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

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### A LESSON PLAN

Date: July 11, 1954

#### Theme: ARE WE GROWING AS CHRISTIANS?

SCRIPTURE: 1 Corinthians 3:1-3; Ephesians 4:11-16; 2 Peter 1:5-8; 3:18.  
PURPOSE: To set forth the standards by which to measure Christian growth.

GETTING STARTED: That a Christian should grow is self-evident. As John Henry Newman says, "Growth is the only evidence of life." And if the Christian has any spiritual life at all, or if his spiritual life has any vitality to it whatever, he is bound to grow. And according to our lesson, the following are the standards by which Christian growth is to be measured.

#### Developing the Theme:

##### I. THE ABILITY TO LIVE IN HARMONY WITH OTHER CHRISTIANS (1 Cor. 3:1-3).

1. Inability to get along with other Christians is an evidence of spiritual immaturity; and the shameful name-calling so prevalent in Christian circles today is a sure sign of spiritual imbecility.

2. A growing Christian will grow in his ability to live in harmony with other Christians, whatever the name by which they are called.

##### II. THE ABILITY TO WORK CO-OPERATIVELY WITH OTHER CHRISTIANS (Eph. 4:11, 16).

1. God has provided for great diversity within the company of Christians. Therefore diversity has divine sanction and should be honored.

2. The purpose of this diversity is not to divide but to make for richness of spiritual life and greater efficiency.

3. Each Christian has his own function, and each function is necessary to the health and effective working of the body of Christ.

4. Therefore each Christian must do his part and work co-operatively with every other Christian for the good and welfare of the whole body.

##### III. DEVOTION TO THE LIFE AND PROGRAM OF THE CHURCH (Eph. 4:12-15).

The growing Christian will direct all of his energies toward the building of the church, so that the following results may be achieved:

1. Individual Christians will grow into full Christian maturity (vv. 12a, 13b).

2. The church will be equipped to do her God-given job (v. 12b).

3. The body of Christ—the Universal Church—will be built and blessed (v. 12c).

4. The unity of all believers in a common faith in an allegiance to Jesus Christ will be achieved (vv. 13a, 15).

5. Christians will achieve a mature and steadfast faith that will enable them to stand up against every "ism" and every test (v. 4).

#### IV. DEDICATION TO WHAT IS HIGHEST AND BEST (2 Peter 1:5-8; 3:18).

1. The growing Christian will seek to excel in every Christian virtue and to become more and more like Christ (vv. 5a, 18a).

2. He will strive to increase his knowledge and understanding of things Christian (v. 5b).

3. Self-control, patience, godliness will be goals toward which he will strive (v. 6).

4. Above all else he will strive to grow in love (v. 7).

#### Applying the Lesson:

1. Why do so many Christians fail to grow spiritually?

2. Why are divisions and disunity signs of spiritual immaturity?

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### A LESSON PLAN

Date: July 18, 1954

#### Theme: GROWING THROUGH BIBLE STUDY

SCRIPTURE: Acts 17:10-11; 1 Timothy 4:13-16; 2 Tim. 2:15; 3:14-17; Heb. 4:12.

PURPOSE: To point out the need for and value of faithful Bible study.

GETTING STARTED: According to the editor of the "Watchman-Examiner," the best place in which to live is one in which "the Bible is best loved, most carefully studied, and devoutly obeyed . . . The countries in the world that have open Bibles are the best countries in which to live. The countries without the Bible are the countries to stay away from." Is that true? Why?

#### Developing the Theme:

##### I THE IMPORTANCE OF BIBLE STUDY.

1. Faithful study of the Bible is essential to the Christian's spiritual growth and vigor. Even as his body cannot get along without physical food, so his soul cannot get along without the spiritual food of the Word.

2. The Christian who faithfully studies the Bible will find that the Bible will impart these benefits to him:

(a) It will enrich and inspire his life, giving him a richer, finer, fuller, more effective life — so much so, in fact, that his "profiting" will be apparent to all (1 Tim. 4:13-16).

(b) It will prepare him for faithful and effective Christian service (2 Tim. 2:15).

### CONFERENCES AND ASSEMBLIES

July 5-9—Badlands CBY Assembly at Sidney, Montana. Prof. Herbert Hiller and Rev. Lawrence Bienert.

July 7-11—Northern Conference at Carbon, Alberta. Dr. Frank H. Woyke, Rev. W. J. Luebeck, Rev. E. P. Wahl and Mrs. Walter W. Grosser.

July 8-11—Northern North Dakota Association at McClusky, North Dakota. Prof. George A. Dunger, Rev. Daniel Fuchs and Miss Alethea Kose (July 9).

July 11—Dedication of Parsonage and 75th Anniversary at Elgin, Iowa. Dr. George A. Lang.

July 12-18—Pacific Northwest Young People's Assembly at Deer Lake (Pinelaw Camp), Spokane, Wash. Rev. Lawrence Bienert and Rev. Karl Korella (July 13-18).

July 12-18—Alberta Triunion Junior Camp at Sylvan Lake, Alberta. Miss Ruth Bathauer.

July 13-18—Manitoba Young People's Camp at Lake Dauphin Camp, Manitoba. Rev. Richard Schilke and Rev. Daniel Fuchs.

July 14-21—Oklahoma Scripture Memory and CBY Camp at Roman Nose Park, Watonga, Oklahoma. Rev. Herman Palfenier.

July 14-18—Northwestern Conference at Grace Church, Racine, Wisconsin. Dr. George A. Lang, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., and Rev. E. J. Baumgartner.

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(c) It will be his moral teacher, guiding his feet into the paths of righteousness and giving moral integrity and strength to his life (2 Tim. 3:16; Heb. 4:12).  
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# Editorial

## The Supreme Court's "Christian" Decision

THERE IS PROBABLY no decision which the Supreme Court of the United States has rendered in this generation which will have such Christian repercussions upon American life as that recently handed down declaring segregation in public schools unconstitutional. This decision has already made history, and because of that every Christian should study the court's judgment and eagerly follow all developments.

This decision affects directly the public school system of the United States. In this country forty per cent of the pupils in public schools live in states where racial segregation has been either obligatory or permitted. Many of the Negroes, living in such states, have been obliged to go to schools where both the buildings and teaching facilities have been woefully inadequate. The cream of tax funds has been diverted to the schools for the privileged white students, with all others "never having a chance." It is no wonder that "The Christian Century" says that "with this verdict of the Supreme Court, the Negro 15th amendments toward escape from the indignity of the 14th and citizenship and attainment of his full civil rights."

But this decision will make history far beyond the boundaries of the United States. All Christian missionaries (ours in the Cameroons of Africa included) have testified that the greatest handicap which they encounter in presenting the claims of the Gospel to others is the damaging belief, which is widespread in other parts of the world, that our national practices on race matters have been un-Christian, discriminatory and hypocritical. Again, "The Christian Century" contends that "this decision by our Supreme Court will do more to clean the hands of the United States as it comes into the court of world opinion than any other single act by any agency of our government since the return of the Boxer indemnity."

The 64-dollar question is why this decisive step had to be taken by the Supreme Court of the land. Why have most advances toward more Christian relationships among races and a more thorough understanding of this problem been made by the sports world in opening its military practices rather than by the United States Army in what is right and pleasing in God's sight lag behind the verdicts and decisions of the Supreme Court?

Benjamin E. Mays, one of the outstanding Baptist educators of the Southern Baptist Convention, who is also a brilliant Negro, has said that "segregation is the great scandal in the church, especially in subject, but, like Pilate of old, we lack the power to act on the light we have." The Supreme Court decision has thrown the word "segregation" into the focus of American discussion for many years to come. It will have to be faced in our attitudes toward and our practices in regard to public schools, community relationships and even our churches. May God give us as Christians grace and love to handle it with Christ-like understanding!

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# Christ's Prayer in Gethsemane

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"Watch and pray that ye enter not into temptation; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak" (Matt. 26:41)

JESUS' PRAYER in Gethsemane is well-known to Christendom. Artists and poets have vied with each other in presenting Jesus in agonizing prayer until it has become a very familiar picture to all of us. The conflict in which Jesus was involved reached from earth to heaven. Yet the disciples who came to watch with Jesus were oblivious to what was transpiring.

We have here a true indication of how far the disciples were from fully understanding their Lord and Master. If they had had any inkling of what was taking place, sleep would have fled instantly and the tired minds would not have succumbed to the refreshing and healthful exercise of rest.

The disciples displayed the usual human trait of indifference. Indifference—while God is trying to stem the tide of the wholesale destruction and dooming of souls! They were unable to discern the signs of the times.

## CHRIST'S GETHSEMANE PRAYER

Christ's prayer was a matter between God and himself. He could not ask the disciples to share it with him. He wanted them to watch with him

and to remain in constant prayer for his victory. But Christ had to endure disappointment. At the moment of his great tribulation, his best friends on earth failed him.

Surely, this made the cup even more bitter. Jesus, the Son of God and man, the Great Creator, the Mighty One, was in danger of being overcome by the evil that had invaded creation. What furious onslaughts Satan and his forces of evil attempted to muster in order to overcome and to destroy God if possible.

Jesus did not fear death. Those who think that dishonor him greatly. How many martyrs have died with songs of praise on their lips because they were counted worthy to die for him! Therefore, we must look elsewhere for the meaning of this cup of sorrow to which Jesus nearly succumbed. Jesus was Holy God. He loves the sinner but abhors sin. What a crushing burden our own unforgiven sin is! And Christ, the Sinless, was faced with all the sins of the whole world! The terribleness of all that evil is indescribable. How Satan would have rejoiced if Christ had become a victim of this

horrible thing, before the plan of salvation made by God had been completed.

The threefold prayer of Christ indicates full submission. Three times great waves of emotion threatened to submerge him, but not once did Christ refuse to bear the cup. He only asked for another way of attaining the same results, if there was such. But he willingly submitted to God's will. In this he finally found peace and achieved the victory.

How much this prayer of Christ means to us! Perhaps we are unable to measure its accomplishments, but we do know how much it teaches us about prayer. Through the inspiration of Christ's great experience, a host of people have attained victory in moments when defeat seemed inevitable. From it we can learn to dissolve our own conflicts by submitting to God's will.

## APPARENT LACK OF SYMPATHY

How could the disciples have slept through it? We are amazed. But why should we be? Has the attitude of present day disciples changed greatly? Some may answer, "Are we not very busy for the Lord?" But so were the disciples. Those last days of Christ's life on earth must have been hectic for the disciples. They were surrounded by many enemies. The events of those last days were very disturbing. They hardly understood themselves, and neither were they sure they understood Christ because he had been saying and doing such strange things. When they arrived in the garden, they felt comparatively secure, and their wearied bodies, minds and spirits submitted readily to rest. Christ was watching in prayer. How often he had done just that before. Surely, they were secure.

They failed to realize the nearness of the sacrificial death of Jesus on the cross. Because they were not watching and praying as Christ had asked them, the events of the next hours and days found them unprepared. Perhaps the three who were given the special privilege of watching with Christ while the other disciples rested were given this opportunity to prepare themselves to help the others through the coming trying days. But they failed. And because of their failure, their trials and tribulations were greater. They were unprepared. They were not ready for what happened.

We can learn a two-fold lesson from this failure of the disciples.

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Every age has had its peculiar needs. Every age has been challenged to do its utmost to meet the needs of its day. Some successes have been achieved, and for those we are grateful. But how often those upon whom God has depended have failed him. The turmoil of our day is caused by no less than the failure of Christians. Was not Stalin once preparing to become a servant of God? What happened? We wonder whether those who were supposed to be Christian are not to blame. And because of what is happening are we not living in the day of which Jesus said, "They shall cry peace, peace, when there is no peace!"

## THE URGENCY OF THE TIMES

This should not fill us with fear, but we should be challenged to watch and pray with Christ. We live in the greatest age of all. I thank God that I can live in this day. Not because of the great scientific advances, but because Christendom never has had a greater challenge. Our world is inhabited by many more people than ever before. Each of these is a potential convert of Christ. Is Christianity awake to the greatest opportunities it has ever had, or is it resting in complete oblivion to what is happening today? May God grant that Christianity today may not be found sleeping like the disciples of old in their crucial moment.

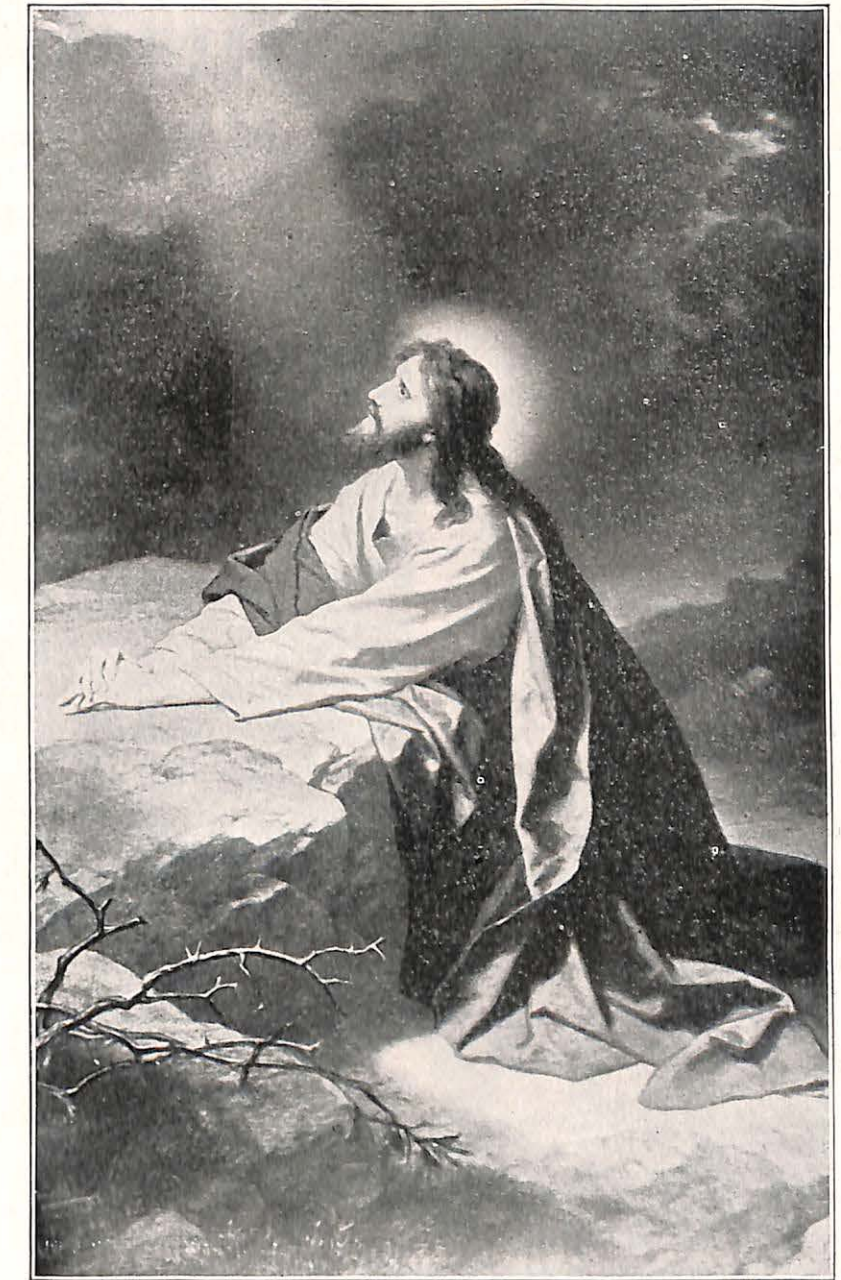
## BE PREPARED PERSONALLY

There are those who speak of being Christian but have no use for the Christian church. There was an article in one of our popular magazines a number of years ago by a man who is quite well-known who gave the reasons why he did not attend church. Fifteen thousand responded to that article stating reasons why they attended church and many of those responses were excellent. But how many are there who depreciate their Christian heritage and are oblivious to its challenges?

Just after John Bunyan's Pilgrim had lost his burden at the foot of the cross, he found three men fast asleep with fetters on their heels very near the cross. The name of one was "Simple," another "Sloth," and the third "Presumption." When he awoke them Simple said, "I see no danger." Sloth said, "Yet a little more asleep." Presumption said, "Every tub must stand on its own bottom." It is tragic to realize that the attitudes of many Christians are similar to these.

Martin Luther received credit for the following parable. On one occasion the Devil sat upon his throne listening to the reports of his agents and ambassadors on the progress they had made in opposing the truth of Christ and destroying the souls of men.

One said, "There was a company of Christians crossing the desert. I loosed the lions upon them and soon



Hofmann's "Christ in Gethsemane," the original of which can be seen in the Riverside Church, New York, N. Y.

the sands of the desert were strewn with their mangled corpses."

"What of that?" asked Satan. "The lions destroyed their bodies, but their souls were saved. It is their souls I am after."

Then another made his report. He said, "There was a company of Christian pilgrims sailing the sea on a vessel. I sent a great wind against their ship, which drove their ship against the rocks and every Christian aboard was drowned."

"What of that?" said Satan. "Their bodies were drowned in the sea, but their souls were saved. It is their souls I am after."

Then a third came forward to give his report and he said, "For twelve years I have been trying to cast a Christian into a deep sleep and at last I have succeeded."

And with that the corridors of Hell rang with malignant triumph!

Burglars sometimes chloroform the dwellers when they rob a house so that they may rob and loot at pleasure. It would seem that Satan acts in much the same way when he would despoil men of their souls. He casts them into a deep sleep, giving them a false sense of safety, and a conviction that while temptation and evil may destroy others it will never harm them. It is while men sleep that the devil does his work.

## DANGEROUS LETHARGY

What shall we say then if we know these things to be true? Shall we continue in our lethargy, indifference, and unconcern? No, rather let us heed the words of Jesus, "Watch and pray that ye enter not into temptation; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak" (Matt. 26:41).



—Westminster Films

The old city of Jerusalem which Jesus and his disciples could see from the Garden of Gethsemane

# Like Precious Faith!

By REV. and MRS. KENNETH GOOD-MAN of Warwar, Cameroons

The Christians of Mambila, Africa, held their first annual Church Conference, coming together to study God's Word and to tell what the Lord had done for them

"RING THE BELLS of heaven! There is joy today."

Why today? This is the day of the first annual Church Conference for Mambila. Oh! Do you mean that the church workers are going to meet and talk about the work? No! No, this conference is for all Christians. Each church will send its people.

All will come together to study God's Word and to tell what the Lord has done for them. There will be some business conducted, but mostly they just want to tell each other how glad they are to be children of God.

## DRESSED IN THEIR BEST

So the meetings began. Many came proudly dressed in their best (a string of beads around the waist). Other young mothers came with their bottle of boiled water for their babies to drink. (They had learned this sanitary precaution in Christian women's meetings.) But all came expecting a blessing from the Lord.

Each of the speakers seemed to be better than the last. A few Fulani came to listen. (The Fulani are all Mohammedans.) Our meetings were held outside to accommodate the crowd.

Testimony time was the high spot of each day's program. From the depths of sin, witchcraft and idolatry many had been redeemed by the precious blood of Jesus. Now, happy in the Lord, they were giving their testimonies. Stephen Njingti, our Tikut church worker, tells his story.

"In the days of my father we had a small society in our village called, 'Kinchep.' Those who were members of this society were supposed to control the blessings of the people. The chief was in charge of the medicine pot. At each meeting a chicken was brought for sacrifice. The throat of the chicken was cut and each member took a feather and smeared blood around the rim of the medicine pot.

## CHICKEN SACRIFICE

"Then a calabash of wine was poured in. Each one drank from the pot. The chicken was roasted whole. When it was only slightly warm, it was torn apart and eaten by the assembled group. If any of the wine or blood from the chicken happened to fall into the fire, the person responsible would have to bring another chicken and calabash of wine and the rites would begin all over again.



Stephen Njingti of Warwar, Mambila, whose inspiring testimony is given by the missionaries in this article

"One day while at market some thieves cut my bag, and I thought that my money had been stolen. But no, the money was safe. When I returned home, I told my father about it. My father asked me to bring a chicken and a calabash of wine to 'Kinchep' for sacrifice. It seemed strange to be penalized because my money was not stolen. But being an obedient son, I did as my father told me. The chicken was sacrificed and the drinking continued for a number of days.

"Then a friend told me, and this time I listened, that if it had been him, he would have given thanks to God because the money was not stolen by the thieves. That sounded logical to me, so I went with my friend to church. One particular verse seemed to be especially just for me (Matt. 6: 33), 'But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.'

"Each time I returned home from church, I would think and think on what I had heard. Finally, I realized I was a sinner and needed Jesus as my Savior. I went to the preacher and told him I wanted to be a Christian, but I was troubled about 'Kinchep.' He read Acts 15:29 to me. 'That we abstain from meats offered to idols, and from blood, and from things strangled.'

When I heard these things, I took Jesus as my Savior and immediately went home to tell my father. He was surprised when I told him that I no longer wanted to be a member of the 'Kinchep' society.

"I was told I had to buy my way out of the society with a chicken and a calabash of wine. Since I was the oldest son in the family, my nine brothers followed me. The chicken and a calabash of wine were given in redemption for all of us. We were free from 'Kinchep,' but more important than that, Christ has made me free. One by one my younger brothers came to Christ. Today there are eleven Christians in my family.

## CHRISTIAN TESTIMONY

"After becoming a Christian I was not satisfied with just witnessing to my family. It seemed the Lord was calling me to a greater service. A neighboring village needed a preacher, and they asked me to help them. After helping these people for more than a year, I went to Bible School. The Lord again was speaking to me, this time to go north to Adamawa Province—Warwar.

"With my little family I moved to Warwar where there were two small churches. Sometimes there would be five or six worshippers at each church; sometimes none would come to hear. We kept preaching the Word of the Lord and living as we thought Christ would have us to live.

"More than a year and a half passed and the task looked hopeless. The missionary was home on furlough and it seemed as though there was no one interested in Christ. The only thing that gave us peace was to continue to pray. We asked all the students in the Bible School to pray for the Christians at Warwar. One by one the people began to come to hear the Word of Christ.

## GREAT REJOICING

"Soon the chapel was too small. Christians were praying, living and giving to Christ's work. By the time the missionaries arrived, the congregation was too large to hold services in-doors.

"We learned that we were to have our own Church Conference. The Christians were overjoyed. Now they could see and meet the other Christians in the area. There was much rejoicing."

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# Cameroons Sunday School Contest

By MISS IDA FORSCH of Mbem, Cameroons

Sunday School classes at Mbem, Africa, strive earnestly for attendance and memory verse banners in spite of juju persecution

ON SUNDAY, April 4th, the Mbem Sunday School in the Cameroons, Africa, had its contest as to the best attendance, the greatest number of memory verses learned and the best presentation since the beginning of the year. Two banners were to be won, one for attendance, the second for memory verses.

## AWARDING OF BANNERS

After the regular morning service, each class recited its memory verses and the attendance record was given. The Literate Men's Group won the attendance banner while the Beginners won the memory verse banner. It was encouraging to hear the little ones recite their verses clearly and loud enough for all to hear every word. The women, as usual, were very shy.

There are seven Sunday School classes as follows: the Literate Men's Group with an enrollment of 4; Men's Illiterate Class, 84; Women's Class, 51; Girls' Class, 45; Standards IV-VI, 43; Standards I-III, 58; Infants II, 59; and Beginners, 69.

The Women's and Girls' Classes percentage for attendance dropped due to the "Soh" Juju which hindered them from attending. No woman is supposed to see it and on the Sunday when these Jujus were running about, most of the women were locked in their houses. A few were brave enough



Miss Ida Forsch, Cameroons missionary, stationed at Mbem, Africa

to come to church. Some of these had to suffer for it. One Christian woman defied this Juju and looked at one. She was beaten and most of the grass was torn off the roof of her house.

## PREPARING THE LESSON

It is a real problem to get literature and pictures for our Sunday School classes. Most all of the literature from America has to be either re-written or it can only be used in the Sunday School teachers' meetings. Every Friday all the teachers meet with Minnie Kuhn, who is in charge of Sunday School work at Mbem, and the lesson is taught as it would be on a Sunday morning, following which there is a question and discussion period. The same Scripture lesson is used for all

## THE TEACHER'S PRAYER

O Lord of life and God of love,  
Make us to know, we ask,  
The beauty of the trust we bear,  
The glory of our task!

Strengthen our hands and cleanse  
our hearts,  
Lighten our eyes, and make  
Us worthy of our calling, for  
The children's Master's sake!

—Nancy Byrd Turner.



Njini (extreme left), teacher of the Literate Men's Class which won the attendance banner, and Bemu (extreme right), teacher of the Beginners' Class with the memory verse banner. The other two adults are the church teacher and evangelist. The little boy is one of the smallest children in the Beginners' Class

classes. Each Sunday School teacher takes his turn in teaching the lesson on a Friday at which time constructive criticism is given.

Our Sunday School teachers are men and women of varied educational standing, ranging from higher elementary trained school teachers to an illiterate who cannot read or speak proper English. So the lesson must be taught in Pidgin English.

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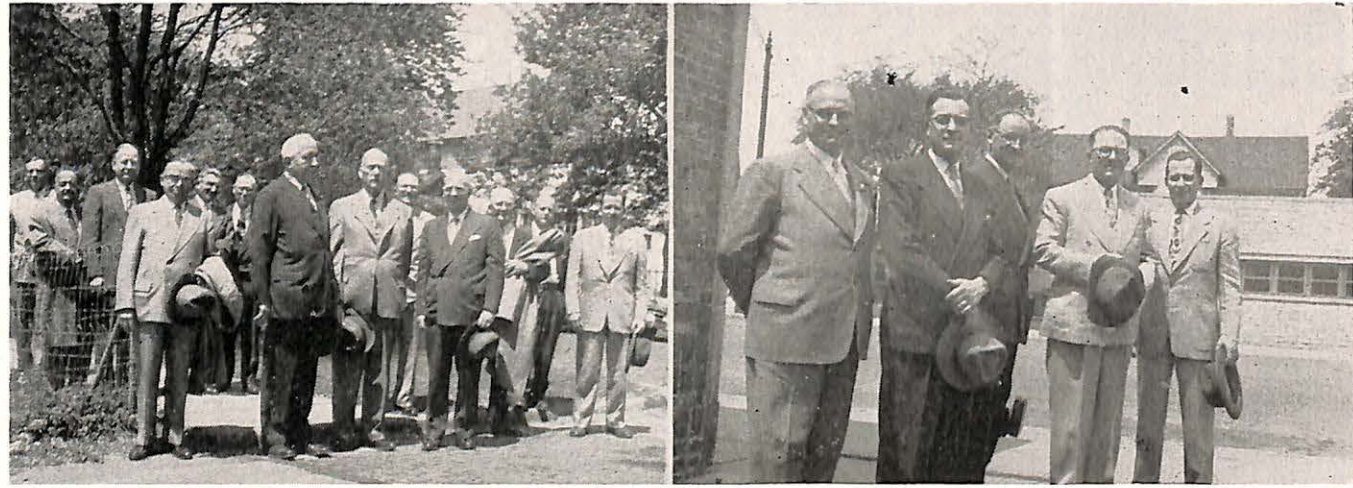
## LIKE PRECIOUS FAITH

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REJOICING! Yes! In giving! The final day of our Conference arrived. The thanksgiving offering was counted. It amounted to \$175.00 from our Mambila Christians. Something undreamed of! Yet the Lord has promised to pour out a blessing that we cannot contain if we but give him what is rightfully his (Mal. 3:8-10).

REJOICING! Yes! In the souls won for Christ! One hundred and ninety new Christians were baptized in 1953 as compared to 73 in 1952. More than 1000 are in Sunday School and over 600 are in new Christian classes.

REJOICING! Yes! Just to be with those of "like precious faith."



Members and guests of the General Council on their way from the denominational headquarters on Madison Street to the Forest Park Baptist Church where the meals were served by the church women

# The General Council's 20th Milestone

By DR. M. L. LEUSCHNER  
of Forest Park, Illinois

On its 20th anniversary the General Council reviewed the work of God in our denomination, approved a record-breaking budget and \$250,000 Church Extension goal, and planned for continued spiritual and missionary advance

THE GENERAL COUNCIL reached its 20th milestone, not with the fanfare of a birthday celebration, but by taking decisive action for the denomination in another program of advance. It convened for its annual sessions on May 20 and 21 at the William Kuhn Conference Room in the Forest Park headquarters. Almost fifty representatives participated in the deliberations for the conferences and cooperating societies.

Mr. Walter W. Grosser, moderator, led the meetings with parliamentary skill and Christian tact. As a result, these Council sessions were serene in Christian fellowship and harmonious in all business deliberations. Dr. H. Theodore Sorg, our legal counsel, was present for an entire day, making invaluable contributions. Dr. Frank H. Woyke, executive secretary, had prepared a complete agenda for the sessions and helped to make them productive in results through his aggressive leadership.

### PUBLIC RALLY

On Thursday evening, May 20, a public meeting was held at the Forest Park Baptist Church for our churches in Chicago and vicinity. At this 20th anniversary of the General Council, the immigration ministry of the denomination was reviewed by the Rev. William Sturhahn of Winnipeg, Man.; the Cameroons mission field was interpreted with uniqueness by Dr. William S. Boutwell, missionary doctor; and the achievements by the Council during the past two decades were cited by Dr. M. L. Leuschner, editor of English

publications. The Rev. Paul E. Wengel of Brooklyn, N. Y., vice-moderator of the General Conference, presented a challenge for the future at the close of this fine program.

But let us consider the action executed by the General Council. This coordinating group in our denominational life receives the recommendations for all cooperating societies and puts them into effect. It considers all plans for changes in program or for advance and gives "the green light" to go ahead with them. It is the influential organization in our denominational setup that gives direction and leadership along spiritual, missionary and financial lines.

The General Council approved a record-breaking Budget and Advance Fund of \$525,000. The Finance Committee had worked hard over the requests for funds that totalled much more, and announced the budget with boldness of faith that God will bless our efforts with generous and sacrificial gifts by our people.

### CHURCH EXTENSION

The Council also launched the Church Extension Program by appointing a new committee, by announcing a greater and more aggressive church extension program and by making plans for a special Church Extension Fund of \$250,000 to be raised beginning with the fall of 1954 and continuing for a period of two years under the supervision of the Finance Committee. This fund will be used to assist in the establishing of new churches

in promising urban areas and in booming subdivision places.

The Church Extension Committee is appointing additional workers with youthful vision and zeal. It will also make an annual report to the General Missionary Committee. It is composed of the following: Mr. Edwin H. Marklein, chairman, who is also chairman of the Church and Parsonage Loan Fund Committee; Rev. R. Schilke, secretary, who is also mission secretary; Dr. Frank H. Woyke, executive secretary; Rev. Otto Patzia, General Mission Committee; Mr. Fred W. Grosser, general treasurer; Mr. Roland E. Ross, comptroller; and the mission secretary of the local conference whenever a project is under consideration in the area of this conference.

### SPECIAL COMMUNION OFFERING

The General Council voted to set aside Sunday, Nov. 7, 1954 (first Sunday of November hereafter), as a day on which to remember our elderly ministers and relief fund of the denomination. The communion offering on this Sunday (or any other designated Sunday by the local church) will go toward our Aged Ministers and Relief Fund.

The Council approved the printing of 15,000 hymnals, to be known as "The North American Hymnal," and loaned funds for this purpose. The new hymnal, which will be superb in every way and ought to be in great demand, will be available for distribution at the time of the 1955 General Conference in Waco, Texas, or soon thereafter.

The General Council adopted the report of a survey committee regarding the division of the present Commissioned Baptist Youth and Sunday School Union and voted to recommend the new plan to the 1955 General Conference for action. This will be a very important decision for the Conference to make!

The plan calls for a Commissioned Baptist Youth Fellowship with its own officers, general youth secretary and a Youth Fellowship Council with representation from each of the local conferences and the presidents of local conferences and state or regional organizations. In addition, there will be a Sunday School Union with a general Sunday School secretary, Children's Worker and General Sunday School Committee composed also of Sunday School secretaries, preferably lay people from the local conferences. This reorganization and new plan will be described more in detail in later issues. Both the general youth secretary and the general Sunday School secretary will be elected by ballot at the General Conference.

### NEW MISSIONARIES

The General Council approved the continued expansion of our missionary work with the appointment of two new missionaries for Japan, the Rev. and Mrs. Clarence Auch of Wessington Springs, South Dakota. Mr. Auch is a 1954 graduate of our Seminary in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. He has served as pastor of the Ebenezer Church of Wessington Springs since January 1954. He and his wife will probably sail for Japan in August. The Council also approved the appointment of the two new doctors for the Cameroons mission field (already announced in the "Baptist Herald"). They are Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth Jones of Scotia, Calif., who will leave for Bango, Africa, in the fall of 1954 and Dr. and Mrs. Eugene Stockdale of Rockford, Ill., who will be ready for service at the Bamenda New Hope Settlement, Africa, in 1955.

There is also advance being made at the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton, Alberta. Plans were made for a continued study of the program of the C.T.I. which, if later approved, would change the present four-year Bible training course to a two-year Christian Workers' Course; maintain the existing High School program of grades 10, 11 and 12; provide for Junior College students to board at the Christian Training Institute and take courses at the University of Alberta; and establish a Junior College. No definite action will be taken until the survey has been completed and recommendations have been made.

### CHILDREN'S HOME

The report of the Children's Home Survey Committee was adopted by the General Council. These recommendations, to be considered at the General



Rev. and Mrs. Clemence Auch of Wessington Springs, South Dakota, whose appointment as missionaries to Japan by the General Missionary Committee, has been confirmed by the General Council

Conference in Waco, Texas, from June 6 to 12, 1955, are as follows:

1. That the General Conference in 1955 consider broadening the purpose of the Home to include receiving children from broken homes and on assignment from the courts. (Such assignments generally to be for longer periods of time, and with financial assistance granted.)

2. That, if the broadening of the policy, as outlined in Paragraph 1, is approved by the General Conference, then the question of the possible future advisability of the relocation of the Children's Home be referred to the Children's Home Board and the General Council for action.

3. That we further recommend to the Children's Home Board, that it exercise its direction in operating under the policy as outlined in Paragraph 1 until the General Conference passes on the question in 1955.

The General Council heard the informative reports by representatives of the various cooperating societies and its secretaries. It took action regarding the appointment of a denominational interim and supply pastor. It endorsed the Ridgewood Travel Bureau and the steamship agency of the Rev. William Sturhahn for our people in the United States and Canada desiring to go to the 1955 Baptist Congress (Continued on Page 16)

## Church Extension Campaign

Goal—\$250,000 ..... (over two years)

Church Extension Sunday ..... September 12, 1954

For united prayer and presentation of program to our people.

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# The Gospel's Power in Austria

By the REV. PETER BLATT,  
One of Our Missionaries in Austria

God moves in mighty power and mysterious ways to accomplish his mission in Austria. This is a heart-stirring article for every Christian!

WHENEVER YOU CONSIDER the missionary possibilities for Baptists in Austria, you are bound to be an optimist and an enthusiast. This is especially true if Baptists, supporting this work in Austria, will aggressively seize every God-given opportunity in spite of human hindrances in the way.

### AUSTRIAN VILLAGES

In the village of Nickelsdorf in beautiful Burgenland we meet every month for a Gospel service in the home of refugees, Mr. and Mrs. Marton. Both of the two big churches of the village oppose us vigorously, but the attendance at our meetings is on the increase.

With great eagerness these people listen to "the good news" of the Savior and are always thankful for our spiritual ministry. I am convinced that if we could intensify our evangelistic efforts there, we could expect God to give us an encouraging mission field in Nickelsdorf!

In another village named Gols we have made important contacts with three families. The meetings here are well attended. Even an outspoken Communist was present at our first meeting in Gols. It is beyond us to know what prompted him to come. But he sat spellbound during the service and listened attentively to the message about the "Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world." Afterwards he took me by the hand and thanked me warmly for the words I had spoken.

A few days ago I was again in Gols. This young man was in his place, as

usual, listening and watching with tear-filled eyes. After the sermon, he asked us to sing the hymn, "Take Thou My Hand, Dear Lord." He sang fervently along with us. At the close of the service, he was carried away in his enthusiasm for these evangelistic meetings. He thought that we ought to

pose of accommodating these people at the services, this family secured a larger place than they really needed for themselves but even this is not large enough. We have forty to fifty people coming regularly. Here we have experienced many of God's wonderful blessings!



The sanctuary of the Baptist Church at Salzburg, Austria

advertise the services much more extensively so that many more people would know about them. That was a wonderful evening for us in the presence of the Living God!

In Simmering, a suburb of Vienna, we are holding meetings every week in the home of refugees. For the pur-

Several weeks ago a Catholic woman came and the spirit of the meeting delighted her so much that she said she would come again. But a few days later she told some of our people that she could not attend because her pastor had forbidden her to do so. She is receiving some relief money through him, and he threatened to stop all payments if she returned to our services. At her age she depended on these gifts of money.

### SENDING OTHERS

"But," she said, "I'll try something else. Even if I cannot go to the meetings, I shall send others to you for spiritual comfort and blessing." By this time at least six other women have attended our meetings because of the personal influence of this strange friend of ours. God moves in mysterious ways to accomplish his mission!

In the suburb of Essling near Vienna we have a church of twenty members that meets in a home. We are praying for a church building, since the available room at the Kreutzer house is limited and few strangers can be invited. For miles around there is no other evangelical church. We believe that this too is another one of God's open doors to us!



An entrancing view of castles and mountains at Salzburg, Austria

But there are also adversities in the way. Austria is about 90 per cent Roman Catholic. Our Austrian people know very little about the Bible, especially of the Gospel as the power of God unto salvation. Wherever we arise to proclaim this Gospel, we are met with opposition and all kinds of hindrances.

### ADVERSITIES IN THE WAY

A year ago in Nickelsdorf a young Catholic attended our services on several occasions. The Word of God broke into his soul, and he confessed Christ as Savior. But as soon as his priest heard about it, he tried to dissuade the young man from his new-found faith. But in vain! Then the opposition against this Christian convert broke loose in his home, and that became a veritable hell for him. His own mother, who had first attended some of our meetings, burned his copies of the Bible and the New Testament. The son was regarded as a criminal by members of his family. Thus far, he has not been able to come to any of our baptismal services.

He says that he is waiting until he is twenty-one years of age when he will leave home and on his own decision can be baptized. At present he is not allowed to talk to me as pastor or to our congregation although his family lives next to our church. But he is faithful and true to his Christian convictions. I am certain that he will be a strong pillar for the Lord Jesus Christ in days to come.

### OPEN DOORS IN AUSTRIA

In all of Austria we find the available accommodations for our Baptist congregations usually too small. God's



In the heart of the Austrian Alps



God has created all things beautifully, like the snow-crowned mountains at Banff, Alberta, for you to enjoy with godly contentment!

# Enjoy Being Yourself!

"A Thought Starter" prepared for a number of newspapers with a Christian truth!

By the REV. RONALD C. MacCORMACK,  
Parkersburg, Iowa

HUMAN ENVY is a desire to be someone else: to have what they have, or perhaps to live where they live. Why do so many of us wish we were in the other person's shoes? The country folk drive through the residential area of a city and wish they could live there. The city people journey to the country, and wish they had the security and peace it affords. The poor want to be rich, and the rich clamor to be richer, and few are content with things as they are.

There is a story about a couple who lived in a fine home but, becoming bored with their surroundings, they put it up for sale. A few days later they read a real estate advertisement of a certain home for sale. The account was so glowing that they de-

cidied to see it. Of course, they were told that the description was of their own place. They decided not to sell.

Discontent breeds unhappiness. Often by reckless pursuit for mere earthly things, a person can crowd out matters of which the Bible speaks, which are the real riches to be sought after.

Russell Conwell preached one sermon, "Acres of Diamonds," hundreds of times. It brought people to appreciate the blessings at hand, and the opportunities of service and enjoyment within reach. Remember, your circumstances, however drab they may seem, are not chains of bondage. They are precious talents and privileges given by God, to warm your soul.

"Godliness with contentment is great gain" (1 Timothy 6:6).

work of the Holy Spirit is too active and strong for us to keep up with his blessings by securing the necessary church buildings. However, we are always happy to know that Christian people are willing to open their homes for our services. There is also joy in knowing that these difficulties only help to make us strive and work more diligently for our God. He wants us to recognize how completely dependent

we are on him. He is certainly mightier than all our needs and difficulties.

This is a glimpse into the great and promising mission fields of Austria. We are gathering those who have been saved by the grace of God into churches that are rapidly growing and are bringing them to the foot of the Cross to behold Christ by faith, who shed his blood and gave his life for the salvation of all peoples everywhere!

# WHAT'S HAPPENING

● Dr. and Mrs. Eugene Stockdale of Chicago, Ill., appointees as medical missionaries to the Cameroons mission field, have announced the birth of a daughter on May 15 who has been named Diane Ruth. At the present time, Dr. Stockdale is engaged in his internship practice at Rockford, Ill.

● The Rev. Henry Lang resigned as pastor of the Baptist Church of Napoleon, N. Dak., on Sunday, May 9th. His resignation will be effective on July 25th. It was necessitated by his wife's ill health, due to climatic conditions. Mr. Lang is hopeful that he will be able to continue his ministry in more favorable surroundings. He has served the Napoleon church since 1952.

● On Sunday evening, May 30th, the First Church of Leduc, Alta., observed an impressive baptismal service. The Rev. J. C. Kraenzler was privileged to baptize nine converts. Two young men formerly belonged to a Lutheran and Catholic church, respectively. On the following Sunday preceding the communion service, the hand of fellowship was extended to all nine of these who had been baptized.

● The Glencullen Baptist Church of Portland, Ore., has extended a call to the Rev. Eldon Seibold of Canistota, S. Dak., pastor of the Spring Valley Baptist Church. He has accepted the call of the Glencullen church and hopes to begin his pastorate there on September 1st. He will succeed the Rev. Robert Penner, now pastor of the Salt Creek Baptist Church of Oregon. Mr. Seibold has served the Spring Valley church since his graduation from the Seminary in 1952.

● The Pilgrim Baptist Church of Jersey City, N. J., and the Grace Baptist Church of Union City, N. J., have extended a joint call to the Rev. Donald Mostrum to become their pastor. He has accepted the call and is already on the field. He is a graduate of Wheaton College and Northern Baptist Theological Seminary in Illinois. He is preaching in the Pilgrim Church from 9:30 to 10:30 A.M. and in the Grace Church of Union City from 11:00 to 12:00 A.M. on Sundays.

● The Rev. Paul Appel of Philadelphia, Pa., has accepted the appointment of the General Missionary Committee to serve as one of our denominational home missionaries on the Spanish-American mission field of Colorado. He and his wife will begin

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**THOUGHT FOR THE DAY**  
 "Prayer is the trolley wire that connects us to God's power house!"  
 —Herman Balka, Dallas, Texas, vice-president of the CBY and SS Union.  
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their ministry in the San Luis Valley on July 4th. They will live in the missionary parsonage at Monte Vista, Colorado. The Misses Florence Eisele and Helen Lohse have moved to their new living quarters in Center, Colorado.

● Mr. David Draewell of Detroit, Mich., is serving the Baptist Church of Sebastopol, Ont., for the two months of June and July under the auspices of the denominational Youth Service Plan. The church has been pastorless for some time. In August Mr. Draewell will supply the pulpit of the Baptist Church of Ellinwood, Kansas. He is a member of the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Detroit, and at present a Senior student at the Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, Chicago, Illinois.

● The Temple Baptist Church, Lodi, Calif., hopes to reach the \$30,000 goal on July 15 toward a building fund of \$75,000 for the purpose of completing the sanctuary portion of the church. A colorful prospectus of the enlarged home for the Temple Church has been sent to members and friends. The cost of transforming the present building into the completely equipped edifice as proposed would require about \$100,000. But the additional Sunday School rooms will be built at a later date. The Rev. Robert Schreiber is the pastor.

**ATLANTIC CONFERENCE**  
**September 16-19, 1954**  
 The 57th session of the Atlantic Conference will be held at the Evergreen Baptist Church, Brooklyn, N. Y., from Sept. 16 to 19, 1954. The Rev. W. C. Damrau of Philadelphia, Pa., chairman of the Program Committee, will announce the program shortly. The Rev. Norman H. Klann of Union City, N. J., is the moderator.

● The Rev. G. P. Schroeder of Lodi, Calif., is conducting meetings for the North American Baptist General Conference in Windsor, Ont., during the months of June, July and August. This ministry is being rendered for the benefit of German immigrants under the auspices of the Central Conference and General Missionary Committees. The first service was held on May 27 in a home with over 20 persons in attendance. Later a Seventh Day Adventist Church was rented for Sunday services. Mrs. Schroeder joined her husband in June to assist him in this work.

● The Shroyer Road Baptist Church of Dayton, Ohio, has honored Mr. John W. Tapper with a special plaque of recognition which now hangs in the vestibule of the church. The plaque states that Mr. Tapper was honored "for his helpful and consecrated service rendered this church as teacher, church school superintendent, deacon, trustee, faithful choir member and in many other capacities for over 59 years." It is signed by the Rev. Alex Elsesser, pastor; Margaret C. Davis, chairman of the board of trustees; and Richard A. Reinicke, church school superintendent.

● The First Baptist Church of Ashley, N. Dak., with a membership of more than one hundred, has secured the former Nazarene church building, in which services are held. It has also engaged the services of the Rev. Robert Petersen, a student at Bethel College, St. Paul, Minnesota. He is planning to accept the call to the pastorate of the First Baptist Church in Ashley after the close of the school term, according to the reporter, J. A. George. The church is also making plans to enlarge the present edifice or to build a new church on another site because of the encouraging attendance at the services.

● Alumni of the North American Baptist Seminary in Rochester, N. Y., met on Thursday evening, May 6 at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Fred H. Willkens to hold a farewell reception for this year's graduates from the Colgate Rochester Divinity School from our churches. These men were the Rev. Helmut Riemer of Carbon, Alta., and the Rev. Reinhart Schalin of Nokomis, Saskatchewan. The alumni who were present besides their wives and the year of graduation from the seminary are: Fred H. Willkens 1916, O. E. Krueger 1900, William E. Schmitt 1911,

**GERMAN CHOIR BOOKS NEEDED!**  
 Any churches having the German choir books, Palme No. 1, 2 or 3, and desiring to make them available to German choirs, should get in touch with the address below. We will be willing to purchase them and to pay for postage.  
 Mr. Gus Holwegner,  
 446—19th Ave., N.E.  
 Calgary, Alberta, Canada

Fred W. Busch 1918, Arthur Weisser 1916. The Rev. Peter Geissler could not be present.

● The Central Conference welcomed the First Baptist Church of Utica, Mich., into its fellowship, thus recognizing it as a North American Baptist Church. It was incorporated in 1951 and at present has 60 members. The pastor is the Rev. Dwight M. Frey. A council met in January 1954 to consider recognition of the church and such a recognition service was held on Jan. 14, 1954. On Friday evening, May 28, the Rev. Edwin Miller, moderator of the Central Conference, extended the hand of fellowship to the pastor and delegates of the church in behalf of the North American Baptist fellowship during the sessions of the Central Conference at Dayton, Ohio.

● On Mother's Day, May 9, the Central Baptist Church of Edmonton, Alta., honored the oldest mothers in attendance, Mrs. Margarete Glanz (80 years old) and Mrs. Heine (77 years old) and the youngest mothers, Mrs. Gloreene Ortlieb and Mrs. Erna Zopf, with flowers given by church organizations. Three couples also came forward to dedicate their children. At the evening service the young people also honored several mothers in attendance, including Mrs. Martha Tischer, the youngest mother present. To all the mothers who attended the services a card with the "Lord's Prayer" on it was given. The Rev. Henry Pfeifer is pastor of the church.

● A front page article with several illustrations appeared in "The Grundy Register" of Grundy Center, Iowa, on May 13 about Mrs. Florence McCormack's services as teacher at a special clinic sponsored by the Grundy County Association for Mentally Retarded Children. Mrs. McCormack is the wife of the Rev. Ronald MacCormack of Parkersburg, Iowa. Classes have been held on Wednesday and Thursday mornings. It was stated in the article that "Mrs. MacCormack possesses a rare combination of extreme kindness, inexhaustible patience, and deft clinical skill, hoping eventually to make self-reliant individuals out of those mentally handicapped children. Results of the school have been amazing in most instances."

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

**YOUTH COMPASS TOPICS**  
 July 4—"Price of Liberty" by Rev. Norman Klann, Union City, New Jersey.  
 July 11—"Camps, Conferences, Assemblies," by Miss Martha Leypoldt, Anaheim, Calif.

**SUMMER CONFERENCES**  
 This is the time of year for conferences, associations, assemblies, and camps. For you who plan to attend the activities in your area (and we hope you all do), there will be abundant blessings in terms of fellowship and a real spiritual uplift. As you engage in conversation with leaders of other churches, you will gain new ideas for programs and activities. You will also realize that other CBY and SS Union groups have their problems, too. Then the advice found in James 5:16 becomes more real and personal when we are told to "pray for one another."

**ATLANTIC CONFERENCE UNION**  
 Your Youth Director had the privilege of attending the Atlantic Conference CBY and SS Union Spring Rally and Workers' Conference on May 22 and 23. These meetings were well attended and a fine spirit prevailed throughout the entire sessions. It was a great joy to meet the ones who carried the responsibilities of leadership during this past year.

The annual election was also held at this time. It gives us great joy to present to you the names of the new officers of the Atlantic Conference CBY

**OUT IN THE FIELDS**  
 The little cares that fretted me,  
 I lost them yesterday  
 Among the fields above the seas,  
 Among the winds at play;  
 Among the lowing of the herds,  
 The rustling of the trees,  
 Among the singing of the birds,  
 The humming of the bees.

The foolish fears of what might happen,—  
 I cast them all away  
 Among the clover scented grass,  
 Among the new-mown hay;  
 Among the husking of the corn,  
 Where drowsy poppies nod,  
 Where ill thoughts die and good are born,  
 Out in the fields with God.  
 —Elizabeth Barrett Browning

and SS Union for the coming year: president, John Storkel, Second German Church, New York; 1st vice-president, Russel Middleton, Fleischmann Memorial Church, Philadelphia, Pa.; 2nd vice-president, Bill Schroeder, First Church, Jamesburg, N. J.; treasurer, George Gerstlauer, Fleischmann Memorial Church, Philadelphia, Pa.; secretary, Charlotte Nolte, Pilgrim Church, Philadelphia, Pa.; mission secretary, Elaine Hoffman, Fleischmann Memorial Church, Philadelphia, Pa.; representative to the General Conference, Daniel Pfeiffer, Pilgrim Church, Philadelphia, Pa.; advisor, Rev. Robert Cook, Calvary Church, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

To these new officers we offer our sincerest congratulations and pray that God will use each one in a special way to further his work here on earth.

**JUNIOR CBY NEWS**  
 It was a great joy to visit the North-side Baptist Church in Sioux Falls and see how active the Juniors are. They are in charge of opening the Sunday evening services on the last Sunday of the month. One leads the song service, another reads the Scripture and a third person leads in prayer. These young people also present a special number in the form of a solo, duet or trio. This is an excellent opportunity for training in leadership. Miss Louise Westerman is the consecrated counselor for this age group.

Something new has been formed in the Stafford Baptist Church, Sherwood, Oregon. A Junior CBY, led by Patty DeNeui and Ella Mae Walters, now meets each Sunday evening at 6:45 p.m. They have chosen to be called the "Bible Learners" and are enjoying their times of growth together. Our prayer is that these Juniors, like Jesus, may "increase in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man" (Luke 2:52).

**SPECIAL PROJECTS**  
 Most of you will have had some program or project of outstanding interest and blessing during this past year which you would like to share with others. We would appreciate hearing about it. The Union Record, the regional paper of the Northern North Dakota Association, published in its recent issue the most outstanding program of each CBY of the Association. The outline of the entire program was given. Maybe this will give an idea to other editors of regional papers, and also be of help to the local Program Commission chairmen.



The waves of the Pacific Ocean come rolling into the beach at San Francisco, California, as seen from the cypress trees on the heights above the famous Cliff House

## The House on Parnassus

By ELISE FRASER

*"The path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day"* (PROVERBS 4:18).

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### SYNOPSIS

When 15-year-old Judy Mitchell stepped off the boat at San Francisco, little did she realize the many exciting adventures in store for her. Her aunt Candace told her about the death of Lenea Thackwell in the house next door to hers on Parnassus Street. She had died seemingly without a will. A nephew, Osay Thackwell, was her only living relative. Judy met Sue, Candace's daughter, and the two became immediate friends. Miranda Pyle, the servant at the Thackwell house, came over the next day and told Miss Candace about prowlers and strange noises in the house. They went over and found a trunk in the attic that had been ransacked and three pages from the Thackwell family Bible torn out. The mystery was deepening!

### CHAPTER THREE

IT WAS CLOSE to eight o'clock that evening when Judy and Candace entered the Thackwell house to spend the night there. Miranda greeted them with the news that Lyman Grimshaw, the lawyer, would come to the house about eight-thirty.

"Hurrah!" Judy exclaimed. "Now we'll find out about that trunk in the attic."

They were in the living room when Mr. Grimshaw arrived. Judy saw a man apparently in his sixties, with a large, angular frame and short bristly gray hair.

He listened in silence as Miranda told him about the open trunk in the attic. When she finished, he continued

to look at her in a thoughtful way but said nothing. Finally Miranda impatiently demanded, "Did you leave the trunk open that way, Mr. Grimshaw?"

"What!" Mr. Grimshaw almost shouted, he seemed so amazed at the question.

Miranda looked a little frightened and said soothingly, "It's all right if you did, of course. We weren't trying to criticize, only if it wasn't you, then it must have been somebody else and . . ."

Mr. Grimshaw shook his head. "No, of course I did not leave the trunk open or strew the contents over the floor."

"Miranda knew that you were up there, Mr. Grimshaw, and naturally hoped that it was you who had opened the trunk. It is a very uncomfortable thought that someone else should be in the house . . ." Candace hastened to explain.

"Very strange . . . very strange," Mr. Grimshaw repeated musingly.

Miranda then told him of the noises she had heard the night before and about the missing pages of the Thackwell family Bible.

Mr. Grimshaw's astonishment at this bit of news was great. When Miranda finished talking he asked, "You have been with the Thackwell family a long time, Miranda. Do you know of anyone who would have a motive for

breaking into this house and stealing the pages of a family record?"

Miranda hesitated a brief instance, then said, "I can see where Osay might come looking for the will."

Candace gasped. "Do you think Osay would come like a robber to this house?"

"Yes," Miranda said decidedly, "I wouldn't put it past him at all. Miss Lenea never did trust him. I know that. I think she was afraid of what he might do."

Mr. Grimshaw frowned. "But what would be Osay's motive for tearing pages out of the family Bible? I can see your first point that he might be after the will, if there is one. But as for tearing out the family record pages, what is the motive there?"

"I don't say he tore out the Bible pages," Miranda said. "Maybe Miss Lenea had some strange ideas."

"You think then," Mr. Grimshaw said in an effort to clarify the matter, "that Osay was the prowler and that he came looking for the will. He disturbed the trunk but he did not tear out the pages of the Bible?"

"Yes," Miranda said steadily, "that's what I think."

Candace shook her head, looking sad. "I would be sorry to know that Osay had added the sin of robbery to his other shortcomings. It is hard for me to think of him as a thief."

"It isn't hard for me," Miranda said grimly. "I know Osay."

"Suppose we go up to the attic and look round," Mr. Grimshaw suggested. Miranda led the way and as they reached the attic, she switched on the single, meager light. Mr. Grimshaw stood looking thoughtfully at the array scattered on the floor beside the open trunk. Judy watching him was sure that he didn't miss a single detail. Finally he examined the Bible. But he made no remark. He just looked and then he said, "I'll send up a fingerprint expert. We may possibly find some clue."

When they returned from the attic, Judy saw by the large grandfather clock in the hall that it was after ten. Mr. Grimshaw left and Candace said, "Better get to bed now, Judy. Try to get a good rest so that you can go with me to Chinatown tomorrow."

"Chinatown! Oh, Candace, what fun!"

Before Judy went to sleep, she read her mother's last letter. "Don't forget, Judy, to use our missionary prayer book. Then each day we will know that our hearts are united in prayer for the same causes." Judy's mother was the daughter of missionaries to China and missions were always of vital importance to her. Her letter was full of news of a new Sunday School class she had started and of the great need for the gospel in Alaska.

Judy opened the missionary prayer book. The names she read for this day

were new to her but she prayed for them that they might have physical strength for their tasks, that the Lord would meet all their material needs and that He might through them win souls for the Lord Jesus Christ.

But it was after twelve before Judy fell asleep.

Even though she had had less sleep than usual, Judy awoke refreshed and eager for the day's adventure. She had heard her father speak of San Francisco's Chinatown, the largest Chinese settlement in the occidental world. She was eager to see it for herself and to tour the shops. It would be fun to see it with Candace.

As they waited for the bus, Candace told her something of the history of Chinatown and early San Francisco. Judy learned that San Francisco was first known as Yerba Buena. As Candace talked, Judy noticed that a small man in a gray suit, who was apparently also waiting for the bus, listened intently.

When they reached Grant Avenue, Candace and Judy got off the bus and the little man in gray got off, too. Judy thought nothing of it until they had walked several blocks up into Chinatown. Then she noticed that where ever they stopped to look in the shop windows, this man stopped also. When they went inside of a shop, he went in, too, and when they left the shop, he left also.

It gave Judy a funny, prickly feeling. "Don't look now, Candace. But I'm sure we are being followed. A small man in a gray suit has been with us ever since we boarded the bus in front of our house."

But Candace did not seem disturbed. "He's probably a tourist, Judy. San Francisco is full of tourists."

"Well, he needn't stay so close behind our heels," Judy answered.

Candace laughed lightly. "Why should he follow us, Judy? The Thackwell mystery has gone to your head."

"I don't know why he should, Candace, but I'm convinced that he is following us. As we go out of this shop look casually over your shoulder."

Candace did as Judy suggested. Then she said quietly, "He doesn't appear interested in us and he is no one I've ever seen before."

But the little man continued to keep close beside them and when they turned back to go to Cathay House for lunch, he turned also and followed them into the restaurant.

"It begins to look as if you are right, Judy," Candace admitted. "But then he may be a tourist seeing Chinatown, too. He might have heard us talking and decided that we know our way around and is following us to see the sights. That's the way some folks do it."

"Maybe," Judy said. But she doubted it.

When a smiling waiter brought the menu, Judy forgot the man as she pre-

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pared to enjoy her first Chinese dinner in San Francisco. After lunch, they spent the afternoon in the shops of Chinatown. As they walked along Grant Avenue, Judy was delighted with the colorful pagoda roofs and the occasional glimpses of the Bay Bridge and the blue-green waters of San Francisco Bay. The sky above them was indigo blue and the sun warm. Every shop was enchanting to Judy with its exotic goods, the fragrance of incense, the vivid colors. Everywhere she saw excitement and beauty. Judy could have spent a fortune, too, if she had had it. But she contented herself with the purchase of a ring with a small jade stone.

When they returned to Market Street and the bus, the man in gray still trailed them. Judy felt uneasy as she found a place beside Candace. She saw that Candace had noticed, too, but apparently wished to ignore it. Judy was relieved when they finally reached home.

A few minutes later Miranda came over to tell them that she had supper cooked and that they were to come over to the Thackwell house to dinner. Both Judy and Candace were tired from a long day's shopping tour and they were glad to accept the invitation.

Judy could not get her mind off the Thackwell mystery. At first opportunity she said, "What does Osay look like, Miranda? Is he small of stature?"

"Osay? My, no. He's fair sized, about five nine, I'd say."

"Is he dark?"

"Dark? No, he's got gray eyes and sandy hair."

"Do you really think that he's the one who broke into the house?" Judy asked.

"Yes, I do," Miranda said stoutly.

"Candace didn't seem to think it was Osay," Judy said, speaking her thoughts aloud.

Miranda shrugged. "I'm not surprised. Miss Candace likes to think the best of everyone. Naturally, she'd say a good word for Osay."

Miranda shrugged. "I'm not surprised, but long ago your Aunt Candace and Osay were engaged to be married."

"Oh!" Judy exclaimed in surprise. "So it was Osay?"

"You knew?"

"I knew she was in love once. Why it all fits together now. Why didn't I think of it? She said she loved someone once but that he was a drunkard and that she wouldn't marry him."

Miranda nodded. "She nearly married him. Only she found out about his drinking and she wouldn't marry him. Like to break Miss Lenea's heart cause she had her heart set on having Miss Candace in the family. Miss Lenea thought, too, that Miss Candace could reform him. But Miss Candace told her things didn't work out that way and that if Osay was going to reform he'd have to do it before she married him."

"It's a good thing she kept to her word," Judy said.

"Yes," Miranda agreed. "It's a good thing. Osay got worse and worse. Miss Lenea said herself that Miss Candace was right. Miss Lenea was disgusted with Osay. She did everything she could to help him but he would go his own way. Miss Lenea tried to get him to go to church, prayed for him, and talked to him about the Savior. But he'd have none of it. And finally I heard Miss Lenea tell him that he wouldn't have a penny of her money unless he straightened up."

"Didn't he even try?" Judy asked.

"Not worth anything. If he'd wanted to bad enough, he could have done it. If he'd turned to the Lord Jesus Christ and asked His help, he could have done it. He couldn't do it alone, of course. But he didn't seem to want help. Couldn't give up his liquor. Sold out to the devil for a glass of whiskey."

"Poor Candace," Judy said.

"Poor Candace nothing," Miranda said. "It's poor Osay, that's what it is. A slave body and soul to the liquor traffic."

"Does he ever come here?" Judy asked.

"Sometimes when he's sober and sometimes when he's not so sober. But not often, I'm thankful for that."

After the dishes were put away, Judy went upstairs to find Candace. Candace had just finished her letters and she suggested that they go down and join Miranda in the living room and listen to a symphony program on the radio. The program lasted a full hour. After this, Judy decided that she would go upstairs to bed.

When she reached the upper hallway, she felt a draft. She saw that the door to the attic stood open. She started to close it when she stopped short.



Footsteps! Footsteps in the attic! She stood still, her heart beating loudly. Should she fly downstairs and tell Miranda and Candace or should she go up to the attic and surprise the prowler!

But in a moment she knew she had been heard. There was a sound of running feet. With haste, she hurried up the stairs. The light from the lower hallway streamed into the attic and in the yellow gleam Judy saw an attic window open and the curtain flopping in the breeze.

She hesitated. Someone might be lurking behind the trunks or in the shadowy corners behind the old furniture. Switching on the light, she glanced quickly around. The attic was empty. She hurried to the window. Below was a roof over the back porch. A man could easily drop to this roof and from this roof onto the porch. But there was no sign of anyone nor was there any sound.

Turning around, Judy's foot kicked a book. She picked it up, looking at it curiously. It was an old-fashioned album with a lock. The lock was broken and Judy opened the album to see pictures of babies in long dresses, children and grown-ups in the clothes of long ago. As she turned a page, she gasped in surprise. Some of the pages of the album were torn out! This, then, was what the thief had been after!

Judy flew down stairs. Breathlessly, she related what had happened to Miranda and Candace.

Candace and Miranda looked at each other in consternation. Then Candace said, "Someone is after the Thackwell family records. But who and why?"

Miranda nodded but said only, "It looks that way."

Together they examined the album. There were pictures of Lenea and Cornelius, Osay's father. Pictures of them as children and as young man and young woman.

"But what would a thief want with old pictures from a Thackwell family album?" Judy asked.

With a puzzled frown, Miranda said, "Now, let me see. There's an old family album that's always been around. I'll see if I can find it." She turned to a bookcase and opened the glass door. "Here it is."

They examined this album to find that it, too, contained pictures of Lenea and Cornelius. Pictures, too, of Osay.

"Do you notice two things?" Candace asked.

"You mean that the attic album is only half full?" Judy asked eagerly.

Candace nodded. "Yes, that and the fact that the pictures in the attic album end with 1898. There are no pictures after that date. The other album has no pictures before 1898."

"What does that mean?" Judy asked.

"It could mean that someone gave the family a new album and that they put the other aside," Candace said.

### THE JOY OF GIVING

Love that is hoarded molds at last  
Until we know some day  
The only thing we ever have  
Is what we give away.

And kindness that is never used  
But hidden all alone  
Will slowly harden till it is  
As hard as any stone.

It is the things we always hold  
That we must lose some day;  
The only things we really keep  
Are those we give away.



"Could be." Judy pondered, then said, "But that doesn't tell us why a thief should want pictures from the old album."

Miranda sighed deeply. "Little did I think when I promised Miss Lenea to stay on here if anything happened to her that I'd get into a mess like this! If I didn't agree so much with Miss Lenea that Osay shouldn't get her money to drink it up, I'd go away right now."

Candace looked at Miranda. "When was it, Miranda, that you came to work for the Thackwells?"

"Back in 1903. They lived in the old house on Clay Street then, the house that escaped the earthquake and fire."

"When did the Thackwell family first come to San Francisco?"

"In the eighteen-seventies."

Judy was looking at a baby picture of Miss Lenea. "This picture in this long baby dress was taken in 1897 and here's one of Cornelius in 1875."

"That's right," Miranda returned. "That was the year when each of them was born."

"Lyman Grimshaw should know about the album and this second visit of the prowler as soon as possible," Candace said.

"Wouldn't it be a good idea to talk to Osay?" Judy offered.

"Humph!" Miranda snorted. "What good would it do to talk to Osay? He's not himself half the time."

Candace leaned forward. "Judy's right. If Lyman Grimshaw could get hold of Osay when he's sober, maybe he can shed some light on this."

"Osay won't help us," Miranda said with conviction. "His only concern is that no will be found. He knows that if one is found, he'll probably be cut off without a penny."

"But maybe it's to his interest," Judy insisted. "If you could make him see that."

"Yes," Candace agreed. "It may be to his interest."

"If it is," Miranda said firmly, "we don't want to consult Osay. Miss Lenea said he wasn't to have a penny of her money."

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### THE GENERAL COUNCIL

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in London, England. It sent greetings with Miss Gretchen Remmler to our Baptist friends in Germany on her trip to Europe. It announced the 1955 sessions of the General Council for Friday and Saturday, June 3 and 4, 1955 in Waco, Texas, prior to the General Conference sessions. It approved our membership in the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs until revoked by the Council. It considered a "Suggested Constitution for North American Baptist Churches," as worked out by the secretarial staff, and will make it available to our churches.

### SERVANT AND LEADER

The work of the General Council is as broad as the large enterprise of our denomination and as wide as the Kingdom of God. It has grown tremendously during the past twenty years in membership, financial responsibilities, scope of action and spiritual program. It makes decisions boldly and firmly whenever these are in accord with God's will and provisions of our constitution. But, best of all, the General Council strives to be the servant and leader of the entire denomination, serving Christ with humble devotion, and leading our churches to new heights of spiritual attainment!

### SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

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- (d) It will make him "wise unto salvation," enabling him to receive that salvation and to understand it (2 Tim. 3:15).
- (e) It will train him for a good and useful life (2 Tim. 3:17).

### II. THE WAY OF BIBLE STUDY.

1. The Bible must be approached and studied with an open mind (Acts 17:10-11). If we come to it with closed minds or pre-conceived notions, it can never open its treasure house of truth to us.

2. The Bible must be studied diligently and consistently (1 Tim. 4:13, 15; 2 Tim. 2:15; 3:14). Just an occasional stab at reading the Bible won't do much for us. We must dig hard and long and deep if we would uncover the main seam of God's truth.

3. The Bible must be translated into life (2 Tim. 2:15). As we live the truth of the Bible and translate it into action, we shall understand the Bible better and its truths will become more precious to us.

### Applying the Lesson:

1. Why do so many people have difficulty reading and understanding the Bible? What suggestions would you make for helping to remove these difficulties?

2. What is the value of new and modern translations of the Bible?

3. Which have been your most valuable tools for studying and understanding the Bible?

# We, the Women

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

### TIES IN BEARING WITNESS

There are many ties that bind the hearts of women with those who bear witness of the redeeming love of Jesus Christ "unto the uttermost parts." The very name, Woman's Missionary Union, suggests this bond. Some of the ties are as follows:

The mothers of the missionaries who have guided their children into paths of Christian service.

The consecrated younger mothers and church leaders who are making missions a part of the young children's thinking.

The women missionaries on the home and foreign fields.

The special chairman of Women's Work in the Cameroons supported by the Woman's Missionary Union.

The simpler programs from the Program Packet shared with the women of the Cameroons.

Programs for the Packet sent by missionaries in Japan and Africa and from the Spanish-American and Indian mission fields.

The magazine subscriptions for all foreign missionaries sent by the Woman's Union through the untiring efforts of the treasurer.

The articles and letters exchanged with the women at home and on the field.

The vast amount of White Cross work prepared by the women, and sent to Forest Park for shipment to the Cameroons in Africa.

The financial investment in all phases of missionary work of the General Conference.

The relief work and the gifts to the denominational institutions.

These and other ties have given North American Baptist women the objectives necessary to become partners in a great missionary enterprise. Ties have been strengthened through the Woman's Missionary Union's representation on the Mission Committee, from which Mrs. Emanuel Wolff gleaned the report which follows.

The Rev. Richard Schilke, the general missionary secretary, is well known to most of our women. The Rev. Otto Patzia served well as the chairman of the sessions held April 27-30, 1954 in Forest Park, Illinois. Mrs. Emanuel Wolff, secretary of the Woman's Missionary Union, is the wife of the pastor of the Oak Street Baptist Church in Burlington, Iowa.

### WOMAN'S UNION REPRESENTATIVES ATTEND THE GENERAL MISSIONARY COMMITTEE SESSIONS

By MRS. EMANUEL WOLFF

The Woman's Missionary Union, for the second time, sent two representatives to sit in on the annual business sessions of the General Missionary Committee. The president, Mrs. Walter W. Grosser, and the secretary, Mrs. Emanuel Wolff, represented the Union and were grateful for the welcome and feeling of inclusion received from the committee. Although the women are not true members of the Mission Committee in that they do not have voting powers, we felt it to be very enlightening and informative as well as inspiring. We can see more clearly the need and the challenge of our mission fields, both at home and abroad. It is evident that our God is able and does answer the prayers of the faithful.

The mission work of our denomination has expanded to such a degree that the committee found it necessary to lengthen the business sessions an extra day so as to cover all items of business. The first day and part of the second were devoted to the business concerning the home field. The home mission expansion program is going forward with satisfying results. New churches have been organized, weak churches strengthened, and possibilities investigated. The second goal on the chart of our Woman's Missionary Union is Home Mission Expansion and we have been reassured of its need and importance.

You may be interested to know that of our three goals this one lags a bit. Perhaps we need to get behind this goal and make sure we push it over the top by 1955 so that the women can feel that we have truly done our share toward this great work. The goal is for \$10,000 and up to now just a little

### THE THREE GOLDEN GATES

If you are tempted to reveal  
A tale someone to you has told  
About another, make it pass  
Before you speak three gates of gold.

Three narrow gates. First, "Is it true?" Then, "Is it needful?" In your mind Give truthful answer, and the next Is much the narrowest, "Is it kind?"

And if, to reach your lips at last,  
It passes through these gateways three,  
Then you may tell the tale, nor fear  
What the result of speech may be.

over half this amount has been received.

The reports from the Indian Field as well as the Spanish-American Field are good and the work is going forward. Both fields will now be well provided with missionary workers, and it is hoped the work will prosper and grow.

The report was made that in 1953 there were five shipments of White Cross material sent to the Cameroons. The weight of these shipments was over 13,000 pounds and were valued at over \$7,000. This is double the amount sent out the previous year and shows our women have been very busy doing White Cross work. These supplies are received with grateful appreciation. So let us keep up the good work!

The evening of April 27 was a high-light experience when we met for a Missionary Rally in the Forest Park Baptist Church. The speakers of the evening represented our various fields of mission work. Mr. Ernest Hildebrand spoke about the work in the Cameroons, the Rev. Jay Hirth about Japan and the opportunities there, and the Rev. J. C. Schweitzer gave us an insight of the home mission expansion work. We were especially privileged to hear the testimonies of Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth Jones, Dr. Gene Stockdale, and the Rev. and Mrs. Clemens Auch. Dr. and Mrs. Jones will be serving in the Cameroons in the near future. Dr. Stockdale is to begin his internship soon and when his training is completed will be ready to serve in the Cameroons also. Mr. and Mrs. Auch have been appointed for service in Japan. How wonderfully God answers our prayers!

Each day of the sessions of the General Missionary Committee, the women of the Forest Park Baptist Church supplied abundantly with delicious meals to all members and visitors present. Their sacrifices of time and effort were appreciated heartily by all who partook of the tempting food they prepared.

An inside view of all of our mission work proves anew that God has supplied our needs according to his riches in glory by giving not only one doctor but two and also a missionary couple. It is up to us to show our faithfulness to him by continuing steadfast in prayer and loyal and willing in our service.

### ANNOUNCEMENT CONFERENCE OFFICERS

This is the last summer before the General Conference in Waco, Texas, June, 1955. Please encourage your Conference, Association and local women's societies to remember the Woman's Missionary Union projects with generous offerings. This is a tie that carries the gospel in Christian love to those who do not know the Savior, whom to know is life eternal.



FROM THE FIELD

**Southern Conference**

**Youth Rally for Churches of North Texas Association at Cottonwood Baptist Church**

The churches of the North Texas Association met at the Cottonwood Baptist Church of Lorena, Texas, for a Youth Rally on April 30 and May 1. The meeting opened Friday night with a song service led by the Rev. Walter Gorden Gummelt. Special numbers for the evening were given by the Cottonwood Church and the Central Church of Waco. An inspirational message was brought by the Rev. Perry Ellis of Baylor University. After the service we enjoyed a time of fellowship in the basement, singing choruses. Refreshments were served, after which a film was shown.

We gathered at the church Saturday morning for a devotional service conducted by the Rev. Louis Johnson of the Waco Church. We then went to Waco for a tour of the Strecker Museum and the Armstrong-Browning Building at Baylor University. We also toured the Masonic Building at Waco.

We returned to Cottonwood for a fried chicken dinner prepared by the ladies of the local church. The afternoon was spent in playing baseball and volley ball and in painting plaques in our Hobby Lobby.

Grace Wedemeyer and Beverly Ann Guderian, Reporters.

**Woman's Missionary Union of Central Church, Waco, Texas, Holds Mother-Daughter Banquet**

The annual Mother-Daughter Banquet of the Central Baptist Church, Waco, Texas, was held on Friday, May 7th, in the banquet room of the Elite Cafe with 57 persons attending. Spring motifs were used in table decorations and souvenir programs.

Mrs. J. J. Lippert presided as mistress of ceremonies and extended the welcome. Mrs. F. N. Hoeffner and her mother, Mrs. J. N. Kittlitz, brought the devotional. Special music was presented by a mother and daughter chorus and violin duets by Mrs. A. B. Oliver and daughter Joyce Oliver. A skit entitled, "Mother's Love," was given by Lois Gummelt and Dorothy Niederer, and an acrostic exercise entitled, "Mother," was presented by several young girls. Toasts to mothers and daughters were given by Nancy Kittlitz and Mrs. Ernest Steindam, respectively. The guest speaker, Mrs. J. K. Warkentin of Crawford, Texas,

spoke on "Women as Instruments in Molding Youth" and her message was well received by both mothers and daughters.

Officers of the Woman's Missionary Union are: president, Mrs. J. J. Lippert; vice-president, Mrs. Chas. Marstaller, Jr.; treasurer, Mrs. Herbert Stobbe; secretary, Mrs. Raymond Engelbrecht; pianist, Mrs. Louis Johnson. Mrs. Raymond Engelbrecht, Reporter.

**Southwestern Conference**

**Five Converts Baptized and Special Programs Held at Calvary Church, Stafford, Kansas**

In January the Rev. H. J. Wilcke, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, Stafford, Kans., conducted revival meetings, which were spiritually uplifting. On Easter Sunday morning a very impressive baptismal service was held in which five converts followed their Lord in baptism. In the evening the choir rendered a fine Easter cantata entitled, "Christ Crucified."

In February the teaching personnel of the church and other interested members enjoyed a profitable time at the Teachers' Training Course conducted by Mr. Wilcke, who used the film-strip, "Successful Teaching," together with his verbal instruction.

We had the joy, a few weeks ago, of having Dr. Martin Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., in our midst. He inspired us with missionary films and his interesting account of some of our denominational activities.

A fine banquet was held in May in the church parlor, honoring our High School graduates. The theme for the evening, "Sailing the Sea of Life," was carried out by the lovely table decorations and the two fine addresses of the evening. May God continue to bless us as we labor together for him! Mrs. Kurt Mueller, Reporter.

**Dorcas Society of Mt. Zion Baptist Church of Kansas Holds Spring Banquet**

The Dorcas Society of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church near Junction City, Kans., held its annual spring banquet on Friday evening, April 30. The church basement was gaily decorated, and a large number of church members and visitors enjoyed a delicious meal as well as the program which followed. Miss Betty Zoschke led the group in several songs.

The guest speaker was Mrs. Ernest Hildebrand of Stafford, Kans., who delighted everyone by sharing many experiences with us which she had had

during her recent missionary term in Africa. A girls' trio rendered a fine message in song, and after a time of fellowship we went to the main auditorium for the evening service.

The Dorcas Society's sextet opened the service. Then we were privileged to have Mr. Ernest Hildebrand show his missionary films of Banso, Camerouns, and remind us again of the many wonderful things which the missionaries, doctors, as well as the missionary builder have accomplished. We pray that the Lord will continue to bless the work which they are doing.

A mission offering of \$42.60 was received during which the Rev. J. R. Kruegel, our pastor, played a violin solo. Mrs. Alvin Zeckser closed the evening with a vocal solo.

Mrs. Kenneth Brenner, Reporter.

**Pacific Conference**

**Junior CBY Activities at the Trinity Baptist Church of Portland, Oregon**

The Junior branch of the CBY at the Trinity Baptist Church of Portland, Ore., has completed an unusually successful year in spiritual as well as numerical growth. This was due to a staff of consecrated leaders who were not afraid to work, and who felt the responsibility and the challenge of working with the leaders of the church of tomorrow. They were Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Boldt for the pre-junior group, Mrs. Florence Lehman for piano and music, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Zeeb for music, and Mr. and Mrs. Ken Leavens as advisors.

In September of last year the "Junior tree" was planted with 14 branches on a sturdy vine. The growth was stunted the first few weeks, for although the tree was green, so were the advisors. But when a tree is green, it is growing; when it becomes ripe, it begins to rot. With great enthusiasm a contest was launched with the president, Gordon Moeckli, heading one side, and the Veep, Kenneth Doolin, the other. The other officers were secretary, Marlys Schwengels; treasurer, John Anderson; and tail twister, Gregory Beiser. During the contest about 570 cards and dodgers were mailed to members and prospects to advertise the meetings.

A high quality of program was offered each Sunday evening to hold interest, such as good speakers, missionaries, pictures, a foreign student, and a Christian magician "with a message." Once a month a treat was offered, and occasionally a social event was planned. The attendance leaped to a top of 58; and best of all, the sturdy branches remain and continue to grow from the strong Vine.

This Junior group presented an entire Sunday evening service in May to the church. That evening the fruits of the year's training were enjoyed by all. The sincere testimonies of these Juniors and the many musical numbers so ably rendered were especially remembered. May the Lord richly reward the leaders for their efforts!

Martha Becker, Reporter.

**Baptismal Services, Mother's Day Program and New Mission at Costa Mesa, California**

We, of the First Baptist Church of Costa Mesa, Calif., rejoice with increasing wonder and gratitude that God continues to move in our midst. Not only are all the services well attended, and all the organizations in blessed and purposeful activity, but again and again we are moved to thanksgiving at answered prayer in the healing of the sick, in the conversion and transformed life of friends and loved ones, and in restoration of backsliders.

The Hour of Power is faithfully kept each Thursday evening, when, after an hour of rich Bible study, led by our pastor, the Rev. P. G. Neumann (we have been in the book of Romans for over two years!), we separate into groups for a season of earnest prayer. The men of the Brotherhood meet for chorus rehearsal each Monday evening, and then wait upon God for his blessing the following Sunday. Often the women meet for special intercession.

Recently a plan was launched for a continuous twenty-four-hour round-the-clock intercession by the church. As a result there are many conversions, and we rejoice in having at least one baptismal service each month. An outstanding characteristic of our church is that there are many "babes in Christ" in its membership, since seemingly most of its members have come to Christ within the past five years.

On Easter Sunday morning identical services twice filled our beautiful and spacious sanctuary, which was completed and dedicated only last September. Our Sunday School reached a new high in attendance of 663, and six young people followed Christ in baptism at the evening service. To our great joy, of late, entire families have been saved. On Mother's Day two entire families were baptized, while six others accepted Christ as their Savior.

The missionary vision of the church has recently found practical expression in the opening of a mission Sunday School in a near-by housing area. The outstanding and effective spiritual ministry of our beloved pastor, the Rev. P. G. Neumann, is greatly appreciated by all, and we heartily commend both the challenging opportunities and growing needs of our own church to the continued intercession of our larger brotherhood, even as we also are careful to remember the needs of our sister churches, fellow-pastors and missionaries before God's throne of grace.

F. W. Bartel, Reporter.

**Atlantic Conference**

**Eleven Converts Are Baptized at the First Baptist Church, Elsmere, Delaware**

Showers of blessing can be reported from the First Baptist Church, Elsmere, Del., during the past several weeks. Easter Sunday was highlighted



Rev. Christian Peters (left) of the First Baptist Church, Elsmere, Delaware, and eleven converts whom he baptized on Easter Sunday

by a combined baptismal service in which the newly organized Calvary Baptist Church of Newark, Del., joined us. In this service eleven candidates followed the Lord in obedience to his Word, from the Elsmere Church, and five persons were baptized by the Rev. Paul Cook from the Calvary Church.

Four more have joined our church by letter. Among those joining the Elsmere Church is a lady originally of Catholic faith. The Sunday School, too, has increased numerically and we have a fine teaching staff. Both the Junior and the Senior Choirs have had encouraging increases lately. All praise to him from whom all blessings flow!

Christian Peters, Pastor.

**Northern Conference**

**Easter Program Is Given by the Woman's Missionary Society of Moosehorn, Manitoba**

We, the ladies of the Woman's Missionary Society of Moosehorn, Man., had great pleasure in presenting an Easter program. It was encouraging to welcome the large audience of members and friends.

The program was opened by a song service led by the president, Mrs. B. E. Milner, reading of Scripture by Mrs. E. Pankratz and prayer by Mrs. F. Driedger. Following this we had sev-

eral numbers: duets, quartet, ladies' choruses and recitations. Our secretary, Mrs. K. Milner, gave an interesting report on our activities. The final number was a play, "The Lord is Risen." Mary Magdalene being grieved because the tomb was empty rejoiced when she heard the voice of Jesus. The ladies' chorus blended their voices in singing, "Christ, the Lord, Is Risen Today." Elmer Grahn and Allan Wersch ended the play by playing "Christ Arose" on their trumpets.

**DON'T LET THE BIG ONES GET AWAY**

Never stop to reflect on the wonderful opportunities that you have missed. The chances are that, while reflecting, you may miss even better ones.

Taking part in the play were: Mrs. K. Milner, Mrs. E. Pankratz, Mrs. O. Mangl, Mrs. D. Krentz and Mrs. L. Plomp. The offering received was kept for home missions. The women are buying new benches for the church to replace the ones without backs. The Rev. B. E. Milner, our pastor, at the close of the meeting gave an inspiring message on, "The Power of the Resurrection."

Mrs. B. E. Milner, Reporter.



The Woman's Missionary Society of the Baptist Church, Moosehorn, Manitoba

**The Play, "The Easter Promise," Presented by Baptist Young People, Edenwold, Saskatchewan**

On Easter Sunday evening, April 18, the young people of the Edenwold Baptist Church, Edenwold, Sask., gave a variety program in keeping with the Easter season. The program consisted of duets, trios, quartets, recitations and a play. The play, "The Easter Promise," was directed by Mrs. F. Ohlmann. There were twelve persons in the cast. This same program was also given in the neighboring churches.

The offerings received at the time the play was presented in the various places has gone into our fund for our Indian Mission Work on the Muscowpetung Indian Reserve just north of Edenwold. The missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. Phil. Grabke, have done some wonderful work on this reserve in spite of hindrances and difficulties. May the prayers of God's people be heard so that this mission work may continue and that more Indians might know the same Gospel, "He lives, he lives for the Indians, too."

Mrs. F. Bruckner, Reporter.

**Easter Cantata by the McDermot Avenue Baptist Church Choir of Winnipeg, Manitoba**

"The Resurrection Story" by Carrie B. Adams was the title of the Easter cantata presented by the McDermot Avenue Baptist Church choir at Winnipeg, Manitoba.

About forty voices, under the direction of Harry Rostig with Clara Seecamp at the organ, were raised in the introduction of "Rejoice, the Lord Is Risen." Part 1, The Tragedy, followed which consisted of five choir, solo and quartet numbers. The Victory, Part 2, filled our souls with a spirit of joy and thankfulness as the trio sang, "Awake, Glad Soul, Awake." Male and women's chorus as well as solo numbers expressed the Christian's feeling in Christ's victory over death. In conclusion the chorus sang, "Come, Ye Faithful," and this challenge still re-echos in our hearts—to proclaim to all that Christ is truly risen from the dead.

The auditorium was filled to capacity and everyone present felt the blessing of the Lord on this magnificent performance. May God continue to use the choir as a medium of encouraging Christians and reaching souls still outside his salvation!

Miss E. Redlich, Reporter.

**Fifty-nine New Members Received Into Bridgeland Church, Calgary, Alberta, Easter Sunday**

The baptismal service at the Bridgeland Baptist Church, Calgary, Alta., on Easter Sunday triumphantly expressed the power of the resurrection. Silently the little messengers, the flowers of the season, that so ornately decorated the sanctuary, declared, "He lives!" Into such an enthusiastic atmosphere over 500 people assembled to participate in the festivities.

Descriptively the choir under the capable direction of Pete Neufeld por-

trayed the first Easter morning in a cantata. Challenged by the angelic message, "He is not here, for he is risen," the church moves victoriously forward.

On New Year's Eve the hand of fellowship was extended to 27 souls. In less than four months, the total had risen to 86 with the addition of 59 more new members on Easter Sunday. Never before has such a large number entered this church at one time. Inspired by such rapid growth the Rev. David Kroeker elaborated on the "Glory of a Growing Church." No less the Rev. Ervin J. Faul, pastor of the church, stressed the imperative of the Lord's command, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved."

Twenty-four persons, who yielded themselves to the Master's call during the revival campaign of February, in which the Rev. Ernest Hoffmann of the Wiesenthal Baptist Church served so ably as evangelist, stepped into the baptismal waters. After the immersion of each candidate, the mixed and male choirs triumphantly sang an appropriate verse of a hymn.

Three hundred participants of the communion service commemorated Christ's death on the cross. Having sung a hymn, each went out to show the Lord's death till he come.

Erwin J. Faul, Pastor.

**Central Conference**

**Revival Meetings and Bible-Missionary Conference at Baptist Church, St. Joseph, Michigan**

The First Baptist Church of St. Joseph, Mich., has been blessed by two series of Gospel meetings this year. In January a one-week series of revival meetings was held in our church, with the Rev. George Sweeting of Ridgewood, N. J., as guest evangelist and artist. He was assisted by Harold DeCou, organist, who is also a member of the Sweeting Crusade team. Many decisions were made to receive the Lord as personal Savior, and God's people were blessed and revived.

In March we conducted a Bible-Missionary Conference with guest speakers as follows: Mr. Harry Saulnier, Pacific Garden Mission, Chicago, Ill.; Dr. Roscoe Wilson, People's Church, South Bend, Ind.; Dr. Howard Keithly, Berean Baptist Church, Grand Rapids, Mich.; Rev. Earl Umbaugh of the Evergreen Memorial Baptist Church, Hobart, Ind.; Dr. S. Franklin Logsdon, Immanuel Church, Holland, Michigan (formerly of Moody Memorial Church); Dr. David O. Fuller, Wealthy Street Baptist Temple, Grand Rapids; Dr. J. C. Gunst and Dr. Martin L. Leuschner, both of our conference headquarters.

It was another inspiring week, with much spiritual uplift for our church members. The Church has had an increase of fifty-six members during the past three months.

L. H. Broeker, Pastor.

**Reception for Rev. and Mrs. Adolf Braun by Baptist Church, Center Line, Michigan**

The First Baptist Church of Center Line, Mich., was the scene for the formal installation service of the Rev. Adolph Braun, our pastor, on Sunday, May 16. Dr. A. Dale Ihrie, pastor of the Burns Ave. Baptist Church of Detroit and guest speaker representing the North American Baptist General Conference, participated. The welcome was given by Floyd Cote of Center Line and the song service was led by Rev. Otto Patzia of Detroit's Conner Baptist Church.

Dr. Ihrie presented the charge to the church, and George Riederer responded with the singing of "This Is My Task." The Rev. W. S. Sommerschild of the Bethel Church of Detroit presented the charge to the Rev. Adolph Braun, who responded. The Rev. Roland De Renzo of the Ambassador Church gave the prayer of installation. The benediction was given by the Rev. Dwight M. Fry of Utica, Michigan.

Church members also honored Mr. and Mrs. Braun at a reception in the church basement on Friday, May 7th. The informal program included testimonies, favorite songs and choruses, special musical selections and light refreshments. Mr. Braun previously served as pastor of the Plum Creek Church of South Dakota. We truly praise God for answered prayer!

Mrs. N. Sonnenberg, Reporter.

**Dakota Conference**

**Christian Fellowship Hour by the Married Couples of the Bethel Church, Harvey, North Dakota**

The married couples group of the Bethel Baptist Church, Harvey, N. Dak., was organized as "The Christian Fellowship Hour" that meets once every other month or so for fellowship in Christ by which the local people of the church extend a warm, hearty friendship to the invited guests.

Three meetings have been conducted thus far with singing, special numbers, and readings of spiritual value. Three pastors have been invited to bring us words of encouragement in living for Christ. The Rev. D. Bell of Kenmore gave us a message from Philipians 2: 1-12. A film strip, "He That Winneth Souls," was shown. The Rev. S. Kusler from the Congregational Church of Harvey brought us an insight into Sunday School work. The filmstrip, "Lift Up Thine Eyes," was shown.

The Rev. B. W. Krentz from the Old People's Home in Bismarck, N. Dak., gave us a spiritual insight as to how old people want to be taken care of in the sight of God. He also showed slides of the Home with a number of the old people on them, special gatherings and also the new superintendent's home in the making. Each of us who have chickens brought a dressed chicken to be taken to the Home the next day by the Rev. Edgar R. Koons, our pastor.

Mrs. F. T. Schmidt, Reporter.

**Cornerstone Laying Exercises for the Trinity Baptist Church, Sioux Falls, South Dakota**

The Trinity Baptist Church of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., celebrated its cornerstone laying service on Sunday afternoon, April 25. The pastor, the Rev. Richard A. Grenz, spoke words of welcome to a large congregation which had gathered from near and far. The Rev. Harold Weiss, pastor of the Northside Baptist Church of this city, gave the invocation and the Rev. R. Seibel of the Emery Baptist Church read the Scriptures followed by words of greetings from the Rev. J. C. Gunst of Forest Park, Ill., who spoke in behalf of denominational headquarters and the CBY and SS Union. The service was honored by the presence of Dr. Joel Sorenson, Youth Secretary of the Baptist World Alliance visiting from Stockholm, Sweden, who spoke words of encouragement.

The Rev. L. Bienert, the guest speaker, formerly the student pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, brought the message of the afternoon from I Corinthians 3:11, "For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ." Dr. George A. Lang gave a historical sketch of the Trinity Baptist Church and spoke of the need of continued sacrifice. Following the message, an offering was received.

The architect and builder brought greetings and Mr. Alvin Bleeker, chairman of the Board of Trustees, presided at the cornerstone laying. Dr. Ralph E. Powell led the congregational singing and the Seminary quartet favored the occasion with several selections. The Rev. Eldon Seibold was at the organ which was loaned for the day by the Williams Piano Company of this city. The Rev. Herbert Hiller, Seminary professor and moderator of the church, led in closing prayer and pronounced the benediction.

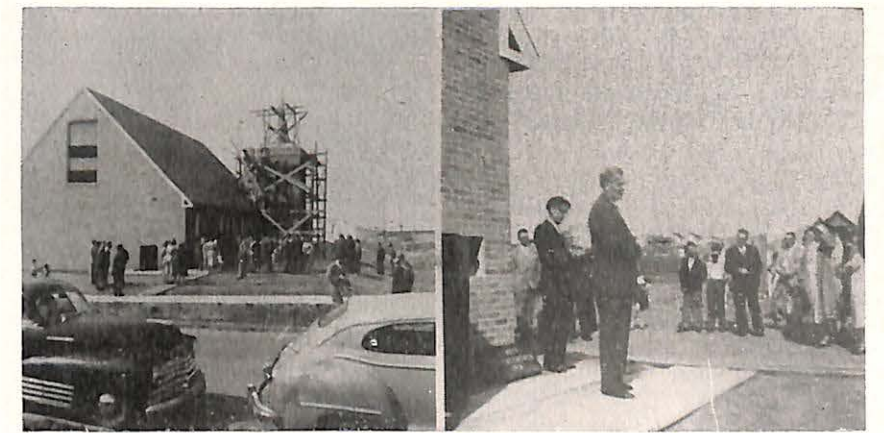
The members of the Trinity Baptist Church covet your prayers as they work to honor the Lord and bring the message of his redemption in the new community where the Lord has placed them as witnesses.

Mrs. George A. Dunger, Reporter.

**Election of Officers and Special Programs by the CBY, McLaughlin, South Dakota**

The members of the Senior CBY of the First Baptist Church of McLaughlin, S. Dak., are thankful that the Lord has blessed us, and that we as young people can work together for his Kingdom. The new officers of our CBY are: president, Curtiss Bertsch; vice-president, Leo Friez; secretary, Deloris Moser; treasurer, Gladys Rott; reporter, Darleen Schott.

The executive officers have planned to use the booklet entitled, "CBY Guide for Leaders." Our group meets the first and last Friday of every month. We have also set the age limit from 14 to 30 years, which leaves us a smaller group. We have gained four new members, as follows: Deloris Moser, Donny Moser, Larry Hetterley and Darleen Schott.



The Trinity Baptist Church, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, (left) on the Sunday of the cornerstone laying exercises, and (right) Rev. R. A. Grenz, pastor, and Dr. Joel Sorenson, Youth Secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, at the impressive service

The young people of the Evangelical Church and our CBY rendered a Sunrise Service on Easter Sunday, and also a play entitled, "Challenge of the Cross." After the program the invitation was given. We are glad to report that most of the young people went forward. We hope and pray that these young people will deny themselves, take up their cross and follow Christ.

Darleen Schott, Reporter.

**Good Friday Sacred Concert by the Baptist Choir Turtle Lake, North Dakota**

The Turtle Lake Baptist Church choir of Turtle Lake, N. Dak., pre-

sented a sacred concert to a large audience on Good Friday evening, April 16, in the local city hall. The choir of 22 voices under the direction of the Rev. Alfred Bibelheimer with Miss Lillian Schlaht, accompanist, presented a stirring program of songs in keeping with the Easter season.

The songs, "God of Our Fathers," "Hallelujah for the Cross," "All Hail, Emanuel" and others, sent forth jubilant praise while the peacefulness of knowing Christ was felt in the strains of "My God and I." Mrs. Vernon Wolofsky sang "The Holy City" and several other group numbers carried out the theme of the day. An unusual arrangement of "Song of Peace" was

The choir of the Baptist Church, Turtle Lake, North Dakota, with Rev. A. W. Bibelheimer, director (right), in the local city hall where a concert was rendered



**THE HAPPIEST HEART**

Who drives the horses of the sun Shall lord it but a day; Better the humble deed were done, And kept the humble way.

The rust will find the sword of fame, The dust will hide the crown; Ay, none shall nail so high his name Time will not tear it down.

The happiest heart that ever beat Was in some quiet breast That found the common daylight sweet, And left to Heaven the rest.

—John Vance Cheney

sung by a men's quartet with the obligato solo sung by Mrs. Richard Wacker. The program in honor of our Risen Savior was closed with a most beautiful acappella arrangement of the soul-stirring hymn, "Only Believe," presenting Christ Jesus "to whosoever will."

A large portion of this choir consists of farm families who are very faithful in their attendance. Through their sacrifices and because they love to sing of their Savior, all who attend this house of worship have been richly blessed through their ministry in song. May God continue to use them in bringing the message of salvation to all who hear them!

Mrs. Arnold Franke, Reporter.

## Eastern Conference

### Baptism of Eighteen Converts at the Union Baptist Church, Arnold, Pennsylvania

We of the Union Baptist Church, Arnold, Pa., marvel at the goodness of the Lord in all that he has done for us as a church. We have seen a wonderful growth in several ways in the past months. On Palm Sunday evening 16 candidates were baptized, eight adults and eight children. Among them was one entire family of husband, wife and daughter, also another husband and wife. These converts were the result of personal work during the past several months and also the evangelistic meetings held in March with the Rev. Daniel Fuchs.

The Lord has blessed in many other ways with a stronger spiritual undergirding throughout the church. The income of the church increased 75 per cent during our last fiscal year. The church has a new roof and has been repaired and beautifully decorated throughout. The Rev. Lawrence Biebert, our denominational Youth Director, was with us for a Victory and Dedication service on Sunday, May 2, when we saw our project completely paid for.

We were the host church to the Eastern Conference CBY and SS Union from June 25 to 27.

Rev. Dale Chaddock, Pastor.

## Northwestern Conference

### Introducing Rev. and Mrs. Carl Zimmerman, Seventh Street Baptist Church, La Crosse, Wis.

Greetings in Jesus' Name from the Seventh Street Baptist Church of La Crosse, Wis! I was graduated from



Rev. and Mrs. Carl Zimmerman of the Seventh Street Baptist Church, La Crosse, Wis., and their children, Zimme, Cindy and Vicky



Sixteen of the 18 converts recently baptized by the Rev. Dale Chaddock at the Union Baptist Church, Arnold, Pennsylvania

Bob Jones University in the spring of 1950. Mrs. Zimmerman also studied a number of Bible and related subjects there. In 1951 we sailed for the Philippine Islands where we were engaged as teachers in the Far Eastern Bible Institute and Seminary under the auspices of the Far Eastern Gospel Crusade. After two years we returned to America and I was engaged in promotional work in behalf of the Crusade. We then came to La Crosse, Wis., upon accepting the unanimous call of the Seventh Street Baptist Church, on Feb. 27, 1954.

We thank God for what he has done during the last two months. There has been a unifying and cooperative spirit among the people. Sunday School attendance has been up with a high of 111. The Holy Spirit has begun to convict unbelievers, and Christians have begun to confess sins and shortcomings. So we look forward to a real God-given, Holy Ghost increase. The adult prayer meeting attendance is up

to around 30, with a real spirit of interest in others manifest. The CBY has been reorganized and attendance is slowly increasing. We can only echo the words of William Carey, "The prospects are as good as the promises of God." To him be the glory through the Church.

Carl Zimmerman, Pastor.

### Annual Business Meeting of the Calvary Baptist Church, Parkersburg, Iowa

The Calvary Baptist Church of Parkersburg, Iowa, held its annual meeting for general business and election of officers on Friday, April 9th, with 84 voting members present. The pastor, the Rev. Ronald C. MacCormack, presided. The meeting marked the end of a happy church year with gains registered in all departments.

The average Sunday School attendance for the year (152 Sundays) was 162, compared with 139 of the preceding year. Fifteen new members were received into the church. A new choir was organized under the trained leadership of Miss Marion Arends, and maroon choir robes were purchased. Also, a junior choir was organized. The church interior was redecorated. The newly acquired parsonage was dedicated, debt-free. The much used overflow room was equipped with pews. A new gas range and gas water heater were installed in the parsonage.

Reports showed that total contributions received by all departments amounted to \$18,424.55, and of this amount \$5,475.71 was designated for missions. A new 50-year act of Incorporation had been drawn up by a committee headed by Mr. R. H. Mulder, and was passed. Also the name, CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH, Parkersburg, Iowa, was adopted as the official name of the church. A substantial gift and increase of salary for the pastor were granted.

The following officers were elected: clerk, R. H. Mulder; treasurer, Bert Heerts; one deacon, Heit Huisinga; one trustee, Paul Abkes; organist, Esther Schwerdtfeger; assistant organist, George Thorne; Sunday School superintendent, Louis A. Dreyer; ass't Sunday School supt., William Heerts; music committee, Marion Arends, Mrs. John Goldhorn, and Mrs. Calvin Snittjer. Officers appointed were: ushers, Paul Abkes, John Krull, John Goldhorn, and Raymond Pruisner; auditors, William Huisman, Howard Ellinger, and Clarence Smith. A fine spirit of consecration and Christian love prevails in the church.

Ronald C. MacCormack, Pastor.

### Invitation to Northwestern Conference at Grace Church, Racine, Wisconsin, from July 14 to 18

The Grace Baptist Church, Racine, Wis., takes pleasure in extending a cordial invitation to the churches of the Northwestern Conference to the annual sessions of the Conference, July 14-18, 1954.

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## Obituary

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

### MRS. FREDA GROSS of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Freda Gross, nee Oshetzki, of Philadelphia, Pa., was born on February 22, 1898 in Garfield, N. J., and died on April 10, 1954 after a long illness, aged 56 years and 1½ months. Early in 1906 she accepted Christ as her personal Savior and was baptized on the confession of her faith by the Rev. L. Rabe into the Fellowship Baptist Church of Passaic, N. J., on Easter Sunday of that year. Prior to her illness she was very active in her church and Sunday School, and for a time served as organist in her home church.

On May 27, 1916 she married Mr. Alfred Gross. In 1926 she came with her husband to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Here she joined the Pilgrim Baptist Church where she also became active. Her homegoing is mourned by her husband, Alfred; one sister and three brothers of Garfield, New Jersey. Her pastor brought the message of comfort from 1 John 5:11-12, and the Rev. R. Ambler of the Passaic Church assisted in the service. She was laid to rest in the cemetery of Lodi, New Jersey. May the Lord continue to comfort the bereaved!

Pilgrim Baptist Church,  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

WALTER C. DAMRAU, Pastor.

### MRS. EMMA C. KAAZ of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

On April 23, 1954, death claimed another one of God's choice servants, Mrs. Emma C. Kaaz, nee Langer, of Philadelphia, Pa., the wife of the Rev. Julius Kaaz. She was born on June 26, 1876 in Holland, N. Y., but most of her childhood and youth was spent in Rochester, New York. Here in her youth she found Christ as her Savior and was baptized by the Rev. Peter Ritter into the membership of the Andrews Street Baptist Church, where she received most of her religious training.

On June 19, 1900 she became the bride of the Rev. Julius Kaaz with whom she shared more than 50 years of Christian ministry in six churches of the North American Baptist denomination. These pastorates were in Tonawanda, N. Y.; North Freedom and Ableman, Wis.; Kankakee, Ill.; Buffalo, N. Y.; and New Haven, Connecticut. She also actively served in the Woman's Missionary Union of the denomination. When the time for retirement came, she spent her later years in Philadelphia, Pa., where since 1950 she and the Rev. Julius Kaaz were guests at our Home for the Aged.

God granted her to live nearly 78 years, of which the last few years were spent as an invalid and a shut-in. Yet she remained cheerful and often sang her favorite songs, "O Happy Day" and "Das Leben gleich dem Sommertag." She is survived by her husband and two children: Miss Alice Kaaz of Philadelphia, Pa., and a son, Harold, as well as a granddaughter, residing in Denver, Colorado.

Her pastor conducted the service at the Chapel of our Home and the Rev. Alfred Bernadt of New Haven, Conn., an old friend of the family, and a successor to Mr. Kaaz in the New Haven Church, brought the message of consolation based on John 14. The Lord is comforting the bereaved family!

Pilgrim Baptist Church,  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

WALTER C. DAMRAU, Pastor.

### MR. JACOB HEINE of Grand Forks, North Dakota.

Mr. Jacob Heine of Grand Forks, N. Dak., was born in Russia on Jan. 16, 1884. At the age of 28 he came to Grand Forks and remained here till his decease. On March 8,

1912, he was united in marriage with Carrie Hornung. This union was blessed with eleven children, of whom two sons preceded their father in death.

On Easter Sunday 1920, the Rev. Sprock baptized both Mr. and Mrs. Heine on confession of their faith, and they became members of the Grace Baptist Church. For several years Mr. Heine served as an usher. On Sundays you could always find him in his usual place in the house of God, unless sickness or the like prevented him from coming.

After having been employed by the Great Northern Railway for 30 years, Mr. Heine retired in 1948. For some time he had been suffering with a heart ailment until his Lord called him home on Sunday afternoon, Jan. 16. He thus reached the age of exactly 70 years.

His decease is mourned by his wife; three sons: Edward of Minneapolis; Jacob with the U. S. Army at Newfoundland; David of Grand Forks; six daughters: Mrs. Albert Eisner, Mrs. Rose Lahti, and Mrs. Lydia Arnason, all of Portland, Ore.; Mrs. Lawrence Odegard, Seattle, Wash.; Mrs. Vic Sieben, Sauk Center, Minn.; Mrs. Alex Budziak, Grand Forks; and 17 grandchildren.

Funeral services took place at the Grace Baptist Church with the undersigned bringing a message of comfort based on Ps. 23:4.

Grace Baptist Church,  
Grand Forks, North Dakota

H. J. WALTEREIT, Pastor.

### MRS. ERNA KIRSCHENMAN of Burstall, Saskatchewan.

Mrs. Erna Violet Kirschenman, nee Neubauer, of Burstall, Sask., was born on April 9, 1927 at Burstall, Sask., and died on May 19, 1954 at the age of 27 years, 1 month and 10 days at the General Hospital of Medicine Hat, Alberta. At 8:30 A.M. on that day she slumbered peacefully into eternity.

She was married on Feb. 14, 1948 to Fred Kirschenman at the Grace Baptist Church of Medicine Hat by the Rev. E. Faul. This union was blessed with one son, Brian. The departed was converted to a living faith in her Lord and Savior at the age of eleven, was baptized by the Rev. Karl Korella and added to the fellowship of the Burstall Baptist Church. In 1946 with her parents she joined the Grace Baptist Church of Medicine Hat, Alta., and after the marriage she again became a member of the Burstall Baptist Church, of which she remained a loyal member to the end. For two years she attended the C.T.I. of Edmonton, Alta., served in the capacity of Sunday School teacher, and was a faithful choir singer.

The departed leaves to mourn her husband, Mr. Fred Kirschenman; her son, Brian; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Neubauer; three brothers, Robert, Rheinhold and John Neubauer; two sisters, Mrs. Louise Lamb and Mrs. Alma Ostwald; many other relatives and friends.

The funeral service took place at the Grace Baptist Church, Medicine Hat, Alta., and four ministers took part. Rev. A. Vorath of the Evangelical-United Church, of which Mr. Kirschenman is a member, spoke words of comfort in the German language, and Rev. E. O. Gutsche spoke in the English language. Rev. G. Thiessen, pastor of the Hilda Baptist Church, read Ps. 90 and Mr. Pohl, pastor of the Burstall, Sask., Baptist Church, led in prayer. A ladies' trio sang a German song entitled: "Jesus ist mein," and a ladies' duet sang the English song, "Good night here and good morning up there." May the God of all consolation comfort the sorrowing husband, parents and brothers and sisters.

Medicine Hat, Alberta, Canada  
O. E. GUTSCHE, Pastor.

### MR. SAMUEL WEISS of Portland, Oregon

Mr. Samuel Weiss of Portland, Ore., was born in Europe on April 28, 1868 and died at Portland after a three-month illness at the age of 86 years and 11 days. He came to America in 1885, settling first near Scotland, South Dakota. Then in spring of 1889 he came to Oregon where he had lived ever since. He was owner of a seed and grain firm in Portland.

On April 17, 1892 Mr. Weiss was united in marriage to Caroline Koenig to which union there were born eight children, five daughters and three sons, of which two died in

their youth. In April of 1887 Mr. Weiss was converted and baptized under the ministry of the Rev. Fred Reichle, Sr., and united with the Trinity Baptist Church of which he was a faithful member at the time of his death. For several years he also held membership in the Laurelhurst, now Central, Baptist Church.

He was a good servant of the Lord Jesus Christ, loyal in his church attendance and faithful in witnessing to the saving grace of the Lord wherever opportunity presented itself. A chorus he loved to sing was, "Thank you, Lord, for Saving My Soul." He held several offices in the church and was instrumental in helping to found the Baptist Home for the Aged and in assisting in the establishment of Sunday Schools and missions.

He leaves to mourn his departure his now sorrowing wife, Caroline Weiss; six children: Mrs. Eugene Wetzler, Mrs. Rimard Proppe, Mrs. Bruce Williamson, Mrs. Chester Bell, and Harold A. Weiss, all of Portland, and Theodore S. Weiss of Van Nuys, Calif.; three brothers: Henry and Ed Weiss of Portland, and Richard of San Diego, Calif.; four sisters: Mrs. Dora Kurtz and Mrs. Lydia Pfau of Portland, and Mrs. Tillie Olsten and Rose Weiss of Los Angeles, Calif.; four grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

The undersigned spoke words of comfort at the memorial service on the favorite Scripture passage of our deceased brother taken from John 14:1-12. May the God of peace graciously comfort the bereaved with an everlasting hope!

Trinity Baptist Church,  
Portland, Oregon

JOHN WOBIG, Pastor.

## NORTHWESTERN CONFERENCE

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The program committee is happy to announce that everything is just about ready. Dr. Thorwald W. Bender, professor of theology, Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, Chicago, Ill., is to be our Bible study leader. Our evening service messages are to be delivered by Rev. Charles Anderson, Kenosha, Wis.; Rev. William Jeschke, St. Paul, Wis.; Rev. John Walkup, George, Iowa; and Miss Eugenia Price, Chicago, Illinois.

The theme of the Conference is "Stand Fast in the Lord." A new feature this year will be a Men's Brotherhood breakfast to coincide with that held by the Woman's Missionary Union.

Ample time is given for all committee and boards of the Conference to conduct their business. There will be moments of inspiration, an increased emphasis upon congregational singing, and time for congregational participation in prayers.

Since Racine is Wisconsin's third largest city, there will be sufficient free time for sightseeing, shopping, and all the other things that go with a conference.

Grace Church is celebrating its Centenary Jubilee this year. We will be delighted to have our many friends and fellow-Baptists join with us in a Conference that promises to be outstanding and memorable. Registration forms will be coming to the churches shortly. We shall be looking for a great number from Iowa, Minnesota, Illinois and our own state. The address of the pastor is 2417 Hansen Ave., Racine, Wisconsin.

D. Raymond Parry, Pastor.

## THE PRESIDENT'S PRAYER

**A**lmighty God, as we stand here at this moment, my future associates in the executive branch of the Government join me in beseeching that Thou will make full and complete our dedication to the service of the people in this throng and their fellow citizens everywhere.

**G**ive us, we pray, the power to discern clearly right from wrong and allow all our words and actions to be governed thereby and by the laws of this land.

**E**specially we pray that our concern shall be for all the people, regardless of station, race, or calling. x May cooperation be permitted and be the mutual aim of those who, under the concept of our Constitution, hold to differing political beliefs - so that all may work for the good of our beloved country and for Thy glory. **Amen**

### STORY OF "THE PRESIDENT'S PRAYER"

Under a bright sky at noon the 20th of January 1953, Dwight D. Eisenhower, having just taken the oath of office as the thirty-fourth President of the United States, paused before beginning his inaugural address to offer "a little prayer of my own," composed that very morning amid the bustle of preparations for the day's ceremonies.

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