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# The S. S. Lesson in ACTION

By Rev. B. JACKSTEIT, Anaheim, Calif.

## A LESSON PLAN

Date: March 7, 1954

Theme: LORD OF LIFE AND DEATH

SCRIPTURE: John 11:32-46.

PURPOSE: To help us make Christ the Lord of our lives, so that his life and his victory over death might become ours.

GETTING STARTED: The Christian message confronts us with this paradox: we have to die to live.

Jesus had to die in order to bring "life and immortality to light." Only through his death could resurrection and eternal life be achieved. Without Good Friday, Easter Sunday would never have dawned. Without Calvary, the empty tomb in a hillside garden would have never been. Jesus had to die in order to achieve life.

We, too, have to die in order to live. The fuller life that Christ can give becomes ours only as by faith we die with him, so that we might also rise with him to newness of life. Only as we, through a whole-hearted yielding to him, die to an old, self-centered life, can a new, Christ-centered life be ours. We lose our life to find it. We die in order to live.

## Developing the Theme:

### I. JESUS IS LORD.

1. His Lordship is demonstrated in the perfect mastery he had over himself. Always he acted as one who knew what he was doing and where he was going (vv. 9-10).

2. Whatever the circumstances, he was always the master (v. 40).

3. Whatever the need, he always had sufficient resources to meet that need (vv. 41-42).

### II. JESUS IS LORD OF LIFE.

1. His own life was one that was was lived to the fullest and best.

2. Thus he understood life perfectly and was able to minister to it completely.

3. To all who believe in him, he imparts the gift of abundant and eternal life (vv. 25-26).

### III. JESUS IS LORD OF DEATH.

1. By his resurrection he conquered death and therefore is Lord over it.

2. By this victory he robbed death of its dread and power, so that it no longer is an enemy to fear.

3. To all who receive him, he passes on his victory and enables them to triumph over the grave (v. 25b).

### IV. WE MUST MAKE HIM LORD OVER OUR LIVES.

1. The full and eternal life he gives becomes ours only as we receive him as Savior and Lord (v. 26).

2. We shall have victory over death only as he is permitted to become our Lord and our God (v. 27).

## Applying the Lesson:

1. What does it mean to make Christ Lord of our life?

2. What does Jesus mean when he says, "Whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die"?

3. What obligations does the fact of Christ's Lordship place upon us?

## A LESSON PLAN

Date: March 14, 1954

Theme: JESUS FACES THE CROSS

SCRIPTURE: John 12:20-32.

PURPOSE: To show that the way of the cross is the way that leads to our salvation and to a life of usefulness and deepest satisfaction.

GETTING STARTED: Why did Christ have to die upon the cross? Wasn't there some other way in which he might have accomplished his purpose and achieved man's salvation? Why this ghastly way of dying? Why such cruelty? And why should it have been necessary for him to die at all? Could he not have lived and accomplished his mission? Many a thoughtful person has been troubled by thoughts like these. But they have never been able to come up with another answer. There was no other way, else God would have used it. And we are left with one of the mysteries of the ages—and one of the glories!—that God should have used a cross and turned it into the means of bringing life, and hope, and peace, and beauty and salvation unto men.

## Developing the Theme:

### I. JESUS HAD TO FACE THE CROSS.

1. For a life like his, it was inevitable. He couldn't speak, do, live as he did without finally bringing martyrdom upon himself.

2. For the accomplishing of his mission it was essential.

(a) To redeem men was his God-given task (vv. 46-47).

(b) To accomplish that task he had to bear the cross (v. 27).

(c) It was the only way in which redemption and life could be brought unto men (vv. 24, 32).

(d) By no other method could the power of Satan be broken and the world saved from evil (v. 31).

3. For that reason Jesus did not try to escape the cross but faced it willingly and courageously. It was God's way of reconciling men unto himself.

### II. WE HAVE TO FACE THE CROSS.

1. As the means of our salvation

(a) Only by looking upon the Crucifixion

fied Lord and receiving his atonement are we saved (v. 32).

(b) Only by losing our life to him in glad surrender does real and eternal life become ours (vv. 24-25).

2. As the way of life for the Christian

(a) The principle of the cross, of vicarious suffering, of service and sacrifice lies at the very heart of the Christian way of life (v. 24).

(b) No one can be a true follower of Christ without becoming a cross-bearer (vv. 25-26).

(c) To become a cross-bearer is the way to a fruitful and radiant Christian life (vv. 24b, 35-36).

## Applying the Lesson:

1. What are some of the definite and practical ways in which we can become cross-bearers in our everyday lives?

2. What are the rewards of a life of glad and sacrificial service?

## ENGAGEMENTS

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Feb. 28 (Sunday A.M.)—Bellwood, Illinois.

March 7 (Sunday A.M.)—Sebastopol, Ontario.

March 7 (Sunday P.M.)—Killaloe, Ontario.

Rev. J. C. Gunst

Feb. 25—Woman's Missionary Society, Forest Park Church, Forest Park, Illinois.

Rev. M. L. Leuschner

Feb. 24—Elberta, Alabama.

Feb. 25-28—South Texas, Louisiana and Alabama Associations at Mowata Church, Branch, La.

March 1—Greenville Church, Burton, Texas.

March 2—Kyle, Texas.

March 3—Cottonwood Church, Lorena, Texas.

March 4-7—North Texas Association at Carroll Avenue Church, Dallas, Texas.

March 8—Gatesville, Texas.

March 9—Crawford, Texas.

March 10—Waco, Texas.

March 11—Hurnville Church, Henrietta, Texas.

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# Editorial

## Bibles for Others!

IF THE BIBLE IS GOD'S precious Word to you, then you are duty bound to share its message with others and to place this divine Book into others' hands. That is the purpose of observing Bible Day in our Sunday Schools and churches on Sunday, March 14, to emphasize this truth that Bible distribution is an important part of every Christian's missionary outreach.

We are God's spokesmen, his missionaries. We are commissioned of God to go into all the world, beginning with our own home neighborhood of "Jerusalem." We must witness for him as the "open Bibles," reflecting the beauty of Christ and telling forth the Good News of his Gospel. Through others, who are called and appointed as missionaries, we are able to take these unsearchable riches of God's revelation to all parts of the world.

But in all of this witnessing for Christ, at home and abroad, let us never forget that the greatest privilege for us is that of opening the heart of someone to the revealed truths of God's Word and to the acceptance of Jesus Christ as Savior and Redeemer. For "how shall" they believe in him of whom they have not heard?" (Romans 10:14.) The distribution of the Good News of the Gospel in God's Word is a vital and all important part of our missionary outreach with the responsibility for this resting squarely upon every Christian's shoulders.

Dr. John A. Broadus, a former president of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., and a beloved New Testament teacher, once wrote: "It is hard sometimes to tell what is the greatest privilege of earthly life, but it does seem that just the greatest privilege of earthly life is to give to some fellow-creature the blessed Word of God, and then to try, by loving speech and living example, to bring home to the heart and conscience of those whom we can reach the truths it contains. If we love the Bible ourselves, then should we not delight in scattering the Bible among others?"

We will be more zealously engaged in this task and witness when we fully realize that our mission fields need Bibles and Christian literature. In Japan among the literate millions there is a deep hunger for Christian literature. The Japanese will read the Bible or portions of it long before they will come into Christian chapels. Bibles are being distributed by our Publication Society among the Indians of Alberta and the Spanish-Americans of Colorado. We are sending Bibles in Basic English to the people of the Cameroons, there to be distributed by our missionaries. Many more Bibles are needed for the refugees and displaced persons' camps of Europe where homeless and harrassed people are responsive to its message.

Our Publication Society is one of many Christian agencies devoted to the distribution of Bibles and the preparation of Christian literature. It is our ministry and our own work as with Bible Day offerings we share in the glorious distribution of Bibles and Christian literature through our Publishing House. Make this your priceless privilege as radiant missionaries of the living Christ revealed in God's Holy Word.

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# A Christian Sense of Values

If souls are to be saved, a price is required. It cost our blessed Lord his precious blood on a cross! What are you willing to give?

By the REV. DANIEL FUCHS, Denominational Evangelist

"AND JESUS SAID unto him, Come out of the man, thou unclean spirit. And all the devils besought him, saying, Send us into the swine . . . And forthwith Jesus gave them leave. And they (the Gadarenes) began to pray him to depart out of their coasts" (Mark 5:8, 12-13, 17).

Even devils can pray. However, they pray, not "in the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father," but in the spirit of bondage and of fear.

## A SOUL IN NEED

A man began to act abnormally. The people of the village were convinced something needed to be done. Several of the leading citizens of the town were appointed to take the matter in hand. In an effort to make this man harmless, the men laid hold of him and tied him up. In his peculiar dementia, however, the man had super-human strength. He tore the ropes and rubbed the chains to pieces. He got loose and hid himself among the tombs of a graveyard near the seashore.

There is where Jesus found him. Wherever a soul is in need, Jesus draws near. And as Jesus came near, this man cried out and said: "Please, don't torment me. I want nothing to do with you." That was a sure sign that this man was under the influence of an unclean spirit.

Jesus did not come to torment people. He came to seek and to save. As long as a person feels tormented when he gets near to Christ, we may be sure of this. The life of that person is not under the control of the Holy Spirit, but under the control of some foreign spirit.

Jesus went out of his way to help this man. He was the only one who could help him. Jesus commanded the devils to "come out of the man." And they had to come out.

## THE REQUIRED PRICE

"All power is given unto me, in heaven and on earth," Jesus said. In this entire universe there is no other spirit so powerful as the Spirit of Jesus Christ. When he comes in, all unclean spirits must vacate.

"Send us into the swine." That was the prayer of the devils. Jesus heard the prayer of the devils and answered it. He gave them permission to enter the swine, and he did so for a purpose.

Jesus taught those Gadarenes that the salvation of one soul is worth more than two thousand swine. The Gadarenes did not know that. According to their thinking, raising pigs was more important than saving souls. What did they care about evangelism? What did they care about helping a poor possessed man out there in the graveyard? they had chased this man out of town, and now they were done with him. They had other work to do. After all, they were raising pigs.

Furthermore, Jesus taught the Gadarenes, if a soul is to be set free from bondage of devils, and brought into the wonderful liberty of God, someone will need to sacrifice something. It will cost the farmer some of his produce. It will cost the butcher some of his business. It will cost the merchant some of his profit.

Evangelism and stewardship cannot be divorced from each other. The redemption of mankind will not be done at a cheap bargain. If souls are to be saved, a price is required. It cost our blessed Lord his precious blood on a cross!

## GODLY VALUES

"And they began to pray him to depart out of their coasts." This prayer of the Gadarenes is one of the most awful prayers in the whole Bible. "Master, if that is what it means," so they prayed.

"If your program in the world means that we need to give up some of our swine; if the work of evangelism and of saving souls requires that we contribute some of our pigs, please leave us alone! We would sooner keep our swine. Please depart from us!"

Oh God, save us from a prayer like that, and give us a Christian sense of values! Which is more important, people or pigs? The undying souls of men and women, or the cattle on a thousand hills? Which is more important, the salvation of our sons and daughters,

or the wheat in our granaries and the potatoes in our cellars?

We thank God for the many faithful stewards in our North American Baptist churches. They are men and women and young people who "give of their best to the Master." God has put into their hearts a godly understanding of values. They know there is nothing in this world more important than the salvation of precious souls. For that reason they give so generously of whatever they have. For that reason Jesus gave his ALL on a bloody cross!

## YOUR WILLINGNESS

The Son of God was willing to give his life. The Gadarenes were not willing to give of their swine. What are you willing to give?

"I gave My life for thee,  
My precious blood I shed,  
That thou might'st be ransomed,  
And quickened from the dead;  
I gave, I gave My life for thee,  
What hast thou given for Me?"

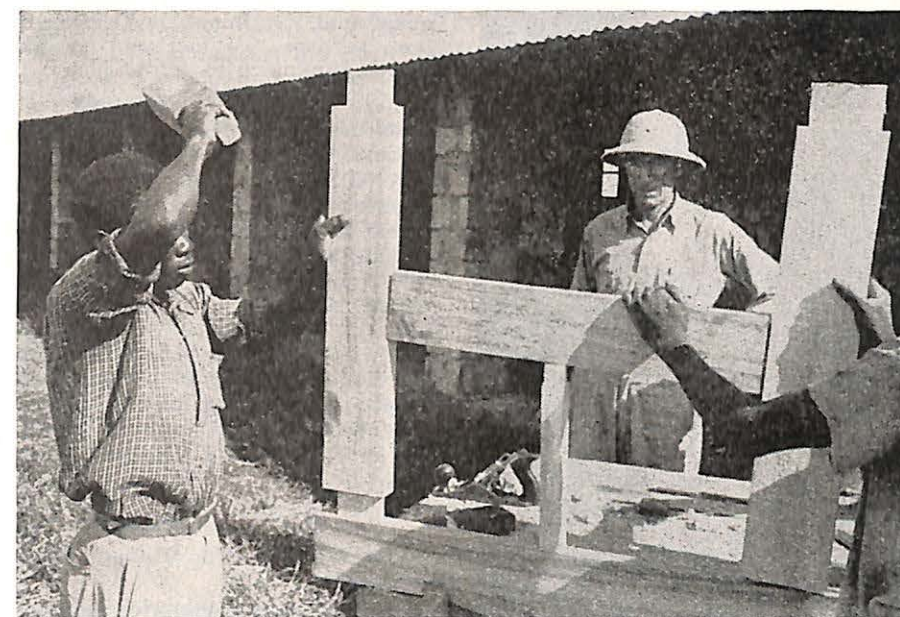
Devils are today seeking to occupy men's minds and souls. "Legion" is still their number. There are witchcraft and whiskey devils, devils of hatred and heresy, of envy and emulation, of lust and lasciviousness. These infernal, satanic powers occupy men's souls, and cause them to have no peace by day or by night. Tens of thousands of souls on our farflung mission fields at home and abroad must be "delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God."

Jesus has come to destroy the works of the devil. The man now held among the tombs in the graveyard of corruption and sin must be introduced to the glorious Savior. Jesus Christ can set the captive free.

## GOD'S EMPHASIS

We praise God for new mission fields and mission churches being opened. By the united effort of our churches through our general missionary society a great deal has been done. More needs to be done, especially also on our home field in the United States and Canada.

Stewardship and evangelism is our emphasis in this triennium. Jesus wanted the Gadarenes to understand that, if souls are to be saved, a price is required. Have we given all that we can? One soul saved is worth more than the whole world!



Mr. Ernest Hildebrand, Cameroons missionary-builder, observes and gives counsel to native carpenters in the construction of the Banso Baptist Hospital. The large, modern ward for out-patients is in the background

# A Builder's Joy

During the two-year missionary and building ministry of the author and his wife, the Banso Baptist Hospital buildings were constructed and plans were made for an extensive building program at the Leper Settlement and on other Cameroons fields

By MR. ERNEST HILDEBRAND, Cameroons Missionary-contractor, of Stafford, Kansas

MRS. HILDEBRAND and I count it a privilege to have had the opportunity to serve our denomination as your missionaries in the Cameroons during the past two years. First, we want to thank our secretaries and all who have a part in keeping our denomination and mission going so smoothly. The letters of encouragement which we received from you will never be forgotten. The letters we received from our many friends reminded us that we are one big family. We wish we could visit each one of you, and thank you for your interest in us and our mission.

## BUILDING PROBLEMS

Our assignment in the Cameroons was the building of the Banso Hospital. I knew some of the problems of building in Africa from the seven months on the field, building the nurses' home and the doctor's house. I had to choose between sun dried brick or stone for walls. I tried sun dried brick, but decided stone was best, so stone was used for most of our building. All our buildings have galvanized iron roofs and cement floors.

Sand was hard to find at Banso. After following all native clues and

a week's hunt, we found some about two miles away. The sand had to be dug and washed by hand, then carried to the motor road. Most of my lumber had to be carried about seven miles. I contracted this, sawed it and carried it to the hospital. Glass, cement, nails, galvanized iron, paint and plumbing

# A Missionary's Farewell

A review of the blessings of the furlough year and a spiritual challenge to all readers before the author's departure for the Cameroons, Africa

By MISS BERNEICE WESTERMAN, Cameroons Missionary

IT IS MY LAST night in America and I wish to take time out to chat with friends of the "Baptist Herald." It seems only a very short time since I arrived and spent a day or two here in New York at the beginning of my furlough.

It has been good to meet many of you, and as I return to Africa I wish to say "Farewell," for that is my prayer for you. May you "fare well"

supplies had to be ordered, and you were fortunate if you got any of it in less than six months.

It is easy to find men who want to work, but to find trained help is a different story. Many of the better trained men find their way into government work. Rather than to take men who had only a little training, or who were possibly not the type who could be well trained, I trained my own.

## AFRICAN CHIEFS

I tried to be friendly with all the big men (chiefs). Many would pass the hospital on their way to the Fon's palace, where their official meetings were held. These men would stop and express their thanks in words and gifts. I received sheep, chickens, bananas, and many eggs from them. I tried to have something for them from time to time, or do something for them. They like soap, salt, sugar, used files and many other things which the white man has. They also liked chairs, boxes, doors, windows, or possibly a shotgun repaired, an alarm clock fixed, a saddle stirrup welded, or something sharpened on my emery wheel. One cannot overlook these men if you want to be successful in their land.

When I was sick for a few days, many eggs were sent to the house. Then when they saw me back on the job, they came with beaming faces, because they thought I had received my "go power" from their eggs. I do not know where they got the idea; it could have been from our house boys. May I add that eggs are not a cheap gift in Africa.

You now have a modern hospital in the Cameroons, Africa. You will soon hear that the beds have arrived, and that the Banso Hospital is now serving the African in the healing of his physical body. But best of all, they will hear what Christ can do for them. It is our prayer that this hospital will always be used to the glory of Jesus Christ.

in regard to your Christian life and your church. Out in Africa one would say "Walka goodo" (walk well). Yes, may all of you "walk well" throughout this life.

Each of you whom I've learned to know has become an influence in my life. Because of this year at home, I have learned to be more dependent on God and have become more confident (Continued on Page 11)





Our growing Cameroons missionary family at the 1944 General Conference in Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Left to right: (foreground, shaking hands), Miss Evangeline Wegner and Miss Myrtle Hein; Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Michelson; Rev. and Mrs. Earl Ahrens; Rev. Paul Gebauer, Miss Laura E. Reddig, Rev. and Mrs. Donald Ganstrom

## Blessings at Milwaukee

The General Conference of 1944 was a mighty milestone on our North American Baptist trail to the Cameroons, Africa. Never before or since did we commit at one time so many of our own young people to foreign missionary service. This is the third in a series of four articles

By DR. PAUL GEBAUER, Bamenda, Cameroons

IN 1940 NONE KNEW better than Dr. William Kuhn what acceptance of the Cameroons trusteeship would mean in terms of men and money. The funds and responsibilities of the Baptist missionaries in the Cameroons had been offered to us under a trustee arrangement. He blinked again! In his eyes we had taken the honorable and only course that could have been taken by Baptists, but—who would pay for it? With him rested the responsibility. Who would go out in the years of warfare to assist the four missionaries who were running up and down a difficult country in attempts to do the impossible?

We had taken over Soppo station with its neglected buildings and with its impressive payroll of workers who had learned to depend on a foreign source for a livelihood. We had taken over an expensive school system and a mission field that stretched from the

Atlantic shores through tropical forest and tropical lowlands to a point 70 miles inland.

We had taken over Belo station with its ailing grasshuts, a very promising school system, a school of theology, its scattered chapels and church workers, and 250 miles of an unbridged gap between this mission field and Soppo at the coast.

We had taken over Ndu station and its growing commitments in schools and African personnel, its one and only permanent house built by Adolf Orthner long ago. In that "long ago" funds were limited and the limitations lived on in the little windows of the house, low veranda, absence of cement, and roof that leaked since birth. That was the Ndu home and the mission field itself paralleled its idiosyncracies.

Over and above these items, we inherited policies and systems to which we were opposed by our American

background, training and outlook. Here, perhaps, we met our greatest obstacle, unknown to you at home.

All in all, we had committed ourselves deeply in a remote section of Africa at a time when our own western civilization struggled for survival. Natural and popular concern centered around this gigantic struggle and not around the unknown prospects in a little known corner of God's wide, flaming world. No wonder that Dr. Kuhn, so keenly sensitive to trends and responsibilities, blinked. So did his committee when he presented the Dunger-plan that called for a compliment of thirty-six missionaries to staff that which had slipped into our care.

### YOUTH'S RESPONSE

What would you have done in such a situation?

Your Mission Committee listened, prayed, investigated, planned, waited for God's command and acted at the General Conference in Milwaukee in 1944. Some of you who read this will recall the events, the startling response of the conference, the reaction of our youth. We went through moving, fateful days and decisions that reached far beyond the flames of that year and beyond that world of chaos surrounding us then.

The love of God pushed us beyond human measurements of time and tide, of money and men. The General Conference of 1944 was a mighty milestone on our North American Baptist trail. Never before nor since did we commit at one time so many of our own young men and women to foreign service.

The Michelsons of the Dakotas were sent forth to assume the administration of the coastal field. Earl and Lois Ahrens of Tacoma, Wash., were commissioned to take over Ndu field in the hinterland. Lillian Jacobson of Washington and China went to supervise the vast school system we had acquired. The lone star from Texas, Nurse Margaret Kittlitz, joined to strengthen our medical service to West Africa.

In the following year the Ganstroms left the homeland to accept responsibility for Belo field, in the center of your mission work. Myrtle Hein of Leduc, Alta., was sent by you to care especially for Africa's womanhood. Hilda Tobert, another Canadian, joined the ranks of your medical missionaries. In Ruby Salzman, the teacher from Kankakee, Africa, received the final response of the Milwaukee Conference. She sailed in 1946.

Such was your reaction to an opportunity that you first gave of your youth, of the finest and best, to let your prayers and dollars follow them up. They who experienced these happenings as part and parcel of these fleeting years bowed in wonder and adoration before God.

Toward the close of 1946 the Dungers returned to the Cameroons. George Dunger became the supervisor of schools, which we had taken over, in order that they might be welded into one workable, effective unit for Christ and that a unified curriculum might center around HIM. It was a touchy assignment for a Baptist to bring into line with our principles an organization that stood halfway between mission ideals and government demands, between a purely academic approach to life and our own knowledge of what this Africa required in the field of learning, between government grants of money and our own measured resources, between state control and the Baptist ideal of complete separation of church and state. It is to be regretted to this day that this service of the Dungers was cut short by circumstances beyond our control.

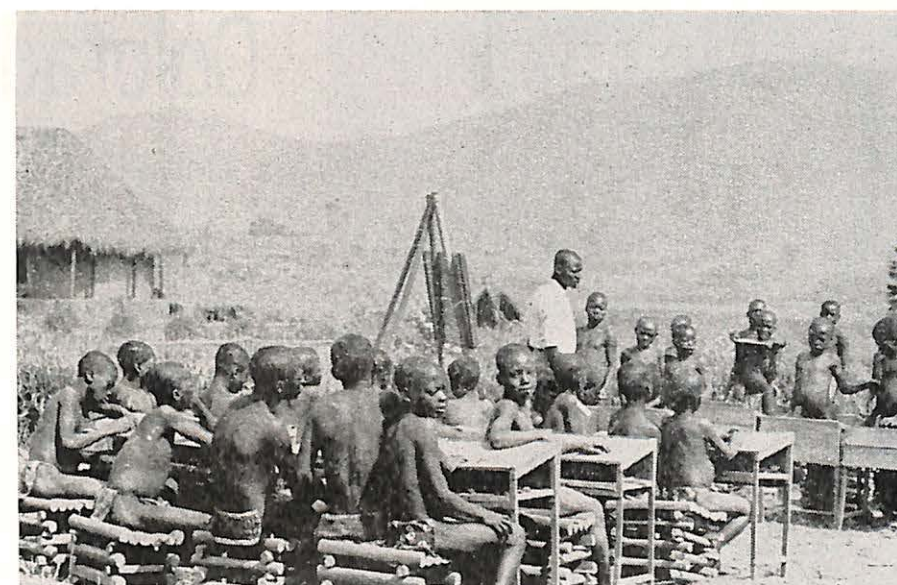
During October of 1946 the Gebauers returned to West Africa. It became their assignment to build a home for themselves and field headquarters, to secure adequate quarters for all missionaries, to organize our scattered efforts into one unit and to occupy the land that God had given us.

### HOUSING PROJECTS

The problem of housing our missionaries had first place on your committee's list of orders, because of some little remarks which had floated home about horrible housing, hectic huts, the homeless Americans and howling heights. The Cameroons Sacrifice Offering was the Christian answer to these complaints. Out of this Sacrifice Offering we built between 1946 and 1949 a bungalow at Soppo, adequate quarters at Victoria, a station at Bamenda, a large home at Belo, improved housing facilities at Ndu, Mbem and Warwar.

All of your missionaries were turned into builders and had their talents and fears, likes and dislikes, tastes and none put into concrete and brick as their abiding record for the decade to come. Some among us had favored less permanent construction in the locally called "Wiederkunft-Stil," an unmistakable reference to former builders and their pietistic certainty of the most imminent return of their Lord. Why build in costly concrete if planks do just as well for the next ten years or so? Africa's termites heard this and laughed. We heard their laughter and built in more permanent styles.

"To organize our scattered efforts into one unit" was second on your list of priorities. Your missionaries were many, compared with former years and they hailed from various quarters of our continent and from different backgrounds and from different schools of learning and training, theological shades and shadows. Almost all of them were young, inexperienced, very clever, never having been away from the shores of North America.



Our first Baptist mission school at Mbem in Kakaland under the supervision of Clara Gebauer and native instructors was often held out-of-doors

Necessity had suddenly thrown them into foreign lands, strange cultures and entirely upon God and his power.

They had to be put in charge of large responsibilities with no seniors alongside them for guidance and fellowship. They faced Africans more clever than themselves, more experienced and, in isolated instances, more learned than themselves. Out of such dilemmas came delightful misunderstandings, deeds that could not be undone, standards and convictions which were warped by sheer circumstances. To bring these experiences and experimenters together for one purpose and one unified effort constituted an order beyond the endurance and wisdom of man.

To this day it is to the writer an evidence of wonder working miracles in our century that we held together and worked together to become one

Mission. This is not the time nor the place to put on record all that came to pass in word and deed. Such a delightful record must wait for a later date.

"Occupy the land that God has given us" was the third objective. By God's grace we did it. General Secretary Dymmel's effort brought about an understanding between the former German Mission and your own thanks to which certainty and clarity were gained with reference to former ownership of former rights.

We were granted all rights, all titles but not that we might glory in real estate but in the opportunity of covering this land with the Good News. We filled in the existing geographic gaps. We enlarged all missionary activities to reach the geographical limits of the entire West African field by the end of 1951 for a goal.



Mrs. Clara Gebauer supervising the building of the missionary's home at Mbem in the grassland interior of the Cameroons about 1940 at the beginning of an extensive construction program on our African mission field



# Colorado Christmas!

A thrilling story of hundreds of brown skinned children at the Baptist Mission in Colorado enjoying the Christmas games and goodies and hearing of God's love for them in the Christ-child, and of our missionaries on the Spanish-American field carrying out exciting plans for the three Christmas programs at Del Norte, Monte Vista and Center

By MISS FLORENCE EISELE  
Spanish-American Missionary

Some of the children of our Spanish-American mission field playing the Christmas game, "Pinata," at Center, Colorado



"MISS EISELE," asked Alberto frowningly. "How does one say 'Murry Creemas' in Spanish?" I frowned back, looking for the joke. But there wasn't any.

Here was another link in the chain which bound my Spanish-people-without-a-country. They hate to be called Mexicans, yet cling to the old ways. Some of the new ways fascinate them, so that they forget the beautiful things and expressions of their own cultural pattern. Alberto only knew that one said, "Murry Creemas," in the middle of a sentence in Spanish, and when I finally laughed and translated the words for him into his mother tongue, he mumbled them over and over, "Feliz Navidad! Feliz Navidad!"

He taught it to the next boy who came into the Mission, and they both did likewise with the next newcomer, until the rooms rang with the beautiful words, FELIZ NAVIDAD!

## COLORED SLIDES

Our exciting Christmas on the Spanish-American mission field in Colorado really began back in October when a letter arrived from one of our Wisconsin churches asking for lists of children's names, and back there those children began saving pennies for a gift for a Spanish child. It seemed sweet and precious to us.

Then on the field we began to select sixty-two colored slides on the life of Christ; in prophecy with emphasis on his nativity, and on his adult life and work. We made lists of hymns, choruses and carols to go with each slide, and typed them off for the children to learn. A few were chosen because the children loved them especially, and they seemed to fit in well with the program. Scripture verses were also selected for each slide, and the more ambitious youngsters prepared to recite some portions from memory, either in Spanish or in

English. I planned to read the rest while Miss Velma Shippy ran the projector.

Parties were also planned well in advance, one for each of the three club groups. We gathered the candles and made the holders, bought the water pistol, painted the tree on the square of wall board, made paper ornaments, got the bells on the plastic strip and prepared the blindfolds. Making over one hundred candied apples and stacking them away in boxes was a pleasant job, and seemed to be the simplest of party refreshments.

Word came from Vesper, Kans., that the Sunday School children there were collecting bags of nuts, tiny toys and well wrapped candies to be sent to us for our party "Pinatas." It solved an extra game problem, and I was thrilled at another evidence of Christian love.



Miss Florence Eisele of Monte Vista, Colo., missionary to the Spanish-Americans in Colorado

So at the next Center club meeting I tried to pass on my enthusiasm to the children, but was repaid with blank faces! The little brown dears didn't know what "Pinatas" were, and yet their ancestors must have seen hundreds of the lovely, exciting things used down below the border in Old Mexico, just as I had! So part of the party preparation was to promote excitement over the coming "Pinatas"!

## EXCITING FESTIVITIES

As the great day came closer, we packed three hundred bags with smaller bags, each containing candy, an apple, a few nuts, a pretty writing pad sent in by a New York church, and several tracts ("Why I am no longer a Roman Catholic," etc.) We set up large trees in the three missions, and trimmed them with tinsel, one string of lights, and a multitude of small balloons (which saves breakage) and enchants the children.

We checked over the prettily wrapped gifts from Wisconsin, and added to the packages some of the new clothing, toys and welcome Bibles sent in by Kansas, California and South Dakota churches. Since October, our mission attendances had doubled! We tried to put in a pair of mittens or socks, a piece of underwear, a scarf, a towel, a toothbrush or a cap, with each toy or book or Bible.

The festivities were all packed into a short eight day period, beginning with the first club party on Wednesday afternoon, December 16, in our own Mission house in Monte Vista, Colorado. Twenty-seven youngsters came in after school for the good time. Our Center party was on Saturday afternoon of that same week, and fifty children enjoyed the games and refreshments as had the other group.

Outstanding among the games was the one involving the snuffing out of eight lighted candles at three yards away with a loaded water pistol. It's simple and exciting to contemplate,



—Photo by Florence Eisele  
Joy over a cup of cold water as seen in the sparkling eyes and sweet smiles of this Spanish-American girl in the San Luis Valley of Colorado with the typical adobe wall and bricks of Mexican houses in the background

but not quite so easy to do! Wild were the shouts of the disbelieving ones, crying, "Me next! Me next!" (In case anyone wants to try it, it would be wise to give a thought as to what to do with the lake of water afterwards! Possibly a swimming championship game!)

After a bit of educating, the "Pinata" games went off beautifully, with the blindfolded child hitting the decorated box with a stick, and showering the concealed goodies all over the floor. At the same instant, dozens of wiry, brown hands and feet came down upon unexpected treasures, which were hurriedly and safely stowed away in pockets.

The candied apples were more successful than we had dreamed possible, and later some of the mamas asked for the recipe! By so small a thing does our fame grow! The concluding door prizes were darling, practical soap and washcloth "pussies," made especially for that purpose by a group in Kansas.

## CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS

The first program was held in Del Norte on the Friday evening between the two parties, with over one hundred people present. On the following Sunday afternoon the second program was held in Monte Vista with sixty-three present. The next Monday evening, December 21st, Center had its program with about one hundred and thirty people present. At each place the program of slides, songs and Scripture was the same, which went off very well, indeed. At Center the Scripture was memorized mostly in Spanish, and was well done. The local English Baptist folks were generous in loaning a beaded screen and many extra chairs.

There were gifts for all the Sunday School children, and bags of goodies for everyone. The phonograph provided pre-program carols, and the fragrant, lighted trees mellowed each heart, made black, marble eyes sparkle, and sent a gleam over slicked down hair and braids and curls.

The last party was for the ten Del Norte club girls, who were brought to the Monte Vista parsonage on Wednesday, December 23rd (1) to see where Miss Eisele lived, and (2) to pull taffy. Coming from small adobe, one or two room, overcrowded homes, they were amazed at the "splendor" of our five-room home, and wondered first, why we had so many beds (two), and second, what I did with all my time! Those preliminaries over with, we went on with the exciting business of candy making; a first time feat for all of them.

In one of the used clothing boxes from Kansas there had been a number of small aprons which I had saved for this special party. Each girl chose one and wore it at the parsonage and then later took it home, along with the candies which she had made. I had also laid out on one of the beds an assortment of sweaters, skirts, jackets and dresses which would fit their age

group. Between cooking batches of taffy, they tried on the garments and took home the ones which fitted.

A thrilling anti-climax to the Christmas activities came in the shape of a huge, heavy box of wonderful homemade cookies and candy from Kansas. Arriving too late to be put into the Christmas program bags, I divided them all up into small boxes, one for each of the large families, and distributed them on Sunday morning after Christmas, before the Sunday School hour, in one of those beautiful Colorado snowstorms.

## THE GOSPEL STORY

It was amusing to see the grateful, sleepy-eyed, hospitable mothers urging me to stay longer, even while they were buttoning on their dresses, or smoothing down their hair. Before breakfast visitors are a novelty indeed! I just wish that the kindly bakers could have seen the excited reception which their wares received in every humble home. They would have felt amply repaid!

So all in all, everyone enjoyed the Christmas season here. We pray that the message on the screen was much meditated upon afterwards, and that the printed Word, stowed away in the bags, may still bring forth fruit. We know that in many instances your gifts were the only ones that some children received. Pitiful isn't it?

What better gift could any child receive than to know that God loved him enough to send his Son to die in his place, and to see the physical evidence of that love in the person of a paid, full-time missionary at the service of himself and his people, with a warm, furnished Mission in which to hear more of the Gospel story!

## 1953 CONFERENCE REPORTS

The 1953 volume of CONFERENCE REPORTS with 176 pages is now available. It can be secured for \$1.00 per copy by ordering it from Roger Williams Press, 3734 Payne Ave., Cleveland 14, Ohio.



## We Pause! We Thank! We Give!

An important message for the observance of Bible Day in our churches everywhere on Sunday, March 14, 1954

By the REV. E. J. BAUMGARTNER, Business Manager

tiously aware of the fact that there is a God to whom we are all responsible for everything we do or even think!

In the second place, the Bible makes it very clear that there is sin in the world and in the hearts of men and that this sin separates us from God and from each other, and, in addition to that, sin is always presented in the Bible as something which will eventually bear evil fruit. Our lives would be so much happier and the world so much more peaceful today if we would become more alert to the truth of the Holy Book that sin destroys and is an evil.

In the third place, the need for a divine Redeemer is constantly proclaimed in the Bible. Man cannot save himself but a loving Father did provide a Savior, "his only Begotten Son that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." The central figure of the Bible is Jesus Christ, and it is in him only that men find salvation. If all the world today would be motivated by his Spirit and turn first to Calvary's Cross, how different it would be! God has shown us the way in his Word!

### THE WAY OF LIFE

Fourth, it is very apparent that the world needs "a Way of Life," and by that we mean a way of living with our fellow-men, both with those who are our neighbors and with those who live in far away lands. One of the reasons for all the wars and mistrust in our times is that we have not found "a Way of Life" which will bring peace among people. God, however, for many centuries has made this Way known to those who read and love his Word. "Thou shalt love the Lord, thy God, with all thy heart, with all thy mind, with all thy soul, and thy neighbor as thyself."

Fifth, practically all peoples in the world have an inborn hope for some form of life after the experience of death. This hope takes on many kinds of forms. Nowhere in all literature or belief can we find anything which is as definite and assuring as the teachings found in the Holy Bible. There is life after death, eternal life and the presence of God and the Savior.

### BIBLE DISTRIBUTION

Thus, I have attempted briefly to state very inadequately some of the great essentials needed in life that are provided only in their fullest meaning by reading and believing

God's Holy Word. We as Christian people need to make every possible effort that this Word becomes known among all people everywhere. We should thank God that efforts toward this end are being made.

A large number of Bible Societies have been organized for the distribution of Bibles. The Bible itself or portions of it have now been translated into approximately 900 dialects or languages. We as North American Baptists for many years have set aside one day in order to give a special emphasis to the distribution of the Bible. We have always called it "Bible Day" and will again during the month of March this year remember the day in our prayers, in our special programs, in sermons, and in our offering.

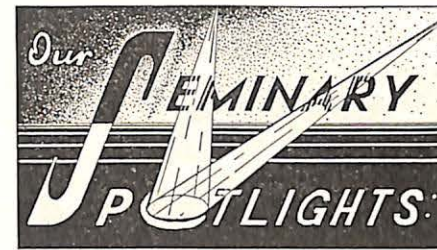
As a special project we are in this year hoping to make available \$500 for the purchase of Basic English Bibles to be used in the Cameroons, Africa. Just a few weeks ago we received word from the Rev. R. Neuman from our Indian Mission in Alberta. They are in need of Bibles. Arrangements were made immediately to ship a quantity of Bibles and Testaments to this important mission field. Your Publication Society endeavors to provide Bibles and New Testaments wherever the opportunity arises.

### OUR BIBLE DAY

The ministry of the printed word in the form of our denominational periodicals and tracts has been a special blessing during the past year among the newly arrived immigrants in Canada and the United States. The Publication Society through its Bible and Colportage Fund has tried to help these people become better acquainted with the denomination, but, above all else, to help them find those great spiritual truths in the Word of God upon which they need to build if their lives are to be happy.

On Bible Day this year, Sunday, March 14, will you pray earnestly and will you give liberally? In so doing, you will have a share in the most important obligation a Christian has, namely, to make the Word of God known to others.

Someone in Africa, in Japan, or perhaps right around the corner in your own block, or anywhere in the world, can be led to Christ and the Cross on which his blood was shed for our sins, because you cared enough on Bible Day to pause, to thank, and to give.



### CHRISTMAS AT THE SEMINARY

By PROFESSOR HUGO LUECK

Now at the close of the first semester, in the middle of January, we want to look back upon the Christmas festivities at the North American Baptist Seminary. They started with the Seminary family chicken dinner on December 3.

Then followed the Christmas party on Dec. 10. Our missionary, Berneice Westerman, who was a student at the Seminary for one semester, arranged a "Cameroons Christmas" which showed how our African brethren commemorate the birth of Christ. After the program a lunch was served by the Seminary, where the wives of the students and of the professors with their children and the Seminary staff met in a happy fellowship.

An air of happy expectancy increased as the holidays drew nearer. The students also received Christmas bags with cookies and candies donated from our churches at Ashley, N. Dak.; Watertown, Wis.; walnuts from Lodi, Calif.; and handkerchiefs from the Riverview Church, St. Paul, Minnesota.

Donations of money for Christmas treats were sent from Herreid, Venturia, Fessenden of North Dakota, and Corona and Avon of South Dakota; Stafford, Kans., and Madison, S. Dak., sent chickens. Besides this the Plum Creek Church of South Dakota sent Christmas boxes with chickens, eggs and other good things, not only for the professors but also for the married students who do not eat at the seminary.

During the Christmas vacation the Seminary was a quiet and empty place since nearly all the students had left for home or were at various churches. But soon after the New Year, they were back again, refreshed by the change and ready for hard work again. This year, however, sad news shocked the students on their arrival. The welcoming smiles and the friendly words of our superintendent of buildings were missing. Mr. Okko DeBoer had suddenly passed away. He was always around and to be seen at any hour of the day and had been so much a part of the Seminary, that one almost expects to meet him as yet around the corner in the halls and corridors. Mrs. DeBoer and her family can be assured of the deepest sympathy by the students and the faculty.

## An Afterglow

A Tribute to Mr. Okko DeBoer, Superintendent of the Seminary Buildings, Who Passed Away on December 30, 1953

By DR. GEORGE A. LANG, President

IN THE FALL of 1945 Mr. and Mrs. Okko DeBoer joined the staff of the North American Baptist Seminary at Rochester, N. Y., as superintendent of buildings and matron. They served the Seminary most faithfully and efficiently for eight and a half years together. They have been a wonderful couple and have made themselves beloved by the Seminary and denomination.

Since Mr. DeBoer had suffered for years because of a weak heart, Mrs. DeBoer served beside him as a most devoted helpmate and partner in our maintenance and food service. We express to Mrs. DeBoer and all the loved ones our heartfelt sympathy and condolence.

In the passing of Brother DeBoer we have lost a witnessing Christian. His view of life was that of victory and not defeat. He sought to dwell on the joys and not the sorrows of life. He rejoiced in the life with his Lord and gave expression to that experience in the prayer services of the church and in his conversation about the halls of the Seminary to students, faculty or visitors.

He was also a servant of the Lord. The superintendency of the buildings was for him not just a job but a vocation, a calling. This calling was as definite and clear as that of a preacher. It was for him a full-time service for his Lord.

This calling was reflected in the way he took care of the building. The floors, the glass, the classrooms and the offices gave evidence to his desire that everything should be in first class condition. His faithfulness during the very difficult time of moving from Rochester to Sioux Falls was related to this call. He was willing to endure what was necessary in order that the Lord's work should advance.

He was a friend of the students, faculty, trustees and constituency. His interest in every phase of life was wrapped up in his friendship. Personally I feel that I have lost in him a true friend and companion in the work. The denomination and the Kingdom of God have been richer because of his service.

Funeral services were held in Sioux Falls and Corona at which latter place his body was interred in the town cemetery.

Because most of the students and a number of the faculty were on their Christmas vacation at the time of his

### A FAREWELL

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in Christians. Many times I have been told, "We remember you in our prayers," or "Now we can pray more wisely for you and your needs." It makes one feel humble to realize the great number of Christians who are praying for you. I would like to ask you—as you pray for us missionaries—also to remember some native Christians?

This year has been one of tremendous blessings for me. I have had the joy of knowing the challenge of Christian youth who are willing to serve wherever God leads and in some cases willing to work "overtime" for him. I have been in churches that have shown their interest in missions in a financial way and it was a real challenge for me when on my last Sunday in my home church (Northside Church in Sioux Falls) it was announced that one member had given a gift of \$100 to be used for missions. On other occasions during the summer and fall, individuals and churches have given sincerely and liberally.

Along with the memories of Christian friends at home come the memories of my semester at our Seminary in Sioux Falls. It has been a real blessing to be able to attend classes which have been a challenge as well as an inspiration. The chapel times are not going to be forgotten so soon. There were messages from the professors, guest speakers and students. (It was good to be on the receiving end at these times.)

Now as I think of Africa and the place to which I shall be going, I am reminded of one path which I walked a good number of times. It was a "short cut" to Buea through a banana and coco-yam farm. Along the path stood a lonely house. The first few times I walked past it noticing that it was in fair condition, but I never saw anyone around or in it. Then one day I walked with a native and asked why no one lived in that house.

### ABUNDANT LIVING

"Oh, the last man that lived there died and it is a custom that no one lives in a house when the owner has died." So the house was left empty slowly to deteriorate and eventually to fall. The last time I saw it, the thatched roof and one side had fallen in because, when there is no fire in an African home, the roof and boards soon mold and rot away.

It seems that we can learn even from this house. Are we ready to replace the emptiness of our lives with warm Christian living? Again we hear echoing in our ears the African "Waka goodo" and the American "farewell" and remember that God is willing to fill the emptiness with LIVING that will help you "fare well" as a Christian. Did not Christ say, "I am come that they might have Life and that they might have it more abundantly?"



—Photograph by Harold M. Lambert  
The most important obligation a Christian has is to make the Word of God known to others!

IT HAS BEEN SAID that "music is a universal language." The same can be said of the Holy Bible, for in it there is a spirit which we will call the Spirit of God, which likewise is a universal language, because it is understood by people of every race and color and in all walks and stations or positions of life.

The Bible has a message for all, and the Bible itself is an evidence of the great wisdom of God, providing a Book that can be understood by all peoples. No matter where one might be, in Asia, in Africa, or in the United States, or whether one is endowed with a great amount of earthly goods and power, or living in poverty and oppression, the plain fact is that the Holy Bible has a message for each one.

The Bible deals primarily with certain spiritual realities which are so essential for the welfare of people. God indeed has been good to mankind in providing a Book which will meet the spiritual needs when the admonitions of the Book are followed in faith, in prayer and in love.

### SPIRITUAL FOOD

There are at least five ways in which the Bible offers the spiritual food so important to the welfare of mankind. First, it tells us about God who created us and all the world and to whom all are responsible. It not only speaks of him as the Father of all but also as the Judge. How different the world would really be today if people everywhere were conscientious.



# WHAT'S HAPPENING

● The former Fourth Street Baptist Church of Alpena, Mich., has changed its name to the Ripley Boulevard Baptist Church. Since Nov. 22 the church under the leadership of its pastor, the Rev. Eric Kuhn, has been meeting in the beautifully decorated basement of its new church building on Ripley Boulevard of Alpena.

● In January the Rev. Chris Weintz presented his resignation as pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church of Aberdeen, S. Dak., at the annual business session. The resignation becomes effective on April 30, 1954. His pastorate in Aberdeen was begun on July 1, 1952. Mr. Weintz submitted his resignation in order to be able to continue his studies.

● The Bethel Baptist Church of Missoula, Mont., has extended a call to the Rev. C. T. Remple of Hebron, N. Dak., to which he has replied favorably. He will begin his pastorate in Missoula on April 1st, succeeding the Rev. G. P. Schroeder who is now engaged in an evangelistic ministry. In Hebron Mr. Remple has served the First Baptist Church for five years. March 28 will be his closing Sunday at the Hebron church.

● The Lorraine Baptist Church, Lorraine, Kans., has called the Rev. Harold W. Gieseke of Dallas, Texas, as its pastor and a favorable reply has been forwarded to the Lorraine church. Mr. Gieseke has served the Carroll Ave. Church of Dallas since his graduation from the Northern Baptist Seminary of Chicago, Ill., in 1950. He will begin his pastorate in Lorraine, Kans., on April 25, 1954, succeeding the Rev. Alfred R. Bernadt, now of New Haven, Connecticut.

● The edifice of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Kenosha, Wis., has been purchased by the Church of the Nazarene with Nov. 15, 1954 given as the final date for occupancy by the purchasers. The Immanuel Church is constructing a new sanctuary at 39th Avenue and Wilson Road. The pastor, the Rev. Charles J. Anderson, stated that the Immanuel congregation was pleased that another church would occupy the building rather than to have it used for secular purposes.

● A new laymen's group was organized in the Baptist Church of Martin, N. Dak., in Dec. 1953 known as the Martin Baptist Men (MBM). Mr. Jake Eckart was elected president with Mr. Robert Rush as vice-presi-

dent, and Mr. Vernon Dockter as secretary. The men's group meets on the first Thursday of every month for an evening program. The Rev. Martin Engel is pastor of the church and advisor of the Martin Baptist Men's group.

● Mr. and Mrs. Philip G. Huber of Bison, S. Dak., celebrated their silver wedding anniversary on Nov. 27th with a program under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Kern, seminary student and the daughter (Meraleen) of the honored couple. Congratulatory words were spoken by representatives of various groups of Bison, by Mr. Carl Brockel of the Bison Baptist Church, and by Mr. Karl Wenz, representing the relatives. Mr. and Mrs. Huber are faithful members of the Bison Church.

● The Seventh Street Baptist Church of La Crosse, Wis., has extended a call to the Rev. Carl Zimmerman of Madison, Wis., to become its pastor. He has responded favorably to the call and hopes to begin his pastorate there soon, succeeding the Rev. Fred R. Lemmert. Mr. Zimmerman is "a spiritual son" of the Baptist Church of Baileyville, Ill., and was ordained by that church. Mr. and Mrs. Zimmerman were missionaries and Bible teachers in the Philippine Islands for several years. Since their return, they have been residing in Madison, Wisconsin.

## ANOTHER RECORD IN GIVING BY NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCHES

By DR. FRANK H. WOYKE, Executive Secretary.

The final figures for the year 1953 show that our churches sent us for missionary and benevolent purposes a total of \$576,407.67. This establishes another new record for contributions in any calendar year in our history. It is a noteworthy accomplishment, especially when we keep in mind the drop in farm income and the heavy expenditures for building programs by many of our churches.

Contributions income during the first nine months of the fiscal year, ending December 31, 1953, were in excess of \$422,000.00. We have every confidence that our total financial goal of approximately \$525,000.00 for the fiscal year will be reached by March 31, 1954. Praise God from Whom all blessings flow!

● Mr. Herbert Stabbert of Anaheim, Calif., a prominent member and officer of the Bethel Baptist Church, has been recently elected president of the Association of Christian Churches of Anaheim for 1954. On Feb. 1st at a banquet held at the First Baptist Church he was installed along with other officers. Congratulations, Mr. Stabbert, as well as the Bethel Church! The monthly church bulletin, "Bethel Baptist News," is arousing intensified interest in the church's program and the projected plans of the pastor, the Rev. B. Jacksteit.

● Dr. Frank H. Woyke of Forest Park, Ill., executive secretary, was one of the featured speakers at the 12th annual Founder's Week Conference held by the Bethel College and Seminary, St. Paul, Minn., from Feb. 15 to 19. He delivered several lectures on the theology of Karl Barth and brought an inspirational address at one of the evening public meetings which were held in various churches of the Twin Cities. Bethel College and Seminary are affiliated with the General Conference (Swedish) of Baptist Churches.

● The Walnut Street Baptist Church of Newark, N. J., has called to its pastorate the Rev. Lenox G. Palin of Asbury Park, New Jersey. He began his ministry at the Walnut St. Church on Jan. 24. Mr. Palin is a graduate of Princeton University and of the Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, California. At Princeton during his undergraduate days Mr. Palin was a regular varsity lineman on Princeton's Big Three championship football team and a holder of the Hibben memorial scholarship. Mr. and Mrs. Palin have a son, two years of age.

● The CBY of Plevna, Mont., under the leadership of its president, Wilmer Huber, presented its Christmas program at the Plevna Town Hall in order to serve the entire community. The highlight of the program was the pageant, "The Abiding King." A pantomime, "O, Come All Ye Faithful," several group numbers, and musical selections by the Ladies Choir and mixed chorus contributed greatly to the success of the program. The offering was designated for the Crippled Children's Home in Helena, Montana. The Rev. G. Beutler is pastor of the Plevna Baptist Church.

● The CBY of the East Side Church, Chicago, Ill., held its installation ban-

quet on Saturday evening, Jan. 23, with about 70 persons at the tables. The Rev. Joe Sonnenberg of the Foster Ave. Church of Chicago brought the message. The following new officers were installed: Richard Woodworth, president; William Woodworth, vice-president; Barbara Henrichsen, secretary; Merle Schauer, treasurer. The Rev. H. R. Schroeder, pastor, installed the new officers. Toastmaster for the occasion was Harley Adamson, with Ed Wolff leading the singing. Musical numbers were rendered by Rebecca and Rachel Hislop and Ron Veatch.

● From Jan. 31 to March 31 Miss Myrtle Weeldreyer, Cameroons missionary now home on furlough, is visiting churches in the Dakota Conference, Pacific Northwest, British Columbia and Alberta, Canada. She began her busy visitation tour on Sunday, Jan. 31, at McLaughlin, S. Dak., and Selfridge, North Dakota. On Sunday, March 14, she will speak at a missionary conference in the Calgary Church of Wetaskiwin, Alberta. From March 15 to 20 she will bring several messages to the students at the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alberta, and rest for further engagements in the Alberta area. Miss Weeldreyer is a member of the First Baptist Church of Emery, South Dakota.

● The King's Highway Baptist Church of Bridgeport, Conn., has called Mr. Raymond Yahn of Philadelphia, Pa., as its pastor to which a favorable response has been given. Mr. Yahn is a member of the Pilgrim Baptist Church of Philadelphia and plans for his ordination for early spring by his home church are being made. He is a student at the Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary of Philadelphia where he hopes to receive his Bachelor of Divinity degree in May 1954. His ministry at the Bridgeport church began on Jan. 24, 1954, succeeding the Rev. George Hensel, now residing in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He is commuting each weekend until his graduation from the seminary.

## AN AFTERGLOW

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death and the service, a special Memorial Service was held in the chapel of the Seminary on Friday morning, January 8, at the chapel hour. There were gathered the students, the faculty, personnel and wives and friends. Dr. Dunger, Prof. Hiller, Dr. Powell, David Nasgowitz and President Lang took part. A student quartet sang and Rubin Herrmann rendered a solo. The students and faculty submitted a monetary memorial which is to be used in securing furnishings for the prayer room in the dormitory in memory of Mr. DeBoer. We have lost a splendid Christian and friend, but to him is the gain of a completed life of service for his Lord.

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

## YOUTH COMPASS TOPICS

Feb. 28, 1954—"Forty Days to Prepare" by Frank Veninga.  
March 7, 1954—"Preparing Your Income Tax" by Vernon Heckman.

## CONFERENCE UNION MISSION PROJECTS

Each year a large percentage of our local conference unions adopt a sizable mission project. The projects become a vital part of each local church's Sunday School and CBY organization. With the raising of the amount for the project, there is always a well planned program of missionary education and information. The result is that Sunday Schools and CBYs participating in the mission project are well informed about the denominational missionary program. Young and old can thus pray intelligently and joyfully for all our missionaries and the work they carry on so faithfully.

In order to give all our "Baptist Herald" readers a picture of all the mission projects throughout the Conference Union, we shall list them here. Most of these projects will terminate before September 1st, and new projects will be adopted. Be glad you have a share in your local conference union project!

ATLANTIC CONFERENCE CBY and NEW YORK FELLOWSHIP

\$1000 ..... Japan Mission Home  
\$500 ..... Japan Mission Field

CENTRAL CONFERENCE CBY and SSU

\$4000 ..... Bamenda New Hope Settlement

TRI-CHURCH RALLY

\$350 ..... Bamenda New Hope Settlement

DAKOTA CONFERENCE CBY and SSU

\$15,000 ..... Cameroons Crusade Badlands CBY Assembly

\$2,150 ..... Cameroons Crusade Central Dakota CBY and SSU

\$3000 ..... Cameroons Crusade South Dakota CBY and SSU

\$6500 ..... Cameroons Crusade Northern North Dakota Assembly

\$3000 ..... Cameroons Crusade EASTERN CONFERENCE CBY and SSU

\$2000 ..... Kumba Mission Field ALBERTA BAPTIST TRI-UNION

\$1000 ..... Japan Mission Field MANITOBA TRI-UNION

\$600 Bamenda New Hope Settlement

## SASKATCHEWAN TRI-UNION ASSEMBLY

.....1100 Cameroons Mission and Home Mission

IOWA CBY and SSU

\$2500 ..... Bango Hospital Cameroons

MINNESOTA CBY and SSU

\$1200 ..... Japan Mission and Home Mission

WISCONSIN CBY

\$1000 ..... Bamenda New Hope Settlement

PACIFIC NORTHWEST CBY and SSU

\$1000 ..... Church Extension Home Mission

CALIFORNIA ASSEMBLY CBY

\$1000 ..... Japan Mission Field

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE CBY and SSU

\$2800 ..... Japan Mission, Cameroons Mission, and Home Mission

SOUTHWESTERN CONFERENCE

\$2800 ..... Japan Mission, Cameroons Mission and Home Mission

KANSAS CBY

\$2000 ..... Missionaries: Hendersons

OKLAHOMA CBY

\$400 ..... Japan Mission, Cameroons Mission, and Chapel Building Fund

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND CBY PROJECTS

In addition to the Conference Union Projects listed above, various local Sunday Schools and CBYs have other mission projects. We are happy to list the Sunday Schools and CBYs which support one of the native students attending our Cameroons Bible School in preparation for Christian service.

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## Across the Seas

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### SYNOPSIS

Tom Wilson and Mickey Conant were Christian buddies aboard the destroyer "U.S.S. Mastin." One night the ship's captain asked Conant, the radioman, to report to the bridge. Some code messages were missing and the trouble was being pinned on Conant. Some time later the "Mastin" stopped at Auckland, New Zealand, where Mickey Conant and Tom Wilson were assigned to Shore Patrol duty. In Auckland they soon learned about mysterious things at "The Seamen's Club." The two sailors uncovered a communist spy ring at the club but they had a hard fight with the leaders of the club before the police arrived and arrested them. On deck the "U.S.S. Mastin" Conant found the missing code messages which Herky, the ship's mascot, had stashed away somewhere. Mickey Conant's record was cleared and then he and the lieutenant planned a court-martial for the dog!

### CHAPTER TEN

MICKEY stood looking speculatively at the animal in question for a moment. Herky regarded him alertly, ears cocked forward. His four feet were planted firmly on the deck, and he rolled easily to the movement of the ship, leaning alternately to port and to starboard. Mickey began to smile, then a laugh broke through and got out of control. He was weak with merriment when he stepped into the ship's office and slumped weakly into a chair.

Tom and Ernie looked up from their Bibles, over which they had been studiously bent.

"What is it now?" inquired Wilson, patiently. Mickey told him, trying to recover his breath as he wiped tears from his eyes. Poor Herky! He had not a friend anywhere, for these men also centered with great enthusiasm into the scheme against him.

"By the way," Mickey remembered, at last, "did you two settle your argument without bloodshed? I mean who really was the king who lost his troops; was it Sennach or Nebuch? Or were you both wrong, I'll bet?"

Farrow started to answer, but Tom interrupted.

"Tell him nothing, Ernie. Let him look it up for himself. If you can't find it by tonight, Mick, we'll help you then. Ernie's going to join us from now on in our evening study time, if he can arrange his watches. Hey, is that chow call I hear?"

The office was quickly empty.

It was the last hot meal they were to have for almost two days. The weather continued to get worse, and by the next afternoon a screaming gale shook the very masts and spars of the Mastin as it plowed its slow course

homeward, pursued by drenching rain which seemed resolved never to stop. Leaden seas raced each other to reach the vessel, flinging themselves in a climax of power against the thin steel hull, spraying deserted decks with a driving hail. The Mastin plunged its nose deep into one mountain of water after another, shivered and hesitated each time, but always lifted free and skimmed over and onward.

In mid-afternoon, two slicker-shrouded figures huddled in the flimsy shelter of a wing of the navigating bridge, high over the water. As far as eye could reach to a not distant horizon, the surface of the ocean was a pattern of moving black water and whitecaps hurrying to headlong combat with the Mastin and her sister ships. A half mile off the port, the "U.S.S. Consolation" was buried to her stacks in the trough of a sea, apparently about to founder. Her huge red crosses stood out dimly against the white hull.

One of the slickered, helmeted men wiped his dripping face with a wet hand and spat salt water.

"What's keeping that bucket over there afloat, Tom?" His voice was lifted hoarsely above the roar of wind and wave. His companion glanced to port and back.

"Don't forget we look just as bad off to them, Mickey; probably worse, on account of this ship being smaller. And yet we know we're doing all right."

"Yeah." Mickey looked moodily out over the Pacific, watching wind-driven clouds of "sea dust" skip from wave to wave. Feet spread far apart, knees bent slightly, he rode easily to the constant heave and plunge of the deck beneath him. He laughed suddenly and waved a hand outboard.

"Looks like ol' Davy Jones don't want you to go home, Tom."

"Don't it?" smiled his friend. "And ain't I going to enjoy sitting by the radio, or television, maybe, in my own little home every evening with Jean alongside, while I think of you standing more of these hurricane watches. Ho!"

He lifted his voice in song:

Oh, I want no part of a sailor's life,  
Nor a ship to make my home in.  
I'll take my stand on the good, dry land,  
And let Mickey do th' roamin'!

His one-man audience did not hesitate to offer constructive criticism. Laying a kind, though damp hand upon the singer's shoulder, he shouted.

"Promise me you'll always wait for a hurricane to come along when you feel like singing, Tom-boy. You sound fine with an eighty-mile breeze for accompaniment."

Tom's teeth flashed in the half-gloom. "Nobody asked you up here, remember. Go on down and play with your dots and dashes for a while, if the elements are too rough for you."

"It ain't the elements, my boy; it's your singing, if I may flatter you by calling it that. However, I can take

a hint when somebody says it right out loud. Guess I'll go below and get a cup of hot coffee. Too bad you can't come along, but you're on watch. So long."

Mickey waved a farewell and started toward the ladder. Passing the pilot house, he paused to make way for a man coming out. Mickey recognized the quartermaster of the watch, just relieved and heading for his bunk, without a doubt. The quartermaster nodded to Conant, and took the first step down the almost vertical, steel staircase, reaching with both hands for the rail as he did so.

No destroyer man ever climbs or descends a ship's ladder without using his hands on the railings, because the ladders are rigged practically straight up and down.

As the sailor took his first step down from the bridge, a sudden, violent gust of wind hit the Mastin and drove a sheet of stinging salt spray full into the quartermaster's face. His hands groped blindly for the railing, slipped on the wet steel, and in an instant the man had plunged headlong down the ladder. He was brought up cruelly, with a thump, by the deck below.

Mickey stood for a frozen split second, then scrambled down the steel steps. The quartermaster was already struggling dazedly to his feet, wiping with a feeble hand at a trickle of blood weaving down through the rain drops on his face.

"Are you all right, George?" called Mickey, reaching out to steady his shipmate.

"Yeah. Yeah, sure, I'm OK," muttered the other. He gazed blankly at his hand, where a red smear was being rapidly washed away by the falling rain. Tom called down from the bridge:

"Better take him down to the sick bay, Mick. I'll report it up here in case the doctor thinks he shouldn't stand his next watch."

"Good idea. Come on, George, old boy. Let's step down below and get that blood shut off. You're messing up our nice clean deck."

Taking the quartermaster by the arm, Mickey guided him toward the hatchway which led below decks and ultimately to the ship's hospital. Tom turned back to his station, after making a quick report of the accident to the Officer of the Deck.

What little daylight had managed to seep through the cloud screen was fading rapidly now, although it was not yet four o'clock. The young sailor stared off to windward, eyes half-shut against the lash of wind and water. No sign of a letup yet, but at least the Mastin was still heading toward home. He rocked contentedly on his heels, hands thrust deep into his pockets. "Let 'er blow!" he grinned to himself.

When he was relieved from watch, a grateful Tom hurried below and en-

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tered the light and warmth of "C" Division compartment—his home at sea. Scores of sailors lounged in all attitudes about the large room, lying on their bunks with a magazine or book, spinning yarns with other shipmates or writing letters. The newcomer was immediately hailed by his buddy, and Tom walked over. Yanking off his dripping helmet liner, he flung it in Conant's lap. That person was at the moment attired in nothing more than "skivvies," and he jumped up with a howl, then tossed the wet headgear onto Tom's own nearby bunk. With an anguished cry, the owner of both bunk and helmet leaped to remove it from his blankets, and turned in despair to place the object on top of his locker.

"When, oh when will I learn that the Irish can think up mischief faster than other humans can protect themselves against it? If I catch cold from sleeping in wet blankets, I'll breathe germs all over you. Take it easy with me, lad; I'm on my way home to get married, and I want to arrive in good health."

"You're sick in the head already, or you wouldn't be considering trading this fine home and family for the perils of civilian life. Sure you don't want to reconsider now, even at this late hour?"

"The only thing I'm liable to change my mind about is my determination not to give in to temptation and punch you in the nose before I leave."

Tom had stripped off his slicker, and hung it with other foul weather clothing on the rack; then he began to remove his cold blues.

"How's the patient? You turn him into sick bay all right?"

"Yes, I did, and it turns out he's not hurt so slightly as he thought. The doc made him turn in, and ol' George didn't take much forcing. Didn't seem to know where he was, if you want the truth."

"That's rough. If he's got anything really wrong, he sure picked a bad time for it. With the ship pitching around like it is, it's a job for the doc just to keep his patient in the bunk, let alone do much treating."

Neither of them realized just how correct they were until next morning, when news trickled through the ship that the quartermaster was in serious condition, that it was feared he had

suffered a fractured skull and that he must be transferred at the very earliest moment possible. The weather had abated somewhat, but the sea still ran high and heavy, and strong gusts of wind raced in sudden squalls from ship to ship.

In mid-morning Conant emerged from the radio shack and stepped across the narrow passageway to the ship's office where Tom earned his living. He tossed a typed page on Tom's desk.

"Looks like poor George is really bad off. Here's a message we just sent to the Consolation, asking to transfer him over there. But how in the world can they do it, in this kind of a sea?"

"That's right. It would take some mighty fancy navigation to keep two ships steaming alongside each other in weather like this. Chances are they'd veer off, snap the line and drop the stretcher case into the water. And they tell me it's mighty deep right about here."

"Over your head, at least, Tommy. And yet they've got to do something with George, or he's a dead pigeon. Doc says they've given him a transfusion, but that's about all."

"Well, keep me posted, lad. That is, if you can hold your typewriter down long enough to copy a message. Next time I go aboard a destroyer for duty, the first thing I'm going to do is take a look at the ship's office. If the typewriters are set into the desks athwartships, I'll turn right around and go ashore again."

"I know just what you mean, boy. Over in the radio shack, every time we roll to port my carriage speeds along like mad, and when we roll back to starboard, I can type six letters without having the carriage move a single space. Aren't you glad you're going ashore?"

"Come to think of it, guess I am. Let me know if anything happens."

At noon, the word got around to all hands that the injured quartermaster was to be transferred immediately to the hospital ship Consolation, an emergency move to save the young man's life. The deck force broke out lines and blocks, and a grizzled boat-swain's mate stood by with a 150-foot throwing line which terminated in a two-pound 'monkey's paw.' Tom was once more on the bridge, and he watched these preparations with apprehension, thinking to himself how impossible the operation looked.

On the port quarter, the U.S.S. Consolation was pulling up to station for the transfer. On her decks, scurrying activity attested that people there were performing the same tasks now being accomplished on board the Mastin. In her starboard chains, a blue-jacket stood, encircled by a kapok life jacket and for additional security, a strong rope which was gripped firmly by shipmates nearby. Held a casting line in his hand.

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# We, the Women

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

## ORIGIN OF THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Christians the world over believe that carrying the Gospel of Jesus Christ into all representative areas of the globe, as commanded by his great commission, has been the most important spiritual movement in human history. We hear much about how scientific inventions are bringing the world front closer together. Long before the airplane, missionaries were pioneers in binding the people of the world into a closer fellowship. To them we owe the extension of the Day of Prayer into all the world.

The history of the **World Day of Prayer** goes back to the year 1887 when Mrs. Darwin R. James, president of the Women's Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., called on her own group to pray for **Home Missions** on a specific date. The response was so great that it was repeated annually.

Then in the early nineties Mrs. Helen Barrett Montgomery and Mrs. Henry W. Peabody, outstanding leaders among Baptist women, were instrumental in designating a day for united prayer for **Foreign Missions**. For some time these groups observed home and foreign mission prayer days separately. In 1919 they came together and in 1920 the women of Canada joined them. They chose the first Friday in Lent for the day of prayer.

At this point the missionaries came into the picture. They spread the idea of a day of prayer by reporting the benefits and blessings they were receiving from this united intercession on their behalf by their North American sisters. Soon the news reached the uttermost parts of the world. The natives of other lands requested the privilege of joining this Christian observance and in 1927 the World Day of Prayer was born.

In 1942 a committee of the United Council of Church Women was appointed to plan, print and promote a prayer day program that is used in most evangelical churches.

As a Woman's Union of our General Conference we avail ourselves of the day, the theme and the many fine suggestions offered by them, but we prepare our own programs. Previously, our programs were printed in the "Baptist Herald" where everyone had access to them. At the Woman's Union Executive meeting in Philadelphia, your Board decided to have two women to edit the English and German programs respectively each year. They are sent to all the presidents

whose names appear on our "Broadcast" mailing list.

In 1953 over 19,000 communities in the United States alone, and over 118 countries around the world participated in the World Day of Prayer. The services begin on the Tonga Islands, where Queen Soloté leads her devout subjects in prayer, and continues all day around the world until the last meeting closes in Alaska on St. Lawrence Island.

The offerings taken on this day have always been designated by the women for home and foreign missions. Significantly our three-fold goal as a Woman's Union includes both home and foreign mission projects. We are committed to a goal of \$30,000 as a special offering unto the Lord during this triennium. Therefore will you please send your Prayer Day offerings marked, "For our Woman's Union goals," directly to: 7308 Madison St., Forest Park, Ill., or specify for which particular goal it is intended.

We have kept an accurate record of how you want your money to be used. To date the offerings from our women for our General Conference budget represent a generous sum. They are used for all missionary work of our conference. Our prayers to God, if sincere, make us willing to be sacrificial "doers of the Word and not hearers only."

## PREPARED HEARTS

On March 5, 1954 we will link ourselves through prayer, not only individually but collectively, with God Almighty who spins the universe. As sisters in Christ, from every continent of the world, we will re-ignite within our hearts a great flame of spiritual warmth through united prayer.

First of all, we will search the deepest recesses of our own hearts. Silhou-

**Program material for the World Day of Prayer, to be observed on March 5, 1954, with the theme, "That They May Have Life" (John 10:10), has been prepared for the leaders of our local Woman's Missionary Societies. Several copies have been sent to every president on the Broadcast mailing list. The English program was edited by Mrs. Otto R. Schmidt of Edmonton, Alta., Canada, and the German by Mrs. Otto Ertis of Lethbridge, Alta., Canada. Both are pastors' wives.**

etted against the radiant life of our matchless Savior, we will come face to face with our own selfishness, our baseless fears, our foolish pride and our greed. Only by our prayers of repentance, and with a spirit of sincere humility can we come with **prepared hearts** to our World Day of Prayer meetings.

With such spiritual preparedness the Spirit of God will flow from individuals right into the larger fellowship of worshipers. Paul says to "pray without ceasing" and Epictetus said, "Think of God more often than you breathe." Women who have made God such an indispensable companion in life will be accompanied by him wherever they go.

Inspired anew, after topping the spiritual energy from the very heart of God, the crucifixion and resurrection of our Lord will become meaningful in this pre-Easter season of Lent. The love that emanated from it to save, heal and bless mankind will fill us as we leave our places of worship and prayer. The transforming power of the Savior will again help us turn from darkness to light, from weakness to strength, and from defeat to victory.

## AFTER PRAYING, WHAT?

Having experienced the very Presence of God in a meeting sends us forth to face a test as to the sincerity of our purposes in praying. God works through his children and he works through the women of our Union. Then here is our test.

If we have prayed for our missionaries, what are we going to do to support them?

If we have prayed for the hungry, the lonely and the refugees, what are we going to do in service to them?

If we have prayed for God's Kingdom to come, how are we going to help spread the Gospel?

If we have prayed that the African women might become consecrated leaders, how can we help our missionaries bring this training to them?

We could go on indefinitely. We believe that being specific in our prayers, we receive in turn specific blessings, but we also believe that God will not do for us what we can do ourselves. By opening our minds and hearts to God's will in prayer, he will open not only channels of blessings for us but channels of self-denying service to him and one another.

The theme for World Day of Prayer on March 5, 1954 is "That They May Have Life" (John 10:10). Attend your service on Prayer Day if at all possible. Wherever you are, at home, at your office, on a bus or in the pew, join in prayer with God's children of every race, every kindred and every tribe. We need Christ's help and we need each other. Go to the Lord's House or to your place of prayer with **prepared hearts**, then pray and finally say, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?"



## FROM THE FIELD

### Southwestern Conference

#### Women's Missionary Meetings and Baptismal Services at La Salle, Colorado

The Woman's Missionary Union of the First Baptist Church of La Salle, Colo., recently held its anniversary program. Mrs. David Zimmerman, president, was in charge of a well prepared program including missionary pictures and a missionary offering. A Fellowship Supper sponsored by the Woman's Union was held in the church dining room with more than eighty in attendance.

Two baptismal services have been held recently. At the first one two couples were baptized and received into the fellowship of the church at the next communion service. At the second baptismal service, held on December 13, two entire families were baptized and then received into the fellowship of the church at the Watchnight Communion Service, thus making a total of eleven new members received since the beginning of the present church year.

During the first full week in January the "Week of Prayer" was observed. "Youth Week" was also observed and special evangelistic meetings were held in February. Pray that the Spirit of God might work mightily in and through us!

David Zimmerman, Pastor.

### Atlantic Conference

#### Clinton Hill Church, Newark, N. J., Holds Receptions for Pastor's and Missionary's Families

A farewell reception was held for the Rev. and Mrs. Robert S. Hess on Thursday evening, January 7, at the Clinton Hill Baptist Church in Newark, New Jersey. The chairmen of various groups in the church expressed words of warm feeling for the family. Personal gifts were given to Mrs. Hess and Sherry. A love gift was presented by Mr. George Joithe, chairman of the Board of Deacons, in behalf of the church in appreciation for their ministry during the past three years.

A time of fellowship was had afterwards in the church gym, with refreshments prepared by the ladies of the church. May God bless Pastor Hess and the Calvary Baptist Church of Tacoma, Wash., in their labors together for Christ. The Rev. Everett A.

Barker, the assistant pastor, has assumed the duties as interim pastor.

At the Clinton Hill Church in Newark, N. J., on Thursday evening, January 14, a farewell reception was held for Dr. and Mrs. Leslie M. Chaffee, Cameroons missionaries. Their testimonies were warmly received, and we have assured them of our prayers for their work. We as a church had the joy of meeting their four lovely children, to whom a love gift was given by our people. We count it a privilege to have a share in the labors of these consecrated servants of God. May this second term of missionary labors be even more fruitful than the one already completed.

Miriam K. Haag, Church Secretary.

### Eastern Conference

#### Christmas and Watchnight Services at Central Baptist Church of Erie, Pennsylvania

Amidst gaily ringing bells, sparkling tinsel, glowing lights, ever-green holly and all the preparations that go with the anniversary of the birth of the King, a young mother and a soldier, home on furlough, celebrated in a spiritual way their acceptance of this King by going through the waters of baptism at the Central Baptist Church, Erie, Pennsylvania.

The Christmas season brought much to the entire congregation in "keeping Christ in Christmas," with the choir presenting a cantata, "The Star of Bethlehem." The real meaning of "God so loved he gave" was shown by the Christmas party that was given by the combined ladies' organizations when they brought gifts of food, toys and money for the family of one of our young people whose husband lost both his legs in a tragic accident last spring. Truly, they found it more blessed to give than receive!

The young people were quite busy, too, as they went caroling to the sick and aged, decorated the sanctuary, presented a Christmas tableau, started a Sunday School basketball team, took charge of an evening service and showed motion pictures taken by one of the young men of the various events in the past year of our church life. Their plans for the future include another supper of free will offering to add to their Cameroons missions goal of \$1000. A talent night will bring out some of their hidden talents for the same goal.

The old year ended and the new began on a spiritual plane at our Watchnight Service. The young people

opened the first half of the service with singing of hymns and a fine film called, "The Return of the Rainbow." The pastor, the Rev. Peter Pfeiffer, gave a reading on the passing of the old year with appropriate sound effects over the public address system by Mrs. Pfeiffer. A most inspiring climax came in the form of the Lord's Supper.

Mrs. Louise Eichler, Reporter.

### Central Conference

#### Building Plans Totalling \$600,000 Envisioned by Erin Ave. Church, Cleveland, Ohio

United prayer has been answered at the Erin Avenue Baptist Church of Cleveland, Ohio. November 9th was a red letter date for us, for on that evening we received a building permit from the Parma Heights Council, after having been refused twice. The difficulty drove the church to prayer, united us in spirit and gave us opportunity to praise God for this victory.

One of the most important decisions that we at Erin Avenue Church made during the past two months was (1) to maintain the present church as a bilingual church, and (2) to establish an English Baptist Church in Parma Heights, a suburb of Cleveland with a population of 7,000 people having only two churches, a Lutheran and a Presbyterian, and no Baptist church.

The new church will be located on a 12-acre lot in Parma Heights. The several proposed units are: sanctuary, two educational wings, chapel, social hall and administration offices. The estimated cost of the entire building is \$600,000. The present unit will consist of the chapel, administration rooms and one educational wing to be built at a cost of \$160,000. The chapel will accommodate about 225 people and the educational unit about 300 scholars. The plan is to have duplicate services in both the chapel and educational wing, thus accommodating temporarily 450 people in church and 600 in Sunday School.

A two-week financial enlistment program was conducted from Nov. 8 to 22. This was the first attempt on the part of the church to encourage each member to make weekly pledges to the new unified budget of the church and to begin tithing his weekly income. The results of the enlistment program were: Thanksgiving offering on Nov. 2 of \$13,500 with 112 pledges consisting of \$20,000 for the next year and 75 members signing tithing cards which is 25 per cent of our membership of 310.

A Thanksgiving Victory Dinner was held on Nov. 24. The offering received was \$263.88. An excellent program was given with special music, skit, testimonies, singing and a message. The master of ceremonies was Mr. Otto Arndt.

Our membership goal for 1953 was one new member a week. We did receive 53 new members bringing our membership to 310. We praise God for all the blessings of 1953! The Rev. Edwin Miller is our pastor.

Delores Ziemann, Reporter.



## Pacific Conference

### Golden Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Schmiedt of Temple Church, Lodi, Calif.

On Sunday, December 27, approximately 250 friends and relatives called at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Schmiedt of Lodi, Calif., to congratulate them on the occasion of their fiftieth wedding anniversary. During this Open House, which had been arranged by their children, Mr. and Mrs. Schmiedt received their guests in front of the fireplace in the living room.

In the evening the members and friends of the Temple Baptist Church of Lodi planned a recognition service for the couple. To the tune of "The Wedding March," Mr. and Mrs. Schmiedt were ushered to the front of the sanctuary. They were followed by their seven children and 14 grandchildren as well as a number of other relatives. The choir under the direction of Calvin Lohr sang two of their favorite songs, "My God And I" and "The Old Rugged Cross." In the latter song their youngest daughter, Mrs. Virginia Mauch, rendered a solo.

A daughter-in-law, Mrs. Ella Schmiedt, read the life story of the couple, including both serious and humorous incidents. Clifford Schmiedt, who is our Sunday School superintendent, read a letter of appreciation to the parents signed by all the children, and the oldest grandchild, Carl Schmiedt, read a poem entitled "Fiftieth Anniversary." Personal greetings were extended to the couple by two friends of long standing, Mr. Philip Goehring and Mr. August Auch, and letters of congratulation were read from two of their former pastors, Dr. A. S. Felberg and Rev. Arthur Weisser. Mrs. Auch presented a gift in behalf of the Woman's Missionary Society of which Mrs. Schmiedt has been an active member for many years.

The pastor, the Rev. Robert Schreiber, read a passage of Scripture from the old family Bible which had guided them through many hard and difficult times and had been their joy and inspiration in happier days. A few thoughts were expressed by the pastor in appreciation of the long and faithful service rendered by them to Christ, both in the First Baptist Church and in Temple Baptist Church of Lodi. Mr. Schmiedt has served as trustee for forty years and Mrs. Schmiedt has been active equally as long in the women's work. In behalf of the church they were presented with a beautiful new Bible.

Robert Schreiber, Pastor.

### Many Inspirational Programs at the Bethany Baptist Church Near Portland, Oregon

Bethany Baptist Church near Portland, Ore., has enjoyed a full and fruitful program of events the past few months under the leadership of our pastor, the Rev. Arthur Schulz. November 10 was an evening to which the choir always looks forward. We had our banquet at the "Broiler" in



Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Schmiedt of the Temple Baptist Church, Lodi, Calif., at their golden wedding anniversary celebration

Portland. After a fine meal, we were entertained by two readings, quartet numbers, numerous witty sayings by our master of ceremonies, Sam Rich, and a very fine performance of magic by a Christian magician, Howard Peach. Our able and faithful choir director, Mrs. Ernie Schaefer, and organist, Mrs. Ben Croeni, were honored with lovely corsages.

Due to our pastor's evangelistic services at the Salt Creek Church, the pulpit was very ably filled by Dr. Stuart Hackett on November 22. The choir partook of a potluck dinner before a Sunday afternoon rehearsal. We enjoyed the fellowship of the Hackett family during this dinner hour.

November 27th was an eventful evening for the CBY group. They had their first progressive dinner. It was a real success with 24 persons attending. November 29th again found Dr. Hackett as our supply minister for morning service. Roland and Furne Rich showed pictures from their sum-

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Mr. Melvin Becker, Secretary, 4015 N.E. Stanton, Portland 13, Oregon

mer's training in Mexico prior to their leaving for Peru the early part of February.

A festive Christmas air greeted all those who attended the farewell banquet for the Chaffee family on December 4th. A musical program interspersed with best wishes and gifts from the various departments of the church made for a very memorable evening. A pot-luck dinner was enjoyed by all who attended on Sunday, December 6th. An afternoon service of favorite music was especially planned for the Chaffee family before they returned to Washington.

A Christus program, with Furne Rich as guest speaker, was enjoyed by all the mothers of Cradle Roll children. We met in the Bill Jenne home on December 15th with 15 mothers present. The Sunday School presented its Christmas program during the Sunday School hour on December 20th. Christmas Eve found a goodly number out for an evening of music and readings in the beautifully decorated church auditorium.

Mrs. Bill Jenne, Reporter.

### Baptism of Six Converts and Farewell for Pastor's Family at Missoula, Montana

The Bethel Baptist Church of Missoula, Mont., rang in the new year with a combined Watchnight and baptismal service. Six persons followed Christ in the waters of baptism.

January 3rd was our Communion Sunday, and the six new members were given the hand of fellowship at the Lord's table. The Week of Prayer was held from Jan. 4 to 8 with prayer meeting every night and a wonderful Bible study about the Holy Spirit.

Our dear pastor, the Rev. G. P. Schroeder, has resigned and has gone into the evangelistic ministry. The church gave him and his wife a surprise dinner on Sunday afternoon, Jan. 10, and a purse of money was presented to them. On Saturday, Jan. 16, the ministers of Missoula and their wives met for a farewell reception in the Bethel Baptist Church. Their program consisted of songs and prayer and was climaxed by the gift to the Schroeders.

Sunday, Jan. 17, was the last day of our pastor's ministry with us. He gave us a stirring message entitled, "Jesus With Us in the Lifeboat." The evening service was led by the CBY. They introduced all of their new officers to the church, and then called on the various church officers to address farewell words to the Schroeders. The Ladies' Aid presented them with a lovely picture of Glacier Park, and the Tabitha Society gave them a china teapot with matching cream and sugar service.

Brother Schroeder has been a great blessing to our church here during his two years and ten months of service, and he has led many souls to Christ, including your reporter. We have seen our church grow during his ministry, both in membership and with an addition to the basement. He speaks the truth as it is written, and we know that, wherever he goes, souls will be blessed.

Mrs. Geraldine Noland, Reporter.

## Northwestern Conference

### Election of Officers and Holiday Programs by the CBY of Watertown, Wisconsin

The Senior CBY of the First Baptist Church of Watertown, Wis., has truly received countless blessings from God, from whom all blessings flow.

At our December meeting election of officers was held. The results were: president, Glenn Rabenhorst; vice-president, Dorothy Rabenhorst; secretary, Alice Rabenhorst; treasurer, Norman Schroeder; reporter, Donna Mae Rabenhorst; pianist, Joyce Anderson and Shirley Olsen; advisors, Rev. and Mrs. J. G. Benke.

Most of our group had a part in portraying the Christmas story at our annual Sunday School program on Christmas Eve. On New Year's Eve we as a church observed a three-hour Watchnight Service. The first hour was in charge of the Senior CBY. A candlelight installation of officers was held. Closing the first hour we gave a short play entitled, "God Will Take Care of You."

Our group meets twice a month. On the second Monday we hold our business meeting and social and on the fourth Monday our devotional meeting. The young people have been having their own prayer circles at our Wednesday evening Bible study and prayer service.

In the future we plan on giving exchange programs at several of our Wisconsin churches, in order that we as a Wisconsin CBY might meet our 1953-1954 state goal of \$1,000 for the Bano Hospital in the Cameroons.

Donna Mae Rabenhorst, Reporter.

### Christmas Festivities and Watchnight Service at Baptist Church, North Freedom, Wisconsin

We of the North Freedom Baptist Church, North Freedom, Wis., realize we have many reasons to praise God for his abundant mercies and many blessings. It seems that the greater and more difficult the task, the closer God's children become united. The things we thought were almost impossible have, through faith and work, become a reality.

Some of the highlights of the past year included an impressive baptismal service, the observance of our 95th anniversary, and a successful Vacation Bible School. As for improvements of the church property, a completely new oil-burning heating system was installed.

The Christmas festivities were begun with a fine Christmas program in the church. During this program the pastor's family was presented with several very useful gifts, among them a sizable check. We closed the year with an impressive Watchnight Service. Mr. H. Oscar Fritzke, a senior student at our Seminary at Sioux Falls, S. Dak., was the guest speaker for the first portion of our service.

Following the intermission, the ladies of the church served refreshments. The Rev. Edward Kopf of Holloway, Minn., brought the com-



Officers of the Senior CBY of Watertown, Wis., with the Rev. J. G. Benke, advisor, at center (standing)

munion message. During a period of silent prayers the church bell began to ring announcing the New Year. At the annual business meeting of the church the pastor was given a substantial raise in salary.

We thank God for the love and loyalty of his people here in North Freedom. May he continue to bless and guide us in working and praying together for his Kingdom and his cause during 1954.

Thomas Lutz, Pastor.

### Christmas, Watchnight and January Services at Grace Church, Racine, Wisconsin

The Grace Baptist Church of Racine, Wis., teemed with activity in preparation for Christmas. The choir presented its concert on Sunday evening, December 13, which included the cantata, "The Story of Christmas," with the Rev. Raymond Parry as narrator. The choir also sang several other Christmas anthems and the guest violinist, Miss Marion Rasmussen, played two beautiful solo numbers.

On December 16 the church chartered a bus and a large group attended the North Shore Baptist Church in Chicago to hear their choir's presentation of the "Messiah."

The annual Christmas pageant this year entitled, "Light of the World," was written by Miss Janet Mackinder, of the Woodward Ave. Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich., and directed by our Mrs. Oliver Olson. Our choir and the cast of 16 members presented the Christmas story in a manner which we trust helped all who were present really to try and "put Christ back into Christmas."

On Christmas Eve the Sunday School gave its program and everybody received candy. The young people had charge of the first half of the New Year's Eve Watchnight Service, during which everybody enjoyed a wonderful time of Christian fellowship. During the last hour, three adults went through the waters of baptism and also received the hand of fellowship after the serving of the Lord's Supper.

On the first Sunday of the new year, the young people conducted the eve-

ning service. Their mixed quartet sang and three high school students spoke, telling how and when they were converted, what the Lord had meant to them, and how they plan to use their lives to honor and glorify him. Everybody was thrilled and deeply inspired with their testimonies as we were made more aware how important it is to "bear up" our young people with constant prayer and encouragement.

The rest of the Sunday evenings in January were designated to emphasize missions, with the showing of the film, "That They May Hear," as well as several guest speakers, including the Rev. R. Schilke, general missionary secretary for our conference.

A six-week Leadership School is in progress every Wednesday night with an enrollment of 31 young people and adults taking classes on teaching kindergarten children, primary children, juniors, youth and adults. All teachers, substitutes and others interested in the work of the Sunday School were urged to attend, and we are trusting the Lord to bless each one who takes advantage of this great opportunity.

Mrs. Art Hilker, Reporter.

## Northern Conference

### Christmas With the Indians on the Montana Reserve Near Hobbema, Alberta

This year, as never before, we were made to realize the real meaning of Christmas on the Montana Reserve in Alberta, our Indian mission field. Our young people for the first time took part in what proved to be a real blessing to their hearts, as we went out carolling to eight different homes of the oldest members of the reserve, and also presented them with a little gift from the young people.

There was much work in the preparation for the services and the beautifying of the chapel for the program on December 23. However, nothing could have blessed our hearts more, than to see 120 people with beaming faces from as far as twelve miles away come to hear their boys and girls sing and recite their parts, but most of all to hear again and experience the living Christ anew within their hearts.

Our own hearts had been heavy and burdened a few days prior to the program, when Satan had tried to discourage our people and had tried to turn their hearts from the real meaning of Christmas. How our hearts rejoiced together with them, when they came to us after the program and said, "This is the Jesus' Way of Christmas!"

Truly, God is blessing the work out here among the Indians, and only because Christian friends all over the world are remembering to pray and to give. We want to challenge all to continue to pray without ceasing because Satan does not sleep but is about seeding the seed of destruction within the hearts of men and women everywhere.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Derman, Missionaries.



### Concert by the McDermot Ave. Baptist Church Choir in Winnipeg, Manitoba

On Sunday, December 27, the choir of the McDermot Avenue Baptist Church, Winnipeg, Man., dedicated their new choir robes and, in order to pay for them, presented a Choral Concert.

After a very hearty singspiration, our president, Mr. Arthur Zink, extended a welcome to all present and immediately after the announcements three consecutive choir numbers were rendered under the direction of Mr. Harry Rostig with Miss Clara Seecamp at the organ, beginning with W. C. Macfarland's beautiful "Open Our Eyes," followed by E. L. Ashford's choir and solo selection, "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night" (Miss Edith Streichert being the soloist), and concluded with "Sing, Sing O Heavens" by C. Simper.

The male quartet afforded a break for the choir, but immediately after its song two more numbers were rendered: "Angels from the Realms of Glory" by George Kessle and Ira B. Wilson's choir and solo selection, "A Song That Forever Will Ring" (Mrs. Donna Anhalt being the soloist).

After an address by Dr. C. H. Seecamp and the taking of the offering, two German choir numbers were presented entitled, "Jesus ist kommen" by P. Ruppel and "Siehe, der Hüter Israels" by F. Mendelsohn, followed by a violin solo by Miss Martha Kroeker. The concert was ended with the singing of F. W. Peace's inspiring "Arise, Shine for Thy Light is Come" from the cantata, "The Morn of Glory."

(Miss) E. Redlich, Reporter.

### Evangelistic Meetings and Baptism of Six Converts at Temple Church, Leduc, Alberta

With praise to God, we of the Temple Baptist Church of Leduc, Alta., rejoice for the many blessings our heavenly Father has showered upon us. We were especially thankful for the privilege of having the Rev. H. Pfeifer of Edmonton, Alta., as our evangelist. The splendid method he used in presenting the Gospel on Felt-o-scene added much to his sincere, soul stirring messages and left vivid impressions on the minds and hearts of our people.

On Dec. 9th our church had the pleasure of celebrating the 25th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Ohlman. As our loyal, active and sincere church members, we wish them God's richest blessings for many more years.

On Dec. 29th our mixed choir under the very capable leadership of Mrs. A. Klatt presented a musical program. This was a great blessing and inspiration to all who were present. On Dec. 20th our young people rendered a fine Christmas program, highlighted by the play, "His Wonders to Perform."

The Watchnight Service on Dec. 31 was a crowning event of the year. The Rev. Ed. Link of Edmonton, Alta., as our guest speaker delivered a wonderful message. With joy we then wit-

nessed the baptism of six candidates by our pastor, the Rev. H. Schatz. After the Lord's Supper was received, the hand of fellowship was extended to eight new members. We then experienced a blessed time in testifying for our Lord and in sincere prayer on our knees we entered the New Year. Mrs. H. Schatz, Reporter.

### Ordination of the Rev. R. E. Grabke by the Grace Baptist Church, Davin, Saskatchewan

On May 31, 1953 the Grace Baptist Church of Davin, Sask., called together a council from the neighboring churches for the purpose of setting Mr. R. Grabke apart for the Gospel ministry. The following churches were represented: Regina, Edenwold, Fenwood, Southey, Serath and Davin. Sixteen delegates were represented from these churches Mr. Carl Brucker, deacon of the Davin Church, called the meeting to order and led in the singing of a hymn and read from the Scriptures. The deacon, Mr. Harry Rosom, led in prayer. The council then organized with Rev. R. Milbrandt as chairman and Rev. E. Link as secretary.

Mr. Harry Rosom introduced the candidate, Mr. R. Grabke, who in brief and well chosen words gave his testimony relative to his conversion, his call to the Gospel ministry and his doctrinal viewpoint. This was done with joy and inner conviction as he confirmed his statement with the Scriptures in a very satisfactory manner. After a period of questioning, the council withdrew for a short conference. Since the candidate had given his testimony convincingly, clearly and constructively, the council recommended to the church to proceed with the ordination.

The ordination service was held that same evening. A large congregation was assembled for the blessed service. A 19-piece orchestra rendered a fine musical prelude and also accompanied the congregation in the singspiration. The Rev. Milbrandt was in charge. The Rev. S. Thomas read the Scripture passage. The Rev. E. Thiessen led in prayer. The Victoria Baptist Church choir rendered an anthem, "Here Am I."

The ordination message was brought by Rev. C. Rempel of Hebron, N. Dak., the one who led the candidate to the Lord. The message was based on 2 Timothy 4:6. The Rev. S. Thomas offered the ordination prayer with the laying on of hands by various ministers. The Rev. E. Thiessen welcomed the candidate into the ranks of the ministry. The Rev. E. Link gave the charge to the church and the Rev. F. Ohlmann gave the charge to the candidate. The Rev. R. Grabke closed this blessed and very impressive service with benediction by singing, "Lord, Make My Life a Life of Prayer."

Mrs. H. Lindenbach, Church Clerk.

### Special Programs and Golden Wedding Anniversary at Baptist Church, Olds, Alberta

On December 13th the Woman's Missionary Society of the Olds Baptist Church, Olds, Alta., held its annual

program. Mrs. I. Falkenberg, vice-president, was in charge of the program. Mrs. P. Huber led the congregational singing. Mrs. M. Lutz read the Scriptures. The secretarial and financial reports read by Mrs. R. Witt and Mrs. M. Haerle, respectively, showed that God's blessing had been upon the group.

Our oldest member, Mrs. J. Grunwald, is still able to recite lovely German pieces from memory. Other poems were given by Mrs. R. Fried, Mrs. H. Kaiser, Mrs. M. Mehlhorn, and Clara Grapentine. Two dialogues were presented. The German dialogue presented by Mrs. R. Witt and Mrs. H. Weidman told of the needs of the New Hope Settlement mission station in the Cameroons. Four players, Mrs. J. Hiller, Mrs. A. Schalin, Mrs. M. Hearle, and Mrs. V. Pahl, showed us through an English dialogue, the great need for growth in our spiritual lives.

Two ladies' choir numbers were rendered. A ladies' quartet comprised of Mrs. I. Falkenberg, Mrs. R. Fried, Mrs. H. Weidman, and Mrs. R. Witt, rendered several selections. After a short challenging message by the Rev. F. W. Pahl, an offering which amounted to \$75.00 was given as unto the Lord and his work abroad.

It was a great pleasure on November 29 to celebrate the 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. John Grunwald. Many friends gathered in the church basement on Sunday afternoon to rejoice with them on this occasion. On behalf of the church Mr. R. F. Unger presented the couple with a lovely hostess chair. Mr. and Mrs. Grunwald responded with words of gratefulness to the Lord who had allowed them health and strength to come thus far in their walk of life.

After much time and practise, the young people ably presented a play, "The Haven of Rest," at the annual Watchnight Service. The play shows how an entire family can be changed and brought to peace when Christ is allowed to rule and reign. Playing the part of the harassed and backslidden mother was Deloris Weidman. Her daughter Sylvia, Rosemary Weidman, a crippled girl has to face a big operation. The Rev. F. W. Pahl was Joseph, the grown-up son and black sheep of the family. Walter Witt was the delightful little brother, Johnny-on-the-spot. Gloria Huber was the Christian personal worker who directed the family to the Lord Jesus. Doctor and nurse were played by Walter Unger and Pearl Huber.

Mrs. V. A. Pahl, Reporter.

### Dakota Conference Grace Church, Grand Forks, N. Dak., Holds Special Meetings and Adopts Missionary Couple

During the month of November we of the Grace Baptist Church, Grand Forks, N. Dak., had two weeks of inspiring spiritual messages by our guest speaker, the Rev. H. Smuland of Sheffield, Iowa. On Dec. 13 the Rev. R. Schilke, general missionary secre-

tary, spoke to us at the services and at our request gave us the plan for adopting a missionary. The church unanimously voted to adopt partially the missionaries, the Rev. and Mrs. Walter Sukut of Japan.

On Dec. 20 our Sunday School presented a fine Christmas program at which the church treasurer presented our beloved pastor, the Rev. H. L. Waltereit, with a small token of our love. At the Watchnight Service the young people presented the final film in the Life of the Apostle Paul. Then we had an hour of fellowship and gathered again in the sanctuary for a brief period of singing. We entered the new year celebrating the Lord's Supper in a beautiful candlelight service.

We thank God for his guidance and pray that we might be on his side every step of the way.

Mrs. Joe Werre, Reporter.

### Remodeling Program, Baptismal Service and Christmas Festivities at Washburn, North Dakota

The Baptist Church of Washburn, N. Dak., has been engaged in a remodeling program recently. Work commenced on September 28th, tearing down the old tower, which was followed by excavation underneath, enlarging and rebuilding it. This gives us an enlarged vestibule, a larger dining room with an outside front entrance and an extra Sunday School room above. Except for trim on the upper structure, the new addition is completed. All labor was donated by members and friends of the church and also much of the material. Further remodeling in the kitchen and furnace room are planned, also a new roof and paint inside and outside to be completed this summer. Estimated material cost when completed is about \$4000.

A Junior Church was organized in October which has been progressing. In November two weeks of revival meetings were held with the Rev. C. Rempel of Hebron giving us much spiritual food and some souls were saved. Baptism followed on December 13th with the joy of four candidates taking up their cross to live their lives for Christ.

The entire church enjoyed a blessed Christmas season with its true meaning at heart. Twelve of our young people attended the fine "singfest" at Martin, N. Dak., on Dec. 29th. On New Year's Eve the young people of the CBY presented the most inspiring play, "Your Church and Mine," which was followed with a fellowship hour and Watchnight Service. The play was presented in the Hebron Baptist Church on January 3 to a full house, after which a blessed time was enjoyed in the church parlors.

We were happy to have the Rev. R. Schilke of Forest Park, Ill., in our midst the first Sunday of the year, who brought words of encouragement and hope. He also showed slides of the mission field. On January 17th we were blessed with a message by the Rev. R. Grenz, pastor of the Trinity Church, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Mrs. Orrin Enockson, Clerk.



Rev. F. Alf (rear, center) of Washburn, N. Dak., and four converts whom he recently baptized

### New Eight-Room Parsonage Is Dedicated by Baptist Church, Plevna, Montana

Sunday, Dec. 13th, was a very special occasion for us at the Plevna Baptist Church, Plevna, Montana. Friends from neighboring churches gathered to share with us in the joy of achievement and dedication of our beautiful, newly constructed parsonage. The Rev. G. Beutler, pastor of the church, was in charge of the services.

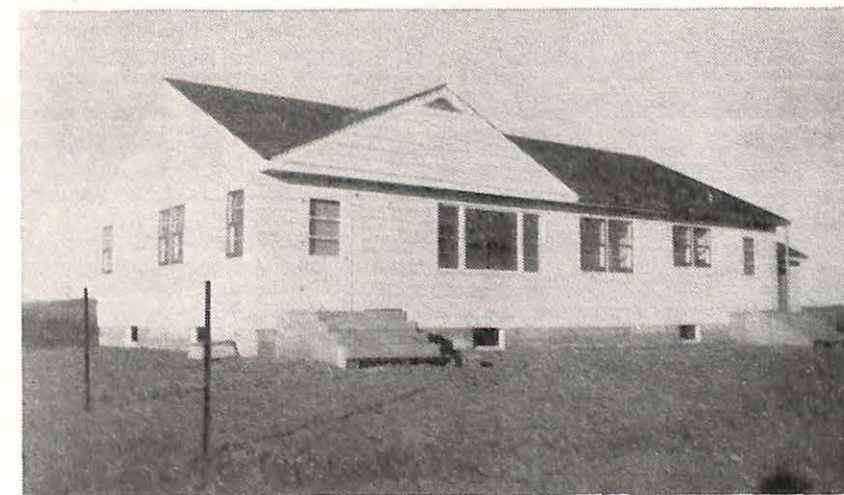
We were happy that Dr. John Leyboldt from our headquarters, who served as our guest speaker, came to

dedication address based on Psalm 127: "Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it." Mrs. Edward Burkle sang appropriately, "Bless This House." Words of congratulation were offered by representatives of the various local churches as well as by the Rev. Edward Oster of Hettinger, North Dakota. He also spoke to the Sunday School in the morning and assisted in the worship exercises of the day.

Reports by the chairman of the building committee, Mr. John Lang, and the treasurer, Mr. George Huber, revealed that the eight-room house, fully modern with mop-board water heating installed, and garage, was erected at a cost of about \$20,000 with only a debt of about \$4000 remaining. Mrs. Jake Schweigert, treasurer of the Ladies' Missionary Society, reported that the women had completely decorated the interior and furnished shades for all the windows and drapes for the front room windows. A ladies' quartet consisting of Mrs. Wilmer Huber, Mrs. Edward Burkle, Mrs. Beutler and Miss Anita Beutler sang, "We Thee Adore."

The congregation gathered in front of the new parsonage and the deacon, Mr. Benjamin Huber, offered the dedication prayer. Mr. John Lang then officially presented the key to the pastor, Rev. G. Beutler, who expressed his deep appreciation for the love and care shown by God's people in providing their minister and his family with such a beautiful and comfortable home. Open house followed then for all who wished to view the interior.

We as the minister's family feel especially indebted to our people for



The new parsonage of the Plevna Baptist Church, Plevna, Mont., of which the Rev. and Mrs. G. Beutler and family are the first occupants

us for Dec. 6th and spent the entire week in our midst, enriching us spiritually through his messages and fellowship. At the morning service on Dec. 13th, Dr. Leyboldt brought us a wonderful message on his chosen text from Romans 12:1. The mixed chorus added its festive note with two anthems of praise: "Bless the Lord, O My Soul," and "Let the Earth Rejoice." At noon the ladies served a delicious meal in the basement of the church.

In the afternoon Dr. Leyboldt again challenged our hearts with a special

the deep understanding and concern shown us in our recent crisis. Mr. Beutler had to undergo major surgery at the Mayo Clinic on Nov. 3rd, and the church gave him two months' leave of absence with pay, and upon his return presented him with a love offering, which, together with a previous one, amounted to \$400 to help cover his medical expenses. With God's help he has been thus far restored so that since Dec. 20th he has been able to resume his ministry.

Mrs. G. Beutler, Reporter.



## Watchnight Service and Christian Workers' Conference at Grace Church, Hettinger, North Dakota

On New Year's Eve, December 31, we, the Grace Baptist Church of Hettinger, N. Dak., met in our church parlors at 9:00 P.M. to begin our Watchnight Service. During the first hour we spent those precious moments studying the 14th chapter of Romans. At the close of our first hour of worship, we gathered in the basement of the church to experience an hour of fellowship. At the 11 o'clock hour we ascended to our sanctuary and were led in our meditation by our pastor, the Rev. Edward Oster, on the subject, "Whither bound?" based on Joshua 1:1-9. We closed the final moments of 1953 and greeted the beginning of 1954 in fervent prayer unto our Lord.

On January 13 and 14 we were privileged to be the host church of the Christian Workers' Conference of the (Continued on Page 24)

## 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.)

### MISS EMILIE MANTHEY of Chicago, Illinois.

Miss Emilie Manthey of Chicago, Ill., was born February 15, 1883 in the province of Volhynia, Russia, died at her home in Chicago on Dec. 26, 1953. Early in life she surrendered her life to Christ in faith, and was baptized by the Rev. Martin Jeske, and added to the membership of the Lucynow Baptist Church.

In 1905 she came to Chicago and joined the First German Baptist Church (now the Foster Avenue Baptist Church) in which she remained a member until her death. Left to mourn her passing is one brother, Daniel; a niece, Mrs. E. Kleinfen; a second niece, Mrs. E. Juul, all of Chicago; and a host of friends.

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## THE BAPTIST HERALD

The funeral service was conducted by the undersigned on Dec. 28. According to Hebrews 4:9-11 he pointed out that after the work of a long day, the fairest boon God sends to his tired friend is to call him home and grant him rest. He did that for our departed sister!

Foster Avenue Baptist Church,  
Chicago, Illinois  
JOE SONNENBERG, Pastor.

### MRS. ELIZABETH SCHMIDT of Lorraine, Kansas.

Mrs. Elizabeth Henrietta Schmidt of Lorraine, Kans., the eighth child of the late Rev. E. C. and Eva Janzen, was born in Monee, Ill., on September 24, 1877 and died on Jan. 7th 1953 in the hospital in Hutchinson where she had been since December 2. She was 76 years, 2 months, and 15 days old.

In October 1879 she came with her parents to Ellsworth county, settling in Green Garden township. Later she lived with her parents in Ellsworth. At the residence of her parents near Lorraine she was united in marriage to George L. Schmidt on May 11, 1897. She and her husband lived on a farm near Lorraine where they remained until Mr. Schmidt's death on September 2, 1918. She then moved to Lorraine where she made her home until death.

The deceased is survived by two daughters: Mrs. Harold Heitmann of Stockton, Calif.; Mrs. Alvin Bronleewe of Lorraine; one son, Donald, of Kansas City, Mo.; four brothers: Henry Janzen of Lorraine, Edward Janzen of Geneseo, Lewis Janzen of Wichita, Texas; three grandchildren, Dan, Dennis Heitmann, and Gary Schmidt; and a host of relatives and friends. A daughter, Clara, preceded her in death on January 20, 1926.

Funeral services were held at the First Baptist Church in Lorraine with Rev. Walter Schmidt of Lorraine, Dr. Elmer Janzen of Geneseo, and Rev. Louis Johnson of Waco, Texas, officiating. Burial was in the Lorraine church cemetery.

Lorraine, Kansas  
WALTER R. SCHMIDT,  
Officiating Minister.

### MR. JULIUS CHARLES STANKEY of Anaheim, California.

"It is not death to die." These are the words with which we would mark the passing of our brother, Julius Charles Stankey of Anaheim, Calif., who was born on July 10, 1890 and was translated into the heavenly life on December 3, 1953. All of Brother Stankey's life was spent in Anaheim, Calif., where he was born, educated, married, worked, born-again and finished his course.

Born into a Christian home as a member of a large family of nine children, it was only natural that his path should lead him into the footsteps of Christ. He was converted at the age of twenty. Fifteen years later, he fully surrendered his life to Christ and at that time, together with his oldest son, was baptized into Christ's death by the Rev. O. R. Schroeder. Through all the years thereafter, he was a faithful member of the Bethel Baptist Church of Anaheim, California.

On Dec. 12, 1917 Mr. Stankey and Amanda Panter were united in marriage, a union that was blessed of God with six children. Two of these preceded their father in death: the one a daughter, Virginia, the other a son, Ensign Robert Stankey, who was killed in action while serving in the armed forces of our country. He is survived by his wife, Amanda; three sons: Ed of Altadena, Calif.; Jay of Anaheim, Calif.; Walter of Long Beach, Calif.; one daughter, Mrs. Elaine Kuzmaul of San Clemente, Calif.; six grandchildren, and a host of friends.

Brother Stankey was a man of quiet and congenial character, one who loved the Lord and his church and was deeply devoted to his wife and family. The center of his desires and affections were his home and family. His memory is blessed to all who knew him. Of him we say, "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from henceforth, for they rest from their labors and their works do follow after them."

Bethel Baptist Church,  
Anaheim, California  
BERTHOLD JACKSTEIT, Pastor.

February 25, 1954

### MR. HENRY REMBOLDT of Gackle, North Dakota.

Mr. Henry Remboldt of Gackle, N. Dak., was born on Feb. 8, 1887 in Hutchinson County near Menno, S. Dak., and died at his home suddenly on Jan. 12, 1954 at the age of 66 years and 11 months.

Mr. Remboldt married Miss Christina Hehn on Nov. 27, 1907, and this happy union was blessed with three children.

He confessed Christ early in 1929 and was baptized July 13, 1929 by the Rev. B. W. Krentz. He was a faithful member of the Grace Baptist Church of Gackle until his untimely death. He was also a deacon of the church at the time of his passing. Mr. Remboldt held many offices in the church and the Sunday School.

He was active in the community, having been a prominent businessman and served many years as a member of the Town Board.

He leaves to mourn his departure his wife, Mrs. Christina Remboldt; one sister, Mrs. Carl Heinrich of Gackle, N. Dak.; two brothers: Mr. Christ Remboldt and Mr. John Remboldt, both of Gackle, N. Dak.; three children: Mrs. Ted Speidel, Mrs. Edward Mueller, and Mr. Reuben R. Remboldt, all of Gackle, N. Dak.; and five grandchildren; besides many other relatives and friends.

The large attendance at the funeral was a tribute to his wide range of friendships. May God console and comfort the sorrowing with an everlasting hope.

Grace Baptist Church,  
Gackle, North Dakota  
REV. M. WOLFF, Pastor.

### MR. ALFRED BROSE of Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Mr. Alfred Brose of the McDermot Ave. Baptist Church, Winnipeg, Man., was born on Nov. 12, 1929 in Winnipeg, Man., and passed away to be with the Lord on January 6, 1954, after a brief illness. He accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as his personal Savior and confessed him in baptism in 1944, being baptized by the Rev. Otto Patzia of Winnipeg, in which church he remained an active and faithful member until his death.

On November 8, 1952 he was married to Miss Gerda Patzia of Winnipeg, which marriage was blessed with one son. He leaves behind to mourn his departure his wife, Mrs. Gerda Brose; and son, Jerry Alfred of Winnipeg; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Brose of Winnipeg; two brothers: Gustave of Vancouver, B. C., and William of Winnipeg; one sister, Miss Helen Brose of Winnipeg; his parents-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. William Patzia of Winnipeg; as well as many relatives and friends.

The funeral service was held in the McDermot Avenue Baptist Church, the pastor bringing a message in English on John 14: 1-3 and Rev. 21-22 and the Rev. Otto Patzia of Detroit, Mich., bringing a message in German on Isaiah 54:10.

McDermot Ave. Baptist Church,  
Winnipeg, Manitoba  
C. H. SEECAMP, Pastor.

### MRS. IDA BRANDT of Nokomis, Saskatchewan.

Mrs. Ida Brandt, nee Frisch, of Nokomis, Sask., was born March 2, 1862 in Russia. On November 30, 1884, she was united in the holy bonds of marriage to George Brandt. This union was blessed with eleven children, of which six predeceased their mother in death.

In the year 1893 she came with husband and children to Canada, and after living one year in Winnipeg, Man., they made their home on a farm at Plumus, Manitoba.

In 1907 she was predeceased by her loving husband. So in the same year with her children the pioneer spirit brought her west into Saskatchewan, where she homesteaded three miles of Nokomis. Here she also became a member of the Nokomis Baptist Church where she remained a faithful member until death.

In 1933 she retired to the town of Nokomis, and since 1949 she made her home in the Haven of Rest at Medicine Hat, Alberta. On Monday, Jan. 11, after reaching a ripe old age of 91 years, 10 months and 8 days, she went to be with the Lord. She

leaves to mourn, one daughter, Elizabeth at Simpson, Sask.; four sons: Leo of Nokomis, Sask.; Charlie at Regina, Sask.; Edward at Edmonton, Alta.; William at Winnipeg, Man.; 18 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren; and many friends.

The funeral service was conducted by the undersigned in the Nokomis Baptist Church, and the body was laid to rest in the Nokomis cemetery. The comforting thought was taken from 2 Tim. 4:7-8. May the Lord of all comfort be the one who fills the hearts of the bereaved with the glorious hope of reunion.

Nokomis, Saskatchewan,  
ROBERT JASTER, Pastor.

### MR. OKKO DEBOER of Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Mr. Okko DeBoer of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., was born at Little Rock, Iowa, on January 7, 1900 and died of a heart attack on December 30, 1953, in his home.

At the age of nine he moved with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hisco DeBoer, to a farm near Corona, South Dakota. In 1923 he was united in marriage to Hattie Poppen at Corona. This marriage was blessed with four children. An infant daughter preceded the father in death.

He farmed in the Corona area for ten years before he moved into Corona to become custodian for the Corona School. In 1945 he moved to Rochester, N. Y., to become superintendent of buildings of the North American Baptist Seminary and he moved to Sioux Falls, S. Dak., in 1949 where he assumed a similar position with the Seminary. He was very faithful in this task which he regarded as a calling of the Lord.

Mr. DeBoer accepted Christ as Savior in 1921 and shortly thereafter was baptized upon his profession of faith by the Rev. Henry Hirsch and added to the membership of the First Baptist Church, Corona, South Dakota.

He served faithfully as deacon of the Andrews Street Baptist Church, Rochester, N. Y., and the Trinity Baptist Church, Sioux Falls, South Dakota. He helped to organize the Trinity Baptist Church of which he was a charter member. His primary interest was in the Lord's work, the church and during the last two years the building project of Trinity Church.

He leaves to mourn his death his wife; a son, the Rev. Lawrence DeBoer, New York, N. Y.; two daughters, Virginia and Mrs. Elmer Harms, Sioux Falls; one grandson; six brothers: Rev. Martin DeBoer of Springdale, Sask.; Leonard, Otto, John, Dick and Louis of Corona; five sisters: Mrs. Leonard Sprung and Elsie of Corona, Mrs. George Buseman of Canistota, Mrs. Bert Lang and Mrs. Marvin Behlen of Columbus, Neb., and many other relatives and friends.

The funeral service was held in Sioux Falls on January 1st with the undersigned and Dr. George A. Lang bringing words of comfort. The following day a funeral service was held in the First Baptist Church of Corona, S. Dak., with Rev. Herman Lohr in charge and Dr. George A. Lang assisting. Interment was made in the Corona Cemetery. May the Lord comfort and bless the bereaved!

Trinity Baptist Church,  
Sioux Falls, South Dakota  
RICHARD A. GRENZ, Pastor.

### MRS. MINNIE MICHELSON of Martin, North Dakota.

Mrs. Minnie Michelson, nee Pepple, of Anamoose, N. Dak., was born Nov. 18, 1896, in Rumania to August and Justina Pepple. In 1905 she migrated with her parents to Argentina, South America, where they lived for seven years. In 1912 they came to North Dakota settling in the Carrington district. On Nov. 25, 1915 she was united in marriage to Phillip Michelson by the late Rev. W. S. Wahl. This marriage union was blessed with six sons and one daughter. The family resided in the Martin district for 31 years, and in the spring of 1946 they moved to Anamoose, North Dakota.

In March 1952, Mrs. Michelson was stricken with pneumonia and a stroke

which left her paralyzed and helpless for the remainder of her life. She was bed-ridden for one year and ten months. On Dec. 19, 1953, she suffered another severe stroke and on January 11, 1954, at 8:10 P.M., she passed away at the age of 57 years, 1 month and 14 days.

In 1919 Mrs. Michelson accepted Christ as her personal Savior and was baptized and accepted into the fellowship of the Martin Baptist Church by Rev. W. S. Wahl. Although Mrs. Michelson faced many spiritual difficulties in her life and was out of fellowship with the church for some time, nevertheless she achieved ultimate victory in Christ Jesus. She loved to see us come and read the Word and pray with her. We trust and believe that she found grace and forgiveness from Christ, who died for her.

She leaves to mourn her early departure, her husband, Phillip Michelson; her six sons: Ruben and August of Martin; Edwin, a missionary in Africa; Hilmer and Roland of Anamoose; Clifford of Valley City; and one daughter, Mrs. Bernice Lee of Moorehead, Minn.; four daughters-in-law; one son-in-law; ten grandchildren; four brothers: George, Fred, Pete and Carl Pepple; a host of friends and relatives.

Funeral services were held from the Anamoose Baptist Church. The undersigned officiated, using Mark 8:36-38 as the text. Mrs. Michelson is the mother of our beloved Missionary Edwin Michelson. May the Lord comfort and bless the bereaved family.

Martin, North Dakota  
JOHN ENGEL, Pastor.

### MR. CHARLES J. SCHMIERER of Lodi, California.

Mr. Charles J. Schmierer of Lodi, Calif., was born on March 5, 1892 at Chicago, Illinois. While he was still a young boy the family moved to North Dakota, settling in the Berlin district. He was united in marriage with Carrie Mehlhoff on November 8, 1917 at Parkston, S. Dak., where they also lived for a number of years, farming in that district. Because of a heart ailment Mr. Schmierer was advised to seek an occupation which would require less heavy physical work. As a result he learned the shoe repair trade, which occupation he followed until his death.

In 1933 the family moved to Salem, Ore., and after fifteen years they came to Lodi, California. In the spring of 1949 Mr. Schmierer suffered a severe heart attack from which he was not expected to recover. However, God raised him up and he was able to continue his work and enjoy fairly good health in the past few years. On the morning of Dec. 25, 1953, while he was gathering a few flowers for his sister-in-law whose husband had died suddenly just six months previously, the Lord called him home. He had reached the age of 61 years.

Mr. Schmierer was a sincere Christian, devoted to the work of the Lord, having accepted Christ as his personal Savior at the age of 13. He was baptized in Coldwater Lake, N. Dak., on June 12, 1905 and became a member of the Baptist Church at Berlin. Wherever he was since that time, he was an active Christian and ardent Bible student and a willing witness for Christ. It was not unusual when business was slack to find him in his shop engrossed in the reading of his Bible. At the time of his death he was a faithful member of the Temple Baptist Church and of the Men's Brotherhood.

He leaves to mourn his sudden passing his beloved wife, Carrie; three daughters: Mrs. Isabel Clausen of Vancouver, Wash.; Mrs. Dolores King of Stockton, Calif.; and Mrs. Esther Hoffman of Lodi, Calif.; four grandchildren: James and Charlie Clausen, and Kristie and Carrieele King; two brothers: Jake Schmierer of Lansing, Mich.; and Henry Schmierer of San Leandro, Calif.; two sisters: Mrs. Emma Mehlhoff of Tyn-dall, S. Dak., and Mrs. Charlotte Ohlhauser of Calgary, Alberta. In addition a great many other relatives and friends will miss his gentle spirit and kind ways. "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints."

Temple Baptist Church,  
Lodi, California  
ROBERT SCHREIBER, Pastor.



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## HETTINGER, NORTH DAKOTA

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Badland Area. It was our privilege to have with us at this time Dr. M. L. Leuschner, Rev. L. Bienert, Miss Ruth Bathauer, Rev. R. Grenz, Mrs. Bernard Fritzke, and Mrs. Reuben Friez as our instructors. Our hearts were touched and moved by this very informative conference. We realized again the great work that needs to be done in our Sunday Schools and our CBY's. Films were shown by Dr. Leuschner that presented to us the vast importance of our White Cross work and the great task of our missionaries in their ministry to the African people.

Our church was filled to capacity with representatives from our churches at Mott, N. Dak.; New Leipzig, N. Dak.; Selfridge, N. Dak.; McLaughlin, S. Dak.; McIntosh, S. Dak.; Isabel and Bison, S. Dak.; Plevna, Mont., and of our own parishioners. We all received great and bountiful blessings from this conference as we were led by our able instructors. Each instructor presented the challenge and the needs within our Sunday School and CBY work.

Truly, the Christian Workers' Conference has met the need in our churches and we who were present are anxiously awaiting the next Christian Workers' Conference.

Mrs. Betty Oster, Reporter.

## Musical Festival for Northern North Dakota Young People at Martin Baptist Church

The Martin Baptist Church of Martin, N. Dak., was host to the annual "singfest" of the Northern North Da-

kota young people's CBY Union on Tuesday, December 29. This yearly activity has been created to strengthen Christian bonds and to offer fellowship during the Christmas holidays, especially for those who have been away to school.

The afternoon was used for rehearsal by the mass choir composed of about 50 voices from all churches represented, and directed by Mr. Albert Seibel of the Martin Church. A fellowship supper served by the Martin CBY followed the afternoon practice.

The evening service found the Martin Church filled to capacity. The opening of the service was conducted by three of our seminary students—Victor Michelson, Norman Schlafmann, and Clinton Jesser. Miss Dorothy Bibelheimer, president of the Association, presided at the program consisting of musical numbers by each CBY, selections by the mass choir, and a message by the guest speaker, the Rev. Arthur Voigt of the Rosenfeld Church.

Miss Bibelheimer announced the appointment by the executive committee of a new assembly dean, the Rev. Irving Schmuland of Goodrich to succeed Mr. Bienert who has taken over new duties at our headquarters office.

Much inspiration and many blessings were derived by this spiritual adventuring in music and we are eagerly awaiting the spring rally to be held in Underwood in May 1954 when again young people can experience new zeal and strength in Christian service.

Mrs. Betty Kessler, Reporter.

## Southern Conference

### Christmas and Watchnight Services at the Cottonwood Baptist Church of Lorena, Texas

On Sunday, Nov. 29, the Harvest Day program at the Cottonwood Church near Lorena, Texas, was presented by the Elementary Department of the Sunday School. The stage was beautifully decorated with different products, showing God's bountiful blessings. On the same day, the Woman's Missionary Union had charge of the evening service presenting two plays about "Thanksgiving."

On Tuesday, December 7, the Men's Brotherhood sponsored a family night at the church. The G. A.'s led by Mrs. Kingman, put on a program portraying the history of the Girls' Auxiliary.

For our evening service on December 9 we were privileged to see the work of our young people in a Christmas pageant. After the program, the church members gave their Lottie Moon offering. This money was put into envelopes and tied to our Christmas tree. It amounted to \$140.82. On Wednesday evening, December 23 we had our Christmas program, presented by the Elementary, Junior and Intermediate Departments.

A Watchnight Service was held on New Year's Eve at the church. The first part of the program was devoted to music and messages, after which a social period was held. The evening closed with prayer through 12:00 A.M., thus ushering in the new year with prayer.

Mrs. H. D. Lynn, Reporter.