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

By Rev. B. JACKSTEIT, Anaheim, CaLif.

## A LESSON PLAN

Date: March 21, 1954

Theme: JESUS' NEW COMMANDMENT

SCRIPTURE: John 13:12-17, 34-35; 14:21-24.

PURPOSE: To help us see that for the Christian love is the supreme law, the one commandment he dare not disregard.

GETTING STARTED: Joseph Parker has written in one of his sermons: "I saw a man watering the roads this morning. He was very careful where he began and where he ended. Three hours afterward a heavy shower of rain fell, and it blessed the whole neighborhood with its impartial benediction. Thus it is with law and grace; and thus, too, it is with people who work from the point of duty and the nobler people who work from the point of love." Wonderful truth!

Jesus' love was like a gentle rain falling upon the earth, blessing and seeking the good of all, whether they deserved it or not. Our love is like a sprinkling can sprinkling a few kindnesses upon those we love and who we think deserve our love, while other lives wither and die for lack of the water of love that only we can bestow. Yet is it really love, this thing that we call love, when it doesn't reach out to and bless the unlovable and unloved?

### Developing the Theme:

#### I. THE COMMANDMENT—LOVE (John 13:34a).

1. For the Christian love is imperative, the one commandment he must obey if he would be Christian.
2. For life it is an essential; for without it a good, happy, and satisfying life is impossible.

#### II. THE STANDARD—CHRIST (John 13:34b).

1. The meaning and nature of love are best revealed in the life of Christ.
2. To live in love, therefore, is to live like Christ. He is the standard by which love must be measured.

#### III. THE MOTIVE—LOYALTY (John 13:14-15).

1. We love because he first loved.
2. The Christian is motivated by the desire to follow in the footsteps of Christ. In all things he seeks to imitate his Master.

#### IV. THE EVIDENCE—OBEDIENCE (John 14:23a).

1. Where there is no obedience, there is no love.
2. The presence of love is proved by the willingness and desire to obey the word and law of Christ.

## V. THE RESULT—NEW LIFE.

1. A life of love is a life of the deepest joys and satisfaction (John 13:17).

2. It is a life so marked with the stamp of Christ that all men will recognize what kind of a life it is (John 13:35).

3. It is a life blessed with the presence and power of God (John 14:22-23).

### Applying the Lesson:

1. What does it mean for us to love someone else in the way in which Christ loved us?
2. Is it possible for us to love Communists? If so, how?
3. What did Jesus mean when he said that we were to wash one another's feet?

## A LESSON PLAN

Date: March 28, 1954

Theme: THE GUIDANCE OF THE SPIRIT

SCRIPTURE: John 16:1-13.

PURPOSE: To show that through the ministry of the Holy Spirit we are made adequate for the life and mission to which Christ has called us.

GETTING STARTED: Beside the Speaker's desk in the House of Representatives at Washington, D. C., sits a man who knows parliamentary law from beginning to end. He is always on hand to counsel and direct whenever any question in parliamentary procedure arises. Jesus promised us "another Comforter." The Greek word for "comforter" is made up of two words meaning "the one called to stand by." Such is the ministry of the Holy Spirit. Like the parliamentarian in Congress, he always stands by to give guidance and direction to the Christian.

### Developing the Theme:

#### I. THE PROMISE (John 16:7).

1. Christ's call to his disciples was a two-fold one: a call to a Christ-like life and to a Christ-sharing ministry.
2. His call carried with it the promise of adequate resources to live such a life and to carry on such a ministry.
3. These resources would be provided through the ministry of the Holy Spirit, who would take Christ's place and be with and in the believer (John 14:17).
4. This promise was not only given to the disciples but is held out to all who turn to Christ.

#### II. THE FULFILLMENT (John 16:8a).

1. On the day of Pentecost this promise was fulfilled and all Christian history since that day is but the record of what happened as a result.

## ENGAGEMENTS

Dr. Frank H. Woyke  
 March 13—Session of the Children's Home Board, St. Joseph, Mich.  
 March 16—Session of the Christian Training Institute Board, Edmonton, Alberta.  
 March 17 (Wednesday)—Regina, Saskatchewan.

Rev. R. Schilke  
 March 9 (Tuesday)—Hamilton, Ont.  
 March 10 (Wednesday)—Kitchener, Ontario.  
 March 14 (Sunday A.M. and P.M.)—Lansing, Michigan.  
 March 16 (Tuesday)—Foster Ave. Church, Chicago, Illinois.  
 March 21 (Sunday A.M.)—Grace Church, Chicago, Illinois.

Rev. J. C. Gunst  
 March 12-15—Christian Workers' Conference for White Ave. and Erin Ave. Churches, Cleveland, Ohio.  
 March 21 (Sunday A.M.)—St. Joseph, Michigan.

Rev. M. L. Leuschner  
 March 21 (Sunday P.M.)—St. Joseph, Michigan.

## IMPORTANT MEETINGS

March 13—Session of the Children's Home Board, St. Joseph, Mich.  
 March 16—Session of the Christian Training Institute Board, Edmonton, Alberta.  
 March 19-20—Summer Visitation Committee, Forest Park, Illinois.

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2. To all who accept Christ this promise is still fulfilled, and every true believer has the Holy Spirit's ministry in his life.

#### III. THE MINISTRY (John 16:8b-14).

1. In the believer—the Holy Spirit provides the resources he needs for the life and mission to which Christ has called him.

- (a) He abides with the believer as a living, empowering and comforting presence (John 16:7).
- (b) He is his guide and leads him into an ever fuller understanding and knowledge of divine truth (John 16:13).
- (c) He opens his eyes to the design and purposes of God and this enables him to understand God's ways in history (John 16:13b).
- (d) He bears witness to Christ and makes him more real and precious to the believer (John 16:14).

2. In the world, the Holy Spirit does the ground work that prepares the

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# Editorial

## Some Days Are Steppingstones

SOME DAYS ARE SIGNIFICANT to us as a preparation for momentous experiences. In themselves they are ordinary days in which nothing much seems to happen. Edith Lovejoy Pierce in a poem calls them "steppingstones" which are meant for "footsteps, transient a tree on them. Yet they are necessary stones

"If one would cross the stream  
 From bank to bank."

Some days are steppingstones to thrilling mountain-top experiences. They color our outlook in life and mold our attitudes, thus pre-symphony concert becomes an ecstasy of enjoyment only to those who through many days have had their ears tuned to that kind of music. It may require a trip of hundreds of miles and a climb of several hours to reach the "Inspiration Point" in some range of mountains. But all the preparation is exceedingly worthwhile when you have arrived there!

Life is like that! Most of our days are steppingstones, making us sensitive to and appreciative of the spiritual blessings that transform our lives into mountain-top experiences.

"Through days of preparation,  
 Thy grace has made us strong."

The daily reading of God's Word suddenly reveals some great hidden truth which blesses us for many a year. Our constant prayer power when in an hour of crisis we make a remarkable experience of holiness spent in God's presence for those who have prepared their steps and their ways accordingly throughout the week.

Some days are also steppingstones to a new and better person that I am or ought to be for Christ. We may not know exactly when or how it happened, but we do know that "whereas we were blind, walked today where Jesus walked!" Burdens have been lifted from our souls. Comfort and peace have flowed into our hearts. We have a bright song upon our lips. It's all different now! Thank God for such unforgettable experiences, but remember that only those whose look of faith has been on Christ for many days will be those who can have Christ-likeness in their own spiritual features.

Some days are likewise steppingstones to the knowledge of the perfect will of God. We step from stone to stone, for we sometimes only "know in part." But these steppingstones lead us to the solid rock "when that which is in part shall be done away" and when we shall see the glorious pattern of God's will for us. Our prayer, "Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven," is a steppingstone to the time when "ye may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God"

Thank God for the days of your pilgrimage and for the important role which they can play as steppingstones to momentous events and of Christ.

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# Twenty Years Later!

God's stars still shine brightly as the night advances in Africa! In this masterful article (the fourth and last of a series), the author shows the amazing progress that has been made in recent years in the Cameroons Baptist Mission, the immensity of our present task, and the challenge of God's orders to us that still remain in force!

By DR. PAUL GEBAUER of Bamenda, Cameroons

Baptists had begun 90 years before us and had sold out 43 years later.

The Michelsons cast their eyes upon an island center, Kumba—a place of elephants and mysteries in the missionary days of the Grafs of Detroit, Michigan. With the landing of the Schneiders we received our answer to an anxiety that we had over-extended ourselves in the north. Although they were beginners, we pushed them into our northernmost corner of hunger and Islam to let them turn a desolate spot into a garden and to befriend a people we had neglected all too long, the Mambila.

Next we turned to the training of African leadership. Adolf Orthner had attempted this at Belo in 1932. Dr. Laessig had developed Orthner's small beginning into a more scholarly affair. The Ganstroms followed up with Belo Bible School and the Ahrens had the privilege to give an entire term of service to the same Bible School, then located at Mbem.

## NEW HOSPITALS

Banso Hospital drifted our way during 1948. It had been in existence as a government agency for 20 years. The war years had blessed it with neglect. Its buildings and grounds and management told of this. God gave us the Chaffees from Puget Sound, Wash., to turn neglect into opportunity, and opportunity into real service for Christ at the close of 1948.

Eleanor Weisenburger, and Myrtle Weeldreyer were added to the hospital staff the following year so that we might carry out Christ's simple command to you: "Heal the sick!" In November of the same year you sent us the Hildebrands from Kansas to help us build a better hospital plant and better homes for your medical missionaries.

At the close of 1950 we heard another one of Christ's commands: "Cure the lepers." We of the field hesitated to listen for fear that we were being carried beyond the limits of the home constituency. You at home had greater faith and showed it by ordering us to go ahead. Land was sought and found and applied for, so that another chapter might be added to your noble history of noble service.

The goal for 1951 was reached on time. We had covered the land to its

God-given limits. The arrival of the Roths from Oregon, the Holzimmers from Michigan, and Ardice Ziolkowski from Alberta helped in this achievement.

Our pioneer days closed with 1951. The echoes of Pioneer Bender's hob-nailed shoes had turned into extensive commitments in the forest regions of the Cameroons where his one mission outpost had grown into three and his little schools in the bush had grown into an expensive school system, and where the Africans of his days had become learned and experienced leaders among their tribes. Bender and his shoes had not walked nor died in vain. The cause of theirs had marched on beyond a pioneer's dreams.

## AWAKENING AFRICA

The same was true of the hinterland where Pioneer Orthner's scout reports of 1928 and 1929 had turned into seven mission stations, into many churches, many evangelists, many believers and schools and teachers and staggering commitments in faith and missionaries and money. Orthner's homeless years in the saddle, over trails that now are motor roads, and among tribes now clad and coming into their own are gone forever but not so his plans of long ago. They have become living realities and growing responsibilities of yours and mine.

These responsibilities of ours are now turning into tasks of uncertain proportions because of this one simple fact that Africa has awakened. We have had a formidable share in this process, to be sure, and we are surrounded by its startling results. This rising giant in black clamors for immediate attention, mass education, mass guidance, quick progress, swift results, self-determination, self-government—in short, for a miracle that will bring about in two decades that which took western civilization two thousand years to achieve.

This "humble request" staggers us. Yet it is uppermost in the minds of Africa's millions and it is being applied to all fields of experience. Its half-baked evidences and heartbreaking results face us everywhere.

At Victoria field the Lawrences face the disturbing inroads of American films and European literature. Tina Schmidt and Eleanor Schulert face in

their coastal assignments clever politicians and African youth of the new order and disorder. The Hendersons witness on their Kumba field the turmoil and strife which results from an economy upset by world markets and detribalized Africans.

At Bamenda we experience the persuasive influences of Jehovah's Witnesses. The Boutwells at Banso Hospital record lively-lovely encounters with a generation of Africans that has gotten away from its ancient moorings to drift between magic and faith, truth and fiction, dreams and reality; between west and past, animism and western paganism; between Christianity and a streamlined version of Islam.

The entire hinterland of your Cameroons is being flooded with shorts and skirts, bras and bottled beer, powders for face and body or flintlock guns, political propaganda and United Nations posters. What a flood!

In the midst of this maelstrom of conflicting influences, we have made this our watchword to hold fast to that which has been committed to us. Monetary investment? No! Land holdings? No! Hold fast to what? The opportunities that are ours to witness to the saving and keeping grace found in Christ Jesus our Lord. How?

## DEEPENING CONVICTIONS

First of all, by deepening the believers in their fellowship with God and God's Word. This process of deepening begins at our Bible School where we train the leaders and teachers of the churches. It finds expression, also, in the regular conferences of each missionary with the churches and church workers of his given field.

We are of the conviction that the Word and the Spirit do lead our Africans into all the eternal truths offered unto them. This conviction rules out entirely any attempt at "Americanization" of the churches, tempting though this process appears to beginners.

Widening the believer's knowledge that he may "observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you" presents another attempt to hold fast that which has been given us. This is done in classes for baptismal candidates, in the weekly classes for members, in the schools throughout the land, and in annual conferences with active church leaders.

Sound teaching becomes paramount in this age of dissonance and of emotional upheavals. Sound teaching provides the balance between knowledge and emotions, between Old and New Testament, between God's progressive revelation to one people and his last word to all through Christ.

This is important because for too many of our African fellow-believers no difference exists between Paul the apostle and Solomon the king, between the former peculiar stand toward womanhood and the latter's misguided misinterpretation of the same



—Photo of Paul Gebauer  
A marvelous picture of a Christian evangelist in the Cameroons, Africa, in action for his Lord and Savior

IT IS ONE THING to set a goal. It is another story to achieve it. How was this done for the Cameroons Baptist Mission in Africa?

The General Conference of 1946 in Tacoma, Wash., provided the first move by approving additional missionaries for Africa. The Schneiders from Oregon were appointed to go into Mambila. Esther Schultz of Michigan was sent out to help in her special field of experience, pedagogy. Tacoma made certain the coming of the Hendersons. He, a Southerner of the Hendersons; she, the unpredictable Alma who had an airplane and a splendid husband to add to the missionary staff.

The Tacoma Conference approved Ida Forsch, the peculiar saint from Canada's Northwest, to give her time and talents to Christian education in the Cameroons. In 1947 the Goodmans from California were dispatched to Africa and preparations were afoot to send others.

## ADDITIONAL MISSIONARIES

Field strategy would have remained meaningless strategy without these additional workers. Without them we could not have expanded to the uttermost parts of your Africa. Bamenda Mission grew into field headquarters. It became storehouse and transport center. It became an unexpected door for evangelism. Under the Hendersons we re-entered Victoria by the sea to begin over again where British



New patients quarters at the New Hope Settlement in the Cameroons are dedicated with Missionary Gilbert Schneider smiling with his African leprosy friends

pleasant creation. Both died as good Christians, as cobbler Thomas once put it, and so will all Africans who accept Solomon's dim view about women.

Thus we hold fast, deepening their convictions and fellowship, and widening the believer's horizon and knowledge.

## GOD'S STARS SHINE!

The stars shine brighter as the night advances. The blight that crimps and cramps our own Western civilization takes its hold on this awakening Africa to cripple and to dwarf every effort in every field. The doubtful shadows of Karl Marx cast themselves (Continued on Page 9)



Missionary-nurse Ardice Ziolkowski at the Banso Baptist Hospital with her five student nurse-midwives



# Christ's Ambassador in Africa

A missionary's experiences serving as nurse at the Banso Hospital and Mbem dispensary, carrying on the maternity work in the grasslands, trekking to surrounding villages, training Benka and other dispensary helpers, and teaching at the Mbem Bible School in a busy and blessed first term of missionary service

By MISS MYRTLE WEELDREYER, Missionary-nurse, Now on Furlough

WHAT BLESSINGS have been mine as an ambassador for the Lord Jesus Christ in Africa! Before going out to the Cameroons, I took this promise with me from God's Word: "Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness" (Isa. 41:10). Truly, he has not failed, although I fear I have failed him many times.

## MANY PATIENTS

Reminiscing over these few years in Africa brings back many experiences—some joyful ones, others not so joyous, and some humorous ones, which arouse smiles as I think of them. Some of the most gratifying experiences occurred while ministering to the patients who came into our dispensary or hospital. There were many and various types of illnesses, many of them magnified because of the ignorance of the causes of disease, and having been given some native medicine or treatment which aggravated the illness, rather than helping to relieve it.

We rejoiced to see the people coming in from all the surrounding villages to our dispensary at Mbem. Many come to us before the disease is past our help, since they have learned from previous experiences that we have helped others who came to us. It does take time to gain their confidence in the white man's medicine.

It was not uncommon to hear a rap at my door or the clapping of hands to awaken me during the still hours of the night. Some mother or father would appear at my door with a feverish child clutched in their arms as some companion carried a small bush-lamp (lantern) to guide them. "Please, ma, strong febah (strong fever) done catch my pekin; I fear he go die."

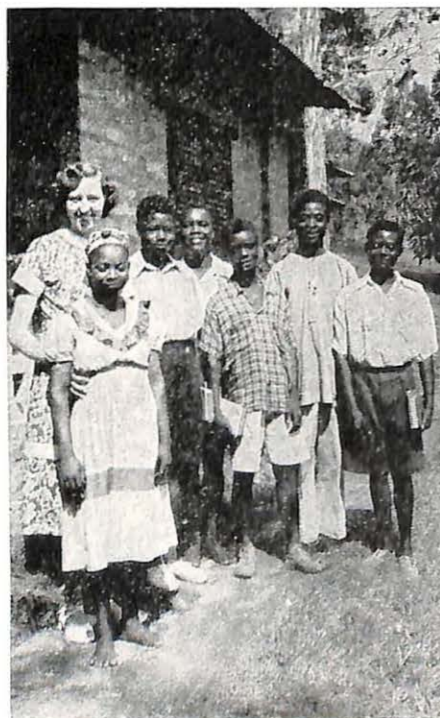
At a time like this, one realizes one's own inadequacy, but how precious it is to know there is One Who cares for these little ones as well as our own white-skinned children. Yes, after administering the medicine we bowed before the Great Physician as we asked him to bless the medicine and to heal the sick one if it was his will.

Usually the parent's fears were allayed and were replaced with a quiet confidence that all had been done that could be done for them. My own heart, too, rested assured that this case was in the best of care committed into God's keeping. My faith was strengthened through these experiences when I witnessed how God undertook in many serious cases as we called upon him to reveal his power to heal, and thus to bring glory to his own Name.

## MATERNITY WORK

The maternity work was another phase of the medical work which left its imprint as a very satisfying service to me. It served as a means of learning to know these women more intimately, as they came to my weekly clinics previous to their deliveries at our dispensary. These women have some strange beliefs which have been passed on to them by their mothers and grandmothers before them.

The purpose of these clinics is to teach them the truth and to help them raise strong, healthy babies. How



Miss Myrtle Weeldreyer, Cameroons missionary-nurse, and her Sunday School teachers at Mbem in the Cameroons

many times I have heard the statement made, "It was God's will that my child died." We try to teach them that often it is the result of improper care of their children and that it is not the will of a loving God that so many of their children die. Trying to correct their erroneous beliefs is not always an easy job.

The rejoicing on each occasion when a new little "chocolate drop" is delivered makes up for every inconvenience, such as being called out in the middle of the night. One forgets all tiredness as relatives and friends clap their hands and gratefully say, "Thank you," for helping them. Nor can we forget to bow our heads to give thanks and to commit the little one into the care of HIM who said: "Suffer little children, and forbid them not to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven."

The baby jackets, blankets and diapers are greatly treasured by the mothers. The work which our Woman's Missionary Unions are doing in this respect is greatly appreciated. If the women at home could see the grateful expressions on the faces of these mothers, they would not wonder whether it is worth the effort they are putting forth. I do want to express my appreciation to the women for their united efforts as they serve in this manner.

## TREKKING INTO VILLAGES

Trekking into the surrounding villages accompanied by a medicine box is one means of escape from the monotonous routine of the dispensary and station life. It is refreshing to see how these people welcome our visits, and especially do they crowd about us when we bring out the medicine box.

But wait, we have something more precious and wonderful to offer than medicine for their sick bodies. What an opportunity to tell them about Jesus, the Master Healer of their sick hearts, as they are all gathered about us. So that is our usual procedure before dispensing any medicines for their various physical ills.

Benka, who for a time was my dispensary helper at Mbem, went along on one of these treks. Having attended Bible School one year, he had learned about witnessing for the Lord. He

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# "Cameroons Baptist Fellowship"

It was a unique Annual Missionary Conference held from Dec. 15 to 21, 1953 at the New Hope Settlement with the theme, "Cameroons Baptist Fellowship," with three leading Africans as guest speakers, and with the objective to find a united missionary expression of methods and principles to lead to a strong indigenous Christian Church in Africa

By MISS TINA SCHMIDT of Soppo, Cameroons

## BIBLE DAY, MARCH 14

The offerings at the Bible Day programs on Sunday, March 14, are to be designated for the distribution of Bibles in Basic English in the Cameroons, Africa, and of Bibles and Christian literature elsewhere.

OVER THE HILLS and around the curves the missionaries endured the bumps and the dust as we journeyed to the 1953 Annual Missionary Conference in the Cameroons, Africa, held at New Hope Settlement, Mbingo, from December 15th to 21st. Loaded trucks and cars pulled into the grounds of Mbingo station on the afternoon of Dec. 14th. After the greetings, we were assigned lodging in the incompleting hospital, administration building, the machine shed and in Miss Reddig's completed bungalow. Beds, buckets, bath tubs and all the other equipment, which missionaries must take along when traveling self-contained, were unloaded and set up for use.

At the appointed time everyone appeared scrubbed and hungry at the outdoor dining hall. It was a unique arrangement of tables and tarpaulin but served the purpose adequately. In fact, the dining "tent" was a popular place thrice daily. The food, as usual, was delicious with an added local treat of whipped cream. Fifteen children and 29 adults constituted our missionary family at the table. After supper the chairman officially opened the Conference and extended a welcome to all.

## CAMEROONS BAPTIST FELLOWSHIP

This conference was different from former ones and was planned to be a broadening spiritual experience. The purpose of this type of program was to recognize our individual part in moulding, leading and guiding the Christians in our care into a strong indigenous fellowship. The theme of the conference was "Cameroons Baptist Fellowship." The objective was to formulate a united missionary expression of methods and principles in regards to doctrine, service, worship and organization which are to be followed by the Cameroons Baptist Mission, U.S.A., in leading the Christians of the Baptist churches of the British Cameroons toward and into a strong indigenous Cameroons Baptist Church Fellowship. This we endeavored to accomplish through study, discussion, prayer, praise and the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

It was quite appropriate that our conference should have three leading Africans, Rev. J. C. Kangsen, Ex-Minister S. T. Muna, and Mr. Tangks as guest speakers on the first morning of our sessions. Their messages were stimulating and gave us food for thought. Our chairman summarized these messages and read it to us in the afternoon. "The Christian Church and our Cameroons Baptist Church in particular are grappling with rapid changes today which their forefathers never conceived of. The many languages, the absence of the written and printed word, along with the introduction of foreign languages, ideologies, political system and educational forms have aggravated the problems."

## CHRIST ALONE UNIFIES

One thing which impressed me deeply with the three speakers was the fact that there is no great authoritative African voice. Neither government nor commercial enterprise have been concerned with the whole range of African life-interest. Only the Church of Jesus Christ unifies, binds and rewards. We have before us a God-given opportunity to help create and mold a helpful spirit in this "land of beginning again."

We must give a leadership to our Christian forces in this country by making both the individual and the collective adjustments that are required in our missionary advance. At the session it was said: "Let us begin with ourselves, with me. We shall have to talk quite frankly in the four-and-a-half days ahead; we shall have to act very courageously in the years ahead."

I was interested in the statement of Mr. Muna. "The Gospel is the seed; it is good seed and the same everywhere. The problem is not with the seed but with the soil. Man is the soil and is essentially the same, but different characteristics are apparent—loam, clay, stone."

We must all acknowledge the fact that our particular Christian forms are very definitely shaped according to the racial genius and culture of the United States and in accordance with our physical and social background. To impose these forms upon other peoples would be a kind of spiritual imperialism that is contrary to our thinking. Mr. Kangsen pointed out this fault to us and it made us laugh. We laughed because it was only too true. Let us take his contribution as implying that each tribe or nation has its own contribution to make to the Christian fellowship.

## AN INDIGENOUS CHURCH

In 1938 the Madras Conference described an indigenous church in these terms:

1. It is rooted in obedience to Jesus Christ, in the Christian heritage and fellowship of the universal church.

2. It spontaneously uses forms of thought and modes of action which are natural and familiar in its own environment. It will bear witness to the Gospel in a clear and close relationship with the cultural and religious heritage of its own country.

The object we have set before us is to think out the implications of these general principles with particular reference to our Cameroons Baptist Fellowship. Our big question is: Can the seed, as sown today, find a true home in African soil?

Long before the conference each missionary was given one or more assignments under one of the afore mentioned topics which required study and preparation. Thus we enjoyed a blessing and lived in anticipation until we could hear the program in its entirety. When the topics were presented at the conference, groups were formed to formulate our beliefs in doctrine, principles of service, worship and organization. These were voted to go into the minutes.

The daytime hours were spent in discussion and deep thinking, whereas the evenings were spent in planned recreation. One of the evenings was devoted to the children's Christmas party. On another evening we enjoyed a formal banquet and talent performance. Thus another conference came to a successful close.



# Europe As Seen by a Canadian

The story of an enriching trip through seven countries of Europe and of inspiring visits with many Baptist churches and Christian groups.

By MISS EDITH STREICHERT of Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada

IT WAS MY PRIVILEGE last summer, from July to October, to make a visitation tour through Germany to see my relatives and many friends whom I had won through relief work in the post-war years. My work for the last three years with the immigrant girls coming to our McDermott Avenue Church of Winnipeg, Man., through the immigration ministry of the Baptist World Alliance made me very desirous to see for myself the present conditions in my native country. God's presence and his guidance were very real to me on this trip which eventually took me through seven countries of Europe as well as the United States.

## FASCINATING LONDON

The "S.S. Empress of Australia," on which I sailed, left Montreal on July 10. Montreal is the largest city of Canada, is known as "The Paris of America," and offers city tours to the traveler. Its Musee Historique Canadien is unique with its 200 wax figures, life-size and life-like, in scenes depicting the history of the church, biblical scenes, and early events of the history of Canada.

The ocean voyage to England was pleasant and relaxing. Being a British subject makes a visit to Great Britain of vital interest, and even more so since this was shortly after the coronation of our Queen Elizabeth. Some of the magnificent decorations could still be seen in London. It is the largest city of the world with its eight and one-half million people, and is rich in historic places and buildings.

Staying at the YWCA, I went on tours of this great city, and of famous places beyond it, such as: Eton College, Windsor Castle, Hampton Court Palace, and Hampton Gardens. It was an excellent refresher course in British history with visual education for me. In the British Museum, Bible section, I saw the earliest Bible manuscripts, CODEX SINAITICUS, CODEX ALEXANDRINUS, and fragments of an Unknown Gospel from a papyrus book written 100-150 A.D. (No earlier manuscript of Christian literature is known to exist than the last mentioned.)

On Sunday I attended the service at the Bloomsbury Central Baptist Church where Dr. F. Townley Lord, who is president of the Baptist World Alliance, is the minister. On this Sunday, July 19th, however, Dr. Lord was

in Calgary, Canada, and in his pulpit was Rev. James Turnbull, secretary of the World Council of Christian Education. His message was: "Jesus Christ Must Reign." He informed us that this Sunday was Youth Sunday of the Baptist World Youth Conference held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, and the theme there: "The Living Christ Must Reign."

## EXPERIENCES IN GERMANY

My way to Germany led over Holland, with a one-day stop at Rotterdam. Again I realized that I was new in the Old World with its history of culture. The ruins of the last war have practically disappeared, and avenues of modern apartment houses with glass veranda and new shopping centers take the place of bombed buildings. I also noted the peacefulness and beauty of this country of many waters, clear as mirrors.

On approaching Germany I could see many church spires, pointing to



Miss Edith Streichert at the Tempelhof Airport, Berlin, Germany

the sky, in closely settled areas of massive buildings. Cologne was my first stop; its landmark the majestic cathedral. Three Sunday were spent in Cologne, where the evangelical churches of that city were carrying on a special tent mission. They are letting their light shine in this dark Catholic region of Germany. The Baptist church there is carrying on courageously and successfully under the leadership of Brother Klempel.

The Baptist Church in Bonn, where we visited one Sunday afternoon, became independent and has its own minister now. There was also a maneuver of the American Air Force taking place in Cologne. Flying low, the planes sounded like thunder in the early morning hours, filling the heart with uneasiness and fear.

## BAPTISTS IN BERLIN

It was a new experience for me to go by aeroplane from Hannover to Berlin. Here I was, high over the Russian Occupied Zone, and then descending gradually upon the great city of Berlin. The plane flew in a half-circle and landed smoothly in the Tempelhof Airport.

Soon I was to enjoy the hospitality of Dr. and Mrs. J. Meister, directors of the Bethel Deaconess Homes in Germany. The "Mother Home" in Berlin has several buildings, including hospitals. It is also the center of relief work among the Baptist refugees from the Soviet Zone. A deaconess took me through the several refugee camps in the city and also through the huge kitchen which provides meals for thousands of destitute refugees.

One day we ventured into the East Sector of Berlin. I never saw so many ruins before. In great contrast stand the Stalin Allee in its grandeur and the elaborate Russian cenotaphs in the Treptow Park. Back in the West Sector, I saw among other places the great Olympic stadium and the "Waldbühne," seating twenty thousand people. Here an annual meeting of the Home Missions of the Berlin churches took place on August 9th in the beautiful out-of-doors.

In Hamburg I stayed at the Baptist Seminary where also many delegates to the Fifth German Evangelical "Kirchentag" were being housed. For the first time since the war, visitors from the East Zone were allowed to

come, fifteen thousand of them. They received free lodging and were aided by the German government with provisions. The lectures and messages brought were inspirational and of personal blessing to me.

The closing gathering saw 250,000 people assembled in the City Park of Hamburg, a moving spectacle of needy, spiritually hungry humanity. I had time also to see the International Horticultural Show in Hamburg and the Hagenbeck Zoo which no visitor to Hamburg should miss seeing.

A trip on the famous Autobahn, Hamburg to Stuttgart, brought me to Kassel, where we viewed the new Baptist Publishing House. The city of Stuttgart in southern Germany, glittering at night like a jewel among the hills, is beautiful. I enjoyed the fellowship at the "Bethel" Home, and later with Baptist friends.

Then followed an unscheduled six-day trip to Venice, Italy, through North and South Tyrol. I was overwhelmed with the majesty of our Creator as shown by his creation in this country (Psalm 104). Venice has to offer, besides many varied attractions, great religious art, such as the dazzling Cathedral of St. Mark.

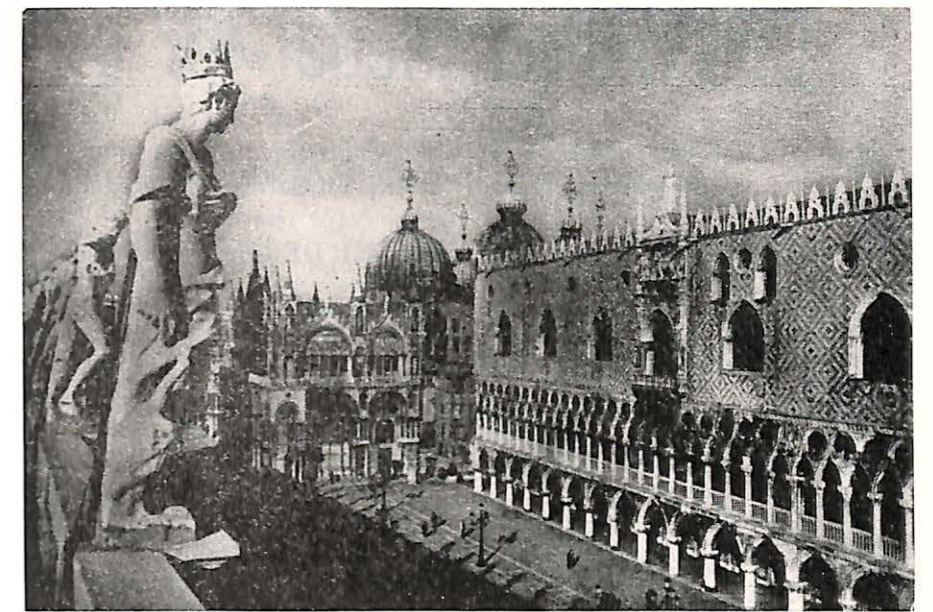
## FELLOWSHIP WITH BAPTISTS

Returning, my journey in Germany was down the romantic Rhine River with its many historical places from Mainz to Cologne. Arriving in Westphalia, I met more Baptist people who were very hospitable and appreciative of all the help they had received from America. There are small groups of Baptists in this region, eager to build churches and to make their testimony more effective, yet lacking the means.

I was pleased to meet Mr. Martin Gebauer with his family, brother to our missionary, Paul Gebauer, who told me of his share in the work for the Lord. There are also new settlements in Germany which have no Sunday School or church, no Sundays spent with the Word of God.

The time of my departure came, and I journeyed via Paris to Le Havre, France. My voyage back to America was on the immigrant ship "Arosa Kulm." Here I came in close contact with many German immigrants and also contributed to the discussions held for them on board ship. Landing in Quebec, I went home via the United States and paid a visit to our denominational headquarters in Forest Park, Ill., and also to my Alma Mater, Wheaton College.

Home again, richer in experience and knowledge, I believe we should continue to pray for our churches in Germany and continue to love them, "not . . . in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth" (1 John 3: 18), for the future lies dark and unknown before them in this land of unrest.



The Ducal Palace and historic St. Mark's Church in Venice, Italy, which Miss Streichert saw on her European trip

## TWENTY YEARS LATER

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upon an economy that has enough of a struggle with groping its way out of the subsistence systems of the past into some sort of a place in the money economy that has been forced upon this Africa.

The questionable achievements of Sigmund Freud and Albert Einstein becloud the minds of the youth that search for avenues that would lead them out of an unrecorded past into the world of today. To have our uninhibited Africans tumble into a Freudian world and a universe that has no limits is a grim experience, to put it mildly. It is our task to carry

into their nightmares HIM who said: "I am the Way, the Truth, the Life."

## STAND BY!

Do you recall our reports of 1941 when we got off the listing, floundering "West Kebar"? We spoke to you about those American tankers that stood by through our awful nights, with their lights ablaze to let us know that we were not alone and with their oil reserves ready to calm our troubled waves, and with their radios telling us that we had friends. They were standing by!

This has been your assignment with reference to your Africa, ever since the Cameroons Baptist Mission was organized some twenty years ago, to stand by. His order remains in force!



A main street in Hannover, Germany, looking toward the principal railroad station in the distance



# Coronation Medal for an Indian Chief

Unusual honor for Chief John Bear of the Montana Indian Reserve with the presentation of the Silver Coronation Medal from Queen Elizabeth II

By MR. JAKE DERMAN, Indian Missionary

"HE THAT IS FAITHFUL in that which is least is faithful also in much; and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much" (Luke 16:10).

In our age of discoveries and great developments, men and women all over the world have been given high positions of responsibility. How do we fill our place of responsibility? Are we faithful in the least, or are we untrustworthy in that which has been entrusted to us?



The former chief of the Montana Indian Reserve near Hobbema, Alta., dressed in the chief's regalia and holding the medal given him by Queen Elizabeth II

One man who merits the spotlight of attention at this time is Chief John Bear from the Montana Indian Reservation of Hobbema, Alberta.

### A BORN LEADER

Mr. Bear, now 70 years of age, was born and raised a humble, God-fearing man. Before the missionary came, he as well as all other Indians believed in the Great Spirit. Many of

these Indians have come to know the One, whom the pale faces have been worshiping and whom they know and serve as their Great God, the Creator of heaven and earth.

Born a natural leader, he became a counsellor at the age of forty-five years. After serving as a counsellor for three years, he became Chief, which position he filled very faithfully for the next twenty-three years. Last July he resigned his job, against the wishes of his people, since he felt he was getting too old and believed that a younger man would be able to fill it much better.

Last December Chief John Bear was pleasantly surprised when he was invited to the Council Room of the Indian Agency. There he was congratulated on his excellent record of leadership, and presented with the Silver Coronation Medal from her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II.

### UNUSUAL HONOR

There were only two such medals given to Indians in this part of Alberta; the other to Counsellor John Samson, also a Protestant.

When later asked how he felt about it, he simply answered: "I only did a job which had been entrusted to me by my people, and only did it as unto God. I always did what my people wanted as I tried to help my people wherever I could. I give God the honor now for this, and may no one think I did it for myself."

Chief Bear also gave his testimony at one of our prayer meetings. Here is a part of it. "We, the Indian people, have much for which to thank the missionaries and teachers who came to our Reservation, the late Rev. F. W. Benke, Rev. R. Neuman, Mr. Jake Derman, as well as all the other missionaries and teachers, who came and told us about Jesus. Jesus Christ was born into this world to take upon himself our sins, even those of the Indians, and to die in our place. The missionary invited us turn our hearts from darkness to the Light in Jesus Christ, and every man and woman, who will do this, will not do wrong because Jesus proved it to me when I was



Chief John Bear with the Silver Coronation medal pinned on his Indian chief's outfit

Chief. I will hold to the Jesus' Way as long as I live, and will try to be as humble as I can."

### THE JESUS' WAY

Chief Bear was a great help to Missionary Benke and to our denomination in giving permission to build a chapel as well as to organize a school on his reservation. The school is now fully supported by the government. Since the majority of the people are Baptists, we have always had a Baptist teacher.

Our prayer as missionaries is that God will give us more Indian men and women, who think and act as Chief John Bear and who will "Follow the Jesus' Way."

At the end of life's road when we stand before our Great Judge, may we all be able to hear these words of our Lord, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy Lord" (Matt. 25:21).

### MONTANA RESERVE

News from the Indian Montana Reserve in Alberta, Canada, in a wonderful article prepared by Missionary Reinhard Neuman will appear in the next issue. EDITOR.

## CHRIST'S AMBASSADOR

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desired earnestly to win the lost ones to Christ. One day we found him dealing with a man who had gathered with others in their "sacred grove" to perform their secret pagan ceremonies. How intently he was reading to him from the Word! His young face was serious as he testified to the saving power of Jesus!

I have found him faithfully speaking to the patients at the Mbem dispensary, who were too seriously ill to go home and, therefore, were in-patients of our dispensary. Or, if he was called upon to preach in the local marketplace, Benka never refused. His desire to learn more from the Word of God was an evidence of Christian growth. In the evenings Benka studied the Word with Thomas, our church teacher. Such young men are an encouragement to us!

We try to impress our dispensary helpers with the fact that they are serving in a vital Christian ministry as they wait upon the sick ones who come to our dispensaries and hospital. Human as they are, sometimes it is not easy to be thinking of the results that will be revealed in eternity. The material gains are so much more evident, for they can be seen. Our helpers receive a small remuneration for their services, but I have been thankful for these boys who have

JANUARY CONTRIBUTIONS—NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST GENERAL CONFERENCE			
CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ALL PURPOSES			
Conferences	Jan., 1954	Jan., 1953	Jan., 1952
Atlantic .....	\$ 1,774.40	\$ 4,181.16	\$ 3,181.41
Central .....	12,095.52	11,456.34	12,483.04
Dakota .....	9,882.09	5,723.22	9,908.92
Eastern .....	3,205.95	2,970.78	2,696.60
Northern .....	4,083.04	6,925.75	4,167.58
Northwestern .....	5,212.17	19,875.48	8,131.10
Pacific .....	6,416.99	10,218.90	12,764.46
Southern .....	960.38	2,622.86	1,956.53
Southwestern .....	2,418.44	4,936.03	9,058.69
Inter-Conference .....	353.00	230.00	301.61
<b>Total Contributions</b> .....	<b>\$46,401.98</b>	<b>\$69,140.52</b>	<b>\$64,649.94</b>
CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED			
	Budget Contributions	Other Purposes	Total Contributions
For the month of January, 1954 .....	\$ 44,533.17	\$ 1,868.81	\$ 46,401.98
For the month of January, 1953 .....	62,031.13	7,109.39	69,140.52
For the month of January, 1952 .....	52,459.28	12,190.66	64,649.94
CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR			
April 1, 1953 to January 31, 1954 ....	469,088.48	19,639.28	488,727.76
April 1, 1952 to January 31, 1953 ....	425,915.28	72,884.30	498,799.58
April 1, 1951 to January 31, 1952 ....	394,629.41	70,316.98	464,946.39
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April 1, 1952 to January 31, 1954 ....	946,869.96	105,598.75	1,052,468.71
April 1, 1951 to January 31, 1953 ....	855,643.38	171,271.29	1,026,914.67
April 1, 1950 to January 31, 1952 ....	767,278.71	177,321.39	944,600.10

given themselves to the service of their people with a willing spirit.

However, they, as we, are open to temptation. Therefore, it is important that we uphold the youth of the Cameroons with our prayer intercession. Remember, they are the future leaders of our mission work. Some day—we

know not how soon—we shall have to turn over the work completely into their hands.

Realizing this, we as the Cameroons Baptist Mission are attempting to lay a sure foundation for the young people who will be serving in the various (Continued on Page 22)

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# WHAT'S HAPPENING

● The Rev. Richard Zinser recently resigned as pastor of the German Baptist Mission Church of Winnipeg, Man., and brought his ministry there to a close on Dec. 31, 1953. During the 3½ years on his pastorate, the church grew from a membership of 50 to 250. It is now worshipping in its own edifice. Mr. Willy Glesmann, Jr., is serving as the church leader.

● The Victoria Ave. Baptist Church of Regina, Sask., has extended a call to the Rev. Robert Jaster of Nokomis, Sask., to which he has replied favorably. He hopes to begin his pastorate in Regina on April 1st, succeeding the Rev. Edward B. Link, at present a teacher at the Christian Training Institute of Edmont. Mr. Jaster has served the Baptist Church at Nokomis since 1951.

● The Every Sunday Bulletins for the North American Baptist churches appear in "a new dress" for the month of March. The messages on the larger page are now being prepared in the more legible type, making the entire setup on this page much more attractive. Comments on these improved bulletins will be welcomed. More than 15,000 of them are being distributed to our churches for use every week.

● On Sunday evening, Jan. 31, the Calvary Baptist Church, Stafford, Kans., enjoyed a special program by 40 members of the CBY of Bison, Young Ruler, a play, "The Rich Little Message" a choir number and a brief message by the Rev. David H. J. Wilcke, pastor of the Calvary Church, spoke on "Youth's Questions Answered." The Stafford CBY was in charge of the Sunday evening service.

● The First Baptist Church of Lodi, Calif., held evangelistic meetings from Feb. 2 to 12 with the Rev. Robert Penner, pastor-elect of the Salt Creek Baptist Church of Dallas, Ore., as the evangelist. A new Sunday School class was recently organized in the First Baptist Church called "The Homebuilders" and composed of the young married couples. Mr. L. A. Hirsch is the teacher. Officers are Ed Merkel, president; Gideon Gunst, vice-president; and Gus Zimmerman, secretary-treasurer.

● The Parkston Baptist Church, Parkston, S. Dak., held a Spiritual Renewal Campaign from Jan. 11 to

22 with the Rev. and Mrs. Eldon Seibold of Canistota, S. Dak., assisting. The attendance continued to grow from night to night, showing the appreciation of the congregation for the fine service rendered in music, story and very helpful and inspiring messages. The Rev. Alfred Weisser, pastor, reported: "We appreciate the fact that the Spring Valley Baptist Church was willing to allow its pastor and his wife to serve us in this fine manner."

● Youth Week at the Foster Avenue Church, Chicago, Ill., was climaxed with a banquet attended by 125 people on Saturday evening, Feb. 6. The Rev. Lawrence G. Bienert, newly appointed denominational youth director, was the guest speaker. At the previous Wednesday evening service the film, "Hidden Treasures," was shown. The special week was opened on Sunday evening, Jan. 31, with a message by Dr. M. L. Leuschner, editor of the "Baptist Herald." The Rev. Joe Sonnenberg is pastor of the church.

● The Bethel Baptist Church, Indianapolis, Ind., held a study course from February 1 to 4 with the Rev. Lawrence Bienert of Forest Park, Ill., denominational youth director, teaching the course, "Solving Church School Problems." Twelve students received certificates for the completion of the work. Others were in attendance at the sessions. Mr. Bienert also spoke at the young people's and Sunday evening services on Jan. 31st. The Sunday School attendance on that Sunday was 104. The Rev. Laurence R. Prast is pastor of the church.

● On Saturday evening, Jan. 20, the young people of the Plum Creek Baptist Church near Emery, S. Dak., held a banquet for the opening of Youth Week. The Rev. J. C. Gunst of Forest Park, Ill., spoke on the topic, "So Send I You." He also preached at the worship service on Sunday morning, Jan. 31. On Sunday, Feb. 21, the Rev. James De Loach of Avon, S. Dak., was the guest speaker and a missionary offering for the church extension program in Rapid City, S. Dak., was received. From March 22 to 28 "Christian Growth Meetings" will be held with the Rev. Wm. H. Jeschke of St. Paul, Minn., as guest speaker.

The front cover picture is by Mrs. Edith Riddle of Chicago, Ill., of the East Side Baptist Church, who makes photography her fascinating hobby!

● The Elm Creek Baptist Church of Texas has announced that it has called Mr. John Luebeck of Winnipeg, as its pastor. The Rev. Mack F. Caffee recently resigned after serving the church for several months and brought his ministry to a close on Jan. 24. Mr. Luebeck is a son of the late Rev. John Luebeck, Sr., formerly pastor of the Baptist Church of Minitonas, Manitoba. His mother is residing in Winnipeg. The Rev. W. J. Luebeck of Cleveland, Ohio, editor of "Der Sendbote," is his half-brother. Mr. John Luebeck is a student at Baylor University, Waco, Texas, at present.

● A renovated church library is being prepared for the Baptist Church of Baileyville, Ill., by the CBY Study Commission. A program of skits and playlets was given on Sunday evening, Feb. 28, with the offering designated for the purchase of new library books. "Christian Living" is the subject of a Bible study course being taught to the Baileyville CBY every Sunday evening by Mrs. A. Birkholz. The Rev. Jay Hirth of Chicago, Ill., missionary in Japan who is now in the United States during his wife's convalescence from illness, will be one of several speakers at the Spring Missionary Rally from March 26 to 28. The Rev. John J. Kroeker is the pastor of the church.

● Youth Week was observed by the Central Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alta., from Jan. 31 to Feb. 7. The film, "Prior Claim," was shown on Monday night. The Rev. Edward B. Link of the C.T.I. faculty spoke on Tuesday evening. The work of the Indian mission field was depicted at the Wednesday night service by the Rev. R. Neuman. A debate on Thursday evening aroused intense interest on the subject, "Should movie stars be used to produce Christian films?" At the Saturday evening banquet, Mr. Allan Strohschein of Wetaskiwin, Alta., was one of the speakers. The Rev. Henry Pfeifer, pastor, opened the observance of Youth Week with his message on "A Threefold Challenge to Youth."

● The Oak Street Baptist Church, Burlington, Iowa, held an installation service for the Rev. Emanuel Wolf, its pastor, and a reception for Mr. and Mrs. Wolf and their daughter, Shirley, on Sunday, Jan. 31. Dr. Frank Woyke, the denomination's executive secretary, gave the charge to the church and to the minister at the service and offered the installation prayer. Mr. E.

F. Hemmye extended a welcome to the Wolfs in behalf of the Northwestern Conference and Iowa Association. The church choir and male chorus rendered several appropriate anthems. A reception for the Wolfs was held at the church in the afternoon with many people from the community as well as the church welcoming them.

● On Sunday evening, Jan. 31, the young people of the Forest Park Baptist Church, Forest Park, Ill., presented a missionary program with colored slides on Japan shown by Roy Wilhelm. This was the opening day of a week's observance of Youth Week. On Wednesday evening they were in charge of the midweek service with David Hackman presiding. Mr. Ernest Hildebrand of Stafford, Kans., returned Comeroons missionary, was the guest speaker. At the Youth Banquet on Saturday evening, Mr. Fred Sonnenberg, student at Northern Baptist Seminary, brought an inspirational message. The young people also presented the thrilling story of "Baptists Around the World" on Sunday evening, Feb. 6th.

● For ten Wednesday evening meetings, beginning Jan. 27, the Rev. William L. Schoeffel, pastor of the Grace Church, Chicago, Ill., is speaking on "The Story of the Christian Church." This series of talks has aroused much interest among the people of the Grace Church. The fourth annual CBY banquet was held on Saturday evening, Feb. 6. The colorful decorations featured a "Rhapsody in Blue." Frank Pascher, CBY president, served as toastmaster. Dr. M. L. Leuschner, editor of the "Baptist Herald," brought the address on "Rhapsody in Gold." From Tuesday, March 20, to Sunday, April 4, the Rev. G. K. Zimmerman, pastor of the Temple Church, Milwaukee, Wis., will be the speaker and evangelist at Gospel services in Grace Baptist Church.

● A North American Baptist Council composed of pastors and representatives of northern Alberta churches recognized the Immanuel Baptist Church of Edmonton, Alta., on Nov. 28, 1953. Before this recommendation could be recognized and published, certain differences between the Central and Immanuel churches of Edmonton were to be ironed out by a specially appointed committee. This committee session took place on Jan. 11, 1954 in an atmosphere of Christian love and harmony. The Rev. Henry Pfeifer, pastor of the Central Church of Edmonton, moved that the Immanuel Baptist Church of Edmonton, Alta., be recognized by the Council as a church of the North American Baptist General Conference. This will be voted on at the 1954 sessions of the Northern Conference. The Rev. E. Hornbacher is pastor of the Immanuel Church.

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

### HERALD NEWS

#### YOUTH COMPASS TOPICS

March 14, 1954—"My Bible" by Willy Muller, Carbon, Alta., Canada.

March 21, 1954—"Moslem Religion — Islam" (Religions Versus Christian Missions) by G. B. Lawrence, Victoria, British Cameroons.

#### CHRISTIAN WORKERS' CONFERENCES A GREAT SUCCESS

The four regional Christian Workers' Conferences held in January throughout the Dakota Conference were a great success. The team of instructors reported that forty-seven churches were represented at these Workers' Conferences. Nearly five hundred Christian leaders and workers shared in the well planned program which touched on every phase of Sunday School work and CBY activities in the local church. It was gratifying to note the interest and cooperation the pastors manifested in these conferences. Read the more detailed report of these Christian Workers' Conferences in the next issue.

#### OKLAHOMA AND KANSAS CHRISTIAN WORKERS' CONFERENCES

From April 5-8, all Sunday School leaders and workers and all CBY leaders and officers in the Southwestern Conference area will have the opportunity to attend two workers' conferences. According to Mr. Edgar Sturtz, president of the Southwestern Conference Union, the Oklahoma churches will meet at Corn, Oklahoma, from April 5 to 6, and the Kansas churches will meet at Creston, Neb., on April 7 and 8. An excellent program has been planned by the Southwestern Conference Union Committee. All leaders and workers of the two educational organizations in every church ought to be present at these informative conference sessions.

#### JUNIOR CHURCH

In planning the program of activities for the church, an effort should be made to include functions for the

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Order instructions are given.

boys and girls. Means and methods should be used which will be most satisfactory to the local situation.

The Baptist Church in Washburn, N. Dak., felt that a Junior Church would be a means of reaching their children more effectively. We share with you a portion of the report sent to headquarters by Mrs. Orrin Enockson, the director.

"We organized the first Sunday in October; so we aren't very old. We have had an average of 24 children and up to 29 and 31. We are just a small church but the result of having Junior Church during the regular morning service has greatly increased the Sunday School attendance. The children remain in the regular church service one Sunday each month, so that they will not get away from being a part of the church and worshipping with their parents."

This church is to be commended for accepting the challenge and meeting their particular need for the boys and girls.

#### A PLANNED SCHOOL

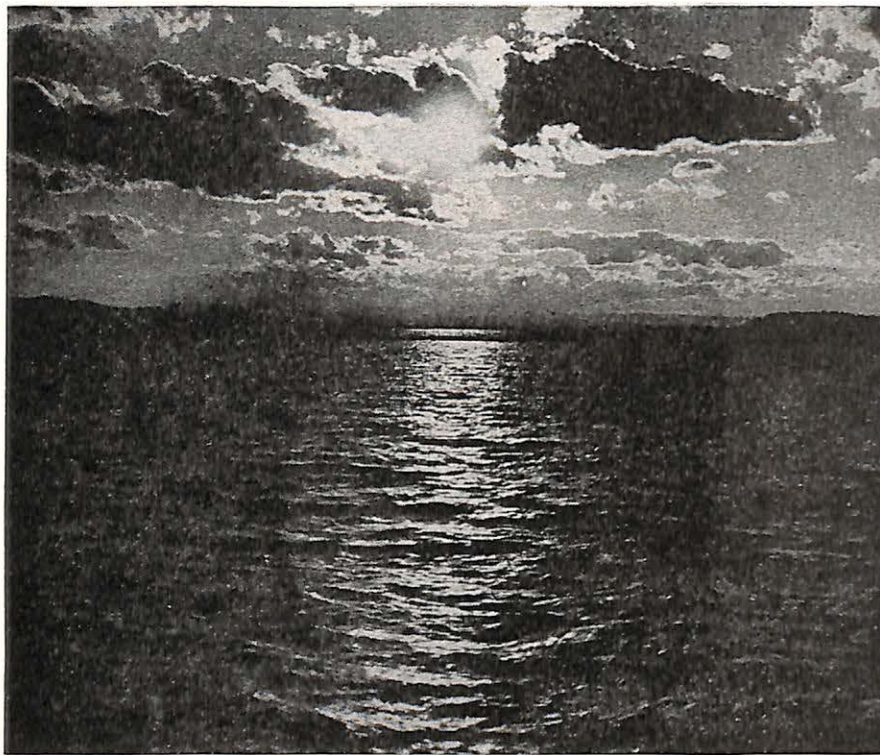
One of the points on the Sunday School Standard emphasized for more effective work in the schools is that our Sunday Schools are to be PLANNED SCHOOLS. A monthly workers' conference for the workers in your Sunday School will help to create unity and cooperation among the workers, a greater vision of the task to be accomplished, improvement in teaching methods and greater spiritual growth.

According to the Standard, no less than eight teachers' and officers' conferences should be conducted during the year. To stimulate a greater interest in the conferences a well planned program is vital. Use variety in program presentation. The needs of the school and teachers should be kept in mind in planning the yearly program. Teachers and officers might be encouraged to submit their choice of topics to be discussed. Mimeographed questionnaires might be distributed among the workers to help them discover some of their needs.

The following topics might be used as a basis for the program you are preparing in your church.

Know your pupils,  
Improving our records,  
Preparing a lesson,  
Worship in the Sunday School,  
Music in the Sunday School,  
Visitation with a purpose,  
Proper care of visitors,  
Parents and teachers.





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## Across the Seas

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

### SYNOPSIS

Tom Wilson and Mickey Conant were Christian buddies aboard the destroyer "U.S.S. Mastin." One night the ship's captain asked Conant, the radioman, to report to the bridge. Some code messages were missing and the trouble was being pinned on Conant. Some time later the "Mastin" stopped at Auckland, New Zealand, where Mickey Conant and Tom Wilson were assigned to Shore Patrol duty. In Auckland they soon learned about mysterious things at "the Seamen's Club." The two sailors uncovered a communist spy ring at the club but they had a hard fight with the leaders of the club before the police arrived and arrested the men of the ring. On deck the "U.S.S. Mastin," Conant found the missing code messages which Herky, the ship's mascot, had stashed away somewhere. During a fierce storm that broke upon the ship, the quartermaster was critically injured and had to be removed to the "U.S.S. Consolation." The two ships were pulling up to station for the transfer of the injured officer.

### CHAPTER ELEVEN

WITHIN the bridge, the ship's best steersman was at the helm, and the ship's navigating officer stood by his side. Captain Norquist was at his station on the wing and watched keenly as the two ships maneuvered to a parallel course. Suddenly a black stream began to flow from a spot on the Mastin's forecabin deck. Looking that way, Tom saw an oil hose projecting over the side, from which fuel

oil was issuing in a steady flow. He grunted approval. "Should have known they'd think of that."

Spreading out sluggish over the restless water between the two slowly cruising ships, the oil smoothed out crests of waves and eliminated spray which had been breaking against the steel sides. As the Consolation was now as near as possible, the moment for action had arrived.

"All right, Mr. Lester—get that line over quickly!" The Captain leaned over the rail and shouted down through cupped hands. On the main deck, the First Lieutenant looked up and responded with a brief "Aye, aye, sir." He turned to his chief boatswain's mate, who stood by with casting line ready.

"Give it a try when you think it's right, Chief. They've got a man ready over there, too, but their decks are wider, and you'll have a better target than he's got."

Then he picked up his megaphone and hailed the hospital ship.

"Stand by to receive a line!" A wave of the hand acknowledged that they had heard.

"Hold her steady as you can, helmsman!" called the Captain over his shoulder. The quartermaster did not

even answer, his attention completely taken up with compass and wheel, and with gauging distance between the two heavily riding ships. The Navigator replied for him, and the tenseness of the moment could be felt by all.

The chief stood at the rail, swinging his line easily, the monkey's paw describing lazy circles. Suddenly he shifted his feet, his arm shot out and the weighter line flew through the air. It seemed to hang suspended for a moment, while hundreds of watching men held their breath, then the monkey's paw barely cleared the Consolation's rail. The hospital ship began to roll away, and a groan went up from the onlookers as the line slipped slowly back—a groan which changed to a shout of triumph as seamen on the big white ship leaped to seize the monkey's paw at the last instant before it fell into the water. Shipmates pounded the chief on the back as he stepped, grinning, from his station. It's always harder to heave a wet line the second time.

"First throw, right on the mark! There ain't another bos'n afloat could've done it!"

"Okay, men," called the First Lieutenant. "Belay the congratulations until we get the job done. Bend on that line and let's get it over there."

Seamen sprang to attach a heavier rope to the casting line, and this was quickly hauled in by the men on the Consolation. A still heavier line was fastened to the end, and finally a thick, manila cable. When this last line was stretched between the two ships, and the other end returned to the Mastin, there existed a double cable, complete with blocks, which constantly sagged and strained as the ships rolled toward or away from each other. Tom looked at this means of transportation, and his heart sank.

"Oh, no!" he groaned. "They can't get him over on that. He'll either be dropped into the water or the line will snap if they try to keep it taut." He raised his head to look up into the heavens. "Lord, help them," he prayed. "Calm that water down like you did the Lake of Gennesaret."

When he looked back, the quartermaster was being brought over to the railing. The patient lay in a wire basket stretcher, covered with blankets and strapped in securely. Eyes closed, pale and still, he was apparently unconscious of anything that went on about him.

"Come on, fellows, let's get that stretcher on its way. The line won't stay there forever in this weather. Let's get it done." Under his breath, the First Lieutenant added, "We'll have the skipper on our necks in another minute."

The heavy stretcher was picked up gently but quickly and secured to the line. "All ready, Chief?"

"Ready, sir."

"Take it away!"

On the Consolation, feet scurried as willing seamen hauled away on the line. The basket skimmed smoothly down the long span, and men on both ships watched eagerly as the operation seemed about to conclude successfully. But in the very center of the line, a mishap occurred. The cable was in a moderate sag at the moment, but wind and wave combined for a moment to veer both ships outboard, in spite of the efforts of two good helmsmen. One of the parallel lines stretched taut, although deck crews fought to control it, and then the stretcher line also was snapped to vibrant tension. As this occurred, the basket struck sharply against its guiding rope, and before the horrified eyes of all spectators, the stretcher tipped slowly over and hung upside down, the helpless George suspended in mid-air and mercifully unaware of his predicament.

Lieutenant Lester shouted from a suddenly dry throat, "Haul on that guide line! But easy—easy does it!"

On the bridge, Tom watched white-faced. Near him, the Captain spoke no word, not daring to distract his officer in charge at such a critical moment. The seamen on both ships hauled carefully on the line, alternating their efforts in an attempt to break bonds that held the stretcher. Nothing happened.

In the meantime, the commanding officers of the two ships had ordered their respective helmsmen to steer a few feet closer together, so there would be less danger of the worst possible tragedy: a parting of the line holding the basket in mid-air. As a result, there was considerable slack in the cable, and the stretcher hung ominously close to the oily, rough water. In the Mastin's pilot house, the quartermaster stood at the wheel with sweat dripping from his face and eyes flicking from compass to companion ship, striving to keep exactly on course and maintain the interval between ships to the exact foot, and thus keep the stretcher hanging precisely where it was now. A few feet one way, and the line would tighten to the snapping point; a few feet in the opposite direction, and it would submerge.

At the Mastin's rail, Lieutenant Lester and his men tugged desperately at the cable, without success. The officer stepped back and looked up toward the bridge, mutely asking the Captain what could be done. At this moment, a man stepped out from the crowd of watchers. Tom's eyes widened with astonishment as he saw it was Ernie Farrow. The electrician approached the First Lieutenant and made a perfunctory gesture of salute.

"Sir," he came to the point immediately, "if you'll let me, I'll go out there and break that tie-up for you."

The lieutenant stared, "Go out there? Just what have you got in mind, young man?"

"Put a bos'n's chair on that line, and I'll pull myself out, loosen the fouled

place, and then you can haul me back."

The officer glanced again toward the bridge, and turned back. "You sure you want to try it? You realize that if the ships surge apart while you're out there, you're in a pretty bad way?"

Farrow looked back steadfastly. "I know that, sir. But George needs some help and he needs it quick. Let me go out, sir, before something does happen."

Only an instant long the lieutenant hesitated. Then he wheeled and hailed the bridge. "Captain, here's a man who volunteers to go out on a bos'n's chair and break the tie-up. Recommend permission be granted."

Tom gasped and jerked around to see as well as hear the Captain's response. It came instantly.

"Permission granted. Secure a line around him and give him a life jacket, so we can have some control over him. Get it done quickly. And—who's the man?"

Ernie answered for himself, as the lieutenant looked at him inquiringly. "Farrow, sir, electrician's mate third class."

"Oh, yes. Good luck, Farrow, Get that man aboard."

Ernie was already tying on a life jacket thrust at him by a seaman, and another sailor started to secure a strong line about his waist. Meanwhile, the chief was directing the rigging of a bos'n's chair on the line, and now it was ready. Ernie stepped through the supporting rope, and seated himself on the narrow plank, taking firm hold on the cable over his head.

"Ready, Farrow?"

"Ready, sir."

"Go to it—and God bless you."

Anxious hands pushed the chair to the railing and out over the plunging water. On his own from then on, Ernie reached up to grip the line, pulled himself ahead a foot and reached out again to repeat the maneuver. It was hard work, for the flimsy seat swung from side to side in the wind, and rose and fell with the movement of the ships. But slowly, slowly, he drew near the center of the line, where George still hung face down in the stretcher. At last the sailor could reach out and touch the basket. He tugged with one hand, while holding fast with the other—following the old naval tradition of seamen aloft: one hand for the ship, one for yourself. Nothing happened.

Ernie pulled and heaved for a full minute, without result. He glanced back appealing to the Mastin, but the men standing there were helpless to aid him, except to haul on the line, which was still of no avail. Finally Ernie made a decision. "George," he muttered through set teeth, "it's both of us or neither of us."

Grasping the line with both hands, Ernie lifted his feet and stood erect on the bos'n's chair, although it

swayed wildly as the center of balance was shifted. A stifled cry went up from men on both ships, as the watchers tried to keep from making any disturbing noise. Tom watched tensely from the Mastin's bridge, his hands tight on the rail before him.

Kicking free of the plank under his feet, Ernie swung himself over on top of the double line. Keeping his balance by resting one foot on each side of the basket beneath him, he inched his way to the place where the securing line from the basket passed through the pulley which supported it on the hawser. The cause of the trouble was at once apparent. As the stretcher swung in mid-air when the two lines came together, a bight had formed in the supporting rope, and this had jammed in the pulley.

Farrow lay stretched at full length on the line, his legs chafing from the constant movement, aching from the strain of unceasing effort to maintain his balance. He pried with tired fingers at the bight in the pulley, and after a seemingly interminable time, it came loose. The stretcher fell off at once and with a jerk, but righted itself and swung face up, once more secure and ready to move on to the conclusion of its journey. A mighty cheer broke upon Farrow from two directions. Even more slowly than he had come, the electrician wormed his way back to the bos'n's chair, lowered his legs carefully over the plank, and collapsed onto the seat, his strength completely gone. Beneath him the water seemed to rage and leap upward in frenzied disappointment.

"Haul away on that line! Heave on it, all of you! Get that man back here before he falls off!" Lieutenant Lester's commands were entirely unnecessary, for never did sailors run away with a line more enthusiastically. In a few seconds, hands reached up to receive the slumping figure from the chair, and to lower it gently to the heaving deck beneath. As the bos'n's chair was removed from the line, men on the Consolation hauled away on the other end, and in no time at all the stretcher was at last safely aboard, and George was on his way below to a comfortable hospital berth and the treatment he needed so badly. Lines were cast off, and the two vessels sheered apart. Thankful helmsmen were relieved for a term of badly needed relaxation.

Tom watched Ernie being led below, where the doctor would demand that he be put to bed for a rest and a checkup.

"What a shipmate!" Tom whispered after him, eyes shining. "How can you beat that?"

It was an exuberant meeting in the ship's office that evening. Tom and Mickey treated Farrow as a special guest, going to exaggerated extremes to wait upon his every wish and whim.

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# We, the Women

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

## INTRODUCTION

Are we mature women when we say we have no time to read and then sit lazily before a TV set or listen to the radio produce our favorite "Soap Opera"? Are we mature Christian women when in our Woman's Missionary Society or in the church program we want entertainment instead of worship, music that borders on jazz, and programs that make no ethical or mental demands upon our spiritual development?

To put away our childish things we need to do some serious thinking, first of all, about our own attitudes. Are we using the mind God had given us, and are we asking his Holy Spirit to guide and indwell us? Secondly, are we reading helpful thoughts that come from minds greater and more educated than ours? As a Woman's Missionary Union we urge our women to read. Reading is included as a goal on our Achievement Chart. We want our women to read with a purpose.

## INTRODUCING MISS IRMA L. GRIEGER

Miss Irma L. Grieger brings you her challenging article, "Reading With a Purpose." She is the chairman of the Library Committee of our Forest Park Church, Forest Park, Illinois. In addition to her work as secretary-accountant for an advertising agency in Chicago, Miss Grieger gives generously of her time in service in her church. Besides her work for the library, she is serving a third term as financial secretary. Even as a young Sunday School scholar she showed promise of becoming a consecrated Christian leader, who would give her talents to the work of God's Kingdom. For 14 years she was a Sunday School teacher in the Junior Department. Later she was the superintendent of the Youth Department for a period of six years, and became chief guide in a local fortalice of Pioneer Girls.

Her secretarial ability was recognized by the Chicago CBY Union, the Chicago Sunday School Union, and the Woman's Missionary Guild of Forest Park. She was the Guild's first secretary. She helped formulate plans and worked on the first constitution for this women's missionary organization. For a number of months she compiled the material for the puzzle page in "Salute," and she made several contributions to "Youth Compass." She has been a member of the Board of Christian Education of the Forest Park Church.



Miss Irma L. Grieger of Forest Park, Illinois

If the people in the Forest Park Church do not read, it is not Miss Grieger's fault. The church's Sunday bulletins, the bulletin boards, and the direct approach she has made to various groups of the church who have visited the library and have heard her speak all promote books and good reading material. The Woman's Union Program Packet is honored with a place in the church library. From a librarian at heart, find out how to read with a purpose.

## READING WITH A PURPOSE By IRMA L. GRIEGER

"But I don't find time to read!" How many times have we heard or even made this remark? Sad to say, it is too often true, whether we are housewives or career women. The hectic pace at which people today live provides very little time for relaxation, and that limited period is spent by most people in pursuits other than reading except, of course, the proverbial "book worms."

Since leisure time for most active women is at a premium, let us take to heart the Apostle Paul's admonition to "make the time" (redeem) the time" (Eph. 5:15b RSV). One way in which we can "redeem" our time is by doing more purposeful reading.

(It is understood that the reading of the Bible and devotional literature takes preference over any of the items mentioned below.)

All women should be conversant with current events. The housewife ought to scan the financial pages of

the daily newspapers or read trade magazines dealing with her husband's business or profession so that she might converse intelligently with him. The career woman will endeavor to keep abreast of her profession and avocation also. An intelligent Christian will "command the respect of outsiders" (1 Thess. 4:12 RSV).

In all probability, you are a member of a Baptist church. Why? Are you able to give an "account for the hope that is in you"? (1 Peter 3:15 RSV.) Perhaps you have a ringing testimony as to the saving power of the Lord Jesus Christ in your life and cannot tell when and where you accepted him as your Savior, but why did you join a Baptist church? Why not a Presbyterian, Methodist, or Lutheran church, to mention a few? Was it because your parents or friends adhered to the Baptist faith? Because the church was conveniently located? Or because the minister was a dynamic speaker? Or did you—and do you—have firm convictions regarding your stand as a Baptist?

Why do Baptists practice immersion? Why do we consider the Lord's Supper and baptism ordinances and not sacraments? Why don't we practice infant "baptism" and confirmation? Who is the spiritual head of the Baptist church?

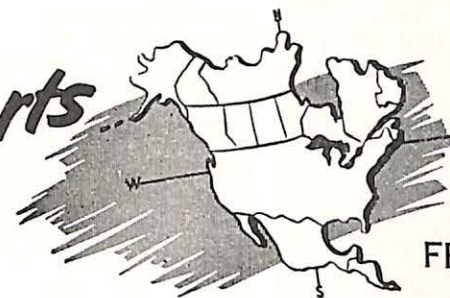
Too many of our church members not only lack positive convictions but are only superficially acquainted with the doctrines and functions of a Baptist church. If you are the least bit doubtful concerning Baptist beliefs, avail yourself immediately of books in your church library dealing with Baptist background and principles. "We, the Women," should be able to explain our Baptist persuasion convincingly to whoever might ask: family, friends, neighbors, or Sunday School class.

Now, to be more specific, as **North American Baptists** we should know what our denomination is accomplishing. Excellent opportunities to do this are afforded in the BAPTIST HERALD where exciting reports from our missionaries, "Reports from the Field," and this column keep the reader well informed as to what is happening. The ANNUAL also contains much that is of interest to North American Baptists. For background material concerning our denomination and its work, reading "The Glorious Years," "Bender in the Camerons" and "Call of the Camerons." "Now We Are Fifty-Five" will bring you up-to-date on missionaries in all of our fields.

Incidentally, when your White Cross group meets to prepare materials for our missionaries, have someone who reads well present excerpts from some stimulating Christian book. "Bird Life in Wington," practical bird fables by J. C. Reid, would lend itself well to this type of program, as would "I Seen Him When He Done It," by Blanchard

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## Reports



## FROM THE FIELD

### Southwestern Conference

#### Christmas Program and Watchnight Services at Zion Baptist Church, Okeene, Oklahoma

Many were the blessings experienced by those participating in the Christmas program as well as by those witnessing the portrayal of the Christmas story on Dec. 24 in the Zion Baptist Church at Okeene, Oklahoma.

The children of the Junior Department sang Christmas songs and gave a thirty-minute play, "Sharing With Others." Another highlight of the evening was the reliving of the Christmas story in the pageant, "Three Candles," by the young people of the church. The Old Testament narrator, Elmer Fisher, representing "Prophecy" was the first candle; the New Testament narrator was Weldon Geis; and the carol narrator was Charlene Laubach. Our pastor, the Rev. Leland Friesen, directed the selected group of singers to lend beauty and impressiveness to the portrayal of the birth of Christ.

The Watchnight Service on Dec. 31 was a time of spiritual blessing for all present. The first hour was profitably used in Bible study, testimonies and prayer. Later we saw slide pictures of local views and other pictures of special interest to all present. We were privileged to have Mr. and Mrs. Gene Mohr of Colfax, Wash., with us for the service.

The Scripture reading, songs and prayers in the closing minutes of the old year ushered in the new year with unified resolutions to be more faithful to HIM who gives Eternal Life.

Mrs. Al Priebe, Reporter.

### Atlantic Conference

#### Encouraging Progress in the Ministry of the Baptist Church, Jamesburg, New Jersey

Under the direction of our pastor, the Rev. Roger Schmidt in the Baptist Church of Jamesburg, N. J., Senior and Junior choirs were organized and they have added much to the beauty of our worship services. A movie projector and slide projector were purchased to improve our audio visual ministry. For the first time the Woman's Missionary Society sponsored a Mother's and Daughter's banquet and a family supper on Father's Day.

We are very proud to have had one of our young men, Mr. Robert Clinton, chosen to be president of the At-

lantic Conference CBY and Sunday School Workers' Union.

The Parent-Teacher Association of our Sunday School sponsored a project to beautify our church. New drapes and cornices were made for the windows and behind the pulpit. These add a warm and friendly touch to the sanctuary. The Woman's Missionary Society has had a share each month in our Camerons work by spending some portion of the meeting in doing White Cross work.

A Sacrifice Offering on Thanksgiving Sunday initiated our Sunday School expansion project which will give us space for our crowded facilities. The CBY has shown a renewed interest and is planning a series of activities to add its share to the project. During the past year we have received eight new members to our fellowship by baptism and letter.

Mrs. Fred Fowler, Reporter.

### Northern Conference

#### Golden Wedding Anniversary Celebration for Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hiller, Edmonton, Alberta

On December 26 Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hiller of Edmonton, Alberta, were honored by their children and friends at the occasion of the celebration of their golden wedding. A delicious dinner was served to approximately 60 guests at the home of the oldest daughter, Mrs. Alfred Kern.

The program was in charge of the oldest grandchild, Miss Eunice Kern. Each family was represented by a selection including recitations, poems and special music, consisting of vocal



Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hiller of Edmonton, Alberta, at their golden wedding anniversary celebration

solos, duets, quartet number and a piano solo. Mr. William Kuhn, brother of Mrs. Hiller, congratulated the honored couple. An appropriate message expressing the beauty of fifty years of married life with God as the head of the home was brought by the Rev. O. R. Schmidt, pastor of the McKernan Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alberta.

Mr. and Mrs. Hiller were residents of the Whitemud district at Rabbit Hill, Alta., until the spring of 1952 when they moved to Edmonton. Since moving to Edmonton, they have attended the McKernan Baptist Church. Eight children were present: Harold, Alice (Kern), Freda (Hiller), Sally (Lehman), Irene (Benke), Sadie (Schalin), Alfred, and Berniece (Schalin). Twenty-four grandchildren were privileged to participate in the occasion.

Mr. Hiller has three brothers and four sisters living and Mrs. Hiller has two brothers and one sister. Nearly all of them were present to share in the joy of this celebration.

O. R. Schmidt, Pastor.

#### Remodeled and Relocated Edifice of the Emmanuel Church of Valleyview, Alberta

It has been some time since you have heard from us up north at the Emmanuel Baptist Church, Valleyview, Alberta. Nevertheless, we have been busy in every branch of our church work. Especially the last weeks and months have been busy ones, since we have moved our church from the country into Valleyview, and it has been enlarged and remodeled. The church building rests on a full basement which, when completed, will provide much needed Sunday School space.

We held our first service in the remodeled church on Sunday, Dec. 13, under the leadership of the pastor, the Rev. Eldon Janzen. It was a day of looking back upon weeks of hard work with the visible results before us, but above all a day of thanks to our heavenly Father who has provided ways and means of our being able to undertake this project. All the work was done by the men of our church, except the moving of the church building which was done by a contractor.

We would like to share some of the highlights of our busy Christmas season with you. For weeks the Sunday School children, the choir and young people were busy preparing for the Christmas programs. On Dec. 21 our choir rendered several selections of Christmas music, and the CBY presented a very effective Christmas pageant which was well received by a large congregation. The offering taken was to swell the Piano Fund of the choir and young people. Then on Dec. 23 and 24, we had our German and English programs.

The New Year was ushered in with a Watchnight Service on Dec. 31. We are looking forward to the completion of our church building this coming year. The Sunday School has been re-organized and we have English classes to accommodate all ages.

Bertha E. Janzen, Reporter.



**Watchnight Service at the Bethany Church, Camrose, Alta., Led by Young People**

On New Year's Eve, the young people of the Bethany Baptist Church, Camrose, Alta., presented the play, "Jesus First," under the direction of Mrs. Morley Schultz. This play was a real challenge to all present to put Jesus first in the year 1954.

After lunch and an hour of fellowship, we commemorated the Lord's Supper at midnight. The Rev. D. Lockhart was in charge. As we are without the services of a minister, our common prayer is: "Lord, send us a shepherd soon."

Mrs. Lillian Schmitke, Reporter.



Members of the choir of the First Baptist Church, Leduc, Alta., with the Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Kraenzler at the extreme left.

Mr. Bill Peters is the choir director and Mrs. Georgene Kern is the pianist

**New Year's Eve, Sunday School and Mission Programs at First Church, Leduc, Alberta**

The New Year's Eve program at the First Baptist Church, Leduc, Alta., proved to be a success in attendance as well as in spiritual blessing. The CBY was in charge of the first part of the program. A fine play and several musical numbers were presented. The women served a delicious lunch.

The Sunday School prepared the play, "The Faithful Pioneers," while the choir prepared the cantata, "The City of the Stars," for the holiday season. Together they presented the play and cantata in several of our neighboring churches. Friendliness and spiritual hospitality were shown in each church.

The offerings received, amounting to approximately \$70.08, are going toward our mission work in Japan. We were also very fortunate in having the Rev. D. Adams, a converted Catholic monk, speak in our church. It stirs our hearts when we realize how such people walking in darkness are seeking the light, and we who have the light sacrifice so little to bring it to others.

The Sunday School also planned a special program for Sunday night, Feb. 7. The purpose of this program was also to further the work in our Japan mission field with an offering as well as with interest in the hearts of our Sunday School people in regards to the need of missions.

Mrs. Rudolf Ohlmann, Reporter.

**Christmas and New Year's Eve Programs of the Baptist Church, Trochu, Alberta**

December was a very busy month for the Baptist young people of Trochu, Alta., Canada. We are a very small group since so many of our young people go away to work or to the C.T.I. at Edmonton. On December 11 we elected new officers for the coming year. On Sunday morning, Dec. 20th, the choir rendered three Christmas anthems.

On Dec. 26th the CBY held a turkey banquet in the basement of the church where an enjoyable evening was spent. Manetta Frohlich and Ivy Franke supervised a few contests and games,

Building Fund Sunday, the building of a new eight-room parsonage, and the adding over sixty new members to our church roll were some of the highlights of success for the year 1953.

The Christian Youth Fellowship of the church was in charge of the first hour of the three-hour Watchnight Service. A well balanced program of solos, duets, ensemble, testimonies, climaxed by a skit entitled, "Which Life?" written by Darlene and Vivian Hoover, was enjoyed by a capacity audience. The program made such a spiritual impact, that by popular request, it was repeated on Sunday night, Jan. 10.

The remaining hours of the Watchnight Service were spent in a happy fellowship of testimonies, interspersed with choruses and special numbers and a fellowship lunch around the tables in the dining parlors of the church. The closing moments of the old year were spent in prayerful meditation of thanksgiving for the blessings of the past year and seeking God's wisdom and guidance for 1954.

The continual growth of our church's membership and its increased attendance, also paralleled by that of the Sunday School, has created a congestion in every department and phase of our church's program, which has made us keenly aware of the need of physical expansion to meet the growing demands. Whereas our present location is limited in this respect, we had no further choice but to find a new location. A choice piece of property, known as the B. M. Nowlen estate, became available in Fair Plain, a suburb of Benton Harbor. After 11 months of negotiations, it pleased God to direct the hearts of all concerned so that it is now our property. Besides being a regular park containing 26 different kinds of trees, it also provides us with ample space for parsonage, church and a 200-car parking lot.

The church deemed it advisable to proceed with immediate plans for the raising of funds for the building of a new parsonage. Sunday, June 7th, was designated as "Loyalty Sunday" which resulted in the raising of over \$15,000 for the building program.

The erection of a new parsonage was started in July and by December 12 "Open House" was held with a dedication program at the evening service, at which time Mr. Otto Wesner, chairman of the Board of Trustees, handed the keys of the newly completed home to the pastor. The new parsonage is an eight-room brick veneer structure with a two-car garage, costing \$30,000 which has been fully paid for. The pastor, the Rev. William Hoover, and his family moved in on December 19. The new address is: 266 Chippewa Rd., Benton Harbor, Michigan.

Church attendance throughout the year has been most gratifying with increasing numbers in all departments. Our Sunday School has had the highest average attendance in its history with an average of over 500. We face the future with great optimism, believing that God has many possibilities and victories for us.

Dr. John H. McDonald, Reporter.

**Watchnight Service, Parsonage Dedication and Building Plans for Benton Harbor Church, Mich.**

The Watchnight Service at the Clay Street Baptist Church of Benton Harbor, Mich., brought to a grand climax a year singular in success in the annals of the church's history. No one among our membership would have had the courage at the outset of 1953 to predict the glorious victories God had in store for us as a church. The purchasing of the B. M. Nowlen five-acre estate, a successful Loyalty

**Baptist Service, Relocation and New Name for Our Church in Alpena, Michigan**

In connection with the Harvest Festival program, the Rev. Eric Kuhn, pastor of the former Fourth Avenue Baptist Church, Alpena, Mich., baptized six candidates on confession of their faith. While standing in the baptismal waters, two of the candidates sang, "I Will Pilot Thee." This was a memorable service since it was the last baptismal service held in the old church. The candidates were united with the church at the communion service held on January 3.

Sunday, Nov. 22, was a day of great rejoicing for us. On that day our dreams were realized and we held our first service in the basement of our new, partially completed church building. The basement has been beautifully decorated and we now have a much larger seating capacity than we had in the old building. The kitchen is very modern and is almost completed.

The church will be of cement block construction and will have a radiant heating system. Construction will resume in the spring and it is hoped that the formal dedication can be held in the fall of this year. Our new church has been named the Ripley Boulevard Baptist Church of Alpena.

The old church edifice on Fourth Avenue has been occupied by the Church of the Nazarene which purchased the building.

Mrs. Clarence Zgorski, Reporter.

**Dakota Conference**

**Programs by "The Singing Men" of the Baptist Church, Underwood, North Dakota**

"The Singing Men" of the First Baptist Church of Underwood, N. Dak., are seen in this picture as they presented their annual program of songs and "sermonette." Their program was centered around the theme of "The Christian's Testimony." With this thought in mind, they opened their program with the song, "I'm On the Battlefield for My Lord."

Mr. James Schacher spoke on "Why We Should Testify" and "The Singing Men" then sang, "I Want My Life to Tell" and "Still Sweeter Every Day." "What We Should Testify" was the second sermonette by Mr. Ervin Schafer. The concluding message of the program was "How We Should Testify" by Mr. Ferdinand Koenig. The songs, "Deeper, Deeper" and "Marching Beneath the Banner," brought the program to a climax. An offering was taken during the program for the men's chorus and they gave a "love gift" to Mr. Phillip Hetland, the director, and to Mrs. Knalson, the pianist.

"The Singing Men" were organized in January 1950 under the direction of Mrs. Dorothy Knalson and they have sung at various services in their own church as well as going to churches of the Northern North Dakota Association and of the Dakota Conference. It has been their desire to serve the



Mr. and Mrs. Fred Goebel of Lehr, N. Dak., at their 50th wedding anniversary celebration with the large anniversary cake in front of them

Lord whenever and wherever possible. In May 1953, due to ill health, Mrs. Knalson had to discontinue the directing of this group and Mr. Phil Hetland, principal of the local high school and also the music director of the school, took over the directing while Mrs. Knalson continued to serve as pianist.

They are looking forward to greater fields of service in the future.

Carl Radke, President.

**Golden Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Goebel, Lehr, North Dakota**

On Sunday afternoon, January 24, an appropriate service was held at the Ebenezer Church of Lehr, N. Dak., on the occasion of the 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Goebel. This was given them by their children. Mr. and Mrs. Goebel were

united in marriage on January 25, 1904, and these 50 years were intermingled with happiness and sorrow. They experienced many happy days, but also many sad days, for they lost five of their children through death, and on several occasions the mother has been very ill. They came from Eureka, S. Dak., to live here in Lehr. Really they were pioneers in this part of the country.

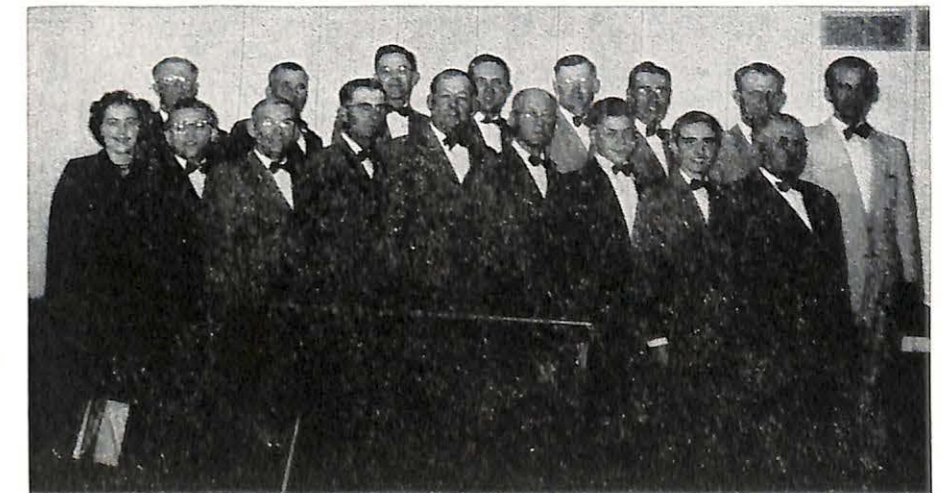
The service began with an appropriate prelude after which a German song was sung. The Scripture passage 1 Cor. 13, which was read at their first wedding ceremony, was used at this occasion after which the wedding couple was introduced. The anniversary ceremony followed. The dedicatory prayer was brought by the Rev. W. D. Elmer, pastor of the Evangelical United Brethren Church. An appropriate song was brought by the representatives of the different churches of the town of Lehr, and a reading composed by the Rev. H. Waltereit, a former pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church, was read by Mr. Elmer.

The Rev. John Heer, pastor of the Ebenezer Church, was in charge of the service, and read the historical sketch in four parts, reading each part at the appropriate time on the program. The wedding couple expressed their desire that no gifts be given them. However, many of the guests brought gifts in money. All of this money will be used to purchase a communion table and chairs for the Ebenezer Baptist Church.

A guest book was presented to the Goebels by their grandchildren. Mrs. John Heer, the pastor's wife, was in charge of the registration of the guests. Darvin Janner, their oldest grandson, sent his grandmother a golden necklace. It was impossible for him to be present because of his service in the Army.

Lunch was served towards the end of the program to about 500 guests, after which the honored couple was given opportunity to express their feelings. We wish the couple many more blessed years of married life!

John Heer, Pastor.



"The Singing Men" of the First Baptist Church, Underwood, North Dakota, with Phil Hetland, director, in back row, extreme right; Mrs. Dorothy Knalson, pianist, in front row, extreme left; and Rev. Fred J. Knalson, front row, second from left



### Ten Converts Baptized at Watchnight Service of the Baptist Church Eureka, South Dakota

At the Watchnight Service of the Eureka Baptist Church, Eureka, S. Dak., the Rev. Albert Krombein, pastor, had the privilege of baptizing ten converts who gave their hearts to Jesus Christ at the revival meetings last fall when the Rev. Daniel Fuchs, our general evangelist, was with us.

This was followed by a communion service at which these and five others, who were taken up by letter, received the hand of fellowship into the church. This was a very impressive service for all who attended.

After an intermission we gathered again for the closing hour of the old year. With special numbers, testimonies and prayer, we entered the new year in faith that God will lead and guide us with his invisible hand through the new year.

A. Krombein, Pastor.

### Baptism of Four Converts at Watchnight Service, Calvary Church, Aberdeen, South Dakota

We of the Calvary Baptist Church, Aberdeen, S. Dak., were again able to conduct a Watchnight Service in our church. The young people were in charge of the first part of the evening, presenting a program and dialogue centered about the theme, "Thankfulness for Our Bibles."

It was our joy to baptize four candidates on the same evening. These have taken their place in the ranks of the church, desirous, as was heard in their testimonies, to become active workers in the Kingdom of God. Following the baptismal service, a light lunch was served in the church parlors.

The remaining part of the evening was spent in meditation and prayer. Blessed thoughts of the past and glorious hopes for the future were ours as we met about Christ's communion table. We trust that the vistas of tomorrow may become for us, as we labor for him, the realities of today.

Chris Weintz, Pastor.

### Southern Conference

#### Southern Conference Pastors' Retreat in the Beautiful Rio Grande Valley of Texas

The pastors of the Southern Conference met for a retreat, January 26-28, at the Rio Grande Bible Institute, near Edinburg, Texas. There in the famous Rio Grande Valley, in a setting of palms, fruit orchards, vegetable gardens and balmy summer temperatures, two days were spent in blessed fellowship, inspiration and planning of the year's program.

The place of meeting itself was inspiring. The Institute and the good people of the Donna Church opened their doors of welcome and hospitality wide, providing housing, meals, conference rooms and a warm spiritual atmosphere. The pastors joined and participated in the 11:00 chapel serv-

ices, and the evening services were attended by the Institute family, members of the Donna church, and vacationers from the surrounding community.

Nine of the twelve pastors of the conference were present, besides five pastors' wives, the Rev. Richard Schilke of Forest Park, Ill., and several lay members of the local mission committee. The Rev. Oliver Whitson, pastor of our Donna church and faculty member at the Institute, served as host pastor, and the Rev. Harold Gieseke of Dallas served as moderator.

The sessions began Tuesday night. Mr. Schilke brought the opening message on the "Holy Spirit," starting off the conference on a high spiritual tone. Prayer, discussion and planning sessions were held Wednesday morning, highlighted by a stirring message by President M. C. Ehlert of the Institute, in which he compared Christ's temptation with the temptations of the ministry. Several of the pastors brought testimonies at the chapel hour with the Rev. L. R. Johnson of Waco bringing the message. Mr. Schilke was speaker at the evening session, speaking on the theme, "The Church." A pleasant after-service fellowship was enjoyed in President Ehlert's home.

The same schedule was followed Thursday morning. Another member of the faculty, the Rev. Cecil Lawrence, spoke to the pastors on Jeremiah's Call. Further testimonies were given by the ministers at the chapel service, and Mr. Schilke brought the message. The evening service, which was very well attended, was addressed by the Rev. Wm. E. Thompson, Dean of the Institute and returned missionary from Columbia. He brought a stirring address on the challenge and obstacles of the Gospel in that representative Latin American country.

A word should be said about the testimonies and special music brought by Institute students. Three young Latin Americans sang at the opening service, thrilling our hearts with their music and testimonies. At the closing service the Institute Choir sang to the great blessing of all.

No formal sessions were planned for the afternoons. One purpose of the conference was to view the possibilities of beginning a mission work either in the Valley or across the border in old Mexico. Time and again throughout the sessions the Macedonian call could be heard as the tremendous missionary challenge of our next-door-neighbor to the South was brought to us. A tour was made Thursday afternoon investigating possible mission sites. Included was a trip across the border to Reynosa, Mexico. All were challenged and burdened to pray as never before that the Lord of the harvest might open for us as North American Baptists a door of missionary service to these needy people.

At the closing breakfast, Friday morning, the pastors with one accord expressed heart-felt appreciation to the ladies of the Donna Church who helped prepare the meals; to Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Abels in whose home they were so graciously entertained at meal time; to Mr. Schilke for his

splendid contributions to the conference; to Mr. Gieseke for his able preparation and direction of the program; and to the Rio Grande Bible Institute for the wonderful Christian hospitality extended to them. Also a unanimous decision was made to hold a retreat next year, the Lord willing, feeling this retreat had contributed much toward binding the pastors together and correlating the work of the widely scattered churches of the Southern Conference.

A further word about the Rio Grande Bible Institute might be of interest to the readers. The Institute was founded in 1946 through the vision and faith of President M. C. Ehlert, formerly one of our pastors at George, Iowa. It is supported entirely by voluntary contributions from God's people. It is located on Highway 281, two miles south of Edinburg, Texas. Several fine stone buildings now grace the campus, plus additional residences for students and staff. A unique feature of the school is that it trains about an equal number of both Mexicans and American students. At present about 70 students are enrolled. All classes are taught in both the Spanish and English languages. Any of our people vacationing in the Valley will find it of interest to visit the Institute. A warm welcome is assured.

Louis R. Johnson, Reporter.

### Northwestern Conference

#### First Anniversary of Rev. D. S. Wipf's Ministry Commemorated at St. Bonifacius, Minnesota

Meeting in something of a belated Thanksgiving celebration, the Rev. D. S. Wipf, pastor, and members of the Minnetrista Baptist Church of St. Bonifacius, Minn., joined in a special service on Sunday evening, January 10. The event commemorated the anniversary of the pastor's first year of service in the church.

The Rev. D. S. Wipf's ministry has brought blessing and growth to the church. Mutual tokens and expressions of love and good will were exchanged, both in gifts and in messages.

The early part of the evening was in the nature of an informal service during which time old pictures of the members were thrown on the screen by means of an opaque projector. Following adjournment to a time of fellowship in the basement, leaders of various church organizations brought short talks appropriate to the occasion to which a response was given by the pastor.

Mildred I. Krenke, Clerk.

#### Guest Speakers and Special Programs at the Pioneer Baptist Church, Pound, Wisconsin

The last few months have brought a variety of blessings to the Pioneer Baptist Church of Pound, Wisconsin. In November the Missionary Guild presented a program with Mrs. Walter Grosser of Oak Park, Ill., bringing a Thanksgiving message. It was also our privilege to have the Rev. J. C.

Gunst of Forest Park, Ill., with us during the Thanksgiving season. He brought us an inspiring message during the Sunday morning worship service, after which we gathered together in the church basement for a fellowship dinner. In the evening, he brought another message.

Christmas Eve found the church filled with members and friends for the Christmas program by the Sunday School. On the following Sunday evening the young people of the church presented the pageant, "Holy Night."

On Thursday, January 21st, the Rev. Jay Hirth, missionary to Japan, brought us an overall picture of the mission work in Japan. His message and pictures informed us of the great need of taking the Gospel of Jesus Christ to Japan.

Our pastor, the Rev. J. Conner, has just completed a series of sermons on the 23rd Psalm. They have been a blessing and an inspiration to all who have heard them.

Mrs. R. Graetz, Reporter.

#### Eight Converts Baptized on New Year's Eve at Northside Church, Hutchinson, Minnesota

One of the highlights of the Christmas season at the Northside Baptist Church, Hutchinson, Minn., was a program presented jointly by our church and the Franklin Street Baptist (General Conference) Church. We were able in a united effort to present more effectively the real meaning of Christmas. This was done, first of all, in song by a ladies' ensemble, male quartet, duets and solos. It was also a real privilege to have as guest violinist Miss Carol Landberg of the Elim Baptist (Conference Baptist) Church. Miss Landberg appears frequently on the Soul's Harbor T.V. program for the Twin Cities.

There is no doubt in our minds that the highlight of the year was the baptismal service held on New Year's Eve. After recounting the blessings of the past year and enjoying a time of fellowship in the basement of the church, we gathered for the joyous occasion to witness the testimony of allegiance to Christ by eight candidates for baptism. Our hearts rejoiced and we know that there was joy among the angels in heaven over those who henceforth endeavor to live for Christ. Following the baptismal service, we observed the Lord's Supper, at which time our pastor, the Rev. Rudolph Rapske, extended the hand of fellowship to those who followed the Lord in baptism.

During the month of January we held the evening services together with the Franklin Street Baptist Church. The interest in and attendance at these services was gratifying.

Robert Fratzke, Reporter.

#### Immanuel Baptist Church Men of Kenosha, Wisconsin Work at the New Edifice

The men of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Kenosha, Wis., are now completing the interior of their new church under the direction of their pastor, the Rev. Charles J. Anderson;



Rev. Rudolph Rapske (rear, right), pastor of the Northside Baptist Church, Hutchinson, Minn., and eight converts whom he recently baptized

the chairman of the building committee, Mr. Bruno Frese; and construction superintendent, Mr. Leonard Friedrich, chairman of the Board of Trustees.

A view of "Coffee Time" on January 12 in the accompanying picture shows a wide range of church officials represented (left to right): Ben Weiss, mission treasurer; Don Jensen, financial secretary; August Lange, one of the charter members of the church; Helmut Kaiser, trustee; John Eden, a member of another Kenosha Baptist Church; Herbert Kaiser, chairman of the Board of Deacons; Don Layton, asst. Sunday School treasurer; Ellsworth Whitefoot; and Dan Behr, deacon. In the foreground are Ralph Cooper and Mrs. Don Layton. Altogether an esti-



"Coffee Time" for the officials of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Kenosha, Wis., who with other men are completing the interior of their new church edifice

mated \$30,000 are expected to be saved by the men of the church doing much of the remaining work, together with work-projects already completed.

The present church building has been sold to the Church of the Nazarene, and opening exercises for the official opening of the new church are tentatively set for November 20 to 28 with a series of evangelistic meetings planned. The Vacation Bible School is planned for August, also tentatively in the new building. The spring evangelistic campaign will be held in the present church building from May 2 to 9, with denominational evangelist, the Rev. Herman Palfenier. Melissa R. Schabeck, Reporter.

### Pacific Conference

#### Annual Business Meeting of the Villa Ridge Baptist Church Near Portland, Oregon

The members of the Villa Ridge Baptist Church of Portland, Oregon, brought the old year to a close with the Christmas program, "Christmas Eve and All Is Well." Under the direction of Patty Moore, the play had Fred Moore playing the part of the old watchman. He was supported by many weary travelers who tarried to warm themselves by his fire.

Plans for the new year were discussed in the annual business meeting which was held at the church on January 13th. The Rev. Frank Friesen, pastor, presided at the meeting. The heavy snowstorm prevented many members attending the meeting, but several hardy souls braved the elements in order to take part in the meeting.

Seven baptisms had been performed by the pastor during 1953. Each candidate had come to know the Lord Jesus during attendance at Villa Ridge,





The team of God's Invasion Army that visited the community and Baptist Church of Startup, Wash., with the Rev. and Mrs. J. Merrill at the left

and the church accepted them into membership. No losses of membership were reported. Sunday School growth had averaged eleven per Sunday during the last quarter. The young people's two groups, Junior and Senior, were active under the leadership of Miss Ruth Hartung and Mr. Vernon Chausse. The Ladies' Missionary Circle and the Men's Fellowship have been engaged in earnest work for the Lord.

New officers were elected for 1954 as follows: assistant usher, Bob Tipton; head usher, Wayne Turner; trustee, Mrs. Vernon Chausse; Sunday School superintendent, Fred Moore;

treasurer, Mrs. Ted Lindey; clerk, Mrs. Fred Moore; and reporter, Mrs. George Smith.

Mingled joy and regret were expressed upon learning that Mr. and Mrs. Fred Moore might be leaving for the mission field abroad. In the near future they will take a trip East to Philadelphia, Pa., to appear before the Home Council for examination as missionary candidates for Japan. It was voted that the church give them a love offering to help them on their journey, and that the pastor set apart a Sunday as a special emphasis Sunday to call attention to the missionary work chosen by this couple. Their

## Thank You

A word of appreciation is in order for the publication agents who worked so faithfully in getting the subscription lists for the Baptist Herald and Der Sendbote to the publishing house in Cleveland. The work of soliciting the subscriptions is primarily a "labor of love" for the denomination and the Kingdom. The business manager of the Roger Williams Press takes this opportunity of saying "thank you" to every person who served in this important work. May God richly bless all of your efforts.

*E. J. Baumgartner*  
Manager

going will particularly affect the children, as many of them have known Fred Moore as leader of the Sunday School. Mrs. Moore has taught in the classes constantly, from the Nursery Class to the Junior Girls, which is her present class.

Mrs. George Smith, Reporter.

### God's Invasion Army Visits Baptist Church and Community of Startup, Washington

We of the Baptist Church, Startup, Wash., were much refreshed by the visit of a fine group of six young people from "God's Invasion Army." These young people canvassed our territory going from house to house. Their good example in personal evangelism was an inspiration to the entire church. In the evenings they directed well planned children's and preaching services.

It was our privilege to have the director of God's Invasion Army, the Rev. J. Merrill and his wife, as part of the group, with us. His messages left a deep and lasting impression upon those who attended. There were no special visible results, but we know that this crusade of personal evangelism has not been in vain, and that the seed sown will yet bear much fruit.

We have had the joyful experience of leading an entire family—father, mother and son—to the Lord. We expect that others will come and be saved, and that believers will continue to grow in knowledge and grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

At Christmas Eve the Sunday School presented an interesting program. What a blessing a Sunday School can be for the church and community! At the Watchnight service each family contributed a number to the program for the occasion. It worked every well and we spent two hours praising the Lord.

On the first Sunday of the year we had our annual Roll Call and installation of our officers. We are reminded of the charge God has given each one of us, and we are looking forward to great things as from the Lord.

R. G. Kaiser, Pastor.

### CHRIST'S AMBASSADOR

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phases of our mission work, whether it be medical, educational or evangelization, by requiring that they attend at least one year of Bible School. Already the results have been gratifying, as we have seen the changes in the lives of a number of these students. The Word of God has been implanted into their hearts, and they, in turn, are now witnessing to their country-men.

The words of Jesus re-echo in my heart, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." It does bring much joy to my heart to be assured that all we are doing in Jesus' Name is being done for HIM, Whose we are and Whom we serve.

### WE, THE WOMEN

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and Bennett, an amusing yet discomfiting satire on church etiquette.

After a tense day at home, at the office or factory, choose from among the many works of fiction by Christian authors. These will give the relaxation required and not leave a "bad taste in the mouth." Or for some practical hints on what to do with leisure moments, refer to "Good Times for 'God's People'" by Marion Jacobsen, a unique book covering many phases of Christian recreation. This book has something for everyone—from planning church suppers and banquets to having fun, not only with the family but even by yourself! An excellent book with a positive Christian emphasis!

Have you tried unsuccessfully to combat the comic-book craze among your children or those in your Sunday School class? Suggest some Christian adventure stories. These may include fascinating biographies or thrilling fiction such as the "Sugar Creek Gang" series by Paul Hutchens. Although written primarily for Junior boys, the girls in the Forst Park Sunday School are equally anxious to read each new episode. The "Triplet" series by Bertha B. Moore is a great favorite among the younger boys and girls.

The parent or Sunday School teacher who is anxious to see a new babe in Christ established in the Christian faith will find a wealth of excellent material in "The Junior Baptist," by R. B. Fusselle, and "The Junior Baptist and His Church" by G. A. Roop. Those books are primarily study books and should be taught or read to the child.

Among our own publications is "Baptist Junior Mission Stories," which was prepared primarily for use with Junior societies but relates experiences in the lives of our own as well as other Baptist missionaries.

If you do not have a church library, your Guild or Missionary Society could do a splendid piece of home mission work by providing Christian literature (which, of course, has been purchased through Roger Williams Press!) to be circulated among members and friends of the church. Splendid helps for setting up a church library are available from a number of sources.

Redeem the time! Read—and encourage other to read—with a consecrated purpose!

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## Obituary

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### MR. RICHARD H. KAISER of Kenosha, Wisconsin.

Mr. Richard H. Kaiser, aged 67, of Silver Lake, Wis., passed into the presence of his Lord on November 17, 1953 following a prolonged illness. He was born in Germany on September 15, 1886, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Herman Kaiser. He came to Lorraine, Kans., from Germany in 1908, and to Kenosha, Wis., in 1913. On May 16, 1914 he was united in marriage to Miss Johanna Kaiser.

He was born again during a series of evangelistic meetings at the Immanuel Baptist Church of Kenosha, Wis., was biblically baptized and joined the church, serving in various capacities throughout the years. He was preceded in death by a son, Richard, and a brother, Paul. In addition to his widow, he is survived by two sons and three daughters, three brothers and two sisters and eleven grandchildren.

Immanuel Baptist Church,  
Kenosha, Wisconsin

CHARLES J. ANDERSON, Pastor.

### MR. WALTER H. MELCHERT of Lorraine, Kansas.

Mr. Walter H. Melchert of Lorraine, Kans., was born near Minok, Ill., March 28, 1889, and passed on to be with the Lord on January 21, 1954, in the Veterans Hospital, Ellsworth, Kansas. Mr. Melchert came with his parents to Lorraine, Kans., at the age of eight, and lived with his parents on a farm near Lorraine. Later he established his own home there. In 1933 he and his family moved to his present home in Lorraine, Kansas.

In his boyhood under the ministry of the Rev. Robert Stracke he accepted Christ as his Savior and united with the First Baptist Church of Lorraine, Kans., where he held continuous membership for over fifty years. During his young manhood he served as president of the BYPU and sang in the male chorus of the church. He later continued to maintain an active interest in his church and community life.

On November 7, 1911 he was united in marriage to Miss Lydia Mollhagen. To this union were born two daughters: Verna, Mrs. Leland Janssen; and Betty, Mrs. Louis Rolfs, Jr. He leaves to mourn his departure, his faithful wife, Lydia, two daughters, four sisters, three brothers, seven grandchildren, and a host of friends.

Funeral services were held in the First Baptist Church of Lorraine, Kans., on Saturday, January 23, 1954. Officiating ministers were Dr. John Leypoldt and Walter Schmidt.

First Baptist Church,  
Lorraine, Kansas

WALTER SCHMIDT, Reporter.

### MRS. EMMA HELLWIG of Lehr, North Dakota.

Mrs. Emma Hellwig, nee Miller, of Lehr, N. Dak., was born January 25, 1900 at Fredonia, North Dakota. She grew to womanhood in this community, and was united in holy matrimony to Mr. Albert A. Hellwig on September 24, 1925. There were no children born to this union.

Both she and her husband accepted their Lord in 1932 and were baptized the same year, and added as members of the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Lehr. The Rev. J. J. Abel was pastor of this church at that time. Her husband preceded her in death on January 8, 1951. She also remained faithful to this church. Her active life as Sunday School teacher, her active part in the Ladies' Missionary Society, and in the

King's Daughters Society will be greatly missed, as well as her voice in our choir to which she was very faithful.

The little extra favors she performed at the Post Office of Lehr as postmistress will long be remembered by all. We know she was well loved by the hundreds of "Get Well" cards she received during her illness. Especially comforting were the words in her last days of severe suffering, as she continuously talked about heaven—the beauty of it—and how she longed to be with her Lord.

She was finally relieved of her severe suffering, due to cancer, on the afternoon of January 10, 1954 at 4:45 P.M., when she quietly fell asleep, never to awaken on this earth again to be with her Lord where she will rest from her labors, but her works shall follow her.

She leaves to mourn one full-brother, two half-brothers, seven half-sisters, as well as many relatives and friends. That she had a great number of friends was shown by the flowers; and also the many memorials given to the church in memory of her work were grateful gifts to show the appreciation of those left behind.

The theme at her funeral services was "Glimpses Into Heaven," and the text was, "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: . . . They rest from their labors; and their works do follow them" (Rev. 14:13). Her body was laid to rest at the Lehr Cemetery on January 14, 1954 with the Rev. John Heer officiating.

Ebenezer Baptist Church,  
Lehr, North Dakota

JOHN HEER, Pastor.

### MR. WILLIAM ZEPK of Nokomis, Saskatchewan.

Mr. Wm. Zepik of Nokomis, Sask., was born in Russia on September 30, 1875. He died in the Grey Nuns Hospital in Regina after having been hospitalized for 71 days, at the age of 78 years, 3 months and 27 days. On March 13, 1900 he was united in marriage to Ernestina Lemke at Winnipeg, Manitoba. This marriage was blessed with twelve children (six daughters and six sons).

Mr. Zepik was converted in his early youth and through baptism added to the Baptist Church in Russia. In 1894 as a young man of 18 he came to Canada and made his home at Winnipeg, Man., until 1906 when the pioneer spirit brought him with his family west. They came by rail as far as Strasburg and from there ventured by team to the place now known as Nokomis, Saskatchewan. Here he reared his family, and in 1945 he retired from the farm life and made his home in the town of Nokomis.

He was also one of the founders of the Nokomis Baptist Church where he remained a faithful member until death. He served the Lord in the church in various offices that he held. His interest was in the growth and well being of the church.

In passing he leaves to mourn, his beloved wife with whom he was privileged to share his joys and sorrows for almost 54 years; six daughters: Helen, Mrs. E. Keeler of Nokomis, Sask.; Julia, wife of Rev. C. H. Seecamp of Winnipeg, Man.; Isabella, Mrs. Frank Brucker, Edenwald, Sask.; Freda, Vancouver, B. C.; Olive, California; Estella, Mrs. Bill Kuly, Toronto, Ont.; six sons: Fred, Vancouver, B. C.; Ernest, Saskatoon, Sask.; Hugo, pastor of St. Rose and Ochre River churches in Manitoba; Oswald, Port Arthur, Canada; Reuben, principal of the Govan High School at Govan, Sask.; Willie, Vancouver, B. C.; five daughters-in-law; four sons-in-law; 20 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; one sister, Regina Steller, Winnipeg, Man.; and a number of close relatives and a host of friends who came to know Mr. Zepik as a respectable and trustworthy friend.

The undersigned conducted the service in both languages. In German our text was taken from Gen. 21: 33-34, and in English thoughts of comfort were taken from Gen. 48-21. Two special numbers were rendered by the choir. May the Lord through his Spirit bless and comfort the bereaved, and fill their hearts with the blessed hope of a reunion.

Nokomis, Saskatchewan

ROBERT JASTER, Pastor.



**ACROSS THE SEAS**

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"Have to be careful of these heroes, you know," declared Tom, tongue in cheek. "They're a temperamental lot. If we don't treat this one just right, he's as likely as not to transfer his presence to the engine room coffee club, and we'd lose our celebrity. Is that chair comfortable, Mr. Farrow?" He bent solicitously over his honored guest.

The guest grinned in spite of his growing embarrassment. "Get away from me, you dope. I'm beginning to wish it was you out there on that line, and we had it all to do over. I'd contrive to dunk you in the ocean."

There was a constant coming and going of visitors. Every crewman who had business in the vicinity of the office, or who passed up or down the passageway, stopped to lean over the half door and exchange a few words with the men inside. There was a new respect in the attitude of all who spoke to Farrow, and the electrician did not fail to notice it. Not for the world would he have disclosed how much of a thrill it was to him, but his eyes sparkled as he realized more and more that at last he had become in their opinion a man-o'-war's man. It

was wonderful to be accepted, finally, after many weeks of being regarded with suspicion and distrust, if not open dislike.

After a while things quieted down a bit. Villinorosa came in, and brought his usual contribution—this time a pitcher of milk with a large slab of cake to go with it. The top half of the office door was promptly closed to afford some measure of privacy, and the four friends proceeded to have a party.

It was declared to be an occasion of special proportions, and there was a great deal of laughter and good-natured chaffing as they partook of the refreshments and of the fellowship—each equally nourishing in its own sphere.

"Tom," said Conant, "you're going to miss times like this when you're spending your evenings at home back in L.A. after you're married."

"I sure will. Already thought of that. But, Mick, there are good things in every walk of life, and you can't always take them with you when you change jobs. I'll miss you fellows, but frankly, not as much as I miss Jean right now."

Tomás chortled, attempting to look wise, but achieving only a cherubic expression upon his brown face.

"You speak the trut', Tom. Other day I read that somebody say, 'There is no happiness for a man without a woman.' I t'ink he's absolutely right. We miss you some day, an' you miss us, but one look into the byootiful eyes of your Jean, an' you don' t'ink of us again, huh?"

The others roared with laughter, and their glee was redoubled at sight of Tom's spreading blush. It was one of his innermost peevish that he was prone to blush easily when being subjected to this type of joshing.

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**SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON  
IN ACTION**

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hearts and minds of men for the message of Christ (John 16:8-11). Without his convicting and convincing ministry, men would never receive the Gospel.

**Applying the Lesson:**

1. Why was it "expedient" for the disciples, or to their advantage, that Christ should no longer remain with them?

2. What are the requirements for having the Holy Spirit's guidance and ministry in our lives?

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