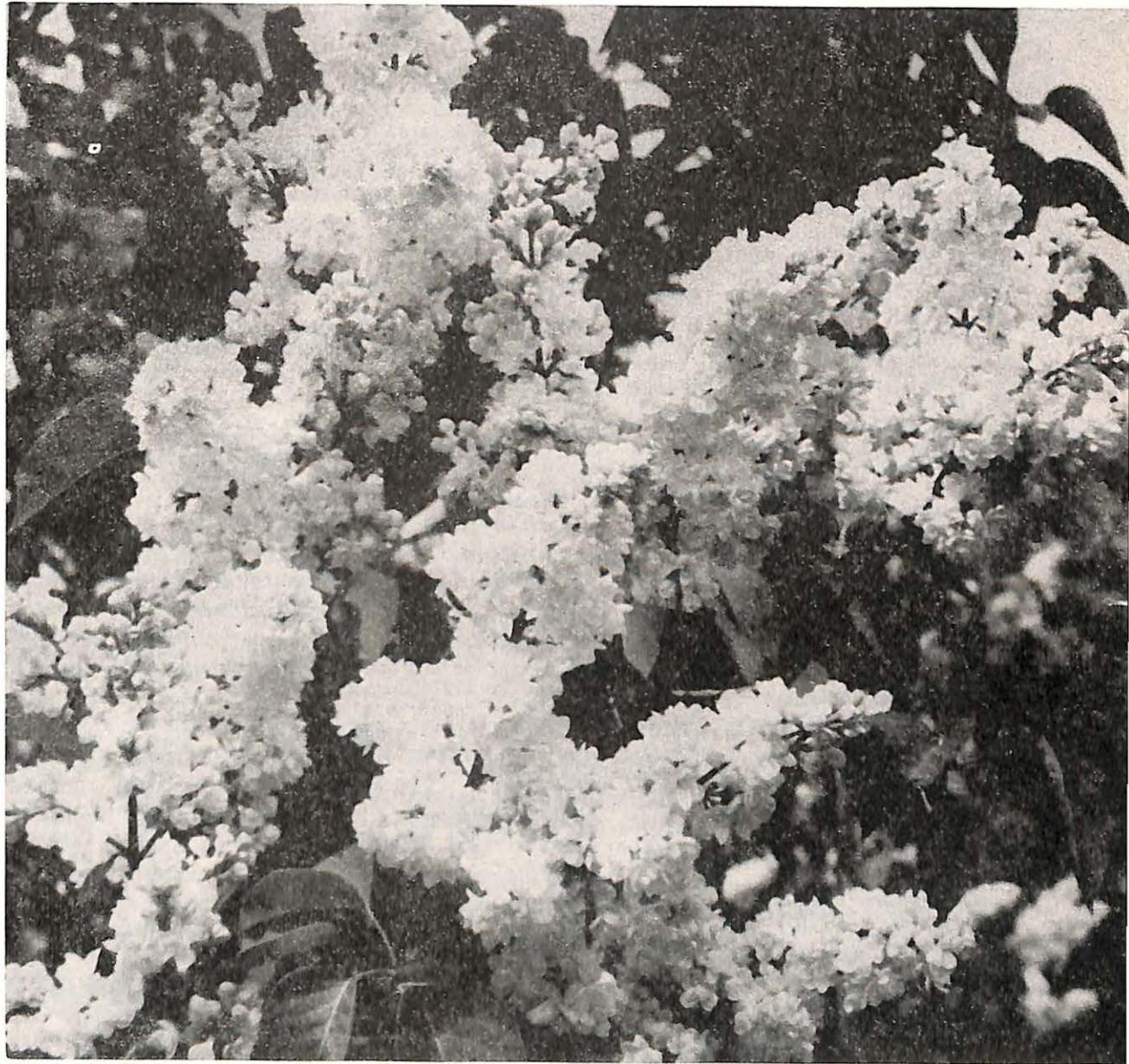


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# The S. S. Lesson in **ACTION**

By Rev. B. JACKSTEIT, Anaheim, Calif.

**A LESSON PLAN**

Date: April 18, 1954

Theme: **OUR LIVING LORD**

SCRIPTURE: John 20:24-29; 21:15-17.

PURPOSE: To set forth the fact and the consequences of our Lord's resurrection.

GETTING STARTED: There's something of a Thomas in every one of us. Before we are willing to believe and accept, we have to be shown. As a result we go through life missing much of the wonder and glory all about us, because the earth's most priceless treasures almost never come to us through the kind of seeing and being shown that a Thomas demands. The soothing caress of a lovely melody, the star-lit magic of a desert night, the benediction of love received and love bestowed—these are not treasures to be received through senses, such as touch, sight and hearing. Only the inner grace of perceiving, the subtler sight of soul serene and sensitive, can receive and know for certain what ear alone can never hear and eye alone can never see. And so it is with faith. Proof positive for the resurrection, there is none. In vain we wait to be shown. But witness, personal witness, that springs from lives that knew the risen Lord and by that fact became transformed, of such there is enough—and more than enough to still our every doubt and bring faith and assurance to hearts and minds receptive to life's deeper truths.

Applying the Lesson:

1. What happens to Christian faith if we deny the resurrection?
2. Which is for you the most compelling proof for the resurrection?
3. What effect does the resurrection have on your personal life?

- (b) It changes religion from mere adherence to dead forms and creeds to thrilling fellowship with and devoted followership to a living Lord.
- (c) It empowers and inspires life with a "living hope" and the consciousness of a never-failing Presence.
- (d) It brings us to the feet of the risen Christ in utter surrender (John 20:28).
- (e) It gives us a compelling call to and motive for service, since such service has lasting significance and brings eternal rewards (John 21:15-17).

2. As we live the resurrection it becomes a power in our lives; for faith becomes seeing and is turned into unshakeable assurance.

**A LESSON PLAN**

Date: April 25, 1954

Theme: **AHIJAH FORESEES A DIVIDED KINGDOM**

SCRIPTURE: 1 Kings 11:29-38.

PURPOSE: To point up some truths that are of importance to a Christian philosophy of government.

GETTING STARTED: Is revolution the answer to the world's problems and the "radical surgery" that alone can restore health to a sick civilization? There are many today who would answer in the affirmative. The Communists' theme song is world revolution. As far as they are concerned it is the golden key—and the only key—that can unlock the door to a better world.

Are they right? Today's lesson affirms that they are wrong. Revolution is not the answer to the nations' problems nor the key to a better world. For look what happened in the case of Israel! That a change was needed, of that there is no question. That there were ills that needed to be righted and abuses that needed to be corrected is very evident. But it is even more evident that the method Israel chose to meet the situation was the wrong one. They chose revolution; but the revolution betrayed them. It did not bring about the betterment they sought. Instead it weakened the nation through internal strife, brought about even greater abuses and hastened the day of complete ruin.

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**ENGAGEMENTS**

**Dr. Frank H. Woyke**  
April 9 (Friday)—Installation of Rev. Paul F. Zoschke as Pastor, Evergreen Church, Brooklyn, New York.

**Rev. J. C. Gunst**  
April 11 (Sunday)—Sumner, Iowa.  
April 20-21—Associated Church Press Sessions, New York, N. Y.

**Rev. Lawrence Bienert**  
April 11 (Sunday)—White Avenue Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio.

**Dr. M. L. Leuschner**  
April 11-12—Sheboygan, Wisconsin.  
April 16 (Good Friday)—Forest Park Baptist Church, Forest Park, Illinois.  
April 20-21—Associated Church Press Sessions, New York, N. Y.

**Rev. D. Fuchs, Evangelist**  
April 11-16—Erin Avenue Church, Cleveland, Ohio.

**Rev. H. Palfenier, Evangelist**  
April 11-16—Second Church, New York, N. Y.  
April 18-25—Immanuel Church, New York, N. Y.

**EVENTS IN APRIL**

- April 11—Palm Sunday.
- April 16—Good Friday.
- April 18—Easter Sunday.
- April 23 (Friday)—Publication Society Board meeting, Cleveland, Ohio.
- April 24 (Saturday)—Baptist Youth Rally, First Baptist Church, Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Dr. Joel Sorenson, Youth Secretary of Baptist World Alliance, Speaker.
- April 27-29—Sessions of the General Missionary Committee, Forest Park, Illinois.
- April 27 (Tuesday)—Public meeting and missionary rally for churches of Chicago and vicinity, Forest Park Baptist Church.
- April 30-May 1—Sessions of the Seminary Board, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.

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# Editorial

## The Heart of Easter

THE HEART OF EASTER is in the heart! There you will find the answer to every human doubt and question about the resurrection of Christ from the dead. There you will see its greatest glory. There you will hear the trumpet call that starts the bells of joy ringing: "Christ is risen! Christ is risen, indeed!"

For the glory of Easter lies in its faith. The stone had been rolled from the entrance to the grave and Christ had come forth from the tomb. The news had been passed on to the disciples and announced in Jerusalem. But only as they believed in the fulness of their hearts that Christ had risen, indeed, did they experience the joy and power of the Easter glory. In fact, the Risen Lord said to Thomas after his confession: "Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen and yet have believed" (John 20:29).

This then is the Gospel's proclamation of the glory of the Easter faith in the heart: "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved" (Romans 10:9). The heart that believes on Christ and has experienced his saving power is the greatest proof of his resurrection from the dead.

"You ask me how I know he lives?  
He lives within my heart!"

The joy of Easter is experienced in its unbroken fellowship with the Risen Christ. We know more about the marvelous truth of Christ's resurrection as we walk with him in newness of life. You cannot argue the fact of Easter with someone who can say: "I walked today where Jesus walked!" The Apostle Paul described this joy in these words of exhortation: "Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Romans 6:11).

"One day I came to know Dr. John Douglas Adam," writes C. G. Trumbell. "I learned that what he counted his greatest spiritual asset was his unvarying consciousness of the actual presence of Jesus. Nothing bore him up so, he said, as the realization that Jesus was always with him in actual presence." That was his unbounded Easter joy in his heart!

The splendor of Easter shines in the fact of immortality brought to light! This, too, is the faith of the heart in Christ's ministry. It believes the words of his promises: "I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die" (John 11:25-26). The Apostle Paul wrote that "if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain . . . and we are of all men most miserable" (1 Cor. 15:17 and 19). But the victory over death and grave belongs to those who have opened their hearts to Christ, the Risen Lord and Savior.

This is the heart of Easter in a heart that is aglow with Christ's living presence, his daily companionship and the power of his resurrection!

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# The Glorious Easter Vision

Easter is more than an event that happened almost 2000 years ago. It is also a present experience of faith and joy by proclaiming the life-giving vision, "I have seen the Lord!"

By the REV. BRUNO SCHREIBER of Forest Park, Illinois

"I HAVE SEEN the Lord!" With these joyous words Mary Magdalene greeted the disciples of Jesus and forthwith become the first proclaimer of the Easter message—"Christ is risen!"

It is often interesting and surprising to note the type of people to whom God revealed himself. The revelation of his first advent came to poor, lowly shepherds. Educationally, as well as theologically, they were totally unprepared to explain the prophetic or Scriptural meaning of their glorious vision. Spiritually, however, their hearts rejoiced because of the wonderful revelation of having seen the glory of God in the manger at Bethlehem.

## MARY MAGDALENE'S JOY

It was not because Mary understood the nature of God, or the full significance of the resurrection, that Jesus revealed himself to her. It was because there was nothing and no one that she wanted more than the living Christ. Through the uncontrollable tears of her great sorrow she said, "They have taken away my Lord." In this unutterably sad statement, Mary

implied very clearly that no loss that she had ever suffered is comparable to the loss of Jesus Christ.

No wonder that her mind and spirit, yes, even her very body, throbbed with the glorious good news, "I have seen the Lord!" Nothing else mattered now, for he lives! Life is worth living only with a living Christ!

The facts of Mary's life before she met Jesus are very fragmentary. She is mentioned as one of the women who, having been healed of evil spirits and infirmities, ministered to Jesus and his disciples with her substance. Mark tells us that she had seven demons cast out of her, implying that the affliction must have been a source of more than ordinary suffering. Whether her condition was mental, physical, or sinful, we do not know. We can only surmise that it may have been a combination of all three, and that the demons of sin, physical illness, and mental confusion had been cast out by Christ, and his peace and joy had filled her completely.

Now that they had taken away her Lord, she might have thought of her condition before Jesus came into her

life. Certainly she had no desire for the return of the demons. But how would she prevent their coming back if her Lord and Savior was no longer with her? No wonder her raptured soul cried out the glorious Easter message, "I have seen the Lord!"

Henceforth she rested in the full assurance that as long as she had her eyes fixed upon Jesus the demons of darkness and despair would never return. The first revelation of the Lord of his resurrection can be considered a special honor on one whose loving ministry had proved how deep and real was her devotion to Jesus Christ.

## THE DISCIPLES' EXPERIENCE

But see how the glorious Easter vision broadens. Mary Magdalene did not keep the vision to herself. Immediately she thought of those who had loved him most and with all haste she went to the disciples of Jesus. Excitedly she cried out the good news, "I have seen the Lord!" If she expected the disciples to shout for joy, she must have been sadly disappointed. John's conspicuous absence of any acceptance or rejection of Mary's statement is a clear indication of "no comment."

But we can readily imagine the mental conflict it must have created. What doubts and fears they must have had! It was too good to be true, yet there was a shred of hope that it might be. The look of joy on Mary's face seemed to imply that she must have seen some kind of vision. Perhaps it was only a hallucination of the mind. Just to make sure of their safety they locked and bolted all the doors and windows. The lamps were turned down as far as possible as they spoke in low whispered tones for fear of the Jews. In all Jerusalem no sadder or more fearful group could have been found. So sure had they been that Christ was the Way, but now they found themselves on another dead-end street. It was "the end of the trail!"

Sometimes an event is so great and glorious that no superlative language is appropriate for the occasion. Perhaps it was for this reason that John became "speechless" and simply, but clearly, reported, "— when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst —." Just

as though it were a common, everyday occurrence for Jesus to reveal himself to the sad and sorrowful, to the fearful and lonely! The uncommon factor is found in this small group of men who would rather lose the whole world than to lose their Lord and Master, Jesus Christ.

Therefore, it was impossible for Jesus to keep himself hidden from those who loved him and longed to see him. These disciples, ignorant as they were, had learned to give up the things of life in order to pursue the values of life. No longer could they be satisfied with the pleasures of this world after they had once tasted the "joy of the Lord." In him they found the source of life. Is it any wonder that the disciples were privileged to share the glorious Easter vision? "Then were the disciples glad when they saw the Lord!" Like Job of old they could say, "I have heard of thee with the hearing of the ear, but now mine eye seeth thee."

## THE EMMAUS ROAD

Even on the outskirts of Jerusalem, the Easter vision was becoming manifest. See with what great reluctance two young men plodded slowly toward Emmaus. Perhaps it was their home. Only a few years previously they had forsaken their work, their friends and their relatives in order to follow Jesus. What hopes had burned within their hearts! What dreams they had had as they watched him perform wonders and listened to him speak! "We trusted that it had been he who should have redeemed Israel." But now their hopes and dreams were shattered. Since it is all over, they might as well go home. The taunts and jeers of their friends were already ringing in their ears, "We told you so!" Life in Emmaus would never be the same again. How common and ordinary their existence would be, compared to the joyous fellowship of the One they had lost!

But as they walked and talked, a stranger joined them quite naturally in their topic of conversation. Slowly, yet very definitely, their understanding became clearer and their hearts began to burn again with the former joy. How wistfully they longed for this Stranger to abide with them! Then suddenly their eyes were opened and they realized that they were part-takers of the glorious Easter vision. No need to go on to Emmaus to disappointment and failure! Quickly and joyously they returned to Jerusalem to wait for power, for they were among those who could say, "We have seen the Lord!"

The Easter vision however, is not confined to a particular time or place, to the Gregorian calendar or to the phases of the moon. Let us look at a little caravan on the Damascus Road. On a stately horse sits a proud Pharisee. What he lacks in stature, he compensates by his power and authority,

by his zeal and intellect. He is bent on a very sinister mission. In the name of the God of Israel he has pledged himself to wipe out "those of the Way, whether they be men or women." Yet in spite of his zeal and supposedly God-given commission, he is deeply troubled by inner doubts and conflicting thoughts.

## CHRIST APPEARS TO SAUL

He has recently witnessed an execution, and the picture of the trial and the scene of the stoning cannot easily be forgotten. In his mind he sees again the courageous stand of Stephen before the Sanhedrin; his words of condemnation addressed to the leaders of Israel; the calm and peaceful expression on his face; the vision he had seen of the "Son of Man standing on the right hand of God." What blasphemy! No man can see God and live. Of course, they passed judgment on him and stoned him to death. But what gave him that unspeakable peace even in death? And those last words he spoke—"Lord, lay not this sin to their charge"—are they not similar to those spoken by their leader as he hung on the Cross?

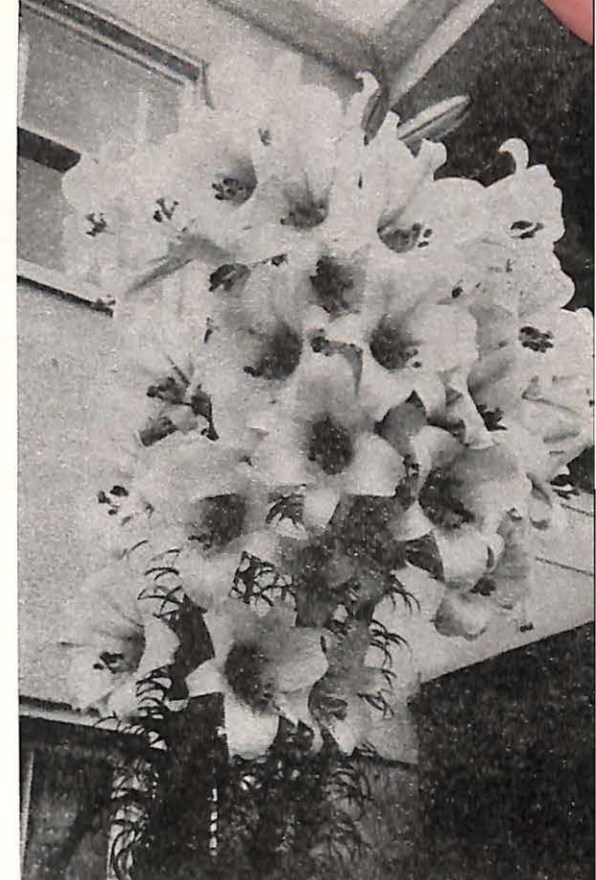
It was all so confusing and so far beyond his intellectual and theological training that he decided to abandon the solution of the problem. "— and suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven; and he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus —."

Few revelations have had more impact on the history of Christianity than the revelation of Jesus Christ on the Damascus Road. "I have not been disobedient unto the heavenly vision," was Paul's testimony as he proclaimed the Gospel with untiring zeal in Antioch, in Cyprus, in Pisidia, in Phrygia, in Lycaonia, in Cappadocia, in Galatia, in Bithynia, in Macedonia, in Jerusalem, in Rome!

The world was his parish! Who can deny that Paul had a share in the glorious Easter vision? If it were not so, he could never have written the wonderful 15th chapter of 1st Corinthians, one of the most significant treatises on the resurrection. With all his heart and soul Paul could say, "I have seen the Lord," and he wanted the whole world to know it.

## MANY TESTIMONIES

The testimonies continue to multiply! We see William Cowper in the dark pit of hopelessness and despair. Because of a severe nervous breakdown, he was confined to an institution. Broken in body and spirit, he paged disinterestedly through a Bible which the superintendent made available to him. Suddenly he came upon these words, "Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for



Regal lilies in glorious splendor in the garden of Dr. and Mrs. J. F. Olthoff during their residence in Tacoma, Washington

the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God" (Rom. 3:25).

Immediately his depression vanished and the clouds lifted. The chains were broken and he was a new man. "Straightway," he tells us, "I received strength to believe it, and the full beams of the Sun of Righteousness shone upon me. My eyes filled with tears, and my voice choked with transport. I could only look up to heaven in silent fear, overwhelmed with love and wonder."

The depth of his vision can best be expressed in one of his best-loved songs:

"O, for a closer walk with God;  
A calm and heavenly frame.  
A light to shine upon the road  
That leads me to the Lamb."  
Truly William Cowper could say,  
"I have seen the Lord!"

## OUR EASTER EXPERIENCE

And what shall we say of Tyndall and Wycliff, of Luther and Zwingli, of Wesley and Whitefield, of Carey and Judson, who fought valiantly against the enemies of righteousness, brought millions into the Kingdom, and saved empires from destruction.

"Where there is no vision," said the wise man in Proverbs, "the people perish." What a perishing people we would be if there had been no Easter vision. How weak our love; how vain our faith; how dark our hope! The death notice in the book of Lamentation is best expressed in the words of Jeremiah, "— her prophets find no vision from the Lord" (Lam. 2:9).

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—Photo by Herman Siemund

Several children of the Grace Baptist Sunday School, Chicago, Illinois, take part in impressive Easter exercises

# Sharing the Easter Offering

Those of us who gather in our churches on Easter Sunday this year will be challenged to share in the **EASTER VICTORY** through the **EASTER OFFERING**

By **DR. FRANK H. WOYKE**, Executive Secretary

FOR THOSE who believe in Jesus Christ as the divine Savior, the period of his life constitutes the central point of human history. Those are the years during which our Heavenly Father in a unique way became Immanuel—God with us. They are the period of God's special action for the redemption of man.

We cannot fully understand or explain the revelation of God in Christ. Who can fathom the meaning of the incarnation—the Word becoming flesh and dwelling among us, God becoming man, the Infinite become finite, Eternity mingling with time? Or who can understand how the sinless Son of God could walk among sinful men and say, "I and the Father are One"? Is there anyone who can fully grasp the work of redemption through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ?

Although, humanly speaking, we cannot understand how these things could be possible, we rejoice that God did actually bring them to pass. Finding the record of these events in God's Word, and having them confirmed in our own experience of faith, we believe them with all our hearts and recognize them as the heart of Christianity.

### THE EASTER VICTORY

The birth, the life, the spoken words, the great deeds, the death, the resurrection of Christ—all of these are important and essential elements of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Yet the **resurrection** has a very special place in our faith, for without it all the preceding events would lose their significance and power. In the Word of God we read: "And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain: ye are yet in your sins . . . If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable" (1 Cor. 15:17, 19). Christ's work of redemption would not have been finished without the resurrection, nor would we as believers have assurance of eternal life without it.

That the resurrection is the symbol and seal of our Christian victory has come to be generally recognized in Christendom. More people throng our churches on Easter Sunday than on any other day of the year, with the possible exception of Christmas Day when it falls on a Sunday. And the note of assurance, joy and victory that is in the air on Easter Sunday can

hardly be equalled at any other time of the year.

We are grateful for the enthusiasm of worshipers on Easter Sunday. May our churches be filled to overflowing and may the resurrection message sound forth as never before!

Yet the joy of those who stop to meditate will be tinged with sadness as they join in the gladness of Easter. Will all of those who throng the churches really share the Easter victory? We know that they will not. Some pastors, recognizing that many in their congregation will be absent between Easter and Christmas, have adopted the custom of wishing everyone "A Merry Christmas" on Easter Sunday. Although rather facetiously given, these greetings call attention to the tragic fact that many who claim Christ do not fully share in his victory.

### SHARING THE EASTER VICTORY

Are you an Easter and Christmas Christian? If so, you cannot fully share Christ's resurrection life. If you are in church only because others are there, you may not be sharing Christ's victory at all. If we would really partake of his victory, we must accept him as our Savior and Lord, permitting him to live and reign in us. Having done that, we shall desire to serve him every day, not only no Easter Sunday.

There is yet another way in which we need to share in the Easter victory. Christ's final word to his disciples was: "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you, and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem,

and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth" (Acts 1:8).

**Ye shall be witnesses unto me!** The risen Christ desires to be known and acknowledged among all men; and he calls on his followers to bring the message of his victory to the uttermost parts of the earth. If we would really share in Christ's victory, we must not only acknowledge him in our own lives but we must also bring him to those who have not yet received him as their Savior.

### OUR EASTER OFFERING

This commission confronts every Christian with an incredible privilege and an inescapable obligation. It forms the basis for the entire missionary cause of the Church of Jesus Christ.

Many followers of Christ are called to become missionaries—to go forth to the uttermost parts of the earth with the message of Christ's victory over sin and death. But whether we are called to be missionaries or not, we are all called to have a share in the onward march of missions.

Those of us who gather to worship in our North American Baptist churches on Easter Sunday this year will again be challenged to share in the Easter victory through the **EASTER OFFERING**. This **EASTER OFFERING** is the way in which we can bring the Gospel of Christ to those, both in our own country and throughout the world, who are yet living without a saving knowledge of the risen Christ.

We urge every church to receive an **EASTER OFFERING** for the missionary and benevolent work of our Conference. God has granted us a wonderful open door of service. Here in America we hear Macedonian calls from many directions. Our foreign fields are experiencing an unparalleled era of growth, with the Cameroons mission alone reporting more than 2200 baptisms last year.

There are calls for more workers from both the Cameroons and Japan! Young people are ready to go—if we are willing to send them! A generous **EASTER OFFERING** will help to send them. If each one of us will do his best, we shall this year receive the greatest **EASTER OFFERING** in our history. May the Lord depend on you?

May the Lord depend on You for a generous **EASTER OFFERING** so that the Gospel can be sent to those still living in darkness?

Palm Sunday, April 11 to Easter Sunday, April 18

# An Open Letter from Africa!

Greetings from the Cameroons missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. Earl H. Ahrens, and son, Billy, and news about the Bible School now stationed at Ndu, with more than 70 students in attendance in a letter dated February 6, 1954

By **MRS. LOIS AHRENS** of Ndu, Cameroons

SOMEHOW THE TYPICAL Pidgin English phrase, "Shame to catch me," is the one that repeatedly comes to mind when I think of how I should have written before this. Before we actually set sail from America, we kept saying, "We must get off our letter to the young people and churches whom we contacted while on furlough. They were so very good to us!"

Now here we are in the Cameroons with a week of Bible School teaching already behind us and well settled. Please be assured that our failure to write you sooner has not meant that we have been ungrateful for your many kindnesses shown to us, nor for the great interest shown everywhere, for we have not forgotten your share in this great vineyard of the Lord. On the contrary, it is knowledge of these very things that has led us to procrastinate—a sense of real inadequacy as how best to express our thanks to you.

How can one say with mere words what the heart feels toward those who have faithfully brought us before the Mercy Seat, who have opened hearts and homes to us, virtually killing the fatted calf? For everyone who showed such kindnesses to us, whether in camps or in individual homes, we give our heartiest thanks.

### BIBLE SCHOOL OPENING

It is unspeakably good to be "home" again, with challenges of service facing one every moment. After a furlough in America, it is good to come back and see growth in many of the Cameroonians. It is likewise disheartening to see that some have fallen easy prey to the wiles of the Evil One. How much more it makes us yearn to be faithful servants in the training of future leaders in the Bible School!

Bible School started a week ago with 60 men and ten women—and with several yet to come. During these first weeks almost half of their time is spent in helping to build the new dormitories. Although we heard no verbal complaints, it was obvious that a few found it hard to humble themselves to do such menial tasks. We strongly believe that unless hands as well as hearts are given fully to the Lord, our testimony will be in vain.

### THIRD YEAR STUDENTS

It is a joy to see how the third year students shine among the other students. Already on the second day of school, they came to Earl and ex-

pressed spiritual concern for the newer students. This resulted in their prayer-system, whereby each senior student prays for several newer ones and acts as a big brother to them. Already they are pleased to see that there is a growing interest in the Word of God and fewer complaints concerning the temporary housing given them. This blossoming is the greatest joy of a teaching ministry.

A week ago Billy, our son, and I went visiting in the town. We stopped to see one of the deaconesses of the church, Maria Ntala. It had been a long time since I had been there, and so I was surprised to find that her

along, to tell the old man of the blindness of sin, and of how Jesus is the only One who can give sight. This old man is one of the type that agrees amiably to anything one says concerning the Lord but persists in his pagan ways. Pray for him and the many whom he represents.

### MISSIONARIES AT WORK

The annual missionary conference voted that the Rev. and Mrs. Fred Holzimmer would be with us during February, March and April. It is grand, indeed, having additional fellowship on the station, and we so deeply appreciate their help with the



Students of the Cameroons Bible School singing and rejoicing in the Lord after a baptismal service at the river

husband had gone blind. He is an old man and has little pleasure in life these days. He was so pleased that Billy had come along that he asked Billy to stand before him, and then proceeded to "feel" him from head to foot. Fortunately, I had briefed Billy a few minutes before and so he stood quietly during this examination. Before the man had finished, Billy said, "Are you a blind man? Jesus helps blind people, you know!" This gave a most appropriate opening for the church teacher, who had come

Remember, that the blessings of the **EASTER OFFERING** will be experienced at this Bible School in Ndu, the Cameroons!

Bible School. Every day finds Earl and Fred teaching, supervising the building of bricks, laying out of foundations, looking after the carpentry and, of course, teaching. Evenings are kept solely for study, and there is more than a little midnight oil burned.

The Bible School women this year present a greater challenge than ever before. For the first time we have 90 per cent who understand Pidgin English upon enrollment. Quite a number of those have had some instruction before, so we believe that these will absorb more of the teaching than the others. Do pray with us that both the men and the women during their days here will become "thoroughly furnished unto all good works."

We trust that this letter finds you all, not just busy about "things," but doing what each can about that "which concerneth HIM."

# We Do Not Walk Alone!

Thank God that we can say at this Easter season that we do not walk alone. The Risen Christ will guide, help, comfort and bless us if we are faithful and walk worthy of his great love and sacrifice

By MR. ROLAND E. ROSS, Denominational Comptroller

"SEEING we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us. Looking unto Jesus — — —."

These are wonderful words of encouragement which the Apostle Paul wrote to the Hebrews, recorded in the twelfth chapter of the epistle. It is encouragement because he reminds us that there are those who have gone before who have had the confidence of their faith and have been true to their calling. It is also encouragement because there have been those who have witnessed regarding their courage to brave all dangers, deprivations and destruction itself, for the joy of the prize of their high calling in Christ Jesus.

## BAPTIST MEN

These are also words of admonishment to us, which serve as a reminder that as we pursue our daily journey through life there is a great host of witnesses of those who are observing just how we are evidencing our membership in God's family. Are we adding to the good reputation of his people and his Church on earth, or are we walking in a way that will bring disgrace and dishonor, and will give these witnesses the excuse which they, by human nature, are seeking. Somehow the world does not want to change its way of life, or accept the way of salvation. We are herein admonished by the Apostle Paul to run our race with patience, laying aside every sin. Thus the world will see in us that which should appeal to their spiritual yearning for a better life.

In being given this assignment the thought was expressed that a special appeal should be made to our laymen at this Easter season. **Baptist Men** of our North American Baptist General Conference has in recent years put forth a sincere effort toward strengthening the bond of fellowship among our laymen, and the giving of encouragement for greater accomplishments in such opportunities as we may have for service in Christ's Kingdom. That should naturally be the foremost objective of our Laymen's Fellowship. Therefore, we hope and pray that this Easter season may be a time for the strengthening of that bond of fellowship, and the deepening of the spirit-

ual life of every one of our laymen and their families.

The Easter story brings to our attention numerous real experiences for the guidance of our laymen. They will help us avoid the pitfalls which trapped or brought forth the weaknesses of Christ's followers. Likewise, we see experiences which give more positive direction toward a closer walk with God. If we will only observe these examples, we cannot help but be guided into a closer and more sincere walk with God.

## THE UPPER ROOM

May we look for a moment at the scene of "The Last Supper." What a blessed time of fellowship that was to be, as Christ and his chosen disciples were together, alone, to break bread and to hear the Master teach those wonderful truths of life! But one man of the twelve, just one, caused a discord that disturbed these moments with emotions that would be hard to describe. Just one man who placed his love of money, earthly possessions, far above the priceless gift of discipleship, and eternal life! Even after he was exposed at the Supper, his will had become so subjected to his desire for earthly gain that he went through

## EASTER

What does Easter mean to you?  
Stately church with cushioned pew,  
Where, Lenten season, gone at last  
And days of self-denial past,  
Richly-clad, devoted throngs  
Of worshipers unite in songs  
Of praise in lily-scented air?  
Is this what makes your Easter fair?

Sad is the world and cold and gray  
If this is all of Easter Day.

But if this blessed season brings,  
A firmer faith in holy things;  
Assurance of a living Lord;  
A strengthening of the tender cord  
Of love that binds us to the life to come  
Where loved ones 'wait us in the  
heavenly home,  
No pain or loss can e'er efface the  
bliss,  
Dear friend, of Easter, when it means  
all this.

—Author Not Known

with his betrayal in the garden, a betrayal with a kiss of friendship. Might our worldly desires be making a Judas of some of us?

Then we have Peter, the one who swore he would not deny Jesus, even if all the others would deny him. His courage went so far that he even undertook Christ's defense with his sword. He was so human. He was sure he had the power to do things in his own might. You may be certain it took courage to stand up against the multitude, in the physical sense. There were only a few with Jesus, and the company that sought to take Jesus was great. But when it came to admitting in a smaller group that he was one of the followers of Jesus, all his courage fled. Three times he denied him.

Again how human! It is not necessary to make an audible denial as Peter did. Silent denials are just as effective. We are so likely to overlook an opportunity to give a word of testimony to a person, or group of people, who might be helped by such a timely witness of our being a child of the King, and of the hope that lies within us.

## GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE

Before the betrayal Jesus went to the Garden of Gethsemane to pray. He had a great burden to bear. He felt the need of having those, on whom he most depended, to be near him. So he selected Peter, James and John from among the rest and took them near the place where he would agonize with his Father, if possible, to relieve him of the terrible ordeal he must suffer. Not once, or twice, did Jesus come back to where the disciples were and found them sleeping, but three times they proved too weak in the flesh to be enough concerned about their Master's cause to wake with him one hour.

How much like churches of today! The social activities are not neglected, and need not be. But when it comes to the hour of prayer, to seek God's will for our lives, how often he finds us fast asleep. Men of today ought also to be watching and praying!

We are not especially concerned herein with the men who were not followers of Jesus, even though it might be worth the time taken to consider a few. First, we have the multitude that wished to have nothing to do with Jesus, except to be rid of him. And

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how better to do this than by crucifixion. That would afford them a moment of beastly pleasure.

Are not these multitudes with us today? They wish no interference in their affairs by the claims of Christ, and in their soul they crucify him anew each day. The soldiers were carrying out their orders and yet they too had the opportunity to accept Jesus, rather than crucify him. They were surely blinded by the opportunity of the moment, perhaps, to satisfy the will of the people, or more likely to satisfy their own beastly instincts. And yet, when it was too late, and the veil of the temple had been rent in twain, and the earth did quake and rocks were rent, and graves were opened from which saints arose, the centurion and those that were with him had to agree, "Truly, this was the Son of God."

Why could not the life and wonders of Christ have impressed themselves upon them sooner? Even their excuses cannot be ours.

## MANY OTHER MEN

There are also the high priest, the chief priests and the scribes and elders of the church, who misled the multitudes into demanding the death of Jesus. They felt they had much to gain by disposing of the truth, so that they could continue to mislead the people in their spiritual life. They had a form of godliness, based on their own ideas and regulations, as do so many churches and church leaders today, and they could not tolerate any movement that would interfere. The people cannot excuse themselves by claiming they were misled, but what an awful judgment must rest on those that misled them; and on Pontius Pilate who delivered Jesus to be crucified despite his knowledge that Jesus was innocent of the accusations.

Significant is the participation of three other men in the drama of the Easter story. Significant and yet in complete contrast! It is significant of the great differences between men of our day, too. When Jesus required help for someone to bear his cross, Simon of Cyrene was at hand to serve. The passage does not tell us whether Simon was one who had accepted Christ, but what a wonderful privilege was his to serve the Master in this crucial hour. Later in the Scriptures we are told of Cyrenians who traveled and preached the word. Perhaps Simon's influence became effective for the conversion of many, because he was ready to serve when given the opportunity.

The others were the two thieves who were crucified with Jesus. What a contrast! What an example of the power of evil in man's life! What a symbol of the power of salvation, even in dying moments, if we are willing to yield our lives to Jesus! The one thief was so steeped in his sins, without conscience, that he could not recognize

Jesus' power and deity, even in these last moments of his life, when he had everything to gain by having a little faith and trust. The other thief did come to a most timely realization that Jesus was not an ordinary man. He accepted him in faith, believing. What a wonderful reward, when Jesus assured him, "Verily I say unto thee, Today shalt thou be with me in paradise."

## A SAD SPECTACLE

Men in abundance were at the cross to witness the crucifixion, but we read of not one who tried to defend Jesus or to oppose the mob. Rather, they were delighted to drive the nails and raise the cross; and then to divide his garments among them, and to cast lots (gamble) for his vesture. They reviled and mocked him, with references of derision to his expressed power and authority. Then was a sign set over Jesus' head, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews." What a sad spectacle! How much like the world today! The masses do not want to believe in Jesus. They would rather deny, abuse and ridicule him; for it would seem to them better to serve their own restricted interests, so to do.

But here again we see one man who was a follower and who was at least concerned about Jesus' burial. Indeed, an important man, who did not always feel free publicly to evidence his belief and faith. But he was at hand to see that Jesus was given a proper burial, in his own new sepulchre, having obtained official permission to take the body of Jesus. Though Joseph of Arimathaea was a rich man and probably could easily afford the gift, it would seem that giving the sepulchre meant more than the cost thereof, for he had just had it hewn out of a rock for personal use. No doubt it was a well selected and desirable location. But he was ready and willing to give it for Jesus, in whom he believed and whom he followed. He gave the best. This is another good example for the layman of today to observe.

As is so often the case in the work of the church, it was the women who came first to the sepulchre on resurrection morning, at the dawning of that first Easter Day. And they were richly blessed, first by the revelation of Christ's resurrection, by the message of the angel, and then by meeting Jesus himself as they hastened to spread the good news. That is the reward that is assured to each one who hastens to spread the good news—the rich blessing of the consciousness of Jesus' presence in life. Our neglect of those tasks for God's Kingdom which are given especially for each of us to do personally so often robs us of the real joy we should have in our lives as Christians.

In this life we do not walk alone. The two disciples who walked the Emmaus Road on that first Easter Day did not walk alone. While they were



—Photo by A. Devaney, Inc., N. Y.  
Christ, the Lord, is risen from the dead!  
Hallelujah!

so engrossed, discussing all that had happened, probably so much concerned about their own affairs, and perhaps thinking and discussing what their future might be so that they did not recognize him, Jesus came and walked with them. The fact that they were soon leaving Jerusalem and going to Emmaus shows their lack of any expectation of Christ's resurrection, and of a further walk with their Master. But that did not deter Jesus from coming to accompany them as they went their way, for he knew their needs.

## OUR WALK WITH CHRIST

It was also somewhat of a time of testing, as Jesus walked and talked with these disciples, and their eyes were held so that they did not recognize him. Their conversation revealed their concern over the things that had happened as regarded Jesus and all that was related to him. They also expressed their shattered hope that Jesus should have been Israel's Redeemer. They even knew of the empty sepulchre, and yet believed not that Jesus had arisen. How thankful we can be that even in the midst of our wavering faith and unbelief, when we are perhaps the least worthy of such grace, Jesus walks with us and reveals himself to us, just as he did to the disciples on the Emmaus Road.

Thank God that we can say again at this Easter season, and throughout the years, that we do not walk alone. He will guide, help, comfort and bless us if we are faithful and walk worthy of his great love and sacrifice. May each of us, as laymen, resolve henceforth to give of our best to the Master, even as he gave all for us.



Baptist women at a relief room in the East Zone of Berlin, representing the Baptist Union of Germany, sort clothes and shoes and prepare them for distribution among refugees. Left to right: Hertha Fehlhaber, Elizabeth Weinstock and Lydia Breidenbach

## Parcels for Germany!

Instructions how to send parcels of clothing and relief goods to Germany to refugees and people who need this help "in the Name of Christ" as desperately as ever

By MISS GRETCHEN REMMLER of Forest Park, Illinois

IN THE "BAPTIST HERALD" of January 28 on page two under "Changes of Address" we found the new address of Rev. R. Milbrandt, WCC, APO 154 c/o Postmaster, New York, N. Y. This address is not only good for letters but can also be used for parcels, if anyone should wish to send individual relief parcels of clothes for general distribution in Germany. Mr. Milbrandt, who is one of our own pastors, has been appointed by our own General Council to supervise the immigration program.

His predecessor in the Stuttgart office claims to have received more than five thousand individual parcels from Swedish Baptist churches in America during the few years he was stationed there. They have the facilities and know of individual needs as well as Baptist centers where these clothes can be wisely distributed in the West as well as in the East Zones of Germany.

### NAME OF CHRIST

Following the 2nd World War, thousands of persons were in acute need of food and clothing, either because they had been forced to leave their homes for political reasons or they had been bombed out. Through the shipments of our Fellowship Fund, both in bulk and individual parcels, we have become well acquainted with

all the Baptist distribution centers and Christian workers who have carefully distributed the various shipments. We may never know what the blessings of this work have been because certainly all these things given "in the Name of Christ" have some impact on the recipients.

You may ask: "Why are you still sending material aid to Germany and Austria eight years after the war is over? Are we always going to have to give them things? What about the Marshall Plan and the Eisenhower parcels to Berlin? Isn't that enough help?"

And we answer: "We should help as long as children do not have enough

### IMPORTANT ADDRESS

Send all your shipments for European relief to:

Relief Department  
North American Baptist Headquarters

7308 Madison Street  
Forest Park, Illinois

(Unfortunately, churches in Canada cannot send clothes to the United States because of customs difficulties.)

to eat; as long as old people shiver in the winter because they have only thin worn-out clothing; as long as a liter of milk costs such a high price that people cannot afford to drink it; as long as they have to live in hovels and makeshift dwellings."

### PATHETIC CONDITIONS

Many able-bodied people cannot find work and have to live on the scanty money furnished by the German government. It is a pathetic thing to feel a very strong desire to work and yet absolutely no job to be found. The fact is that Germany was thickly populated before the war, and is overcrowded now with the influx of refugees during and after the war so that there are not enough jobs to go around. We will help them as long as Christ entreats us. Christ commanded us to help our fellow-men, and, by serving our fellow-men, we are serving God.

Every once in a while we get inquiries from churches, asking whether we are still sending relief goods to Germany. We answer that we have never ceased doing this. We have not published many "thank you" letters in "Der Sendbote" and the "Baptist Herald" as we used to do, but churches, women's groups and individuals have supplied us with clothes and shoes and we have sent over bulk shipments several times during the year and individual parcels in greater numbers until the postage for these export parcels was raised last August. We are still sending some but only in smaller numbers.

The messages in the following letters give some illustrations of the great need that still exists in all parts of Germany. If we could only visualize the densely populated Ruhr district, the southern part of Germany where many Baptist churches are springing up where formerly only Roman Catholic churches could be found and where people from the east have been settled in refugee camps, and the remotest places of Bavaria and Wuerttemberg! Last but not least there is the Russian Zone. Should it happen that the Iron Curtain actually falls, we have been told by our old friend and B.W.A. Associate Secretary, Dr. Walter O. Lewis, who has spent more than 30 years in Europe, that then we will have to do a greater relief work than we have ever done before.

### "THANK YOU" LETTERS

"Thank you so much for the parcel of clothes. It contained useful and beautiful things, and I was able to satisfy needs. We wish you God's blessing for all your love which is being bestowed upon refugees. There are quite a number of families here who are not yet able to leave, but they do not have the necessary money to buy clothes themselves. So we are very happy that we can help them."

Mrs. F. T., Bremen.

"Your appreciated parcel just arrived when a number of refugees from the East Zone came to our church. I could distribute the contents and the joy and gratitude of those who received the things was very great. A dear sister living in our neighborhood is especially in great distress. With her husband and five children she lives in the inn of the camp. There is a stage which has been partitioned off by thin cardboard walls into small rooms. The entrance part is closed off by a thin curtain. Now she is expecting her 6th child and is in great fear. I went to the Housing Board and other municipal offices and to house owners entreating them to arrange for living quarters for this family, but all was in vain. All I could accomplish was that they will take her up in the hospital for the delivery. Then she was afraid what will happen to the other five children when they are left alone. I promised that I will take care of them during her absence. She was very thankful for the love which was shown to her by us."

Mrs. Ella W.

### GOD'S SUFFICIENCY

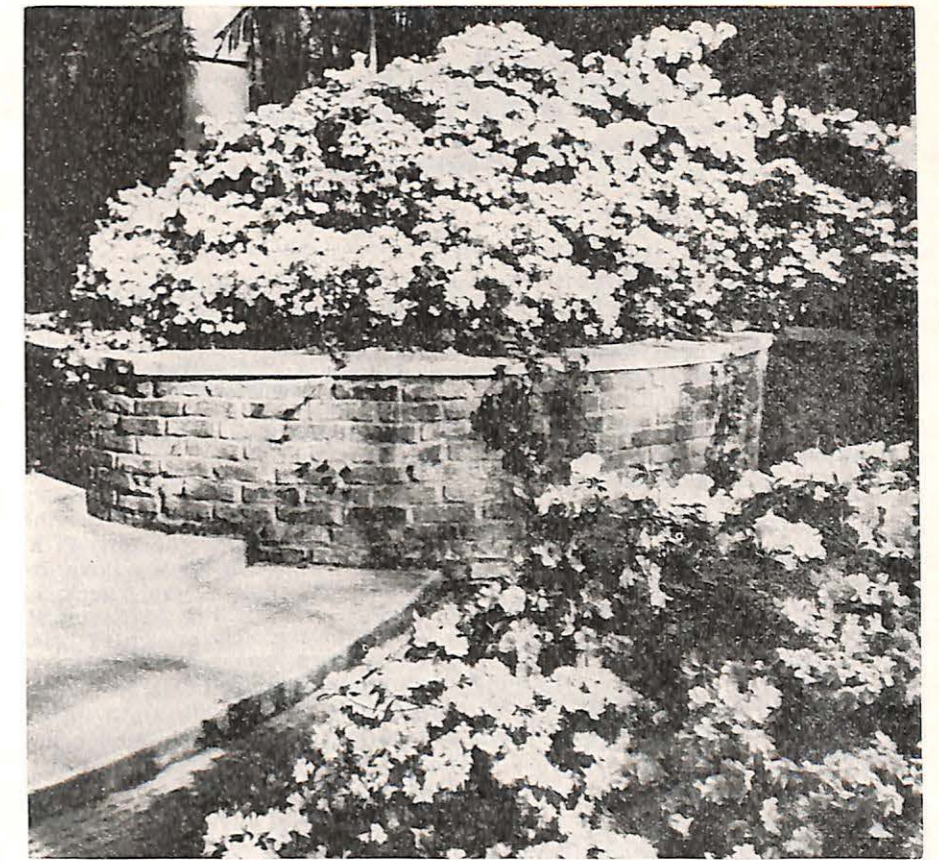
"To me it is a great experience that God always fills and refills my hands at the right time. We had a refugee girl come to visit our home. Her clothes were very shabby. At that time your parcel of clothes reached me and I was able to outfit her. Later on another girl came who had outgrown everything she had to wear, and I could help this girl too. From our meager salary I could not have done this. I wish I could transmit to you the hugs and embracings these young girls gave me. God bless you dear friends in America to make this Christian service possible!"

Mrs. Ruth K.

"In our work we meet new problems every day. In the present cold season we always find destitute people at our door pleading for help. We are glad if we do not have to send them away empty. Therefore we are so thankful when your parcels with useful clothing arrive, and the last time they again came at the right moment. Every day in our devotions we think of you and pray for you and thank God for your love and willingness to help."

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"When I unpack one of your parcels, my thoughts become prayers and I ask God to point me to the people who need this or that piece of clothing. I have had marvelous experiences that way. Once I had in my hands a warm boy's coat and I asked God for guidance. The next day a mother knocked at my door and as I talked with her she told me what troubled her mind. Her boy was to go the next day to a distant school for training and had no warm clothes to wear. She did not know that I was in a position to help her. Can you visualize how happy this woman was when she held that coat in her hands which was just the right size? May God bless the giver in a special way!"



A blaze of blossoming azaleas along the garden pathway —Eva Luoma Photo

## Inspirational Easter Poems

### HALLELUJAH! HE IS RISEN

Hallelujah! He is risen,  
Lord of life, Ruler on high;  
Broke the bonds of death asunder,  
Let his praises fill the sky.

Hallelujah! No more weeping,  
Ever more he reigns above;  
Intercessor ever pleading,  
Friend and Helper, King of love.

Hallelujah! Tender Shepherd,  
Lost forever is death's sting;  
He the power of resurrection,  
From the grave his own will bring.

Hallelujah! King, Redeemer,  
Our exalted Head is he;  
Ever living, never dying,  
Justified in him are we.

—E. O. Sellers

### MY RISEN LORD

My risen Lord, I feel Thy strong  
protection;  
I see Thee stand among the graves  
today;  
"I am the Way, the Life, the Resurrection,"  
I hear Thee say.

And all the burdens I have carried  
sadly  
Grow light as blossoms on an April  
day;

My cross becomes a staff, I journey  
gladly  
This Easter day.

—Author Unknown

### EASTER MORNING

As dawn crept o'er the garden fair,  
Around the vault where Jesus lay,  
The heavy-hearted women came,  
Their last sad solemn dues to pay  
To him who through the gladsome  
years  
Their hearts and souls so strangely  
stirred,  
Who healed their hurts, who stilled  
their fears,  
Who spake the True and Living Word.

A glance within the opened tomb,  
The message of the angel given,  
On joyous eager feet they run  
To tell the news: The Lord is risen;  
The promise made has been fulfilled;  
Within the tomb he may not stay;  
But bursting from the bonds of death  
Comes forth this first glad Easter Day.

With joyful hearts repeat the news  
To men bowed down with grief and  
pain:  
O'er sin and death the victory's won;  
The Lord returns with us to reign.  
Triumphant o'er the powers of hell,  
The gates of life he opens wide.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Exalt his Name!  
The risen Lord be glorified!

—E. R. Bingham

# WHAT'S HAPPENING

● The Rev. and Mrs. W. G. Gerthe of Buffalo Center, Iowa, have announced the birth of a daughter on Feb. 12 who has been named Mary Elizabeth. There are three other children in the Gerthe family: Paul, aged 8; Susan, aged 4; and Ruth, aged 2. Mr. Gerthe is pastor of the First Baptist Church of Buffalo Center, Iowa.

● The Rev. L. H. Smith recently resigned and terminated his ministry at the Calvary Baptist Church of Corn, Okla., on February 17. He and his family are living in Quincy, Ill., at present. Mr. Smith will be available for evangelistic work and Bible conferences for a time. He served as pastor of the church in Corn, Okla., since 1950.

● The Fenwood Baptist Church of Fenwood, Sask., has extended a call to the Rev. Eldon Janzen of Valleyview, Alta., to become its pastor. A favorable response has been given, and Mr. Janzen has announced that he will begin his pastorate in Fenwood on May 16, succeeding the Rev. E. L. Thiessen, now of Southey, Saskatchewan. Mr. Janzen has served the Valleyview Church since 1951.

● On Sunday evening, Feb. 21st, the congregation of the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Lehr, N. Dak., gathered for a memorial service. A beautiful, all-leather-bound Bible, which the church had purchased in memory of the late Rev. S. J. Fuxa was dedicated. Several musical numbers were rendered and a fitting dedication sermon was brought by the pastor, the Rev. John Heer.

● On Thursday evening, Feb. 11, the choir members of the Faith Baptist Church, Minneapolis, Minn., were pleasantly surprised by a banquet prepared by some friends of the church. The pastor, the Rev. A. Huber, served as master of ceremonies. The Board of Deacons was present and expressed the church's appreciation for the choir's ministry. The choir director, Mr. Alvin Quiring, responded. Miss Doris Adam is the organist. At present there are 25 members in the choir.

● The First Baptist Church of Center Line, Mich., has extended a call to the Rev. Adolph Braun of the Plum Creek Baptist Church, Emery, South Dakota. He has accepted the call and announced that he will begin his ministry in the Center Line Church on May 2nd, succeeding the Rev. S. H. Houbolt, now of Grand Rapids, Mich.

igan. Mr. Braun has served as pastor of the Plum Creek Church of South Dakota since his graduation from the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., in May 1951.

● On Sunday, Jan. 31, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Kramlich of Colfax, Wash., celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary with members and friends of the First Baptist Church. The Rev. F. E. Klein, pastor, congratulated them by speaking on "Your Silver Book of Memories." The Rev. R. M. Klingbeil, a former pastor, also brought a brief congratulatory message. Mrs. F. E. Klein read a poem and Mrs. Paul Kruger presented them with a gift in behalf of the church. Mr. Kamlich has been a deacon of the church and Mrs. Kramlich has been a Sunday School teacher for many years.

● On Tuesday evening, March 2, the Philathea Class of the Humboldt Park Church, Chicago, Ill., celebrated its 49th anniversary with a pot-luck supper. Miss Alethea Kose, teacher at the Baptist Missionary Training School, was the guest speaker. Mrs. George W. Lang, the pastor's wife, rendered several musical selections. On Sunday evening, March 14, the United String Band, representing several neighboring churches, brought an inspirational program. From March 14 to Good Friday, April 16, the Rev. George W. Lang, pastor, is bringing a series of messages on "People Who Viewed the Cross."

● Dr. and Mrs. William S. Boutwell and family left the Cameroons, Africa, on March 27, sailing on the "MV Nicoya." They plan to spend some time in England, before their return to the United States about the middle of May. An article about their splendid ministry as medical missionaries in the Cameroons during the furlough of Dr. Chaffee will appear later in the "Baptist Herald." Dr. and Mrs. L. M. Chaffee and their family and Miss Bernice Westerman arrived in the Cameroons on Feb. 16. The Rev. and Mrs. George Henderson arrived in England on Feb. 21st where they are undergoing treatments for about three months.

● Special meetings were held by the Greenvine Baptist Church near Burton, Texas, from Feb. 16 to 24 for the deepening of the spiritual life of those attending. The Rev. H. Palfenier, denominational evangelist, rendered an appreciated ministry during those days. With April 1st, the Greenvine

church has become self-supporting. A large, striking pen and ink sketch prepared by Mr. Willie Heinemann, Jr., with the words, "With God's help we can become self-supporting," was effective in helping the church to reach this decision. The fine drawing is now framed and hangs in the church vestibule. The Rev. Frank Armbruster is the pastor.

● On February 20 Mr. Albert Johns of River Forest, Ill., celebrated his 80th birthday with open house festivities in the home of a son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph S. Johns. More than 100 friends and relatives expressed their congratulations in person to Mr. Johns. A special announcement appeared in the bulletin of the Forest Park Baptist Church of which Mr. Johns has been a member since it was founded in 1890. He is one of two living charter members. He was baptized by the late Rev. Jacob Meyer of Chicago, Illinois. Another son, Mr. Harold Johns, is the president of the Publication Board of the Roger Williams Press.

● From April 6 to 8 the commencement exercises of the Christian Training Institute were held in Edmonton, Alberta. The baccalaureate message was brought on Sunday, April 4, by the Rev. W. J. MacDonald, secretary of the Baptist Union of Western Canada. The commencement speaker and the festive program on Thursday evening, April 8, held in the auditorium of Alberta College was Dr. Thorwald W. Bender of Chicago, Ill., teacher at the Northern Baptist Theological Seminary. A detailed report of the commencement program by the Rev. E. P. Wahl, the president of the Christian Training Institute, has been promised for an early issue of the "Baptist Herald" along with a picture of the graduating class.

● The Baptist Church of Elberta, Ala., held evangelistic services from March 7 to 14 with the Rev. Pete Ruckman serving as evangelist. He also spoke over radio station WHEP in Foley, Ala., on Sundays, March 7 and 14. The Sunday School attendance reached a new high of 110 on two Sundays in succession in February. A Sunday School contest was held for 13 weeks that was called "A Trip to the Holy Land." Miss Martha Kleinschmidt was in charge of the contest. The Rev. Philip Potzner, pastor, has announced that the Elberta church is partially supporting Miss

Libby Cooper, one of its members, as a missionary in Guatemala. She is a teacher in a mission school at Guatemala City, Central America.

● The First Baptist Church of Sumner, Iowa, during the months of January and February, sponsored two of Billy Graham's films, "Mr. Texas" and "Oiltown U.S.A.," at the Sumner High School auditorium. In spite of opposition from "the town's dominant religious factor," there were 59 recorded decisions for Christ. One family provided each seeker with the booklet, "What Must I Do To Be Saved," and donated several religious books to the town library. On February 15th six North American Baptist parsonage families of Iowa met in Sumner for a fellowship gathering with Dr. Martin Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., addressing the group, charging them to "stir up the gifts within" and develop dormant abilities. The Rev. Fred Mashner is pastor of the Sumner church.

● The annual Convocation Program of Speech and Music of the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alta., was held on Tuesday evening, March 2, at the C.T.I. chapel. A debate was held on the subject, "Resolved that the C.T.I. should have an accredited Junior College." The affirmative was upheld by Jean Haller and David Binder, and the negative side by Eleonore Otto and Gunter Rochow. Musical numbers were rendered by Lilah Jasper, Josephine Cicansky, Lydia Lang, Ehrenfried Merke, Margaret Hiller, Walter Kerber and by the teachers, Miss Verda Scheeler and the Rev. Edward Link. The Rev. Karl Korella made the presentations to the speech contestants. On Saturday, March 6, the annual Parents' Day or Open House was observed at the Institute. Many friends, some from as far away as Calgary, Alta., visited the Institute. The Rev. E. P. Wahl is the C.T.I. president.

● The CBY of the First Baptist Church of Goodrich, N. Dak., composed of about 20 members, was successful in securing an electric organ for the church. The incentive for this project was a memorial gift of \$98. After the organ had been bought, the CBY adopted a project of raising funds for the Seminary library at Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Three programs were given, at which \$75 were realized for this project. On Feb. 28 the Turtle Lake CBY presented a program at the Goodrich church. The offering was divided between the two CBY groups, with the portion for the Turtle Lake CBY going toward the building fund in Turtle Lake and the other going toward the new Goodrich CBY project of securing new curtains for the church building. The Rev. Irvin H. Schmuland, pastor, stated that "once again it has been visibly demonstrated what can be done when Christian young people have a heart to work. We praise the Lord for this!"

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

## YOUTH COMPASS TOPICS

April 11, 1954—"The Final Triumph" by Dr. John Leyboldt, Forest Park, Illinois.  
April 18, 1954—"Easter" by Mrs. A. Huber, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

## YOUTH WEEK

YOUTH WEEK of 1954 is now in the annals of history. The blessings which resulted from this week and are continuing to count in the lives of our young people will fully be revealed only in eternity. First reports show that a larger number of youth groups than ever before observed Youth Week and made it a vital part of their training for Christian life. Have YOU sent in your report? We will be looking for it within the next few days. Let us look at some of the activities in which our CBY groups participated.

## CENTRAL CONFERENCE

Gospel tracts were passed out by the EAST SIDE CHICAGO CBY. The boys cooked supper for all CBY members and visitors at the evening fellowship. We are sure that the boys will soon have an opportunity again.

## DAKOTA CONFERENCE

A play, "That Unused Talent," was presented by the CBY at BERLIN, NORTH DAKOTA

The young people of NAPOLEON, NORTH DAKOTA, were so inspired with their visitation program that they want to continue to do visitation work every Sunday afternoon. We trust that these efforts will be the means of bringing others into fellowship with Christ.

## NORTHWESTERN CONFERENCE

A state cabinet meeting was held at WATERTOWN, WIS., at which plans were made for the spring rally and the summer assembly.

## IMPORTANT DATE!

The Rev. Joel Sorenson, Youth Secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, will be the guest speaker at a special YOUTH RALLY to be held at Sioux Falls, S. Dak., on Saturday evening, April 24th. All Baptist young people of Sioux Falls and of churches in the surrounding area are urged to plan to attend this inspirational meeting.

The newly organized Junior Choir of NORTH FREEDOM, WIS., took part in the Sunday morning service. Many people were thrilled to hear the Junior Choir of APLINGTON, IOWA, sing on the radio broadcast during Youth Week.

The CBY group of RIVERSIDE, ST. PAUL, MINN., had complete charge of the Sunday evening service.

## PACIFIC CONFERENCE

The BETHANY CHURCH OF VANCOUVER, B. C., a first time participant in Youth Week, reported rich blessings as the church met to acquaint itself with the entire work of the CBY, and to give forth praise through testimony.

At BETHANY, PORTLAND, ORE., the CBY group had complete charge of the Sunday evening service.

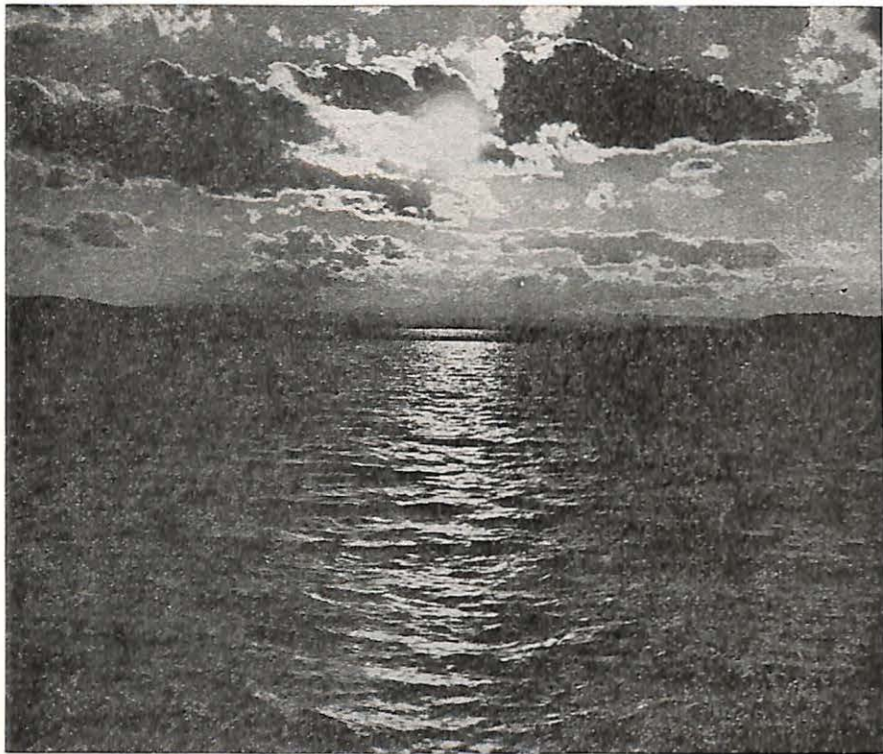
## SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

Charles Locklin of WACO, TEXAS, had charge of the prayer service. Edward Schmeltekopf of KYLE, TEXAS, brought the message at the morning worship service.

The CBY of the CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH, WACO, TEXAS, was the host for a "Union" Youth Week banquet held on Friday evening, February 5, 1954. The ladies of the Waco Church served a free fried chicken dinner. Besides a great crowd from the host church, our COTTONWOOD, CRAWFORD and GATESVILLE Youth groups were in attendance. After a good dinner and wonderful fellowship led by Mr. Joe Fritzemeyer, toastmaster (a Baylor University student from our church at STAFFORD, KANS.), the Rev. Harold W. Gieseke of our DALLAS CHURCH brought the inspiring message. Next year, it is hoped that all six of the North Texas Association groups can meet for another "Union" Youth Week banquet.

Youth Week at CARROL AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH, DALLAS, TEXAS, was highlighted by the active participation of a host of North American Baptist young people including the local CBY and students studying at nearby Dallas Theological Seminary. On Sunday evening, January 31, the new officers were installed and the inspiring message, "So Send I You," was brought by Mr. Gerald Meyer of our church at LA SALLE, COLORADO. The Wednesday evening prayer meeting was in charge of the local CBY with the devotional given by Mr. Robert Wilson of our CLINTON HILL CHURCH, NEWARK, NEW

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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. On deck the "U.S.S. Mastin," Conant found the missing code messages which Herkey, the ship's mascot, had stashed away somewhere. Later it was decided that the dog should be court-martialed. But Herkey thought it was all a good joke. Lt. Malcolm was the prosecuting officer and Mr. Riley was the Senior officer of the court. The prosecutor spoke again after questioning Mickey Conant as a witness.

### CHAPTER THIRTEEN

"THANK YOU, Mr. Conant. You may step down. May it please the Court, I will make a statement of my own, in my capacity as official custodian of the leather case in question. I charge the defendant with having maliciously and wrongfully stolen the case from my stateroom while my attention was engaged elsewhere. I will now call the defendant to the stand and question him."

"The defendant will take the stand," intoned the Court, and the seaman guard picked Herky up and deposited him upon the official chair. Herky

didn't want to sit there; he wanted down on the deck to romp with his shipmates. He was becoming bored with this affair, and he struggled briefly to be free. Finding his struggle to be of no avail, he submitted resignedly, and looked about with such a doleful air that his shipmates went into new convulsions of laughter, which puzzled him yet the more. He cocked an ear as Mr. Malcolm approached and stood over him. The officer leveled his finger sternly.

"Herky, you have refused so far to make a statement. This is your last chance to talk. Have you anything to say at all in your own defense?"

The mascot regarded him dully for a moment, while the whole room held its breath. Then his huge mouth opened in a cavernous yawn. "EEE-aaaAAh!" he remarked, then licked his loose, pendulous lips and tried hard to wag his tail. In the resulting pandemonium, Herky managed to break free of his guard and went scuttling off toward the galley, in hope of catching Chief Commissaryman Ragland in a weak moment.

Mickey was holding his sides, and Tom almost rolled out of his chair with laughter. "Get that in the record, reporter!" directed the Court, and Tom

had to wipe the tears from his eyes before he could see to make any more notes. Mr. Riley went into a huddle with his fellow jurists and they reached a quick verdict.

"It is the finding of this court," the Executive Officer solemnly spoke, "that the defendant, Herky, ship's mascot first class, is guilty of all the offenses charted against him, and then some. In view of his flagrant disrespect for the dignity of this court, we will be merciless. He is hereby sentenced to be reduced to the rating of stray pooch no class, to be discharged from the naval service when we reach port and to suffer all the consequences of such dismissal. Master-at-Arms, inform the defendant of the court's decision—if you can catch him."

Grinning, the officers picked up their law books and papers, and departed to provide details which would keep the conversational ball rolling in the wardroom for many an evening at sea to come. Out on the fore-castle, an undistressed Herky gnawed happily on the bone he had begged from the galley, and gave no thought at all to the dire future which awaited.

Before the day was over, Tom had obtained permission from the Captain to take Herky ashore with him, on his promise to provide a good home for him in Los Angeles.

"Take his record, his collar and leash, and everything else that pertains to him," said the skipper. "I don't want anything left on this ship that will remind me of that hound." Which didn't fool Tom much, for he knew that the skipper would miss their beloved mascot as much as any seaman on deck.

"All I've got to say is," remarked Ernie, when informed of Tom's new prodigy, "maybe you should have asked Jean first. Possibly she doesn't like dogs."

"Oh, don't worry about that," replied Mickey. "She has an affection for dumb animals, looks like."

It was several minutes later before Tom caught the meaning of this last remark, and by that time Conant was far away.

As the Mastin proceeded slowly to its anchorage within the breakwater, Mickey, Tom and Ernie stood by the rail and watched details appear in the Long Beach skyline. The skyline was an ever welcome sight to them; a familiar but always new thrill to approach it from the sea. Only a couple of months had passed since they were last in this harbor, but in that short space of time they had sailed as many miles as a ship could have traveled in a year a century ago. They had been ashore on islands that a hundred years earlier were not safe for sailormen to land on. And, for that matter, just a few decades ago this very shore line right here was nothing but a brushy, unsettled wasteland. Tom had a vivid

imagination. A new horizon, or an old one reappearing at last, always brought pictures to his mind of what the past must have been like, and what possibly might unfold in the future.

Just a few miles beyond that cluster of buildings was Jean! Suddenly he realized that he was sailing his last mile on the old Mastin. After a hundred thousand of them, this was the last one. Within a few days, he'd be a civilian. A civilian! Wouldn't know how to act, probably. He turned to discuss it with Mickey. Conant had been regarding him out of the corner of his eye, and now he beat Tom to the first word.

"You're just about through going to sea, aren't you, buddy?"

Tom looked at him in surprise. "What you doing, reading my mind?"

His friend laughed. "Not a hard thing to do at any time, but especially right now, when you've got that 'Can this be farewell?' look on your face. Anyhow, you'll be in the Reserve, and next war that comes along, I'll put a lamp in the window so you can find your way back."

"I'll miss the old tub, no question about it," the yeoman sighed. "But at least I won't have to listen to that Irish blarney all the time."

He spoke to Farrow, who was gazing somberly shoreward, only half aware of the banter going on at his side.

"How about it, Ernie—does it still look the same as when you left it? This is your first time to return to a home port; wait until you've been gone a year: then when you sight old Signal Hill come up out of the sea it'll mean something."

"It means something this time, Tom," replied Farrow slowly. "It's been only two months since I left this port, right enough, but what a long, long two months. Last time I was ashore here, I had a bitterness in my heart and mind that was about to make me go wrong—a real bad kind of wrong. And in eight or nine short weeks, everything is changed. I've got some good friends, a new hope of getting that appointment to Annapolis, and most of all, a new confidence in the Christian faith that I thought had failed me." He faced them, a twinkle almost hidden far back in the depths of level, calm eyes. "You call that a 'short' cruise? Even if my hair isn't back to normal yet after that shearing I got?"

Conant laid his hand lightly on the other's shoulder, and there was deep understanding in the smile they exchanged. "Only God could make such a happy ending result from such a stormy beginning. I'm thankful that I was the barber that day, Ernie."

"If you're thankful, I'm thankfuller, Mickey."

Tom clapped horrified hands over his ears. "Gents, please!" he pleaded. "Watch your grammar; remember there's a yeoman present."

They all laughed, and turned again to watch the approaching shore.

The first liberty boat left the ship. Seated on a thwart amidships were Mickey, Tom and Ernie, while alongside them sat Lieutenant Malcolm. The four chatted in easy camaraderie. Rank is no longer the great separator that it once was in the Navy. As the boat plowed its watery furrow through the choppy bay, any observer would have thought the four men to be friends of close standing, bound for a pleasant time ashore after the sea.

There was an observer. He stood on the dock where the Mastin's boat put in, and he remained only long enough to recognize one sailor in particular before taking his departure. A Navy vessel is easily identified, especially by a Party Member who has been assigned the sole task of keeping Long Beach harbor under surveillance and reporting everything of just such a nature. And when the ship comes in, then it's only a question of time until the man you're looking for off that ship will come ashore, too.

The observer's abrupt departure prevented him from noting that Ernie Farrow and his companions did not stop on the Pike to partake of the amusements which most returning seafarers found there. Neither did they lay a course for any theater or other public entertainment house. The observer would have been surprised indeed, if he had chanced to look back, to see that the Mastin crewmen were following in his very tracks. He kept going; so did they. He turned a corner; so did they. The man walked into an apartment building, but he was not seated in the room he sought before a quartet of men in blue strode through the portals below.

Tom and Mickey looked about them with interest. "Your friend believes in living comfortably, Ernie," remarked Conant. "This lobby is big enough to swing a hundred hammocks in, has enough upholstered furniture to sleep half of 'C' Division, and more potted greenery than I ever saw in one place under a roof. Do we take the elevator?"

"Yes," Ernie led the way to the automatic lift, which now rested at the fifth floor, where the observer had left it. When it had been returned to the main floor, they stepped inside, and Farrow pushed button number five.

"You all know exactly what to do?" he asked, looking about at the faces turned toward him. They were hard faces now, with a certain grimness about them that was not customarily present.

An affirmative chorus answered him, and they disembarked with quick purpose in every movement. Tom remained at this point, leaning casually against a stuccoed wall. The elevator was left where it stood, with door wide open so that it could not be returned to the main floor by anyone down there who might desire to use it.

Farrow led the way down the hall a few doors. A few feet short of the apartment marked "A," Lieutenant Malcolm stopped. Flattening himself as much as possible against the wall, he waited. His two companions continued boldly up to the door and knocked. After a moment's silent, expectant delay, the door opened an inch or so. Farrow was standing close up before the entrance, and now he took a half step forward, pushing lightly against the knob as he did so.

"It's all right, Joe; it's only me, remember?"

Evidently Joe remembered without too much effort, for the door swung wide on its hinges and Farrow walked in. But when Mickey essayed to follow, there was immediate resistance.

"Who's this?" rasped a rough voice, and Conant found himself under the inspection of a pair of bright, light-colored eyes that were but one feature of a face like a mountain crag. Joe was of medium height, medium age, and medium intelligence, if appearances were not deceiving. But he was also a man of set purpose, and he didn't give an inch as Conant almost walked into him.

"A good friend of mine, Joe," soothed Farrow. "I brought him along because he's a prospect; he and I think a lot alike. Come in, Mickey."

The sailor obeyed; Joe perforce had to step back or be party of the second part in a collision. He did so reluctantly, and Mickey closed the door behind himself, then remained standing where he was. Joe scanned him quickly and sharply with his frosty eyes, then dismissed him.

"Might be better if you'd ask somebody 'fore you go bringin' friends up here, Farrow. This ain't no free-ring circus, you know. The Chief might not like it."

Ernie laughed lightly. "You said the same thing to the agent who brought me up here. How do you think we'll make any new recruits if you're going to suspect everybody who shows up?"

The man only glowered for a minute, then motioned the sailors to wait. "Take it easy. I'll tell the Chief you're here. You bring an answer to that message he sent to Auckland?"

"Yes," replied Ernie. "Yes, I've got an answer." He watched the departing back, and drew a deep breath before turning to speak to Conant in a low voice.

"Leave that door open just about an inch and come on." The two seamen stepped in the direction taken by Joe. They entered another room, richly furnished with so many chairs and stools of every description that it was at once evident this was a meeting place of some kind. They stopped and looked about. No one was in sight.

"Joe is a combination valet, cook, bodyguard and errand boy," explained Ernie. "The Chief wouldn't trade him

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# We, the Women

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

## OUR RISEN LORD—THE WAY

When missionaries leave all to carry out the Great Commission of the Risen Lord, they prove to all who know them that their paths have crossed the path of the Savior of Calvary. They appropriate his Way no matter what the consequences may be. The words of the Master are meaningful to them, so they obey him. They deny themselves, take up their crosses daily and follow him. Such living is true to faith—a faith that does not conform to their own way of life.

In the homeland of North America, where women are surrounded by many comforts, are they not too often guilty of fixing their faith to justify their actions, forgetting the Way of the Risen Lord? Is this a violation of the spirit of truth? If so, it is nothing short of hypocrisy, bigotry and Pharisaism. A special emphasis at Easter-time becomes significant only when women search their own hearts to determine whether their way of life has been either self-seeking or the self-giving way of the Risen Lord. The magnitude of the power found in his way of life points out our own littleness.

When Arthur Weigall broke into the three thousand year old tomb of Tutankhamen (King Tut), thoughts thronged his mind concerning the unchanging power of the Risen Lord. He shared them with others in part as follows:

"I wanted to tell King Tut that the world still went its appointed way unchanged, and that God still reigned in his heaven and on earth. I felt that the message to be given to the awaking dead was that the 'Ancient of Days' was still the Lord of men's lives and that the passage of years which had changed so much had left him the unchanged hope and comfort of the world. My thoughts were of the mightiness of that power in whose eyes ten thousand ages are as the twinkling of an eye."

Above the confusion and terror of our time, we share with Mr. Weigall the hope and comfort that is the special portion of all who embrace a living faith in the resurrected Savior. His Name is above every name, and every understanding Christian heart feels a throb of joy at the mere mention of the word, "Jesus," because this Lord of hope and comfort lives today. He lives within the hearts of his followers because their paths have crossed the path of the Christ of Calvary and in him they have found a new Way of life.

Shortly before Christmas, 1953, Dr. Marcus Bach, head of the Department of Religion at the University of Iowa, spoke to a large audience in Oak Park, Illinois. His subject was, "Looking for Things to Live By." In a unique way Dr. Bach introduced four personalities. Each one represented a type of mind that had greatly influenced people throughout the universe. He, his wife Barbara, and Professor Boden of Northwestern University had traveled thousands of miles around the globe to meet the four people he presented in turn as if they were standing beside him in person.

The first one to be introduced was Theresa Neumann of Munich, who for many years had been the housekeeper for Father Joseph Naeber. She claimed to have eaten only of the eucharist in forty years and that the nail scarred palms of her hands bleed every Good Friday. She is a plump and ruddy looking woman. Dr. Bach classified her mind as an **emotional type**.

Then Shogi Effendi, guardian of the Bahai religious group, was introduced. Shogi is the grandson of the founder of this faith, for whom it is named. He was described as a powerful personality, in stature like Napoleon. He attributed everything that happens in life to the plan and will of God. Dr. Bach called his mind the **prophetic type**.

Pope Pius XII, who at this writing is seriously ill, came next in line. Dr. Bach frankly stated that Protestantism could never reconcile the grandeur and pomp of the Vatican with the humble Christ of Galilee. The Pope was introduced as having the **divine dictatorship type** of mind.

The final visit made by the trio was Dr. Albert Schweitzer in Africa. Although Dr. Bach was speaking to a secular audience, with women of all faiths present, a note of partial approval came from his positive conviction that Dr. Schweitzer revealed the type of mind that is **A Way of Life**.

### THE EASTER GLORY

Women were the first to be told of Christ's resurrection. Women were the first to tell others that Christ had risen from the dead. Christian women are first, even today, in many phases of witnessing and missionary work.

Remember also with great joy

### THE EASTER OFFERING

Easter Sunday, April 18, 1954

to be received

IN YOUR CHURCH

Dr. Bach left no doubt that Jesus, because of his Way of life, is the most winsome Character of history. Indirectly he portrayed in him the "wisdom of Moses, the humility of Gotama and the self-denial of Brahma." One shared with Dr. Bach the conviction that Jesus alone is the perfect Way—that he alone can give hope to the heart, strength to the will and victorious joy on the path of difficulty. Dr. Bach said all four persons introduced had at some time crossed the path of the Man of Nazareth. No one whose path crosses the path of Jesus can ever be the same again even when he does not accept him as his Savior. It was Dr. Bach's hope to "light a little fire of faith in someone's heart." Hearing this man of great knowledge made his listeners wonder how they, such very little gears, could even presume that they had a share in helping God turn the big cogs by supporting his message of salvation. Yet the answer came when he described Dr. Schweitzer's mind as typifying a Way of Life.

True, the four people introduced had at some time crossed the paths of the man of Nazareth, but had all their paths crossed the path of the Risen Lord, the Savior of Galilee? He left many in his audience with the conviction that Dr. Schweitzer consecrated his many talents to the Risen Lord. He believed that he had given so much of himself so that the lost African "might have life and have it more abundantly."

To the North American Baptist women comes a message of urgency to do her best to "light a little fire of faith" for someone who is seeking the Way of the Risen Lord. Like Arthur Weigall the challenge to speak, not to a dead King Tut but to the living, comes from his words that Christ is "the Lord of men's lives and that the passage of years which had changed so much left him the unchanged hope and comfort of the world."

In Africa, Japan, Austria and on our home mission fields we have many missionaries whose paths are walking today where Jesus walked. To them he said, "Come, follow me," because he had confidence in them. They obeyed, leaving all—friends, homes and country. Their **emotions** have been translated into deeds of love, as were Dr. Schweitzer's. The **prophetic** promises of God's Holy Word have upheld them along with the prayers and support of many Christians. The Risen Lord is their only **Divine Dictator** and his Gospel reveals the only **Way of Life**. To them and to our Christ we owe a renewed pledge of allegiance at this Easter time. This pledge calls for sacrificial giving to the Easter offering that will be used to support HIS WAY.

Our Risen Lord described by Arthur Weigall has and never will change. He is "The Way" yesterday, today and forever!



## FROM THE FIELD

### Atlantic Conference

#### Ministry of Music by the Pilgrim Baptist Church Choir of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

The mixed choir of the Pilgrim Baptist Church of Philadelphia, Pa., is grateful for the opportunity to add to the ministry of music during the church year.

The choir sings in the Sunday morning and evening services all through the year without any vacation period during the summer months. It participates on all special occasions. It is under the able leadership of the choir director, Mr. Fred Hofmaier, and assisted by the organist, Miss Eva Yung. During the Christmas season the choir acquired very beautiful "gowns" of bottle green rayon crepe material with white collars.

On Palm Sunday night, April 11, the choir is presenting a Lenten cantata, "The Message From the Cross" by Will C. MacFarlane, and its annual Easter Sunday evening song service will be rendered with soloists and male choir participating.

Emma Kletke, President.

### Pacific Conference

#### Fourteen New Members Received Into First Baptist Church of Colfax, Washington

From November 17 to 29 the First Baptist Church of Colfax, Wash., held evangelistic services with the Rev. J. T. Larson as the guest speaker. On

the first Sunday of January we received ten new members into the fellowship of the church. These were mostly adults who came by baptism and letter. On the first Sunday in February we received four more into the church by baptism and letter. We pray that all of them will become strong and faithful followers of our Savior.

Our fine church choir, under the leadership of Mrs. F. E. Klein, rendered a beautiful program of Christmas music on December 13th. The church was filled to capacity for this happy occasion. In the past year the church has purchased a beautiful new Steinway piano which helps greatly to enhance the services.

At the present time we are having a Teacher Training Course for our Sunday School teachers and officers. The interest and participation in this course has been very good and we feel confident that it will be a very profitable effort in the great work of the Sunday School. We are now making plans for an intensive contest and visitation program for the increase and growth of our Sunday School.

It is our humble prayer that we may continue to be faithful in the work that the Lord has entrusted to us.

F. E. Klein, Pastor.

#### Remodeling Program and Evangelistic Meetings at First Baptist Church, Lodi, Calif.

"May God Be Praised!" Truly, that is the song of the First Baptist Church of Lodi, California. We have experienced so many blessings that it would take pages and pages to tell of them all.

For a long time we have prayed about the remodeling or rebuilding of our church. At the present time we can seat approximately six hundred people and this seating capacity is heavily taxed every Sunday morning. Our evening services average approximately four hundred people. By God's grace we are now undertaking a complete remodeling of our church at an approximate cost of \$96,000 which is the contract price, but which price can be reduced greatly by volunteer labor, and we trust that by the fall of this year the major part of the remodeling will be completed.

On Sunday evening, February 7th, the Woman's Missionary Society gave its annual program. From the reports given and the obvious results, we know our women have worked hard. Through their efforts they have contributed \$3,000 towards the Building Fund, and they and the Brotherhood jointly sponsored a turkey dinner which netted \$1,200 and which has been applied to the Building Fund.

Our young people have been faithfully at work. New officers have been chosen. They are: president, Dennis Krueg; 1st and 2nd vice-presidents, Marvin Renke and Leonard Fischer; secretary, Bernice Hanselman; treasurer, Bernice Schuber; and "B.Y. Speaks" editor, Thelma Fischer. The young people gave a very fine Christmas play which is always an annual event and looked forward to by the entire church. Because of our evangelistic meetings we were not able to observe Youth Week as scheduled by our headquarters, but they observed it the first week in March.

From February 9 to 14 we had two blessed weeks of evangelistic meetings with the Rev. Robert Penner, now of Salt Creek, Oregon. Mr. Penner presented the Word of God clearly and plainly and his dynamic messages stirred many hearts. We were thrilled when twelve boys and girls accepted Christ as their personal Savior, most of whom were from the Junior age group. There were also several persons from outside of our church who rededicated their lives to Christ.

It is our prayer that we might always be found faithful in our work for God's Kingdom.

Mrs. Thelma F. Fischer, Reporter.



The choir of the Pilgrim Baptist Church of Philadelphia, Pa., with Miss Eva Yung, organist, at the left (front row) and Mr. Fred Hofmaier, director, at the right (back row)

### Farewell Programs for Missionaries and Baptism at Bethany Church Near Portland, Oregon

In a setting of palm trees the Guild of the Bethany Baptist Church near Portland, Ore., held its anniversary and farewell dinner on January 28. The farewell was in honor of Roland and Furne Rich who left our fellowship and have safely arrived in Peru on February 16. They have gone out under Wycliff Bible Translators and will be translating the Bible for a tribe that has no written language.

The tables were decorated with large paper canoes filled with bamboo. The favors were smaller canoes with a program cut out to represent the Amazon River. After a sumptuous banquet, our program took the form of a broadcast. The station is HCJB (Heralding Christ, Jesus Blessing) the voice of the Andes. Roland and Furne tuned in their radio to this tape recorded program from their home church, Bethany.

The program was announced by our guild president, Mrs. Ben Graf. Lois Findley and Lorraine Rich gave a piano duet. The Rev. Arthur Schulz led devotions and told of rituals in countries where Christ is not known. Musical selections were by Doy Lehman, Mark Anderson, and Neal Glaske. A reading, "My Trust" by Evelyn Schaer was followed by the violin and flute duet by Eleanor Rich and Melba Schaer. The dialogue, "Unto the Least of These," was presented by Mrs. Sam Rich, Mrs. Chris Rich, Mrs. George Findley, Mrs. Everett Findley, and Mrs. Gordon Owens. Carl and Carlton Eggiman, Ernie and Fred Schaer sang a male quartet number.

Sunday morning, January 31, will long be remembered by all who attended. Roland Rich preached the morning sermon, stirring our hearts with his thought provoking message. The choir sang two numbers requested by him and his wife, "The Battle Hymn of the Republic," and "I Am Resolved," arranged by Melba Schaer, our school director.

Sunday evening was truly a blessed service. A lovely musical request program included duets, solo, male quartet, choir, piano and organ numbers. An impressive sight was the dedicatory prayer for Roland and Furne. As they knelt, the deacons standing around them, the Rev. Arthur Schulz touched the throne of God in prayer dedicating them to his service. Then Roland and Furne gave their farewell testimonies.

The climax to this wonderful service was seeing nine persons go through the baptismal waters. Another seven came into our fellowship by letter and experience.

Grace Jenne, Reporter.

### Many Inspirational Programs at the Arthur Street Baptist Church, Spokane, Washington

We of the Arthur St. Baptist Church of Spokane, Wash., have felt the Lord's guiding hand upon us these past few months. In November we had a series of Deepening Spiritual Life meetings with Chaplain Ralph Erickson of the

local Veterans Hospital as the speaker. Following each evening's session, a twenty-minute question and answer period was held with many of us finding enlightenment for our problems through God's Word.

We were also privileged to have Miss Ruth Bathauer, denominational Children's Worker, with us for two supper meetings, thereby combining spiritual, mental and physical "food." We appreciate all that Miss Bathauer gave us those nights.

At the Watchnight Service each family presented a special number, followed by a time of fellowship. The last hour of the year was spent in our candle-lit auditorium with the pastor, the Rev. Walter F. Berkan, reviewing the past twelve months and then we partook in the communion service at midnight.

The CBY spent a busy Youth Week despite the hazardous weather conditions. The Rev. Glen Chandler, a former missionary in Alaska, was the speaker January 31, and also showed us slides of the work there. Monday evening found the group visiting some of our older members and especially those who were ill, and on Wednesday the young people took charge of the prayer service with Mrs. Darrell Jones and Helen Schmidt giving the talks. We had a potluck supper on Friday night and on Sunday our pastor spoke at both the morning and evening meetings with messages on youth work.

On February 28 we had Miss Myrtle Weeldreyer with us for the morning services. It is always a great joy to have one of the missionaries in our presence and to hear of their work on the field. In the evening the Homemakers group had the Rev. D. Egga-braten of the Northwest Christian High School in Spokane as its speaker for the evening service. The Homemakers and the CBY group alternate in presenting special programs the last Sunday of each month.

The Woman's Missionary Society held its annual program on March 21 at which time the new officers were installed. Following the play, "As the Stars Forever And Ever," there was a reception honoring the retiring and the new officers.

Our pastor is beginning a class for those who wish to be baptized and to unite with our church at Easter, so that they will be better prepared as members of God's Church.

Barbara Schauwecker, Clerk.

### Northern Conference

### Inspirational Youth Week at the Central Baptist Church in Edmonton, Alberta

Through organized planning of both the German and the English young people, the days of Youth Week have been by far the greatest ever held in the Central Baptist Church of Edmonton, Alberta. For some time preparations had been made by the officers of both groups and we were ably assisted by our beloved pastor, the Rev. Henry Pfeifer.

Beginning with the Sunday School session of January 31st and through to the last moments of the Sunday evening service of February 7th, we felt the presence and power of God's Holy Spirit as our young people gave evidence of their devotion, sincerity, and willingness to "Live Christ." Under the leadership of our pastor, 20 cheerful children participated the first Sunday and spelled out the words: "So Send I You" and "Live Christ."

On Sunday morning German young people assisted the pastor in the worship service. The large German Youth Chorus of approximately 70 members rendered two beautiful selections. The message by the pastor was entitled: "Missionary Activities of John, the Baptist." For the evening service other young people assisted the pastor who spoke on "The Threefold Challenge to Youth" and together we observed the Lord's Supper.

In this sacred and solemn hour we felt the Spirit of God strongly upon us, and Youth Week was off to a glorious start. Monday evening a large audience had come to see the film, "Prior Claim," and to enjoy other features of the evening. For Tuesday night the Rev. Edward Link presented a message on "Soul Winning" in a most interesting and helpful manner. Wednesday evening had been heralded as "Mission Night" and even though our missionary to the Indians, Rev. R. Neuman, could not be with us because of bad roads, the radiant film, "To Every Creature," spoke to our hearts of the great missionary needs.

Thursday evening a twofold meeting took place. The English speaking group gathered for a debate, "Should movie stars be used in the production of Christian films?" and the German young people gathered around their pastor to discuss "The Sin Against the Holy Spirit." Friday evening all talents were again united and a splendid musical evening brought special selections of songs and music.

Possibly the greatest occasion of all was our banquet on Saturday evening. More than 200 persons gathered around beautifully decorated tables and partook of a most delicious dinner. Amid a variety of special selections of songs and poetry, Allin Strohschein and our pastor brought messages appropriate for the occasion.

On Sunday morning at German worship service the German Youth Chorus together with other young people assisted the pastor who spoke on "Christ's Estimate of John the Baptist." For the closing service Sunday evening the student choir and the choristers of the C.T.I. under the leadership of the Rev. Edward Link rendered a most delightful program. Several personal testimonies from C.T.I. students revealed the power of Christ in their lives and recommended the Savior to others.

Thus Youth Week came to a close and the challenge for the future rings in our ears and hearts. May God find us constantly ready to proclaim the message of salvation and ready to "Live Christ!"

Irma Schonert, Reporter.

### Singing Groups and Musical Programs at the Ebenezer East Church of Saskatchewan

A "musical church" is a church that will go forward in a rejoicing way. We of the Ebenezer East Baptist Church of Ebenezer, Sask., are very thankful to God for such a blessing. First of all, we have the Chorus Choir. This vocal group takes an active part in both of the Sunday services. On Dec. 25th, they presented the cantata, "Emmanuel Forever." This musical was also presented over the radio program, "Message of Hope," on Dec. 27th.

Another vocal group of the church is the Male Chorus. This chorus was organized in conjunction with the Men's Brotherhood on Feb. 9th. The Male Chorus will also have a special part in the services and activities of the church program. Then too we have the Junior Choir under the direction of Mrs. Walter Hoffman. This group of 20 boys and girls show a great interest and have been a blessing to us. We also use smaller groups such as the male quartet and ladies' trio for the radio program, "Message of Hope." Our church sponsors this program.

A singing church is a church that remains alive, making progress in bringing those to Christ who do not know him, and in the strengthening of God's people in the faith.

Walter Hoffman, Pastor.

### Christian Drama, "Jesus First," Presented by McDermot Avenue CBY, Winnipeg, Manitoba

In order to bring to a close our activities for Youth Week, the CBY of the McDermot Avenue Baptist Church, Winnipeg, Man., presented a Christian action drama by Louise Miller Novotny entitled, JESUS FIRST, to a capacity audience on Sunday evening, February 7th. The offering was set aside for our Bansa Hospital project.

In this play we see how an average Christian family has become so engrossed in the social activities in the world that they forget about their church work. Henry Dean (Hans Rogalski) is an elder in the church, who has become so enamored with golf that he has no time to visit the church members in need of spiritual guidance. Lee (Norman Patzia) and Janet Dean (Lenore Buss) are the two children who are satisfied in giving their church responsibilities to their Aunt Letty (Erna Redlich) while they plan social activities on beautiful Sundays. Mammie (Linda Stober), a Negro maid in the Dean household, plays an important role in this drama, and, in spite of her confusion at times, helps this family to grow spiritually.

Isabel Dean (Maria Bartulei) is a worried mother due to the apparent slacking in her family's Christian life and confides in her sister Letty. Upset by her sister's anxiety, Letty takes action in an endeavor to show Henry, Lee and Janet the folly of not putting Jesus first in their life and activity. Her sudden intense interest in sports and the intimation that she may attend night clubs with Jack Carlin (Helmut Hein) shocks the family tremendously.

The climax is reached in this play when Letty is accidentally shot, Mr. Smith (Leslie Zilkie) bearing the bad tidings. It is about two weeks after the funeral that the family is able to speak coherently of Letty and it is then that they learn the motive behind her sudden change in attitude and they all agree that they will make her sleep peacefully by putting Jesus first in their life.

We owe much of the success of this play to Ernie Rogalski's ability to apply cosmetics, Erwin Bundt's skill as an electrician, and Harold Luebeck's lighting effects.

(Miss) E. Redlich, Reporter.



The 35-voice chorus choir of the Ebenezer East Baptist Church, Ebenezer, Sask., as they presented the cantata, "Immanuel Forever." The Rev. and Mrs. Walter Hoffman are seated in the front row.

### Youth Week Is Observed by Young People of Calvary Church, Wetaskiwin, Alberta

Under the capable leadership of the president, Miss Audrey Strohschein, we as the young people of the Calvary Baptist Church of Wetaskiwin, Alta., have been richly blessed in recent days.

Our group found many opportunities to be of service during Youth Week. We were in charge of the Sunday evening service on January 31st. The following evening we visited some elderly people, cheering them with Scripture verses, songs and prayer. On Tuesday evening we were challenged by a missionary film entitled, "Religions Beyond."

We were privileged to have Mr. and Mrs. Jake Derman, Indian missionaries, bring us news about the work among the Indian people of the Montana Reservation on Wednesday. Thursday was "Get Acquainted Night," at which time Christian youth groups from several Wetaskiwin churches met for an evening of fellowship.

The fellowship supper held on Friday evening was enjoyed by all in attendance. The Rev. H. O. Ohsberg of the Christian Training Institute was our guest speaker on this occasion.

Faye Strohschein, Reporter.

### Dakota Conference

### The Rev. Clemence Auch is Ordained by Baptist Church, Mott, South Dakota

On Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 16, an ordination council convened at the request of the First Baptist Church of Mott, North Dakota. The Rev. LeRoy

Schauer, pastor of the host church, opened the proceedings. In the organizing of the council, the Rev. C. Remple of Hebron, N. Dak., was elected chairman. The clerical duties were assigned to Rev. Bernard R. Fritzke of McLaughlin, South Dakota.

The following churches had delegates present on the council: Selfridge, Hebron, New Leipzig, Hettinger and Mott, all of North Dakota; McIntosh, Isabel, McLaughlin and Wessington Springs, all of South Dakota. Dr. George A. Lang, president of the North American Baptist Seminary, was also invited to be a delegate on the council. President Lang is also

the administrator and a professor at our Seminary from which Mr. Auch hopes to receive his B.D. degree this coming May.

Having been introduced to the council, the candidate, Mr. Clemence Auch, related his conversion experience and his call to the ministry. He then proceeded to present his doctrinal views, substantiating them with Scripture references. After a period of questioning of the candidate, the council withdrew for deliberation. In this deliberation the council members unanimously declared themselves satisfied with Mr. Auch's preparation for the great task. Upon recommendation of the council, the church continued its final plans for the formal service of recognition of God's ordination.

Rev. Le Roy Schauer was in charge of the evening service. Rev. Emil Becker read a passage of Scripture and Rev. Walter Klempel led in prayer. A very fine message was delivered by Dr. Lang. Rev. Herbert Vetter led in the ordination prayer. A welcome into the ranks of the ministry of North American Baptist ministers was given by Rev. Norman Miller. Rev. Ed. Oster then gave a charge to the newly ordained minister. Some pertinent advice was given to all present by Rev. C. Remple in his charge to the church.

This blessed and inspiring service was closed with the benediction given by the Rev. Clemence Auch, pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Wessington Springs, South Dakota.

To add to the fine spiritual fellowship, the ladies of the host church provided all in attendance with a delicious supper and a tasty lunch. This was greatly appreciated by all, especially by the delegates who had come many miles for the occasion.

Bernard R. Fritzke, Council Clerk.

**Twelve Converts Baptized and Thirteen New Members Received at Isabel, South Dakota**

The Isabel Baptist Church of Isabel, S. Dak., held a very impressive baptismal service on Jan. 17 at the Baptist Church of Timber Lake. Following a message by the pastor, the Rev. H. Vetter, on the subject, "Baptism, What It Is?" twelve converts followed the Lord in the waters of baptism. On Feb. 7 these twelve, along with another person were welcomed into the membership of the church. This has been a real strengthening of the attendance and interest in the church that previously consisted of only twenty members. God has wonderfully blessed the church and the church looks forward to those blessings which God still has in store for us.

The thirteen new members who were welcomed into the Isabel Baptist Church are shown in the accompanying picture along with the pastor. Front row from left to right: Harvey Motis, Olan Njos, Tommy Bertsch, Mrs. Ted Bertsch, Mrs. John Bertsch and Donna Motis; back row: Julian Motis, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Stadinger, Ted Bertsch, Bill Lutz, Mrs. John Lutz, Mabel Motis and pastor, Rev. H. Vetter.

Herbert H. Vetter, Pastor.



Mr. and Mrs. Frank Frautschy of Madison, S. Dak., on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary

People's Ideal." On Monday night we had an evangelistic film entitled, "That Kid Buck." This was greatly enjoyed by a large audience. Tuesday



Thirteen new members received into the Isabel Baptist Church, Isabel, S. Dak., by the Rev. Herbert H. Vetter, pastor (extreme right)

**Activities and Programs of the Baptist CBY in Herreid, South Dakota**

After our CBY meeting in the Baptist Church of Herreid, S. Dak., in December, we held our annual business meeting. At this time the following officers were elected: Miss Darlean Fenske, president; Mr. Erwin Quenzer, vice-president; Miss Pearl Huber, secretary; Miss Lila Huber, treasurer; Mrs. Herbert Rudolph, song leader; Miss Phyllis Quenzer, reporter; and Mrs. Ernest Bischke, organist.

We were privileged to have Dr. M. L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., in our midst for our first CBY meeting in the new year. He showed us films of our African and Japanese mission fields and also installed the new officers. The offering received was for our Assembly project.

We observed our denominational Youth Week. Our pastor, Rev. E. S. Fenske, was our Sunday night speaker. His theme was "Christ, the Young

night, the Venturia CBY, together with our CBY, presented a musical program. The Rev. Raymond Dickau, pastor of the Venturia Church, spoke to us on the theme, "So Send I You." After the meeting we entertained the Venturia CBY members.

Thursday night was the time for our youth prayer meeting. Mr. Fenske brought the message, "The Prayer Life of Christ." It thrilled our hearts to see so many young people joining together in prayer. These Youth Week services proved to be a great blessing to both young and old.

Phyllis Quenzer, Reporter.

**Golden Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Frautschy of Madison, South Dakota**

On Sunday, afternoon, January 24, in the West Center Street Baptist Church of Madison, S. Dak., about 150 people attended Open House in the church parlors in honor of the 50th

wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Frautschy. They were married in Elgin, Iowa, on January 27, 1904 by the late Rev. C. F. Stoeckmann. They have lived 50 years in Lake County and 45 years on the same farm northwest of Madison. A daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Black, make their home there also. They have another daughter, Mrs. Wilbert Krueger of Sioux Falls and a son, Carl Frautschy, who farms near Wentworth, South Dakota. There are five grandchildren.

Their three children made all arrangements for the happy occasion. At 3 o'clock the program began by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Frautschy and their attendants of 50 years ago, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hackmann of Elgin, Iowa, entering the church parlors to the strains of "The Wedding March." A solo by Delores Richter was followed by Scripture and prayer by the pastor, the Rev. Fred Schmidt. The men's quartet consisting of Messrs. Hilmar and Lowen Richter, Art Gutzman and Harold Wiese, rendered two selections. A reading, "Fifty Years Ago and Now," was given by Mrs. Elmer Moose. A duet followed by Mrs. Walter Jung and Mrs. Henry Kirstien. Mrs. Harry Dirksen read the newspaper account of the wedding 50 years ago. Professor Herbert Hiller of Sioux City, S. Dak., former pastor, gave an interesting talk.

A special table on which a linen tablecloth, a wedding gift of 50 years ago, was used, featured a three-tier wedding cake decorated with yellow roses and topped with a gold "50." Candles and appointments in white and gold were used at the table which seated the honored couple and some of the guests. The Ann of Ava Guild was in charge of the arrangements. Miss Phyllis Backus headed the kitchen committee and Mrs. Ben Jung the dining room committee. The plants and flowers used in the parlors were gifts to the couple.

The guests were registered by Rose Black, a granddaughter, assisted by Carol Guthman. The guests of honor opened and displayed their many gifts and cards. They were presented a special gift of an anniversary clock encased in glass from the church.

Mr. and Mrs. Frautschy have been active in the church during their 50 years of membership, having served on the official board and as president of the Ladies' Aid. We pray that the Lord will grant them more years of service and fellowship!

Mrs. Elmer Moose, Reporter.

**Northwestern Conference**

**Dedication of New Edifice of First Baptist Church, Steamboat Rock, Iowa**

The First Baptist Church of Steamboat Rock, Iowa, held dedicatory services for its new building from Friday, February 12, through Sunday, February 14. It was a time of rejoicing and spiritual refreshment.

Friday evening was "Sister Churches and Community Night." Greetings and congratulations were brought by the mayor, Mr. Leo Knight; the superin-

tendent of schools, Mr. Fred Nus; and the pastor of the local Presbyterian Church, Mr. Dick Harberts. The Presbyterian church choir also brought special music. Greetings were extended to the church by the pastors of our Iowa Association: Rev. Alvin Wetter of Victor, Rev. Frank Veninga of Aplington, and Rev. Ronald MacCormack of Parkersburg. The Rev. Carl Sentman, a son of the church, now pastor of the Grace Baptist church of Mason City, closed this part of the service with an expression of appreciation for spiritual blessings received through the years.

Letters were read from Buffalo Center, Burlington, George, Rev. and Mrs. Carl Swyter, Rev. and Mrs. Louis Johnson, and Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Johnson. Floral bouquets were sent by: the Dorcas Society, Anway Florists of Eldora, Steamboat Rock Fire Department, Iowa Light and Power Co., George Potgetter, Steamboat Rock Town Council, Luiken Hardware Co., the Presbyterian Church, Eldora Greenhouse, Voss Construction Co., Eldora Chamber of Commerce, the Ladies' Missionary Society, Steamboat Rock Community Club, the Church Board, and Mr. and Mrs. Folkert DeVries and Lois. Mr. and Mrs. David George, instructors at the Iowa Training School for Boys at Eldora, beautifully presented the old hymn, "Love Divine All Loves Excelling" as a Marimba duet.

The message of the evening was brought by Dr. George A. Lang, president of the North American Baptist Seminary at Sioux Falls, South Dakota. After the service, motion pictures were shown of the construction of the building. The ladies of the Dorcas Society served refreshments in the Fellowship Hall to more than 400 guests.

Saturday evening was "Youth Night." One hundred and seven young people gathered a little before 6:00 P.M. in the sanctuary to sing choruses, after which they went to the fellowship hall for a banquet served by a committee of ladies of the church. Miss Bonnie Pierson, president of the Steamboat Rock CBY, was toastmistress. Greetings were brought by Miss Marilyn Junker of Parkersburg, president of the Iowa CBY, and special numbers were given by a sextet from Parkersburg, a trio from Sheffield, a duet from Aplington, a piano solo by George Thorne of Parkersburg, a vocal solo by LaVonne Zimmerman, and the boys quartet of Steamboat Rock. Following the banquet a public service was held in the sanctuary conducted by "The Trumpeteers" of the Wheaton College Graduate School. The speaker was Mr. Fred Folkerts, one of the Steamboat Rock young people, now studying in the theological department of the Wheaton Graduate School. There were about 350 persons in attendance at this service.

Sunday morning at 10:00 A.M. the Bible School met for a special program. Lonny Bright of Eldora sang several solos, and the Rev. Herman Palfenier brought the object lesson.

At 11:00 A.M. the worship service was conducted by the pastor, the Rev. Frederick Y. Lower. The choir in new



The beautiful new edifice of the First Baptist Church, Steamboat Rock, Iowa

maroon robes set the mood of reverence with their call to worship. Later they presented the anthem, "The Day the Lord Hath Made" by Von Berge. The offertory was brought by the Girls' Trio of Joyce De Vries, Patricia Luiken and Bonnie Pierson, who sang, "Thanks Be to God." Fred Folkerts sang, "How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings," after which Dr. George A. Lang brought the morning message. A potluck luncheon was enjoyed at 12:40 P.M. by about 125 guests.

The dedication service was held at 2:30 P.M. The Rev. Howard Johnson, former pastor of the church, gave a brief message from 1 Cor. 3:6. The choir sang "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty," and Miss Annalea Marks sang "Bless This House." Dr. Martin L. Leuschner, editor of the "Baptist Herald" and promotional secretary of our North American Baptist Conference, brought the dedicatory address. More than 500 persons attended. Following the service supper was served

to 79 guests by the ladies of the Dorcas Society.

At 7:00 P.M. Dr. Leuschner showed missionary films of the Bansa Hospital and the Training School in the Cameroons. This service was conducted by the young people with Miss Bonnie Pierson in charge and Miss LaVonne Zimmerman bringing special music.

The dedicatory program was brought to a close with a baptismal service at 8:00 P.M. The Rev. Herman Palfenier, denominational evangelist and former pastor of the church, spoke on "Visible Grace." The choir sang, "Bless the Lord, O My Soul" by Meredith, and the men's octet sang, "God Is Waiting in the Silence" by Ackley. Six candidates were baptized by the pastor: Diana De Vries, William Gast, George Luiken, Dale Hartman, Ralph Gast, and Arnold Kruse. Some 500 persons again attended the service and a dedicatory offering of \$2,090 was received during the day.

Shirley Kruse, Reporter.



The Choir of the First Baptist Church, Steamboat Rock, Iowa, wearing their new maroon robes

## Church Parsonage Dedication and Many Society Programs at Baptist Church, Elgin, Iowa

A part of the worship service of the Baptist Church of Elgin, Iowa, on Sunday morning, February 14, was devoted to the presentation of the keys of the new parsonage to the church.

Mr. A. B. Jacob, chairman, spoke in behalf of the building committee, composed of Mr. Edwin Krueger, Mr. John Schaer, Mr. Clarence Muehlethaler, and Mr. Harry Johnson, after which he presented the keys to our pastor, the Rev. H. John Vanderbeck.

Each of the building committee was represented by a young lady of the church who participated in a candle lighting ceremony, following the pastor's acceptance of the keys. Candles, placed in pairs on either side of a central candle, flanked an open Bible. The first candle, lighted by Beverly Muehlethaler, was for the steps of the house and she repeated the words of Christ, "I am the Way." Marilyn Schaer's candle was for the open door and again we were reminded of Christ's words, "I am the door." Beverly Oelberg's candle was for the windows of the house. Christ said, "If ye have seen me, ye have seen the Father." The fourth candle, lighted by Annette Wenger, was for the lights of the house. She spoke of Christ's words, "I am the light of the world." Karen Schroeder lighted the central candle representing Christ as the Head of the house, and closed with the verse, "Lo, I am with you always."

Mr. Vanderbeck closed the impressive ceremony with the dedicatory prayer. The formal parsonage dedication will be during the 75th anniversary services of the church from July 9 to 11.

The pastor's family moved to the new parsonage on January 29. Following the Sunday evening service, January 31, the congregation was invited to a "Japanese" singspiration service at the parsonage. In true Japanese fashion, we removed our shoes at the door and many sat on the floor while we "made a joyful noise unto the Lord" in choruses and favorite hymns.

The members of the Tabitha Society of our church entertained their husbands and other guests at a dinner on Friday evening, February 19. A Valentine motif was used in the table and room decorations. Mrs. Paul Zurbruggen presided at the table and announced the following numbers: welcome, Mrs. Lester Wenger, president; response, Mr. Hugo Hackmann; singspiration, Mrs. Edward Krueger, leader; report of year's work, Mrs. Kenton Krueger, secretary; poems, Mrs. Guy Probert. A film, "Talents," closed the evening's entertainment.

The CBY of our Elgin church presented a novel program on Sunday evening, February 21. The theme was a flight program on the "Miss Victory in Christ" plane. Flight tickets were distributed in the morning worship service with instructions to present them at the evening service in exchange for luggage. This proved to be our flight program, a song sheet of choruses and an advance announce-

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JERSEY. The week ended with a wonderful banquet on Saturday night, February 6th.

### SOUTHWESTERN CONFERENCE

The young people at ELLINWOOD, KANS., met several weeks in advance to prepare their program for Youth Week.

At the BETHANY CHURCH in KANSAS, the young people gave a helpful demonstration on the correct and incorrect ways of doing personal work.

### LARGEST SUNDAY SCHOOL

According to our new 1953 Conference Reports, the largest Sunday School in our denomination is that of our church at COSTA MESA, CALIFORNIA. They list an enrollment of 750, with 84 teachers and officers! Congratulations, Costa Mesa and Mr. Ernest Grain, superintendent!

Do your summer plans include attendance at a Christian assembly or camp, at the Laymen's or Pastors' Conference, or at some Christian Retreat?

**MAKE YOUR PLANS NOW!**

### ACROSS THE SEAS

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for a whole staff of servants, mainly because the man has only one loyalty in life—the Chief. Chances are nobody else is in the apartment at this hour."

But that was not quite accurate. A door opened at the far end of this large chamber, and two men stepped through, closely followed by Joe. The leader was a man of better than average height, in his thirties, and competent-looking. He wore a lounging robe over dark trousers and his hands were thrust deep into its pockets. He did not withdraw them as he came across the room to face his guests. His eyes covered Mickey in one swift movement from shoes to black hair.

"Well, Farrow?" The voice was not cold, but neither was it friendly; rather it could have been called businesslike. Ernie returned the keen gaze steadily.

"I'm back, Chief." He smiled brightly. The other's scrutiny did not waver.

"That is quite apparent. Moreover, I had already been so advised." His eyes flickered toward the third civilian present, but he made no move to introduce him. "At any rate, let us reserve the pleasantries until after more pressing matters have been disposed of. Who is this man with you?"

"He's a friend of mine. I asked him to come along, to—meet you."

"Very kind of you. Is he—er—sympathetic to our views?"

"Well, he attended a meeting with me in Auckland, and made quite a hit there. Chief, this is Mickey Conant. I hope you'll remember his name for a long time."

Conant and the leader exchanged nods, but neither made any attempt to shake hands. "Hi," said the one. "How do you do?" murmured the other. And then the sailor was dismissed from the great man's mind.

"Did you deliver my message to the people in Auckland, Farrow?" he demanded, sinking into a chair.

"My contact with the Auckland cell was a complete success, Chief." Ernie seated himself in a deep, upholstered chair and smiled across the room. "They have quite an elegant place down there, and it was crowded to the doors on the last night I was there."

"Really?" The Chief seemed pleased. "Did you meet Mr. Brown himself?"

"Oh, yes. And had quite a chat with him. He said he'd like to see both Mickey and me again some time, but of course that's not likely to happen for a long time. Might even be years."

Joe retired silently to some mysterious room beyond. Mickey frowned slightly; he liked to keep that man in sight.

"Well, what message was sent back? Have you any papers for me?"

Farrow patted his jumper casually. "I have some papers for you right here in my pocket, Chief. But I was warned you might not be pleased with them, so first I want to ask you—do you believe I tried to carry out my mission?"

"Yes, of course." The voice was impatient. "But that is unimportant now. Give me the papers."

Ernie made no motion. "Chief," he went on, "I have a witness in Conant here to everything I did while I was gone, on board ship and in Auckland. He can tell you whether I tried my best or not."

Mickey nodded wisely, but said nothing.

"He knows," continued the electrician, "that I got those papers from you, Chief, the head of the Communist Party in Southern California, for delivery to the cell in Auckland. You didn't tell me what was in them, but I was pretty sure that they concerned our ship movements, and that they were to be passed along to our agents for transmission to the Korean area. Right, Chief?"

"Yes, yes," answered the other. There was no mistaking the annoyance in his voice. "We'll discuss politics some other time, Farrow, if you please. Right now I want the reply, and let's have no more delay."

Ernie rose slowly to his feet and reached into an inside pocket.

"Sorry, Chief; didn't mean to annoy you. I just wanted Mickey to know that if he ties in with you, he's not going to be with any small potatoes.

## Obituary

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

### MR. GUSTAV FOX of Portland, Oregon.

Mr. Gustav Fox of Portland, Ore., died in the faith of the Lord Jesus Christ on Feb. 15, 1954 at the age of 85 years, 9 months and 20 days. He came to Portland, Ore., from Texas around the year 1895.

On Nov. 18, 1897 he was united in marriage to Amalia Zigler who now sorrows his passing. He was converted and baptized upon the confession of his faith in Christ in Texas and became a member of Trinity Baptist Church in Portland upon his arrival here. He attended worship services faithfully until his age and sickness prevented it.

He leaves to mourn his departure his now bereaved widow; two nephews: Harry Fox of Anaheim, Calif., and Ernie Fox of Portland; one niece, Mrs. Jim O'Reilly, also of Portland; besides relatives and friends. The memorial message was based upon the 17th Psalm. May the Lord comfort all who mourn his going with a happy reunion.

Trinity Baptist Church,  
Portland, Oregon

JOHN WOBIG, Pastor.

### MR. ADOLPH C. GRATZEL of Dallas, Texas.

Mr. Adolph Carl Gratzel of Dallas, Texas, son of Karl and Theresa Gratzel, was born in Lugos, Hungary, on Feb. 6, 1880 and was called home suddenly in Miami, Fla., on Feb. 23, 1954, at the age of 74 years and 17 days. He came to America as a lad of fourteen, settling in Caryell County, Texas. There he gave his heart to the Lord Jesus, was baptized by the Rev. J. E. Sydow, and united with what is now the Canaan Baptist Church of Crawford, Texas.

In 1904 he moved to Dallas, Texas, and in February of that year united with the Carroll Avenue Baptist Church. At his death he had been a member of the church he loved for a full half-century.

On Feb. 25, 1909 he was united in marriage to Miss Helen Rose Held, who preceded her husband in death in 1951. To this happy union were born two sons, Arnold of San Angelo, Texas; and Alvin of Miami, Fla.; who will always cherish the memory of a loving, Christian father. Also surviving are two brothers, Adam Gratzel of Greeley, Colo., and Karl V. Gratzel of Rumania.

Funeral services were held in Dallas on Feb. 27, 1954, with the pastor bringing a brief message on Ex. 16:7, "And in the morning, then ye shall see the glory of the Lord."

Then say not, "He has gone,"  
Nor think of him as dead;  
But say, "In the Father's House  
He has arrived"—instead.

Carroll Avenue Baptist Church,  
Dallas, Texas

HAROLD W. GIESEKE, Pastor.

### MR. ROBERT FRED LENTZ of Monroe, Washington.

Mr. Robert Fred Lentz of Monroe, Wash., youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Lentz, was born at Sultan, Wash., on April 21, 1932, and met his death on September 1, 1953 in Korea while serving in the Armed Forces. He attended school in Sultan where

You are the boss man of the Communist movement in this area, aren't you?"

"You bet your life I am, Farrow, and I can always find room for one more good worker. You've done well."

Farrow looked at him for a fleeting interval longer, and his face gradually

in the eighth grade he received the American Legion Award. After graduating from High School, he worked in Seattle for Boeing Air Craft until he was called to serve his country in 1952. He went overseas in February 1953. His commanding captain, who wrote about the passing of Robert, had this to say: "As a member of his command, Robert lived honestly and courageously and was well liked by his associates."

Robert was a pleasant young man, and made a good impression upon the people he met. He witnessed that he had the assurance that his name was written in the Book of Life. We have every reason to believe that Robert knew Christ as his personal Savior. He enjoyed attending Sunday School and also took part in the young people's organization of his church when home.

He leaves to mourn, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Lentz of Monroe, Wash.; one sister, Stella Yencich of Seattle, Wash.; one brother, Clarence of Monroe, Wash.; his brother-in-law, Joseph Yencich; one niece; two nephews; his grandmother, Sophie Lentz of Startup, Wash.; and a host of relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon, February 15th, at our church, the pastor bringing a message of comfort, using 1 Samuel 20:3b as his text. May God comfort the bereaved.

Startup, Washington

R. G. KAISER, Pastor.

### MR. GUSTAVE OTT of Cleveland, Ohio.

Mr. Gustave Ott of Cleveland, Ohio, was born on March 23, 1870 in Germany. When he was 17 years of age, he sailed to America and settled in Cleveland, Ohio. At the age of 18 years, God's Spirit spoke to him about his soul's salvation. Under conviction, he yielded to Christ, accepted him as his personal Savior, and followed the Lord in baptism on March 1, 1888 at the Erin Ave. Baptist Church, with Rev. Henry Schwendner the under-shepherd.

On June 26, 1907, he was united in marriage to sister Ott, also of Cleveland. Three children were born to this union, two of whom preceded him in death. Those who mourn his departure are: Jessie, his wife; Gertrude, his daughter; Edward Adams, his son-in-law; and three grandchildren: Judy, James, and Jack; and a host of friends.

In addition to being a faithful husband and father, he was a loyal supporter of his Lord and of his church. He was a faithful member of the mixed and male choirs for some fifty years. The privilege of being church organist was a joy to him, and he delighted in playing his saxophone whenever requested. The music committee appreciated his willing help and wise counsel as one of its members. For 31 years he proved himself to be an efficient church clerk, having served in the capacity longer than any other clerk in the history of the church.

The care of the church property was also his concern as he served for several years as a trustee. As the church reached its golden anniversary, he was the logical man qualified to write an extensive history of the Erin Avenue Baptist Church, which he willingly did. Mr. Ott also has the distinction of being the church member whose membership in the Erin Avenue Baptist Church has exceeded in years that of any present living person, namely, for 66 years.

Mr. Ott passed away peacefully on Jan. 27, 1954, having reached the age of 83 years, 10 months, and 3 days. He has proven himself to be a very humble, faithful, and non-complaining Christian who dearly loved the House of God.

Erin Avenue Baptist Church,  
Cleveland, Ohio

EDWIN MILLER, Pastor.

changed expression. The air of easy affability was gone as he held out a plain, white envelope toward the man in the easy chair. Mickey divided his watchfulness between the observer and the inner door, and his ears were listening with all their might.

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**THE EASTER VISION**

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Men who speak for God must be men who see God. Nothing is more difficult than to be forced to listen to a man who thinks he knows more about God than you do. On the other hand, nothing gives more genuine joy than to listen to a man who knows more about God than you do. One tries to impress you with theological concepts; the other simply shares his vision. One tells you what he heard about God; the other says with conviction, "I have seen the Lord!"

The day of Jesus' resurrection is again to be commemorated. Will we remember the glorious Easter vision as an event that happened almost two thousand years ago? Or will we think of it as something that is happening today? Will we look upon it as an experience shared by the early followers of Jesus, or will we in faith believe that the experience can be ours now? Would to God that every prophet in every pulpit would bring the Easter message with joy and conviction by proclaiming the life-giving vision, "I have seen the Lord!"

"He lives, he lives,  
Christ Jesus lives today.  
He walks with me, he talks with me,  
Along life's narrow way.

He lives, he lives,  
Salvation to impart.  
You ask me how I know he lives?  
He lives within my heart!"

No greater blessing can be yours  
than giving cheerfully and sacrificially  
to the Risen Lord,  
**YOUR SAVIOR!**  
Give Generously to the  
**EASTER OFFERING**  
Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday  
1954

**THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON**

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**Developing the Theme:**

- I. GOOD GOVERNMENT IS GOVERNMENT THAT GOVERNS FOR THE GOOD AND WELFARE OF THE PEOPLE AND HOLDS ITSELF TO THE LAW AND COMMANDMENT OF GOD (1 Kings 11:33, 38).
  - 1. As long as governments do that, they are stable and have the blessing of God upon them.
  - 2. Thus, true godliness is the way to national security.
- II. POWER CORRUPTS AND ABSOLUTE POWER CORRUPTS ABSOLUTELY (1 Kings 11:1-9).
  - 1. The reigns of Solomon and Jeroboam amply illustrate this truth.
  - 2. All governments have within them the seeds of corruption; thus, good government can be maintained only at the price of eternal vigilance.

III. WHENEVER GOVERNMENTS NO LONGER GOVERN FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PEOPLE, THEY LOSE THEIR RIGHT TO GOVERN.

- 1. Inevitably they bring trouble upon themselves (1 Kings 11:14, 23).
- 2. They come under divine judgment and are rejected of God (1 Kings 11:11b).

IV. WHENEVER ANY GOVERNMENT NO LONGER GOVERNS FOR THE GOOD AND WELFARE OF THE PEOPLE BUT EXPLOITS AND OPPRESSES THEM, THE PEOPLE HAVE THE RIGHT TO CHANGE THAT GOVERNMENT (1 Kings 11:31, 35; 12:4).

- 1. In the case of Israel, such change was given divine sanction.
- 2. This right belongs to all people, because true government is only by the consent of the governed (1 Kings 12:4).

V. CHANGE, TO BE EFFECTIVE, HOWEVER, MUST BE PEACEFUL CHANGE DIRECTED TOWARD THE ESTABLISHING OF GODLINESS AND RIGHTEOUSNESS (1 Kings 11:38).

- 1. Revolutionary power destroys more than it builds and in the end defeats its purpose. Israel's history well establishes this truth.
- 2. Peaceful change—Godward—is slow but, in the end, most effective.

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