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# The S. S. Lesson in ACTION

By Rev. B. JACKSTEIT, Anaheim, Calif.

## A LESSON PLAN

Date: August 22, 1954

### Theme: GROWTH THROUGH CHRISTIAN LIVING

SCRIPTURE: 1 Cor. 16:1-2a-b; 2 Cor. 8:1-9.

PURPOSE: To show the importance of generous, consistent, cheerful giving.

GETTING STARTED: "Never try to save out of God's cause; such money will canker the rest. Giving to God is not loss; it is putting your substance in the best bank. Giving is true having, as the old gravestone said of the dead man: 'What I spent I had, what I saved I lost, what I gave I have.'" How our world needs to ponder again these words of Charles H. Spurgeon!

Giving is true having. Here men are willing to sell even their souls just to accumulate and hang on to some of this world's goods. Yet one bomb can in a flash destroy it all. We need to heed well the words: "With all thy getting get wisdom." For the only real wisdom is to realize that the greatest happiness comes through giving, not through getting, that what we give can never be taken away from us, and that the most profitable investment we can ever make is to invest our lives and possessions in the cause of the Kingdom.

### Developing the Theme:

#### I. GIVING IS AN ESSENTIAL PART OF CHRISTIAN LIVING (2 Cor. 8:6-7).

1. The tight-fisted Christian is not really Christian; for the love of Christ cannot touch his heart without at the same time opening his purse.

2. Giving is a privilege and opportunity (2 Cor. 8:8).

3. It is also an obligation (1 Cor. 16:1; 2 Cor. 8:7, 9).

#### II. THESE ARE THE CHARACTERISTICS OF CHRISTIAN GIVING.

1. The Christian gives out of love and gratitude:

(a) Gratitude for what Christ has done for him (2 Cor. 8:9);

(b) Love for God and men (2 Cor. 8:8).

2. He gives in the Spirit of Christ:

(a) Not grudgingly, but gladly and generously (2 Cor. 8:2, 7, 9);

(b) Not counting the cost, but seeking only to meet a need (2 Cor. 8:4).

3. He gives regularly and according to his means (1 Cor. 16:2a-b).

4. He accompanies his gifts with his life (2 Cor. 8:5):

(a) Along with the gift of money, he gives his love, his devotion, his concern, his talents, his all.

(b) He makes giving but a part of his complete dedication to God.

#### III. THESE ARE THE RESULTS OF CHRISTIAN GIVING.

1. The Christian grows—

(a) In Christlikeness, for generosity is one of the cardinal Christian virtues (2 Cor. 8:7);

(b) In his capacity for love and compassion (2 Cor. 8:1-5);

(c) In appreciation for what has been done for him (2 Cor. 8:9).

2. The greatest joys and deepest satisfactions become his (2 Cor. 8:2).

### Applying the Lesson:

1. How much will a Christian give if he gives "as God hath prospered him"?

2. What is wrong with a Christian who has never learned to be generous?

## A LESSON PLAN

Date: August 29, 1954

### Theme: GROWTH THROUGH CHRISTIAN SERVICE

SCRIPTURE: Gal. 6:1-2; James 1:22, 26-27; 2:14-17; 1 John 3:16-18.

PURPOSE: To point out that it is only through faithful Christian service that we as Christians grow.

GETTING STARTED: A United Press release on June 6 stated: "The head of the great Austrian composer, Joseph Haydn, chopped off and stolen just before his funeral, is to be united with his skeleton after wandering 145 years as a disputed trophy. The rejoining has been set for June at the town of Eisenstadt, . . . where Haydn's headless body was entombed in the Berg church." Would to God that we as Christians could learn to put skull and skeleton together and joined together again what should never have been "put asunder."

Faith and works belong together. Hearing the word and doing the same cannot be separated from one another without decapitating Christianity. We are saved by faith; but we are saved to serve. We are to be good; but goodness becomes meaningful only as it expresses itself in the doing of good. Thus if we are to grow we must be both strong in faith and fruitful unto every good work.

### Developing the Theme:

#### I. THE CHRISTIAN IS CALLED TO SERVE (James 1:22; 1 John 3:18).

1. Faith that does not find expression in works is worthless (James 2:17).

2. A Christian talk without a Christian walk is sheer hypocrisy (James 2:16; 1 John 3:17).

3. The Christian who is not willing to live his Christianity by that very

## CONFERENCES AND ASSEMBLIES

August 14-21—Atlantic Conference CBY Assembly at Camp Hope, Silver Lake, Hope, New Jersey. Rev. and Mrs. George Henderson (August 14-20).

August 14-21—Oregon Junior Camp at Oregon Baptist Conference Grounds, Inc. Rt. 1, Falls City, Oregon. Miss Ruth Bathauer.

August 18-22—Southwestern Conference at Lorraine, Kansas. Prof. George A. Dunger, Mr. Ernest Hildebrand, Dr. Martin L. Leuschner, and Mrs. Albert Reddig.

August 21-27—Central Conference CBY Assembly at Tower Hill Camp near Sawyer, Mich. Rev. and Mrs. George Henderson.

August 21-28—Oregon Senior Camp at Oregon Baptist Conference Grounds, Inc. Rt. 1, Falls City, Oregon. Rev. J. C. Gunst.

August 27-29—Minnesota Young People's Assembly at Camp Tipi-Wakan, Lake Minnetonka, Spring Park, Minnesota. Rev. Richard Schilke.

fact proclaims that he is actually not a Christian (James 2:14).

#### II. HE IS CALLED TO SERVE IN LOVE.

1. He will be compassionate and generous in his attitude toward his brethren and seek in every way to help them (Gal. 6:1-2).

2. He will seek to minister to their needs regardless of the cost to himself (1 John 3:16).

3. Love for God and love for man will be the motivating force (1 John 3:17).

#### III. HE IS CALLED TO SERVE IN DEFINITE AND PRACTICAL WAYS (1 John 3:18).

1. He will help the spiritually weak to grow strong and put the fallen back on their feet again (Gal. 6:1).

2. The over-burdened he will help to bear the burdens of life (Gal. 6:2).

3. To the friendless and destitute he will be a friend (James 1:27).

4. To those in need he will extend a helpful hand (James 2:15-16).

#### IV. HE IS CALLED TO SERVE WITH A SENSE OF PURPOSE.

1. His desire will not be to bring glory unto himself or to be charitable merely for sweet charity's sake.

2. Rather, the goal of all his service will be to restore the fallen and those in need so that they will be able to walk again and take up the burdens of life for themselves (Gal. 6:1-2).

### Applying the Lesson:

1. Can charity ever be harmful to people? Why?

2. What are some definite ways in which we can bear one another's burdens?

# Editorial

## The Simplicity in Christ

THESE SUMMER DAYS, when we have more time to meditate and to get close to God through his marvelous handiwork, ought to find us rediscovering the simplicity that is in Christ. Life in our day is overlaid with multiple veneers of reasons for our faith, of books and articles and sermons that contend for our faith. Even our churches have to keep up with the competing movements of our day by devising plans and methods for making the presentation of the Gospel as interesting and as appealing as possible. All of this is necessary but sometimes we forget that which is most important—the simplicity that is in Christ Jesus!

The Apostle Paul was concerned about this many centuries ago in his dealings with the Christian Corinthians. "But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ" (2 Cor. 11:3). In these summer days with their opportunities for meditation, we ought to lay hold on the simplicity of our faith in Christ. Vance Havner suggests that "it is part of Satan's program to make our faith and practice complicated and involved." The look of faith on Christ that saves, the commitment of faith into Christ's hands of one's entire life, and the radiant life of faith are the sublime simplicities of the Gospel. They are revealed to the simple, kept from the wise and revealed unto babes.

There is no one in the world who faces the terrific pressure of duties and decisions in this complicated world more than the president of the United States. Dwight D. Eisenhower is fully aware of the intricate problems of our day that often appear to be beyond solution. But he realizes even more keenly the need of getting back to the simplicities of God's truth revealed to us in his Word. In a profound testimony and speech at his boyhood home in Abilene, Kansas, he said: "If each of us in his own mind would dwell more upon these simple virtues—integrity, courage, self-confidence and unshakable belief in the Bible—would not some of these problems (confronting the nation) tend to simplify themselves? Would not we, after having done our very best with them, be content to leave the rest with Almighty God? I think that it is possible that a contemplation, a study, a belief in these simple virtues could help us mightily."

The happiest Christian is the person who has found this Source of life-giving power in the simplicity that is in Christ. With child-like trust he comes to Jesus, trusts God's promises and takes him at his Word. He knows the things that are freely given to us of God.

Beware of the subtilties of modern life that tempt us to think that only the things that are profound, involved and difficult to comprehend are "real." In these summer days take time to meditate on God's Word and his revelation and with the simplicity of trusting acceptance, open your life to its marvelous promises. You will find that the foolishness of men is confounded by this simplicity that is in Christ, and you will be at peace, ready to do the Lord's work, in the months that lie ahead!

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# Another Missionary Couple for Japan

By the REV. R. SCHILKE  
General Missionary Secretary

The story of the Rev. and Mrs. Clemence Auch and of God's marvelous guidance in their lives, especially in their appointment as our missionaries for the Japan Mission Field

ACCORDING to the "Japan Harvest" issue of February 1954, there are less than one-half million Christians among the 88 million population of Japan. During the past five years the non-Christian population of Japan has increased by more than five million. In these past war years many mission boards have sent missionaries but the number has fallen far short of the need to fill the religious vacuum which was created when defeat came to Imperialistic Japan.

In the years immediately following the capitulation of Japan, everything associated with the old regime seemingly came into discredit and people were ready to listen to any religious message which promised hope and which was not associated with the militarism of old Japan. For that very reason many people of Japan turned to the Christian churches and the Christian missionary for inquiry and enlightenment.

## NEWLY ARISEN SECTS

Japan's two main religions, Buddhism and Shintoism, were not unaffected. Their religious leaders were well aware of the religious vacuum of these postwar years and it must be said that they did all in their power to fill it.



Pearl fishermen in Japan (left) and Miss Florence Miller (right), our missionary in Japan, with the little puppy of the Baptist Mission Compound at Ujiyama, Japan

Dr. Tetsutaro Ariga, professor of Christianity in the Imperial Kyoto University in Japan in his book, "The So-Called 'Newly-Arisen Sects' in Japan," as summarized by Dr. R. Pierce Beaver in the Occasional Bulletin, Vol. V, No. 4, says that "there are in Japan as of April 1951 over 200 post-war sects of Buddhism; more than 134 entirely new and independ-

ent sects of the Shintoistic type; and 153 new sects which are neither distinctly Buddhist nor distinctly Shintoistic. It goes without question that in order for so many new religious sects to spring up, there must have been a ready response on the part of the Japanese people. We may well raise the question: Why have so many people been won by these newly arisen sects?"

Dr. Tetsutaro Ariga answered the above question as follows: "They are indigenous and, therefore, are more deeply rooted in the psychology of the people. Their teachings are optimistic and positive . . . The Shintoistic outlook of life is more basically Japanese than the Buddhist. . . . It (Buddhism) also has been deeply imbedded in people's minds and through the centuries the whole culture of Japan has been permeated with Buddhist influences. How to interpret the Christian gospel to such a people as the Japanese is and will remain a great missionary problem."

The comparative outnumbering results of these many religious sects tend to discourage the missionary who goes and the missionary board which sends. Yet in the face of such overwhelming problems, we are continually heartened by the voice of HIM

who once said and throughout the centuries has repeated it: "Be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." He still calls and sends forth, and for that very reason we look upon another missionary couple for Japan, recently appointed by the General Missionary Committee. Let us greet them and send them forth in the Name of our great Lord to conquer that which he

will conquer for them, for he goes before them.

## BORN OF DEVOUT PARENTS

Clemence Auch was born on June 27, 1927 near Mott, North Dakota. He is the fourth son of a family of nine children. According to his mother's saying, big snowflakes fell on the day of his birth, as if he was to be a special chosen vessel of God from the day of his birth through which God would make known his love and purity to a world in need.

Benjamin and Susan Auch, his beloved parents, took their children regularly to Sunday School and church, although it meant driving six miles in all kinds of summer and winter weather and in all kinds of road conditions. They were much concerned about the spiritual welfare of their children and prayed earnestly that they might all accept Christ as their Savior and receive the gift of eternal life.

## BORN AGAIN OF THE SPIRIT

Amidst the Christian nurture of home and church life, Clemence realized in his early youth his personal need of the cleansing power of God from sin. The application of this power of God was experienced in his own life during a revival campaign conducted in his church by his pastor, the Rev. David Little.

It is difficult to explain the transformation that takes place when God's power comes into man's life. The Lord Jesus compared it to the birth of man when he said to Nicodemus, "Ye must be born again," and "Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit . . ."

Clemence, too, knew this, although he could not explain that he was born again of the Holy Spirit and so had become a new man in Christ Jesus. In his home and in his church he testified concerning this power of God that had changed his life. Soon thereafter he gave public testimony in baptism. He was then fourteen years of age.

## UNCLE SAM CALLS ABROAD

The first years of Clemence Auch's school life were spent in a one-room country school house. Those were memorable years as he walked the 1½ miles to school discovering many interesting things along the way, and also waiting for hours at times for his

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parents to come and take him and the other children home as blinding blizzards raged on the prairies. During his high school days he stayed in Mott, N. Dak., where dormitory life called for many adjustments in his early youth.

At the completion of high school, which was interrupted for several years, his plans for life were not his own. Uncle Sam called up the boys for service to the country and Clemence was among them. Thus from September 1946 to May 1947 he served in the U.S. Army Artillery. Five of those months were spent in Japan. God's ways are mysterious and we cannot fathom the depth of his wisdom how he uses these circumstances of life to lead the individual to his way of life and service.

## THE LORD CALLS ABROAD

Already in his high school days Clemence Auch heard the call of God in his life. After returning from Japan, he gave more heed to that call and realized the need for thorough preparation. In September 1947 he enrolled at our Seminary in Rochester, New York. Two years later he transferred to Wesley College at Grand Forks, N. Dak., from where he received his B.A. degree in January 1951. Seminary training was his next goal and so he enrolled again at our Seminary, meanwhile re-located to Sioux Falls, S. Dak., for the theological course leading to a B.D. degree.

The call to foreign mission work came to Clemence Auch during the first two years at our Seminary in Rochester, New York. God spoke mightily to him through missionaries home on furlough who visited the Seminary. The struggle in his life went on until after an automobile accident when he came to see the futility of resisting God and so yielded to the will of God.

Peace then flooded his soul and he knew that his yielding to God for the foreign field was in accord with the will of God in his life. It was only natural that his first thoughts as to a foreign field were turned to the Cameroons of Africa. Perhaps it was for that very reason that God led him under Uncle Sam's call to Japan for it was to Japan that he was to go later.

His theological studies were concluded at our Seminary in mid-term though the conferring of the B.D. degree had to wait until the spring of 1954. Thus already in August 1953 Clemence accepted the call extended him by the Ebenezer and Immanuel Baptist Churches of Wessington Springs, S. Dak., where he rendered a most acceptable service. On February 16, 1954 he was ordained into the Christian ministry by his home church at Mott, North Dakota.

During his theological studies at the seminary he met Sylvia E. Reischke



In Japan children spend much time carrying their baby brothers or sisters on their backs. This Japanese girl is about eight years of age with the baby around one and one-half years

of Salem, Ore., also a candidate for the mission field, studying at the Seminary in preparation for the mission field. They soon found their interests to be alike, their goals for service the same and soon their hearts beat as one.

On August 23, 1952 they fully joined their hearts in marriage. The Lord has already made their joy complete in giving them on October 25, 1953 a little girl, Deborah Susan, to brighten their home with joy and laughter.

## IN MID-WINTER DAYS

Sylvia Elvina Reischke was born on February 18, 1927 at Norma, N. Dak., as the youngest child among six children. Winter days in North Dakota can become bleak and dreary days but her arrival brought cheer and sunshine into hearts and home. Leo and Lydia Reischke, her beloved parents, are humble Christians, faithful in word and deed and in attendance and support of the church of God.

At the time of Sylvia's birth they were members of the Newport Baptist Church where they were active in service and anxious to do the will of God. Thus, Sylvia also had the privilege of early Christian influence. At the age of eight she accepted Christ as her Savior and was soon thereafter baptized and became a member of her parents' church.

Her elementary education was received in a one-room school house,

a few miles away from her farm home. During her first three years of high school she stayed in a nearby town and worked for her board and room. Thus, her background in home, school, church and state was very much like that of her husband's background.

At the age of sixteen her parents moved to Salem, Ore., and joined the Bethel Baptist Church of Salem. There she finished her high school education. In Sunday School, choir and young people's groups, she became very active and was considered a most willing worker.

One of the members of the church in writing to me about Sylvia said: "When I first saw Sylvia, I thought, 'There is a girl with a wonderful personality and as friendly a young person as ever I saw,' and it was really so; she was friend of young and old alike and I don't believe she ever had an enemy."

After high school days Sylvia was undecided as to what vocation to choose. She then decided to stay with her cousin in Portland, Ore., who was attending Western Baptist Seminary. She also enrolled. Soon the needs of missions and the scarcity of missionaries became a burden to her and she wondered whether God could and would use her in the great harvest field of souls. She did not fully yield at that time, but she was directed to enter nurses' training in Seattle, Washington, where for the next three years she underwent the rigorous training of a nurse at the Virginia Mason Hospital School of Nursing.

## CHRIST CONQUERS SELF

The inward battle went on during those years of training. Hours and days were filled with activities of a nurse trainee's life. Her church attendance suffered. Her personal devotions became irregular. Her testimony grew weak instead of strong. After graduation she was very unsettled, particularly as to the call of God in her life. Self seemed to have conquered. Yet deep in her heart she still felt that God had a plan for her life.

In August of 1950 at the summer assembly of our Oregon Young People's Camp she was challenged anew by the missionary messages of the Rev. Donald Ganstrom, who was then home on furlough from the Cameroons. It was then that she completely yielded to God and Christ conquered over self. That was a wonderful experience for her and immediately she made plans for more education.

In the fall of 1951 Sylvia enrolled at our Seminary at Sioux Falls, S. Dak., for a theological training. She was one of very few female students at the school, since our Seminary has always majored in ministerial training for male students. But God had

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# Church Events and Anniversary Programs

Reports from the Field in the United States and Canada

## First Baptist Church of Ellinwood, Kansas, Celebrates Its Seventy-fifth Anniversary

On Sunday and Monday, May 23 and 24, we of the First Baptist Church, Ellinwood, Kans., celebrated our 75th anniversary. Those were days of blessing and inspiration as we gathered to praise God for his guidance through the years. Our speaker, Dr. George A. Lang of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., reminded us that we must not rest upon the testimony of our forefathers but must ever serve God and remain a "light" in our rural community in the future.

There have been seventeen pastors who have served us in the past 75 years. Of these five are living and were able to attend and participate in our celebration. They are the Rev. Theo W. Dons, Sterling, Kans.; Rev. Charles Wagner, Portland, Ore.; Rev. C. N. Wiebe, Los Angeles, Calif.; Rev. W. Helwig, Dallas, Texas; and Rev. Harold Ekert, Henrietta, Texas.

The first records of our church go back to May 28, 1879, when a small group of German Baptists met in the Herter schoolhouse and there organized the First German Baptist Church of Ellinwood, of which Rev. Henry Willms was pastor. Church services were held for 14 years in this place.

In 1893 a frame building and parsonage were built on the present location. This church stood as a blessed sanctuary for members and friends of this community for over 50 years.

For some time the need for a larger and better church was evident. It

was by complete trust in the Lord and faith that he would provide, that the members made plans for a brick veneer church. It was dedicated debt free on May 25, 1947. A parsonage was planned a few years later and on May 24, 1953 it was dedicated. Our present pastor, Rev. Elmer C. Strauss, and his wife were the first to occupy the new parsonage.

We presented a booklet containing the history of our church to those attending. It has many interesting facts and a good many pictures. For this work we owe thanks to Mr. G. F. Koch and the Anniversary Committee.

A notable thing is that only three clerks have served the church throughout the 75 years. Thomas DeWerff was clerk for forty years, Henry Fischer for fifteen years and G. F. Koch, the present clerk, has served for twenty years.

We praise and thank God for the faithfulness of our forefathers and pastors, and we earnestly pray that in the future we may remain a "true light" and blessing in our rural community.

Mrs. Emil Scheufler, Reporter.

## Baptist Men's Group Organized at the First Baptist Church, Mt. Sterling, Missouri

On Friday evening, June 18th, the first meeting of Baptist Men of the Baptist Church Mt. Sterling, Mo., was held at the church. Ten men were present. Of these, six men are members of our church and four are pro-

spects. We counted ten other prospects whom we hope to enlist in the future meetings.

We elected officers as follows: vice-president, Harvey Lipskoch; secretary, Warren Rikard; treasurer, Gene Rikard. The men requested the pastor of the church, the Rev. Olland F. Cole, to serve as president, and I accepted the office temporarily. We set our meeting time as the third Friday of each month.

At this first meeting we outlined some of the projects of the men's work. These include building of the church basement, landscaping of the church grounds, and, most important, the reaching of men for Christ and his church. We decided at this first meeting not to have dues, but to allow each member to give to the men's work as the Lord enables him to do. The women served home-made ice cream at the parsonage after our meeting.

Olland F. Cole, Pastor.

## Recognition Service for the Faith Baptist Church, Regina, Saskatchewan

On Sunday evening, June 13th, a large congregation of North American Baptist Churches of Regina, Sask., and vicinity assembled for a recognition service of the Faith Baptist Church. This new church was organized on January 24th and ever since then the work has made steady progress. At present the membership has more than doubled its size.

The recognition service itself was a gala occasion lasting over two hours. The main message of the evening was presented by the Rev. Karl Korella of Edmonton, Alta., representing the Northern Conference of the North American Baptists. His topic was "The Function of the Church of Today."

Congratulations and good wishes were extended by representatives of neighboring churches including the Victoria Ave. Baptist Church of Regina, Grace Baptist Church of Davin, Serath Baptist Church, Southey Baptist Church, Edenwold Baptist Church and the Muskowpetung Indian Reserve Mission. The various messages were interspersed by suitable musical numbers rendered by Regina and out-of-city talent. The chairman of the occasion was the Rev. Richard Grabke, pastor of the Faith Baptist Church, who also gave the hand of fellowship to the 54 charter members.

Toward the end of the festive service, the chairman of the Board of Deacons, Mr. Winston Knoll, presented a sketch of the proposed church building of the Faith congregation and explained building plans. We continually rejoice in the Lord's blessings.

Helen Kupp, Church Clerk.



—Photo by Raymond A. Noll

Members of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Fleischmann Memorial Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pa., at the 91st anniversary program of the society

## 91st Anniversary Program of the Fleischmann Memorial Woman's Missionary Soc., Philadelphia, Pa.

On Tuesday evening, May 4th, the Woman's Missionary Society of the Fleischmann Memorial Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pa., celebrated its 91st anniversary. The first part of the program was dedicated to "Mother." Mrs. Dorothea King took charge of the devotions and also gave us an inspiring talk to "Mother."

Mrs. Keiser, our efficient president, took charge of the second part of the program. After welcoming the women and visitors in our midst, she called on Mrs. Dorothea King who read a letter written and translated from the German language by Mrs. Otto Mercner, reminiscing about the highlights of the celebration of our 50th anniversary, 41 years ago. Mrs. Elizabeth Rekatzy then spoke on the interesting events that have taken place during the 29 years that she has been a member of the society. Esther Kraemer, our treasurer, gave a report on the past year and a review of what our society did financially.

Mrs. Keiser called on Mrs. Gustav Schmidt and Mrs. Alfred Zabel who were members of the society years ago. They spoke of the wonderful work done in the society and how the Lord has blessed our efforts. Mrs. Mercner, the oldest member and also the oldest mother in the society, was presented with a corsage. The celebration was closed with a candlelight service, each officer taking part.

We had 40 persons present at this festive occasion. During the past year we have visited many sick and shut-in members of our church. We have concentrated this year on White Cross work. Our ladies also repair old clothing and forwarded the finished work to our denominational headquarters in Forest Park, Illinois.

Mrs. Elva Kuenne, Secretary.

## Sessions of the British Columbia Association at the Grace Church of Kelowna

The British Columbia Conference was held from May 20 to 23 at Kelowna, B. C., in their new and beautiful church. These were truly days of happiness and blessed fellowship. The attendance from the different churches was very encouraging. Our conference theme this year was "The Teachings of the Holy Ghost." This theme was thoroughly discussed.

Our special guests were Professor H. Hiller from our Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., and the Rev. E. Link from our Bible School or Christian Training Institute in Edmonton. These two ministers of God contributed much to the success and blessings of our conference.

The highlight of the conference was the last day when the new Kelowna Church building was dedicated. Visitors from all over the province gathered to witness this memorable occasion so that on this day the church was overfilled. May all the good wishes that were extended at this time certainly come true and prove a blessing to those connected with this church. The reports from the different churches told us of the faithful work and steady growth so that some found it necessary to enlarge and others to build new and bigger churches to accommodate their increasing membership.

The following officers were elected for the year 1954: president, Dr. A. Felberg; vice-president, Rev. J. Kornalewski; treasurer, Rev. P. Daum; and secretary, Mr. A. Haas. Once again we would like to thank the Grace Church in Kelowna, B. C., for its hospitality in homes and the church. God willing, we will meet for our conference next year in the Bethany Church, Vancouver, B. C.

Albert Haas, Secretary.

## Business Meeting of the Pacific Conference Woman's Missionary Union at Portland, Oregon

The Woman's Missionary Union of the Pacific Conference met for its annual luncheon and business meeting on Friday, June 18, at the Trinity Baptist Church, Portland, Oregon. Mrs. Fred E. Klein, vice-president from Colfax, Wash., conducted the meeting in the absence of the president, Mrs. Henry K. F. Hengstler, who was unable to attend because of illness in the family.

After singing "Heavenly Sunshine" and "Following Jesus," the regular business was taken up, with reports from the 29 cities. Two new societies were added to the group this year, one from Bethel Baptist Church, Missoula, Mont., and the other from the Bethany Baptist Church, Vancouver, B. C.

Officers elected for the coming year were Mrs. Fred E. Klein, president; Mrs. Henry K. F. Hengstler, Mrs. Henry Barnett, and Mrs. Robert S. Hess, vice-presidents from the California, Oregon and the Pacific Northwest Societies; Mrs. Jennie Hoelzer, secretary; and Mrs. Jennie Boehi, treasurer. Mrs. Klein was elected representative to the General Council in Waco, Texas, in 1955. The money in the treasury, \$400, plus the \$210 offering received at the evening meeting, was divided among the New Hope Leper Settlement, the Women's Worker in the Cameroons, and Home Mission Expansion.

Mrs. Henry Bertuleit held a White Cross clinic, and Mrs. Thomas Lutz, national treasurer, spoke in regard to the general work and brought a devotional from Esther 4:14-17, "The Lord Is Not Seeking Yours But Is Seeking You." Mrs. Lutz also presented the evening message, "Servants to God."

Mrs. Donald G. Davis, Reporter.



Pastors of the First Baptist Church, Ellinwood, Kansas, at the 75th anniversary services of the church

Left to right: Rev. T. W. Dons, 1916-1920 and 1944-1952; Rev. Charles Wagner, 1921-1926; Rev. C. Wiebe, 1926-1931; Rev. W. Helwig, 1936-1942; Rev. Harold Ekert, 1942-1944; and the present pastor, Rev. E. Strauss, 1952—

# WHAT'S HAPPENING

● The First Baptist Church of Avon, S. Dak., has called the Rev. Henry Smuland of Sheffield, Iowa, as its pastor to which a favorable reply has been given. He hopes to begin his ministry in Avon on Sept. 1st, succeeding the Rev. James De Loach. Mr. Smuland has served the Baptist Church of Sheffield, Iowa, since 1949.

● The Bethel Baptist Church of Anaheim, Calif., was host to the members of the Anaheim Kiwanis Club and their families on Sunday evening, July 11. Members of the Kiwanis Club participated in the service and Mr. Wayne Butterbaugh, Kiwanis Club president, presented its spiritual objectives. The Rev. Berthold Jacksteit, pastor of the Bethel Baptist Church, brought the message on "The Contagion of Courage."

● The White Avenue Baptist Church of Cleveland, Ohio, has extended a call to the Rev. Edward Kary of Bismarck, N. Dak., to which he has responded favorably. He will begin his pastorate in the White Ave. Church on Sept. 5th, succeeding the Rev. Paul F. Zoschke, now pastor of the Evergreen church, Brooklyn, New York. Mr. Kary has served the Bismarck Baptist Church as its pastor since October 1945.

● The Bethany Baptist Church of Camrose, Alta., has called the Rev. Fred Schimke as its pastor. He has accepted the call and began his pastorate in Camrose on June 27. The church held a reception for him and his wife on that same day. A report about the reception service appears elsewhere in this issue. Mr. Schimke has succeeded the Rev. Joe Sonnenberg, now pastor of the Foster Avenue Church, Chicago, Illinois.

● For five weeks following Sunday, July 22, the Bethany Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wis., is enjoying the ministry of Mr. Arthur Brust, a student at the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota. He is assisting the pastor, the Rev. Wilmer Quiring, in visitation, preaching and the Vacation Bible School. This school will be held from August 16 to 27 with the theme, "Pioneering With Christ."

● The Rev. Ethel Ruff, former teacher at the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alta., has made a remarkable recovery from a severe recent illness. She is now able to resume her speaking ministry. She wishes to ex-

## THIS ISSUE!

This number of the "Baptist Herald" has been abbreviated to 16 pages. Because of that, no installment of the story, "The House on Parnassus," could be published in this issue.

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press her sincere gratitude to North American Baptist friends for their prayers, greetings and gifts when she needed them most! Her address is 1012 N. 9th Street, Tacoma 3, Wash.

● The Baptist Church of Napoleon, N. Dak., has announced that the Rev. Henry Lang will continue as its pastor, even though the "Baptist Herald" in its issue of July 1st reported that he had resigned. The church prevailed on Brother Lang to stay in the church and it is hoped that Mrs. Lang's health will improve. We are to happy to correct the previous announcement of Mr. Lang's resignation by stating that he is still very active in the pastorate at Napoleon, North Dakota.

● On Sunday afternoon, June 27, an impressive baptismal service was held at Baptist Lake on the Montana Indian Reserve near Hobbema, Alberta. Before a festive crowd of 300 people, 14 Indians from four Reserves were baptized on confession of their faith in Christ by the Rev. R. Neuman, missionary. His daughter, Gail, was also baptized in addition to the 14 Indians. At the Sunday morning service held on the Montana Reserve Chapel about 200 people were in attendance, including the Rev. R. Schilke, general missionary speaker, who brought a heart searching message. He also spoke at the baptismal service in the afternoon. An article about this wonderful Sunday on the Indian mission field will appear in the "Baptist Herald."

● The Clinton Hill Baptist Church of Newark, N. Y., extended a call on June 3rd to the Rev. Sidney Larson, pastor of the First Baptist Church of

Rushville, Indiana. He replied favorably to the call, as reported by Miriam K. Haag, church secretary, and announced that he will begin his ministry in the Clinton Hill Church on September 12. He will succeed the Rev. Robert S. Hess, now pastor of the Calvary Church, Tacoma, Washington.

● Mr. and Mrs. Strauss of Burstall, Sask., celebrated their silver wedding anniversary on Tuesday, May 25, with members and friends of the Burstall Baptist Church as well as the pastor, the Rev. Herman A. Pohl, joining with them in this happy celebration. The deacon, Mr. John Schmidt, congratulated the couple on behalf of the church, and Mr. Henry Winter spoke for the Sunday School. Mr. and Mrs. Strauss and their family are active supporters of the Baptist church.

● On Sunday, June 20, the Rev. Walter Stein, pastor of the Tyndall Baptist Church of South Dakota with preaching stations at Danzig and Tyndall, baptized seven young people at the Danzig Baptist Church on confession of their faith in Christ. The church contributed almost \$4000 toward our missionary projects last year. Mr. Stein wrote: "We have had a very blessed year with the Lord. Our people here are concerned about the lost and help our missionary enterprise with great sums of money."

● On May 30th the Rev. Ronald C. McCormack, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, Parkersburg, Iowa, baptized 14 converts, of whom five are adults and nine are young people. There were 110 pupils enrolled in the Vacation Bible School which was held at the Parkersburg church from May 31 to June 1. Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Rapske, students at the Northern Baptist Theological Seminary of Chicago, Ill., were leaders in the school. The Scripture Press material was used. On Decision Day 14 boys and girls took their stand for Christ as Savior.

● On Sunday evening, June 20, the Rev. Roy Seibel, pastor of the Emery Baptist Church, Emery, S. Dak., baptized five young people who had accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as Savior during the Vacation Bible School, besides two adults who were also baptized. On Sunday, June 27, the Rev. Merle Brenner of Rapid City, and several teachers from the Vacation Bible School in Rapid City brought a report of the work that had

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been done in the building program of the Baptist Church there and of victories won.

● The German Baptist Mission Church of Hamilton, Ont., which was recently organized with 14 members, has extended a call to the Rev. John Wahl of Onoway, Alta., to which a favorable reply was given. He began his pastorate in the Hamilton church early in July. His son, Mr. Gunther Wahl, has been serving the Hamilton group prior to its organization as a Baptist church in the capacity of student pastor. The address of the Rev. and Mrs. John Wahl in Hamilton will be announced as soon as it is available.

● Mr. and Mrs. William Fleischman of the Bethel Baptist Church, Anaheim, Calif., sailed for Japan on July 16 to visit their daughter, Lorraine, who is a missionary in Japan for the Conservative Baptist Missionary Board. Miss Lorraine Fleischman was a roommate of Miss Florence Miller, our missionary, while they were in language studies in Tokyo. Mr. and Mrs. Fleischman expect to visit the North American Baptist mission field in Ujiyamada, Japan, and to meet our missionaries there. They will spend about three weeks in Japan after their arrival on August 14.

● The annual business meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of the First Baptist Church of Elk Grove, Calif., was held in May. At that time it was reported that the society has 59 members with 48 representing the average attendance and with 17 members having had perfect attendance. A total of 807 visits to the sick were made throughout the year. Used clothing was sent to Korea, to the Indians of Alberta, and to the Spanish-American mission field in Colorado. The society's special project for the year was the purchase of a new stove for the parsonage, as reported by Ruth Kammerer, secretary.

● On Sunday evening, May 30, the Rev. Arthur J. Fischer baptized 13 persons from the Napoleon Baptist Church, Napoleon, N. Dak., on confession of their faith in Christ at the Linton Baptist Church. These converts were the results of evangelistic services conducted last fall in Napoleon by the Rev. Fred Knalson. The pastor of the Napoleon church, the Rev. Henry Lang, was unable to baptize these candidates due to an operation a short time before this occasion. These baptized converts were extended the hand of fellowship at the communion service on the following Sunday morning. From June 17 to 20 the Napoleon Baptist Church entertained the Central Dakota Association with great success. There were approximately 800 people present for some of the sessions.

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

### HERALD NEWS

#### YOUTH COMPASS TOPICS

August 15, 1954—"Prayer That Struck A Spark" by Herbert Schauer, Elmo, Kansas.

August 22, 1954—"Lost! Our Respect" by George W. Lang, Chicago, Illinois.

#### GOOD CAMP NEWS

We congratulate the youth leaders and pastors from our Wisconsin churches. After a rest period of three years, the Wisconsin CBY leaders arranged for and carried out one of the most successful summer camp programs at Camp Awana, near Fredonia, Wisconsin. Seventy-five campers were enrolled. An excellent staff, having made thorough preparations, carried out a program through which every camper gained a vital spiritual experience.

Much credit for the success of the camp program goes to the dean, Rev. W. Quiring, and the president, Bob Fechner of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. A well qualified staff worked with signal results. A number of campers accepted Christ as Savior and others are giving prayerful consideration to Christian service in whatever field they shall feel the Lord's leading. Here was a true manifestation of God's power working in the lives of young people and a deepening of the Christian life experiences.

#### MISSION PROJECT NEWS

The Dakota Conference Union was short \$100 of its \$15,000 goal at the time of the annual meeting. Of this amount \$10,000 was designated for the Cameroons Mission and \$5,000 for Home Missions. A most worthy goal, a commendable achievement, indeed! The goal for 1954-1955 is again \$15,000. Along with these gifts, young

#### RED JOINS THE CHURCH

A highly significant pamphlet, "Red Joins the Church" by Martha C. Remus, has just appeared in print. The pamphlet has been authorized by the denominational Committee on Education. This is excellent material for junior teachers and can be given to juniors for reading. Order your supply from the Sunday School Union, Box 6, Forest Park, Illinois. The pamphlets are free while they last.

men and women have declared themselves willing to go to the mission fields for service. Several young people from the Dakota Conference Union are in training now.

#### NATIONAL NEWS

President Dwight D. Eisenhower and Vice-President Richard M. Nixon were in attendance at the 12th World's Christian Endeavor Convention held in Washington, D. C., July 24-28, according to announcement made by Dr. Daniel A. Poling, president of the World's Christian Endeavor Union.

The President of the United States brought greetings to the delegates. A mass meeting was held at the foot of the Washington Monument on Sunday afternoon, July 25. Dr. Billy Graham, well-known evangelist, brought the message, and Dr. Daniel Poling presided. A 40-voice choir from the Kawaihau Church, Honolulu, Hawaii, sang at this service where more than 40,000 attended.

Vice-president Richard Nixon gave an address at the session of the World's Christian Endeavor Convention on Monday evening, July 26. The vice-president was a member of a Christian Endeavor society when a youth in California.

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL WEEK

**Sunday School Week is September 19-26.** It is not too early to plan for the annual Sunday School emphasis. Suggestions for a full week of activities have been mailed to all superintendents and pastors. The theme this year will be: **"The Sunday School and the Home Cooperate."** Your Sunday School is the educational unit of the church.

Sunday School Week should serve to bring to the attention of the entire church constituency the true functions of your program of Christian Education. If your Committee on Education and Sunday School leaders are on the job, Sunday School Week should prove to be an outstanding experience in the life of the church.

#### SOMETHING TO REMEMBER

- A sense of humor is the real foundation of youth.
- Calm seas do not make good sailors.
- Great opportunities come to all, but many do not know they have met them. The only preparation to take advantage of them is simple fidelity to what each day brings.—A. E. Dunning.



## Dakota Conference

### Sessions of the Central Dakota Association at the Napoleon Baptist Church

The Central Dakota Association met from June 17 to 20 at Napoleon, N. Dak., with the Napoleon Baptist Church as host. The theme was "Resolute Christianity" and the Scripture was taken from Joshua 24:15, "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." The guest speaker was Prof. H. Hiller of Sioux Falls, South Dakota. He brought us messages that were heart searching and inspiring.

The following topics were very ably presented: "The Christian and his Prayer Life," Rev. A. Krombein; "Christianity Versus Secularism," Rev. R. Dickau; "The Responsibility of the Church Member," Rev. V. Prendiger; "The Christian and His Family Altar," Rev. A. Fischer; "Duties and Responsibilities of Church Officers," Rev. E. Fenske; "The Christian and Bible Convictions," Rev. P. Galambos; and "Positive Witness in Soul Winning," Rev. B. Fritzke. Speakers on the program whose topics were not assigned were the Reverends R. Sigmund, M. Wolff, G. Beutler, E. Laut, H. Vetter, and W. Klempel.

There was a large attendance at the services and all enjoyed the warm hospitality of the host church and the people of Napoleon.

Walter H. Kempel, Reporter.

### Vacation Bible School at the Rosenfeld Baptist Church Near Anamoose, North Dakota

The Rosenfeld Baptist Church of Anamoose, N. Dak., is truly thankful for the faithful servants God has sent us, the Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Voigt. With their able planning and with the help of various members and friends of the community, a very fine Vacation Bible School was recently held.

Registration was held on Friday afternoon, May 28, and the school from Monday morning, May 31 to Friday, June 4. A small gift was presented to every pupil by the pastor and his wife. The school was well attended with an enrollment of 32 children and seven faculty members. There were four denominations represented in the school.

The classes and teachers were as follows: Rev. Arthur Voigt, superintendent of work; Mrs. Voigt, general helper and hostess to Miss Fiesel and Miss Pluesk, Miss La Verne Fiesel, teacher for the Junior Class; Mrs. Al-

bert Isaak and Mrs. David Dieterle, teachers for the Primary Class; Miss Geraldine Pluesk, Beginners Class; Mrs. Hulda Fandrick, pianist; and Mrs. William Isaak, secretary.

A hot dish was served each noon by the different women of the community. This proved very satisfactory as the weather was cool and rainy during the week. On Friday noon a picnic dinner was held, climaxed with a wiener and marshmallow roast.

On Friday evening the school program was held. The church was filled to capacity to witness what the children had learned about their Savior and the Bible.

Mrs. William Isaak, Secretary.

### Recognition for Helen Lohse and First Services in Trinity Church, Sioux Falls, South Dakota

On Sunday, June 13, a recognition was held by the Trinity Baptist Church, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., for Miss Helen Lohse, a charter member of the church, who has been called as missionary to our Spanish-American Mission Field in Colorado. Words of recognition and thankfulness for Miss Lohse's faithful services to the church since its beginning and for her dedicated life to Christ were spoken by Professor H. Hiller, church moderator. The Rev. Richard Grenz, pastor, expressed his sincere appreciation for her talented services toward the building of Christ's Kingdom and also presented her with the New Bible Commentary, a gift from the church.

Following the service a farewell reception was held in the Seminary Dining Hall. Brief words of recogni-



Pupils and teachers of the Vacation Bible School at the Rosenfeld Baptist Church, Anamoose, N. Dak., with Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Voigt at the right

tion in behalf of the young people were given by Miss Dolores Schrader and Harold Lang. We will certainly miss Helen Lohse as she leaves, but our prayer is that God will use her in a mighty way as she witnesses to the Spanish-Americans.

The blessings of holding services in our new church at West 18th and Garfield Streets in Sioux Falls were realized on Sunday, June 20, when the first Sunday School and worship services were held in the recently completed lower sanctuary. Services will continue in the same sanctuary until completion of the main part of the church.

These two occasions have been a great inspiration to us as a church. Sena Plucker, Reporter.

### Vacation Bible School and Special Programs, West Center Street Church, Madison, S. Dak.

The West Center Street Baptist Church of Madison, S. Dak., held its annual Vacation Bible School from May 31 to June 4 with an enrollment of 31 pupils. Miss Ruby Frerichs instructed the Nursery Class of four and five year old children who met mornings only. All other classes met from 9 A.M. to 3 P.M. Miss Joyce Schrepel taught the Beginners Class and Mrs. Fred Schmidt the Primary Class. Miss Florence Backus instructed the Juniors.

On Sunday evening, June 6th, they presented an interesting program portraying a portion of the material learned during the week. It began with the Lord's Prayer followed by an opening chorus, "There's a Welcome Here." Many Bible verses, stories and songs were given by the various classes. A number of choruses were sung by the entire school between the different group presentations.

About 125 members attended the Fellowship Dinner arranged by the CBY of the West Center Street Baptist Church on June 6. The receipts went for the Cameroons Missionary Crusade. A program followed the serving of a most delightful meal. Miss Alice Wernisch, president of the CBY, acted as toastmaster and led the group in the singing of several choruses. Delores Richter rendered a vocal solo. A short talk on the importance of youth and parents' responsibilities was given by Mrs. Elmer Moose. A newly organized octet of the CBY then sang a song. The program concluded with a prayer by our pastor, Rev. Fred Schmidt.

On Sunday, June 13, a brief Children's Day program was given during the Sunday School hour. The program opened by the congregation singing, "Jesus Loves Me," followed by the responsive Scripture reading led by Miss Ruby Frerichs. Prayer was offered by our Sunday School superintendent, Mr. Graydon Rohrer. Recitations, drills, songs and piano selections were given by the primary and junior departments. A special offering was taken for the Chapel Building Fund.

Mrs. Elmer Moose, Reporter.

### Anniversary Program of the Baptist Woman's Missionary Society, Anamoose, North Dakota

Although we of the Woman's Missionary Society of Anamoose, N. Dak., are a small group in number, under the leadership of our president, Mrs. M. Wehr, and of our minister's wife, Mrs. Fred Fuchs, we meet once every month at the home of a member. Booklets are used and we work for the goals set by the North American Baptist Conference.

Reports showed the missionary spirit of the society. A large box of White Cross bandages and hospital things was sent to our African hospital, and our denominational institutions were also remembered at Christmas time, as well as our mission work to the lepers in the Cameroons, and the Cameroons women's worker, Mrs. Verna Ganstrom. Our sick are also remembered with cards, flowers or flowering plants.

The Missionary Society also sponsored a singspiration as its 51st annual program. Four neighboring churches from Harvey, Martin, Lincoln Valley and also Rosenfeld were present. The guest speaker for the evening was the Rev. Irvin Schmuland of Goodrich, North Dakota. A fellowship lunch in the church's dining room brought this wonderful evening to a close. The offering of this program was designated for the mission work in Japan.

In this fiscal year we were also privileged to have two of our own missionary girls as speakers at different meetings. Miss Ella Bitz spoke of her missionary work in Mexico. Miss Twila Bartz told us of her work with the Indians in Nevada and her missionary work she was going to do in Washington.

Our officers for the next fiscal year are: president, Mrs. Fred Fuchs; vice-president, Mrs. M. Wehr; secretary, Mrs. Ella Bartz; treasurer, Mrs. Edmund Wehr.

Mrs. Ella Bartz, Secretary.

## Eastern Conference

### Baptist Young People of Erie, Pa., Are Honor Students and Scholarship Recipients

Natalie Ann Pfeiffer and Michael Zlotnicki of Erie, Pa., two of our denominational young people, recently graduated with honor from Academy High School in Erie, Pa., in a large class of 400 members.

Both Natalie Pfeiffer and Michael Zlotnicki received scholarship awards and, in addition, Michael was honored by receiving the Citizenship Award from his class. This award is a typical example of "democracy in action" since it reflects the confidence of American youth in a "D.P." like Mike. Likewise it reflects Mike's appreciation to America for the opportunity it gave him to live, learn, work and worship without fear or persecution.

Natalie is the daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Peter Pfeiffer of our Central



—Photo by William Siegrist  
Natalie Ann Pfeiffer and Michael Zlotnicki of Erie, Pa., who have recently received scholarship awards and were graduated with honors from Academy High School

Baptist Church in Erie, Pa., and Michael is a member of the Open Bible (Polish-American) Baptist Tabernacle in Erie of which Rev. Richard Mikolon is the pastor. Natalie Pfeiffer is enrolled at Keuka (Baptist) College, Keuka Park, N. Y., and Michael Zlotnicki has been awarded a scholarship to Gannon College, Erie, Pennsylvania.

M. L. Leuschner, Reporter.

### Inspirational Sessions of the Ontario Association at the Sebastopol Baptist Church

The annual convention of the Ontario Association was held from June 25 to 27 at the Baptist Church in Sebastopol, Ontario. We were privileged to have as our guest speakers Professor Hugo Lueck of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., and Miss Alethea Kose of Chicago, Illinois.

Mr. David Draewell, student pastor of the host church, opened the convention on Friday evening with a hearty welcome to those attending and led us in a singspiration. In keeping with the convention theme, "Reveal Christ," Professor Lueck brought us an inspiring message.

After a devotional period by the Rev. Walter Schmidt of Arnprior, the remainder of the Saturday morning sessions was devoted to business conducted by the Rev. Lawrence George of Killaloe with brief reports from our headquarters' representatives. An important issue which was discussed and given a favorable vote was the erection of a building on the young people's property at Round Lake, Ontario.

In spite of unfavorable weather conditions, there was a large attendance at the Sunday services. The Arnprior and Killaloe choirs rendered special music. The timely messages of the morning and evening services brought by Professor Lueck stirred our hearts as he again challenged us to a true Christian witness. The words of Miss Alethea Kose spoken to the young people at the afternoon session will long remain with us and will bear much fruit.

Miss Miriam Burke, Reporter.

## Southwestern Conference

### Farewell Reception for Rev. and Mrs. David Zimmerman at La Salle, Colorado

A farewell reception was held on Sunday, June 13, for the Rev. David Zimmerman and his family who have left us for their new field of work in Cathay, North Dakota. We were indeed sad to see them leave, for God has blessed us bountifully during Brother Zimmerman's 4½ years of work in our La Salle church.

A program under the direction of Mrs. Fred Meyer was given. Brief talks by the following officers were made: for the deacons, Mr. H. H. Meyer; Sunday School superintendent, Mr. Paul Croissant; Clerk, Mr. Carl Jepsen; for the trustees, Adam Moser; Woman's Missionary Union, Lena Meyer; for the Sewing Circle, Erma Borgens; CBY sponsor, Miss Esther Moser; choir, Edna Jerke; for the First Presbyterian Church, Rev. Moore Bell; and also a talk by Gerald Meyer. Musical numbers were by Pearl and Harold Bohlender, Lloyd Krieger, Gerald Meyer and Elizabeth Croissant.

A set of silverware was presented to the Zimmermans as a small token of appreciation. We then enjoyed refreshments and an hour of fellowship. May God richly reward them in the new field of work.

Carl Jepsen, Clerk.

## Northern Conference

### An Inspirational Baptismal Service at the Central Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alberta

The first Sunday of July brought great blessings to us at the Central Baptist Church of Edmonton, Alta., in both the morning and evening services. As we gathered for the morning service we felt the mighty working of God's Holy Spirit. The message: "The Grace of God That Bringeth Salvation," made us conscious of our obligations, duties and responsibilities and somehow as we drew nigh to the Lord's Table, God spoke to our hearts. As we extended the hand of fellowship to eleven new members we prayed for unity and closer fellowship and a deeper spiritual communion with God and one another.

During the evening service we again felt the nearness of the Lord. Mr. Ervin Strauss brought the message speaking on "The Scriptural Emphasis of Baptism." Two young people who had been converted some time ago, and who came from the bondage of Catholicism stepped in faith and obedience into the baptismal waters. Their radiant and joyful testimony will long linger with us and the large audience who witnessed this baptism. These experiences during this first Sunday in July moved us to praise and thanksgiving.

Henry Pfeifer, Pastor.

### Reception by the Bethany Church, Camrose, Alta., for Rev. and Mrs. Fred Schimke

On Sunday, June 27, the Bethany Baptist Church of Camrose, Alta., held its reception for its pastor, the Rev. Fred Schimke, and family. It was indeed a happy occasion since we have been pastorless for a year. A chicken dinner was served at noon. An enjoyable program was rendered with all members present and many visitors also.

Deacon Arthur Gerber had charge of the song service, Scripture reading and led in prayer. A beautiful solo, "The Stranger of Galilee," was rendered by Mrs. Glen Monson. Each department of the church extended a warm welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schimke. Deacon George Soderstrom welcomed them in behalf of the church. Superintendent Paul Weisser spoke in behalf of the Sunday School. Mrs. R. G. Soderstrom spoke for the Mission Circle. Mrs. Morley Schultz spoke on behalf of the young people's society. Mr. Fred Gerber welcomed them in behalf of the Men's Brotherhood.

Words of welcome were given by the Rev. George Stainger, pastor of the Camrose Baptist Church. A lovely duet, "In Shady Green Pastures," was rendered by Mr. and Mrs. Morley Schultz. The Rev. Henry Schumacher of the Calvary Baptist Church of Wetaskiwin brought a very pointed message in a charge to the pastor and also to the church. He also gave a warm welcome on behalf of his church and the Alberta Association. Mr. and Mrs. Schimke very graciously responded to the hearty welcome that had been given.

Mrs. R. G. Soderstrom, Reporter.

### McDermot Ave. Church, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Holds Farewell for Dr. and Mrs. C. H. Seecamp

After a two-year period of fellowship and activity, the time arrived when we of the McDermot Ave. Baptist Church, Winnipeg, Man., had to bid our minister, Dr. C. H. Seecamp, and his family farewell. They had accepted the call to serve our church at Hebron, N. Dak., and, loathe though we are to see them go, we know that God—perhaps in a greater capacity—will use their talents to the furtherance of his Kingdom.

The Homebuilders, choir, and CBY on different occasions had expressed their appreciation by presenting them with small remembrance gifts. On June 23rd the church presented the Seecamps with a lovely gift at a farewell program at which the choir rendered special music. In his message of thanks, Dr. Seecamp encouraged us to keep the faith and to keep right on working for our Master.

Mr. Seecamp's inspiring and enlightening sermons and the promptness with which his tasks were performed, as well as the active interest of the entire family in the progression of the work of the Lord in our church, made us bid them farewell reluctantly. We are thankful that Prof. O. E.

Krueger of Rochester, New York, has come as interim pastor to fill the vacancy until we get a new minister.

As the Seecamp family leaves us, we pray that God will make himself very real to them in their new field of work and strengthen them in their faith so that they will continue to labor at garnering in the ripening sheaves of souls. As the German choir so fittingly sang, we know that when our work on earth is ended and we have been found faithful in serving and testifying, we shall meet again before the Throne of God.

Miss E. Redlich, Reporter.

### Remodeling of Edifice and Radio Ministry at Ebenezer East Church of Saskatchewan

We as the Ebenezer East Baptist Church of Ebenezer, Sask., have reason to rejoice for what God has done for us. For the past year we have been in a building program, remodeling the old church building. We had our dedication program on Sunday, April 4th. The program was that of devotion and adoration to God for his goodness. The Rev. Alfred Lueck and the Rev. Martin De Boer, the pastors of our sister churches in this area, brought greetings and had a part in the program. Mr. DeBoer gave the dedicatory prayer. For our guest speaker we had the Rev. Isador Faszer of Minitonas, Manitoba. The special numbers were given by representatives of the sister churches as well as from our own Chorus Choir, Junior Choir, Male Choir and instrumental numbers on the vibra-harp and piano.

New furnishings for the church were the following: new hymnals were purchased to replace the old ones; a new pulpit was presented to the church by the Woman's Missionary Society. The young people purchased a pulpit Bible and a piano lamp. The church also purchased 50 folding chairs for additional seating space.

On Easter Sunday evening we were privileged to witness the baptism of 13 candidates. This was an impressive service as we witnessed the dedication of these lives to God and for the cause of Christ. The baptism took place in our baptistry which was a part of the remodeling in the church building.

In recent months we were able to organize a Men's Brotherhood organization. They have undertaken by means of song to carry on a radio ministry every Sunday night at 10:15 o'clock over our local station. This program is called "Songs in the Night." It is one of the ways in which our men feel a definite and direct way in heralding the Gospel message of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Walter Hoffman, Pastor.

### Sessions of the Alberta Association at the Temple Baptist Church, Leduc, Alberta

The Alberta Association of the Northern Conference met at the Temple Baptist Church, Leduc, Alta., from June 10 to June 13. The theme was

"Revival" and God greatly blessed us throughout the entire Association.

The Rev. E. Faul of Calgary brought a challenging message on Friday evening, June 10, thus opening this series of meetings. During the two following days various pastors brought lectures on revival. They were as follows: "The Need of Revival," Rev. J. Wahl, Onoway, Alta.; "The Hindrances to Revival," Rev. Wm. Muller, Carbon, Alta.; "Requirements of Revival," Mrs. O. R. Schmidt, Edmonton, Alta.; and "Results of Revival," Rev. J. C. Kraenzler, Leduc, Alberta.

Also, during the morning sessions Professor Hugo Lueck of the Seminary at Sioux Falls, S. Dak., gave some very inspiring messages on the book of Philippians. On Friday evening the people gathered at the church for a great evangelistic service with Rev. David Berg of Trochu, Alta., as speaker. Saturday evening was "Youth Night" with Allan Strohschein in charge and the Rev. H. Pfeiffer of Edmonton addressing the young people.

During the daytime the business sessions and annual elections of the Association were held. The new officers are: president, Rev. H. Schumacher, Wetaskiwin, Alta.; vice-president, Rev. Wm. Muller, Carbon, Alta.; secretary, Rev. E. Faul, Calgary, Alta.; and treasurer, Rev. F. Pahl, Olds, Alberta. It was also decided that a missionary project of \$1,000 be adopted for the coming year.

Sunday, being the final day of the Association, great numbers of people gathered in the arena at Leduc. The Sunday School was under the direction of the local superintendent, Mr. H. F. Bohlman, and the morning service under the direction of the local pastor, Rev. H. Schatz. Professor H. Lueck was the guest speaker. The missionary offering amounted to \$807, for which we praise God.

The afternoon concluded the Association and the service took the form of a Song Festival in which eleven choirs took part. Also two mass choir numbers were rendered. An offering was taken up for the Alberta Tri-Union which amounted to more than \$300. Many were the blessings that God poured out upon all present in these days and we praise him for them.

Darlene Adam, Reporter.

### Pacific Conference

### Birthday Celebration by the Immanuel Baptist Woman's Missionary Society, Portland, Ore.

On May 12 the Woman's Missionary Society of the Immanuel Church, Portland, Ore., held a program for the church called "The Birthday Celebration." A light supper was served with each table decorated according to a month of the year. The president, Mrs. J. A. Hoelzer, brought the welcome. A women's trio consisting of Mrs. Paul Schulz, Miss Florence Rattey and Mrs. Harry Peterson favored us with two numbers. The climax of the evening program was the play,

"The Clinic," which brought forth all the ailments of Christians and their remedies. Mrs. Schulz played the part of the doctor and Mrs. Peterson the part of the nurse.

During the past year the society has done a great deal of White Cross work and assisted in missionary projects. The missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. Earl H. Ahrens, spent some time showing us pictures and telling about their experiences in the Cameroons. Our meetings were regularly devoted to Bible studies and reports about different missionaries. There are 21 active members. God has richly blessed us! Mrs. Frieda Wagner, Secretary.

### Central Conference

### Vacation Bible School of the Pin Oak Creek Baptist Church, Mt. Sterling, Missouri

The annual Vacation Bible School of the Pin Oak Creek Baptist Church of Mt. Sterling, Mo., was held from June 7 to 11. There were 35 pupils enrolled with an average attendance of 34 pupils.

The principal, the Rev. Olland Cole, our pastor, with nine teachers, helpers and officers conducted the school. The children had memory work, Bible study, chorus singing, handwork, and films were shown. Friday noon the children enjoyed a wiener roast and that night the commencement exercises were given.

Ruth Lipskoch, Secretary.

### Northwestern Conference

### Baptist and Methodist Churches of Randolph, Minnesota, Hold Vacation Bible School

The Baptist and Methodist Churches of Randolph, Minn., again cooperated this year in the sponsoring of a Vacation Bible School. The school was held June 7-18 in the Baptist Church with an average attendance of 77. Both teachers and pupils alike thoroughly enjoyed and profited from the Gospel Light material, "Pioneering With Christ." Mrs. Ben Engler of the Baptist Church painted a beautiful scene appropriate to the theme, and Mrs. Wilmer Volkert prepared a similar attendance chart.

The staff consisted of the following: superintendent, Rev. Donald Patet, pastor; Beginner Department: Mrs. Wilbur Magnuson, Phyllis Magnuson, Marie Magnuson, Elda Mae Moorhouse; Primary Department: Mrs. George Engler, Mrs. Nathan Lufi, Jeannette Engler, Mrs. Glenn Gangloff; Junior Department: Mrs. Howard Garner, Mrs. Max Henderson, Jennine Engler; and the Intermediate Department: Mrs. Donald Patet, Mrs. William Hallcock, and Lois Crandall. Mrs. Arthur Miller served very ably and faithfully as pianist.

During the school, several of the boys and girls indicated an acceptance of Christ as Savior. The daily offer-

# God's Blessings at Home

A brief report and letter of greetings from a former missionary of ours in the Cameroons, Africa

By MRS. JACK (Myrtle) FUNNELL of Leduc, Alberta

HOW LOVELY it is to be back in good old Canada again!

We had a most enjoyable trip home, traveling by air. It took us only an afternoon and night to go from Nigeria to London. At 4:45 A.M. we saw the Easter sun rise over the hills at Rome where we had an hour stop-over. At 9:30 A.M. we were at the London Airport. We were absolutely carried away with the beauty and glory of the flowers when we arrived. It was springtime—a season one misses so much out in Africa.

We had four full weeks in England to enjoy its beauties, especially the beauty of the many flowering trees and shrubs.

Another night on the plane and we were in Montreal, Canada. As we traveled westward we found that springtime was fully beginning. Here again, we have been able to enjoy the breaking forth of new life all around us. And as we enjoy the beauties of the longest springtime we have ever seen, it is our prayer that our lives, too, might show forth the beauty of Jesus, bringing rays of sunshine and gladness.

In our Canadian northwest I find such a vast change in our churches. There have been many alterations made, new parsonages and churches built, new churches organized. Yes, it encourages us in planning, in praying, in participating in hard work and advancement on every hand. It speaks for itself to have church auditoriums outgrown and to have children and young people's camps filled to capacity. How we need to thank God for what he has wrought in our denomination!

We are enjoying the fellowship at home with relations and friends. Our hearts thrilled with the blessings of the Leduc Association and Song Festival.

We wish to take this opportunity of greeting all the old friends and acquaintances. We shall not have the privilege to meet all of you while at home. We wish you God's best. We plan to leave Canada August 9th. May we ask that you remember us in prayer as we return to Nigeria, Africa. We do not know just where we will be stationed but wherever it may be, it is our desire that our lives tell for Christ.



Pupils and teachers of the Vacation Bible School held by the Pin Oak Creek Baptist Church, Mt. Sterling, Missouri

ings were designated for the Billy Graham Evangelistic Foundation. The demonstration program was presented on Friday evening, June 18, in the Baptist Church, to a large and appreciative audience.

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On Sunday evening, June 20, a farewell reception was held for Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Iverson and family who moved to Longview, Texas, to work in the employ of R. G. LeTourneau in the East Texas Academy. Another family, Mr. and Mrs. Royce Miller and family moved to Longview, Texas, last fall. We do miss these co-laborers in the work of Christ, but wish them every blessing of God in their new endeavor.

Donald Patet, Pastor.

# A Turtle Story

From a series of brief articles contributed to newspapers in Canada and the United States entitled, "A Thought for the Week."

By REV.

RONALD C. MacCORMACK  
of Parkersburg, Iowa

THERE IS an odd creature which carries its house on its back and at first glimmer of danger can stop and crawl inside, out of sight. There are people who might well envy the turtle, who seems to be thus able to protect himself against most adversaries.

However, the turtle, after a few minutes, begins to peek out and if all is clear he goes about his business. It must take nerve to come out the first little bit, not knowing what the conditions are. Why bother to come out at all?

You have heard it said that so and so "stuck his neck out." I have tremendous admiration for that type of person. You see he has a little of the turtle spirit. The man who never dares to attempt anything out of the ordinary never does much of anything at all. Life for that person will be smooth but barren. In business or any of the professions or trades, the men you hear about are those who "stick their necks out" somewhere along the way.

Translate this thought into Christianity and church history. Those who stand out are not those who took the safe and comfortable way, but rather who dared and suffered. These people are the foundation stones and the building blocks of our Christian era.

Those who selfishly guard their own puny interests around the clock and calendar seldom serve either God or man with much faithfulness. Jesus said, "Whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever will lose his life for my sake, the same shall find it."

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## 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. HERMAN A. LAMPRECHT  
of Munster, Indiana.

Mr. Herman A. Lamprecht of Munster, Ind., was born in Chicago, Ill., and died in his home in Munster, Ind., on Friday, June 18th, in his 68th year. As a young man he was baptized on confession of his faith in Christ as his personal Savior and received into the fellowship of the East Side Baptist Church, Chicago, Ill., where he remained a faithful member until the time of his death. His wife, Laura, preceded him in death exactly two years ago. He is survived by two daughters and one son, as well as three brothers and three sisters.

The funeral services were held on Monday, June 21st, with Dr. Miller, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Hammond, Ind., participating in the services. Interment was in the Oakhill Cemetery in Hammond, Indiana. May God grant unto all who knew and loved Brother Lamprecht a glad and an eternal reunion in heaven. (Philippians 1:21.)

East Side Baptist Church,  
Chicago, Illinois

HENRY R. SCHROEDER, Pastor.

MR. DAVID WIEGAND  
of Kyle, Texas.

Mr. David Wiegand of Kyle, Texas, was born in Kassel, Germany, on December 10, 1866 and went home to be with the Lord on May 16, 1954 at the age of 87 years, 5 months and 6 days, after a long illness in the Lockhart Hospital.

In 1883 he came to Kyle, Texas, where he was united in marriage to Regina Siebenhausen in 1898. Mr. Wiegand was baptized in 1889 by the Rev. H. J. Gleiss and joined the Immanuel Baptist Church of Kyle, where he remained a member until his death. He served many years as Sunday School teacher, church treasurer and deacon, and was honorary deacon at the time of his death.

Nine children were born into this home. Those who preceded him in death were: Mrs. David Wiegand in 1948; a son, Theodore; and two daughters: Martha Schwartz and Louise Schwartz. He is survived by four sons: Adolph, Willie, and George of Kyle, Texas; and Carl of San Marcos, Texas; two daughters: Mrs. Lina Ahlhardt of Lockhart, Texas; and Mrs. Mary Casselman of Jeanerette, La.; two sisters: Mrs. Lena Buerhschausen of Kyle and Mrs. Augusta Schorsch of Los Angeles, Calif.; 27 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren and a host of friends.

Immanuel Baptist Church,  
Kyle, Texas

ELDON G. SCHROEDER, Pastor.

MRS. ELEANORE FLIEGE  
of Forest Park, Illinois.

Mrs. Eleanore M. Fliege of Forest Park, Ill., was born near Elbing, Germany, February 3, 1860. On May 8, 1886 she was united in marriage to Johann Fliege. A few years later she accepted Christ as her Savior and was baptized upon confession of her faith in him. In 1904 the family came to America.

Having enjoyed many years of life, sharing in the sorrows and joys of the home, the church and the community, she was called to her eternal reward on Thursday morning, June 17. Her cycle of earthly life was completed at the age of 94. She was predeceased by her beloved husband, Johann Fliege in 1929, and by her only son in 1945.

To mourn her departure, she leaves seven daughters, one daughter-in-law, 13 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren, besides many relatives and friends.

Mrs. Fliege was a devoted wife and loving mother. Of a quiet nature, she was ardently interested in the activities and spiritual progress of the church. She was a member of the Forest Park Baptist Church since the time of her baptism. That interest in the wholesome things of life and the well-being of the church remained with her to the end. As her pastor, I would like to ascribe to her the tribute of the Apostle Paul: "... I have finished my course, I have kept the faith, henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord shall give me at that day."

Forest Park Baptist Church,  
Forest Park, Illinois

RUBIN KERN, Pastor.

JUDY ANN BOSSERT  
of McIntosh, South Dakota.

Judy Ann Bossert of McIntosh, S. Dak., was born to Christ and Helen Bossert on January 6, 1943 at Mobridge, S. Dak., and departed to the eternal home on June 15, 1954 at the age of 11 years, 4 months and 9 days.

On the afternoon of June 15th while her mother was in the hospital at Lemmon, S. Dak., Judy Ann with two other children went swimming in a stock dam near her home. The water was too cold and she suffered cramps, shock and a heart attack. Help was summoned but every effort made to revive her was futile.

Judy Ann was led to know the Lord Jesus as her personal Savior in her home by her mother on Feb. 28, 1952, and was baptized by the Rev. Ervin Gerlitz.

She leaves to mourn her departure her parents: three brothers, the youngest of whom was born the same afternoon as her death; two grandmothers: Mrs. Emma Bossert of McIntosh, S. Dak., and Mrs. Katie Brenner of Huron, S. Dak.; as well as a host of other relatives and friends.

Her favorite passage of Scripture was the first Psalm and words of comfort and challenge were spoken therefrom: "But her delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth she meditate day and night" (Psalm 1:2).

McIntosh, South Dakota

WALTER H. KLEMPPEL, Pastor.

MRS. MAGDALENA ROTT  
of Lind, Washington.

Mrs. Magdalena Rott, nee Schrenk, of Lind, Wash., was born on Sept. 25, 1879 in Johannestadt, South Russia. As a young girl she came to the United States with her family and they settled near Eureka, South Dakota. On Feb. 1, 1900 she was united in marriage to John F. Rott and they made their home at Kulm, North Dakota. In 1903 she and her husband moved to the state of Washington and settled on a farm, seven miles from Lind. In 1927 they retired from the farm and made their home in the city of Lind. In June 24, 1938 her husband preceded her in death.

As a young woman she received Christ as her Savior, and on confession of her faith she was baptized on August 15, 1897 and united with the fellowship of the German Baptist Church of Eureka, South Dakota. Her pastor, the Rev. August Kludt, performed this ordinance. After moving to Washington, our sister became a charter member of the Baptist Church of Lind, where she was a faithful and active worker. She reached the age of 74 years and 8 months.

Mrs. Rott is survived by two sons: Henry of Ritzville and Albert of Rockford, Wash.; six daughters: Mrs. Dan Schroeder, Mrs. Emil Sauer, Mrs. Bill Haase, and Martha Rott, all of Lind, Wash.; Mrs. Fred Zahn of Mead, and Frieda Rott of Spokane, Wash.; 21 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren; two brothers: Karl Schrenk of Colfax, Wash., and Henry Schrenk of Salem, Ore.; one sister: Mrs. G. G. Maier of Spokane, Washington. May the Lord of all grace and comfort sustain and uphold the bereaved family and relatives in their grief.

The Rev. D. Bursch of Lind and the Rev. F. E. Klein had charge of the funeral service and brought words of comfort and hope.

Lind, Washington

F. E. KLEIN, Correspondent.

MR. FRED OLDENBURGER  
of Aplington, Iowa.

Mr. Fred Oldenburger of Aplington, Iowa, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Oldenburger, was born on a farm north of Aplington on April 28, 1909. He was united in marriage to Swanetta Busse on February 22, 1948. The two were happily married and greatly devoted to each other.

He experienced the redeeming grace of the Lord Jesus Christ whom he followed in baptism on February 6, 1949. He was a devoted and faithful member of the Aplington Baptist Church.

Death came suddenly and accidentally on Saturday afternoon, May 8, 1954. Funeral services were held on Tuesday, May 11. The overcrowded sanctuary paid tribute to the deceased. Flowers were purposely limited and memorial gifts totaling \$150.00 were designated for the Bano Hospital and the North American Baptist Seminary. Certainly, this was a fine tribute to a noble Christian!

Fred Oldenburger was a loyal son, a devoted husband, a faithful church member, and a consecrated Christian. Knowing these things, we are certain that he is with Christ, his Savior and Lord.

Surviving are his wife; his father, Henry Oldenburger; two brothers: Frank and William; three sisters: Minnie Oldenburger, Mrs. Harold Mason of Hampton, Iowa, and Mrs. Paul Hanson of Grundy Center, Iowa. He was preceded in death by two infant brothers and by his mother who died October 9, 1950.

"The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord" (Job 1:21), served as a message of comfort to the bereaved.

Aplington, Iowa

FRANK VENINGA, Pastor.

REV. GEORGE WILLIAM PUST  
of Sheridan, Wyoming.

Rev. George William Pust was born December 11, 1883, at Zehrten, Pomerania, Germany, and died at Sheridan, Wyo., June 12, 1954 at the age of 70 years, 6 months and 1 day. He came to America with his parents in 1893 and lived in Hutchinson, Minn., until he was 21 years of age. In 1906 he entered our Seminary at Rochester, N. Y., to prepare for the ministry, graduating on May 16, 1911.

He was married May 16, 1911, in Rochester, N. Y., to Elise Kohler. To this union the following children were born: Dr. Earl Pust; Mrs. Leonard (Vivian) Boucher, and Joyce Pust, all of Sheridan, Wyoming. His wife preceded him in death on September 2, 1946.

The Rev. G. W. Pust served eight churches in his 37 years of active ministry. His service began in New Hamburg, Ont., Canada, on August 10, 1911 where he was ordained. He served that church until 1913. From there he went to Sutherland and Saskatoon, Sask., for one year. Then at Lemberg, Sask., 1914-1920; First Church, Dickinson County, Kans., 1920-1928; Emery, S. Dak., 1928-1935; McLaughlin, S. Dak., 1935-1939; Fessenden, N. Dak., 1939-1946; Startup, Wash., 1946-1948. He also served as interim pastor at Madison, South Dakota. He retired in 1948 because of ill health and made his home with his son at Sheridan, Wyoming.

His was a fruitful and faithful ministry. He leaves to mourn his death, besides his three children, four grandchildren, four brothers and a host of relatives and friends throughout Canada and the United States. He rests from his labors and his works shall follow him. Words of comfort and challenge were brought by the undersigned from Rev. 2:10 and his body was laid to rest, beside that of his wife, at Crystal Lake Cemetery in Minneapolis, Minn., on June 16.

Faith Baptist Church,  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

A. HUBER, Pastor.

MRS. ALVINA HOFFMAN  
of Ebenezer, Saskatchewan.

Mrs. Alvina Hoffman of Ebenezer, Sask., was born in Poland on January 6, 1880. She passed on to her eternal reward on Sunday, June 13th. It was at the age of 14 that

Mrs. Hoffman accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as her personal Savior, and since that time she has been a member of one of our affiliated churches. She was baptized the year following her conversion.

In 1903 she was united in matrimony to Mr. John Hoffman. This union was blessed with eight children, five sons and three daughters. One daughter by the name of Alma preceded her mother in death in 1927. This experience was a great loss to Mrs. Hoffman. In 1912 they migrated to Canada, taking up their residence in the Ebenezer area where they lived until she passed away. Mrs. Hoffman leaves to mourn: her husband, John Hoffman; five sons: Gustave, Hugo, Erwing, Albert, and Alfred; two daughters: Erica and Gertrude; one sister, Mrs. William Hoffman; two brothers: Adolf and Edward Netz of Germany; four daughters-in-law; two sons-in-law, and 20 grandchildren. The cause of her death was a brain hemorrhage which resulted in a stroke. Sister Hoffman passed into eternity in a peaceful sleep.

The funeral service was conducted in the Ebenezer East Baptist Church on June 16. The Rev. Alfred Lueck of the German Baptist Church of Yorkton, Sask., spoke words of comfort in German, taking his text from John 14, which was a favorite scripture passage of Mrs. Hoffman. The undersigned conducted the service and spoke in the English language, taking the text from Rev. 21. The children paid tribute to their mother, saying that she was a praying mother, having the spiritual concern for her children. To the bereaved we speak the words that are found in 1 Peter 5:7, "Casting all your care upon him for he careth for you."

Ebenezer East Baptist Church,  
Ebenezer, Saskatchewan

WALTER HOFFMAN, Pastor.

MR. JOHN L. JUCHT  
of Avon, South Dakota.

Mr. John L. Jucht of Avon, S. Dak., son of August and Katherine Jucht, was born near Mason City, Iowa, on June 15, 1881 and passed on to his heavenly reward on June 13, 1954 in his Avon home at the age of 72 years, 11 months and 28 days. In 1907 under Evangelist Schwendener's ministry, John Jucht was converted to his Savior, baptized by the Rev. Jacob Pfeiffer and became a member of the Plum Creek Baptist Church.

On March 10, 1909 John Jucht was united in marriage to Elsie Voigt of Avon and the Lord blessed this couple with four children, two of whom (boys) died in infancy. It was in the year 1909 that Brother Jucht moved from Emery to Avon where he was occupied with farming. In the same year he became a member of the Avon Baptist Church of which he remained a faithful member until his departure. After 13 years of farming he changed his

## A PRAYER

O Christ Jesus, when all is darkness and we feel our weakness and helplessness, give us the sense of Thy presence, Thy love and Thy strength. Help us to have perfect trust in Thy protecting love and strengthening power, so that nothing may frighten or worry us, for living close to Thee we shall see Thy hand, Thy purpose, Thy will through all things. Save us, O Lord, while waking, and guard us while sleeping, that when we wake we may watch with Christ and when we sleep we may rest in peace. I will lay me down in peace, and take my rest, for it is Thou, Lord, that makest me to dwell in safety. The Lord Almighty grant me a quiet night, and at the last a perfect end; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be with me this night, and evermore. Amen.

occupation and became a successful carpenter.

Our brother loved the work of the Lord. He served for a number of years as Sunday School teacher, and also as a member of the church committee and served the church faithfully as a trustee. He served his community and his civic interest was honored by his election as mayor of the city of Avon for two terms. For many years he served as a member in the city council.

During the last year his health failed. He was a patient in the hospital several times. The last days were days of great pain and suffering which he patiently endured with the help of his Lord, and on June 13 the Lord relieved him of all earthly trouble and sickness.

He leaves to mourn: his beloved wife; two daughters: Lillian Agena, Indianola, Iowa; and Melba Schaar, Portland, Ore.; two granddaughters who were his great joy: Karel and Gay; three sisters: Amelia Edzards, Martha Lang, and Alice Triebwasser, all of Emery, S. Dak.; four brothers: Ernest, Edward, George, Albert, all of Emery, S. Dak.; and a host of relatives, friends and neighbors.

May the Lord of all comfort bless those who mourn his passing. The undersigned was in charge of the funeral service and 2 Tim. 4:7 served as text for the sermon. Interment was in the Avon Baptist Cemetery.

Avon, South Dakota

WALTER STEIN, Officiating Pastor.

REV. CLAUS NEVE  
of Marion, Kansas.

Memorial services for the Rev. Claus Neve, who died Thursday, January 17, were held at the Emmanuel Baptist Church of Marion, Kansas. Clergymen in charge were Dr. D. Edmond Hiebert, Rev. Leonard Hinz and Rev. Hugh M. Gardner. Mr. Neve was 88 years, 5 months and 9 days old at his death.

Claus Neve was born January 8, 1866 in the little fishing village of Bargwedel, Germany, by the Baltic Sea. When he was three years old his parents emigrated to the United States and settled near Kan-kakee, Ill., later moving to Bison, Kansas. At the age of 19 he entered the academy of the German Baptist Theological Seminary at Rochester, New York.

During a series of revival meetings conducted by Evangelist Dwight L. Moody, Mr. Neve was converted. He was later baptized and united with the Andrews St. Baptist Church in Rochester, New York. During the same year he felt called to dedicate his life to the service of his Master. The following year he entered the theological seminary to prepare himself for the ministry. In 1891 Mr. Neve received and accepted a call from the Baptist Church of Bison, Kansas. He was ordained at that church in the spring of the same year.

Mr. Neve was married September 30, 1891 to Clara Wittber of Cleveland, Ohio. With his young wife, they entered their new field of service. Within the year, however, a throat ailment developed and Mr. Neve was forced to discontinue his ministry.

Later Mr. Neve's health improved sufficiently so that he was able to serve the Bison Baptist Church from 1902 to 1905. During his long life he served in all branches of the church. Mr. Neve was postmaster at Bison for many years.

In 1919 Mr. and Mrs. Neve moved to Marion where Mr. Neve accepted and filled a position as bookkeeper for years. After the death of his wife in 1946, he lived alone and did his own housework. He won the respect and friendship of the community by his fine Christian character, his unflinching courtesy, and his uncomplaining and cheerful disposition.

Those who mourn his passing are his son, Walter C., and wife, Enterprise; one grandson, Robert W., and wife, Chicago; one granddaughter, Mrs. Doris Sullivan and husband, Ft. Sill, Okla.; and two great-grandchildren, Elizabeth and William Sullivan, Jr., and other relatives and many friends.

Emmanuel Baptist Church,  
Marion, Kansas

Reporter.

# The Windows Of Home

"Who is among you that walketh in darkness, and hath no light? Let him trust in the name of the Lord, and stay upon his God" (Isaiah 50:10)

By REV. H. PALFENIER, Denominational Evangelist



Through night and darksome valleys  
I must go;  
My strength is gone, my heart  
Is full of woe;  
The road so long, the end  
Not yet in sight;  
I see no light, how can I walk aright?

The storm clouds lower nigh  
On every hand,  
The sky is gray, and far  
The harbor strand.  
Here yawns the deep, to swallow  
Up my soul;  
Where is the arm that shall  
The waves control?

But lo! I see a star  
Before my eyes!  
A voice I hear, it comes  
From out the skies.  
It speaks to me in accents  
Tenderly:  
"Fear not, 'tis I,  
And I am close to thee."

So let me go, though long  
The dreary way,  
And dark the path,  
I walk without dismay.  
And though there be no land,  
No star in sight,  
The windows of my home  
Are all alight!

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## COUPLE FOR JAPAN

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a plan also in this. Here at the Seminary she met Clemence Auch, and we have already stated above what joy and happiness in the hearts of two young people that meeting brought about.

### TOGETHER THEY GO!

Though Mrs. Auch at first had her heart set on the Cameroons, Africa, especially because of her nurses' training, she together with her husband said that in the decision of the General Missionary Committee they will also realize the will of God for their lives, for God speaks through his servants. When the appointment came, they were happy; and when several weeks later further word was sent that it was for Japan, their joy was no less.

At the time of this writing Mr. and Mrs. Auch were scheduled to sail on August 1, 1954 from Vancouver, British Columbia, for the Land of the Rising Sun. The first few years will be spent in language study, but we are confident that the goal of service which they have so persistently followed throughout the years of their preparation will ever be before them and that God will bless them abundantly.

Mrs. Auch's home church at Salem, Ore., has already rallied around them and has adopted them as their missionaries for partial support. May you go, Brother and Sister Auch, with the blessings of God upon you to bring the risen Son of God to the millions in the Land of the Rising Sun, yet to whom the true Light has not risen these many years.

### LIGHT SHINING OUT OF THE DARKNESS

God moves in a mysterious way,  
His wonders to perform;  
He plants His footsteps in the sea,  
And rides upon the storm.

Deep in unfathomable mines  
Of never-failing skill  
He treasures up His bright designs,  
And works His sovereign will.

Ye fearful saints, fresh courage take;  
The clouds ye so much dread  
Are big with mercy, and shall break  
In blessings on your head.

Judge not the Lord by feeble sense,  
But trust Him for His grace;  
Behind a frowning Providence  
He hides a smiling face.

His purposes will ripen fast,  
Unfolding every hour;  
The bud may have a bitter taste,  
But sweet will be the flower.

—William Cowper.