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

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A LESSON PLAN

Date: February 7, 1954

Theme: HOW CHRIST SUSTAINS US

SCRIPTURE: John 6:48-59, 66-69.

PURPOSE: To show how Christ can sustain the life of the Christian.

GETTING STARTED: That many of the followers of Jesus should have found it difficult to accept all that Jesus said concerning himself (John 6:60) should not at all surprise us. Much of what he taught about his being the Bread of life is a "hard saying" and to the materialistically-minded and curiosity seekers must have sounded like mystical nonsense or spiritual delusion of the worst sort. This is strong food, and even many a Christian today has difficulty in digesting it. For Jesus speaks here the language of spiritual maturity; and it takes a certain degree of spiritual coming-of-age to appreciate the sublime truth shut up within these words of our Lord. Therefore, it behooves us to exercise restraint in our condemnation of those who failed to understand the Master when he spoke these words to them. More than that, we need to give the "more earnest heed" to this truth; for it is the vitamin-complex compound that enables the Christian to grow and that imparts health, zest and vitality to his spiritual life.

Developing the Theme:

I. WHY IS JESUS THE BREAD OF LIFE?

1. Because he is the source of all true life (John 1:4) and in his coming to earth made that life available to men (John 6:51, 57).
2. Because that life expresses itself in a living person—thus, in a form that men could understand and assimilate (John 6:40).
3. Because on the Cross he gave his life in exchange for our lives, and thus made his life ours (John 6:51b).

II. HOW DOES THIS BREAD SUSTAIN US?

1. By satisfying our innermost needs and desires and supplying the perfect food that meets our every requirement (John 6:35, 55).
2. By becoming a never-failing source of strength and spiritual nourishment within us, since Christ himself lives in us (John 6:56, 57b).
3. By imparting his own perfect life to us, thus making a new and eternal life ours now (John 6:50, 54, 58).

III. HOW DO WE AVAIL OURSELVES OF THIS BREAD?

1. By believing on Christ, that he is the Life and that he was sent to give us life (John 6: 29, 47).

2. By coming to him in trust and committing our lives to him (John 6:35).

3. By eating his flesh and blood—which is to accept for ourselves his sacrifice on our behalf and all the blessings that flow therefrom (John 6:53-58).

4. By continued fellowship with and loyal service to him (John 6:66-69).

5. By sharing the Bread of life with others.

Applying the Lesson:

1. Name some of the "holy habits" that help us to remain in close fellowship with Christ.
2. What are some ways in which we can share Christ with others?

A LESSON PLAN

Date: February 14, 1954

Theme: JESUS DECLARES HIS DEITY

SCRIPTURE: John 7:37-44; 8:12-19.

PURPOSE: To establish the validity of Jesus' claim to deity.

GETTING STARTED: "With us, as with the disciples, the road to the acceptance of the deity of Jesus is to open the life to the whole impression he makes upon us. Larger and larger this personality then grows until only one word is great enough to describe him. The church has never been able to rest without this great word when it has spoken of Jesus. The testimony of the Christian centuries is that to feel the full impact of his life involves the necessity of calling him God." How true these words of Lynn Harold Hough! The way to a full understanding and appreciation of the person of Jesus is not through argument or long and involved theologies but rather through a glad and unstinting exposing of oneself to his matchless life and ministry. No one can long dwell in his presence without coming to the place where like Thomas of old he falls down before him and cries: "My Lord and my God!"

Developing the Theme:

I. JESUS ASSERTS HIS DEITY (John 8:12-19).

1. These words leave no doubt about that fact. His deity is not a fiction (Continued on Page 11)

REV. B. JACKSTEIT

The editor of "The Sunday School Lesson in Action," the Rev. B. Jacksteit, is pastor of the Bethel Baptist Church of Anaheim, Calif., which is pictured on the front cover of this issue. He has also contributed the feature article on pages 4 and 5 on the challenging theme, "Peace Is Our Business."

ENGAGEMENTS

Dr. Frank H. Woyke
Jan. 31 (Sunday)—Reception for New Pastor, Oak St. Church, Burlington, Iowa.
Feb. 12-13—Executive Committee Meeting, CBY and SS Union.

Rev. Martin L. Leuschner
Jan. 31 (Sunday P.M.)—Foster Ave. Church, Chicago, Illinois.
Feb. 6 (Saturday P.M.)—Youth Banquet, Grace Church, Chicago, Illinois.
Feb. 14 (Sunday)—Dedication of New Church, Steamboat Rock, Iowa.

Rev. D. Fuchs, Evangelist
Feb. 7-19—Union Baptist Church, Arnold, Pennsylvania.

Rev. H. Palfenier, Evangelist
Jan. 17-29—Bethany Church, Vancouver, British Columbia.
Feb. 14 (Sunday)—Dedication of New Church, Steamboat Rock, Iowa.

IMPORTANT DATES

Jan. 31-Feb. 7—YOUTH WEEK with special programs by the CBY groups.

February 7 (Sunday)—Baptist World Alliance Sunday. Communion offering to the designated for the ministry of the Baptist World Alliance.

Feb. 12-13—Executive Committee meeting of the CBY and SS Union at headquarters, Forest Park, Ill.

Feb. 18-19—Visit to the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., by the Forest Park Headquarters secretaries.

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Editorial

Great Expectations!

IT LOOKS LIKE a good editorial year ahead of us in the ministry of the "Baptist Herald." You can read this issue with great expectations for the numbers to follow and be assured by the editor that you will not be disappointed. A brief preview of some of the 1954 editorial highlights will confirm this confident prediction of ours.

In this number of the "Baptist Herald" you will be eager to read the first of a series of four notable articles by Dr. Paul Gebauer on "Twenty Years Later." He reviews the amazing missionary progress we have made and the wonderful blessings of God that have transformed our little struggling Cameroons missionary effort into a mighty, epoch-making enterprise for Christ at the heart of Africa. Dr. Gebauer writes from personal experience for he has been at the influential center of this Cameroons venture throughout these two decades. These articles, profusely illustrated, are among the most important we have published in many, many years.

In addition, we are preparing to present for your thrilling reading pleasure the story of the dedication of the new Banzo Hospital buildings and the new developments at the New Hope Settlement for the lepers in Africa; the account of our first missionary efforts in Ujiyama, Japan, where our missionaries are living in the new mission house; and the unfolding work of God among the Indians of Alberta and the Spanish-Americans of Colorado. We have already made extensive plans for an intriguing Christmas issue in 1954, taking you to all the mission fields in which we are busily proclaiming "the Good News" of the Gospel.

One of our former members, Miss Hilda Krause of Cincinnati, Ohio, has been working as a missionary in Alaska for many years. That northern outpost of civilization is in the spotlight of attention nowadays. The series of articles about Alaska by this Baptist friend of ours will be of unusual interest to every reader.

The immigration "stream," especially into Canada, is like a mighty Niagara with all kinds of spiritual implications for our Conference. It will be described and interpreted for you throughout the year by articles to be prepared by Dr. Frank H. Woyke, executive secretary; Rev. R. Milbrandt, immigration director in Germany; Rev. William Sturhahn, immigration secretary in Winnipeg, Manitoba; and the "Baptist Herald" editor following a planned trip with the immigrants to their various destinations.

Mr. Herbert Stabbert of Anaheim, Calif., a member of the Anaheim public school board for some years, will describe the Christian's responsibility to be informed about the schools of his community and to exert his influence in shaping educational policies. The faculty members and Senior students of our North American Baptist Seminary will make notable contributions. The story of our five Homes for the Aged will be presented in a series of featured, illustrated articles. The 1955 General Conference in Waco, Texas, and the Jubilee Congress of the Baptist World Alliance in London, England, will receive a great deal of our attention in announcements and colorful publicity.

We want to make this year of the "Baptist Herald's" ministry so interesting that you will welcome its arrival more than ever and treasure its spiritual contents forever!

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PEACE Is Our Business!

This sermon preached in the Bethel Baptist Church, Anaheim, Calif., on Nov. 8, 1953 is published at the urgent request of those who heard it and were stirred to action by its clear challenge. This is the day when God calls all of us as evangelical and conservative Christians who are followers of the Prince of Peace to make peace our business!

By the REV. BERTHOLD JACKSTEIT of Anaheim, California

Surely, at this time we need to come face to face with the fact that peace is our business—just because we are evangelicals and conservatives who hold to fundamental Christianity! If those who do not hold to the Gospel as we understand it can speak the language of understanding, brotherhood and world peace, how much more should we who know the Prince of Peace and what it takes to bring in peace and understanding and brotherhood! If others should be concerned about extending the reign of Christ, how much more should we who are faithful to the Son of God and who believe that God has "given him a name which is above every name: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, . . . and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord!"

Just because we believe that, we ought to be forever at it to bring men and nations, systems of government and economics, and social orders to the feet of Jesus Christ. In these days of frightful unrest and threatening dangers, how can we, who above all people know the value of every immortal soul, be content to leave even one stone unturned or one method untried that might at least have some chance of bringing about better relations between the nations and saving the life of even one young man upon some far-flung battle field? Before God, peace is our business! And let's not forget it!

POWER OF A-BOMBS

Have we become so dulled by these years of war and unrest, and have we become so accustomed to danger that we no longer realize what a desperate situation it is that confronts us?

Listen to some words from one of Charles Wells' recent reports: "Both Russia and the United States have enough A-bombs to destroy all major cities on both continents . . . Both nations have detonated experimental hydrogen test models . . . Neither

the American nor Russian scientists really know what the hydrogen bomb will do. Some scientists on our side openly warn that the use of hydrogen bombs may provoke reactions on the earth's atmospheres and surface that will destroy the entire human race, if not obliterate our planet . . . The more noted and distinguished the scientists, the more uncertain and worried he is over this insane pell-mell rush towards bigger and better H-bombs. Like a great shrouded ghost, moving around the corridors of our entire defense establishment, is the fact of the guided rocket or missile, which is known to be now in a high state of development here, in England and Russia. Rocket scientists are approaching the last stages in perfecting weapons that can fly faster than sound—up to 2000 miles per hour and more—that can travel 1000 or 3000 miles and through all weather conditions and go unerringly to their prescribed target. No fighter jets can intercept these missiles; no form of radar interception can protect against them; and they can be launched from a thousand different contraptions on land or sea . . . Political and military leaders of all European countries know that Russia could now destroy every European city without a single Russian soldier's crossing the Soviet frontier."

COMMON SENSE TELLS US

Why do I quote this? To frighten people? No! But to point out the fact that somebody today ought to be talking the language of peace and calling the peoples of the earth back again to the ways of peace. Somewhere along the line somebody ought to be calling a halt to this mad armament race! For not only are we wasting our substance, but inevitably we and the other nations of the world are building up such a vast store of atomic destruction, that if it is once set off nothing will be able to save us from complete destruction.

Common sense tells us that somewhere this madness has to be made to stop. And who should be more concerned about seeing that it is stopped than we who through God's Word have been made fully aware of the sheer insanity of the course the peoples of the earth are now pursuing. "There is no king saved by the size of his army," it was written long ago, "and a warrior is not rescued by his great strength. Cavalry is a vain thing for safety; there is no winning by the strength of that" (Ps. 33:16-17). And none other than Jesus himself said, "He that taketh the sword, shall perish by the sword." Believing this Word to be true, we as evangelical Christians cannot but feel compelled to make our voice heard and leave no way untried whereby there shall be put an end to this madness.

PATRIOTISM DEMANDS IT

On Armistice Sunday we remember the countless thousands who have given their lives on the battlefields of the world so that our country might be preserved and we today might live in peace. Most of them gave their lives in the hope that it would never have to be done again, that, after all the blood-shed, peace might at last come to the world. They gave their lives as a sacrifice upon the altar of war so that peace might result.

Can we then today so lightly regard their sacrifice that we should not be willing to work for peace with all of our strength, so that at least to some measure the thing they died for might be achieved? What if our efforts do fail time and time again, and what if in the end our efforts should utterly fail to attain their goal? We are not keeping faith with our dead if we are not forever keeping at this business of world peace and giving our full devotion to it. Considering the sacrifices they made, how can we be content to give any less to win a peace than they were willing to give in order to win a war!

The prayer of our hero-dead was that they might not have died in vain. Our business is to see to it that their sacrifice shall not have been for naught! Winning wars is futile unless, at the same time, we do our utmost and give our best to win the peace. This is the job that awaits every Christian citizen, the unfinished business to which the voice of patriotism calls us.

INSISTENCE OF OUR FAITH

Jesus said, "Blessed are the peacemakers; for they shall be called the children of God" (Matt. 5:9). How can we be content to be called the children of God and not make it our business to become peacemakers, to seek to bring peace and understanding wherever our lives exert an influence? Paul said: "If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live at peace with all men" (Romans 12:18).



The bulletin board of the Bethel Baptist Church, Anaheim, Calif., has been called "one of the most unique and attractive church bulletin boards in the country"

Living at peace with other men isn't something that just happens. It is the result of definite and continuous effort. And note, Paul says here, "all men," not just a few, not just our friends, not just our allies, but "all men"! It must be our deliberate effort, therefore, to become the kind of peacemakers who seek to bring all men together in the bonds of understanding and peace.

How would it be otherwise! We who have been told to "follow after the things that make for peace" and to have "our feet shod with the preparation of the Gospel of peace"—how can we do anything else than make peace our business! To imply the opposite, to be willing to be anything less than a peacemaker in desperate days like these, is to dishonor and deny the very faith we profess!

JESUS WEPT!

Jesus wept! He wept over a city that would not see and accept the things that made for peace. He wept! But his tears would have been sheer hypocrisy if behind them there had not been countless hours of desperate longing and unending effort to make known unto the people the things that make for peace and to set their feet into the paths of peace. He was a peacemaker—ceaselessly so! He made peace his business!

Jesus wept! What are we as evangelical Christians doing? Weeping over the tragedy of a war-maddened world? Extending ourselves to the utmost to bring about at least some measure of understanding and peace? Striving ceaselessly to lead the peace-hungry multitudes of the earth into the paths of peace? Not by any means! To our shame it must be said that we

as evangelical and conservative Christians have majored in the roll, not of peacemakers, but of carping critics, who know what is wrong with everybody else and everybody else's effort, but who have not once come forward with a definite and positive program to meet the world's desperate need for peace!

It's easy to sit in the scorner's seat. It's easy to point out the shortcomings and failures of individuals and organizations who are seeking to bring about understanding and peace and to show where they are missing the boat. But what is needed is not negative criticism but positive action and a positive program for peace! No self-righteous patting-ourselves-on-the-shoulder will do. No amount of invective hurled against those who have fallen from the faith will absolve us of our responsibility.

This is the time for action! This is the day when God calls us as evangelical and conservative Christians, who are the followers of the Prince of Peace, who have for our Father the God of peace, who have been entrusted with the Gospel of peace, and who are to be the peacemakers in a war-cursed world, this is the day when God calls upon us to make peace our business!

HOW CAN WE MAKE PEACE OUR BUSINESS?

By thinking peace, by talking peace, by using our influence wherever we can in such a way that hatred and misunderstanding shall be removed and understanding and peace shall result.

We can use our voice as citizens of a free country to urge our leaders to be continually working for peace, to

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—Photograph by Harold M. Lambert

"Blessed are the peace makers: for they shall be called the children of God" (Matthew 5:9).

ALL TOO OFTEN there seems to be evidenced among us as evangelical and conservative Christians the attitude that peace is not our business and that to be deeply concerned about the problems of world peace isn't quite orthodox and fundamental. That attitude seems to say that it's all right for liberals and modernists to talk about peace and concern themselves with the great social and economic and political problems of our world, since they don't have the real Gospel anyway and therefore they don't know any better; but that that is nothing for us who are conservatives and hold to the fundamentals of the faith to get mixed up in. For, after all, that's the social gospel, and the social gospel we shall avoid like the plague. As a result, we let other people do the leg work where peace, social righteousness and economic well-being are concerned, while we sit back and take pot shots at those with whose theology we don't agree.

OUR EARNEST CONCERN

Nothing, it seems to me, could be more tragic than this. For we, who believe the Gospel and hold to the fundamentals of the faith, are the people who should be leading the way—instead of holding back. We should be most deeply concerned about bringing the truth of Christ to bear upon every problem that confronts our world today. How can we claim that we believe in the whole Gospel for the whole world and, at the same time, be content to keep it only for ourselves and our little affairs and not feel driven to apply it to every segment of man's life?



A memorable baptismal scene at Soppo, Africa, on Christmas Day 1934 with Missionary Carl J. Bender (center, seated) and Pastor Moky in the dark robe and Evangelist Luma at his left

Launching Our Cameroons Mission

Dr. Paul Gebauer, twenty years after the founding of our American-controlled mission in the Cameroons, Africa, reviews the momentous decisions and historical events of those early days. This is the first of an important series of four articles about our Cameroons Baptist Mission on "Twenty Years Later"

By DR. PAUL GEBAUER,
Superintendent of the Cameroons Baptist Mission

YOUR GENERAL Missionary Committee of 1934, among other things, faced a formidable suggestion, namely, that an American-controlled mission be founded in the interest of your missionary activities in the Cameroons, Africa.

This appeared to be a revolutionary idea to all of us who were acquainted with our mission history in West Africa and this knowledge brought about the committee's very cautious approach to the proposition but—the idea was on the march! This idea had to be regarded as Missionary Carl J. Bender's last will and testament with reference to his monumental work in Africa. It could not be overlooked.

Forty years of a "fifty-fifty" arrangement had preceded the proposition of 1934. In fact, for more than forty years we had ministered to the needs of the tribes of West Africa in

cooperation with the Baptists of Germany. This period stretched from the Steffens of 1891 to the Benders of 1934. It was a time which saw our Rochester Seminary aflame for foreign missions and all of our churches eager to sacrifice for the salvation of unknown peoples and tribes.

Under the cooperative plan we supplied fifty per cent of the required personnel and funds with the Germans adding to their half the responsibility of management and legal representation. It was fitting that it should be thus, since the political control of the Africans concerned was in the hands of the German government.

This "fifty-fifty" arrangement worked fairly well. Baptist endeavors covered the known regions of the Cameroons by 1914. One of our own men, Missionary H. P. Kayser, held the northernmost point of this expansion and an American couple, the

Rev. and Mrs. Carl J. Bender, supervised the work at the other extreme of the mission field, at Soppo near the Atlantic Ocean. Throughout the up-setting years between 1914-1920 our Benders were the one and only evangelical missionary force in all the Cameroons, all others having left for internment camps of their respective homelands.

In 1927 we resumed cooperation on the same "fifty-fifty" basis. Of our old-timers we saw the Benders and the Rev. Adolf Orthner return to the Cameroons. They met a changing Africa. In the political field the French and British had taken over the colony as trustees of the League of Nations. Economically the colony spiraled through an unpredictable boom.

In the spiritual realm we had to face the fact that all our former work in the French sphere had been handed over to a French Society without our

consent. In the British sector we were welcome, but there we had but one foothold by the sea, Soppo, which meant that we had to seek new outlets in a hinterland, not easily reached. These problems, together with financial and political trends, gave unavoidable twists and turns to the cooperative arrangement.

A VENTURE OF FAITH

In 1934, close to the end of his faithful course, Pioneer Bender suggested that the old agreement be terminated, that North American Baptists organize their interests into an independent missionary society, that spheres of interest be established between the German brethren and us, and that the American missionaries should put into practice everywhere the New Testament principles of the indigenous church.

This was a large order in those days. Even such a man of faith and vision as Dr. William Kuhn blinked and found the order staggering. And yet



A photographic study of Missionary Carl J. Bender holding one of the Soppo children in his arms

he and his committee went to work out of respect for the services and experience of the Rev. Carl J. Bender.

In the year that Sango Bender died in 1935, your African society, the Cameroons Baptist Mission, was born and launched out into the unknown. Backed by our denominational giants of 1935 and doubted by a host of well-wishers, it constituted a daring step of faith.

Its start was loaded with handicaps. It was known that the Benders were to retire soon, that Adolf Orthner considered retirement in the interest of his growing family, and that the one and only American missionary left (Paul Gebauer) was a most "doubtful" asset: prematurely bald, prematurely blunt, prematurely initiated into the secrets of missionary-politi-



Paul Gebauer and Clara Kratt in 1934 on their return voyage to the United States from the Baptist World Congress in Germany shortly after they had announced their engagement

icians, "pre" in many other ways. It was known that under British rule dissenters would get nothing, meaning, that we would forfeit all past investments to begin all over again. No wonder that Dr. Kuhn and Dr. Sorg, the legal counsel, favored cautious half-way measures as the only means to meet a peculiar situation.

CLARA AND PAUL

It was agreed that we would get a corner of our own in vast Africa and that there we would put to the test the essence of our missionary convictions, that there we would have to finance it as our sole joy, that legal representation would be carried on by the larger German society, that that man Gebauer would be sent where he belonged, and—faith above faith—that Clara Kratt of Portland, Ore., might go with him into missionary "exile and oblivion."

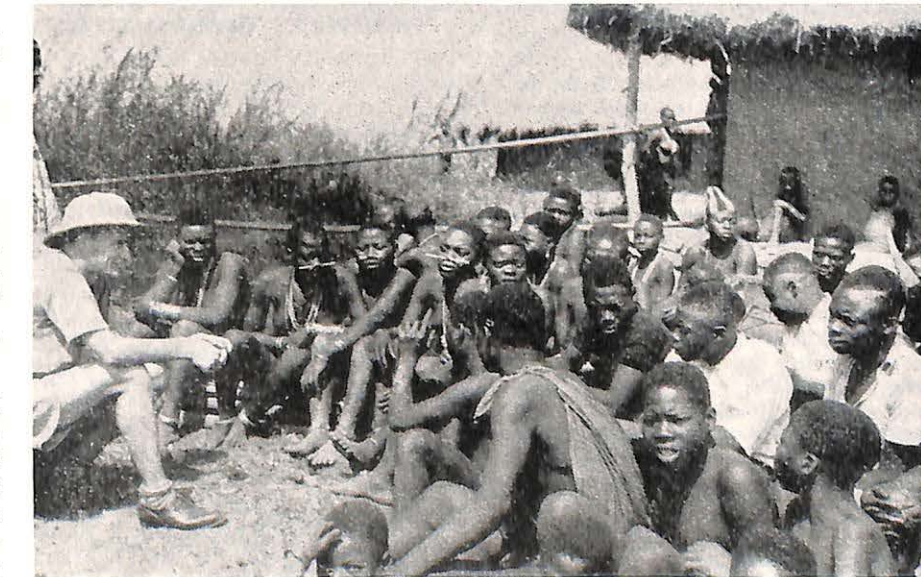
This whole new arrangement seemed to some of us of that time like an attempt to press a giant into a suit

tailored for a teen-ager. Our 34,000 Baptists should have had a larger share in the achievements of their noble past but . . .!

There came one hot Sunday afternoon, as only Illinois can have it. Our young people had a gathering in the Forest Park Baptist Church. It happened that in that particular meeting certainty came to some of us that we should not grumble about the ill-fitting suit but take it and leave it to American youth to burst its seams in the years to come. It so happened, beginning with that hot Sunday afternoon in Illinois.

KAKALAND

We were given Kakaland in the Cameroons on the outer edges of the German sphere of interests, out where the gnashing of teeth could be heard. One madman had started a church there, its chapel leaning with the winds, its membership consisting of 2½ Baptists—not counting the mad- (Continued on Page 11)



Missionary Paul Gebauer in the early days of his Cameroons ministry earnestly imparting Gospel truths to an attentive group of natives at Ntong

Gospel Opportunities in Japan

First impressions of Japan, including the new field at Ujiyamada, and first experiences in language study as related by our most recently appointed missionary couple for Japan

By the REV. and MRS. WALTER SUKUT of Tokyo, Japan

OUR THOUGHTS often wander across the deep blue waters to our home and churches. As the children of Israel while in captivity longed to be in their homeland, so we too at times long to be home. However, we have not had occasion for hanging our harps on the weeping willow trees as did the children of Israel. Rather, we have always had more than sufficient cause for rejoicing because of the goodness of our heavenly Father who cares for us and holds us in the hollow of his hand every moment and every day.

PRAYER PARTNERS

First of all, we wish to thank you for your faithfulness in remembering us in your prayers. Since at mission rallies your financial responsibilities toward missions are generally pointed out, let us remind you that our greatest need is not your money, but rather your prayers. Giving is important. Don't think for one moment that your gifts are not appreciated by the missionaries and by all those who are saved through the preaching of the Gospel by the missionary. Nor need you fear that your gifts in money will not be recorded in the bank account that God is keeping for you in heaven. But the thing that I am trying to say is this. If we had to, we could possibly get along without your gifts in money; but without prayers, your prayers and the prayers of other prayer partners whom we have throughout the homeland, we would be weak and often helpless in the face of so great a foe as the devil and the forces of evil.

I should like to relate a few illustrations how we have seen the power of prayer working in the short time we have been in Japan. In all our travels in connection with our coming to this place, God granted us traveling mercies and brought us safely to our destination. When we came to Japan, we were immediately faced with the problem of obtaining a maid who could be trusted with little Nora Jane while we are in language school. Everyone told us that trustworthy maids were most difficult to find. But in God's own good time, three days before language school started, God sent a good Christian maid to us who takes the best care of our darling little baby.



Mrs. Walter Sukut and Nora photographed in Japan in October 1953

We felt the power of prayer also in that we were able to bring our station wagon through customs without paying a 67 per cent tax on it (which would have been about \$700 in American money). They have very tight regulations that you cannot bring a car tax free without having owned it six months. We did not own our car nearly the required time, and the only reason that I can give as to why they permitted us to bring it in tax free is because God answers prayer. There are many other illustrations of answered prayer that I could relate to you.

MISSIONARY OPPORTUNITIES

As we see it, Japan is a land of golden opportunities for the Gospel of Christ. The people are friendly with the missionaries and are eager to learn from the Bible. In the short while we have been here we have had some fine young men from the university and others come to us and say: "Won't you please teach us from the Bible." Japan is ripe for the Gospel.

However, having said that I must also say that I have never been any place before where sin with all its ugliness can be seen more openly than here. The forces of Satan are working hard. Only through much prayer and sacrificial service can the obstacles of Satan be overcome and Japan be won for Christ and eternity.

Over on this side of the world, things are going quite well for us. The language is getting more and more difficult and keeps us well occupied. It is

very easy to become discouraged in studying the language. When a person does nothing but memorize words and sentences day after day and then discovers that only a very few of the many words learned really make enough impression on the mind to stay there, one almost feels like the Psalmist when he cried: "Oh that I had wings like a dove! for then would I fly away, and be at rest."

However, the sense of the tremendous need for the Gospel all around us is sufficient to help us overcome the discouragements of the slow progress in studying the language, and even though our progress does seem slow, we are going forward. Barbara is making better headway than I am—guess she is more linguistic than I. She really enjoys the fact that she can outdo me too. But then good wholesome family rivalry is what makes life interesting.

UJIYAMADA

During our thanksgiving vacation we went to our mission field at Ujiyamada. Our new mission house there has just been completed. Miss Florence Miller and Miss Lois Lechner now are living in it. Miss Miller has started a fine Sunday School in Yamada. She has as many as 80 children in her Sunday School. We certainly rejoice because of this work and want to urge you to pray much for her as she courageously is carrying on alone until the rest of us have learned the language well enough to pitch in and help. Miss Lechner, as you no doubt read in the "Baptist Herald," is down at Yamada with Florence Miller but she has to devote all her time to language study. Thus Florence is alone as far as the work is concerned.

The village of Ujiyamada is ripe for the Gospel. The city itself is famous for its shrines. All the Japanese people must visit these shrines at least once in a life-time. So thousands of pilgrims come to Ujiyamada each year seeking for a peace which cannot be found in idols. Oh, how eager one becomes to tell them of the living Savior, as one sees them go in streams from the railway station to the shrines.

I shall close with the words of the Apostle Paul: "Rejoice in the Lord always; and again I say, rejoice" (Phil. 4:4).



The Rev. Edward Kary and a group from the Bismarck Baptist Church (left) in front of the State Penitentiary at Bismarck, North Dakota, before holding a Gospel service in the chapel, which is located just behind the part of the administration building (right) which has been torn down for important repairs

Witnessing for Christ in the Penitentiary

Forty young people and the pastor of the Bismarck Baptist Church gladly go to the North Dakota State Penitentiary and tell the story of Jesus and his love to the prison inmates

By the REV. EDWARD KARY, Pastor of the Bismarck Baptist Church

SINCE COMING to Bismarck, N. Dak., eight years ago, I have had many opportunities for service over and above the regular duties as pastor of the Bismarck Baptist Church. I have been able to minister to the elderly people in our Home for the Aged. Constantly I am called upon to visit our Baptist people in our two hospitals who have come here for medical attention from surrounding towns. Each year when the State Legislature meets, I am able to serve for several days as chaplain in both houses.

THROUGH PRISON GATES

All of these services are naturally enriching and rewarding but one, which I believe is especially appreciated, is the one that our church has been able to render to the inmates of the State Penitentiary. The Board of Administration of North Dakota has entrusted these services to the Bismarck Ministerial Association. Each member of the Association is responsible for these services one month of the year. It has happened sometimes that we of the Bismarck Baptist Church have had two months, depending on the number of pastors in the Association willing to participate in the program.

The services are held from 8:00 to 9:00 A.M. each Sunday morning. Usually about 30 or 40 of our young people join us at the prison gates. It gives one a strange feeling when one goes for the first time. One gate is opened and we all enter through it and wait until it is locked again and another one is opened. Thus we proceed through about three gates until we arrive at the large auditorium

where the services are to be held. We march to the front and take our places on the platform and then the signal is given for the prisoners to come in.

FAVORITE HYMNS

The worship services are on a voluntary basis so far as the prisoners are concerned. One senses a certain friendly enthusiasm as they come in, laughing and joking as they find their accustomed places. Usually about 75 to 90 men and four women attend these worship services.

The first time it was my duty to conduct these services, a sense of embarrassment and pity came over me and I found it very difficult to proceed. However, I soon dismissed from my mind the thought that they were prisoners and thought of them as a group of men and women whose spiritual needs were the same as those of any Sunday morning congregation. I have brought to them the same message that I bring to my own church people. They are sinners who need the message of salvation.

We always begin the service with the singing of several hymns I announce the first hymn and then let them pick their own favorites. They know the numbers of their favorite hymn by heart and shout them out as soon as opportunity is given. One has to decide which was called out first or loudest. I always give the women a chance to select one favorite.

The selection of hymns has always been interesting to me. The songs most frequently requested are: "What a Friend We Have in Jesus," "Living for Jesus," "Break Thou the Bread of Life," "He Leadeth Me" and "I Love

to Tell the Story." Sometimes the singing is very spirited. At times we have had to marvel at the quality of the voices. When some of these men regained their freedom in society, we missed their voices in the services.

SPIRITUAL RESPONSES

I have always felt a sincere appreciation for the messages. The prisoners listen very attentively, and many times one can see tears flowing down the cheeks as their emotions are stirred. If we ask for the raising of hands of those who want to accept Christ as their personal Savior, we generally get some response. We are not allowed to deal personally with any of the prisoners, however, except by special request.

One man asked to be baptized, but he wanted to be baptized in the river as Jesus was. One of the pastors asked for permission to take him out and baptize him, but permission was not granted. Occasionally I have received letters from various ones thanking me for the message. One requested that I speak on the subject, "Why did Jesus have to die?" I met this request the very next Sunday.

It is difficult to evaluate these services in tangible results. Yet surely there is real value for the prison inmates as well as for our young people who help us in conducting these services. Aside from the Gospel service, I believe it is a real lift to the prisoners to see the young people from our church.

On one occasion when I had asked the Rev. J. R. Matz, a retired minister (Continued on Page 11)

A Call to Baptists!

A call to praise and prayer for Baptist World Alliance Sunday,
February 7, 1954

By the Officers of the Baptist World Alliance

TO FELLOW-BELIEVERS in every land: Grace and Peace!

How significant that the annual Baptist World Alliance Sunday each February has become such a recognized date in our Baptist church calendar. Once again it calls us to remember our Fellow-Baptists everywhere, and to dedicate ourselves anew to promoting the spirit of fellowship, service and co-operation within our worldwide brotherhood.

OUR MESSAGE

We earnestly hope that Sunday, February 7th, will be set apart for that high purpose in churches and unions all over the world; that we shall all join in thanksgiving and prayer, and also in the proclamation of the Gospel, interpreting the New Testament in utter faithfulness, as Baptists have always attempted to do. Jesus Christ as our Savior and Lord is the center of that message, and we earnestly believe that it is sorely needed today. We must regain in every one of our churches a profound conviction that the common life in our communities and nations cannot do without the Baptist witness.

OUR FELLOWSHIP

We should, with sincere hearts, thank God for that Baptist fellowship which already exists. But let us also unite in prayer for a closer and more comprehensive fellowship. We must face the fact that in some countries we operate separately where we should march and fight as one army. Such divisions should be carefully studied and, through the grace of God, be overcome by prayer, brotherly love and united practical action.

OUR FREEDOM

We also have great reason to unite in giving thanks for religious liberty in many lands, and for the fact that this liberty is increasing in some places. But we know that we shall always be compelled to fight in order to defend and retain this freedom. Still harder is the fight to gain it where it has hitherto been denied to our fellow-believers. We have recent tragic instances in mind, and we believe that we can do more than adopt resolutions of protest: we can pray unitedly. We must not forget our brethren who are under persecution, and we can never cease to fight for the right and freedom to worship God

1955 CONGRESS
The Golden Jubilee Congress of the Baptist World Alliance will be held at London, England, from July 16-22, 1955. An illustrated article about this forthcoming Congress appears in the 1954 ANNUAL (pages 34 and 35).

and proclaim his saving truth in every land on earth.

OUR CHURCHES

We should unite in thanks and praise to God for the work in the thousands of individual churches and youth organizations in our Baptist World Alliance. We should not forget that the very nucleus of all our worldwide missions is the local church. In the church are the problems to be solved, that will solve the problems of our universal enterprises. In our individual churches there are great varieties of problems; difficulties and sufferings because of the last great war, because of political conditions, because of insufficient financial and personal strength, and because of spiritual weakness and discouragement.

Let us make Baptist World Alliance Sunday a day for reconsidering the real position of the local church, its responsibility and its resources in all respects. We can never build a strong international Baptist fellowship and

AN OFFERING FOR THE BAPTIST ALLIANCE

On Sunday, February 7, our churches will observe Baptist World Alliance Sunday. We would encourage our churches to pray for the 20,000,000 Baptists of the world as well as for the officers of the Alliance on this day. We would also urge our churches to receive an offering for the Baptist World Alliance at the communion service on that Sunday or on some other appropriate occasion. Send your offering marked "Baptist World Alliance Offering" to North American Baptist Headquarters, 7308 Madison Street, Forest Park, Illinois. It will be sent to the Alliance office for its worldwide ministry in behalf of Christ and his Gospel.

an effective co-operative world organization without a general strengthening of every local church as a link in the whole chain. In this matter preachers and laymen should unite their forces in prayer, planning and action. Women's societies and young people's organizations should be enlisted in such local actions.

OUR SCHOOLS

Let us also thank God for the work done in all our schools and educational institutions, for the splendid recruiting of students for the Baptist ministry and the mission fields. In some countries, however, there is a lack of educated preachers and church leaders, and there is not a sufficient number of students for the ministry. Let us pray for a new awakening that will bring hosts of young men and women to our churches, and new vision and inspiration among young people so that they may seek training for the service of their God.

OUR FELLOW-CHRISTIANS

Also our relations to other churches and denominations may be a problem to be brought before Almighty God on our special Sunday of common prayer and meditation. We should not neglect this side of our human relations. Perhaps there is something to be done also in this case, that only Baptists can and should do. The New Testament tells us of an inclusive and comprehensive brotherhood of believers that in our day must be proclaimed against the powers of darkness.

OUR SINS

Above all, let us unitedly confess our selfishness and shortcomings, our lukewarmness and indolence as Christian messengers, things that so often prevail in our every-day life. Our greatest hindrances are in our own hearts. Let us pray for victory in the daily lives of our millions of members, and for the total surrender to God of all our means and talents.

OUR HOPE

Let us lift our heads in confidence and courage. Ours is not a losing cause. We are marching forward. We are looking up and ahead to that day when the eternal purposes of God shall assuredly reach their consummation, and all the realms and kingdoms of this world shall become the Kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

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invented by his followers but a prerogative he claimed for himself.

2. This leaves no other alternative: either we accept his claim at its face value, or else we must reject him as an unprincipled scoundrel.

3. We must choose therefore: either his word, or that of his enemies.

II. HIS LIFE AND MINISTRY SUBSTANTIATE HIS CLAIM TO DEITY.

1. Before Jesus ever claimed deity for himself, those who knew him best were driven to recognize that fact by the very things they saw and heard.

2. His matchless and sinless life (John 8:46), his words (John 7:40-41, 46), his deeds (John 7:21-23, 31), his death (John 8:28), his resurrection—all these bore witness to the fact that he was the Son of God.

3. Thus his deity is not merely a doctrine we accept on blind faith, but a reasoned conclusion forced on us by the record of his life.

III. ALL HISTORY SINCE THAT DAY BEARS WITNESS TO THE FACT THAT HIS CLAIM WAS A TRUE AND VALID ONE.

1. The truth he proclaimed has stood the test of time, of study and of experience (John 7:17).

2. The results in the lives of the countless numbers who have believed in him proclaim his power and deity (John 7:38; 8:12).

3. The record of these centuries: the growth of the church, the spread of Christianity, his influence on every area of man's life—all these proclaim the fact that he is indeed "very God."

Applying the Lesson:

1. What are the results of rejecting the deity of our Lord?

2. There are those who believe that it is improper for any person to pray to Jesus. What do you think? Why?

VESPER MEDITATION

By MR. ROLAND EDWARD ROSS
of Forest Park, Illinois.

All is quiet—in the evening—
As we sit beside the shore,
And hear the Master speaking,
As he did so long before.

While day is dying in the West
Our voice and soul grow still,
To hear again the Master's voice,
To learn for us, his will.

And as he fed the thousands
By the Galilean Sea,
For body, but the more for soul,
So may for us his blessings be.

Thus while we sit and ponder
We feel the Savior present,
And know a heavenly portion
For our strengthening has been sent.



Miss Edith Koppin (at present Mrs. Joseph Hufnagel of Los Angeles, Calif.), ministering to Cameroons' mothers as one of our first missionary-nurses

helped Nurse Edith Koppin of the Ebenezer Church in Detroit to join the "shaky concern."

Under most trying circumstances, surrounded by crying needs, limited by most limited resources, beset by her excellent experiences of former African years, torn between theory and reality, opposed by ignorance and hostile forces, she, Edith Koppin, laid the foundations for our medical service of today. She did more. Her coming and her service made fools of those who stood by for our funeral. The "missionary baby" kicked and ticked. There was promise of life and success with God's blessing AHEAD!

AT THE PENITENTIARY

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of our church, to bring the message, he chose to speak on the words of King David: "No man careth for my soul." He then showed those men and women who it was who really cared for their souls. As he spoke, I watched the tears flowing down the cheeks of one after the other of those sitting there. It did their souls much good, too, to know that this group of people cared enough to come out early on Sunday morning in order to minister to them.

We have been told that ours is the largest group that goes out there. I believe it is good for our young people to bring this Christian witness. I should like to pay tribute to the loyalty and sincerity and faithfulness of these young people from our church. In particular, I want to mention the name of our church pianist, Miss Ella Schlittenhardt, who throughout all these years has never failed me. Sunday after Sunday, of her own accord, she has come out to play for us. Faithfulness such as that can only be rewarded in heaven.

This, I think is an interesting fact. To my knowledge there have been only four men in the penitentiary these past eight years with a Baptist background. I believe this to be a real tribute to our Baptist homes, Sunday Schools and churches. Although we have no access to the personal records of these prison inmates, I believe that most of the men attending services are serving light sentences, although there are several who have a life sentence. Most of the men are young who have received sentences of from one to three years. We know this from the constant change of faces.

It is our prayer that the ministry of our church will have left an impression upon them, so that when they find their way back to society, they will seek spiritual guidance. I have made it a point not to preach condemnatory messages, but I have tried to point them to God by telling them the Gospel story as revealed in the life of Jesus Christ, our Savior. We have tried to sow the seed. God will give the increase!

LAUNCHING OUR MISSION

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man. Of the 2½ Baptists, one was killed by lightning within our first year of existence, the half-Baptist (a church member under discipline was known as a half-Baptist) went the way of all young flesh, and the one left got stuck with us.

The girl from Portland, Ore., and the "baldhead" from Detroit, Mich., started life in the leaning, low chapel. The 2½ Baptists helped them build a grasshut of two rooms with dirt floor, dirt ceiling, dirt walls and dirt-cheap. Our bedsteads were of bamboo and the mattresses of dried banana leaves. The packing cases became our furniture. After our meager stores from home had been devoured we took to potato leaves, banana shoots and grass for vegetables with shotgun and rifle providing the balance of diet—if it was one.

The prophets of doom heard of our meager beginnings and rejoiced. They gave us three years at the most. One gave us his five reasons for our early disappearance: unreal, unsound, unspiritual, uneconomic, undone! He died ahead of his years. Others waited more patiently to see your Mission collapse. Their correspondence recalled the African's tale about the conversation between one hungry fox and another.

EDITH KOPPIN

God's grace warmed Dr. William Kuhn's heart for this puny venture. He had a soft spot for Clara Kratt anyway (yet, not as soft as mine!). Dr. Kuhn became increasingly concerned about this African investment and he, together with Mr. Elmer Staub of Detroit, Mich., willingly

WHAT'S HAPPENING

● The Baptist Church of Durham, Kans., has extended a call to the Rev. Norman G. Miller of Selfridge, N. Dak., to which he has given a favorable response. He will bring his ministry to a close on February 28 and will begin his pastorate in Durham, Kans., on March 1st. He has served at Selfridge since 1951. In Durham, he will succeed the Rev. Henry R. Baerg.

● The First Baptist Church of Mercer, N. Dak., has extended a call to Mr. Ben Lauth of St. Paul, Minn., where he and his family have been residing during Mr. Lauth's studies at the Bible Institute of St. Paul. He has responded favorably to the call and hopes to begin his pastorate in Mercer toward the latter part of January. He will be the first full-time pastor of the Mercer church. The Rev. E. Broeckel of Turtle Lake, N. Dak., has been supplying the pulpit.

● On Sunday evening, Dec. 20, the choir of the First Baptist Church, Costa Mesa, Calif., presented a Christmas musical program with Mr. Harold Richards serving as narrator and Mrs. Howard Rolsheim as organist. Soloists were Mr. and Mrs. Tom Price, Elvin Grauer, H. Rolsheim and Lyle Lionbarger. The Rev. P. G. Neumann, pastor, brought a Christmas meditation. From January 10 to 15 a "Deeper Life Conference With Missionary Emphasis" was held at the church.

● The Rev. Jay Hirth, one of our missionaries to Japan who is in the United States during the time of his wife's convalescence, will make several promotional trips early in 1954. He will visit some of our Wisconsin and Michigan churches in January and February. His wife's physical condition has improved considerably and Mr. and Mrs. Hirth are grateful for the many prayers to God in their behalf. They have been granted a leave of absence for the rest of 1954 by the General Missionary Committee.

● On Sunday evening, Dec. 13, the Rev. Henry Pfeifer, pastor of the Central Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alta., baptized 30 converts on confession of their faith in Christ. Another baptismal service was held at the Watchnight service on Dec. 31st. Both of these festive baptismal services will be reported at greater length in the pages of the "Baptist Herald." The Week of Prayer was observed by the church from Jan. 4 to 8 with the choirs of the church rendering special numbers on these evenings.

● On January 1st Mr. and Mrs. Richard Mulder of Parkersburg, Iowa, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary. Friends of the Parkersburg Baptist Church and the pastor and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. Ronald MacCormack, joined them in this happy celebration. Mr. Mulder has served on the Seminary Board for many years and was the chairman of the Board during the recent building program. Both Mr. and Mrs. Mulder are active in the church's ministry and in civic programs of the community.

● The Baptist Church of Isabel, S. Dak., held evangelistic meetings from Nov. 16 to 27 with the Rev. Henry Lang of Napoleon, N. Dak., serving as evangelist. The meetings were well attended and many were drawn closer to their Lord. Three young people accepted Christ as Savior. Choruses and object lessons were enjoyed by the children as well as adults. A baptismal service is planned for the near future, as reported by Mr. Emanuel Bertsch. The Rev. Herbert Vetter is the pastor of the Isabel and Bison churches.

● On the last two Sundays of December the Rev. L. B. Holzer, pastor of the Temple Baptist Church, Pittsburgh, Pa., preached on two questions, "What Do You See in Jesus?" and

ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING "WHITE CROSS"

The question of the high rate of postage to ship White Cross material to Forest Park Headquarters has been repeatedly asked. Not all of it can be avoided, but some of this expense can be saved. Anything bought locally, which is ready made, need not be bought locally but could be bought in Chicago just as well if the money contribution is sent us with the instruction to purchase the desired material listed in the White Cross list. In case of an overabundance of such material here at Headquarters or on the mission field, we should be given the privilege of substituting something of greater need at the time. Send such money contributions to 7308 Madison St., Forest Park, Illinois.

General Missionary Secretary
R. Schilke

"Where Are You Going?" A Christmas morning worship service was held in the church's sanctuary with the Rev. Edwin H. Shuman of the Union Baptist Church speaking on "Gifts for the Christ." On Jan. 5th the Philathea Class sponsored a special program for its members and friends which featured the film, "The Magic of the Oil Industry."

● On Sunday evening, Dec. 27, the combined choirs of 40 voices of the Grace Baptist Church, Chicago, Ill., rendered the beautiful pageant, "The First Noel," prepared and directed by Miss Glee Maeck. Guest soloist was Miss Florida Thomas, and Miss Betty Stengel and Mr. Edward Walther served as narrators. The Rev. Jay Hirth, one of our missionaries to Japan, brought the message at a missionary rally on Sunday evening, Dec. 13, with the Youth Fellowship, and its president, Mr. Frank Pascher, in charge. The Rev. William L. Schoeffel is the pastor.

● The Foster Avenue Baptist Church of Chicago, Ill., held two baptismal services on Sunday, Dec. 27, at which the Rev. Joe Sonnenberg, pastor, baptized 13 converts. An inspirational group of 28 new members was received into the church's fellowship at the communion service on January 3rd. On Sunday, Dec. 20th, the church choir directed by Mr. Herbert Pankratz presented the cantata, "The Christchild" by Hawley, to a capacity congregation. The Week of Prayer during the first week of January was observed by the church with special services.

● Dr. John Leypoldt, interim promotional secretary, supplied the pulpit of the First Baptist Church of Lorraine, Kans., from Dec. 31st to Jan. 24th. He led the church in an inspiring Watchnight service on Thursday night, Dec. 31. Mrs. Leypoldt accompanied her husband on this trip and influential ministry at Lorraine. On Sunday morning and afternoon, Jan. 10, Dr. and Mrs. Leslie Chaffee and their family were guests of the Lorraine church with Dr. Chaffee bringing the messages. The Chaffee family were on their way to New York to embark for the Cameroons, Africa.

● Monday, Jan. 11, was observed by the student body and faculty of the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alta., as a special day of prayer.

During the entire week of Jan. 11 to 16 Dr. George A. Lang, president of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., brought inspirational messages and counselled with the students. The C.T.I. student body is composed of 78 regular students and 26 evening students. The Philologus Society elected Mr. Eddy Unger as its president. More than \$50 were contributed as a missionary offering by this society at one of its regular meetings. The Rev. E. P. Wahl is the president of the Bible School.

● On Dec. 2nd a large shipment of relief goods left the North American Baptist Headquarters in Forest Park, Ill., for Germany. This included 61 bales of used clothing and seven cases of shoes and rubbers, weighing 8,781 pounds. The relief shipment was sent to the Rev. R. Milbrandt in Germany for distribution among the refugees and other needy people. Miss G. Remmler of our headquarters office, who is in charge of the tremendous task of preparing these shipments, states that CARE parcels for friends and relatives in Europe can also be ordered through our office. A good sized White Cross shipment was also dispatched to the mission field in the Cameroons, Africa, in January.

● The Forest Park Baptist Sunday School, Forest Park, Ill., presented its Christmas program on Sunday evening, Dec. 20. The pageant, "Keeping the Christmas Glow," featured the colorful program. Sixteen young people took part in the program, aided by the Girls' Choir of 20 voices directed by Mrs. Rubin Kern and by the Angels' Chorus directed by Mr. William Hall. Mr. John Baumgart was the director of the pageant. Mr. Harold Johns, Sunday School superintendent, was in charge of the program. On Sunday morning, Dec. 20, the Rev. Rubin Kern, pastor, spoke on "Wise Men Still Seek Him." The church choir is now being directed by Mr. William Hall.

● A new church of immigrants from Germany was organized at Kitchener, Ontario, Canada, on Sunday morning, Dec. 27. About 70 people were in attendance at the morning service which was addressed by the Rev. R. Schilke, general missionary secretary. Forty-five people signed their names as charter members of the Central Baptist Church of Kitchener that evening when the first business meeting was held under the chairmanship of Mr. E. Goetze. Deacons of the church are Messrs. George Holzapfel, John Zisske and Robert Hoffman. The church clerk is Mr. B. Goetze and the Sunday School superintendent, Mr. Paul Bischof. Since Jan. 10 the newly organized Central Baptist Church of Kitchener is being served by the Rev. John C. Schweitzer, denominational church extension worker, who will minister to the group until March 31st.

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

HERALD NEWS

YOUTH COMPASS TOPICS

Jan. 31, 1954—"So Send I You" (Youth Week) by Leland Friesen, Okeene, Oklahoma.
Feb. 7, 1954—"Baptists Around the World" (Youth Week) by Miss Martha Leypoldt, Anaheim, California.

FOR SUPERINTENDENTS AND CBY PRESIDENTS

At the turn of the calendar year a good many local Sunday Schools and CBY groups change officers. It is of great importance to the work that we have the names and addresses of our superintendents and presidents. Wherever a change in officers takes place in your organization, please inform the Conference Union office, Box 6, Forest Park, Ill., immediately. It will help you and our office to keep in touch with the latest in Christian service. Please state name of church, past officer, and give us the new name, address and office elected. Send us a card right away.

STUDENT RECEPTIONS

February 18, 1854 is the date set for the annual **Student Fellowship** at the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

On February 22, 1954 the annual **Student Fellowship** will be held at the North American Baptist Headquarters office, Forest Park, Illinois. All seminary, college, and Bible School students, who are members of our North American Baptist churches studying in one of the two areas, are cordially invited to this time of fellowship.



A group of Kansas Scripture Memorizers at the Kansas Camp in the summer of 1953

Nurses, who are members of our churches and in training in the area, are also invited.

This is always a highly profitable gathering for the students. The denominational leaders are on hand to bring the young people up to date on the latest developments in the denomination at home, and foreign mission fields. In addition to that, this is always a delightful time to meet the other young people from far and near and to enjoy genuine Christian fellowship. We urge the parents or church leaders, whose young people are studying in the Sioux Falls or Chicago areas, to give us the names and addresses of their young people so that we may invite them to this grand fellowship.

Officers of churches and conference areas where students can serve should make their requests through the Forest Park office as soon as possible.

GUEST SPEAKERS AND INSTRUCTORS

The summer Visitation Committee will meet in March. All general workers and missionaries will be assigned for summer work. Conference and summer assembly officers must have their requests for **guest speakers** in at the Forest Park office by March 10th.

SUMMER CAMPS AND ASSEMBLIES

Do you remember last year's summer camp of blessing and inspiration? Would there be room for improvement, room for growth?

As you plan this year's summer camp, it may be well to pause and evaluate your past year's camp program. Base your evaluation upon the Christian growth of the campers during camp week and at home. Evaluate the curriculum, the plan for counseling, the concern for cooperation on the part of campers and leaders in the planning of the over-all program. It is well for the leaders to make a list of the strong and the weak points in your camp program. Capitalize on the strong points in your program. Revise and eliminate the weaker points as much as possible.

A good camping experience is possible only through careful and prayerful planning. May we urge you to make all your plans **NOW**. Some of the important points to consider in planning your junior and senior camps are: the camp site, the faculty and directors, the camp theme, curriculum, daily schedule and publicity. Do not forget the camper's insurance.



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Across the Seas

This Christian novel by LEROY ALLEN is being published in serial installments by permission of the Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Michigan

SYNOPSIS

Tom Wilson and Mickey Conant were Christian buddies aboard the destroyer "U.S.S. Mastin." At the International Date Line, when the customary initiation exercises were held, another sailor, Farrow, showed a violent dislike to Conant. That hatred was fanned into serious threats one evening at the dinner hour when Farrow thought he caught Conant laughing at him and when Herkey, the ship's mascot, ate his chow. That 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." One night two blocks from the Club Tom Wilson was beaten badly by several strange men who said: "Bring those papers to the Club tomorrow or expect a lot more of this!" The next day Tom and Mickey questioned Ernie Farrow. "Now we want to know what goes on. Will you tell us?"

CHAPTER EIGHT

THE OTHER hesitated only a moment more, then his resistance seemed to cave in, or, better to say, he reached a new resolve which made his chin take on a firmer set, and his face grow hard and determined.

"Yes, I'll tell you—both of you. I was scared to before, but it's about time I quit being scared. Here's the

fact: those men were Communists, and they were looking for me to deliver a paper to them which I got in Long Beach. They were notified by air mail that it was coming. That's why I haven't tried to go ashore up till now."

Once more a bomb seemed to have dropped in the midst of the little group. Mickey and Tom stared at him aghast, speechless with shock. Farrow waited a moment, then continued:

"Don't blame you for what you're thinking. Don't ask me how it happened, either. I was a fool; it was right after I was turned down for Annapolis, and I was too bitter in mind to be thinking straight. A fellow met me on a park bench one day, saw I was hating the whole world and invited me to a meeting of 'some swell people,' as he called them. I went, and they took me up like a long-lost brother. Before we left Long Beach the head man asked me to take a letter to their branch in Auckland, since we all knew we'd stop here. I told him okay."

Farrow stopped and barked a short laugh, full of self-reproach. "Made me feel big and important, and I thought the only friends I had in the world were right there."

Mickey interrupted. "Did you join the Communist Party, Ernie?"

"No!" There was sudden desperation in the boy's voice. "You fellows have got to believe one thing: I'm in this mess today only because I made a mistake in picking my friends for a couple of months back in Long Beach. Since we've been gone from there I've had a lot of time to think, and it's dawned upon me what a complete fool I was. The only thing I'm mixed up in my mind about now is how to get out of this jam. They'll be laying for me in two cities."

Tom had been listening thoughtfully. "Ernie," he asked, "what about those papers? Looks like you haven't made any attempt to deliver them. Where are they?"

Farrow did not hesitate. "I've still got 'em, hidden away. Just don't know what to do with them. I'm scared to destroy them, and more scared to keep them till we get back to the States. But I'll never deliver them."

Mickey's plate still rested before him neglected—a sign of intense interest indeed, for Mickey loved hot cakes. His face was slowly beginning to turn a dull red; the Irishman was becoming angry.

"Sort of looks like those Communist punks are after your scalp, doesn't it?" he remarked. "All right, tell me this: where were you supposed to take the papers?"

"I've got the address in my locker. Some place called The Seamen's Club."

Farrow scarcely got the words out of his mouth before the other two men almost bounced out of their seats as they exclaimed in such a loud voice that men at nearby tables looked around inquiringly. They sank back to stare at each other in open disbelief.

"Well!" Mickey managed at last. "This gets more confusing every minute." He frowned down at his hot cakes for a minute, then turned to speak in an ominous tone to Wilson.

"Tom," he snapped, "maybe we better pay another visit to the Club, what you think?"

"I think you're reading my mind, Mick, that's what I think. But we won't go alone this time, eh?"

"Correct as usual, Mr. Wilson." Mickey took a generous bite of the now cold pancakes, and chewed calmly as he turned back to address Farrow, who was becoming curious in his turn.

"Ernie, it just happens that you're fortunate enough to have the two best detectives in the Navy on your side. By an amazing coincidence, the place you're supposed to visit is the very place Tom and I have already been, last night. Of course, it's not such a coincidence after all, when you stop to consider that it must be the only Communist front in town, and they're naturally working on the military every chance they get. So, the three of us will make a call there this evening."

Farrow's eyes were beginning to shine. "Just a minute, my impulsive friend. I sure appreciate that, but I don't want you to get mixed up in my troubles. All you have to do is stay away and you're in the clear. If you go along with me, you'll make them your enemies, too."

Mickey regarded him with quiet disapproval of what was said. "Sorry, my boy, we're already in. Tom wants to pay back for a couple of those wallops he took last night, don't you, Thomas? First thing we'll have to do is see the skipper and get special liberty for us all."

At six that evening the three men left the ship. Their first stop was, surprisingly—or perhaps it should be said customarily—the Grill. But not to eat, this time. They stopped at the door and Mickey beckoned the waitress over. She approached, eyes wide as she observed their stern manner.

"Miss Mallinger," began Conant without preamble, "is your father at home right now?"

"Why, I'm sure he is, Mickey. He promised me he wouldn't go out tonight."

"Then phone him and tell him to stay there. I don't think he'll be going to the Club any more after tonight."

"What—what do you mean?"

"Nothing I can tell you at this minute. But you've already said he began to visit that place only a short while ago, after your mother died, and that you don't want him there. I don't think you will have to worry about it any more."

Sudden hope, not unmixed with fear, flared in the girl's eyes. "Oh, Mickey, that would be wonderful! But isn't he liable to go into trouble?"

"I don't believe so, if you'll just make sure he's at home tonight. You said he wasn't a Club member, but was only trying to earn membership. So, he'll be all right; his name won't be on their rolls."

He smiled down at her. "See you after a while?"

"Yes, yes! And—thanks, Mickey, so very much." Her eyes were misty.

"So long, Moitle. Let's go, fellows."

The three sailors departed, leaving the girl to stand undecided only a moment before she walked purposefully to the front of the restaurant. Entering a phone booth there, she dialed and waited. Seconds later she emerged, relief in every line of her face.

In another part of the city, three young men approached the portal of The Seamen's Club. They seemed in remarkable light spirits, but a close observer might have noticed a grimness about the mouth, and an absence of mirth in the eyes when they laughed. As they started up the steps, the upper door opened once more and a man emerged.

"Electric eye on the bottom step," muttered Farrow, head down. "Had

the same thing in Long Beach. Rings a bell when we start up."

The greeter this time was not Mr. Brown. Farrow took the lead and spoke right up. "My name is Ernest Farrow, and I'm here to see Mr. Brown."

The civilian's eyes flickered to Tom and Mickey. "Glad to see you, Mr. Farrow. Who are your friends? Looks like you've been in a fight," he concluded, as he studied Wilson's battered face.

Mickey spoke up for himself. "Yeah, sort of. We were here yesterday, on the invitation of Mr. —er, one of your people. Mr. Brown knows us."

"Oh." The door swung wide. "Come in; glad to have you all with us. You know your way around I suppose?"

"Yes," replied Farrow, "but we may not stay long, and I must see Mr. Brown. Would you tell him I'm here?"

"Certainly. Come with me, please."

The sailors were led across the wide assembly room and through another door into the Club office, where the man they had come to see sat at a wide desk, poring over a stack of papers. Near him sat a young woman, evidently his secretary, busily typing. She looked up without stopping work.

"Hello, Mr. Brown. These young men say they have some business with you."

"Oh, yes—hello there, Conant and Wilson. Glad to see you back again." The man got up from his desk and came around to shake hands. "Don't believe I know this other gentleman, though." He looked inquiringly from Farrow back to the others. The doorman backed out silently and went back to his station.

"I'm Ernest Farrow, Mr. Brown. Maybe you've heard the name."

Ernie spoke quietly, his eyes intent upon the civilian. Brown's face went blank, but his gaze darted for an instant to the other two sailors.

"Yes, seems to me some of our Club members have met you and proposed your name for membership, or something like that. At any rate, the name is familiar. You wanted to see me—alone?" He glanced meaningfully at Tom and Mickey.

"No! What I have to s—say can be said in f—front of them, and in front of your secretary, too, for that matter." Farrow's face was pale now, and his voice took on a slight hesitation that made Mickey look at him keenly, but there was no hesitation in his manner.

"I had a packet of p—papers for you, Mr. Brown, from Long Beach."

"You—had?" The tone was soft, but with an edge.

"Y—yes, I s—said had. To be more explicit, I haven't got it now."

"No—o? And what became of it?"

"I turned it over to my commanding officer." There was dead silence in the office now. The secretary had stopped typing and was watching; Tom and Mickey had moved to stand one on

each side of the door leading to the outer hall.

"Did you read the contents first?" There was no mistaking now the deadly quality of Brown's voice.

"N—no, I didn't read it, because it wasn't addressed to me. But I had a good idea of what was in it, and my suspicions were confirmed when the Captain told me later that it contained information about our trans-ports. Anyhow, I've decided I w—want no part of your rotten C—Communist work." The barely noticeable stutter did not in any way detract from the calmness of purpose plain to be seen in Farrow's whole bearing. He drew a step closer.

"The truth is, Mr. Brown, or whatever your real name is, I was a fool for a while back in Long Beach, but on the way out here I got a little s—sense. And I'm t—telling you here and now that I'm through with your whole damnable scheme. And I've got some more news for you: s—so are you through with it, at least for a while."

Brown was glaring at him through eyes that were thinned to viciously gleaming slits. "You don't tell me! You may change your mind again—quick. And it's too bad you had to drag your friends into this mix-up, too." He sneered. "Capitalist dogs!"

With a gesture almost too fast to be followed, he reached into his pocket and came up with a nasty-looking black automatic. But Farrow had been anticipating this very move, and while the gun was coming out and up, Ernie's fist was traveling straight and fast, with about 170 pounds of rage and determination behind it. The hard knuckles cracked against Brown's face with a sound that made Mickey blink, and the civilian crashed backward against his desk. The automatic flew from his suddenly nerveless hand and fell directly at the feet of his secretary. That young lady, mistaken though her political affiliations may have been, was resourceful: in a split second she had snatched up the weapon and had it pointed in the general direction of three frozen sailors.

"One move from any of you, and I'll kill you without batting an eye!" she hissed, and there was no doubt about her sincerity in the minds of those who heard. Reaching over her employer's prostrate body, she picked up a water carafe and dumped the contents upon his face, never once taking her eyes from the blue uniforms before her. Brown gasped and struggled dizzily to his feet, wiping hands shakily across his bruised jaw.

"Wha'—what?" he mumbled, as his wits returned. His gaze focused and settled upon Farrow. Fury suddenly contorted his features. Grabbing the automatic from his secretary, he stepped back around the desk to confront the electrician. Words dripped from his bleeding mouth like venom from a snake's fangs.

"I ought to put a bullet in your liver!"

Farrow looked back steadily. "You and your lady friend speak the same language, I see," he said clearly. There was no trace at all of stammer or hesitation in his speech, and Mickey could not restrain a smile.

The words goaded Brown beyond endurance. He swung his fist into the young seaman's solar plexus. Farrow doubled over with a grunt, the wind completely knocked out of him. As he went down, Brown's arm continued to swing. He chopped viciously at the sailor's neck with the edge of his hand, right and left. The blows were stunning, and Ernie dropped inert. Mickey and Tom started forward, but the black weapon swung to cover them.

"Stay where you are!" There was murder in the man's face, and the two friends stopped short, quivering with anger but helpless.

"I'm going to call in a couple of my men, and they're going to take your comrade away. If you want to walk out of here alive, don't raise a hand to prevent it, or to help him. This Farrow is a traitor—he has betrayed the International—and he'll pay for it."

He reached for a buzzer upon his desk and pressed it. Turning back to the sailors, he laughed in a way that made Mickey's hands clench.

"You Americans walk in here like you owned the place and this one here" (he kicked contemptuously at Farrow's body) "talks to me, Ivan Brown, like a kulak. I ought to shoot all three of you." For a moment they thought he was going to do it.

The door opened, and a brace of toughs came tramping into the room. They looked capable of, and had probably indulged in, every kind of

vileness known to man. Neither was big, but they didn't need to be. Brown gestured with the gun.

"These two sailors are leaving, peacefully and quietly. This fool here at my feet is not. Not yet, that is, and perhaps not so peaceful and quiet when he does."

"Righto, boss." The toughs advanced toward Tom and Mickey. At that instant the secretary's shrill scream pierced the tense atmosphere.

"Look out, Ivan!" But the warning was a trifle late. Brown's feet were jerked from under him, and he fell with a crash to the floor, with the revived Farrow on top of him, a flailing, threshing vengeance. The two henchmen swung quickly back to observe this unexpected development, and that was their own undoing. With one impulse, Tom and Mickey flung themselves forward, and the room became a mad tangle of wildly swinging arms and legs. The thud of fists upon flesh and grunts of pain and anger filled the air. The gun lay under one corner of the desk, unnoticed and forgotten.

By all except the secretary, that is. Stepping gingerly about the edges of the scramble, she encouraged her comrades with voice and an occasional kick or blow with her fist, watching for the first opportunity to dart past and retrieve the weapon. Mickey was fighting with the fierce passion and enthusiasm of all his Irish forebears, giving his adversary quite enough and to spare. Out of the corner of his eye he spotted the female contestant, and also the gun. Instantly perceiving her purpose, he swung a mighty, desperate right, which landed and momentarily stunned his foe. With a leap, Mickey barely managed to beat the woman to the gun, and swung it up threateningly.

"No you don't, you Communist tramp!" She shrank back, and Mickey leaped to his feet. The levelled automatic kept his enemy from returning to the attack, and a prod or two from it brought the other Communists to their feet. They sullenly aligned themselves along the wall with their lady friend. Three panting but happy sailors lined themselves opposite, and grinned at each other.

Blue uniforms were no longer capable of passing liberty inspection. Neckerchiefs were torn or lost, shoes scuffed, and white hats not white any more. Tom had a couple of new scratches to add to his growing collection, and Mickey dabbed with a handkerchief at his lip, which was flowing bright crimson. Farrow was the least injured.

"I knew this guy couldn't fight; you two fellows had the tough ones to handle," he laughed. "Clean living conquers once more!"

There was no merriment on the rage-flushed faces before him. The woman was spitting like a cornered cat. Brown snarled his hate at them.

"Fools! Worse than fools, that's what you are! How do you expect this to benefit you? You can't get out of this place!"

Mickey smiled benevolently upon him. "Guess this room must be sound proof, or we'd have some of your other playmates in here by now. So, for my next surprise, I'll just step to this back door and open it . . ."

He did just that, and leaned out. Taking an object from his pocket, he put it to his mouth, and a whistle shrilled its urgent message into the night air. Almost before the sound stopped, there was a rush of heavy feet upon the back stairs. Tom had flung the front door open, and the whistle's blast brought other loungers about the various Club rooms up from their chairs in startled dismay. More feet pounded up the front stairway, and the door flew open under the weight of a few heavy blows. Into office and assembly room there poured a stream of blue-clad policemen, their high helmets immediately streaming out in all directions to cover completely every part of the rooms. A stalwart sergeant and several bobbies stepped calmly into the office and confronted the little group.

"Hello, Sarge," greeted Mickey, with a lopsided grin on account of his split lip. "I almost didn't get to use this whistle; our friend Mr. Brown, here, has a temper to match his political color—and Tom's hair. Thought for a minute he would forget his doctrine of international brotherhood and kill us off. But we had a little fun changing his mind."

"So it appears," agreed the sergeant. "Well, this confirms an idea I've had for a while now. Sort of had a suspicion this Club was more than just a respectable social hall for seamen

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Pacific Conference

Sessions of the Oregon Association at the Glencullen Baptist Church of Portland, Oregon

The Oregon Association convened at the Glencullen Baptist Church of Portland, Ore., from Thursday afternoon, November 12, to Sunday afternoon, November 15. The Rev. Robert Penner is pastor of the church.

The theme of the Association was "Consecrated Service for the Lord" taken from our text in 1 Chron. 25:5, "Who then is willing to consecrate his service this day unto the Lord?"

Our pastors were a blessing to us with inspired messages on consecrated service. It was pointed out that consecration is nothing unless it pours energy and meaning into service, nor does service mean anything if it is performed without consecration to the Lord, for his sake, and in his Name.

Dr. M. L. Leuschner and Miss Ruth Bathauer of Forest Park, Ill., were our guest speakers. We are grateful to them for thought-provoking and inspirational messages. We are especially thankful that we were led to feel a burden for prayer for the specific needs of our mission fields.

Officers elected for the coming year were: Rev. Lewis Berndt, moderator; Rev. Arthur Schulz, vice-moderator; and Rev. E. A. Gerlitz, secretary-treasurer; member of Pacific Conference Mission Committee, Rev. Robert Penner; alternate, Rev. Rudolph Woyke; representative to Pacific Conference Nominating Committee, Mr. Earl Marks; alternate, Rev. L. B. Berndt.

Miss Ruth Bathauer, Mrs. E. Wolff, and Rev. McKay who is head of the Mission to the Navajo Indians in Southwestern United States were the speakers for the Women's Missionary meeting on Friday afternoon. The young people were in charge of the Saturday evening service and Sunday afternoon rally. On Saturday evening a gripping film was shown, "I Beheld His Glory." Dr. Leuschner was the guest speaker at the Sunday Rally.

A new feature of our Oregon Association was an evening program by the Men's Fellowship of our churches. The men planned their own program with six prominent laymen from our own churches as guest speakers. Speakers were: J. O. Johnson, Eric Pohl, Dick Bartel, Sam Rich, Mr. Earl Marks, and Victor Loewen.

E. A. Gerlitz, Reporter.

Northwestern Conference

Candlelight Service, "A Feast of Light," at Oak Street Church, Burlington, Iowa

A unique service, conducted in the Oak Street Baptist Church, Burlington, Iowa, on Sunday evening, Dec. 13th, brought forth enthusiastic approval. It carried the title, "A Feast of Light." The beautiful Christmas decorations with the large and small candelabra gave the atmosphere. The service featured the twelve apostles as light bearers represented by candles which were brought in, lighted at the large central candle representing Christ and placed in sockets beside that candle. The pastor, the Rev. O. E. Krueger, had prepared the script which he read as he called name after name. He used the literary form of apostrophe in the present tense, telling each how he had carried the light into distant lands, sealing his sincerity and loyalty with martyrdom.

The candle of Judas was lighted but not placed alongside the others but carried to and fro before "the Christ candle," while the reading of his record continued. At the words, "he hanged himself," the carrier blew out the light and laid the candle on the



Rev. and Mrs. George W. Lang at their wedding reception cutting the large cake, with the top representing a Bible, which was baked by Mrs. David Jaeger of Burlington, Iowa

table. The reader called for the candle of Paul to come in and take his place. Then the final candle was called and placed on the pulpit to represent all the messengers of light who had carried the torch through the centuries. Four candle lighters came forth. After a prayer that we might all realize that Jesus said, "Ye are the light of the world," they went down the aisles and everyone received the light. During that time the pastor read, "Gems of Light," taken from the Bible.

Then followed a prayer in which the petitions given by the leader were repeated by the congregation. We were made to feel that we are all to carry Christ's light into the world of darkness. The final quotation carried the words of Jesus, "I must work the works of him that sent me while it is day; the night cometh when no man can work." At the words, "the night cometh," all lights were blown out signifying that our privilege of light-bearing will end some day. The impressive service was closed with the hymn, "Day Is Dying in the West."

O. E. Krueger, Interim Pastor.

Wedding of Rev. George W. Lang and Lenore Meilahn at Burlington, Iowa

At a double ring ceremony on Nov. 27 in the Oak Street Baptist Church of Burlington, Iowa, Miss Lenore Frances Meilahn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eric W. Meilahn, became the bride of Rev. George William Lang, son of Dr. and Mrs. George A. Lang, Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Dr. Lang performed the ceremony. He was assisted by Rev. O. E. Krueger. Candelabra, palms and white mums decorated the church. Mrs. H. O. Kohrs was organist. Soloist was Mrs. Roy Bohlen.

The bride was attractive in a white marquisette gown styled with a lace bodice, long sleeves and self-covered buttons down the back. Her full length veil of illusion edged with two rows of lace fell from a tiara of seed pearls. She carried a semi-crescent bouquet of white roses and white carnations.

A reception followed in the church parlors. The bride's table was centered with white flowers and candles. The large wedding cake was in the shape of a book with names of the couple and a scripture verse inscribed on it and decorated with a miniature bridal couple. Music was furnished by the church orchestra composed of Sherrill Bohlen, Evelyn Bohlken, Jena Brayton, Helen Hansen, Janie Havenhill, Carol Johnston, and Joyce Weyl.

The bride is a graduate of Burlington Hospital School of Nursing and is a senior at Northern Baptist Theological Seminary in Chicago. She is also a graduate of Burlington high school and attended Burlington Junior College for one year.

The bridegroom is a graduate of University of Rochester in New York and Northern Baptist Theological Seminary. He was ordained to the Baptist ministry on Sept. 1, 1953, in Sioux Falls and is now pastor of Humboldt Park Baptist Church in Chicago, Illinois.

—From "Hawkeye Gazette."

NOVEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS—NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST GENERAL CONFERENCE

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ALL PURPOSES

Conferences	Nov., 1953	Nov., 1952	Nov., 1951
Atlantic	\$ 1,989.52	\$ 1,585.10	\$ 2,137.36
Central	10,083.80	9,186.71	7,940.39
Dakota	8,579.11	12,902.13	13,954.41
Eastern	1,232.96	938.77	558.76
Northern	10,409.60	13,456.79	12,478.34
Northwestern	6,527.78	4,625.29	9,843.36
Pacific	4,007.70	7,520.75	6,308.53
Southern	4,412.18	2,479.72	2,551.79
Southwestern	3,523.64	6,679.05	4,684.73

Total Contributions\$50,766.29 \$59,374.31 \$60,457.67

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED

	Budget Contributions	Other Purposes	Total Contributions
For the month of November, 1953	\$ 49,451.28	\$ 1,315.01	\$ 50,766.29
For the month of November, 1952	46,980.11	12,394.20	59,374.31
For the month of November, 1951	49,460.10	10,997.57	60,457.67

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR

April 1, 1953 to November 30, 1953	\$333,955.63	\$ 15,533.50	\$349,489.13
April 1, 1952 to November 30, 1952	271,177.32	56,234.86	327,412.18
April 1, 1951 to November 30, 1951	272,643.31	46,080.60	318,723.91

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED FOR THE TRIENNIUM

April 1, 1952 to November 30, 1953	\$811,737.11	\$101,492.97	\$913,230.08
April 1, 1951 to November 30, 1952	700,905.42	154,621.85	855,527.27
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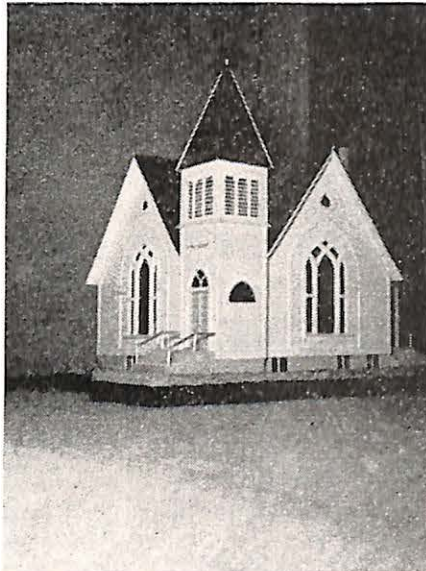
50th Anniversary Program and Christian Life Conference at Baptist Church, Victor, Iowa

A lighted miniature of the Victor Baptist Church, Victor, Iowa, perfect in detail, thrilled the hearts of those in attendance at the Christian Life Conference, held during Thanksgiving Week in honor of the 50th anniversary of the church. Using the scale of one-fourth inch to one foot, the small replica was made by one of our CBY-ers, Edward McAdam, whose maternal grandparents and great-grandparents (Bohstedts and Muellers) were among the fifty-four charter members. It is a symbol of the faith, hopes and beliefs of all who have had a part in the growth of the church throughout the years, as well as of those who will continue to help make this rural church "God's Light" in this area in the years to come.

Tender memories come to mind as the present church members, numbering 94, think of the ministry of those who served the church in different capacities as the years passed by. We owe a debt of gratitude to all our pastors and their families for their faithfulness in preaching and living the Word among us; for putting up with our faults, many of which, we fear, have been more tenacious than our better qualities. Indeed, we pray that a deep and searching humility might be ours always.

To the laymen who preached for us the many times we were without a pastor there is a special feeling of appreciation which words alone cannot express, for without their labor of love, the work of the church could not have been carried on. From the student pastors whose hopes and aspirations were shared with us during their training, we have received untold encouragement. To the North American Baptist Conference, through its representatives and publications, we are grateful for the development of a true love for mission giving. To the 20 charter members, some living in our midst, and some farther way, we are eternally grateful, for their lives are a constant reminder of God's keeping power. To those charter members, who have gone on to be with the Lord, we feel that same depth of gratitude — urging us to be an ever better band of soul winners.

We appreciate the untiring efforts of our pastor, the Rev. Alvin Wetter, who compiled our 50th anniversary booklet, and who with the deacons, Harm Folkerts, Spencer Maudlin, and Darrell Cordes, planned the program for these festive days. We are thankful for the blessed experience of a deeper look into the Scriptures, in the studies of the book of John, with Dr. Thorwald Bender, who gave up his Thanksgiving vacation in order to be with us. Also, we were happy to see the Rev. Wm. Schobert, who came from East Detroit, Mich., as a representative of our former pastors, and to hear his timely message. For the blessing of music well rendered, we are indebted to the double quartet: Carolyn and Darrell Cordes, Janice and Roscoe Jordan, Margaret and Cherie Daniels, and Emmet and Erwin



A beautiful model of the Baptist Church, Victor, Iowa, made by Mr. Edward McAdam of Victor as a surprise remembrance for the 50th anniversary of the church

Bohstedt, singers, Rev. Alvin Wetter, director, and Mrs. Wetter, pianist.

To the many people, including former pastors, members and friends, who sent messages, gifts and flowers, we will remember their kindness, and in remembering, with God's guidance, will go forward with renewed strength. Mrs. Merwyn Betz, Church Clerk.

Central Conference

Sunday School Contest and Baptismal Service at Bethel Church, Indianapolis, Indiana

The Lord is certainly blessing his work here in Indianapolis, Indiana. We rejoice in the progress we have been able to see at the Bethel Baptist Church. Early last fall we were able to purchase a used duplicating machine, which we have found greatly increases the effectiveness of our ministry. Later some needed repairs were made to the church property, and the church building was painted. The parsonage will be painted as soon as weather permits in the spring.

In October, we changed the time of the morning services, so that we now have our Sunday School first followed by the worship service. This time change was effective on the same Sunday that an attendance contest was begun. At the close of the contest, in which each class constituted a team, we had an evening of social fellowship in the church basement. The dual purpose of this was to honor the class that won the contest, namely the Young People's Class, and also to become better acquainted with one another. When the winning class was presented, the Sunday School choir sang a congratulatory song which was written for the occasion by the pastor, the Rev. Laurence R. Prast. The combined results of the contest and the time change have been a slight increase in the Sunday School enrollment, and an in-

crease in attendance at the morning worship services.

On Sunday evening, November 29th, it was the blessed privilege of the pastor to baptize three converts upon confession of their faith in Christ as Savior. On the following Sunday, the hand of fellowship was extended to these three and two others who came by letters from other churches.

We would appreciate any information "Baptist Herald" readers can give us concerning members or former members of our North American Baptist Churches, who are now living in or near Indianapolis.

Laurence R. Prast, Pastor.

Carillonic Memorial Bells are Dedicated by the Forest Park Baptist Church, Illinois

The "Good News" of the Gospel is now being proclaimed from the tower as well as from the pulpit of the Forest Park Baptist Church, Forest Park, Illinois. On Sunday evening, Dec. 13, the Carillonic Memorial Bells in the tower of the church were dedicated at impressive exercises led by the pastor, the Rev. Rubin Kern.

This fine set of 25 carillonic bells (two full octaves) represented a memorial gift of about \$4,500 by the late Mr. Earl T. Marquardt in memory of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Emil C. Marquardt, and as a living tribute to his wife, Mrs. Mary J. Marquardt. The bells include an automatic clock and Westminster strike which automatically sounds every half hour from 8:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M., a manual keyboard at the organ console, and an automatic roll player with 42 hymns. It was installed by Schulmerich Carillons of Sellersville, Pennsylvania. Mr. Marquardt passed away quite suddenly on Nov. 10 and was never able to see the fulfillment of his dreams for this memorial.

The service opened with a recital featuring carillonic selections, skillfully played by Mr. William Krogman, church organist. Mr. Edwin Maxant read Psalm 150 and Miss Adelaide Klatt sang, "The Lord's Prayer." Mr. Carl Jenkins, church moderator, made the presentation to the church before "The Litany of Dedication" was read by the large congregation.

The Rev. R. Kern spoke on Psalm 112:6 and Proverbs 7:10 as he paid tribute to Mr. and Mrs. Emil C. Marquardt, parents of the donor, whose "greatest joy was the fellowship of God's people." With deepest gratitude he received the memorial gift in the name of the church and emphasized that it would enable the church to enhance its witnessing ministry in the entire community. He also announced that a bronze memorial plaque will be placed in the church at an early future date.

With the melodious ringing of the carillonic bells like sweet music in their ears and with the echo of the inspiring tributes and messages in their hearts, the large audience departed thanking God for those whose "witness ever lives on because they honored the Lord Jesus Christ in their lives."

M. L. Leuschner, Reporter.

New Parsonage Costing About \$30,000 Built by Immanuel Church, Kankakee, Illinois

The Immanuel Baptist Church of Kankakee, Ill., has again enjoyed the blessing of the Lord in its progress. The sum of \$40,664.56 in pledges was obtained from its members and friends in a campaign conducted in November, 1953. The victory was celebrated in the Harvest Festival and Thanksgiving Service on November 22nd.

During the past year a beautiful ranch style parsonage was built at the site of the new church location. This was built to free the old parsonage for Sunday School use. Two departments of the Sunday School and the Junior Church are now held in this annex. A 25 per cent increase in our Sunday School attendance has been enjoyed during the past year under the direction of Mr. George A. Salzman, superintendent. The Junior Church, established by Mrs. H. H. Riffel and directed by Mr. Cecil B. Martin, has an enrollment of over 50 children.

The new pledges will continue the progress already made. The total cost of the parsonage was \$29,432.73. Previous to our recent campaign \$17,625 had already been paid on our parsonage and lots. The new pledges will cover the balance on the parsonage, take care of further needs in Sunday School and church development, and establish a fund for the new church building to be erected. The church moderator, Mr. Gilbert Luhrs, was chairman of the building committee and the financial campaign. The Chase Associates of Roslindale, Mass., gave excellent direction and help in the recent Program of Progress.

Herman H. Riffel, Pastor.

Men's Fellowship is Organized at the Forest Park Baptist Church of Illinois

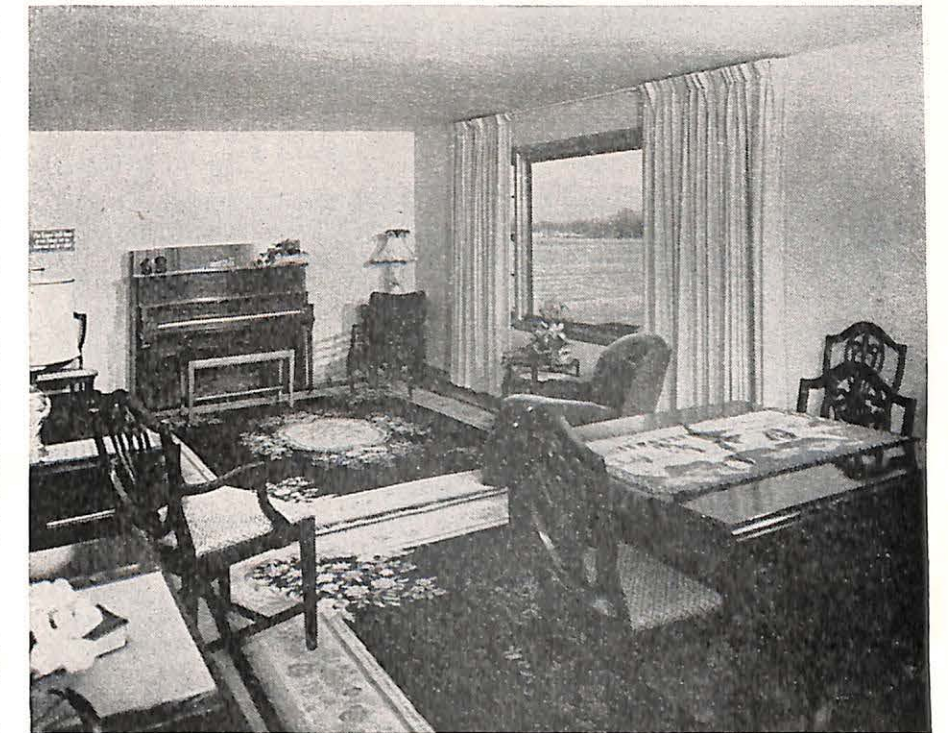
For many years the Forest Park Baptist Church, Forest Park, Ill., has had two men's organizations, one of which formerly was known as the Baraca Class and more recently as the Men's Fellowship Class. The other organization is our "Maennerverein" which serves our German-speaking men. However, this left our church without an over-all men's organization.

Through the interest and activity of "Baptist Men" of our denomination, the new organization, "Men's Fellowship," was created, which is open to membership for every man in our church or in any way associated with our church. The Men's Fellowship Class has now become a class only, but continues as one of the activities of "Men's Fellowship." Other classes and organizations can continue as in the past, but all men will now be able to join in a church-wide men's program.

Perhaps other church laymen will be interested in the manner of procedure and type of organization. An open meeting of all laymen was called for the purpose of considering whether a new men's organization should be created. The expressions were favor-

able and an organizing committee was appointed. It was also agreed that the new organization should be managed by a board of 15 directors and the organizing committee would also serve as the nominating committee.

A dinner meeting was arranged for Tuesday, October 27th, with a fine program. A student from Wheaton College played the trumpet and accompanied himself on the piano. Mr. Carl Gingrich sang several solos. The speaker was Mr. Harry Cork, a well known layman who is now serving full-time with the Pacific Garden Mission, and the organizer of the West Suburban Men's Fellowship. Fifty-five men enjoyed the evening. The election resulted in five directors being elected to serve three years, five



The rear living room of the new parsonage for the Immanuel Baptist Church, Kankakee, Illinois. Prairie green walls and ceiling give a restful setting and copies of French Oriental rugs give a touch of the luxurious. The picture window overlooks the rear yard and the open fields beyond

for two years and five for one year. Hereafter annual elections will be for five directors to serve a term of three years.

A week later the 15 directors, together with our pastor, the Rev. Rubin Kern, who is a continuous voting member of the Board, met for the purpose of electing officers and appointing committee chairmen. These elections and appointments are annual, and the following were chosen to serve: president and chairman of the Board, William F. Heine; vice-president, Clarence Eberts; secretary, Richard Bennett; treasurer, Robert Leake; program chairman, Herbert Gnass; publicity chairman, Herbert Baumgart; membership chairman, Herman Seegmiller, activities chairman, Henry Braun; devotional Chairman, Arthur Fippinger.

The program is to schedule a certain number of meetings during the year in advance and not necessarily

monthly. The programs are to be varied, using speakers or films and some are to be dinner meetings.

Herbert Baumgart,
Publicity Chairman.

Series of Bible Studies in the Central Saskatchewan and Alberta Association Churches

Special blessings came to the Central Saskatchewan-Alberta Association during the week of Nov. 30 to Dec. 5. It was the time set apart for a special Bible study of the letter to the Ephesians which had been planned during our last session in June. The Rev. Karl Korella of the C.T.I., Edmonton, Alta., had been invited to lead

us in the readings. On Nov. 30 and Dec. 1st the sessions were held in Golden Prairie, Sask.; on Dec. 2 and 3 in Hilda, Alta.; and on Dec. 4 and 5 in the Grace Baptist Church of Medicine Hat, Alberta.

Many a new truth dawned upon our hearts and minds as we listened to the unfolding of God's Word. Both in the doctrinal and the practical portion of the epistle, there was much over which we were able to rejoice. God's redemption in choosing us before the foundation of the world, his adoption of the sons of men into his family and the work of the Holy Spirit were only a few of the truths explained to us.

As we studied the practical portion of Ephesians, we found ourselves coming short of many of the things mentioned, such as "Be ye followers of God," and "Walk in love." Also the truth of the Christian's warfare in Eph. 6 became great to us once more.

G. J. Thiessen, Reporter.

Anniversary Program by the Woman's Missionary Union, First Baptist Church, Leduc, Alberta

We, the Woman's Missionary Union of the First Baptist Church of Leduc, Alta., found much joy in preparing our annual program. It was presented in our church on Sunday, Nov. 1st, under the fine leadership of our president, Mrs. E. Kern.

A German play, as well as the recitations and special numbers in song proved to be a real blessing to the large audience in attendance. The program came to a prayerful climax with the heart warming play, "In the Beautiful Garden of Prayer."

We accepted the invitations from five of our neighboring churches to present this program in their churches and appreciated the warm welcome and tasty lunches received wherever we went. All offerings received went toward the furtherance of our foreign mission work, half of it going toward our new leper work in the Cameroons.

Mrs. R. Ohlmann, Reporter.



Women of the Missionary Society, First Baptist Church, Leduc, Alberta, who presented the play, "In the Beautiful Garden of Prayer"

CBY Anniversary Program and Evangelistic Services at Ebenezer East Church of Saskatchewan

The CBY of the Ebenezer East Baptist Church, Ebenezer, Sask., presented its annual program on Sunday evening, Nov. 1st. The theme of the program was that of our National CBY, namely, "Live Christ." The program consisted of the following: words of welcome by the president, Miss Daphne Fandrey; vocal numbers by the Chorus Choir, male quartet, Ladies' Trio, mixed duet, male duet, and male solo; reading entitled, "Tell me the Old, Old Story," and a play entitled, "The Lost Church."

The mission project that the young people have undertaken is that of supporting two native students of the Bible School in the Cameroons, Africa. The present enrollment of our society numbers 59. Most of these are active in their groups. The society is divided into groups, and they with their leader take turns in presenting a program every other Sunday evening. This is done with the able help of our

pastor and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. Walter Hoffman.

Special efforts in evangelism were put forth from Nov. 16th to Dec. 4th with services every night excluding Saturday evenings. Our guest speaker was the Rev. Richard Grabke who is the pastor of the Grace Baptist Church of Davin, Saskatchewan. There were 23 decisions for the Lord Jesus Christ. And to hear their testimonies, one could not help but recognize the transformation that was theirs. We had an average attendance of 200 people through the entire three weeks of meetings. Christians were also challenged to live a more consecrated life for Christ in being a shining light for him. The boys and girls had a special interest in the meetings because of the "Story Time," which the Rev. Richard Grabke related to them.

We do not merely look back at these blessings and remain there but our desire is that God might continue to pour out his blessing upon his people and make us ready channels of service to the salvation of precious souls.

Daphne Fandrey, Reporter.

Evangelistic Meetings for the Hilda and Schuler Congregations in Alberta, Canada

The Hilda and Schuler congregations of Alta., Canada, planned special meetings for the fall months. In Hilda the two weeks of meetings began on Oct. 19 and continued through Oct. 30. The Rev. Ervin Faul of Calgary, Alta., was the speaker for these days of blessings. One week of the meetings was held in the German language, the other in the English. Even if there were no visible results in the Hilda campaign, our hearts were lifted to higher regions by the influence of the Word.

During the time that the Rev. Ervin Faul was with us, the church and the Sunday School of Hilda held the Thanksgiving program. October 25th was the date reserved for it. During the regular Sunday School hour the children brought their share of poems, readings and songs of thanksgiving. Then during the service Mr. Faul preached the Thanksgiving sermon based on John 4:35-38. We were re-

minded of the responsibilities of the mission field around us.

After an interval of approximately two weeks, the meetings in the Schuler High School Auditorium were started. The actual dates were Nov. 16 to 27. The Rev. Henry Schumacher of Westaskiwin, Alta., was the speaker. Here again the meetings were well attended by Christians of various denominations. Different church groups assisted with special numbers. Among them were the Hilda, Medicine Hat, Surprise groups and others. In this campaign we again felt God's redeeming grace, especially when on the final evening three adults made their confession of faith in Christ. How we praise him for this fruit in the souls of men!

G. J. Thiessen, Pastor.

Dedication of \$60,000 Edifice of the Bridgeland Baptist Church, Calgary, Alberta

The ornate new building of the Bridgeland Baptist Church of Calgary, Alta., was the scene of a great dedication service on November 22. Standing so regally in the sunlight, decked so beautifully in array of flowers, it reflected the crowned sacrifices of gifts and toil. Here no less than a thousand worshippers assembled from Carbon, Olds, Trochu, Zion and other distant points to rejoice with the congregation. The clarion voices swelled the resonance of praise.

Congratulations from Rev. Wm. Muller, Rev. Fred Pahl of Olds, Rev. Wm. Effa of Zion, and Rev. David Kroeker of the Mennonite Brethren Church also contained wishes for the undiminished and unending blessings of God. Under the able direction of Peter Neufeld, the choir sang two numbers, giving expression to the innate yearning of the soul. Also a Ladies' Aid Sextet added, "Dies ist die Kapelle." The former pastor, Rev. Henry Schatz, of the Leduc Temple Church earnestly pleaded, in the midst of great rejoicing, for a more permanent happiness, the undying and united efforts for God.

With the echo of the morning service still vividly lingering, the assembly lustily gave vent to praise in the afternoon service. The honorable mayor of the city of Calgary, Mr. Don MacKay, warmly congratulated the church for the hopes realized, and clearly visualized a greater church building project for this congregation in the not too distant future. He expressed his heartfelt wish that every church would be filled with worshippers. Mr. Nick Yurchevich, the contractor, briefly related his joy in working with the members of the church and gratefully acknowledged the fine cooperation. He wished the church a successful future blessed of God, as he officially transferred the key to the first deacon.

In response, Mr. Jacob Buyer revealed his overwhelming pleasure and reaffirmed this should be the House of prayer. Cordially he welcomed everyone to enter into the presence of God. The choral contribution, "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross," urged everyone to look anew on Calvary's scene, and "Worthy Is the

Lamb" extolled the Lamb of God. Marlyne Nehr and May Bertsch sang, "When We See Christ."

In the dedicatory message Rev. E. P. Wahl, president of the Christian Training Institute, the beloved denominational Bible School in the Northern Conference, clearly stressed the prerequisite of personal dedication to give church dedication real value. Following this heart searching message, Rev. Fred Pahl led a reverently standing congregation in the dedicatory prayer. A vocal soloist, Wesley Bettcher, then sang "God Bless This House."

In the financial report Mr. Rubin Schamuhn, the building fund treasure, gave the cost of the church as \$60,000. Of this amount \$15,000 was donated labor, liberally given by members and friends. Enshrined in the hearts of all is the untiring toil of the brethren Jacob Buyer, G. Hein, Henry Neufeld, Ed. Schell, and Ben Wiltermut. From the very beginning in May until the church was completed in November, they have been faithful. With willing hands the ladies of the church served in the lower auditorium. The tables were generously supplied both at noon and at supper time. This was a time of fellowship and the renewal of acquaintances.

The day was crowned with an evangelistic service. The talent of the church choir, the Gospel Quartet, and the orchestra prepared the hearts for the stirring messages of Rev. Wm. Muller of Carbon and Rev. Wm. Effa of Zion. As everyone departed, they could say with the Psalmist, "I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord."

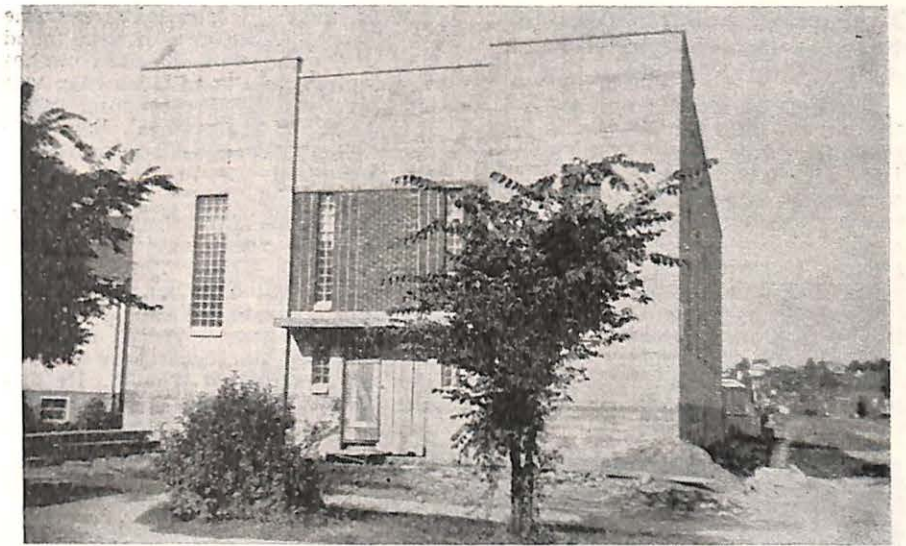
Ervin J. Faul, Pastor.

Dakota Conference

Evangelistic Meetings are Held at the Calvary Church, Carrington, North Dakota

We of the Calvary Baptist Church of Carrington, N. Dak., held special meetings from Nov. 22 to Dec. 4 with the Rev. Daniel Fuchs, our denominational evangelist, bringing the messages. Our meetings were well attended and many blessings were received by all. The children's stories that Mr. Fuchs brought each evening were enjoyed by the children and also by the adults. The special prayer sessions after each service were felt throughout the church. Thirteen boys and girls made their decisions for Christ and are looking forward to baptism and joining the church. We greatly appreciated Mr. Fuchs' ministry among us, and to show our appreciation the church presented him with a travel alarm.

Our Woman's Missionary Society has been active. We held our annual mission program on October 25 with Dr. John Leyboldt as guest speaker. He also showed films from our New Hope Settlement. Everyone enjoyed the message brought by Dr. Leyboldt. We invited the Cathay Society for this program. We had a time of fellowship in the church parlors following the service.



This new edifice of the Bridgeland Baptist Church, Calgary, Alberta, shortly before its completion and dedication. The Rev. Ervin J. Faul is the pastor

We thank the Lord for the blessings he has bestowed upon us, and we know as we work together for his Kingdom he will continue to bless us. The Rev. Carl Weisser is the pastor of our church.

Mrs. Lowell Leppke, Reporter.

Fiftieth Anniversary Program of the Rosenfeld Baptist Church, Near Anamoose, North Dakota

December 1 and 2 were days that will long be remembered by the Rosenfeld Baptist Church near Anamoose, N. Dak., when the church observed its Golden Anniversary.

This period of 50 years is significant for several reasons. It begins with the earliest days of pioneering when many people came from Europe to find a home and land on which to settle. They too came to "find rest."

From the records of this church we take the following quotation: "Rev. A. Heringer, pastor of Casselman (now Martin, N. Dak.), presided at a meeting of Baptists, most of whom were members of the Casselman Church. John 15 was read and prayer was offered. Christof Blumhagen was elected clerk. A letter from the Casselman Church was read advising the assembled people to organize into a church. Name: Rosenfeld Baptist Church. Expression of faith: the teaching of the Bible and Pendleton's Handbook as rules. We take this step to look upon the Lord who has called us as his children, and has redeemed us and has saved us. Motion was made, seconded and passed that above resolution be accepted." Thus a new group became what still is the above named church.

Prior to 1903 several families came from Rumania and homesteaded in this township. With arrival of additional families, meetings were held in sod houses and newly-built school-

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houses until such a time when it became possible to gather material for the present edifice. The services were for the most part conducted by laymen. Mr. Heringer and other visiting pastors and missionaries served these people until they were able to secure their first pastor in the family of Rev. and Mrs. Benjamin Schlipf.

The records show the following: After arriving on the field, Mr. Schlipf began his aggressive work for the Lord. During the early years of his ministry, Rev. H. Schwendener assisted in conducting special meetings at which time 102 people accepted Christ as their Savior. During Mr. Schlipf's ministry 167 new members were added by baptism and letter. To date this remains the high time of the church's history.

The following pastors served in the 50-year period: Rev. Benjamin Schlipf, 1905-1910; Rev. A. Guenther, 1912-1916; Rev. Christian Bischof, 1916-1920; Rev. S. J. Fuxa, 1921-1923; Rev. J. R. Matz, 1925-1930; Rev. G. G. Rauser, 1931-1935; Rev. A. W. Bibelheimer, 1936-1939; Rev. C. M. Knapp, 1940-1945; Rev. Wesley Simonson, 1947-1949; Rev. R. C. Schmidt, 1949-1950; Rev. R. C. Stading, 1951-1953; and Rev. Arthur A. Voigt, Oct. 1953.

The Jubilee program included messages from Dr. John Leyboldt of Forest Park, Illinois. Also former pastors and neighboring pastors brought messages on the church and God's program for man's redemption. Rev. S. Blumhagen, only ministerial son of the church, spoke sincerely. Another point of special interest was the testimonies of former, older members.

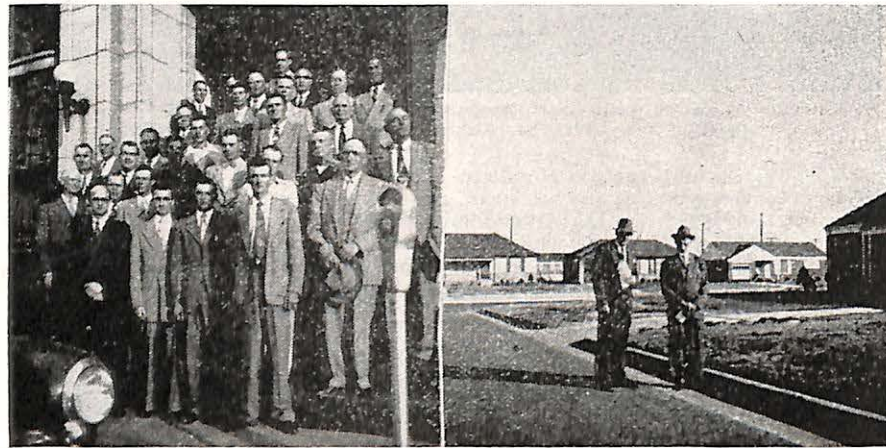
The music for these services of Tuesday evening and Wednesday was furnished by the host church. The ladies served two fellowship meals. With many good wishes the many friends took leave of one another at a late hour. Much credit to a successful anniversary is due to the present congenial pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Voigt, who labored diligently in the preparation, together with the faithful workers of the church.

A. W. Bibelheimer, Reporter.

Evangelistic and Thanksgiving Services Held by the Spring Valley Church, Canistota, N. Dak.

Evangelistic meetings were held in the city of Canistota, S. Dak., in cooperation with other local churches from November 1 to 8. Our pastor, the Rev. Eldon Seibold, was the speaker each evening, and special music was furnished by various groups. Much interest was shown and attendance was very good.

The Ladies' Mission Circle presented its fall program on Sunday, October 4. Several special members were given, and the film, "Regions Beyond," was shown. An offering of over \$100 was received.



Laymen and ministers of our Kansas churches on the steps of the Wichita Y.M.C.A. (left) just before the start of the canvassing of an area in Wichita, Kansas, called "Missionaries for a Day"; and Rev. H. J. Wilcke and Mr. Walter Fritzsche of Stafford, Kansas (right), canvassing the homes

On November 22 a Harvest Mission program was given by the Sunday School. Our Camerons missionary, Miss Berneice Westerman, was the guest speaker. Our young people have also been presenting some fine programs. A Thanksgiving tableau, "Father, I Thank Thee," was given at the Spring Valley Church on Nov. 29, and was also presented at the Northside Baptist Church of Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

We are sorry to report that we lost one of our most active families, since they moved to another community. A farewell service was held honoring Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Hagen and daughters, Danise and Patty.

Mrs. John G. Buseman, Clerk.

Southwestern Conference

"Missionaries For A Day" at Wichita, Kansas, in the Interest of Church Extension

"Missionaries For A Day," was the challenging title given to 34 pastors, laymen and laywomen who came to Wichita, Kans., on Tuesday, November 3, to take part in a twenty-four hour program of house to house visiting and canvassing.

The invitation had gone out from the Kansas Association Mission Committee for each Kansas Church to send three or four delegates to help Dr. William Judson Appel in canvassing the areas of the city.

When the roll was called at the time of the opening session, it was found that all but one of the Kansas churches was represented, and its absence was excused because of conflicting activities. After a hearty meal, the reading of God's Word, and the challenging send-off by Dr. Appel, the workers began their work two by two. In the evening, after the assignments had been taken care of, the group returned to the YMCA for the period of testimonies and prayer.

It was a joy to hear the testimony of Mr. Dan Wiens, a layman, formerly a member of our Strassburg Church and now residing in Wichita. He had seen the city of Wichita grow to almost double its population of ten years ago

Mt. Zion Church of Kansas Holds Thanksgiving Day Dinner for Servicemen

After the members of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church of Junction City, Kans., had completed counting their many blessings of the preceding year, they concluded there were sufficient of them to bestow a few upon the khaki-clad lads of the neighboring Ft. Riley and Camp Funston. Forthwith under the direction of our pastor, Rev. J. R. Kruegel, several car loads of soldier boys were retrieved from a day of possible loneliness and nostalgia and invited to be the guests of the church upon Thanksgiving Day.

Thus, like the thankful Pilgrims of long ago, the Mt. Zioners surrounded themselves, not with picturesque garbed Indians but with the monotonous gray of the army. The heavily laden tables in the church basement proved a welcome sight not only to the servicemen and Mt. Zion members, but also to the usual number of relatives and friends who gather for this annual Thanksgiving event.

Following the luscious meal, another delectable treat lay in store. A short testimony meeting was held wherein many expressed gratitude to God for blessings of the past year. We were happy that several of the servicemen also participated in this. One fellow's sincere testimony especially touched a vibrant cord in the hearts of many listeners when he related simply of his joy in the Lord.

Chaplain C. Underwood, Baptist chaplain of Ft. Riley, gave a stirring message emphasizing salvation and reassuring us that peace will come and war will be extirpated upon the second event of the great Prince of Peace which may be in the near future.

Mt. Zion's missionary sons and daughters write home concerning their various activities.

Merle Brenner, now of Rapid city, S. Dak., reports that he and his family are becoming acclimated to their new home. Work is commencing on the establishment of a church in this spiritually needy area.

Velma Shippy, serving in the San Luis Valley, Colo., tells us that the attendance at the Bible classes held for the Spanish speaking people of the Valley is on the increase. Before Velma's departure for Colorado, she shared with us on the Sunday evening of September 13 her experiences on our Indian Reserve mission fields of Canada where she served as missionary during the past summer months.

Rachel Zoschke writes her parents of her safe arrival in Chile, South America, the country to which God has called her in missionary service. Rachel has completed ten months of language study in Costa Rica, Central America. She flew from San Jose to Panama where the remainder of the trip was made by boat. Rachel reports the ocean voyage exhilarating and that she is now reveling in Chile's springtime set against a luxuriant backdrop of the beautiful, high, snow-capped Andes.

Betty Zoschke, Reporter.

Obituary

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

MR. WILLIAM BERTULEIT of Capac, Michigan.

Mr. William Bertuleit of Capac, Mich., was born in Germany on March 28, 1877, and died on his way by train to Portland, Ore., on Dec. 7, 1953. He was found dead alongside the railroad track 60 miles east of Rock Springs, Wyo. Whether he fell off the train or was robbed and thrown off has not been definitely determined. But his pocketbook with considerable money in it has not yet been found.

Mr. Bertuleit came with his parents to the United States when only a little child, and he spent his youth at Minneapolis, Minnesota. He was married to Juliet Kaiser, and this marriage was blessed with five children, of whom one (a daughter) died in 1938. Mr. Bertuleit came to Midland County in 1901 where he farmed until 1942. Mrs. Bertuleit died in 1935. Since 1942 he had been making his home with his son, Ted at Capac, Michigan.

Our brother was a member of the Beaver Baptist Church until his death. He leaves to mourn his death three sons: Theodore at Capac, Roy and Herman of Midland, one daughter, Mrs. Herman Schultz of Midland; one brother, Michael of Portland, Ore.; one sister, Mrs. Katie Hoelscher of Minneapolis, Minn.; ten grandchildren, and one great-grandchild, and three daughters-in-law and one son-in-law. Funeral services were held in the Beaver Baptist Church, the pastor preaching on Amos 4:12. The body was buried in the beautiful cemetery at Midland, Michigan.

Beaver Baptist Church, Midland, Michigan

HENRY HIRSCH, Pastor.

MRS. HELENA GOOSSEN of Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Mrs. Helena Goossen of Milwaukee, Wis., was born November 7, 1883 in South Russia. On November 6th she was hit by an automobile while crossing a highway and died instantly.

She became a follower of Christ early in life and publicly confessed her faith in Christ through baptism in Carpenter, S. Dak., in 1909. She transferred her membership to the Temple Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wis., in 1939 where she was always a loyal member. She was faithful in doing whatever she could to aid the cause of Christ. During the past five years she had perfect attendance in Sunday School.

She is the beloved mother of Mrs. Tina Landowski, Henry E. and Jacob H. Goossen of Milwaukee, Wis.; of Mrs. Ruby Szudajski of Glendale, Calif.; and Paul Goossen, serving in the Merchant Marines; also survived by two sons-in-law, 2 daughters-in-law; seven grandchildren; one sister, Anna Friesen of Mountain Lake, Minn.; and one brother, Peter Friesen of Milwaukee.

Proverbs 31:30-31 were used as the text for the funeral service. Those who mourn the departing of their loved one in such a sudden way may be comforted in the promise of our Lord that the faithful receive the crown of life eternal.

Temple Baptist Church,

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

G. K. ZIMMERMAN, Pastor.

MRS. BENNIE FAUTH of Emery, South Dakota.

Mrs. Myrtle Fauth, nee Lubbers, of Emery, S. Dak., was born on August 30, 1925 at Emery, South Dakota. She received Christ as her personal Savior at an early

age and was baptized on April 21, 1935 by the Rev. G. W. Pust following which she was received into the membership of the Emery Baptist Church.

On February 18, 1948, she was united in marriage with Mr. Bennie Fauth. The Lord blessed their home with three lovely children, two daughters and a son. She was faithful in church attendance and her quiet Christian attitude was a blessing to those around her.

After a serious illness which confined her to the hospital for the last three weeks of her life, she was called home to be with the Lord on November 19, 1953, at the age of 28 years, 2 months and 19 days. She joined her father, Mr. Dick Lubbers, and her two brothers, Vernon and Lester Lubbers, who preceded her in death.

Those who mourn her unexpected departure are: her husband, Mr. Bennie Fauth; her three children: Cheryl, aged 5; Eldon 3½ years; and Eileen, three months; her mother, Mrs. Minnie Lubbers; and many other relatives and friends, who are looking forward with anticipation to a happy reunion in glory, when the Lord shall come for his own. Funeral services were held at the Emery Baptist Church on November 23, 1953. Words of comfort were spoken by the undersigned from the 23rd Psalm: "The Lord is my shepherd . . . I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever."

Plum Creek Baptist Church,

Emery, South Dakota

ADOLPH BRAUN, Pastor.

MR. HERMAN F. PRANG of Centralia, Washington.

Mr. Herman F. Prang of Centralia, Wash., was born December 5, 1868 near Gumbinnen, East Prussia, Germany, and passed on to be with his Lord at a convalescent home in Centralia, Wash., on Nov. 8, 1953. He came to the United States at the age of eight with his parents, Samuel and Henrietta Prang, and settled near Creston, Neb. At the age of 15 he accepted Christ as his Savior and was baptized by the Rev. H. P. Benthack and was received into the membership of the Shell Creek Baptist Church near Columbus, Nebraska. Later he transferred his membership to the Creston Baptist Church where he served his Lord as Sunday School superintendent and deacon. He proved himself a faithful member.

In January 25, 1895 he was united in marriage with Mary Peters, who preceded him in death in 1944 at Centralia. This union was blessed with five sons and one daughter.

In 1941 Mr. and Mrs. Prang moved to Centralia, Wash., where they retired. While there they joined an English Baptist church where they retained their membership. After Mrs. Prang passed away in 1944, Mr. Prang returned to Creston to live with his children. Some months before he passed away he expressed the desire to return to Centralia for there is where he wanted to be laid the rest next to Mrs. Prang. This desire was granted to him and two months after his arrival there, the Lord called him to his eternal home. The Rev. I. J. Brame, pastor of the Centralia Baptist Church, conducted the funeral services. Mr. Prang proved himself as a very humble and loyal Christian who loved the house of the Lord.

He is survived by his children: Philip of Columbus, Adolph of Humphrey, Alvin of Creston, Martha (Mrs. John Husmann) of Columbus, all of Nebraska; Clarence of Olympia and Elmer of Centralia, Wash.; 14 grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren. Creston, Nebraska

R. C. STADING, Correspondent.

MR. OSCAR WALTER DINGFIELD of Tacoma, Washington.

Mr. Oscar Walter Dingfield of Tacoma, Wash., was born on June 5, 1893 in Neuschadt, Poland. He went to his heavenly reward on Dec. 6, 1953. At an early age he gave his heart to the Lord as the result of the ministry of a Russian evangelist. It was at a street meeting that he felt the call of the Spirit of God when the minister preached on the subject, "What Will You Do With Jesus?"

Some years later Mr. Dingfield came to America and it was on October 12, 1911

that he followed the Lord through the waters of baptism with the late Rev. J. A. H. Wuttke as God's undershepherd. It was at this time he united with the Calvary Baptist Church of this city of which he was a member until his homegoing. He served his church well as a faithful young people's worker, along with his devoted wife, for many years. He also served as a trustee and Sunday School teacher. Many will remember our brother for the many hours of volunteer labor that he gave to his church until he was forced to give up because of poor health.

On June 20, 1918 he was united in marriage to Miss Martha Lange in Salem, Oregon. To this marriage four children were born who with their mother mourn the loss of this loved one. They are three sons: Marvin, Lester, and Ray of Tacoma; a daughter, Mrs. Geraldine Howen of Lodi, Calif.; a brother, Edmond of Tacoma, and twelve grandchildren also survive. He will be missed by his church and a host of friends.

The text used by the undersigned at the memorial service for this child of God was Psalm 116:15, "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints." May God comfort and keep his loved ones!

Calvary Baptist Church, Tacoma, Washington

E. D. MCKERNAN, Officiating Pastor.

MRS. BENA M. FREY of Estherville, Iowa.

Mrs. Bena M. Frey of Estherville, Iowa, was born at Ridott, Ill., on October 30, 1870. She was the daughter of Peter and Hermina Brandt. At the age of three, her parents moved to Baileyville, Ill., where she spent all her childhood days. She was converted in her early youth. At that time she became a member of the Baptist Church of Freeport, Illinois. Because she was interested in the field of education, she enrolled at Mt. Carroll, Ill., Seminary. True to her industrious character, she earned her way through seminary. Following her graduation, she taught public school for twelve years.

On June 11, 1902 she was united in marriage to John S. Frey of Baileyville, Illinois. Eight children were born to this union: Simon of rural Estherville; Perry of Pipestone, Minn.; Mrs. Harry (Minnie) Melius of Milwaukee, Wis.; John of Mankato, Minn.; Mrs. Vern (Grace) Chrestenson of Dundee, Minn.; Bernard of Estherville; and Hiram of Port Angeles, Washington. One child died in infancy. Besides these she leaves two step-daughters to mourn her loss: Mrs. Frank (Sophie) Haberman and Mrs. John (Etta) Fiedler, both of Estherville. In addition to these she leaves 28 grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren. Other survivors are her brother, Bernard Brandt of Avon, S. Dak.; Mrs. Mary Frei of Forrester, Ill.; Mrs. Arthur Voigt of Anamosa, N. Dak.; and many other relatives and friends. A brother, Herman Brandt and a sister, Irene Fish, preceded her in death.

The family farmed for two years at Baileyville, Ill., and then moved to Sibley, Iowa, to continue their farming. From there they moved to Rushmore, Minn., and then to Fulda, Minn., where her husband passed away in 1923. From Fulda, the family moved to Maple Hill, Iowa, and then to Estherville. She spent her latter years living with her children. Much of this time was spent at the home of her son Simon. Wherever she lived she was active in church and Sunday School work. While living at Fulda, she served on the local school board. She also took an active interest in community affairs.

Mrs. Frey broke her hip on March 4, 1953 and was confined to her bed in the hospital and rest home. The last three and one-half months were spent in the home of her son, Bernard. She went home to be with her Lord on Sunday, December 6, 1953 at the age of 83.

Funeral services were held at the Calvary Baptist Church of Estherville, where she was a faithful member, on Wednesday, December 9, 1953. Interment was at the Fulda Minnesota Cemetery beside her departed husband.

Estherville, Iowa

THE FAMILY.

PEACE, OUR BUSINESS

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leave no effort undone that might at least have some chance of succeeding, to ask them to call a halt to this mad armament race and to lead out toward real disarmament.

We can give our support to groups and organizations that try to bring the peoples of the earth together for the purpose of finding some peaceful solution to the problems that confront them.

We can continually be urging upon men the claims of Christ, seeking to bring all men, all organizations, all areas of man's life to his feet and to a recognition of his Saviorhood and sovereignty.

Deliberately, all the time, everywhere, we shall make ourselves peacemakers in the name of Christ, the Prince of Peace.

TRUE TO GOD'S WORD

I know full well that it is not popular to say these things in our day. But they need to be said. And by the grace of God I shall say, not what is popular but what God's Word commands. And if I know anything about God's Word, it tells me that in a time when men are putting their trust in the sword, when even our own be-

loved nation has become enamored of its strength and drunk with military power, when peoples are recklessly wasting their substance in a mad armament race, when unbelievably terrible things threaten and all of us at any moment may be thrown into a third World War that will mean the end of all of us, then in such a time and under such circumstances God ex-

pects me to make peace my business and to work for peace to the full limit of my strength and ability.

As evangelical Christians, I believe, we have a tremendous responsibility in this respect. We must speak up! We must make our influence felt! We must make our voice to be heard! We must make peace our business!

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ACROSS THE SEAS

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and military men. You boys came along just at the right time to set the trap." He scratched his head and pondered.

"Funny we never got a squeal about this place before. I guess they picked their prospects pretty carefully. But the best of them make a mistake sooner or later."

"This outfit made their mistake," put in Farrow, "when they made a pass at Conant and Wilson. There's been plenty of Communists turned Christian, but I never heard of a Christian becoming a Communist, and this was no time for the custom to change."

The sergeant looked doubtfully around at the three sailors. "Ah, hmmm . . . yes," he finally conceded, then issued brisk orders to his men.

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