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The S. S. Lesson in ACTION

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A LESSON PLAN

Date: June 27, 1954

Theme:

JUDGMENT COMES TO ISRAEL

SCRIPTURE: 2 Kings 17:5-14, 18.
PURPOSE: To show that men and nations cannot disobey God and get away with it.

GETTING STARTED: How true are the words of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow:

"Though the mills of God grind slowly, yet they grind exceedingly small; Though with patience he stands waiting, with exactness grinds he all."

God dealt kindly and patiently with Israel. He gave them opportunity after opportunity to repent of their evil ways and return unto the Lord. Time after time he sent his prophets to call the people back into the ways that make for peace and security. But Israel would not listen. They went their own idolatrous and evil way until, finally, there was nothing for God to do but to send the judgment that the nation deserved; and Israel was wiped off the face of the map.—And so it always is! Nations may disobey God and get away with it for a time. But in the end judgment always catches up with them and, like Israel, they go down in utter ruin. God is not mocked! What individuals and nations sow, they finally and inevitably reap!

Developing the Theme:

Every page of Israel's history has written upon it in large letters these truths:

I. GOD MUST RE RECKONED WITH.

1. God is! Men cannot escape him, nor can they ignore or reject him and get away with it.

2. God rules! He is in command. His laws operate the universe. Thus to disobey his law is to invite punishment and disaster.

3. God holds men responsible. They are held accountable for their deeds and must finally get squared away with him.

II. YET GOD IS PATIENT IN HIS DEALINGS WITH MEN.

1. He gives them opportunity after opportunity to get right with him.

2. In innumerable ways he has made it perfectly clear to men what is expected of them, so that they cannot plead ignorance (v. 13b).

3. In mercy and love he has sent special messengers to teach and warn men and to call them back unto himself and his law (v. 13a).

4. Finally he gave even his only begotten Son to convince men of his love and at supreme cost to draw them unto himself.

III. BUT GOD IS ALSO JUST, AND DISOBEDIENCE MUST FINALLY REAP ITS JUST RECOMPENSE.

1. His patience must not be presumed upon or be taken for moral indifference.

2. His law and commandment are immutable. They stand forever and must be fully obeyed and satisfied.

3. Disobedience must bring punishment and retribution.

4. When therefore men persist in their disobedience and unbelief and willfully reject all of God's pleadings, there is nothing left for him to do but to visit upon them the ruin they have brought upon themselves (vv. 14-15, 18).

Applying the Lesson:

Someone recently said, "God is using the scourge of Communism today to punish the so-called Christian nations for their sins." What do you think?

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A LESSON PLAN

Date: July 4, 1954

Theme: JESUS, OUR EXAMPLE

SCRIPTURE: Luke 2:40-52.

PURPOSE: To set before ourselves the need and the possibility for growth in Christ-likeness.

GETTING STARTED: Have you ever noticed how two people who have lived together for a great many years as husband and wife have a tendency to look like each other? Long years of intimacy and expose to one another seem to impress on their features marked similarities. And it is only natural that it should be so. For growth in human beings is always in the direction of that which captures our attention and to which we are continually exposed. If we live in the presence of greatness, we tend to grow toward greatness. If we live with meanness, we tend to become mean. Thus if we would grow in Christian living and become more Christ-like, it is of utmost importance that we become completely enamoured of Jesus and keep him ever before us as our Ideal and Example. To be forever looking unto Jesus, "the author and finisher of our faith," is the key to a life that grows "in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ."

Developing the Theme:

I. JESUS GREW

1. In wisdom—attaining unto the kind of mental maturity that made him the superior of all who matched wits with him (vv. 46-47).

CONFERENCES AND ASSEMBLIES AND GUEST SPEAKERS

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June 17-20—Central Dakota Association at Napoleon, North Dakota. Prof. Herbert Hiller.

June 16-20—Iowa Junior Camp at Clear Lake, Iowa. Mr. Ernest Hildebrand (June 18-20).

June 16-20—Pacific Conference at Trinity Baptist Church, Portland, Oregon. Dr. Martin L. Leuschner and Mrs. Thomas Lutz.

June 19-26—Wisconsin CBY Camp at Camp Awana, Wisconsin. Rev. J. C. Gunst, Mrs. Alma Henderson (23-25) and Rev. Jay Hirth (June 19-20).

June 20-26—Iowa Young People's Camp (Senior) at Clear Lake, Iowa. Rev. Herman Palfenier and Mr. Ernest Hildebrand (June 20-21).

June 23-27—Dakota Conference at Aberdeen, South Dakota. Dr. Frank H. Woyke, Rev. E. P. Wahl, Mrs. George Henderson (June 26-27), and Mrs. Thomas Lutz (Women's Meeting).

June 25-27—Eastern Conference Young People's Convention at Union Baptist Church, Arnold, Pennsylvania. Dr. George A. Lang.

June 25-27—Ontario Association at Sebastopol, Ontario. Prof. Hugo Lueck and Miss Alethea Kose.

June 27—75th Anniversary at Bethany Church, Portland, Oregon. Dr. Martin L. Leuschner.

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2. In stature—building a physical body that enabled him to undertake hard tasks and endure great hardships.

3. In favor with God—reaching such heights spiritually that God could speak of him as one in whom he was "well pleased."

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Editorial

Write A Letter!

THE WRITING of a letter can definitely be a Gospel ministry. Through our letters we can share with others our experiences in our walk with Christ and thus multiply the blessings we have received. Our correspondence can be like a small pulpit from which we proclaim our testimony for Christ to far flung places of the world. We must never forget that the epistles of the Apostle Paul, recorded in the Scriptures, were originally letters sent to the Christians of the early churches. We must also remind ourselves that the neglected art of writing letters can be cultivated by every last one of us to the glory of God.

The summer months provide golden opportunities to practice on letter writing. We are away on trips or at assemblies and conferences. Our lives are filled with all kinds of adventures and joyous experiences. We will be inspired to action by speakers and events. In such busy, happy times there is nothing so rewarding as sitting down and writing a letter to someone, sharing with that person the joys that have come to you and the convictions that have been etched into your soul. Get the habit of writing letters out of the overflow of your experiences.

How long has it been since you last wrote a letter to one of our missionaries? It's wonderful to pray for them and to lay your gifts upon God's altar for the mission fields, but the writing of a letter to a missionary is a practical demonstration of your interest in the missionary's service. At the same time it brings good cheer into their lives and lightens their burdens as well as gives you a spiritual lift because of what you have done. Too many Christians miss out on this blessed ministry. Write a letter to one or several of our missionaries!

Letters are epistles of appreciation. By them we show our thoughtful, gracious response to the love of others that has been showered upon us. It is often difficult to express in spoken words what we can describe more vividly in a letter. Such a missive can also be kept by the recipient and treasured for frequent rereading and for renewed blessing.

Father's Day is just around the corner. We often take our parents and their sacrifices for us for granted. This special day of the year can be a reminder to us that others have moulded our lives and labored for us. A letter which is a heart-to-heart revelation of your indebtedness to your father or to some other loved one can be worth far more than a costly gift or the sending of commercialized cards.

What else can we say? Some Christians have made it a habit to write a letter occasionally to their pastor to express their appreciation for his sermons or ministry, to the author of a book that has blessed them, to the servicemen of their church in their loneliness overseas, to someone in grief or sorrow. They have learned that such winged messengers have always returned to them in hundredfold blessings and joys. They have brought glory to the name of Christ by their letters. Why not give this ministry a try?

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Spiritual giants of the Reformation in the famous Reformation Monument at Geneva, Switzerland

Left to right: John Calvin, Farel, Theodore Beze and John Knox

God's Holy Name

The Ten Commandments contain basic expressions of God's desire for us. Through them God says to us: "This is the way; walk ye in it." This study of the third commandment is especially timely in our day

By the REV. PAUL E. LOTH, Pastor of the Bethel Baptist Church, Buffalo, New York

"IF I ONLY KNEW what God wanted me to do, I would do it." Perhaps you, too, have said this at some time and truly meant it. But how can we know his will? The Ten Commandments contain basic expressions of God's desire for us. It is even as though he were saying, "This is the way; walk ye in it."

We are not concerned from a legalistic viewpoint that the commandments be observed but that, in them, we might see God's purposes and directions for governing our lives and that in obedience to the general commands and leading we be privileged to know his specific guidance in our individual problems.

RELATIONSHIPS OF LIFE

The Ten Commandments are easily divided into two main divisions: those which refer to relationships with God, and those to relationships with men. Christ referred to the first group as "loving the Lord, thy God," and to the second group as "loving thy neighbor." Society in general has been willing to accept the second group and to demand proper observance of such commands as "Thou shalt not kill," "Thou shalt not bear false witness," "Thou shalt not commit adultery."

But the first group, upon which the second is built, commands such as emphasize and entail a real love for God, these are completely neglected

and disregarded. A man unfaithful to his wife is shunned, but he is honored when unfaithful to his God. To bear false witness against one's neighbor is a disgrace; yet to contradict the truths of Scripture has become scholarly. Included in the "first and great commandment" is the law, "Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain."

In order to understand this third Commandment, we must remember that names in the Bible are very significant. This is especially true of the Name of God. To take his Name in vain is to profane his holy person and to disregard his divine presence. It is to mock the attributes of God and to reject his sovereignty. The fact that the preface to the Ten Commandments reads, "I am the Lord thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage," is of significance in a proper understanding of the command, "Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain."

JEHOVAH GOD

In the King James version, the name Lord is in capital letters. When it appears in this way, it can be translated, "Jehovah," Hebrew scholars tell us that this is a form of the verb, "to become," and speaks of God as the one who becomes whatever is needed to meet the needs of those who are his. To use the thought of the New Testa-

ment, this name reveals him as the God of grace. Many Bible teachers feel that the Jehovah of the Old Testament is the Christ of the New Testament. It is true that the Apostle Paul wrote, "My God shall supply all your need . . . by Christ Jesus."

We are all familiar with the hymn chorus:

"Just when I need him most,
Jesus is near, to comfort and cheer,
Just when I need him most."

The word translated God in this third command is the same word used in Genesis 1:1—"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." It pictures him as the God of majesty, might and strength sufficient to create and bring into being even this earth and its inhabitants. He is indeed the sovereign God.

Let us then give consideration to the command lest we be guilty of taking the Name of the Lord our God, the God of grace and might, in vain. The approach of Christ and the New Testament is a positive approach. We are not under the law because we endeavor to live and walk above it. Therefore our obedience to God's expressed will in the law is determined by what we do rather than what we do not do. We can manifest obedience through praise!

PRAISE AND PRAYER

The Psalmist said, "Whoso offereth praise glorifieth me." Certainly the man whose tongue is full of words of commendation for God need fear little of possible disobedience through taking the Name of God in vain. When Jesus accused some of blasphemy in Matthew 12:31-32, the basic fault was that they had given credit for the Holy Spirit's work to another rather than to him. Could it be that this command includes giving God proper credit for his work?

How often we praise publicity, human effort, man's wisdom, planning, programming or other means for the success which has come from above. Is only the unusual the work of God? Must God always work a miracle for his hand to be evidenced? How vital that the testimony of our lips should be, "Thanks be unto God who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

Then, too, there should be obedience in prayer. What a precious privilege is prayer! Could anything so sacred be a stumbling block in the Christian's path? It was Jesus who said, "And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son" (John 14:13). It has been pointed out that this is even as though we were given power of attorney in our prayer requests. We present our petitions, not in our own name and right but in the Name of Christ. It is, therefore, incumbent upon us to present petitions according to his will and for his good. Only a

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"And God Said --!"

By the REV. WILLIAM STURHAHN
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The baccalaureate sermon delivered on Sunday morning,
May 16, 1954, at the North American Baptist Seminary,
Sioux Falls, South Dakota

WHILE SCIENTISTS and philosophers are stumped and puzzled concerning the old question about the chicken or the egg, the writer of our text makes an assertion with conviction and assurance: "In the beginning was the Word" (John 1:1). This is the Word as the expression of God, yea, as the very reality of God.

Although words of men are in effect not the same as THE WORD, the only way in which we can fully understand the meaning of this text is by thinking in human terms. We could hardly imagine the existence of man without words. Words are the means of communication. They are the means of exchanging plans, ideas, gossip, hatred and love. By words orders of restraint are given. By words armies begin to move and throw the world into a flaming battlefield. By words lovers exchange vows and become one. James says, "The tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity." By words man also communes with God and God speaks to man, both to his own people and to the world. These words are not necessarily limited to letters of the alphabet but sometimes a handshake or a mere look speak louder than words of the mouth.

WORD OF GOD

"And God said! Let there be!" The world was, as well as life and man. "And God said, Let my people go." A people was delivered and guided, and powerful armies were crushed. "Thus says the Lord." It was hammered home by the prophets of old. The living fell dead, the dead became alive, the earth shook and brought destruction, the storms and the sea calmed to a peaceful lullaby. "The Word became flesh." This is no philosophical meditation. To me it is the awesome, creative, loving, saving, guiding, judging Word of God in the person of his Son, Jesus Christ.

Possibly there has been no time when the Word of God has been preached in more tongues than today. The Bible is translated in many languages. No one could count the words of God spoken on this Lord's Day from the pulpits, through Sunday School teachers, in the home, over the airways of radio and television, to and from practically every part of the globe. Yet we must admit that the world does not understand. Even the Christian world has no clear understanding. Denominationalism has largely confounded people, and cults and sectarianism bring more chaos into a chaotic world. Cul-

ture, education and politics seem to drown out the Word of God, even from the Christian pulpit. Communism and godlessness seem to increase and we feel unable to stem the tide.

In 1936 I heard the great world traveler and missionary Sherwood Eddy say to seminary students: "China is at the crossroad. The next ten years will tell whether communism or Christianity will win." Everybody knows today where China is. Recently I read a report about conditions in Japan, and the very same prediction was made about that country. In the United States we have a strange mixture of piety with Hollywood. Seven or eight years ago we hoped that Germany might experience a thorough-going spiritual revival. Today she is drifting back into cultured paganism. We see it in the immigrants. It makes one wonder how much divine voice does come into the arena of life.

It proves, however, that never before did the world need more divine guidance than today. Already voices are heard talking about suicide of the human race. Journalists and scientists ask, Where will it end? There seems to be no answer. Yet we know that God does have the answer, and he will give it through consecrated prophets, be they laymen or preachers. I can see no greater task for a layman as well as a theologian than to make known the voice of God. If the world does not hear it, it is up to us to speak clearer, more convincingly, more practical. "And God said—" is still true!

This text, "And God said," has three distinct characteristics which we want to apply and which we must use.

1. CERTAINTY

Could there be anything more definite, certain, authoritative? The message of God will always be challenged by sinners and pharisees and saints. The secret of Paul's convincing superiority in his disputes lay not so much in his learning as in his personal witness. Back of the witness was the personal experience with the living Christ.

The dispute centers around the person of the living Christ. This Jesus—Paul argues—I saw him. I met him. He appeared to me. Peter states in Acts 10:39, "And we are witnesses of all these things." John takes it up with the personal testimony telling of things which "we have heard and seen with our eyes, felt with our hands." Back of our spoken word must be the experience with the living Christ. Only

then does the Word become certain and positive.

Unfortunately there are preachers who preach about God without a God experience. Professionalism in the Christian ministry is dangerous unless it is based on a positive personal experience with God. There is much to be said for lay preachers who have burning hearts and a genuine experience. The prophets of old did not step into the presence of kings on sheer courage, but they were forced by the inner compelling power which they brought with them from their fellowship with God. This gave them the conviction and certainty to say, "Thus says the Lord!"

This certainty makes the words of our text so final and authoritative that no supreme court ruling could annul it. Neither is there possibility of compromise.

Pharaoh wanted to compromise with God and Moses, but the unswerving reply was, "Thus says the Lord. In this thou shalt know that I am the Lord."

NO COMPROMISE

In East Germany our churches had offers of compromise by the government regime. "Give us your young men into government schools, then you can get permission to take them into your seminary." The uncompromising reply was "No." Then there will be no seminary! The young men of our churches in East Germany are being offered the best education under the one compromising condition—relinquish your church connection. It takes divine conviction for intelligent, hungry young men and women to give a definite, authoritative "No."

We need more of this preaching with certainty in a world which totters. We need preaching which causes people to become God-conscious and will make them sit up and listen. We can only proclaim this definite, uncompromising will of God, the counsel of the Almighty, if we are in the counsel chamber where his will is revealed. And there we will have to keep our soul's ear close to God's heart, because the noises of the world are very loud.

If we want to speak with certainty and authority we need to be fully familiar with the Word. It is not so much expected of a prophet to know the laws of geometry as it is to know the Bible. Billy Graham's tremendous

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I Sat Where They Sat!

By DR. JOHN LEYPOLDT,
Interim Promotional Secretary

It is difficult to put yourself into the place of others, to think their thoughts, to share their hopes, to suffer their disappointments. Nevertheless, that should be the aim of every Christian!

THE PROPHET Ezekiel was born in Palestine. As a young man he was carried off into captivity by Nebuchadnezzar. Along with him the Babylonian conqueror took the flower of the population, including many priests and craftsmen.

Ezekiel was both priest and prophet. While in exile, he did not withdraw from the other exiles. He went in bitterness and came to them of the captivity that dwelt by the River Chebar and said: "I sat where they sat" (Ezekiel 3:15).

It is an easy thing to sit in the pew where our first president sat. But it is much more difficult to put yourself in the place of others, to think their thoughts, to share their hopes, to suffer their disappointments. Nevertheless that should be our aim.

A visiting minister was much annoyed by the strange behavior of two young men. They never looked up during the sermon. After the service he said to the minister of the church: "Do those two young men behave like that every Sunday?"

one another. "The other side" should surely come into consideration.

The late president F. D. Roosevelt was very fond of scrambled eggs. Every Sunday night during their married life it was scrambled eggs for supper. When Mrs. Roosevelt was asked about her own taste in the matter of scrambled eggs, she said: "I don't like them anyway. I never eat them. I only make them because my husband is so fond of them!" She sat where her husband sat.

Have we as husbands stopped to think that our wives have to prepare hundreds of pounds of food every month, that they wash dishes over a thousand times a year, etc.? Do we appreciate all the little things they do? "Give the flowers to the living. If you love them, tell them so."

If parents sometimes sat where the school teacher sits, they would discipline their children more at home. How can we expect children to obey the teacher if they do not learn to obey their parents? If teen-agers or young people sat where the mother sits at 11 P.M. or till midnight or maybe even till 1:00 A.M. before the daughter or son comes home, they would not stay out so late. Don't forget, you may be a mother some day!

Relations between employers and employees would be much better if they sat in each other's seats more often. An old gentleman, Mr. Van Brunt of Horican, Wis., ran his factory for 65 years. He never had any labor trouble. In his old age he gave \$300 to each of his 95 old-time workers, a total of \$285,000. He sat where his workmen sat. He shared the fruits of their labor with them.

THE PREACHER'S SEAT

If laymen sat more often in the preacher's seat, they would sometimes be more helpful, more considerate, more appreciative. Some churches do not want a minister who is over forty or fifty years of age. And yet there may be some on the pulpit committee who are beyond 40, 50 or even 60 years of age. Some of them may be holding prominent positions in everyday life. How inconsistent! Suppose they sat where the minister sat, how would they feel?

We are told that great preachers like Russell Conwell, John Bunyan, S. Parkes Cadman and George W. Truett did their best preaching after fifty years of age. We need the vigor and enthusiasm of youth, but our churches

FAMILY LIFE

In married life things would run more smoothly if we sat in each other's seats. In family life we should seek to get the other's viewpoint. It has been said that language is the means by which human beings misunderstand



In every discussion group or Bible study in our churches, our prayer should be: "Lord, help us to be more thoughtful, sympathetic and unselfish in our attitudes and actions toward others"

It's just a little phrase but full of significance. It contains more than we realize. In the above five words we find a great principle that would solve many problems in life. In other words: "I put myself in their place. I consider their viewpoint."

WASHINGTON'S PEW

One of the historic landmarks in Philadelphia, Pa., is Christ Church, founded in 1695. It has old-fashioned pews. President and Mrs. George Washington occupied pew No. 58 from 1790-1797. Benjamin Franklin occupied pew No. 70. Betsy Ross, maker of the first American flag, held pew No. 12. I have sat in one or more of the pews of that historic church.

also need the wisdom and valuable experiences of older ministers.

Some ministers may be envious of others who hold prominent positions in church life. Years ago I read a statement that I have never forgotten. Bishop Brent once said: "Honors carry their penalties with them." He as a bishop undoubtedly experienced that himself.

If we sat where denominational officials sit who face serious problems repeatedly, who travel extensively, being away from home and their growing children, who need a father's care, who work long hours and seek to serve their God and denomination faithfully, and yet sometimes reap unjust criticism, we would realize that honors do carry their penalties with them. Sometimes a denominational official breaks down under the load.

The work of a prominent church worker is not all roses. My dear brother, be content with your lot. You may not have the honors but you don't have to bear the penalties as well!

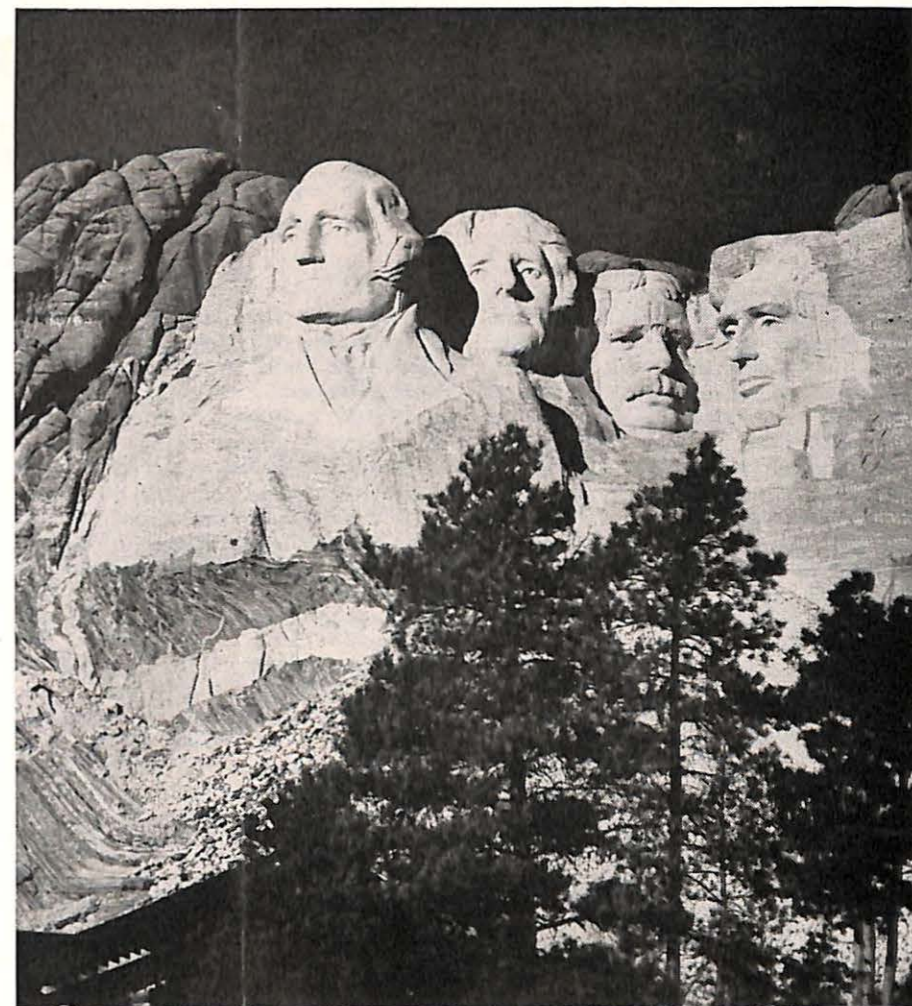
LANGUAGE PROBLEMS

If some of our older German brethren in some of our churches had sat where our young people sat and would have considered their needs and also the future of their church more, they would not have clung so tenaciously to their mother tongue and been responsible for the extinction of more than one of our churches.

This principle even applies to nations and not only to individuals or groups of people. I was captivated by a picture that hangs on the wall of one of the rooms of our Christian Training Institute in Edmonton, Canada. Around a long table is seated a large group of men. Above this group to the right hangs a picture of Christ.

I was reminded of the statesmen who sat around the diplomats' table in France after the first World War, men like David Lloyd George of England, Premier Clemenceau of France, Premier Orlando of Italy and our own president, Mr. Woodrow Wilson, of whom the French premier said: "He talks like Jesus Christ." If all those men had sat where the defeated enemies sat, if they had felt a little of Germany's shame, misery and heart-break, they might not have sown the seeds of revenge that caused another and greater World War. "What fools we mortals be!"

How different was Peter the Great of Russia. It has been said that what Cromwell did for England or Washington for America, Peter did for Russia. He knew something was wrong with his own country. He decided to sit where his people sat. Disguising himself as a Russian student, he traveled on foot and talked with peasants in the fields, with sailors on the sea. He went to wineshops, where the poor were. He visited factories, warehouses and hospitals, even schools. He sat where they sat. Then he went



The faces of Presidents George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Theodore Roosevelt and Abraham Lincoln chiseled into the granite stone of Mt. Rushmore, South Dakota

to work, took a conglomeration of races, differing in blood, race and religion and moulded them into a nation. That is a faint picture of what Christ did.

CHRIST IN OUR PLACE

Even Christ sat where we sat. He didn't stay in heaven. He laid aside his heavenly glory. He who was rich became poor, yea, the poorest among the poor. He emptied himself, taking the form of a "slave." He mingled with all classes of human society. He sat where the poor sat. He sat where the sinners sat. He even sat where the criminal sat on the cross. The Sinless One, the Matchless One, the Son of God, the Savior of the world sat where we sat that we might sit with him in heavenly places in Christ Jesus.

In Hebrews 2:17 we read: "Wherefore it behooved him in all things to be made like unto his brethren that

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY
"The preaching that this world needs most is the sermon in shoes that walk with Jesus Christ."
—Contributed by Herman Balka, Dallas, Texas, vice-president of the CBY and SS Union.

he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people." Christ can sympathize with us because he became one of us. He sat where we sat in order that someday we might sit with him in eternal glory. What a Savior!

If we only would sit in each other's seats more often, we would make ourselves and others happier. We would be fairer, squarer and happier.

Why don't we sit in each other's seats more often? Is it not due to thoughtlessness, selfishness, lack of an open mind, unwillingness to listen to "the other side" and a lack of the Christlike spirit?

A CHRISTLIKE SPIRIT

We will sit in each other's seats when we are open-minded, thoughtful, willing to listen to "the other side" and then act in a sympathetic and Christlike way.

May our earnest prayer be: "Lord, forgive us where we have often sinned by closing our minds to the other side of some problem or situation. Help us from now on to be more thoughtful, sympathetic and unselfish in our attitudes and actions towards our loved ones and our fellowmen."

104th Seminary Commencement

By **DR. MARTIN L. LEUSCHNER**
of Forest Park, Illinois

The commencement exercises of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., on May 15 and 16, 1954, were richly blessed by delightful fellowship, impressive programs and the going forth of promising graduates into our church life

THE STIRRING KEYNOTE of the 104th commencement exercises of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., on May 15 and 16 was the "word of Christ dwelling in you richly in all wisdom" (Colossians 3:16). The members of the graduating class were challenged to preach the Word. The living Word of life was clearly expounded by the guest speakers. The glory of the Word was enhanced in song by the Seminary chorus and a quartet. The commencement address by the Rev. O. E. Krueger of Rochester, N. Y., in a heart-to-heart testimony opened this Word with new freshness and beauty to graduates and friends alike. This is our Seminary, established upon the Word, which brought another school year to a close in a blaze of glory!

BACCALAUREATE SERVICE

The baccalaureate service was held on Sunday morning, May 16, in the Seminary Chapel. To the strains of the piano prelude, played by Miss Helen Lohse, the members of the graduating class, their families, school friends and the congregation of the Trinity Church assembled (275 strong) for the impressive service. Dr. George A. Lang, seminary president, presided.

Professor Henry Brandt read the Scripture passage (Micah 6:1-8), and Professor Hugo Lueck offered prayer. The Seminary Chorus, directed by Professor Ralph E. Powell, sang Haydn's monumental anthem, "The Heavens Are Telling," and the quartet, "Christ's Crusaders," brought the selection, "Arise, Ye Hosts of God."

The Rev. William Sturhahn of Winnipeg, Man., a seminary graduate of the class of 1936, delivered the baccalaureate address on the topic, "And God Said." The characteristics of the Word were portrayed by the speaker as to its certainty, clarity and fruitfulness as he exhorted the young graduates to make this Word live in our day and to be alert to God's Word wherever and whenever it is revealed anew! (This baccalaureate address is published in this issue of the "Baptist Herald," page 5.)

COMMENCEMENT FESTIVITIES

The commencement service, held on Sunday afternoon, May 16, in the sanctuary of the First Baptist Church, was attended by more than 400 persons. This impressive service opened with the organ and academic procession as graduates, faculty members and guest speakers, wearing the dignified robes

and colorful hoods of scholarly attainments, marched into the sanctuary. Scripture was read by Mr. Ralph H. Mulder of Parkersburg, Iowa, formerly president of the Seminary Board, and Professor Herbert Hiller offered the prayer. Bach's "We Hasten to Ask for Thine Aid" was sung by the Seminary Male Chorus.

The Commencement address, "My God and I," by the Rev. Otto E. Krueger of Rochester, N. Y., reviewed many of his experiences as a minister of God in the United States and Australia in his walk with God. Out of his rich treasury of God's blessings, he imparted words of counsel and encouragement to the young graduates in the light of God's ever abiding Presence and of his indwelling Word of Life! President Lang followed with a brief message to the graduates, emphasizing that their real ministry as good soldiers of Christ was just commencing!

The granting of diplomas and the conferring of degrees is always the climax of commencement festivities. This year's service was especially memorable, since six of the nine graduates received the Bachelor of Divinity degree and were robed with the seminary's hood made of blending purple and gold colors. Professor George A. Dunger presented the candidates to the president, and Mr. Herman Bleeker of Emery, S. Dak., president of the Seminary Board, assisted with the placing of the academic hoods on the honored graduates.

GRADUATING CLASS

Those receiving the Bachelor of Divinity degree were Clemence Auch of Mott, N. Dak., pastor of the Ebenezer Church, Wessington Springs, S. Dak., and missionary-appointee for Japan; George W. Breikreuz of Spring-side, Sask. (see "What's Happening" paragraph about his placement for the summer); Harold R. Heins of Arnprior, Ontario; Gordon C. Huisinga of Aplington, Iowa, who is serving the churches of the Southern Conference for the summer months; Werner Kroecker of Marion, S. Dak., who is returning to the Mennonite Brethren churches for service; and Willis E. Potratz of Sumner, Iowa, pastor-elect of the Plum Creek Church, Emery, South Dakota. In addition, the following received the Bachelor of Theology degree: H. Oscar Fritzsche of Arcadia, Sask., pastor-elect of Nokomis, Sask.; Elton O. Kirstein of Sioux Falls,



Faculty of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, during the past school year

Left to right (seated): Dr. George A. Lang, president; Prof. Herbert Hiller
Standing (left to right): Prof. George A. Dunger, Prof. Hugo Lueck, Prof. Henry Brandt,
Prof. Ralph E. Powell

Seminary Board Session

Report of the annual session of the Board of Trustees, North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota

By **MR. R. E. ENGELBRECHT** of Waco, Texas,
Secretary of the Board

ON FRIDAY evening, April 30, and Saturday, May 1, the Board of Trustees of the North American Baptist Seminary of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., met for its annual sessions in the library of the Seminary. The Educational Committee and the Executive Committee met previous to the Board meetings. The Educational Committee was in session on Thursday evening, April 29, and Friday morning, April 30. The Executive Committee met on Friday afternoon, April 30.

Mr. Herman L. Bleeker, chairman of the Board of Trustees, presided at

mended to the Board of Trustees that the following be graduated and receive the corresponding degree.

For the Bachelor of Divinity degree: Clemence Auch, Gordon C. Huisinga, George W. Breikreuz, Werner Kroecker, Harold R. Heins, and Willis E. Potratz.

For the Bachelor of Theology degree: H. Oscar Fritzsche, David W. Nasgowitz, and Elton Kirstein.

The Board of Trustees also approved, upon recommendation of the Educational Committee, for the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity, the

The North American Baptist Seminary has been serving continuously through its Biblical, academic and church-related program a vigorously active and soundly growing denomination. (See page 24 of this issue.)

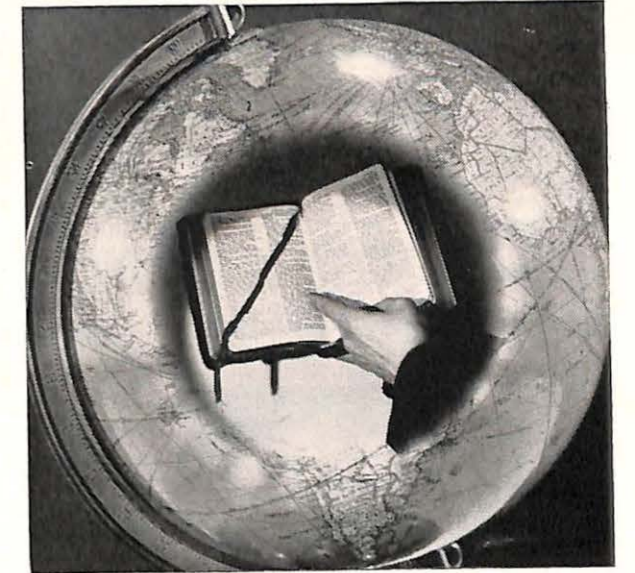


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Harold M. Lambert

all sessions of the Board. At the beginning of the sessions, Mr. Bleeker gave a report concerning the activities of the Seminary and expressed appreciation to President Lang, the faculty, personnel, committees and Board for their support in making the past year a good year for the Seminary.

Dr. George A. Lang gave the "report of the president." He pointed out the objectives of the Seminary, in relationship to the denomination, the unity of purpose, educational standards, intellectual and spiritual development of our students. In fulfilling these objectives, he stated, "we have therefore had a very busy and fruitful year. We are interested in the advance, not only of our denomination but also of the entire enterprise of the Kingdom of God."

Mr. Ed J. Dirksen, treasurer of the Seminary, gave in detail the financial condition of the Seminary. The faculty and Educational Committee recom-

Rev. Otto E. Krueger, for many years professor on the faculty of the Seminary, moderator of our General Conference and active contributor to the activities of our conference and churches.

During these days it gave members of the Board an opportunity to visit and greet the faculty and to get acquainted with the student body as we had fellowship about the tables in the Seminary dining room for all meals. This was also true as we occupied the students' rooms as living quarters in the fine Seminary dormitory.

The students are young men who have felt God's call to enter the Gospel ministry and are spending years in preparation for it. May we ever hold them up in prayer, that they may complete their training and become ministers in churches of our denomination and in our various missionary enterprises. Pray that the Seminary may become a force for the cause of Christ and his glory!

Baptist Tour of Europe

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

Announcement of a wonderful tour of Europe from July 23 to August 7, 1955 after the Baptist Congress in London, to be conducted by the Ridgewood Travel Bureau largely for the enjoyment of North American Baptists!

THOUSANDS of Baptists will gather in London, England, from July 16 to 22, 1955 for the Jubilee Congress of the Baptist World Alliance. This great city will resound with the spirited singing of these Baptists and with the dynamic utterances from the Congress rostrum. It is expected that several hundreds of North American Baptists from our churches will be among those who will be eyewitnesses of these momentous Baptist events in London.

EXCITING PLACES IN EUROPE

Most of these people from our churches will want to travel to the continent of Europe after the Congress to visit relatives or friends in Germany, to see the scenic places of Switzerland and France, and to become acquainted with our Baptist churches and mission fields in Austria. Our backgrounds are in Europe, and everyone of us hopes to see some of those places and things of which we

The Castle of Thun rises majestically over the town of Thun in Switzerland
—Photo by Pan American World Airways



have read so much for a lifetime. In fact, this visit to European countries after the Congress will probably loom up as the most exciting feature of the entire trip.

Steamship and plane tickets to London for the Baptist Congress are being arranged for our North American Baptist people by the Ridgewood Travel Bureau of Brooklyn, N. Y., with Mrs. Elsa Frommann and her family in charge, and for our Canadian friends by the Rev. William Sturhahn of Winnipeg, Manitoba. They have been endorsed by the General Council as our official travel agencies for this Congress.

COST IS ONLY \$300

In addition, the Ridgewood Travel Bureau will conduct a de luxe tour of Europe for 16 days after the Congress with all expenses paid for travel, hotel space, meals and sightseeing tickets. Members of the Frommann family will be the personal guides on this tour, explaining all the things to be seen and to do. The party of the tour will consist largely of North American Baptists so that it will be a wonderful time of Christian fellowship every step of the way! The reasonable cost of this entire tour is only \$300 which is a bargain in itself. Remember this price takes care of everything after you leave London on July 23rd and end your trip in Frankfurt, Germany on August 7th.

The itinerary is outlined at the close of this article. It features the most important cities for sightseeing purposes in France, Switzerland, Austria, and Germany. All of Sunday, July 31, will be spent in Salzburg, Austria, where we have a thriving mission field and Baptist church. We shall join with this church and our Baptist friends in their worship services on

TRAVEL ANNOUNCEMENTS!

- See advertisement on page 24 of this issue for further information about the Ridgewood Travel Bureau.
- See illustrated article in the June 3rd issue of the "Baptist Herald" about travel arrangements to London, England.
- Our Canadian friends should contact Rev. Wm. Sturhahn, 303 McIntyre Block, Winnipeg, Manitoba, for their travel arrangements.

this day. Motion pictures of all who are there will probably be taken on this day for a new film on our Austrian mission.

MAKE RESERVATIONS SOON

Study the itinerary of this de luxe European tour. Leaflets about it will be available soon for distribution in our churches. If you are interested, write for more information or make your tentative reservations soon by writing to the Ridgewood Travel Bureau, 59-38 Myrtle Ave., Ridgewood, Brooklyn 27, New York. A down payment for this tour will not be necessary until late this fall. But it will be important for you to make a reservation since the number of people to be included in this conducted tour is somewhat limited.

You cannot afford to let this golden opportunity slip by. All the trouble and bother of making arrangements will be in other hands. You can enjoy the entire tour to the wonderful places of Europe in company with our Baptist people and with a North American Baptist guide without a worry in the world! Remember, the price of \$300 includes everything for the tour (except personal expenses) from July 23 to August 7. Make your reservations soon.

THE EUROPEAN TOUR CONDUCTED BY THE RIDGEWOOD TRAVEL BUREAU

July 23—To Paris, France, by day train and Cross-Channel Steamer via Dover-Calais or by plane.

July 24 and 25—In Paris. Sightseeing tour of the city includes the Arc of Triumph, Tomb of Napoleon, Madeleine Church, Old Montmartre, Palais Des Invalides, Excursion to Versailles, visiting the Palace and Park, Museum of Carriages, Triasons—Grand and Petit.

July 26—To Geneva, Switzerland, by private motor coach.

July 27—In Geneva, visiting the League of Nations Buildings.

July 28—To Montreux by steamer. Then to Interlaken by private motor coach.

July 29—In Interlaken. Famous Alpine resort in the shadow of Snow Capped Mt. Jungfrau. Then to Innsbruck (Austria) by private motor coach.

July 30—In Innsbruck, visiting the Old Town with "Golden Roof," Castle Amras to Mittenwald Garmisch-Partenkirchen.

A Testimony of Triumph

By MRS. EDNA W. GIESEKE
of Trenton, Illinois

The author, who is a member of the Baptist Church of Trenton, Illinois, and "the mother" of the Rev. Harold W. Gieseke of Lorraine, Kansas, was a great blessing to others during recent months of a critical illness. Her message will be an inspiration to many readers of the "Baptist Herald"

WITH THE ACCEPTANCE of Jesus as my personal Savior when I was a young girl, there came almost at once the adoption of 2 Timothy 1:12 as my personal testimony and the recognition of the hymn, "My Jesus, I Love Thee," as my personal song of rejoicing. I've found nothing better during the years upon which to pin my faith.

Several times when faced with life or death conditions, my pastor has understood that my final testimony was to be voiced in this Scripture and song. Many seemingly impossible bridges have been crossed upon the faith made more secure with each hardship that came.

HELP FOR TESTING TIMES

Since there is a decidedly humorous vein in my make-up which holds firm when the body's veins collapse, I must admit to receiving a great deal of help from it. To my mind, it is well to unite the sublime with the ridiculous during trying physical times. Marvelous friendships among nurses, attendants and doctors have been made as evidence of the wisdom of this combination.

Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch puts it in her inimitable way thus: "When things first got to goin' wrong with me, I says, says I, 'O Lord, whatever comes, keep me from gittin' sour.' Since then I've made it a practice to put all my worries way down in the bottom of my heart, then set on the lid an' smile."

What logic! And how rewarding! I've not been able to meet it to the letter, but I can honestly say that I have been permitted to see something good in every trial that has come my way.

During recent months, my testing time has seemed harder than usual. With advancing age, strength is more elusive. Then, too, dear ones who have

July 31 (Sunday)—To Salzburg (Austria) by private motor coach. In Salzburg, visiting Salzkammergut via Fuschl Lake, St. Gilgen, St. Wolfgang (White Horse Inn and Church). Return via Mondsee.

August 1—To Munich (Germany) by private motor coach through the Bavarian Highlands, via Berchtesgaden, Bad Reichenhall, Chiem Sea, Rosenheim.

August 2—In Munich, visiting old and new Town Hall, Deutsches Muse-



"Prayer changes things!"

been so patient and understanding heretofore, have either gone home to glory or have been too far away to be with me.

Friends, especially from the church, rallied about me when life was at a low ebb. Prayers from many sources were sent to the Throne in my behalf. Nurse friends and hospital attendants were at my beck and call, and with me whenever I opened my eyes. (They of the second floor adopted me unannouncedly as their Aunt Edna.) Doctors were untiring in their efforts to relieve the agony and to curb the numerous troubles that added up to a very critical condition.

Above all, whether asleep or awake, conscious or unconscious, my Lord was present. Even when thinking was too great an effort there came from within that blessed assurance, "Whatever comes is all right!" For "I know . . .

um, Neuhauser Strasse, Royal Palace, National Theater, New State Gallery. Then to Stuttgart by private motor coach.

August 3—In Stuttgart. Schwaebische Alps, parks, fountains, museums, Casino Solitude Castle.

August 4—To Heidelberg by private motor coach. In Heidelberg to drive about the University City, visiting the Castle and the Giant Barrel.

August 5—To Mainz by private motor coach, thence on the Rhine

he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day."

One of my particular friends recently stayed with her sick daughter in one of the rooms I had occupied in the hospital. She brought me many heart-warming messages from my nurse and supervisor friends. She said, "Every one of them is waiting for Aunt Edna to visit them. They feel that you actually belong to the family there."

That they remember my "ridiculous vein" is shown clearly in this message, "Tell her we're thinking of naming this wing, 'The Edna Gieseke Memorial,' because she has been here so much and stayed so long and, too, we have learned to love her." Of course, they knew I'd understand that they were joking. This is a Catholic Hospital with a great deal of Protestant help.

TEARS OF JOY

On a recent Sunday I sat in my regular pew in our church for the first time in many months. Tears could not be controlled and when friends greeted me later with happy faces, I cried for joy. Decide for yourself. Were they happier or I?

Now that I seem to be returning to a certain degree of normalcy, I am praying that I may find just a bit to do to show my appreciation for this new lease on life. Reason tells me that I can never do what I've done before, but perhaps God will use my little efforts to help someone to do the bigger task.

Today, as has been the case for many years, "I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day." And to him I offer my song of rejoicing in the familiar words, "If ever I loved thee, my Jesus 'tis now."

Steamer to Coblenz and private motor coach to Frankfurt.

August 6—In Frankfurt, visiting airport, Nikolai Church, Bridge of Peace, Stock Exchange, Main Station, Municipal Theater, former I.G. Farben Building, Garden of Palms.

August 7—In Frankfurt. All arrangements terminate after breakfast on this day. The Ridgewood Travel Agency will help you with any further plans.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

● Early in May the Rev. James De Loach presented his resignation as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Avon, S. Dak., and announced that he had accepted the call of a Southern Baptist church in Georgia. He brought his ministry in the Avon church to a close on May 23rd, having served the church as its pastor since 1951.

● The Rev. Paul Shellhouse, recently resigned as pastor of the Emmanuel Baptist Church of Marion, Kans., effective May 15, 1954. There was no announcement about the work into which he is entering. He served as pastor at Marion since 1952. Students from nearby Tabor College at Hillsboro, Kans., are supplying the pulpit in an interim capacity for the present.

● The pulpit of the Rabbit Hill Baptist Church of South Edmonton, Alta., is being supplied from May 1st through October 1954 by Mr. Arthur Gellert of Vernon, B. C., who is a 3rd-year student at the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton. He is also serving the Telfordville field near Edmonton occasionally. His wife is assisting him in this missionary ministry.

● The Forest Baptist Church of Winburne, Pa., will observe its 60th anniversary and homecoming program from July 1 to 4, 1954 with impressive services. The Rev. Richard Schilke, general missionary secretary, will serve as guest speaker. Former members and friends of the church are invited to attend or to send their greetings to the pastor, the Rev. George W. Zinz, Sr., Winburne, Pennsylvania.

● Dr. Henry Brandt, who served on the North American Baptist Seminary faculty with a temporary appointment during the past year, has accepted a position with the Clara Elizabeth Fund for Mental Health in Flint, Michigan. His work will be in the field of "family living." He will also be available for single lectures, series of lectures and for family counseling. His address is 302 West Second Ave., Flint, Michigan.

● Mr. George Breitreuz, a member of the 1954 Seminary class of graduates, is serving the Baptist Church of Startup, Wash., from June 6 to 16 as leader of its Vacation Bible School program. From June 20 to July 31 he will assist the Rev. Robert Schreiber in the program of the Temple Baptist Church of Lodi, California. Mrs. Breitreuz will accompany her husband on these summer engagements. Mr. Breit-

kreuz is a member of the Baptist Church of Springside, Saskatchewan.

● The Plum Creek Baptist Church near Emery, S. Dak., has extended a call to Mr. Willis E. Potratz of Sumner, Iowa, to become its pastor. Mr. Potratz is a graduate of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., who received his Bachelor of Divinity degree at the recent commencement exercises on May 16, 1954. He has accepted the call and will begin his ministry at the Plum Creek Church on July 1st, succeeding the Rev. Adolph Braun, now of Center Line, Michigan.

● The pulpit of the Camrose Baptist Faith Mission at Camrose, Alta., a mission station of the Bethany Church, is being supplied for five months from May to October by Mr. Bernard Schalm of Vernon, British Columbia, who is a student at Alberta College in Edmonton. He is serving under the Youth Service Plan of the denomination. He is carrying on the preaching and pastoral work required by the mission and an aggressive visitation ministry in the community of Camrose.

● The North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., honored one of its outstanding alumni, the Rev. O. E. Krueger of Rochester, N. Y., at its commencement exercises on Sunday, May 16, by conferring the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity upon him. This is the second time in its 104 year history that the Seminary has granted this honorary degree. Dr. Krueger was the commencement speaker, delivering an address on "My God and I!" He was graduated from the Seminary in the class of 1900.

● On Wednesday, May 12, the Rev. H. Schatz presented his resignation at a business meeting of the Temple Baptist Church, Leduc, Alta., to be effective on July 31st. He has accepted the appointment of the General Missionary Committee to be the Northern Conference mission worker. In this

full-time position he will succeed the Rev. R. Milbrandt, who is now in Germany as our immigration representative. Mr. Schatz will begin his ministry as mission worker on Oct. 1st. He and his family will reside in Morris, Manitoba.

● On Mother's Day, May 9, the Sunshine Girls' Club of the Baptist Church, Herreid, S. Dak., gave a tea in honor of their mothers. In the evening the CBY presented a Mother's Day program in the church, featuring the dialogue, "A Mother's Memories in Song." On April 17 Miss Darleen Fenske, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. E. S. Fenske of Herreid, and Mr. Cecil D. Jahraus were married in the Baptist Church with the Rev. B. R. Fritzsche of McLaughlin, S. Dak., officiating. Both are members of the Baptist Church of Herreid.

● The officers of the Temple Baptist Church choir, Leduc, Alta., are: Mr. Lawrence Dickau, president; Mrs. H. H. Siemens, secretary; Rita Adam, pianist; Mrs. A. Klatt, director. On Easter Sunday night the choir presented the Easter story in song, special selections and readings. As a result of the inspiring Christmas program, one of the church members was so deeply grateful to the choir that he invited the entire choir to the local hotel for a sumptuous banquet. That was a first class demonstration of hearty appreciation!

● Five thousand copies of the 16-page booklet, "Strength from God," have been prepared under the supervision of six Baptist pastors of Detroit, Mich., for distribution at hospitals and among the sick and invalids. Among these pastors responsible for this fine brochure are Dr. A. Dale Ihrrie of the Burns Ave. Church, Rev. Otto Patzia of the Conner Church, and Rev. Stanley Sommerschild of the Bethel Church. The twelve brief messages deal with truths from Romans 8 with a prayer request for the day and supplemented Scripture readings given.

● At the graduation exercises of the Northern Baptist Theological Seminary of Chicago, Ill., held on Friday evening, May 21, several North American Baptist students received their degrees. The Bachelor of Divinity degree was awarded to Ralph E. Nast of Detroit, Mich., and to Fred Sonnenberg of Swan River, Manitoba. The Doctor of Theology degree was awarded to Rudolph G. Schade of Elmhurst, Ill.,

Annual Meeting of the BAPTIST HAVEN OF REST FOR THE AGED SOCIETY

The Baptist Haven of Rest for the Aged Society will hold its annual meeting on July 7, 1954, at 2:30 P.M. in the Carbon Baptist Church, Carbon, Alberta.

R. H. Zepik, Secretary.

and to Wolfgang Schmidt of Berlin, Germany. A special scholarship was awarded to Mr. David Dreaewell of Detroit, Mich., for his excellent record in studies during the past year.

● The choir of over 30 voices of the First Baptist Church, Leduc, Alta., rendered the Easter cantata, "Day of Resurrection," on Easter Sunday evening and on the following Sunday afternoon at the Clover Lawn Mission. Later it was also presented at the Baptist Church of Wetaskiwin, Alberta. On Sunday evening, May 9, the CBY Society rendered a Mother's Day program to a large audience. The play, "Give Mother a Rest," was one of the features of the program. The church held a baptismal service on Sunday evening, May 30. The Rev. J. C. Kraenzler is the pastor.

● On Palm Sunday evening the Rev. R. Sigmund, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, Billings, Mont., baptized nine Sunday School scholars and a young adult on confession of their faith in Christ. These, besides two others who were received by letter, were given the hand of fellowship into the church at a special communion service held on the following Thursday evening. Some of these young converts were the result of revival meetings held with the Rev. Noble Crawford in May 1953 and other services conducted by the Rev. Daniel Fuchs, denominational evangelist, in February 1954.

● On Sunday morning, May 2, five new members were received into the Pilgrim Baptist Church of Philadelphia, Pa., by the pastor, the Rev. W. C. Damrau. These had been baptized on Easter Sunday. An organ recital was held on Sunday evening, May 2, by Prof. George Gansz, organist of Lehigh University, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. Among other numbers he played Handel's "Suite in F Major," two beautiful selections by Bach, and a special arrangement by the organist entitled, "Modern French Suite." Mr. Damrau and the male chorus of the church were heard on a radio broadcast on Sunday, March 16, from a Philadelphia station.

● Mr. and Mrs. Jack Funnell and their daughter, Joanne, of Enugu, Nigeria, Africa, arrived by plane on Saturday, May 15, in Montreal, Canada, and on May 17 in Winnipeg, Manitoba. Mrs. Funnell is the former Miss Myrtle Hein, missionary to the Cameroons. Her husband is an English engineer stationed in Nigeria. After spending two weeks with Mr. and Mrs. William Patzia at St. Charles, Man., they went to Mrs. Funnell's home in Leduc, Alta., where they will be until the middle of July. Cards or letters can reach them c/o Mrs. August Hein, Leduc, Alta., Canada. A brief article or open letter from them appeared in the Feb. 11, 1954 issue of the "Baptist Herald."

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

HERALD NEWS

YOUTH COMPASS TOPICS

June 20, 1954—"Father's Influence" by J. K. Warkentin, Crawford, Texas.

June 27, 1954—"Who Am I?" by R. H. Zepik, Ochre River, Manitoba, Canada.

SCRIPTURE MEMORY WORK

Boys and girls in many of our churches have again finished the number of verses assigned to them in the Scripture Memory course for 1953-1954. Special recognition will be given by local churches for the memorizers who have completed their work. The summer should again be the time for reviewing the verses learned during the winter months.

It is important that Scripture Memory sponsors send their Yearly Report Sheet to Miss Ruth Bathauer, Box 6, Forest Park, Ill., NOW. We must have these records to give proper credit to boys and girls. It will be necessary to include only the names of the memorizers who have completed the course in which they were enrolled.

Again this year there will be several GRAND AWARD WINNERS. Grand Award Winners are those boys and girls who have successfully completed all nine courses in the Scripture Memory Course. As soon as complete information is received, we shall publish these names.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES IN TACOMA

Friday night, May 7th, was most important for the young people of the Calvary Baptist Church, Tacoma, Washington. FUN NIGHT was conducted for the first time and will now become a regular part of their CBY program. Much planning was necessary before FUN NIGHT became a

reality but every member of the CBY group had a part in the work. The planning committee consisted of Ora Lee Longen, CBY president; Rev. Robert S. Hess, and DeForrest Bullock.

There was a fine spirit of cooperation in the church as the project caught the interest of the members of the church. Carpenters of the church donated and built a pingpong table. Various organizations contributed funds to buy the following equipment: dart baseball, quoits set and a shuffle board game.

The equipment is in the basement of the church where the CBY group met to use it. After several hours of recreation, the evening was closed with choruses and devotional period. The young people of Calvary Church are encouraged to bring their non-Christian friends to this time of fellowship with the hope and prayer that new young people will be introduced to the CBY group and eventually be won for Christ. The Fun Nights are under the sponsorship of the Rev. Robert S. Hess, and the Rev. Ed McKernan.

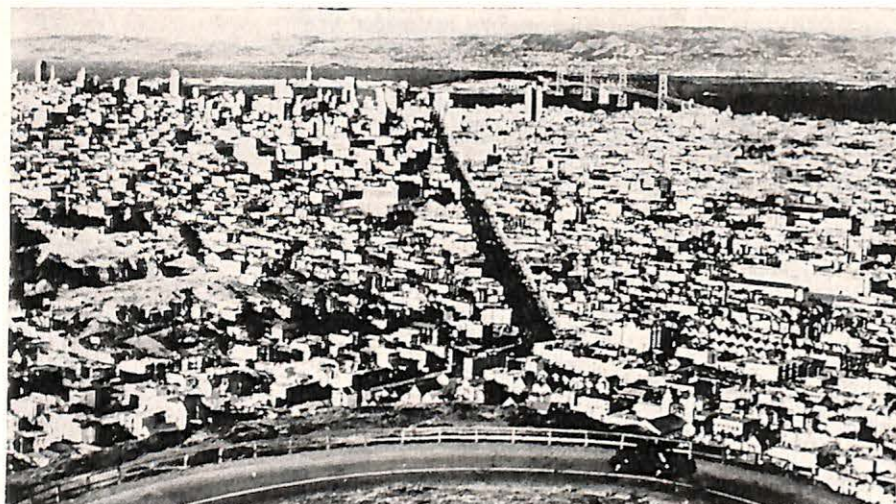
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS

Summer is a busy time of the year and by this time Vacation Bible Schools for some churches are in progress, while in others last minute plans are being made. Homes and churches should work together to make this endeavor a successful one. Vacation School leaders could make some of the following suggestions for family activities. Families might be encouraged to make use of the materials and skills which were learned in Vacation Church School for family plans and activities. The school leaders might especially emphasize the home use of the worship suggestions, such as new

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Guided recreation for the Primary Department children in the Vacation Bible School held by the Baptist Church, Selfridge, North Dakota



The metropolis of San Francisco, California, and the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge in the distance as seen from the heights of Twin Peaks

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. The front room with the fireplace was to be the new "home" for Judy, while her parents, former missionaries, were on a trip to Alaska.

CHAPTER TWO

THE NEXT MORNING at breakfast, Judy was startled by a loud peal of the doorbell. Candace hastened to open the door and in a few minutes she ushered Miranda Pyle into the dining room.

Miranda was visibly excited. "Miss Candace, I'm right scared to stay alone in that house of Lenea Thackwell's. Last night there was a prowler in the house. I'm sure of that."

"This is my niece, Judith Mitchell, Miranda. Judy, my long time friend, Miranda Pyle."

Judy smiled and acknowledged the introduction. She looked at Miranda with interest. She was tall and sparse with straight graying hair tightly pulled back in a bun at her neck.

"I'm right pleased you're here with your auntie, Missy," Miranda said.

"Sit down, Miranda," Candace encouraged her, "and tell us about the prowler."

Miranda sat down and continued breathlessly. "I'd just jumped into bed

last night and right tired I was. I turned out the lamp by my bed and I heard a door shut. As sure as you're both sitting there, I heard that door shut. I listened for a little. But I didn't hear anything more."

"Maybe it was next door," Candace offered. "The houses are so close. I often hear a door slam next door."

Miranda shook her head. "This wasn't next door," she said decidedly.

"Was there anything more than just a door shutting to make you think it was a prowler?" Candace asked.

"There was a prowler, I'm sure," Miranda said. "After I heard the door shut it was quiet for a long time and I thought then as you had that it was next door. I must have dozed off then but I was awakened sharply. I jumped out of bed and hurried into the hall. Just as I reached the hall, I heard the front door click. I rushed into Miss Lenea's bedroom which looks out on Parnassus as you know. But whoever had been in the house had vanished in the night. There was no one to be seen. I thought of calling the police but when I went downstairs nothing seemed to be disturbed. I looked especially at the silver."

Candace frowned slightly. "In the silence of the night sounds are magnified, Miranda. The click you heard may well have been next door."

Miranda shook her head. "No, Miss Candace, I'm sure as I'm alive that it was right in Miss Lenea's house. I want to do right by Miss Lenea," Miranda wiped her eyes, "But I'm plumb

scared to death to stay in that house."

Candace put her hand over Miranda's saying gently, "Miss Lenea's death was a shock and all of this has been hard on you, Miranda. Judy and I could come over and sleep in the house if that would make you feel safer."

Miranda jumped up. "Oh, would you, Miss Candace? It would be fine. I'll hurry along and fix up the rooms for you. You can have Miss Lenea's room and Miss Judy will like the guest room, I'm sure."

Candace turned to Judy. "How about it, Judy? Are you willing to stay at Miss Thackwell's for a few nights?"

"Of course," Judy agreed. Then philosophically, "If there are prowlers around they might break into this house just as well."

"As soon as we finish breakfast, we'll go over with you, Miranda, and take a look around the house. Have you examined the windows and doors to see where a prowler could gain entrance?"

Miranda shook her head. "No. I always lock the windows and doors securely."

"Well, we'll take a look," Candace said.

"Let me start to wash dishes," Miranda volunteered. "You go ahead and finish your breakfast."

A short time later Judy, Candace and Miranda entered the Thackwell house.

"I know this house as well as I do my own, Judy," Candace said. "Henry and I used to play in the attic. It's a wonderful place. Trunks full of dresses and other finery dating back almost a hundred years. Quaint pieces of old furniture, too, in fact this whole house is full of antiques."

The three entered the hall and the doors into the living room were wide open. Judy stopped, looking around her in astonishment. The room was crowded with furniture, statues, lamps and ornaments. Pictures in heavy gilt frames covered the walls. Candace was right. The house was full of antiques. Too full, Judy thought.

"Let's examine each room, Miranda, to see if we can detect any signs of a prowler," Candace said, beginning a methodical search. She pushed aside the red velvet drapes, the stiffly starched lace curtains of the living-room windows. "No, these windows are securely locked."

They moved into the dining room and Judy looked around curiously. This room, too, was crowded. A built-in buffet had every inch of space covered with quaint dishes. A solid-silver coffee and tea service with a large tray filled the open shelf. In addition, two other large pieces of furniture, a china cabinet and a china breakfast were filled with dishes.

Miranda, seeing Judy's interest, explained, "The Wedgewood is in the breakfast and the Lennox in the china cabinet. There's a mixture of

Spode and other types of English china in the buffet."

An old-fashioned round dining table stood in the center of the room. Here, too, the walls were lined with pictures.

Candace glanced quickly around the room. "Nothing seems disturbed."

"No," Miranda agreed. "If robbery were the motive, that silver service would be the first to go."

A careful tour of the first floor, the basement and the bedroom areas revealed no clue of a possible prowler. Then the three climbed the narrow stairway to the attic. When they became accustomed to the dim light, Candace gave a little cry. "That trunk . . . look!"

One old trunk was open, the trays had been lifted out of place and the contents were spilled in confusion on the floor.

Climbing over the odd pieces of furniture, trunks and crates, the three reached the one that lay mysteriously open. Miranda had switched on a light which shed a yellow gleam over a confusion of taffeta and lace, sparkling fans, faded flowers and old gloves.

"Well, look at that!" Miranda murmured. "What would a robber want in that musty old trunk?"

"Maybe we had better look through and see what's here," Candace said. Gently Judy lifted a gown of faded blue.

"That's Chinese silk," Miranda said, touching it experimentally. "Very old. Probably Lenea wore it at a ball when she was a young girl."

"It's lovely," Judy sighed.

"Roger Thackwell, Miss Lenea's father, probably brought it from the Orient. He often made trips across the Pacific and would bring back bolts of silk for the ladies."

Miranda leaned over the trunk and began lifting out other items of its contents. "Land sakes alive, here's a book, a mighty big book." She lifted out a large volume bound in yellow calfskin, frayed and worn, the pages all but falling out. "Why, it's a Bible!"

"A Bible! I've never seen a Bible as big as that," Judy gasped.

"A family Bible. And has it been used! Must of belonged to old Mr. Thackwell."

Miranda hugged the Book close, dusted a nearby table with her apron, and then placed the Bible on the table. Eagerly the three of them examined it.

"This was Roger Thackwell's father's Bible," Candace exclaimed. "Look here's a record of his marriage, his children, and the dates of their death." All died at an early age except Roger.

"Here's Roger's record, his marriage in 1873 to Lydia Newton. Their children, the first born, Cornelius Andrew born 1875. That was Osay's father. The second . . . why look . . ." Candace broke off.

They stared in amazement for the following pages of the family record had been torn out.

"Three pages," Judy counted, examining the roughly torn edges.

Candace and Miranda looked at each other. "Could this be what the prowler was after?" Candace asked.

Miranda shrugged. "What would a prowler want with pages of an old family Bible?"

"Could it be someone trying to prove relationship to the family?" Judy asked excitedly. "Maybe someone's after Miss Lenea's money."

"Osay is after it," Miranda said drily.

"But he has no need to prove his relationship," Candace added.

"How many other children were there?" Judy asked.

"Just Lenea," Candace answered.

Miranda turned again to the trunk, her lips shut tightly.

"Did Osay have any brothers or sisters?" Judy persisted.

"No, none, Judy," Candace answered.

When Miranda looked up she said thoughtfully, "Miss Lenea had some peculiar ideas. Maybe she tore out the pages years ago. Who can tell?"

"But the prowler you heard," Candace reminded her. "Nothing is found disturbed but this trunk."

Miranda nodded her head.

"When were you last up here, Miranda?" Candace asked.

"Just before the funeral," Miranda said somewhat reluctantly.

"Was the trunk like this then?"

"No," Miranda said slowly. "It wasn't like this."

"Everything was in order then?"

"Yes, everything."

"Why did you happen to come to the attic at that time, Miranda?"

"Lyman Grimshaw wanted to go over things up here. I came up with him and left him here."

"Has he been up here since?" Candace asked. Judy looked at Miranda with breathless interest.

"Yes, he spent an afternoon up here after the funeral."

"Well, then," Candace said, apparently dismissing the matter, "he's the one who left the trunk open. Miss Lenea may have torn out the pages of the Bible years ago as you said. And you probably just imagined that someone was in the house."

Miranda looked relieved. "Yes, you are probably right."

"Why not ask Mr. Grimshaw if he left the trunk like this," Judy said.

Candace smiled. "A good suggestion, Judy. That will settle the matter."

Miranda started to put back the dresses in the trunk when Judy said, "Maybe we'd better leave things the way we found them so that Mr. Grimshaw can see if this is the way he left them."

Miranda stopped in surprise. "Why, child, you've a head on you. We'll do just what you say. Maybe we shouldn't have touched any of this stuff either."

Judy nodded. "There might be some fingerprints they could trace."

As they returned to the second floor, Candace asked, "Did you hear any noise in the attic, Miranda?"

"No. Just a door shutting as I said."

Downstairs Candace said, "Judy, you and I had better go home now and pick up the things we will need tonight. Miranda, you'd better call Mr. Grimshaw and have him come out as soon as possible. It would be well to clear this thing up right away."

Judy had her suitcase packed when she heard the doorbell ring.

"It's Sue, probably, wanting to take you sightseeing," Candace hurried down to the front door and Judy heard Sue's voice, "Mike and I are walking through the Park to the Beach and we'd like Judy to come, too."

"I'm sure she will want to go, Sue. Come in."

Judy came downstairs and after the girls greeted each other, Candace said, "Those flats will do fine for walking, Judy, but you'd better take a sweater along as it may be cold at the ocean." Then turning to Sue, "What about lunch?"

"Mom has packed a lunch for us," Sue said, "We can eat it at the beach."

Judy hurried to get her sweater, thrilled at the chance to see Golden Gate Park and the ocean.

When the girls reached the sidewalk, Mike was waiting for them.

"Judy, this is Mike."

"Hi!" Judy said.

"Hi! Judy!" Mike responded.

Judy liked Mike right away, too, just as she had liked Sue. He was a real boy. Judy liked his smile. Red hair and freckles seemed to suit him, too.

"How far is it to the ocean?" Judy asked.

"About three miles. We can walk through the Park all the way and that will give you a chance to see it," Sue said.

"You have to watch which road you take," Mike cautioned, "'cause it's easy to walk right out of the Park."

"It's only about a half mile wide," Sue explained.

In the Park, Judy looked around with delight. "My dad used to play in this Park when he was a boy. It was nothing but sand dunes, once. But that was way back in the seventies, he said, way before his time."

"It's hard to believe, isn't it?" Sue said. "These big trees, shrubs, gardens and lakes look as if they had always been here just like this."

"Do they still have the Japanese Tea Garden?"

"Indeed they do," Sue responded. "Only now it's called 'The Oriental Tea Garden.'"

"I like the Aquarium best," Mike added. "And the apiary."

"The DeYoung Museum is wonderful, too, Judy."

As they walked along the Main Drive, Judy was delighted with the lovely lakes, the groves of beautiful trees and the statues hidden away be-

hind shrubs. But when they reached Lloyd Lake she exclaimed, "Oh, there it is, the lovely Portals of the Past!"

On the other side of the small lake, the marble doorway stood white against the dark background of trees. Judy stood entranced. It was just like the pictures she had often seen of it. "To think that was once the doorway of a home on Nob Hill."

"Yep," Mike said, "that was all that was left. Must have been some earthquake."

"It was the fire that caused the most damage," Sue offered.

Judy looked at Sue. "My dad says that lots of people were praying then, even in the streets. But as soon as danger is past, people forget God."

"I guess that's right," Sue admitted. "I'm glad I'm a Christian and that I know the Lord Jesus," Judy said. "I know He'll keep me safe."

Mike stared at Judy. "But Christians die, too," he objected.

"Maybe so," Judy said, "but they go to be with Jesus, so it's all right."

"I wish I could feel safe," Sue said, "but I'm scared to death to think of dying."

"You wouldn't be if you knew Jesus."

"I know Jesus is the Savior of the world," Sue said, "but still I'm afraid."

Judy gave a little skip. "Yes, He's the Savior of the world but He has to be your very own personal Savior to make a difference."

"What do you mean?" Mike asked, staring at Judy.

"Oh, just that you have to believe that the Lord Jesus died for your sins and that He is your Savior. You know David said, 'The Lord is my Shepherd.' And remember doubting Thomas?"

When he saw Jesus after He was raised from the dead, he said, 'My Lord and my God'."

Mike whistled. "That does make a difference, doesn't it? I never thought of it as being just for Mike Whitney."

"It's for Sue Whitney, too," Sue said.

"Of course it is," Judy said delighted. "It's for each one of us who wants to belong to Jesus."

"Well, I do," Mike said.

"And so do I," Sue said.

"Me, too," Judy said.

When they came out of the Park, Judy quickened her steps. "My first glimpse of the Pacific!"

"Look north and you'll see the Cliff House," Mike said. "On the other side is Sutro Heights. That's a park now. Used to be a swell estate. We can go through the gardens if you like."

"About three miles south is Fleishacker Zoo and the swimming pool," Sue said. "It's the world's largest outdoor plunge."

"Let's show Judy the Cliff House and seal rocks," Mike said.

They crossed the Esplanade to the ocean and began climbing the hill to the Cliff House. "Oh, it is wonderful," Judy said, stopping often to look around. "See, there's a ship."

"The Cliff House has a restaurant and you can dine there and look out on the ocean," Sue said.

"Only we never have," Mike added.

"There's a place to buy curios," Sue said, ignoring Mike.

"Over there is Lincoln Park and the Palace of the Legion of Honor," Mike volunteered, waving his hand vaguely.

"They have art exhibits and organ music . . ." Sue began.

"And a swell golf course," Mike interrupted.

Judy sighed with delight. "I'm glad I'm spending a year here," she said, "I want to see everything."

"We'll have to go to Lincoln Park. There's a fine view of the Golden Gate from there."

Standing near the rails above the cliffs, they watched the seals sporting and sunning themselves on the rocks.

"Isn't the Cliff House very old?" Judy asked.

"Dates back to the sixties," Sue responded.

Judy looked at her in admiration. "You're a gold mine of information, Sue. How do you remember so much?"

"I don't remember lots of things I should," Sue admitted. "But it's easy to remember the things that interest you."

"Do you know how many acres there are in Golden Gate Park?" Judy asked.

"One thousand and thirteen," Sue responded.

Judy laughed merrily. "You ought to be a quiz kid."

"I'm getting awfully hungry," Mike informed them.

"So'm I," agreed Judy.

"Shall we eat in the Park or on the beach?" Sue asked.

"The beach," Judy decided. "I like to watch the ocean."

They climbed down the stairs to the sands. "After lunch we can look for shells and interesting rocks," Sue offered.

"It would be fun to come down here and have a bonfire," Judy commented. "Are you allowed to do that?"

"You have to have a permit to build a fire," Sue responded. "And you are allowed to have it just in certain areas."

"Why is that?" Judy asked.

"I think it has something to do with the ships. They might think it a signal. I'm not sure about this, though," Sue said as she opened the lunch box.

Judy had always thought she was a good walker. But after roaming the sands for several hours and then walking the three miles back through the Park, she admitted she was really tired. But she had had a wonderful day and looked forward to more excursions with Sue and Mike. In the meantime she was eager to find out if Candace had unraveled any of the mystery surrounding the missing pages of the Thackwell family Bible.

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CBY and SS NEWS

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hymns, Scripture passages which have become favorites as result of the school, poems and stories learned, to enrich the family worship.

Members of families may contribute to the Vacation Church School by serving on committees as needed. Collect and contribute materials which might be used such as spools, scrap lumber, magazines, etc. Help follow up the new contacts with the boys and girls by encouraging them in attendance.

Please send the postal card questionnaire to the headquarters office immediately at the close of your school.

"AND GOD SAID"—BACCALAUREATE SERMON

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success in godless England was summarized in a significant little sentence in "The Toronto Star," which said, "He caresses his Bible, and says fervently—'This is it—The Word'."

2. CLARITY

One of the most amazing things to me is the simplicity and clarity of the Gospel. It is unfortunate that this simple, clear Gospel has been meddled with by unspiritual pseudo-theologians and false prophets. Whatever God wants to say to mankind, there is one supreme message. The ear may not catch it all and the mind may not be able to grasp it fully, but the heart understands. These words are spoken and offered to the world: forgiveness, cleansing, peace! These words are understood by a little child. In their simplicity they are understood by the pagan world and eagerly accepted. They can also be understood by the civilized and cultured Westerner of our time. They touch directly on the great problem of the individual and of society—sin. The most eloquent voice of God is the Savior on the Cross. We should possibly speak more about these great words of forgiveness and peace instead of judgment.

LOVE IS THE KEY

The Word is so clear because "Love" is the key to the great Word, and all people understand love and react to it. Much is being spoken about love, but possibly the Word has not been preached fervently enough. By the Word we mean the Christ of God. We mean the Word that dwelt among us. "He walked about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil." We mean the One who said, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God, and thy neighbor as thyself."

This Word must be preached by the fruits of the Spirit. It is a practical, living sermon. It must become the burden of our life. By this Word people will be brought to the living faith. One wonders whether we have not been frightened by the tag "Social Gospel," and have cut love, healing, practicing, helping, visiting, serving—those great words which are the very heart of Christ—out of God's Word, and have substituted them with church attendance, beauty of worship, rousing song service, oral testimonies, rallies or even new church buildings.

LANGUAGE OF GOD

Never was there a time when the world needed more love and sympathetic help in its problems. The world has not changed much since the days of Jesus. This was brought home to us as a shock during the time of Consultation by the Department of Refugees in Geneva. Palestine has 800,000 Arab refugees, who plan and breed venge-

ance and hatred. Greece has over a million homeless. Korea is still reeling under the impact of war. India's and China's hundreds of millions have never known the satisfaction of a full stomach. In Germany refugees still come by the hundreds daily, leaving home and possessions. We were informed that approximately three-fourths of the world's population lives on a "normal" level, meaning daily hunger, persecution, homeless drifting, cold and disease. Only one-fourth lives super-normal—meaning the American and European way.

This clear and simple message, "And God said," has been carried into the world by our great spiritual forefathers, pioneers who walked the dusty and lonesome roads of Canada and the world. They left their convenient homes in order to minister and to love.

In my work I deal a great deal with people who do not "speak the language of Canaan." But they all understand the language of God, that of Christian love and sympathetic concern, as expressed by the single girl in one of our immigrant transports, who asked, "What makes you people help us like this?" I was a bit baffled and could not reply, "I do not know, unless it is the love of Christ."

PREACH THE WORD

And God said, "Let there be—," and there was! "My word shall not return unto me void." Nothing is more frustrating than thousands of spoken and shouted words—and nothing stirs! No fruits, very little response! Yet, the Word, the Good News is still the power unto salvation, and the Lord of Life does expect fruits.

"If ye had faith and spake to this mountain—" To paraphrase this, it might be, "If ye had a steadfast aim, a goal, a purpose." For the Sunday School teacher there must be a greater purpose than to impart knowledge. For the Christian businessman or farmer there must be a greater purpose than to make money. For the Christian preacher there must be the purpose of imparting one specific counsel of God to the people.

William Carey preached with faith and purpose. "Expect great things of God; attempt great things for God." When the "Amen" to this great message was spoken, the audience was visibly stirred. The chairman was about to close the meeting with the usual benediction, when William Carey fairly leaped from his chair, seized the arm of Andrew Fuller, the chairman, and said with tears, "Oh, are you after all going to do nothing?" Out of this faith and purpose was born the great Protestant mission movement.

And God said: "Let there be Light. Let there be Peace. Let there be Salvation. Let there be Hope." Paul advised Timothy: "Preach the Word."

GOD'S HOLY NAME (THE THIRD COMMANDMENT)

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corrupt lawyer would use his client's name to secure results beneficial only to himself or contrary to his client's best interests. Thoughtless, selfish prayer is associated with disobedience.

We must also give heed that we manifest obedience in expression. Basically the third Commandment is one of vocal expression. James was right when he said, "If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man and able also to bridle the whole body" and "the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body and setteth on fire the course of nature and it is set on fire of hell." "Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing, my brethren, these things ought not to be." The cry of the imprecatory Psalms was that God might judge to vindicate his own Name or his people or his glory.

"HALLOWED BE THY NAME!"

Today men take God's holy Name on their sinful lips and curse both him and his created beings in anger, thoughtlessness and unconcern. Every pastor has had someone apologize for swearing in his presence with such words as, "I didn't know you were here." Have men forgotten the omnipresence of God? Will they respect his servants and dishonor the Lord? "Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain," especially to condemn men for whom Christ died and—toward whom love is commanded.

The vital challenge is for obedience in life. This Commandment is only kept through a full yieldedness to God. The prayer of our lips often has been, "Hallowed by thy name." The hypocrisy of life often defies the answering of the prayer. We bear his holy Name, we who claim to be Christians. We join Christ's Church and claim his promises. Let us indeed put on "the new man which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him," letting that image of God manifest itself in us.

"I am the Lord thy God which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage." "Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain: for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain." If for physical redemption and provision Israel was to honor God, how much more we, who are redeemed from spiritual bondage "by the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot" (I Peter 1:19). Yes, we have been brought out of bondage and assured of an eternal home far more wonderful than Canaan's fairest provision. May God give us grace and strength to honor him!

APRIL CONTRIBUTIONS—NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST GENERAL CONFERENCE

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ALL PURPOSES

Conferences	April, 1954	April, 1953	April, 1952
Atlantic	\$ 5,679.56	\$ 4,687.26	\$ 2,523.21
Central	14,356.78	16,843.77	11,774.01
Dakota	8,480.97	9,584.83	8,000.83
Eastern	2,447.48	3,483.43	4,204.80
Northern	6,622.94	6,962.33	4,383.95
Northwestern	11,421.42	12,597.23	6,787.47
Pacific	6,790.97	12,587.70	8,569.51
Southern	969.14	4,407.26	854.34
Southwestern	6,250.56	5,534.82	6,208.77

Total Contributions\$63,019.82 \$76,479.63 \$53,306.89

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED	Budget Contributions	Other Purposes	Total Contributions
For the month of April, 1954	\$61,830.99	\$ 1,188.83	\$63,019.82
For the month of April, 1953	68,961.72	7,517.91	76,479.63
For the month of April, 1952	46,967.14	6,339.75	53,306.89

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Same as for the month of April.

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April 1, 1952 to April 30, 1954	\$1,071,611.73	\$111,873.09	\$1,183,484.82
April 1, 1951 to April 30, 1953	876,471.30	191,864.37	1,168,335.67
April 1, 1950 to April 30, 1952	849,344.54	211,731.15	1,061,075.69

Reports



FROM THE FIELD

Northern Conference

Zion Baptist Church Choir, Drumheller, Alberta, Presents a Cantata at Several Churches

The choir of the Zion Baptist Church, Drumheller, Alta., spent a blessed time in preparation for the rendition of an Easter cantata. On Good Friday evening the cantata, "The Savior Lives" by Rachel Green and Haldor Lillenas, was rendered for the first time in the First Baptist Church of Drumheller. A large audience expressed their appreciation to the choir members and director for this service.

The next rendition was at our own church on Easter Sunday evening. Again there was a good attendance at the service.

Finally, it was our privilege to sing in the Carbon Baptist Church on Wednesday evening, April 28, again with a large and appreciative audience. The choir was under the direction of Elmer Seibel. Soloists were John Seibel, Ronald Bertsch and Stella Bertsch. Narrator was Mrs. William Effa. We hope that our hearers' hearts were blessed by the beloved Easter story, as were our hearts as we sang those beautiful words.

Another activity of the church during the month of April was the participation of 16 of our members in a Sunday School Teacher Training Course conducted by the pastor, the Rev. William Effa. It is hoped that we may have a more effective and interesting Sunday School as a result of this work.

William Effa, Pastor.

Pacific Conference

Women's Anniversary Program, Evangelistic Services With Rev. G. P. Schroeder at Odessa, Wash.

The Woman's Missionary Society of Odessa, Wash., presented its annual program on Sunday evening, March 28th. A well planned program was rendered including musical numbers, readings and a playlet entitled, "Unto the Least of These." Refreshments were served.

On Thursday, April 7th, Whitworth College of Spokane, Wash., presented a religious drama entitled, "St. Claudia." Preceding this a fellowship supper was held in the church dining room with the cast as our guests.

Two new members have been added to our church recently; one by baptism and the other by confession of faith.

The Rev. Orville Meth is our pastor. A series of special meetings was held from April 21 to May 2. The Rev. G. P. Schroeder of Lodi, Calif., was our speaker. He brought very direct and inspiring messages every night. The object lessons and choruses with the children were appreciated. The theme of the meetings was, "Until Christ be Formed in You." We are happy to report that through this special effort the Lord has blessed us with a harvest of eleven decisions to follow Christ.

Mrs. James Goetz, Reporter.

Golden Wedding Anniversary of Rev. and Mrs. A. Kujath in Kelowna, British Columbia

It was the great joy of the members of the Grace Baptist Church, Kelowna, B. C., to gather with the friends and children of the Rev. and Mrs. A. Kujath on the night of March 22 to celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary. They were met at the door of the church and a corsage of lovely yellow roses was pinned on Mrs. Kujath and also one for Brother Kujath. They were led to the platform by Mrs. Nehr, their daughter, and Mr. Vetter, the brother of Mrs. Kujath, and Darlene Nehr, the grandchild, who carried a large bouquet which she later presented to her grandparents.

The program was led by the pastor, the Rev. J. B. Kornalewski. After the daughter had brought her message and gifts on behalf of the family, Darlene Nehr, the grandchild, sang the favorite hymn, "Ich geh' den schmalen Lebensweg".

Mr. Janke spoke on behalf of the church and presented them with a cash gift. Each branch of the church then brought the couple words of congratulations and wished them God's blessing for their future years. The



Rev. and Mrs. A. Kujath of the Grace Baptist Church, Kelowna, B. C., Canada, who recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Mr. Kujath, who was pastor of the church for ten years, is now retired

Ladies' Missionary Society sang, "Herr, deine Güte reicht so weit," and presented them with a 400-day clock.

The Rev. A. Kraemer and Mr. Kornalewski then brought short messages before Mr. and Mrs. Kujath expressed their thanks to the congregation. Everyone was then invited to the spacious basement room where the tables were set for the refreshments prepared by all the ladies of the church. A wedding cake and candles centered the table where the honored couple sat.

It was a lovely evening, and we do praise God for the joy we had in preparing this celebration for Mr. and Mrs. Kujath. The Rev. and Mrs. A. Kujath ministered in our church for ten years. May God grant them his special favor and blessing in their sunset years!

J. B. Kornalewski, Pastor.

Bethel Church, Missoula, Mont., Welcomes New Pastor and Special Guest Speakers

The Bethel Baptist Church of Missoula, Mont., is happy to announce the arrival of our lively young minister, the Rev. C. T. Remple, and his charming and talented wife and daughter. We were without a regular minister for three months but we were very ably served by a minister who is new in this field. We wish to offer our thanks to the Rev. Mr. Frey, and may God find a place for him soon.

We were very pleased to have Miss Myrtle Weeldreyer, Cameroons missionary, with us on Feb. 16. We received a blessing from her visit. February also held another event for our church which it saddens me to report, namely, the accidental death of my 14-year-old son, Walter Noland. Praise God that he knew the Savior only three months before his untimely death.

Dr. John Leyboldt of Forest Park, Ill., was with us from March 8 to 10. He is a very inspiring speaker and teacher. He visited in the homes of sick and bereaved persons. We greatly enjoyed his visit and hope he will return again soon.

Sunday, April 4, was the beginning of Mr. Remple's ministry here. The evening service was devoted to welcoming our new pastor and his family. There were many messages and special numbers in song, and a reception in the church parlors followed.

A union Good Friday service was held on the evening of April 16 at the Assembly of God Church, with our Bethel Baptist Men's Choir singing two songs, and the Rev. C. T. Remple reading the Scripture. Easter Sunday was a beautiful and solemn occasion. The church welcomed the Remple family as members, and then we observed the communion service together. The evening meeting consisted of music by both the mixed choir and the men's choir.

Our CBY group is progressing well with their Bible study every Tuesday night. We find our president, Irwin Wornath, is a very able leader in this study. We are studying the book of Acts.

Mrs. Geraldine Noland, Reporter.

Eighteen Converts Baptized and Received Into the First Baptist Church, Lodi, California

After two weeks of evangelistic services, we of the First Baptist Church, Lodi, Calif., rejoiced in the fact that 18 people had indicated their desire to be baptized, five of whom were middle-aged and old and the others of junior age. God works miraculously in the lives of some people. One of the persons baptized was an 80-year-old man who, up to about six months ago, had been a devout Catholic. Surely the angels in heaven were rejoicing, as were we, as this man renounced what he had so long believed to be the true religion and on the eve of his life accepted Christ as his personal Savior. He is a great testimony to those around him as he praises and thanks God for his gift of salvation. Not only were the angels rejoicing in this victory, but in the victory over Satan in the lives of 17 others, and we truly thank and praise God for it.

During the week of February 28 through March 7 the CBY of our church observed Youth Week. During the week visitations were made, the young people were out in greater number to the prayer meetings, and on Saturday evening the Woman's Missionary Society prepared and served a delicious chicken dinner to 97 young people. On Sunday evening, the close of Youth Week, the CBY was in charge of the evening service with William Bauer, Jr., and Jean Mott as the main speakers of the evening. Truly, it is blessed to serve our Lord and Master and it is our prayer that as young people we may serve him more and more as the days go by.

Our church's remodeling program began on May 15th. It is with humbleness that we enter into this large project, but we know that if we will trust him and take him into our plans, God will help us. It is our prayer that God's will may be done in our lives.

Mrs. Thelma Fischer, Reporter.

Central Conference

Anniversary Program of the Baptist Woman's Missionary Society, Mt. Sterling, Missouri

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Mt. Sterling Baptist Church, Mt. Sterling, Mo., held its anniversary program on Tuesday evening, April 13. Our pastor, the Rev. Olland Cole, was in charge of the devotions. Mrs. Arnold Dull, president, conducted the program. We enjoyed a musical number by our group and a double duet. The report was given by the secretary, Mrs. Harvey Lipskoch, and the treasurer, Mrs. Fred Heidbrink.

We were happy to have Miss Ruth Bathauer of Forest Park, Ill., as our guest speaker. After an introduction by Mrs. Olland Cole, vice-president, Miss Bathauer gave a very inspiring message, after which we had a time for refreshments and fellowship. We pray that the wonderful work of the missionary society will continue.

Mrs. Harvey Lipskoch, Reporter.



Rev. R. Kern, pastor of the Forest Park Baptist Church, Forest Park, Ill., and 15 converts whom he baptized on Easter Sunday evening (left), and Clifford Schilke, son of Rev. and Mrs. R. Schilke (right), being baptized by Mr. Kern

Baptism of Fifteen Converts and Mother's Day Program at Forest Park, Illinois

The Forest Park Baptist Church of Forest Park, Ill., can look back on several months of great activity. Because of an extensive renovating and building program since August 1953, some of the contemplated work could not be carried out as smoothly and successfully as we would like to have done. However, the additional facilities and improvements of our church property are a compensation. We have added four department assembly rooms and six class-rooms. A pastor's study and church office are also part of the new structure. New heating units, re-decorating, ventilating system, carpets and pews for the sanctuary, a parking lot and many other minor changes and additions are part of the overall program.

Recent activities were climaxed with a period of six pre-Easter services for which guest speakers from other churches were invited. This ministry culminated on Good Friday when 15 baptismal candidates were presented to the church. These were baptized upon confession of their faith in Christ on Easter Sunday evening. Those who

followed the Lord in baptism and five others were welcomed into the church.

An impressive service was conducted on the evening of Mother's Day. Under the announced heading, "Let the Women Speak," Mrs. R. Schilke led the singing, Mrs. R. Kern read the Scripture lesson and Mrs. W. W. Grosser and Miss Laura Pahl gave brief messages. This meeting was highlighted by a tape recorded testimony given by Mrs. F. Hintz, who for many years has been totally blind. With Mrs. Hintz seated before the audience, her recorded testimony related the Lord's leading from the time of her conversation through many trying experiences. In spite of her many afflictions, Mrs. Hintz is a most radiant and cheerful soul. Miss Lydia Mihm sang the hymn requested by Mrs. Hintz, "It's In My Heart."

Rubin Kern, Pastor.

Round Lake Church of Gladwin, Michigan, Welcomes Rev. and Mrs. Albert Fadenrecht

Members and friends of the Round Lake Baptist Church of Gladwin, Mich., met on Sunday evening, April 4, to welcome our new pastor, the Rev. Albert Fadenrecht, and his family. We had been without a pastor since June 30, 1953, during which time Mr. Bert Braun from the Beaver Baptist Church near Midland, Mich., had supplied the pulpit.

We had invited our neighbor church, the Beaver Baptist Church, to be our guests for the evening. Representatives of each department of the church brought words of welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Fadenrecht and son. A welcome song was rendered by the choir, and a duet and several musical numbers were given. Mr. Bert Braun gave the charge to the church, and the Rev. Henry Hirsch then brought words of welcome from the Beaver church. At the close Mr. Fadenrecht was given an opportunity to respond.

We then met in our church dining room for an hour of fellowship. At this time the church bade farewell to Mr. and Mrs. Bert Braun and thanked them for so ably serving as our temporary pastor and helper. We are indeed thankful that God has heard our prayers and sent us an undershepherd for our flock.

Mrs. H. Schindler, Reporter.

HAVE YOU REGISTERED?

It is of the utmost importance that your request for reservations for our Laymen's Conference be sent in without further delay. Additional good accommodations can be had if we can make the request now. Do not let yourself be disappointed.

Remember the date and place. Saturday evening, August 7th through Saturday morning, August 14th, at Baptist Assembly Grounds, Green Lake, Wisconsin.

The pastor, or clerk, of every North American Baptist Church has received posters and a supply of Conference folders. The folders include a registration blank.

Send registrations, or direct your inquiries to Roland E. Ross, Box 6, Forest Park, Illinois.

Dakota Conference

Ordination of Rev. Lyman Erickson of Dallas, Texas, at Chancellor, South Dakota

Upon the invitation of the First Baptist Church of Chancellor, S. Dak., 15 churches of the South Dakota Association sent delegates for an ordination council in order to examine the qualifications of Lyman Fields Erickson for the Gospel ministry. This Council met on Friday afternoon, May 7. The Rev. Alfred Weisser was elected moderator of the council.

Mr. Erickson related his Christian experiences and his call to the ministry. He equipped himself for the Lord's work by completing his studies at the Dallas Bible Institute of Dallas, Texas. Mr. Erickson presented his doctrinal statements in a satisfactory manner. The council recommended to the local church that it proceed with the ordination. This ordination service was conducted on that same evening. The Rev. Peter Wiens, a former pastor of the Chancellor Church, gave the ordination message.

The Rev. Lyman Erickson is now serving the Scofield Community Church of Dallas, Texas.

Fred Schmidt, Clerk.

Farewell Reception for Rev. and Mrs. Adolph Braun by Plum Creek Church, South Dakota

On Sunday, April 25, the Rev. and Mrs. Adolph Braun brought their blessed and faithful ministry with the Plum Creek Baptist Church near Emery, S. Dak., to a close.

During the three years that we were privileged to have them with us, many things were accomplished. Upon confession of their faith 13 persons were baptized and received as members of the church. A new constitution was drawn up for our church under the general supervision of Mr. Braun, printed and distributed to the members. Our church was remodeled, two new musical instruments, a Hammond organ and a piano, were purchased and dedicated to God's glory. Mrs. Braun organized the Junior CBY and for the past year was president of our Woman's Missionary Union.

A fellowship dinner was served in the church basement at noon. For the evening service the church had arranged a farewell program. After the song service which was ably led by Bert Itterman, student of our Baptist Seminary, our program with one of the deacons, Mr. David Decker, presiding, was given. Various musical numbers and words of appreciation and good wishes were expressed by different representatives of the church. We were privileged to have as our guest speaker, the Rev. Bernard Fritzke of McLaughlin, S. Dak., a member of Mr. Braun's graduating class of 1951. Both Mr. and Mrs. Braun expressed their sincere appreciation, joy and thanks for the fine cooperation of the church in building Christ's Kingdom, and also for what was done for them.

A gift of money was presented to them from the congregation as a token

of love. At the conclusion of the program, the choir sang, "God Be With You Till We Meet Again." Our loss is the gain of the First Baptist Church of Center Line, Michigan. Our prayer is that they will be richly blessed in their new field.

Mrs. Herbert Decker, Reporter.

Easter Sunrise Service in Charge of CBY at Turtle Lake, North Dakota

An open Bible and a large white cross flanked by daffodils and Easter lilies greeted Easter sunrise worshippers at the Baptist Church in Turtle Lake, North Dakota. The choir opened the service with the hymn, "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today." The call to worship was given by our CBY president, Mrs. Walter Singer, followed by scripture and prayer by Mr. Walter Singer.

"Open the Gates of the Temple" was sung by Mrs. Richard Wacker followed by a well-delivered message in verse on "What is Easter?" by Jarvis Schlafman, a Junior CBY member. A vocal solo by Mrs. Erhold Rauser brought the message of the old rugged Cross and "Borrowed," as given by Jo Ann Miller, reminded us that although Christ borrowed his bed, the donkey, the bread and the fishes, and even the cave where they laid him, the Cross and the Crown were his own, but are rightly ours instead!

A mixed quartet sang, "There is a Green Hill Far Away" followed by a message on the "joy and hope of the resurrection morning" by the Rev. Alfred Bibelheimer. In closing, our pastor and his wife sang the heart-searching number, "Shall I Find Any Stars?" Following this service a breakfast was served in the church parlors. The CBY was happy to serve our risen Savior by being in charge of this entire morning service.

We recently organized a Junior CBY group with Mrs. William Schlafman and Mrs. Charles Schlichenmeyer serving as leaders. Both Junior and Senior societies are very active and assume the responsibility of two complete services each month. On Sunday, April 25, a Gospel film entitled, "Shelter in the Cumberland," was sponsored by these groups and shown in the City Hall.

When we realize that five former members of this society are at present in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., preparing for and in Christ's work, we are grateful to God. We pray that our society may continue to grow in number and spirit, as we labor together for him.

Mrs. Arnold Franke, Reporter.

Southwestern Conference

Programs of the Strassburg Woman's Missionary Society in Kansas and Easter Services

Recently members of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Strassburg Baptist Church near Marion, Kans., were honor guests at a banquet held in the Wareham Hotel at McPherson, Kansas. Hosts for the occasion were

the Baptist Men of the church, and this courtesy was extended the ladies in appreciation for pies baked for the monthly programs at the Service Men's Center at Junction City, Kansas. The Baptist Men had sponsored this project for the boys in training at Fort Riley, and the programs consisted of special numbers by the various musical organizations of the church and personal testimonies by the men.

Words of encouragement were brought by the Rev. L. B. Hinz, pastor of the church, who could speak with sympathy and understanding, having himself served overseas during World War II. At the present time the Service Center is being moved from Junction City to Salina to serve the men of the Smoky Hill Air Base there.

The anniversary program of the Woman's Missionary Society this spring featured a play, "Living for Jesus." A missionary offering amounting to \$275 was received and will be used for the projects supported by our denominational Woman's Missionary Union. A fellowship hour in the church parlors followed the program, and there were guests from the Marion and Durham churches as well as friends of the community.

The church choir under the leadership of Mr. Roy Vogel joined the choirs of five Marion churches to render the Easter cantata, "The Resurrection Story" by Carrie B. Adams. The Marion City Auditorium was filled to capacity as eight voices sang praises to God in the rendition of this program. Misses Neva Stenzel and Maxine Hinz and Mr. Harvey Kruse of the Strassburg church sang a trio in the cantata. The Strassburg church joined the Marion churches in Holy Week and Good Friday services. The Rev. L. B. Hinz brought messages on Wednesday evening and Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Harvey Kruse, Reporter.

Golden Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. William Brunken of Columbus, Nebraska

On April 6th Mr. and Mrs. William Brunken, Sr., of Columbus, Neb., celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. The celebration was planned by their children and open house was held in the afternoon at their home in Columbus. About 75 relatives and friends called on them.

This event was solemnized with a short devotional service at 2:00 p.m. led by the Rev. R. C. Stading, pastor of the Creston Baptist Church. Best wishes and words of appreciation were expressed to the honored couple by him. Mr. and Mrs. Brunken received many gifts, including bouquets of flowers and a special gift from a cousin in Germany.

Before retiring in Columbus, nine years ago, the Brunkens resided on a farm near Creston, Nebraska. In 1910 they helped organize the Creston Baptist Church of which they are still members. Both have been active in the interests of their church and have worked faithfully during these years. Mr. Brunken served on the first board

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of trustees and is still teaching the German class as his strength permits. Mrs. Brunken is an honorary member of the Dorcas Society. We are grateful to God for their example, and we would like to see that more would be devoted to the Lord's work and his Church.

Their nine living children, except one, were present for this glorious occasion. They have 16 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Mr. Brunken's only brother, Henry, was present and Mrs. Brunken's two brothers, John and George Husmann of Columbus, and her three sisters, Mrs. Sydney Hulsebus of Council Bluffs, Iowa, Mrs. Phillip Prang of Columbus, Neb., and Miss Lydia Husman of Lincoln, Neb., were also present. We wish Brother and Sister Brunken God's guidance and blessings upon their continued journey of life.

R. C. Stading, Pastor.

Two Southwestern Christian Workers' Conferences at Corn, Oklahoma, and Creston, Nebraska

Christian Workers' Conferences of the Southwestern Conference area were held this year at Corn, Okla., on April 5 and 6, and at Creston, Neb., on April 7 and 8. Many felt that this year's conferences have been very inspiring and helpful.

The conference was meant to be a workshop for those interested in CBY and Sunday School work. With this in mind the first evening began with a discussion of "simple inexpensive visual aids" led by Miss Ruth Bathauer and a talk by the Rev. J. C. Gunst on "The Mission of the Church." This was followed by a fellowship hour.

The following morning after a brief devotional, divided sessions of CBY and Sunday School workers were held, discussing "Materials We Use." These were then further divided into departments of Beginner, Primary, Junior, Youth and CBY, and Adult classes where problems and new ideas were discussed. Just before the close of the morning sessions a skit, "Dr. Sunday School Specialist," was given. This skit presented the problems found in the average Sunday School that a Workers' Conference tries to help solve.

After a delicious meal provided by the local churches, another session of departmental groups was held. This was followed by a demonstration of "That Opening Exercise" led by Miss Bathauer. Then Miss Bathauer and Mr. Gunst led an open forum on Vacation Bible Schools and questions were asked regarding Workers' Conferences.

The first part of the evening service was again divided. This time the groups met for "The CBY President at Work," "The Pastor as Counselor," "The Sunday School Superintendent," and "What's Happening" for teachers and officers. This was followed by a consecration service which put to practical use the talk about visual aids. A filmstrip, "The Growing Teacher," was shown.

Joyce Ringering, Reporter.

Mr. and Mrs. William Brunken, Sr., of Columbus, Neb., charter members of the Creston Baptist Church, on the occasion of their golden wedding anniversary



Northwestern Conference

Dedication of New Church Edifice of First Baptist Church, Appleton, Minnesota

On Sunday, April 4, the congregation of the Holloway Baptist Church gathered in their new church building at Appleton, Minn., six miles from the former location. Our dedication Sunday dawned beautifully, although a bit chilly. Excavation for the new church began on June 3, 1953, so after almost a year of constant work and planning we were able to gather with rejoicing in the beautiful sanctuary.

Sunday School began at 10:00 a.m. with the Rev. Elmer Bueening, a former pastor, taking charge. It was during the ministry of Mr. Bueening that the building fund was started with offerings being received every three months. At the Sunday worship service Dr. Frank H. Woyke, our executive secretary, brought the message.

Dinner was served by the ladies of the church to about 130 people. Since we did not have any basement or kitchen facilities in our former church, the women truly appreciate their new kitchen which they have furnished with their own kitchen fund. Cupboards have been built and two apartment-size electric ranges installed. Many of the necessary kitchen supplies were received at a kitchen shower which the ladies held at their

Missionary Circle meeting on April 1.

Both sanctuary and lower auditorium were filled for the dedication service at 3:00 p.m. Full use was made of a speaker system installed by Mr. Alfred Ulstad. Two former pastors, the Rev. Herman Lohr, Corona, S. Dak., and the Rev. Elmer Bueening, Cathay, N. Dak., read the Scripture passage and offered prayer. Dr. Frank Woyke of Forest Park, Ill., gave the dedicatory address, stressing the fact that to build successfully we must choose Jesus, upon whom to build. Many letters of greeting were read by the church clerk. Personal greetings were brought by various representatives of neighboring churches. Mrs. Alma Mudder, widow of our general contractor who passed away February 4th, gave a short message of greeting.

Music for the services was provided by the Girls' Choir accompanied by Mrs. Edward Kopf, and by Mrs. John Keller who sang "Our Earnest Prayer" after the dedicatory prayer was offered by the pastor, the Rev. Edward Kopf. A time of fellowship was enjoyed by about 400 people during the supper hour as the ladies served light refreshments. The day closed with an evening service at which time Dr. Woyke showed two missionary films. Mr. and Mrs. Bueening sang a duet accompanied by their daughter, Jane.

Our hearts are filled with thanksgiving for the marvelous way in which God has led us through this past year.

Mrs. Alfred Ulstad, Church Clerk.



Pastors and Sunday School superintendents from Southwestern Conference churches at the Christian Workers' Conference held at Creston, Neb., with Rev. J. C. Gunst and Miss Ruth Bathauer at right (standing)

Fifteen Converts Are Baptized at the First Baptist Church, George, Iowa

Several series of special meetings at the First Baptist Church of George, Iowa, and the faithful ministry of our pastor, the Rev. John Reimer, resulted in a glorious day on Easter Sunday, April 18, when 15 candidates were led into the waters of baptism.

We are thankful to the Rev. Walter Stein of Tyndall, S. Dak., for the two weeks of meetings he conducted in our church last fall which resulted in a number of our young people accepting the Lord Jesus Christ. We were also privileged and are thankful to Dr. George A. Lang, president of our Seminary at Sioux Falls, S. Dak., for the week of pre-Easter services which he had with us. Dr. Lang is a Bible-believing and Christ-centered preacher. He stirred our souls with messages under the general theme, "Personalities Around the Cross."

So through the combined efforts of the two visiting speakers and the prevailing prayers of both parents and congregation, our pastor, the Rev. John Reimer, had the privilege of baptizing 13 young men and two young ladies and extending to them the hand of fellowship on Communion Sunday. We are looking forward to even greater victories in the near future.

Mrs. John Reimer, Reporter.

CBY Spring Banquet for Minnesota Young People on University of Minnesota Campus

On Friday evening, May 14th, young people from our Minnesota churches gathered at the Coffman Memorial Union on the University of Minnesota Campus for our CBY Spring Banquet. After the invocation had been offered by the Rev. Wm. Jeschke, a delicious turkey dinner was served to the 100 young people who attended.

Our master of ceremonies for the evening was Mr. Bill Adam of Minneapolis. The program began with a singspiration led by the Rev. Don Patet of Randolph, followed with the Scripture reading by Donald Richter, St. Paul. Clayton Schott of Hutchinson favored us with a vocal solo, "The Glory of His Presence." We were then led in prayer by Lucille Wipf of St. Bonifacius. Our president, Doris Glewwe of St. Paul reminded us of state events which will take place this summer—a state picnic, Junior Camp and Senior Camp. A Girls' Trio including Iona Fluth, Clara Wall and Doris Adam, all of Minneapolis, sang the inspiring song, "With Christ." The speaker for the evening was the Rev. Terry Hulbert of Northwestern Bible Schools, Minneapolis, who then brought a challenging message to all.

We are thankful for the Christian fellowship which we enjoyed and for the blessings which we received at our CBY Spring Banquet.

Doris Glewwe, President.

EDITOR'S NOTE. Several reports had to be held over for the July 1st issue of the "Baptist Herald" due to the limited space available.

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. EVELYN KRENTZ of Elberta, Alabama.

Mrs. Evelyn Krentz of Elberta, Ala., was born on February 19, 1891, and departed this life on April 20, 1954 to be with the Lord. In December 1911 she was united in marriage with Gustav Krentz and the same year both joined the Calvary Baptist Church at Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. She and her husband were some of the earliest members of that church and very faithful workers. They loved the Lord and his church and were willing to do all in their power to help in the building of the church.

Five years ago her husband went to be with the Lord, and because Mrs. Krentz had a heart ailment, she came to live with her sister, Mrs. Alida Potzner at Elberta, Alabama. Although she could only seldom attend the church services, nevertheless she always prayed for the church and the children of God and his ministers and missionaries. Her influence was a blessing to many, even to the last day of her earthly life.

She is now in HIS presence whom she so dearly loved and faithfully served to see his face and sing his praise with all the redeemed around his throne. The Rev. Gustave Schmidt of Baltimore, Md., a cousin of Mrs. Krentz, conducted the funeral service. She is survived by her daughter, Mrs. Anna Machorek, of New Jersey, two grandchildren, two sisters and many relatives and friends. Her memory will continue to bless all who knew her.

Elberta, Alabama

PHILIP POTZNER, Pastor.

MR. GUSTAVE FALKENBERG of Leduc, Alberta, Canada.

Mr. Gustave Falkenberg of Leduc, Alta., was born near Leduc on August 23, 1905, where he spent all his years on a farm. On April 6, 1927 he and Miss Herta Domreis were united in holy matrimony. The Lord blessed this union with two children. At the age of 17 he accepted Christ as his personal Savior and was baptized by the Rev. E. P. Wahl on June 3, 1923 and was united with the First Baptist Church near Leduc, where he was a member until the Lord called him to himself.

He was suddenly taken ill after which he was rushed to a hospital in Edmonton, where he received every possible care. At first his condition was improved, so that hopes were entertained for his recovery. The Lord, however, in his wisdom had ordered it otherwise. On April 28, before he was to submit to a delicate brain operation, the Lord called his servant to be with him. He leaves to mourn: his loving wife; two sons, Herbert of Leduc and Norman of Portland, Ore.; and a great host of relatives and friends.

Because of his congenial personality and his consideration for his fellowmen, he had won many lasting friends. He was a devoted husband to his wife and a loving, considerate father to his children. May the God of all comfort fill the hearts of the bereaved with the blessed hope of a glorious reunion. Words of comfort were spoken by his pastor. By means of loud speakers the services were conveyed to the unusually large attendance, who did not find room in the church auditorium.

First Baptist Church, Leduc, Alberta, Canada

J. C. KRAENZLER, Pastor.

MRS. TILLIE LINDENBACH of Regina, Saskatchewan.

Mrs. Tillie Lindenbach, nee Schmuland, was born May 24, 1903 in Russia. She came to Canada in the year 1912. She came to the living faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as her personal Savior in her early youth, and upon confession of her faith was baptized and received into the Baptist Church.

On Dec. 27, 1920 she was united in marriage to Adam Lindenbach, who preceded her in death on May 25, 1953. The Lord blessed this union with nine children, six daughters and three sons, of whom one daughter preceded her mother in early childhood. In 1951 they made their home in the city of Regina where she became a member of the Victoria Avenue Baptist Church. On Tuesday morning, April 20, after a lengthy illness, the Lord summoned his child to come to her heavenly home, where there is no sickness nor sorrow.

She leaves to mourn in passing her children: Mrs. Linda Johnson of Regina; Mrs. Ida Schmalenberg of Sereth; Mrs. Miriam Budinske of Regina; Mrs. Elenor Robins of Regina; Miss Doreen Lindenbach of Regina; and three sons: Herbert of Edenwold; Bert of Regina; and Raymond of Regina; three sisters: Mrs. Elvina Bitner of Yorkton; Mrs. Emilia Richert of Fort Frances, Ontario; and Mrs. Lydia Stebner of Yorkton; two brothers: Emil and Karl Schmuland of Fenwood, Sask.; three grandchildren, four sons-in-law; three daughters-in-law, and many friends in the Lord.

The undersigned was in charge of the service in the Victoria Ave. Baptist Church. Rev. F. Ohlman spoke in German. Rev. R. Weaver of the First Baptist Church spoke in English. A Ladies' Trio from the Edenwold Church sang. The body was laid to rest in the Regina Cemetery.

Victoria Ave. Baptist Church, Regina, Saskatchewan

ROBERT JASTER, Pastor.

MR. AUGUST ZINDLER of Vancouver, British Columbia.

Mr. August Zindler of Vancouver, B. C., Canada, died after a long illness on April 20, 1954. He was born in Jelenowka, Russia, on February 27, 1890. At the age of 22 years he accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Savior and Lord and was baptized in 1912 at Odessa, Russia, by the Rev. John Luebeck. In 1921 he came to Germany and in 1925 to Canada. He was a member of our churches West Ebenezer, Sask., and Edmonton, Alberta. Since 1934 he lived in Vancouver, British Columbia.

In 1928 he was united in marriage to Miss Gerda Radant at Edmonton by the Rev. August Kraemer. Four children were born to this union. One son preceded him in death in his early childhood. He leaves to mourn his departure, his beloved wife, Gerda; his daughters: Mildred Reich and Irmgard Nikolai, Vancouver; his son, Rainer, Toronto; his sister, Louise Lepin, Vancouver; his brothers: Nathan of Vancouver and Adolph of Germany; one grandchild and a host of friends.

Mr. Zindler faced death many times during recent years because of his heart condition. So he was prepared for his home-going. After a heavy heart attack he was taken to the hospital and it was his opinion: "It is now going home!" Wherever life took him, he sought fellowship in Christ.

Funeral services were held on April 24 at our church by the pastor who brought a message of comfort in German on 2 Tim. 1: 10, "Jesus Christ hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel." From our neighboring Ebenezer Church, the Rev. A. S. Felberg brought a message in English on 1 Cor. 15:20-28. Mr. Zindler's body was laid to rest at the Forest Lawn Cemetery. May the Lord comfort and bless the bereaved!

Bethany Baptist Church, Vancouver, British Columbia

GERHARD GEBAUER, Pastor.

MRS. JANNA LUBBEN of Buffalo Center, Iowa.

Mrs. "Oma" Lubben of Buffalo Center, Iowa, went home on Feb. 13th at the local hospital having reached the age of 94 years, 2 months and 1 day. "Oma," as she was known to her relatives and many intimate friends, is a German title of affection for "grandmother."

In the year 1859, on December 9th, Mr. and Mrs. John Julius living in Ostfriesland, Germany, welcomed into their family circle a baby girl and named it Janna Julius. That was nearly 95 years ago, but it is the beginning of the life history of Oma Lubben. Janna Julius was united in marriage when she was 20 years of age to Thomas Lubben. In 1882 they left Germany together for the

United States making their home in Herdin County near Steamboat Rock, Iowa. In 1888 Mrs. Thomas Lubben accepted Jesus Christ as her personal Savior and Lord and followed him into the waters of baptism under the ministry of Rev. H. Dallman.

The year 1900 brought them into the Buffalo Center community where they were among the charter members of the First Baptist Church, newly organized under the ministry of the young pastor, Rev. Carl Swyter. Her life was closely entwined with that of her church, participating actively in its many undertakings. She was also a longtime member of the Ladies' Missionary Society, in which she also served as officer.

For the past 40 years Oma Lubben lived here in town, her husband having preceded her in death in the year 1926. Many of her relatives and friends found it a pleasure to visit with her, even though she had been confined to the wheelchair for some years. During the years that she was an invalid, Mrs. Fred Yahnke, her daughter, and Miss Lois Yahnke, her granddaughter, cared for her with much affection.

Many hearts are saddened by her home-going and she leaves behind to mourn her passing, her son, Mr. Lub Lubben; and daughter, Mrs. Fred Yahnke; as well as 14 grandchildren, 38 great-grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren as well as a host of friends and neighbors.

First Baptist Church, Buffalo Center, Iowa

W. G. GERTHE, Pastor.

MRS. MARIE L. SCHMIDT of Buffalo, New York.

On Sunday morning, April 18th, while attending the Sunday School Easter service at the Temple Baptist Church, Buffalo, N. Y., and as Herbert Brunner sang, "Open the Gates of the Temple," Marie L. Schmidt, nee Geist, entered the gateway into Paradise to be with her Lord.

Our remembrance of her prompts us to say, "You are not dead. Life has but set you free." We of Temple Baptist Church pay her our tribute of affection in the consciousness that death cannot destroy a Christian fellowship of 68 years, and, that at the end of this fellowship stands Life—not death.

Our beloved one had outlived most of her contemporaries. She was the last of her immediate family circle. When the end came she was in her 87th year—still strong in body and spirit. Mrs. Schmidt was born in Germany at Kaltennordheim, Thuringen, November 11, 1867. At the age of 16 she came to this country and became associated with the then Third German Baptist Church in Buffalo, New York. She was converted in April 1886 and baptized by the late Rev. Wm. C. Rabe on May 9th and received into the fellowship of the church in which she served all her life, whenever and wherever she could. She taught a Bible class up to within a few weeks of her death.

She married Philipp Schmidt on May 19, 1887 and the couple had eight children: five sons and three daughters. Her husband and two sons preceded her in death. She leaves, to be affectionately remembered, three sons and three daughters, 19 grandchildren and 32 great-grandchildren, who will remember her challenging Christian life.

Temple Baptist Church, Buffalo, New York

G. E. FRIEDENBERG, Minister.

MR. ERHARD KEMNITZER of Buffalo, New York.

In the passing out of this life of our Christian brother, Mr. Erhard Kemnitzer of Buffalo, N. Y., a quiet and peaceful life has been ended. On Tuesday, April 27th, grandpa Kemnitzer had his lunch, then went back to his favorite chair and sat down as for a little nap and fell on sleep without a murmur, apparently not feeling the sting of death. The transition was no dark hour for him; he went sustained in faith that there is a rest for the people of God.

A good man lived among us for a long time. We cherish his memory and are grateful that because of him our lives are richer. We pay tribute to him and to what he meant to so many through the years. Dr. Lippard said of him, "From the time I can remember, Erhard Kemnitzer has been an inspiration to me as a Christian

gentleman." All who knew him loved and respected him. Though he lived well beyond the fourscore years allotted to most mortals, his passing brings a sense of profound loss.

Erhard Kemnitzer was born February 17, 1865 at Schwartzbach, Germany, and came to Buffalo, N. Y., in 1888. Under the ministry of the late Rev. W. A. Lippard he was led to Christ and, in his own words, had a very wonderful conversion experience which "has kept me close to my Lord all these years." He became affiliated with the then Third German Baptist Church in 1890 and was a faithful member through the years, serving in every office except clerk. In 1889 he was united in marriage with Caroline Krass. Nine children were born to them of whom two along with their mother preceded him in death. He leaves a large family of children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren and many friends who will keep green his memory.

Temple Baptist Church, Buffalo, New York

G. E. FRIEDENBERG, Pastor.

MR. J. J. SCHMIERER of Lansing, Michigan.

Funeral services were held at Lansing, Mich., on May 6th for Jacob John Schmierer of Lansing, Mich., who died suddenly on May 1st at his home in Lansing of a heart attack. He was 63 years old.

Mr. Schmierer was engaged in the lumber business in North and South Dakota for many years. He was manager of a lumber company at Wishek, N. Dak., from 1914 to 1924. He moved with his family to Westington Springs, S. Dak., in 1926 after a year in California, and managed the Fullerton Lumber Co., there for many years. The family moved to Hartford, S. Dak., in 1943, where he managed the Ross Lumber Yard until he moved to Lansing in 1946.

Mr. Schmierer had six sons in military service. One son, Raymond E., was killed in action while serving with the 34th Infantry Division in Italy in 1944. The eldest son, Elmer, is a lieutenant colonel in the Army, now stationed at Washington, D. C. Vernon C. served with the Army Air Forces in World War II, and now lives in Lansing. Wilbur J. served in the Army in Europe in World War II, graduated from Michigan State in 1949, and now lives at Delray Beach, Florida. Norman F. graduated from Michigan State in 1951 and served as an Army lieutenant in Korea until recently. He is now taking post-graduate work at Michigan State. The youngest son, James M., graduated from Michigan State in 1953 and is now a lieutenant in the Air Force stationed at Kinston, North Carolina. A daughter, Mrs. Roy Babb, lives at Adrian, Michigan.

Mr. Schmierer is survived by his wife, who lives at 110 Clifford St., Lansing, Mich.; six children, nine grandchildren, two sisters: Mrs. Adam Mehlhoff of Tyndall, S. Dak., and Mrs. Emil Ohlhauser of Calgary, Alta.; and one brother, Henry J. Schmierer of Oakland, California.

Mr. Schmierer was born in Chicago, Ill., June 3, 1890 and came to North Dakota with his parents in the early homesteading days shortly after 1900.

Lansing, Michigan

MRS. J. J. SCHMIERER, Correspondent.

MRS. ELIZABETH MARTIN of Goodrich, North Dakota.

"What is man that thou art mindful of him?" He is like the flower and the grass of the field. They are here today and gone tomorrow. Mrs. Elizabeth Martin of Goodrich, N. Dak., went to her eternal abode on April 19 at the Harvey Hospital after being ill for six days. Death was caused by a cerebral hemorrhage. Her pilgrimage on earth was 80 years, 2 months and 24 days.

On January 27, 1874, she came to make her home with Gottlieb and Christina Schneider of South Russia. She lost her father at an early age, thus necessitating that she earn her own livelihood early in youth.

She married Mr. Christian Schneider in 1895, and to this blessed union 12 children were born. One child died in its infancy. They came to this country in 1902, and bought a farm 5½ miles southwest of Goodrich. She farmed here until her husband's death in 1922 when she moved to the town of Goodrich for a number of years. In

1928 she moved back to the farm and stayed there until she married Mr. Ferdinand Martin of Kief, North Dakota. She then lived in the Anamoso vicinity. In 1951 Mr. Martin passed away and since that time she lived with her children.

She accepted Christ as her Savior in 1896 and was baptized by the Rev. Carl Fullbrandt. She became a member of the Neuburg Church of South Russia. Since coming to America and because of living in different places, she had her membership in the following churches: Lübeck station, southeast of McClusky, Baptist Church of Goodrich, Rosenfeld Baptist Church, and again with the First Baptist Church of Goodrich. She was a quiet yet sincere handmaiden of the Lord—serving him in a serene and peaceful way.

Left to mourn her quick departure are seven daughters and four sons: Mrs. Wm. Engel, Denhoff; Mrs. Ben Brodehl, Mrs. Len Barreth, Mrs. Walter Kiest, all of Goodrich; Mrs. Jake Gieser, Longview, Texas; Mrs. Nick Laschewitsch, Kirkland, Wash.; Mrs. Herbert Kandt, Lodi, Calif.; Christ and Fred Schneider, Goodrich; John Schneider, Huron, S. Dak.; and Herbert Schneider, Stockton, Calif.; two brothers: Henry, Arena, N. Dak.; and Christ, Lodi, California. She has 26 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren, besides many relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held in the First Baptist Church with the Rev. A. W. Bibelheimer, a longtime friend and pastor of the deceased, speaking words of comfort in the German language from John 14:1, and her pastor in English from Luke 2:29. Blessed are they that die in the Lord!

First Baptist Church, Goodrich, North Dakota

IRVIN H. SCHMULAND, Pastor.

MR. HERMAN A. JAHNKE of North Freedom, Wisconsin.

Mr. Herman A. Jahnke of North Freedom, Wis., the son of Martin and Matilda Jahnke, was born on February 29, 1876 and passed away very unexpectedly after suffering a heart attack on April 29, 1954 at the age of 78 years and 2 months. He was one of a family of eight children. As a young man he gave his heart to Christ and on June 7, 1896 he was baptized by the Rev. G. Engelman. He became a member of the North Freedom Baptist Church where he remained faithfully until his death.

On November 24, 1909 he was united in marriage to Miss Clara Zochert, who preceded him in death 8½ years ago. A daughter, Elsie, came to brighten their home. He owned and operated a farm in the town of Freedom until 1923 at which time he moved to Rock Springs, Wisconsin. He worked for the Chicago and North Western Railroad Company until his retirement in 1936. He continued to reside in Rock Springs until 1946 when he came to North Freedom where he remained until his death.

Mr. Jahnke was a faithful Christian. He used his many talents to serve the Lord through the church of which he was a member and which he dearly loved. He served a number of years on the board of trustees. He was a member of the board of deacons until he resigned in order that younger men might also serve the Lord through this office. He was a member and sang with the men's quartet for about 60 years besides singing in the mixed choir. While still residing on the farm he often walked through the cold and snow in order to attend rehearsals of the quartet and choir. He was privileged to help in the construction of the present church building.

His departure leaves to mourn one daughter, Elsie, Mrs. Walter Wilzewski; two grandchildren, Lois and John; four sisters: Mrs. Martha Hemberger, Miss Minnie Jahnke of the home, Mrs. Bertha Smith (his twin sister), Mrs. Ella Lange; one brother, Edward; seven nieces; four nephews and many other relatives and friends.

Mr. Jahnke was held in high esteem by all who knew him which was shown by the large number of friends who came to pay their respects at the funeral service. The local pastor used as his text the words of David found in 2 Samuel 3:38: "Know ye not that there is a prince and a great man fallen this day in Israel?"

North Freedom, Wisconsin

THOMAS D. LUTZ, Pastor.

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By our kindness and compassion,
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By our willingness to heed,
By our happiness and gladness,
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By our tender ministrations,
Lord, may we interpret thee.

By our strength in overcoming,
By refusing selfish gain,
By response to those who struggle,
By relieving woe and pain,
Just by daily, helpful service,
May we true disciples be,
Showing forth the love of Jesus,
Lord, and thus interpret thee.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON IN ACTION

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4. In favor with man—achieving the kind of social grace that made him a favorite with people of all ages and all kinds of backgrounds.

5. His growth was into a perfect "four-fold life."

6. He grew in the direction of that which held his attention and lured him on (v. 49)—to do nothing but his Father's will and work.

II. THE CHRISTIAN IS TO GROW.

1. There can be no standing still for him; for to stand still is to stagnate or, worse yet, to drift back.

2. Like Jesus, he is to grow mentally, spiritually, physically, socially unto a "four-fold" life, a life that is well rounded and full.

III. THE CHRISTIAN IS TO GROW IN CHRIST-LIKENESS.

His supreme desire is to become more and more like his Master, his Ideal to attain unto the "full stature of Christ."

IV. THE CHRISTIAN GROWS IN CHRIST-LIKENESS BY CONSTANT EXPOSURE TO CHRIST.

As he keeps his eyes fixed on Jesus and makes him the goal of all his aspirations, he cannot but grow more like Christ.

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