother, Edward of Seattle, Washington. May the Comforter fill the hearts of the bereaved with a blessed hope of a glorious reunion!

The funeral service held in the Riverview Baptist Church was conducted by the Rev. M. H. Pomeroy of the Park Baptist Church in the absence of the pastor, the Rev. Edgar W. Klatt.

Riverview Baptist Church, St. Paul, Minnesota

EDGAR W. KLATT, Pastor.

MR. PHILIP HORNBACHER of Goodrich, North Dakota.

"The days of our years are three score and ten; and by reason of strength they be fourscore years." So it was with Philip Hornbacher of Goodrich, N. Dak., whom the Lord gave grace to live 85 years, 6 months and 17 days. After a period of eight months' illness, he passed to his eternal reward on March 6th in the Bismarck Hospital at Bismarck, North Dakota.

He was born on August 18, 1868 at Lichtenfeld, South Russia. In 1889 he was united in marriage to Miss Katherine Roth, also of Lichtenfeld. Shortly after the wedding the young couple emigrated to this country, and settled at Marion, S. Dak., where they

resided for eleven years. In March 1900 he came to North Dakota with his family and took up a homestead seven miles southwest of Goodrich. He farmed here until 1915 when he moved to Goodrich, and resided in Goodrich until 1941 when he entered the Baptist Home for the Aged at Bismarck and remained there until his death.

Mr. Hornbacher accepted the Lord in a little sod house meeting in 1901, and was baptized the same year by Rev. Emil Mueller. He was a charter member of the First Baptist Church of Goodrich, N. Dak., and remained such until his death.

He was preceded in death by his wife in 1935; one daughter, Rose, in 1923; and Lydia and Magdaline who died in their infancy. Five sons and two daughters mourn the passing of their father: Reinhold of Harvey; Philip and Theodore both of Moorehead, Minn.; Ernest of Page, N. Dak.; and Ben of Redwood Falls, Minn.; Sophia, Mrs. Henry Poelke, of Denhoff; and Martha, Mrs. A. A. Smith, of Lodi, Calif.; one sister, Mrs. John Martin of Goodrich; 27 grandchildren and 44 great-grandchildren; also many friends. His memory as a father to his children will linger on.

Funeral services were conducted from the Baptist Church on March 10th with the Rev. E. Broeckel, one time pastor of the deceased, bringing words of comfort in the German language, and Rev. B. W. Krentz, superintendent of the Baptist Home, speaking in English on the importance of an Eternal Home. The undersigned was in charge of the service. May the God of all comfort comfort the sorrowing!

Goodrich, North Dakota

IRVIN H. SCHMULAND, Pastor.

MRS. CARL JONKERS of Avon, South Dakota.

Mrs. Carl Jonkers, nee Elizabeth Burma, of Avon, S. Dak., the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Burma, was born October 3, 1893, northeast of Avon, and passed on to her eternal reward March 6, 1954 at the age of 60 years, 4 months and 3 days.

She was united in marriage to Carl Jonkers by the Rev. A. Currie on November 30, 1912. The Lord blessed this union with one child, William of Avon. She accepted the Lord Jesus as her personal Savior and was baptized in obedience to the command of our Lord on August 8, 1943 by the Rev. Peter Geissler, at which time she became a member of the First Baptist Church of this city, where she has been a faithful member until her homegoing.

These last few years have been trying on our sister. She was bothered by her eyes, and at times she was almost blind. Her faithful and helpful companion, Carl, preceded her to the throne of God by a year and three months. Since then she has not been alone, since the Lord Jesus has been a constant companion and friend.

She leaves behind many mourners who will miss her presence and encouraging attitude. These are: one son, William John and daughter-in-law of Avon; two grandchildren, Joan and Alvin; two sisters, Mrs. James Johnson and Mrs. Anna Buchholz of Avon; one half-sister, Mrs. Henry Jonkers of Belvidere, S. Dak.; one brother, John Burma of Pine City, Minn.; and a great host of relatives and friends and her pastor. Services were conducted by the Rev. James DeLoach in the First Baptist Church, Avon, South Dakota.

Avon, South Dakota

JAMES DE LOACH, Pastor.

MRS. PAULINE SIEWERT of Avon, South Dakota.

Mrs. Pauline Siewert, the daughter of Martin and Louise Hubner, of Avon, S. Dak., was born May 30, 1870, near Danzig, South Russia, and came to this country with her parents while only a young girl, and settled northeast of Avon.

She accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as her personal Savior when she was a young girl, later following the Lord in baptism and joining a Baptist Church in South Russia. Those who knew and visited this dear saint in her last years will remember with joy her happiness as she would retell and relive this experience and the peace that followed her committal to Christ.

She was united in marriage to John Buchholz on March 16, 1888. It was the

Lord's will to bless this union with eleven children, five of whom preceded her in death. It was also in the providence of God that her husband John should be called home before her on April 23, 1921. Our sister was again united in the holy bonds of matrimony on October 9, 1926 to Ludwig Siewert. Upon being married she moved with her husband to Naper, Neb., where they lived until 1936 at which time she and her husband moved back to Avon.

Mr. Siewert was also called to be with the Lord on March 15, 1946. Since that time Mrs. Siewert made her home in Avon where she was faithfully cared for by her step-daughter, Hilda Siewert. Mrs. Siewert was a faithful, praying member of the First Baptist Church of this city since 1936 when she moved here from Nebraska. May the Lord bless her memory and influence as it lives on!

Our sister leaves to mourn her departure: two daughters: Alvina Giedd, Carpenter, S. Dak., and Linda Siewert, Avon, S. Dak.; four sons: Edward Buchholz, Dallas, S. Dak.; Emil Buchholz, Avon, S. Dak.; Dan Buchholz, Avon, S. Dak.; and John Buchholz, Stockton, Calif.; two step-daughters: Hilda Siewert, Avon, S. Dak., and Mrs. Ed. Ulrich, New Rockford, N. Dak.; one step-son, eleven granddaughters; 19 grandsons; 32 great-grandchildren, and a great number of relatives, friends, and her pastor.

Services were conducted by the Rev. James DeLoach at the First Baptist Church, Avon, S. Dak., with the Rev. Walter Stein of Tyndal, S. Dak., assisting.

Avon, South Dakota

JAMES DE LOACH, Pastor.

MRS. KATHERINA HARR of Lodi, California.

Mrs. Katherina Harr, nee Miller, of Lodi, Calif., was born on November 10, 1888 in Kassel, South Russia. In 1911 together with her husband and two children, she came to the United States of America and settled near Lehr, North Dakota. For many years she lived on the farm, and reared a large family and served her Lord as a consecrated mother. In 1943 she came to Lodi, Calif., where she remained a resident until she was promoted to her Eternal Home in the Father's House above.

In 1908 she was united in marriage with Gottlieb Harr, her beloved husband, who was called on before her in 1942. The Lord blessed this union with eleven children, of whom one daughter preceded her mother in death. Mrs. Harr was converted in 1914 and baptized on the profession of her faith and received into the Lehr Baptist Church. She was an active member of that church for many years, also in the Woman's Missionary Society, until she came to Lodi and united with the First Baptist Church here.

Due to a long illness, her church activities were limited in the last years and since 1948 she was confined to home or hospital and most of the time to bed. In these years of suffering she manifested a firm faith in Christ from whom she sought new strength for each day and was able to bear her suffering with much patience and with the blessed hope that some day God would wipe away all tears from her eyes. She was a humble and sincere Christian, a devoted and loving mother.

On Thursday morning, Feb. 25th, she slipped away very quietly from the earthly scene of suffering and pain into the eternal place of peace and joy. She reached the age of 65 years, 3 months and 15 days. She is survived by ten children who are: Jacob, John and Reinhold Harr, all of Lodi; Miss Christina Harr and Mrs. Lydia Adolf, also of Lodi; Mrs. Kate Walz and Goodfred Harr, both of Lehr, N. Dak.; Adam Harr of Fredonia, N. Dak.; Emanuel Harr of Cheyenne, Wyo.; and Christ Harr of Lansing, Michigan. She also leaves twelve grandchildren and one sister, Mrs. Christian Beitz of Lodi, and one brother, Mr. Adam Miller of Danzig, North Dakota. Besides these she leaves many friends and her beloved church.

After a service in the First Baptist Church of Lodi at which the Rev. Robert Schreiber and the pastor, Rev. Gustave R. Rausser, served, the body was shipped to Lehr, N. Dak., where another service was held in the Rosenfeld church, a station to Lehr, where her body was committed to its resting place.

First Baptist Church, Lodi, California

G. G. RAUSER, Pastor.

ACROSS THE SEAS

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Tom had the last word, "Dear friends," he stated, plaintively, "I'm an engaged man. I've been ashore two hours and haven't called home yet. Do you reckon we can stop at the drug store down here and let me phone Jean before we go back to the ship?"

The lieutenant laughed. "I reckon we can, Wilson."

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WE, THE WOMEN

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girls this type of training, we will certainly provide scholarships for our girls there.

Who is eligible? Any consecrated young woman who has dedicated herself to Christian service and is recommended by her church is eligible, providing she is a high school graduate. The school offers four years of training on college level, majoring in Bible and Christian Education, awarding a Bachelor of Arts degree. Registered nurses are offered a two-year course and college graduates a one-year course, a Bachelor of Religious Education degree being given in both cases.

Who is our present Scholarship Girl? She is Laura Pahl from our Round

Lake Church in Gladwin, Michigan. Recently she gave the story of her call to missionary service and God's leading her to B.M.T.S. at an evening service of our Humboldt Park Church in Chicago. Her genuine consecration and humble dedication to her Master and Lord were felt by all. She ended her testimony saying that through her school training "God has not only given me new knowledge and wisdom, and a greater understanding of his Word, but has led me into new spiritual depths. I realize anew that God has a plan for each life, and when we truly consecrate ourselves, he will use us. Although I do not know how he will provide and lead in the coming years, I know he will for his promises never fail."

The 1954-55 Scholarship has not yet been awarded. God and our denomination need trained workers. If God is speaking to you, a consecrated young woman in one of our churches, you are invited to apply for this "Appreciation Scholarship." A catalogue and literature may be had by writing to the Scholarship Chairman, 510 Wellington Ave., Chicago 14, Ill., or to our Woman's Union President, Mrs. Walter W. Grosser, Box 6, Forest Park, Illinois.

A "thank you" goes to Mrs. Gustav Schneck who assisted in the writing of this article and who is still deeply interested in our women's work.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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1. Witness what happened to Irsael (1 Kings 17:1; 18:17-18).
2. What are some definite results of such compromise today?

IV. THE CLAIMS OF FALSE GODS AND FALSE RELIGIONS MUST BE SQUARELY AND COURAGEOUSLY MET IF THEIR POWER IS TO BE CHECKED AND BROKEN.

1. The courageous action of Elijah broke the power of Baal worship and directed the people back to God again. Without his intervention, the downward drift would never have been stopped (1 Kings 18:39).
2. Pussyfooting will not work in our day. For evil is always on the aggressive. Compromise with it cannot work. It must be met head-on and in direct and decisive action.
3. Thus the call today is for men like Elijah who have the courage of their convictions and who dare to challenge the claims of evil men and forces.

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