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

By Rev. B. JACKSTEIT, Anaheim, Calif.

## A LESSON PLAN

Date: April 4, 1954

Theme: INTERCESSORY PRAYER

SCRIPTURE: John 17:9-23.

PURPOSE: To help us see the meaning and importance of intercessory prayer.

GETTING STARTED: You might begin the lesson by asking the members of your Sunday School class these questions: 1. How much time on an average do you spend each day in prayer? 2. How much of this time do you spend in praying for others? To get an honest answer, have them write their answers on a piece of paper without signing their names to it. Then tabulate the answers, and be sure to include yourself in the test. The results? Well, if your class is anything like the average group of Christians, you'll be amazed at the little time we as Christians actually spend in prayer and in interceding for one another. In Isaiah 59:16 it is said concerning God, "He . . . wondered that there was no intercessor." Must not God be amazed at us today? We have such glorious promises concerning prayer. We make such high claims for prayer. But we do so little praying! And so very little interceding!

### Developing the Theme:

#### I. THE NATURE OF INTERCESSORY PRAYER.

1. Intercessory prayer is prayer of people and situations (John 17:9, 20).
2. It is an expression of personal concern for such people and situations and the presentation of their needs and interests before God.
3. It is the means whereby we make ourselves the link between God and these needs in order to bring them together.

#### II. THE CONTENT OF INTERCESSORY PRAYER.

1. Intercessory prayer concerns itself with all people and circumstances that in any way concern and touch the life of the Christian and bears a special burden for fellow-Christians and the church (John 17:9, 20).
2. It seeks the welfare and the accomplishing of God's will in all for whom and which it intercedes.
  - a) That Christians might be kept true and steadfast (John 17:9-15).
  - b) That they might grow in Christian grace and virtue (John 17:17, 19).
  - c) That they might fulfill their mission (John 17:18).
  - d) That Christians might live and work together in unity (John 17:20-23).

e) That they might share his life and glory (John 17:24-26).

#### III. THE COST OF INTERCESSORY PRAYER.

1. Such prayer was costly to our Lord (John 17:4-8, 19).
2. For us, too, it is costly. It takes time, devotion, love, compassion, and consecration of life and character.

#### IV. THE VALUE OF INTERCESSORY PRAYER.

1. Only eternity will reveal how much the prayer of Jesus on behalf of his followers accomplished.
2. Nor can we measure how much the prayer of other people on our behalf means in our lives, and how much our prayers mean to other people.

### Applying the Lesson:

1. Other people have prayed for you. What has been the effect of their prayers on your life?
2. What has praying for other people done for you?
3. Does praying for our leaders and our government do any good? If so, how?

## A LESSON PLAN

Date: April 11, 1954

Theme: JESUS GIVES HIS LIFE

SCRIPTURE: John 19:17-30.

PURPOSE: To explore the meaning of Jesus' death upon the cross.

GETTING STARTED: Whenever we face the cross of Christ and try to fathom its meaning, we experience something of the feeling that came to Thomas Aquinas when he was writing his "Summa Theologica." In this great theological work of his, he was seeking to reconcile the various theories of the cross that had preceded him. Then one day he knelt at the foot of the cross and experienced the fulness of its saving power in his own life. Rising from that experience he returned to his writing, only to leave his masterpiece unfinished; for he wrote, "That which I have seen today makes all that I have written seem as trash. I shall not write another word." Try as we may, we can never fathom the full meaning of the death of our Lord. "The love of Jesus, what it is, none but his loved ones know." Yet even they can never fully express it, or plumb its depths, or set it all down in one all-sufficient theory.

### Developing the Theme:

#### I. IN ORDER TO GRASP THE MEANING OF JESUS' DEATH WE MUST REMEMBER WHO HE WAS.

1. He was the perfect man, without sin and without fault (John 19:5-6).

## ENGAGEMENTS

- Dr. Frank H. Woyke  
 March 27—Church Extension Survey Committee, Forest Park, Ill.  
 March 29—Baptist World Alliance Relief Committee, Washington, D. C.  
 March 30—Executive Committee, North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.  
 April 2—Installation of President R. P. Jeschke, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.  
 April 4—Dedication of New Church, Appleton, Minnesota.

Rev. J. C. Gunst  
 March 28 (Sunday)—Central Baptist Church, Erie, Pennsylvania.

Dr. M. L. Leuschner  
 March 28 (Sunday)—Immanuel Church, Wausau, Wisconsin.  
 April 1-4—Calvary Church, Stafford, Kansas.

Rev. Daniel Fuchs, Evangelist  
 March 28-April 8—Calvary Church, Aberdeen, South Dakota.

## IMPORTANT DATES

- April 5-6—Southwestern Conference Workers' Conference at Corn, Oklahoma.  
 April 7-8—Southwestern Conference Workers' Conference at Creston, Nebraska.

## CHANGES OF ADDRESS

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2. He was the King, the Messiah, the Lord's Anointed (John 18:33; 19:14, 19).
3. He was the Lord whose Kingdom was eternal (John 18:36).
4. He was Truth and the bearer of Truth (John 18:37).
5. He was the Son of God unto whom all power had been given (John 19:7, 11).
6. Because of who he was his death had such cosmic significance.

#### II. IN ORDER TO GRASP THE MEANING OF JESUS' DEATH WE MUST REMEMBER WHY HE DIED.

1. He died because he chose to do so (John 18:4-9). He might have saved his life but chose, instead, to die.

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# Editorial

## Beneath the Cross of Jesus

A CHRISTIAN'S PLACE is always beneath the Cross of Jesus! It shouldn't take the Lenten season to teach him that lesson. It requires far more than the seasonal self-denial of a few luxuries. The Christian who takes his stand beneath the Cross of Jesus enters so deeply into "the fellowship of Christ's suffering" until

"Love so amazing, so divine,  
 Demands my soul, my life, my all."

Let us make this profound truth as personal and as real as possible for every one of us. Beneath the Cross of Jesus, I see the glory of God's love for me. Who can fully fathom the mystery of God's love for you and me that "sent his Son as the propitiation for our sin"? It is the look of faith on the Crucified Savior that has healing and saving power for every life. All the blessings of the Christian life have their source in God's grace as revealed in his sacrificial atonement for me on the Cross. In that light the old rugged Cross has "a wondrous attraction for me" as I am made poignantly aware of God's love that sought me and found me and redeemed me through Christ Jesus.

"When the woes of life o'ertake me,  
 Hopes deceive, and fears annoy,  
 Never shall the cross forsake me;  
 Lo! it glows with peace and joy."

Beneath the Cross of Jesus, I have to recognize my sinful self. How unworthy we are to receive God's gifts of grace! When we realize that our sins have nailed the Son of God to the cross, we must say with Isaac Watts:

"My richest gain I count but loss,  
 And pour contempt on all my pride."

The bright light of God's glorious love reveals clearly the shadows of my sins and unworthiness. There is no reason to boast in our accomplishments. It is God who has lifted us out of the miry pit and set our feet on the solid Rock, Christ Jesus. He is our Source of energy, of joy, of blessing. Beneath the Cross of Jesus we are constantly brought back to that truth as we recognize that without Christ we are nothing!

If I have made that spiritual pilgrimage, then I find that all of life is sanctified by the Cross. The early disciples gloried in the Cross of Jesus because of victory and joy that crowned their lives through its blessing. The hymn writers have expressed this truth in words that have been etched in our souls.

"Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,  
 By the cross are sanctified;  
 Peace is there that knows no measure,  
 Joys that thro' all time abide."

Nothing can happen to us that can mar or destroy this precious gift of God of his grace and eternal life as sealed for us by the shed blood of Christ on Calvary's Cross! This is more important for our eternal destiny than anything else. This takes us to the heart of a truly happy life. It gives us the secret of real peace of mind.

This must be our spiritual abiding place, beneath the Cross of Jesus. Here we shall grow into the full stature of our Christian lives, becoming like HIM who on that Cross gave himself for us!

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# What Is Your Standard of Life?

You cannot determine your standard of life in terms of pounds or yards or by comparing yourself with other people. But it is of utmost importance that you be like Jesus Christ. To know him as Savior is to grow into his likeness

By the REV. ERNEST A. ZIMBELMAN of Albany, California

A TOPIC which is often discussed is "the standard of living" of various groups. Americans generally pride themselves that they have the highest standard of living of any nation in the world. Individuals who have traveled in other countries are frequently asked to give comparisons between the American standard of living and that of other nations.

## MORE POSSESSIONS

World leaders stress that the more prosperous nations must attempt to raise the standard of living of the peoples of the many underdeveloped countries of the world. It seems that people generally have become captured by the idea of how desirable it is to have a high standard of living, to the extent that they are willing to devote their whole life to an effort of acquiring more and more material possessions.

It is very difficult to argue that wholesome food, adequate clothing, and a comfortable home are not worthy objectives which every individual may properly try to acquire. But the writer feels that one may seriously question whether once an indi-

vidual is eating three meals a day, he is justified to continue with the same effort to arrive at a place where he can eat six meals a day; or that when a person has a home with one bathroom, he should not relax his efforts until he has a home with two, three or more bathrooms; or again if a person has a bicycle, he should not rest until he owns a car, and once he has one car, he must work untiringly until he has two cars, or a bigger and newer model.

What the writer is trying to illustrate is that as persons we have certain basic needs which must be supplied if we are to maintain life itself. But we must not get to the place where we reason as follows: "My family has two pounds of meat to eat a day and we are quite happy with that. Therefore, if we had four pounds of meat a day, we would be twice as happy. Then if we had six pounds, we would be three times as happy; and so on."

## TRUE HAPPINESS

When we use a simple illustration such as this, we can readily see that there is a limit as to how much we can profit from increasing our material

possessions. We see that there is no direct ratio between the amount of food we have and happiness. But when the simple illustration of sufficient meat and bread is complicated by the many demands of daily living, we are very prone to reason: "If I am now happy with these few material possessions, how much happier I shall be if I can double them, and then triple them, and so on." We can only ask: "What shall it profit a man if he gains the whole world . . .?"

Therefore the concern which we as Christians should have is not to question individuals or nations concerning the relative status of their standard of living, that is, how many material possessions they have; but rather, what are their "standards of life," that is, what are their values?

We have numerous ways in which we determine the standard of living of individuals—for example, income, measured in dollars and cents; type of employment; the size and quality of the home; the amount of calories in the daily diet; and numerous other ways. But how can we measure the "standard of life"?

Or, saying the same thing, we may ask, how can we measure such traits as kindness, love, understanding, humility, mercy, justice, honesty or truthfulness? As we think about these, we can readily see that these traits cannot be measured in pounds or ounces, yards or feet, quarts or pints, and yet we are all aware that these traits are found in varying degrees in different individuals.

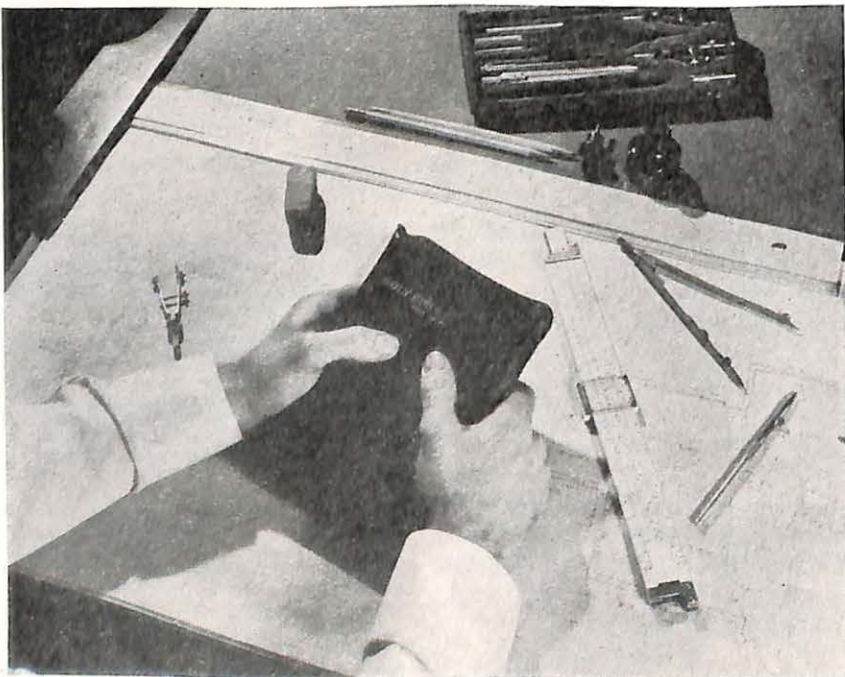
All of us have at one time or another evaluated individuals concerning their unselfishness, but we have been unable to say that Mr. Parker is fifty-two per cent more unselfish than Mr. Smith, or, too, we have been unable to say that Mary is four times as truthful as John, even though we have noticed a difference.

## THE IDEAL STANDARD

It is the degree to which these various traits are found in us which determines what our "standard of life" is. We have varying levels concerning these traits, even though we cannot determine their precise amount by using the usual units of measurement.

How then may we determine the level of our "standard of life"? We

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You cannot determine your standard of life with a surveyor's instruments. The only absolute standard by which you can measure the level of your values is to compare them to those of Jesus Christ and his Word

# Indians on New Year's Eve

The stirring story of the Cree Indians on the Bull Reserve of Alberta who together with Chief Francis Bull filled the Benke Memorial Chapel for the Watchnight Service and dedicated themselves to Christ at the Lord's Supper on the first Sunday of the year

By the REV. REINHARD NEUMAN, Indian Missionary

GLORIOUS and sublime experiences were recently ours in the Benke Memorial Chapel on the Indian Bull Reserve of Alberta. With a successful Christmas program just finished, we were led to spiritual heights on New Year's Eve. Great delight was on the faces of old and young and the atmosphere was filled with a grand and glowing spirit.

Our New Year's Eve program began at 9:00 o'clock in the evening. The Indians who were present to participate in the service manifested the blessings they had experienced in the past years. People of all age groups came to witness one of the most thrilling occasions seen on this Indian reserve.

## HYMNS AND PICTURES

The first hour was spent in singing favorite hymns of praise and thanksgiving. The missionary read from Romans 10:1-13 after which Mr. Joe White led in prayer in Cree. Then Chief Francis Bull gave a welcome speech, after which he pleaded with the people to practice a closer walk with God in the year 1954.

The children blessed our hearts with their enthusiastic singing followed by pictures shown by Missionary Neuman for twenty minutes. These pictures were taken on the reserves of people and places known to our Indian friends. There were delightful expressions from children and the older people when they saw themselves in natural color on the screen. The singing of a hymn and prayer closed the first hour from 9:00 to 12:00 P.M.

Now it was lunch time! Mrs. Neuman had prepared sandwiches, cake and tea for the older people and milk for the children. We shared these blessings with thankful hearts.

Hymns of consecration were chosen for the last hour. These together with the personal testimonies of the various Indians and the message made a tremendous impact upon all of us. After the reading of God's Word from Revelation 21:1-8, Mr. Pete Crane gave a short talk.

## PETE CRANE

Mr. Pete Crane is one of our elderly Christians. He was saved and bap-

tized in 1952. He touched our hearts with his personal testimony, rejoicing in his Savior and God for all he has done for him. He pleaded with sinners to turn to Christ. In spite of the warnings and repeated attempts by his Roman Catholic friends for him to refrain from baptism, he followed the Lord. He was baptized upon his personal confession of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ made public on the shores of the Baptist Lake on Montana Reserve.

Friends told Mr. Crane that he, too, would meet death as Simon Bull had done a year previously because he had

After this object lesson Mr. Joe White challenged us with words that were firm and forceful. He reviewed the progress on the reserve crediting the Baptist church and its missionaries for the interest in the Indians. He touched and melted many hearts when he made mention of the late Rev. F. W. Benke and also the service of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Harsch.

## GOSPEL MESSAGE

A Gospel message with a challenge was delivered by Missionary Neuman. At the close of the message just before midnight, an invitation was thrown



Chief Francis Bull of the Bull Reserve who was baptized in 1951 on his confession of faith in Christ and is a wonderful Christian example to his people

had a weak heart. Mr. Crane is with us today, happy and healthier than ever, rejoicing in his Lord and Savior. We pray that his witness and testimony will yet do great things for his friends and neighbors before God summons him to his eternal reward.

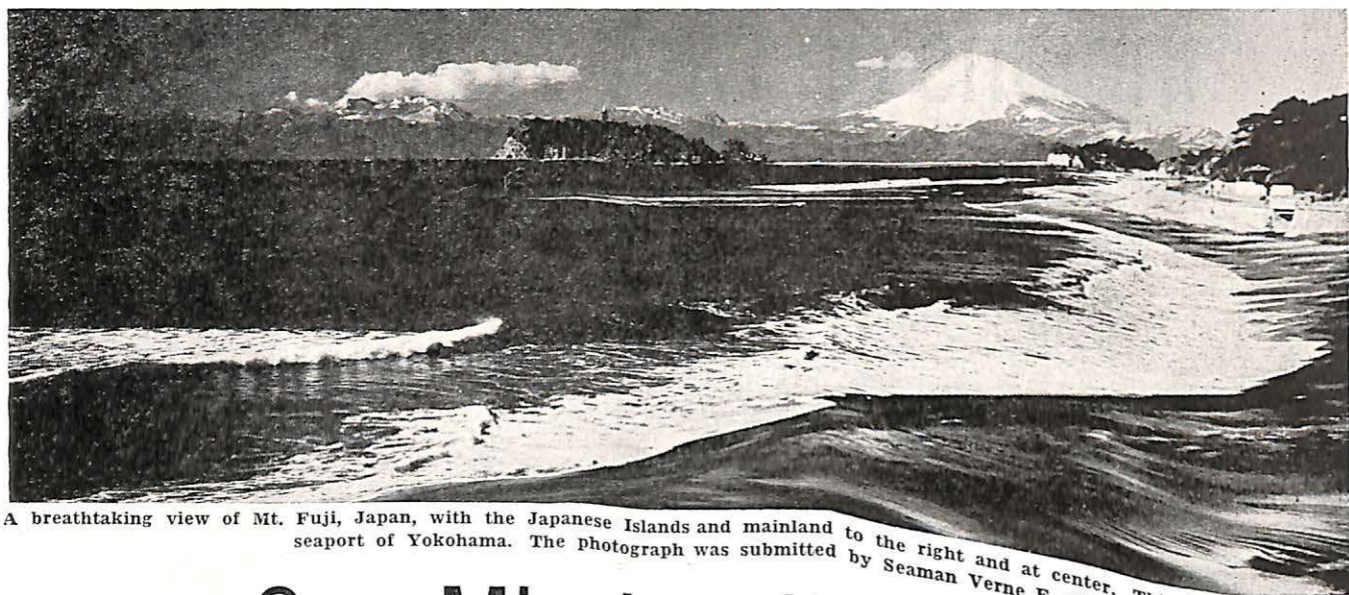
After this stirring testimony, Mr. and Mrs. Neuman sang a fitting duet. Then Mrs. Neuman gave an object lesson on "Clean Pages," driving home the truth that a life surrendered and consecrated to the Lord will be a book with clean pages for 1954 which the Holy Spirit will help to keep clean throughout the year.

out to all Christians. "Who will choose Jesus Christ as their Guide and Pilot for 1954?" Many hands were raised indicating their choice.

Among the raised hands were those of Chief Francis Bull, Joe White and others, old and young. It was a thrill to look upon the Indian congregation with hands raised high indicating their desire to walk closer with God. It was a wonderful New Year's Eve sight.

People have found various ways to describe the beginning of a new year. Sometimes it is pictured as a book with clean white pages, sometimes as an

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A breathtaking view of Mt. Fuji, Japan, with the Japanese Islands and mainland to the right and at center. This is the entrance to seaport of Yokohama. The photograph was submitted by the right and at center. This is the entrance to seaport of Yokohama. The photograph was submitted by Seaman Verne F. Alf

# Our Mission in Japan

God has wonderfully blessed our mission in Japan with the calling of eight missionaries, the opening of doors into Ujiyamada (a village of 70,000), and the building of a mission house and chapel. But there are many adversities in the way, and disappointments to be experienced. This thrilling article by one of our missionaries will move you to pray more earnestly for the work and for more laborers for the field

By MISS FLORENCE MILLER of Ujiyamada, Japan

WHERE in all of Japan should a mission, just beginning work in this country, establish its headquarters and locate its field? This was the question confronting us as the first North American Baptist missionaries in Japan.

We had been in Japan almost a year studying the language, but we had remained in Tokyo. As yet we knew very little about the rest of the country. We felt that it was time to spy out the land. With the help of statistics prepared by the Evangelical Missionary Association in Japan, we were able to select three areas which seemed unusually needy.

### CHOOSING THE FIELD

During the summer of 1952, the Rev. Jay Hirth and the Rev. John Rhoads planned an evangelistic trip through one of the areas selected. Among the cities visited was Ujiyamada, famous for its Ise Shrine, the shrine of the Sun Goddess, said to be the first ancestor of the Japanese emperor. Ujiyamada is truly the mecca of Shintoism, for here people come from all parts of the country to visit the shrine, some to worship, some to do sightseeing. Particularly in the autumn, throngs of people are constantly seen walking towards the shrine.

The shrine is surrounded by acres and acres of beautifully tended woodlands and parks and is designated as a national park. Being thus designated, many Christians do not hesitate to enter the shrine compound, because it is called a park. In fact, some of the Christians even give money, when asked, for the upkeep of the park. School children usually take an annual trip to view the interesting places in Japan, and almost invariably Ujiyamada is included in the itinerary.

In spite of the fact that Ujiyamada is the stronghold of Shintoism in Japan, Mr. Rhoads and Mr. Hirth were greatly encouraged by the response of the people to the outdoor meetings held there.

In the fall of 1952, Mr. Hirth and I each surveyed one of the other two prospective areas and, after much deliberation and prayer, the missionaries chose the city of Ujiyamada to be mission headquarters and the surrounding towns and villages to be our field of labor.

Ujiyamada is a city of about 70,000 people. There is one Catholic Church, one Episcopal Church and one Protestant church of Presbyterian background. There is one missionary family working in the city in connection with this church.

Even before Ujiyamada had been chosen as headquarters, Mr. Rhoads and Mr. Hirth, while holding meetings in the city, spied a piece of land on the outskirts of the city which seemed like an ideal place to build a home. It was on a hill and somewhat isolated from the crowded city. It would be cool in summer and afford at least a degree of privacy. The upper middle class, making it a very desirable site.

### BUYING THE LAND

But perhaps the thing which appealed most about it was the beautiful scenery. To the south are mountains and to the west is a crystal clear river which winds lazily through its white, stony river bed. It's a perfect place to watch the sun set and to rest a tired missionary's mind for a few moments each day. Inquiries were made concerning the price of the land and found to be very reasonable.

After the land was purchased, Mr. and Mrs. Hirth eagerly drew up plans for their new home, our first mission house to be built in Japan. They wanted to make it a warm and comfortable western style building, and at the same time they wanted it to be as in-

conspicuous as possible. Thus they planned for the outside of the house to look typically Japanese, but the inside, with the exception of one Japanese style guest room, to be entirely western.

Construction began on the house in June. Due to the illness of Mrs. Hirth, the Hirth family suddenly returned to America leaving Mr. Rhoads and me to carry on the building program. We hoped it would be finished by the time that Miss Lois Lechner came to join me in September, but it was not completed until November 10, 1953. How glad we were to move into a real house that we would call our own.

### MISSION BEGINNINGS

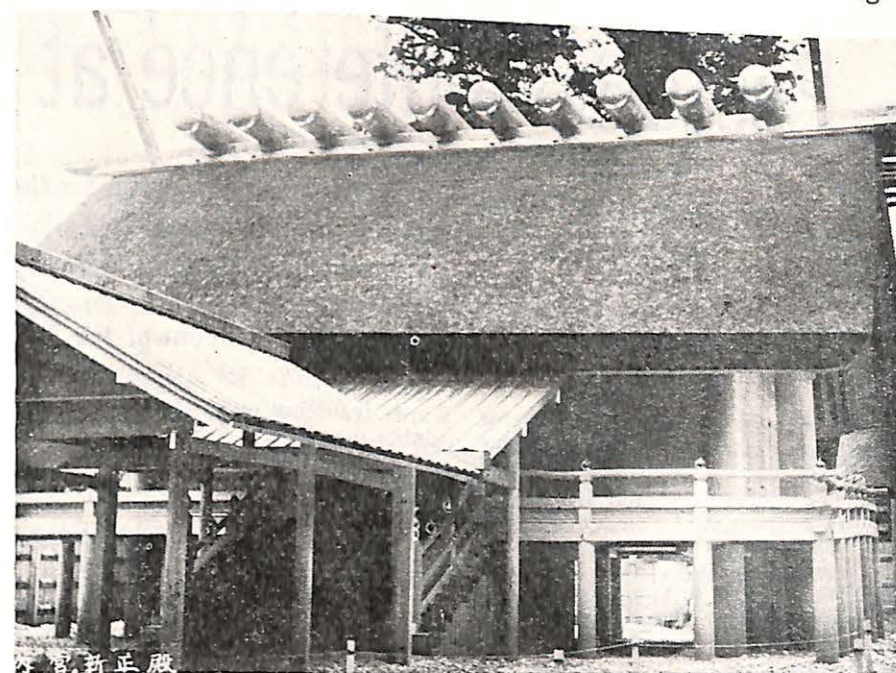
Before Mr. Hirth left, he rented a small three-room Japanese house which was to be my home for the following year. He also hired an interpreter to help him in the building program, but a day or two later he had to leave Ujiyamada. The young Japanese man, Fujii San, was left in Ujiyamada until Mr. Hirth could return, if possible.

Almost immediately Fujii San began a Sunday School and an adult Bible class. Mr. and Mrs. Hirth having had to return to America, I was asked to go to Ujiyamada immediately. Since it was considered inadvisable for me to have a young man as a helper, the need for a Bible woman was urgent. The Lord wonderfully provided a young woman for me at just the right time.

Although she has not had Bible School training, Yamamoto San knows the Word very well and is truly devoted to the Lord. She does not understand any English at all, which is good, in a sense, in that it forces me to use all the Japanese I know. On the other hand it is very difficult to communicate with her and especially when it comes to preparing a message in Japanese.

With the small nucleus of children and adults whom Fujii San had gathered together, we began to build the foundations for our future work. The problems confronting us were many and still are. I can only list a few of them here without further explanation.

1. Becoming known to and accepted by the people.
2. Having no established church to which to invite the people.
3. Not having an appropriate meeting place—our present church house is at the edge of town in a rather isolated place.
4. Being unable to communicate adequately with the people, both conversationally and in teaching.
5. Trying to train my helper to be a good Sunday School teacher and to help her in preparing Bible messages—all in Japanese.
6. Getting people to attend meetings—everyone is busy working on Sunday.



The newly built Inner Shrine of Ise at Ujiyamada, Japan. The emperor and crown prince come here to report to the spirits of their ancestors all the important events in "the Land of the Rising Sun"

7. Competing with the public schools on Sunday — examinations, picnics, special studies, etc., are usually on Sundays.
8. Finding time to do the necessary things—doing things in Japanese takes so much preparation.
9. Conflicts with firmly entrenched religions—Buddhism and Shintoism.

### CONFLICTS IN THE WORK

Although quite a few people, both children and adults, have come as seekers, not many have consistently attended Sunday School or church. The god of this world has blinded the eyes of those who do not believe, and he will resist with all his might the entrance of the Word of God which gives light. I should like to present

several typical seekers and the conflicts which have arisen between the powers of darkness and light.

The year 1953 was an especially important year in Ujiyamada, because every twenty-one years the shrine of the Sun Goddess is torn down and rebuilt. This was the year for its rebuilding and with it came many special festivals. One of the special ceremonies was the gathering of white stones, pulling them in huge carts to the shrine grounds where they are used in beautifying the area immediately surrounding the shrine.

Each family gathers some stones and contributes them to the community pile in his particular section of the city. On a given day, the people

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Missionary Florence Miller speaking to the Ujiyamada Rotary Club on "Christmas in America" at the invitation of Mr. Kubota, a neighbor of the mission and a member of a Protestant church in the city. By explaining that there are two groups in America, Christians and unbelievers, who celebrate Christmas in a different way, she was able to present the true meaning and story of Christmas!

# Pastors' Conference at Sioux Falls

Announcement of plans and tentative program for the Pastors' Conference to be held at the Seminary buildings, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, from July 28 to August 1, 1954

By the REV. RUBIN KERN, President of the Ministers' Fellowship

SINCE IT BECOMES necessary for every working leader of almost every profession and organization to meet his fellow-laborer, to gain from each other experience and to receive counsel and encouragement for more effective work, so it is also necessary for God's servants to benefit from such opportunities with their fellow-laborers.

## SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS

The Christian ministry is a creative and a sacrificial work. Practically every day presents new situations for which the minister must be ready to produce solutions and give of himself as he is directed by the Holy Spirit. It is a work which does not permit repetition. Fresh sermons must constantly be prepared. Programs must be suggested for the progressive needs of the church. Every department expects and should have the assistance of the pastor for their specific ministry. The sick, sorrowing, aged and frustrated are in need of pastoral care. The unsaved and indifferent need direction and help. To these and many other duties the minister must be ready to offer his assistance.

The daily program of the Pastors' Conference to be held at our Seminary buildings, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., from July 28 to August 1, 1954, has been prepared with that in mind. It is to help the pastor and encourage him to a more effective ministry. The tentative program is given below.

Since this Conference is not thought of as a vacation time, a central location has been chosen. Then, too, Sioux Falls offers to us the fine facilities of our Seminary buildings together with other dormitory space of Sioux Falls College, which will reduce the overall and individual cost.

## FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

In order to make it possible for every North American Baptist minister to attend, financial assistance will be offered in the following way. Every minister who attends the sessions of the Conference will receive of denominational funds five dollars (\$5.00) towards room and board, and one cent (.01c) per mile towards traveling expenses. It is requested that the local churches assist their pastor with an equal sum, \$5.00 towards room and board and one cent per mile to-

wards traveling expenses. This should enable every minister to attend.

The daily rates for room and board at the Seminary will be \$2.75 per person. Individual meals will be served at a cost as follows: Breakfast, \$.40; Dinner (noonday meal), \$.90; Supper, \$.70. In the event that the cost of rooms at Sioux Falls College exceeds that of the Seminary, an adjustment will be made for those who will stay at the College.

The pastors who bring their families will receive the same financial assistance as those who come singly. Whatever additional expense is incurred because of their family, will have to be borne by themselves. It will also be necessary for them to arrange for lodging outside of the Seminary and College dormitory. You may contact Rev. Richard Grenz, the Housing Chairman, for assistance to make reservations with motels, hotels and possibly private homes. Meals can be had for the entire family at the Seminary dining room.

All reservations should be made as early as possible. You will be served on a first come basis. Make your reservation through Rev. Richard Grenz, 1709 W. 22nd, Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Mr. Roland Ross has willingly consented to serve at the Conference for the distribution of the denominational grants to the ministers and the keeping of financial records.

## TENTATIVE PROGRAM

Theme: "The Heritage of the Lord's Servants." Text: Isaiah 54:17.

Wednesday, July 28

8:00 P.M.—Presiding, Rev. Henry Hirsch. Message, Professor Hugo Lueck.

Thursday, July 29

9:30-10:00 A.M.—Devotional, Rev. Ronald MacCormack.

10:00-10:45 A.M.—Bible Study by guest Bible teacher, Dr. C. B. Akenson, Minneapolis, Minn.

10:45-10:55 A.M.—Recess period.

10:55-11:05 A.M.—Inspirational song service, Rev. L. Friesen.

11:05-11:45 A.M.—Message, "Our Heritage of the Word." Rev. F. E. Klein.

12:00- 1:00 P.M.—Dinner, noon period.

1:00- 2:00 P.M.—Pastor's Workshop. Group I, "City Churches," Rev. W. C. Damrau.

Group II, "Rural and Small Town Churches," Alfred Weisser.

Organized Recreation.

7:30 P.M.—Presiding, Victor H. Prendinger. Message, Frank H. Woyke.

Friday, July 30

9:30-10:00 A.M.—Devotional, Wesley G. Blackburn.

10:00-10:45 A.M.—Bible Study by Dr. C. B. Akenson.

10:45-10:55 A.M.—Recess period.

10:55-11:05 A.M.—Inspirational song service, Alvin Wetter.

11:05-11:45 A.M.—"Our Heritage of Faithful Co-workers," O. E. Krueger.

12:00- 1:00 P.M.—Dinner and noon period.

1:00- 2:00 P.M.—Pastor's Workshop Group I, "Church Administration," Alex Elsesser.

Group II, "Immigration," Wm. Sturhahn.

Organized Recreation.

7:30 P.M.—Presiding, H. R. Schroeder. Message, Otto R. Schmidt.

Saturday, July 31

9:30-10:00 A.M.—Devotional, Arthur Weisser.

10:00-10:45 A.M.—Bible study by Dr. C. B. Akenson.

10:45-10:55 A.M.—Recess period.

10:55-11:05 A.M.—Inspirational song service, Reinhold Kanwischer.

11:05-11:45 A.M.—"Our Heritage of Power," C. H. Seecamp.

12:00- 1:00 P.M.—Dinner and noon period.

1:00- 2:00 P.M.—Pastor's Workshop. Group I, "Evangelism," H. Palfenier.

Group II, "Church Extension," W. J. Appel.

Organized Recreation.

7:30 P.M.—Presiding, David Zimmerman. Message, Denominational Film, M. L. Leuschner.

Sunday, August 1

Forenoon: Guest Speaker.

2:00 P.M.—Missionary Rally (Neighboring churches invited.)

Presiding, Arthur Fischer. Message, Missionary or Missionary Secretary.

Provision is also made for Prayer Group periods under the direction of John Leyboldt, Raymond Dickau, and W.W. Knauf.

# Brethren, Let Us Retreat!

From August 7 to 14, 1954 the 3rd Laymen's Conference will be held at the Baptist Assembly grounds, Green Lake, Wisconsin. The program will be tops! A large crowd of laymen and their families is expected. You will be thrilled by the fellowship and inspiration of those days. Read this article and plan to attend

MR. HARRY H. GEIS of Okeene, Oklahoma, President of Baptist Men

UNDOUBTEDLY, we can all agree that the title for this article is not suggestive of a victorious conquest, or of the holding of a strong position against a great adversary. And yet there is real value in a well planned retreat.

History tells us of generals who found it most advisable to plan an orderly retreat for the purpose of re-gathering and reorganizing forces at their command. Thereafter, an advance could be undertaken which was more likely to result in victory, than would have been the probability if there had been no retreat.

## SPIRITUAL REFRESHING

In the Christian life it also is necessary to leave the strain and stress of those necessary activities which must steadily be pursued, if we would be successful in promoting Christ's cause in our communities and throughout the world. Even Christ found it necessary to come away from the multitude to fellowship with the disciples close to him, or to go alone to be strengthened by communion with God. Matthew 15: 23 tells us, "He went up into a mountain apart to pray: and when the evening was come, he was there alone."

Our laymen's conference, sponsored by BAPTIST MEN, is not usually referred to as a retreat. Even so, our previous two conferences have been great days of spiritual refreshing and Christian fellowship that still linger in the lives of those who were privileged to attend. In a real sense, those were days of retreat, where Christians came away from the multitudes to be nearer to God and his children. It was a time of reassembling spiritual forces for a more efficient performance of the tasks he had given us to do.

## FINE PROGRAM

Toward this objective a wonderful program is again in preparation for our next conference to be held at the Green Lake Assembly grounds from August 7 to 14, 1954. Each day Dr. John W. Bradbury, editor of "The Watchman-Examiner," will open the Scriptures to us, as we study the Book of Ephesians together. These will be hours of blessing. We shall also be fortunate in having Dr. Martin Niemoeller speak at our conference. It may be that Mrs. Niemoeller can also

be present. We are hopeful that preliminary contacts will materialize in Dr. Edwin Bell, the European representative of the American Baptist Foreign Missionary Society, being another speaker at our conference. Dr. Bell has had a major ministry in Germany during these post-war years and will be able to present a very interesting story of conditions and his experiences.

Arrangements have also been made for leading representatives of our Christian laity to be among the speakers of our conference. Dr. C. Emmanuel Carlson, the newly appointed executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, has accepted our invitation to speak. Our own Ernest Hildebrand, builder of our Banso Hospital, will bring a first hand report about the Cameroons Mission, and show us latest developments with beautiful movie and Kodachrome pictures. A representative of the great Presbyterian laymen's movement, which has been so effective in recent years, will tell us of their accomplishments. Dr. Gerald D. Holstine, dean of the department of education of the University of North Dakota and a

member of our Grand Forks church, has also promised to be one of our speakers.

There are many other program features. An outstanding musical program is again assured as Arthur Thom of Detroit, Mich., and a very able committee of talented musicians plan to highlight each day with special music. Then there are the recreational periods, with games and competitive activities planned by an able committee. The most enjoyable table fellowship and the fine food are long to be remembered. The evening hour at the snackery is a splendid climax to each day.

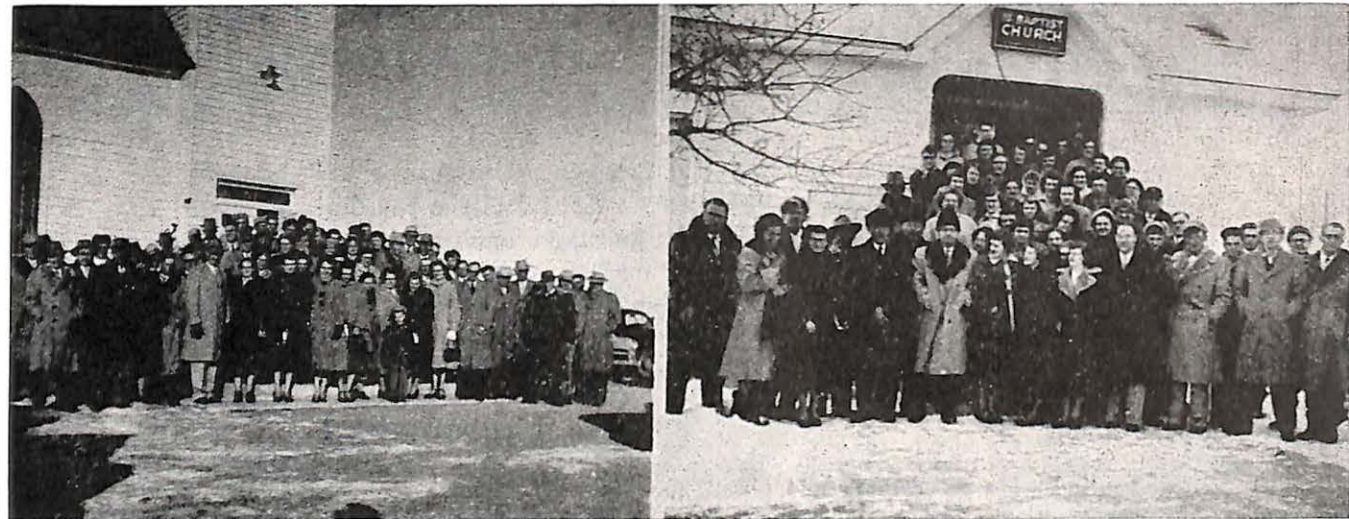
## FRIENDLY WELCOME

We would therefore extend to you our most friendly invitation to come apart with us for the week starting Saturday evening, August 7th, and closing after breakfast devotions on Saturday morning, August 14th. If you accept this invitation, we know that you too will become one of the many who look forward to each new conference.

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The famous golf course on the grounds of the Green Lake Baptist Assembly where many of the laymen attending the 1954 Conference will enjoy some thrilling hours



Sunday School and CBY leaders and workers at two of the four Christian Workers' Conferences in the Dakotas held at the Plum Creek Church, Emery, S. Dak., (left) and at Linton, N. Dak. (right)

# Four Christian Workers' Conferences

A report of Workers' Conferences held for 500 Dakota Conference CBY and Sunday School leaders from Jan. 11-19, 1954

By MISS RUTH BATHAUER, Children's Worker

"STUDY TO SHOW thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 Timothy 2:15). The challenge given to Christians in this verse was accepted by almost five hundred Dakota Conference CBY and Sunday School workers and leaders from January 11 to 19 as they came ready for new ideas and new methods of improving the work of the local

church so that the Word of God might be taught more effectively. In spite of the cold winter weather, and in many cases sub-zero temperatures, there was a warm feeling of fellowship at all of the conferences. Forty-seven churches were represented at the four regional Christian Workers' Conferences, which is a very fine percentage when one considers the icy roads in January.

At each conference the theme song, "Live Christ," rang out and became a real challenge for teachers and workers to "teach Christ." The theme of the conferences throughout the week was "Prepare—Teach Christ."

The first in the series of conferences was the South Dakota Assembly Region CBY and SSU, which met at the Plum Creek Baptist Church, Emery, South Dakota. The Badlands Assembly Region met in the Grace Baptist Church in Hettinger, North Dakota. The Baptist Church in Linton, N. Dak., was the meetingplace of the Central North Dakota Assembly Region.

A heavy snowfall and high winds could have served as a discouraging factor in Linton, but in spite of the bad weather almost 140 leaders and workers were present. The last conference was the Northern North Dakota Assembly Region in the Bethel Baptist Church in Harvey, North Dakota.

### CONFERENCE TEAM

Two regional instructors joined the conference team in each area and in a very efficient way contributed much to make the conference a great success. The instructors were:

Mrs. Herbert Hiller and Mrs. Roy Seibel, South Dakota Assembly Region.

Mrs. Bernard Fritzke and Mrs. Clarice Friez, Badlands Assembly Region.

Mrs. Ernest Lautt and Miss Alma Zimmerman, Central North Dakota Assembly Region.



—Photo by Mrs. Gottlieb Kremer

Team that participated in the programs of four Christian Workers' Conferences in the Dakotas  
Right to left: Rev. Richard Grenz, Rev. Lawrence Bienert, Miss Ruth Bathauer, and Rev. M. L. Leuschner

Mrs. Albert Reddig and Mrs. Eldon Leitner, Northern North Dakota Assembly Region.

The members of the conference team were Dr. Martin L. Leuschner, promotional editor; Rev. L. G. Bienert, youth director; Miss Ruth Bathauer, children's worker, and Rev. Richard G. Grenz, pastor of Trinity Church, Sioux Falls, South Dakota. The team traveled through the Dakotas in the car owned by Mr. Grenz.

There was a real spirit of loyalty and cooperation shown by the many leaders and workers attending the conferences as they supported this new endeavor with their giving and their prayers. After the expenses of printing programs, securing the necessary supplies, and the car expenses for the team were taken care of, about \$200 will go toward the Dakota Conference Mission Project which is the Cameroons Crusade. We thank God for answered prayers as definite, gratifying results are evident.

### THOUGHT PROVOKING PROGRAMS

The days of the conferences were busy but happy days. Each conference was begun with devotions at 7:00 P.M. in the evening, followed by an open forum on the topics, "Mission of the Church" and "Why a Christian Workers' Conference." The two panel members discussed the topics showing that the workers' conference is very closely related to the mission of the church. Opportunity was given for questions from the audience.

It has been proven that a high percentage of learning takes place through the eye gate. Time was devoted to projected and non-projected visual aids which might be used effectively in the church. Suggestions were given where visual aids may be secured by the local leaders.

The day sessions began with "Morning Watch" with a local CBY president conducting this time of devotions. Dr. Leuschner and Mr. Bienert then conducted two open forums on the Sunday School and CBY work of the church.

The program planning committee for the Dakota Conference also provided for departmental sessions during which time specific needs, problems, teaching methods and procedures were discussed for the various age groups. The two regional instructors mentioned previously conducted the classes for the Beginner and Primary departments. Miss Ruth Bathauer met with teachers and leaders of the Junior Department while Rev. L. G. Bienert taught the class for the Youth Department. Dr. M. L. Leuschner conducted the departmental sessions for the adults.

A demonstration entitled, "That Opening Exercises," was given showing how important it is to use variety in the opening exercise of our Sunday



The late Mr. Okko De Boer, former superintendent of the Seminary buildings, for whom a memorial has been arranged in the Seminary's prayer room

### VICTORIES IN THE FIELD

By PROFESSOR HENRY R. BRANDT

In Africa, in Japan, in Europe, and across America the claims of Christ are presented to needy people by heralds of the Cross who have studied at the North American Baptist Seminary. As a denomination, we unite our hearts in prayer that God will guide the Seminary to the end that we become more and more effective in developing trained leadership for God's cause across the world.

One step that we are taking toward making our training program more effective is the expansion of our field work program. Our aim is to produce men who have a sound academic training and practical experience in teach-

School. When a school is too small to be departmentalized, members from the various classes should be asked to participate. The opening exercise should be a time of preparation for the class period.

### A VIGOROUS RESPONSE

Opportunity was given for a representative from each of the departmental sessions to share some of the experiences by giving short reports to the entire group. The wonderful response through these reports was most gratifying.

The regional conferences were something new to be conducted in the Dakota area, but it has been met with

ing Sunday School classes, working with young people, doing personal work with individuals, and preaching the Word.

At the present time, one-third of our students have student pastorates or fill a pulpit regularly each Sunday. This writer has asked several of them to share some of their victories with you. The following are some of their reports:

One student tells of leading a man to the Lord and then in swift succession the man's wife, two grandchildren, and another couple who were friends of the family.

A second student saw six adults respond to his invitation one Sunday morning. Two of these people were Roman Catholics.

"A high schooler stepped out for Christ recently," relates a third student. In this same congregation a husband and wife who had drifted away from close communion with God found their way back to the foot of the Cross and established a family altar. Later, this couple testified to another family, who also wish help.

A fourth student conducts a weekly radio broadcast, "Moments With the Master." Recently a family who lives sixty miles from Sioux Falls told this writer that they are regular listeners to that broadcast. This same student reports ten conversions during the last year.

Male quartets serve in nearby churches each Sunday, and at times sing for patients in the local hospital.

We would request your prayers, asking God to open doors for our students, enabling us to report multiplied victories for Christ through a variety of God-given opportunities for service.

In January, the students and faculty of the Seminary held a memorial service for Mr. Okko De Boer who served the Seminary for 8½ years as superintendent of buildings and grounds. He was known and loved by students and faculty alike as a man who loved the Lord, served him faithfully, and witnessed for him in word and deed. In his memory a new Bible and rug will be placed in the student prayer room by the students and faculty of the Seminary.

a very fine response by the leaders and workers in the area. The time afforded local leaders and workers throughout the conference to discuss their needs, their goals, and their problems with other Christian workers has been very beneficial.

### TEACH CHRIST

Again and again the people attending the conferences expressed the thought that the Christian fellowship which they were able to have has given them a new vision of what might be accomplished in their churches and they have returned to their home churches with a greater zeal to "Prepare and to Teach Christ."

# WHAT'S HAPPENING

- The Zion Baptist Church of Vida, Mont., has extended a call to Mr. August Bertsch of Venturia, N. Dak., to which he has responded favorably. He is already actively engaged in his pastorate at Vida. Mr. Bertsch has studied at the North American Baptist Seminary and the St. Paul Bible School of St. Paul, Minnesota. He has succeeded the Rev. Leland Schantz.
- On Sunday evening, Feb. 14, the film of the American Bible Society, "At Work With the Word," was shown at the First Baptist Church of Sumner, Iowa. The Junior Choir of the church began its ministry in song at the morning service. The young people are preparing to present the play, "Claudia, the Wife of Pontius Pilate" on Easter Sunday, April 18. The Rev. F. W. Mashner is pastor of the church.
- On Sunday, Feb. 14, the Rev. R. G. Kaiser, pastor of the Baptist Church, Startup, Wash., had the joy of baptizing a family of parents and a son on confession of their faith in Christ. Since the Baptist Church does not have a baptistry, the service was held in the nearby Snohomish Baptist Church. Mr. Kaiser reported: "We are praying for a real spiritual awakening and for a harvest of souls here as well as everywhere."
- The new organ of the First Baptist Church of Goodrich, N. Dak., was dedicated on Sunday morning, Feb. 14, with Dr. John Leypoldt, interim promotional secretary, speaking on "The Gospel of Harmony." Mrs. R. E. Martin served at the organ. The Rev. I. H. Schmuland, pastor, related facts about the organ fund and the purchase of the organ. The church orchestra rendered several selections during the inspiration period at the evening service.
- Dr. George A. Lang, president of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., has announced the appointment of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Wiese as superintendent of buildings and grounds and as matron, respectively. Their services began on Feb. 15, succeeding the late Mr. Okko De Boer and Mrs. De Boer. Mrs. Lyle Wacker, the wife of a Seminary student, is serving as the Seminary office secretary, succeeding Miss Viola Wall.
- During the month of March Dr. John Leypoldt, interim promotional secretary, served as guest speaker in most of the churches of Oregon and rendered an appreciated ministry at the Pacific Northwest Ministers' Retreat held at Colfax, Wash., from March 16 to 18. On March 3 he spoke in the Calvary Church of Billings, Mont., and from March 7 to 10 in the Bethel Church of Missoula, Montana. He will preach in his former church, the Trinity Baptist Church of Portland, Ore., on Sunday morning, March 28.
- On Sunday, Feb. 14, the Evergreen Baptist Church, Brooklyn, N. Y., honored Mr. Henry Veninga on the completion of 25 years of faithful service as a member of the board of deacons. The flowers gracing the pulpit on that Sunday were presented by the board of deacons in appreciation of Brother Veninga's loyal service and interest in his church. The annual meeting of the church was held on Friday evening, Feb. 19. The pastor-elect, the Rev. Paul Zoschke, will begin his ministry in the Evergreen Church on April 1st.
- From Feb. 22 to 26 Miss Ruth Bathauer, Children's Worker of the denomination, participated in several Christian Workers' Conferences held in the area of the Central Saskatchewan-Alberta Tri Union. She conducted a leadership training course from Feb. 28 to March 5 at Leduc, Alta., with members of the First Church and Temple Church of Leduc and the nearby Wiesenthal Church in attendance. From March 15 to 19 she held a leadership training course at Linton, N. Dak., and from March 22 to 26 at Underwood, North Dakota.
- Two baptismal services were recently held at the White Ave. Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio. On Sunday, Jan. 27, three young people and three adults were baptized by the Rev. Paul F. Zoschke, pastor, and on Sunday, Feb. 14, he baptized three adults who had confessed their faith in Christ as Savior. "The conversion of these young people was attributable to the spiritual effect upon them of last summer's camp experiences," as reported by Mr. Zoschke, "and the parents of one convert were also influenced by their son to make their decision."
- The Baptist Church of Mt. Sterling, Mo., has extended a call to the Rev. Ford Cole of Kansas City, Kans., to which he has responded favorably.

He began his ministry on Sunday, Feb. 14, succeeding the Rev. Arthur Voigt, now of the Rosenfeld Church near Anamoose, North Dakota. Mr. Cole studied at the North American Baptist Seminary of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., for several years. He will complete his studies toward the Bachelor of Divinity degree at Central Baptist Seminary in May 1954. In the meantime, he and his wife are residing at the Mt. Sterling church parsonage.

● The membership of the Zion German Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wis., has grown from 42 to 57 since it was organized late in 1953. In addition, about 20 other people, who are members elsewhere, attend the services quite regularly and are active in the church's program because of their preference for German services and sermons. The Sunday School attendance averages approximately 60. The afternoon church services, now being held in the newly purchased edifice of the United Brethren Church, are attended by 100 to 130 persons. The Rev. Ernst Sakowski is pastor of the church.

● A Victory Celebration in the Sioux Falls College Achievement Program was held at the First Baptist Church of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., on Wednesday evening, Jan. 27. It was announced that the sum of \$199,062.17 had been raised to exceed the objective by several thousands of dollars and thus clearing the college of all outstanding indebtedness. Dr. Reuben P. Jeschke, the new president of Sioux Falls College, spoke briefly. Dr. Pieter Smit of St. Paul, Minn., spoke on "Recognition of Leadership." The address was given by Dr. Ronald W. Wells of the Board of Education and Publication of the American Baptist Convention.

● The choir of the Foster Ave. Baptist Church, Chicago, Ill., will render an unusual musical program on Good Friday evening, April 16, and on Easter Sunday morning, April 18, at the church. Some years ago, Mr. Edward B. Sheve, former choir director and also General Conference chorus director, composed the music for an inspirational Easter cantata entitled, "The Death and Resurrection of Christ." The English version on "Death" will be given at the Good Friday service, and "The Resurrection" will be sung in German on Easter Sunday morning. Mr. Herbert Pankratz is choir director and the Rev. Joe Sonnenberg is the pastor of the church.

● The Pilgrim Baptist Church of Philadelphia, Pa., dedicated its new organ on Sunday morning, Feb. 14. The presentation of the organ to the church was made by Mr. Otto Draeger with a response given by Mr. J. Gruhler, chairman of the board of trustees. Miss Eva Yung, organist, selected special numbers for the dedicatory service, including Dvorak's "Largo," Kinder's "Meditation," Sibelius' "Theme from Finlandia" and Silver's "Jubilate Dio." The prayer of dedication was offered by the pastor, the Rev. W. C. Damrau. Evangelistic meetings were held in the Pilgrim Church from March 7 to 14 with the Rev. Daniel Fuchs serving as evangelist.

● The secretarial staff of Forest Park, Ill., held its annual inspirational conference with the faculty and student body of the North American Baptist Seminary at Sioux Falls, S. Dak., on Feb. 18 and 19. Those participating in the program from the secretarial staff were Dr. Frank H. Woyke, Rev. R. Schilke, Rev. Lawrence Bienert and Rev. M. L. Leuschner. The reception for North American Baptist students in the Sioux Falls area was held on Thursday evening, Feb. 18, at the Seminary building with 110 young people in attendance. Mr. Bienert presided over the fine program of singing, greetings by Dr. Woyke and Dr. George A. Lang, and pictures.

● The recently organized Central Baptist Church of Kitchener, Ont., is enjoying God's blessing and notable progress, as reported by the Rev. John C. Schweitzer, church extension worker. Many German people are living in this city of about 65,000 population with its many diversified industries. The attendance at the church services has reached the 105 mark. The church's membership stands at 45. On Sunday, Feb. 14, Mr. Schweitzer had the joy of baptizing two promising couples and receiving them into the church. The service was held at the Benton Street Baptist Church, which formerly belonged to the North American Baptist General Conference.

● The reception for North American Baptist students in the Chicago area was held at the headquarters building in Forest Park, Ill., on Monday evening, Feb. 22, with young people from Northern Baptist Seminary, Baptist Missionary Training School, Moody Bible Institute, Wheaton College, Elmhurst College and other schools attending. The Rev. J. C. Gunst made some opening remarks, before the Rev. Lawrence Bienert took charge in presiding over the program. Dr. Frank H. Woyke welcomed the students. Dr. M. L. Leuschner spoke about the denominational publications. The Rev. R. Schilke showed some recent Cameroons pictures. Mr. David Draewell of Detroit, Mich., led the group singing. Delicious refreshments were served in a delightful Japanese setting by the office staff.

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### HERALD NEWS

#### YOUTH COMPASS TOPICS

March 28, 1954—"Religions Versus Christian Missions" by Jay Hirth, Chicago, Illinois.  
April 4, 1954—"Looking Toward Calvary" by Paul Wengel, Brooklyn, New York.

#### INTRODUCING BETTY WIESE

We are happy to introduce Miss Betty Wiese, formerly of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., to our people. Since February 1, 1954, Betty has been working as stenographer and office secretary for the Commissioned Youth and Sunday School Union department at our office in Forest Park, Illinois. Betty comes to us well qualified for the work in our office, having had former training and office experience as well. We are happy for her fine preparation for this work. Even more so, we are grateful for her fine Christian training and witness. Immediately after coming to Forest Park, she was interested in church activities continuing in the Forest Park Baptist Church here where she left off at the Trinity Church in Sioux Falls.

Betty started her life's journey at Corona, S. Dak., where her parents resided when she was born. There she attended public school finishing the seventh grade. At that time her parents moved to Sioux Falls, S. Dak.,



Miss Betty Wiese, stenographer for the CBY and SS Union at the Headquarters Office, Forest Park, Illinois

where Betty finished her eighth grade, later graduating from Washington High School. Following high school, she entered Sioux Falls College completing her first year at college. In the summer of 1953, she secured office work at the Veterans Administration Regional Office in Sioux Falls, where she worked until she came to Forest Park.

Betty's duties in Forest Park are bound to be raised as is the case with all the workers at Forest Park. We are confident that it was the Lord's leading to add another consecrated Christian worker to our staff in Betty Wiese. Now we shall let her personally tell you about her experiences.

"Having been brought up in a Christian home, I consider a privilege and I thank God for the influence my Christian parents have had on my life. Although I had attended Sunday School and church since a small child, it was at the age of seven, I accepted Christ as my personal Savior and was baptized shortly thereafter by the late Rev. R. A. Klein.

"I was a member of the various organizations of the Corona Baptist Church from the time of my conversion until we moved to Sioux Falls. In 1950 I joined the Baptist Church of Sioux Falls, and when the Trinity Church was organized, I became a member there. In the Sunday School I have served as a pianist for several years and in the CBY as a commission chairman and also as secretary. It was always a joy to have fellowship and serve in the South Dakota CBY and SS Union where I was reporter for the BAPTIST HERALD for one year and at the recent rally was elected treasurer.

"Only to be what he wants me to be every moment of every day' is the first line of a favorite chorus of mine. It is my prayer that I may let the Lord lead and guide me so that, as I endeavor to serve him, I might be what he wants me to be."

#### MY PRAYER

"Oh, for a life to please my God,  
In every little thing—  
A holy life, that day by day  
To him will glory bring!  
A life lived only 'unto him,'  
No double aim in view,  
The outcome of a Christlike heart,  
By God made pure and new.  
A life that Jesus guides alone,  
O'er which he has control!  
A life which others seeing, say,  
That Jesus owns the whole."



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## Across the Seas

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

### SYNOPSIS

Tom Wilson and Mickey Conant were Christian buddies aboard the destroyer "U.S.S. Mastin." At Auckland, New Zealand, the two sailors were assigned to Shore Patrol duty. They soon learned about mysterious things at "the Seaman's Club" and uncovered a communist spy ring 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 hero in this undertaking was Ernie Farrow whose life had been recently changed by the Gospel and the witness of the two Christian sailors. The three sailors were in the ship's office talking about the day's events and their future plans. Tom Wilson would soon leave the ship and get married.

### CHAPTER TWELVE

"Well, at least," Tom changed the subject hastily, "you can take my place on board, Ernie, and help to make life miserable for the Mick. He's been too much for me to handle on a few occasions in the past, but you've got a better education than I have, and may be able to hold him down better."

"He won't give me the trouble you did, Tom," countered Mickey, "because he doesn't stand in need of all the

polishing you did when I first took you in hand." (Tom snorted indignantly.) "Anyhow, I doubt if Ernie will be around long enough for me to accomplish much with him; chances are he'll be at Annapolis this time next year. And when we see him again he'll be wearing that gold stripe around his cuff, and won't even remember poor Mickey, who used to share his last candy bar with him." The Irishman did his best to look doleful.

"That's a remote possibility, Mickey," Farrow answered. "I may not have much chance for Annapolis, in the first place, and in the second place I'm quite sure I'll never forget you fellows if I'm in the Navy forty years."

"Jus' what I say," agreed Villinorosa. "I been in this man's Navy almost twenty years—soon enough to retire—an' I still got good frien's all over the worl', some I haven't seen for long a time. But I meet 'em all the time, wherever the ship goes, an' we remember each other. You never forget."

There was a minute of silence, as the men thought their own thoughts. "Clever people, these Filipinos," finally Mickey pronounced his benediction.

"Sure," said Tomás complacently. "All Asiatics smart one way or another."

"They could be a lot smarter in certain sections of Asia right now," Tom said bluntly. "I used to give the Chinese, for instance, credit for having better judgment than to let their whole country go Communist. And now look at them."

"Chinese people not Communist," answered the steward, heatedly. "They don't want Red gover'ment. But generals are Red, an' they hire soldiers, overrun the country, an' people can't overt'row the army. Chinese people are plenty smart."

"I'll agree to that," Mick said, dryly. "They could give us Americans some lessons in good common sense. I notice you never see a Chrinese rushing down to the store to buy something he doesn't want just because it's marked down from five yen to four yen ninety-eight. And you don't see advertisements in their papers that say if you are about to lose the affections of your little lotus blossom, just use our special leech nut toothpaste and all your troubles are over."

The others laughed. "That's right: You'll find out for yourself how clever these Chinese are, time you make a few ports there, Ernie."

After a while, Tom opened his desk drawer and brought forth their Bibles. "About time for our nightly study session. Care to join us this time, Tomás?"

The little Filipino arose, shaking his head negatively. "No, t'anks, Tom. You're good boys, an' I like to visit with you. But I got my own church, an' I stick with it. See you tomorrow, maybe, an' we have a game of chess."

"Okay, Tomás. Thanks again for the stuff. Good night."

"Yeah, so long, Villain," bade Mickey. "Here's your tray and pitcher. See you later, buddy." The door closed behind him, and the three boys turned to their Bibles. As they opened to the chapter to be read, Farrow looked up with serious face.

"Fellows, before we begin to study tonight, I want to tell you it's been a real pleasure to me to be accepted into your company during these hours here in the office. You were friendly when just about all the rest of the crew wouldn't even speak to me. What's more, I thought I knew something about the Bible, but it seems there are a couple of things yet to learn about it." He smiled at them, and they responded:

"You're no gladder to be here than we are to have you, believe me, Ernie," said Tom. "You know, we've been having these study times only a few months. Mick and I have been buddies for years, but we've been Christians just a short while, relatively. We used to find our fun in some ways that weren't too profitable, but we get just as much enjoyment now, or more, in our church and with our

Christian friends. You know what you ought to do, Ernie?" he went on earnestly, leaning across the desk. "You ought to make a decision right here, tonight, to give yourself to the Lord, body and soul and to follow Him closely the rest of your life. Let Him take over those problems that are bothering you."

"There's nothing I'd rather do, Tom," replied Farrow. "But I've gone so wrong in the past half year, I'm almost ashamed to bring all my mistakes to God now and ask Him to straighten them out."

"Look, Ernie," put in Conant, "a couple of days ago you told us you didn't feel any love for your fellowmen on board this ship, and were pretty sure they didn't have any love for you. And that you couldn't make a profession of Christianity because they'd scoff at you. After what happened today, looks to me pretty sure that you do love your shipmates. It's hardly possible anybody would have risked his life as you did today, unless he had a sincere love for the one he was trying to save. And I've also got a strong feeling that your shipmates now have a much better feeling toward you, and will listen with respect to what you have to say."

The other man thought this over for a minute. Then he raised his head. "Sounds logical," he admitted.

"Of course it's logical," Mickey rushed on eagerly. "Anybody can say he loves his fellowman, until he's asked to prove it by some sacrificial act. Well, you've proved your love by a very courageous deed, and whatever you say to the crew from now on, they'll listen and tell each other, 'That's a man talking.' Your testimony will carry some weight around here in the future."

Farrow's face was beginning to glow. "Mickey, I believe you're right. It's been pretty hard for me to see my way clear to making an open profession of Christianity on board this ship, after all I've said against it and against you two fellows. But maybe the thing that happened today will make it possible for me to declare the change in my heart and not get jeered at."

"There you are!" Mickey's voice was hearty, and he thumped the desk with his fist. "The way I look at it, Ernie, God is not going to say, 'Go through that door there' unless, He makes sure it's unlocked first."

The evening meeting had begun lightheartedly. It ended triumphantly as Ernie made a wholehearted surrender of himself to the Lord for the rest of his life.

A hundred hilarious sailors crowded into the Mastin's mess hall to see Herky stand trial. They stood on tables, chairs, benches and every inch of deck. Up front, a mess table had been set in a strategic position, with chairs provided for the three-officer

court and the reporter, who was Tom Wilson. Lieutenant Malcolm was present as the accusing officer, and Mickey stood nearby as a prospective material witness. Senior officer of the court was the Executive Officer himself, Mr. Riley.

When all was in readiness, Mr. Riley rapped on the table for order, and quiet fell—a very loud quietness in which the smiles were so broad they could almost be heard.

"Bring in the accused," ordered the Court, and a seaman pushed his way through the crowd, carrying Herky in his arms—a squirming, vigorous defendant. Cries of encouragement and sympathy arose from all parts of the room.

"Keep your chin up, Herky ol' boy! We're with you!"

"Bite that prosecutor, Herk, if he gets tough!"

As for Herky himself, he considered this a rare lark. It wasn't often that he had so many playmates assembled all in one place, all calling his name in that particular tone of voice that meant they were in a mood for fun. Ah, what a noble lot of shipmates! What a lucky dog he was, all things considered. He wriggled out of the seaman's arms to the deck, and began dashing about, licking out-thrust hands—and faces, too, if the owners were careless—emitting an occasional yelp of great joy and entering into the spirit of the occasion generally.

Mr. Riley frowned upon this unmilitary display. "Bring the accused before the bar," he ordered crisply. The seaman captured his elusive charge, after several sorties, and managed to hold him in a semi-tranquil position for a few seconds before the official table.

"Attention!" commanded the Court, but Herky continued to stand at ease, grinning joyfully over his shoulder at his favorites, those whom he remembered as being good for an occasional handout of meat or sweets. The truth is, Herky was something of a "ham" actor.

"The accused exhibits a very poor attitude," remarked Mr. Riley to his fellow jurists, sagely. "That will be born in mind as we deliberate upon this case. Let us hear the charges."

Mr. Malcolm arose with dignity. "With the Court's permission, I will quote them. 'Herky, ship's mascot first class, stands accused of pilfering ship's property, insubordination and knavery of an intolerable sort. To be specific, he did appropriate for his own use, unlawfully and without the consent of the owner, one leather code book, ordinarily used for the deciphering of messages and communications, but which the accused devoted to the purpose of chewing and gnawing. The prosecution demands that he suffer the full penalty of naval law for his crimes.'"

The Court looked very solemn. "Those are grave charges, Mr. Mal-

colm. The accused will answer to them at this time. What have you to say, Herky?"

The mascot, finding himself thus addressed personally, made a desperate effort to break free in order that he might leap into the arms of this man whose voice radiated such kindness and affection for dogs.

"Ha;" cried Mr. Malcolm triumphantly. "The Court is requested to observe that the defendant is making frantic efforts to escape. A clear indication of guilt, I submit."

Mr. Riley stroked his chin judiciously. "Possibly, possibly, Mr. Malcolm. At any rate, there being no statement forthcoming from the defendant, you may commence the prosecution."

The Communications Officer advanced to the center of the little arena. "My case is brief but ironclad, sir. I will first call Conant, Radioman first class, to the witness stand."

Mickey stepped forward amid a variety of catcalls and hoots from his mates. He took his place in the witness chair and waited, hard put to keep a straight face. Mr. Malcolm addressed him with stern demeanor.

"Conant, have you ever seen the defendant before?" The crowd roared with laughter which drowned out Mickey's affirmative answer.

"Did you ever see this before?" The officer held up a well-chewed leather case.

"Yes, sir; many times."

"When did you see it last?"

"Two days ago, sir."

"In whose possession?"

"Yours, sir."

Mr. Malcolm looked annoyed. "No—no. I mean, before you gave it to me."

"Why, I took it from Herky."

"Aha! You took it from the defendant, right?"

"Right, sir."

"And where had the defendant been keeping it?"

"Under number three whaleboat."

The prosecutor turned to the Court. "A clear-cut case of secreting stolen property."

He resumed his questioning. "Did you ever give the defendant permission to take this case to the vicinity of number three whaleboat?"

"No, sir—but then, he never asked me." The assembled crewmen yelled with delight. Most of them would have given a day's pay to change places with Conant.

"No levity, if you please, Mr. Conant. I must remind you that the penalty for such offenses as the defendant has committed is separation from the naval service under conditions other than honorable. One more question: did the accused surrender this disputed property to you willingly, or did you take it from him?"

"We—el, he brought it out without me asking for it, but I don't believe he was through with it."

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## STANDARD OF LIFE

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can do it by comparing ourselves to the ideal standard—Jesus Christ! The life he lived was one of total kindness, perfect love, compassionate understanding, full forgiveness, complete justice. There was no deceit in him. He spoke of himself as the Truth, and he was the servant of all.

JESUS CHRIST, the STANDARD OF LIFE! It is not important that I be more honest than my neighbors, or more understanding than my friends, but it is of the utmost importance that I be like HIM!

We may come to the place where we are viewed by our acquaintances as good people, but unless we are like Christ, we are not good enough.

What is your "standard of life"? You cannot determine it in pounds or ounces, in yards or feet. You cannot determine it by comparing yourself with your neighbors and friends. The only absolute standard by which you can measure the level of your values is to compare them to those of Jesus Christ.

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## SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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2. He died because man's sin and hatred made it inevitable (John 19:15). They could not rest until they had put him out of the way.

3. He died because God's will included it (John 18:11, 37; 19:24, 28). It was the final step of obedience his Father requested of him.

4. He died because man's salvation required it (John 19:17-18, 30). Only by completely identifying himself with men and taking their sins upon himself and dying for them could man's salvation be accomplished.

### III. IN ORDER TO GRASP THE MEANING OF JESUS' DEATH WE MUST PERSONALLY ACCEPT THE REDEMPTION HE THEREBY ACHIEVED.

1. With his death Jesus accomplished man's redemption; yet his work is never really finished until that redemption is personally appropriated.

2. Only by accepting it and personally experiencing the power of his cross can the meaning of Jesus' death be understood.

## Applying the Lesson:

1. What are some of the specific benefits that derive to us through the death of Christ upon the cross?

2. How can a person gain these benefits for his own life?

## LAYMEN'S CONFERENCE

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A few weeks ago one of our leading laymen from a Pacific Coast city was in our office at Forest Park, Illinois. In speaking of our conference he told me of his plans to attend this retreat, and added that his week at our last conference was such an outstanding spiritual and fellowship experience that he and his wife would not want to miss this conference.

We have requests for reservations from South and North, East and West. Always when we talk to those who have previously attended, the comments have been enthusiastically favorable. A few days ago I received a letter from our dean of North American Baptist General Conference laymen, ninety-three year old H. P. Donner of Cleveland, Ohio, asking that I reserve a room for him.

## CONFERENCE THEME

The theme of our conference is "Finally, brethren, be strong!" taken from Ephesians 6:10 which reads, "Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might." After all is said and done, this will surely be the greatest objective of our conference—to help all who attend to be strengthened in their spiritual life. We do hope and pray that you may be one who will be privileged to come to the Baptist Assembly at Green Lake, Wisconsin.

Accommodations are limited. So it is important that you send in your registration at the earliest possible moment. Our agreement has been to occupy fully the Abbey Area accommodations, but for those who have a preference for somewhat more expensive quarters, we will have two of the larger homes on the conference grounds. A number of reservations will be accepted for Roger Williams Inn, but the National Missions Conference is also in session at Green Lake the week of August 7 to 14, so accommodations will be fully occupied and we will be limited. We should not like to see anyone disappointed.

## RATES FOR ROOM AND BOARD

Abbey Area: Five or more persons per room, \$4.50 each, per day. Three or four persons per room, \$4.75 each, per day. Double room, two persons, \$5.00 each, per day. Double room, one person, \$6.00 per day. The Abbey Area has no single rooms, but has dormitory rooms where individuals can be accommodated at the lower rates quoted above.

Summer Houses: Five persons per room, \$5.00 each, per day. Three persons per room, \$5.25 each, per day. Double room, 2 persons, \$5.50 each, per day. Double room, 1 person, \$7.00 per day. Single rooms, \$6.50 per day.

Roger Williams Inn: Four persons per room, \$7.75 each, per day. Three persons per room, \$8.25 each, per day. Double room, 2 persons, \$8.75 each,

## INDIANS OF ALBERTA

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hour glass with the sand just beginning to run from the top compartment into the lower. Of all the varied pictures depicting the new year, there is none that compares with the scene of uplifted hands indicating the desire of these people to follow Jesus in the new year just before the clock strikes the midnight hour of the old year.

I know our readers will rejoice with us as they read these lines. You can be sure that you have helped to make the New Year's Eve such a blessed one for the Indians. We bless God for all the interest, prayers and fellowship of our people. We thank God for the consecrated efforts of our mission on the Indian fields in Alberta and elsewhere. There are still other fields where the Gospel has to be sown, where some spiritual watering is very urgent, and others where the harvest is ripe.

## LORD'S SUPPER

On the very first Sunday in the new year we assembled in the Benke Memorial Chapel to "show forth the Lord's death." After the regular service in the morning, preparation was made for the Lord's Supper. Everything became unusually quiet. The Christians came forward, taking their places in the front benches praying as they waited. We were here to examine ourselves whether or not we were fit to share in the holy ordinance which the Lord Jesus instituted.

An appropriate portion from 1 Corinthians was read and considered. The chief returned thanks for the bread, the precious emblem of the broken body of our Lord and Savior. We were united with bowed heads as this elderly Christian chief and Indian led us in his soul stirring prayer. Then again came the words from the missionary that Jesus also took the cup and gave thanks. Once again we bowed in reverence and silence for a moment after which Mr. Joe White returned thanks to God for the precious blood of the Redeemer.

Yes, these have been highlights in the believers' walk. Oh, that every day might be a day of precious communion! Holy ordinances practiced by true believers in Christ are accompanied by sublime and transcendent joys. Having Jesus Christ in what we practice and share truly manifests the truth that we are joined to the holy will of God here and throughout all eternity.

per day. Single Rooms, \$10.75 per day. Single occupancy of double room \$2.50 extra.

Children under age three: \$1.75 per day. For ages 3 to 12 inclusive, the rate is one-half of the adult charge. A child does not give parents a "3 per room" rate.

Remember the date—August 7 to 14, 1954! Write for reservations to Roland E. Ross, Box 6, Forest Park, Illinois.

# We, the Women

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

## OUR WOMAN'S UNION TREASURER, MRS. THOMAS D. LUTZ

The financial management or mismanagement of homes often depends upon the budgeting of the women. On the scale of Woman's Union work our good treasurer, Mrs. Thomas D. Lutz, keeps the books in order for us. She is very conscientious about keeping accurate records so that at all times we will be living within our means.

Those means represent the very smallest operating expenses of all co-operating societies. How is it done? Women work for God Almighty on a labor of love basis. They derive sincere satisfaction from knowing their service is to God. Such a person we find in Mrs. Lutz who spends many hours keeping financial records, sending notices and cards of thanks for dues, ordering the right magazine subscription for each of our missionaries, and sending her financial reports to headquarters. For a minister's wife these are heavy additional duties, but she carries on her work cheerfully.

So many of our women leaders received early training in the Sunday School and youth work of the local church. This is also true of Mrs. Lutz who taught a large Sunday School class of little girls at the age of sixteen. Because she loves children other departments, such as the Vacation Bible School, have been a delight to her. Her love for people in general has made the role as a minister's wife pleasant work.

Born on a farm near Detroit, Kans., as second oldest in a family of eight children, Mrs. Lutz received her formal education in Abilene High School and Kansas State Teachers' College of Emporia, Kansas. She taught both rural and graded schools in that sunflower state.

During her teaching days in Kansas, Mrs. Lutz met "a most handsome and charming young minister," quoting her own words. He was the pastor of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church. She became Mrs. Thomas D. Lutz in 1936 and, as most ministers' wives, approves and enjoys the long pastorate she has had in her husband for 18 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Lutz are serving our church in North Freedom, Wisconsin. In addition to his pastorate of the North Freedom Church, Mr. Lutz has been pastor of the Mt. Zion Church of Junction City, Kans., and the Bethel Church of Sheboygan, Wisconsin. They have loved all of their congregations and have studied God's Word together in order to know and to do his will. They "rest upon the promises of God, know-



Mrs. Thomas D. Lutz of North Freedom, Wis., treasurer of the Woman's Missionary Union

ing they are sure," as the "unsearchable riches of Jesus Christ" are made known to them.

Their only son, Thomas, is a Junior in High School at Baraboo, Wisconsin. He maintains an honor roll average and as a fine, active Christian boy he is a big help in his home church and in the community. The experience of her son, Thomas, as school banker is a great asset to Mrs. Lutz in her book-keeping for our Woman's Union.

Mrs. Lutz has chosen to write on the subject, "Willing Hearts."

## WILLING HEARTS

By MRS. THOMAS D. LUTZ,  
Treasurer of our Woman's Missionary Union.

Money! Money! Money!

This is the picture of our National Woman's Union treasurer. Is she going to ask us again for our National Union dues of \$5.00 annually per society for the year beginning April 1, 1953 and closing April 1, 1954? Is she going to make an appeal for our Woman's Union project? Is this what you thought when you noticed the picture on "We, the Women" page today? Then, my dear women, you will be disappointed for I would like to entitle my little article "Willing Hearts."

In Romans 12:11 we read: "Not slothful in business, fervent in spirit,

serving the Lord." Truly, this is true of the women of the North American Baptist General Conference. We have attended well to the business and financial end of our projects and activities. We are serving the Lord in fervent spirit. We have adjusted ourselves to the increase in dues with **Willing Hearts**.

We are happy to support Mrs. Donald Ganstrom as a women's worker in the Cameroons, the first missionary to be supported by our National Woman's Union. We consider it a privilege to use a portion of our gifts that the Leper Colony may grow in structure, in healing, and in the spirit and knowledge of Jesus Christ. While we are reading devotionally God's Word and praying for his work, we breathe a special prayer for a doctor for the Leper Camp. At the same time our work is advancing in our Home Mission projects in service and finances. Only women with **Willing Hearts** could carry on this work so happily.

Have you ever thought how little of God's work would go on if we gave only of our means? What good would our money do if we did not have missionaries to go, to preach and to teach; doctors to minister in Christ's Name to the sick, or lay-people to work with **Willing Hearts** and hands?

Life has a purpose for us as women. Many who have gone before us have helped to support our denominational enterprises. We must carry on. May we with the Apostle Paul learn to persevere in the work that has been entrusted to us, even to the end. We must not become tired of our lot, or glory in our past, but stick through thick and thin in our special work for God.

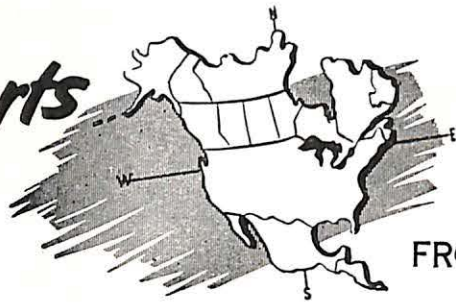
We might use as our example the postage stamp. It is placed upon an envelope and it will stay with the envelope until it has reached its destination. It stays with the job; it sticks to its purpose. Look at the stamp upon an envelope that you have just received. You will see upon it marks indicating that it has accomplished the purpose for which it was intended. Even so, we, as women should be marked by faith and good works all along the way of life indicating that we are accomplishing the purpose that God intended for us.

'Tis the **Willing Hearts** that make us realize the value of the motto for our Union throughout this triennium: "The Love of Christ Constrains Us." Therefore, according to Hebrews 10:24, "Let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works." Let us follow our denominational program of stewardship throughout the remaining months of this triennium.

We would give Christ, with **Willing Hearts**, our time, talents and possessions. Yielding to him we would say with the Psalmist, "Our times are in thy hand" (Psalm 31:35). We realize as Paul did of old, "Now is the accepted time" (2 Cor. 6:2).

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# Reports



## FROM THE FIELD

### Miss Viola Wall Serves as Secretary at Denominational Headquarters, Forest Park, Ill.

Since Feb. 15 Miss Viola Wall has been serving as office secretary in the department of the comptroller, Mr. Roland E. Ross, at the denominational headquarters, Forest Park, Ill., where she is rendering an appreciated service for the denomination and for the Kingdom of God.

Miss Wall is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Abram Wall of Minneapolis, Minnesota. She is a member of the Faith Baptist Church of that city. For two years she was president of the Minnesota CBY and SS Union and editor of "The Messenger" for several years. From Sept. 1952 to Feb. 1954 she was the secretary to Dr. George A. Lang at the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

M. L. Leuschner, Reporter.

### Northern Conference

#### Anniversary Program of the Baptist Woman's Missionary Society of Carbon, Alberta

We, the Woman's Missionary Society of the Carbon Baptist Church, Carbon, Alta., praise the Lord for the many blessings he has bestowed on us during this year. On Sunday, Dec. 6th, we presented our annual program under the fine leadership of our president, Mrs. A. Buyer.

A monologue entitled, "The Other Light," recitations and songs proved to be a real blessing to the large audience in attendance. The program was brought to a prayerful climax with a very inspiring talk given by Mr. W. Muller on Galatians 4:4. She is our pastor's wife.

The entire offering received was devoted to missions, half to the new Leper work and the other half to our Women's Worker in the Cameroons, Africa. After the program we gathered in the church dining hall for a very delicious lunch prepared by the ladies.

Mrs. E. Bettcher, Reporter.

#### Anniversary Program of the Baptist Woman's Missionary Society, Yorkton, Saskatchewan

When we of the Woman's Missionary Society of Yorkton, Sask., remember the past year, our hearts are filled with joy and gratitude. During the year we were able to gather together eleven times to hold our meetings in the usual way. As in the previous

year, our sisters visited sick and old people bringing some joy and consolation to them through the grace of our Lord. There were 300 such visits registered.

For our special project in the last year we had undertaken to provide dinner and supper for the guests and visitors of the Jubilee Conference, which was invited to Yorkton. With the help of our sister churches, Ebenezer-East, Ebenezer-West and Spring-side, we were able to make this project a success.

To beautify our new church we bought an expensive rug and carpet. Besides this we presented to our church all the necessary kitchen utensils. Our foreign mission field was aided by sending White Cross parcels, and the Indian Mission in Edenwold with clothing parcels. Monetary contributions were made to the Leprosy Hospital in the Cameroons, the Indian Mission in Edenwold, the Haven of Rest in Medicine Hat, and the Benevolent Society in Yorkton. When we finally held the dedicatory service of our new church, we provided two lunches for all our guests.

On December 6, we held our annual meeting. The highlights of this meeting were the playlet, "The Victory of the Cross," and the testimonies of the Rev. Martin De Boer and the Rev. Alfred Luck, the first one being our



Miss Viola Wall, office secretary in the comptroller's department of the denominational headquarters, Forest Park, Illinois

special speaker, the latter our very own minister.

We had the pleasure during the year to initiate four new members into our society. Our membership now consists of 29 members. When reviewing the past year, we must bring praise and thanks to our Lord and Master Jesus Christ, who has made all things well. May God use us to be witnesses for him and help us to stand fast and be strong!

Mrs. Tabea Lueck, Reporter.

#### Youth Week Is Observed by Emmanuel Baptist Church, Morris, Manitoba

Youth Week in the Emmanuel Baptist Church of Morris, Man., began on January 31st with the CBY in charge of a mission program. This program was presented in the German language under the leadership of Arthur Edel. The brass band, led by the Rev. R. Kanwischer, played several selections, and a male quartet, composed of Melvin Bergstresser, Richard, Nelson and Arthur Edel, rendered two songs.

A mission poem was read by Alma Rapske and the Rev. and Mrs. R. Kanwischer sang, "Oh, How I Love Him." A report, based on the latest pamphlet of our New Hope Settlement, was given by Lynda Rempel. Nickolai Hoff reviewed some of the present needs of this field and especially requested the church to pray that the Lord might send a doctor. Mr. Kanwischer briefly took us to Japan in a short missionary message. The offering amounted to \$74.15 and went to the Manitoba Tri-Union project for the New Hope Settlement.

Monday night the executive group met in the home of our president, Irma Bergstresser. We thank God for her capable leadership. Various ways for extended service to the church were discussed and adopted. Among these was the undertaking to take charge of the introductions to the regular Sunday evening services.

Tuesday night had been set aside for discussion night. Our president opened the meeting and a questionnaire that had been previously handed to each member was reviewed. The results proved very enlightening as to our meetings, programs, socials and the spiritual life of our members.

Saturday evening was a mountain top experience in fellowship. We were hosts to a group of 20 young people from a neighboring church ten miles away. Choruses led by Les Jansen, games led by Les and Arthur Edel and a devotional period, in which our pastor stressed the importance of our Christian walk at all times, all helped to make this a most rewarding evening.

To give our church a glimpse of our activities during this week, Elli Neumann and Margaret Edel gave short reports on Sunday, Feb. 7th.

Our prayer is that as young people we may respond to the challenge that is now ours in our church building. May we go out and from the highways and byways bring those in who do not know the Lord Jesus Christ.

Lynda Rempel, Reporter.

#### Forty-five Converts During Evangelistic Meetings Held at Bethany Church, Lethbridge, Alberta

From Jan. 3 to 14 the Bethany Baptist Church of Lethbridge, Alta., was privileged to hold its first series of evangelistic meetings in its new church. For many weeks beforehand we as a church prepared for these services in earnest and united prayer. We were especially concerned about the weather, since January can be a stormy month.

But God granted us good days so that the attendance at the meetings was exceptionally large. An eager expectation was felt by our church people and friends. Some of our church members, especially the young people, extended many invitations to the meetings and brought strangers to our church.



Mr. and Mrs. John Schappert of Portland, Ore., members of the Trinity Baptist Church, at their 50th wedding anniversary

The Rev. Herman Palfenier, denominational evangelist, proclaimed the Gospel of Christ with holy zeal and faithful spirit. God's visible blessings were evident night after night, following his clear and forceful Scriptural expositions, as the Inquiry Room was filled with seeking souls and as tears of joy were wept over those who found the Lord as their personal Savior. Our pastor, the Rev. Otto Ertis, and our church deacons assisted by several faithful women assisted the evangelist in pointing those who came forward to the Christ of the Cross. At the closing service an inspirational group of 45 converts testified of Christ's saving power in their lives.

The church choir directed by Mr. M. Lemke and the young choir led by Mr. W. Feeh contributed many musical numbers to the programs. The evangelist and our pastor worked hand in hand together during these meetings, so that we were delighted over the manifest spiritual harmony and God's attendant blessings. Mr. Ertis stated publicly that we hope to have Brother Palfenier with us, if it can be arranged, for our next evangelistic meetings.

It is our sincere prayer that God will continue to strengthen the faith of these converts and prepare them for the ordinance of baptism as they faithfully carry out Christ's command.

Walter Ziemann, Reporter.

### Pacific Conference

#### Golden Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. John Schappert, Trinity Church, Portland, Oregon

On Sunday, December 27, Mr. and Mrs. John Schappert of the Trinity Baptist Church of Portland, Ore., celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. They were married in the church here fifty years ago by Dr. Jacob Kratt. Together with their son, Milton, and family they arranged to have open house at their home for this happy occasion.

About 160 relatives, friends and members of Trinity Church, of which they have been members since 1902, assembled to congratulate them for having reached this milestone in their married life. Their pastor, the Rev. John Wobig, had a brief devotion at 4:00 P.M., basing his remarks on Psalm 118:23-25. Several others rendered music that especially suited the event.

The happy couple were also privileged to have with them Mrs. Rebecca Kleinau, bridesmaid, and a brother, Michael Schappert, best man, at their wedding ceremony in 1903. Other immediate relatives present were Mr. Rudy Jasman, a brother of Mrs. Schappert, and Mrs. F. Boedecker, a sister of Mr. Schappert.

Both of the honored couple have given loyal service to the Lord in the church and community, serving in the Bible School, Woman's Missionary Society and choir. Many gifts were presented to them and a fine time of fellowship was enjoyed by all as refreshments were served.

John Wobig, Pastor.

#### Annual Program of the Woman's Missionary Society, Bethel Church, Salem, Oregon

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Bethel Baptist Church, Salem, Ore., held its annual program on Sunday evening, January 31st. It was opened with a rousing song service, and then our president, Mrs. Elsie Schirman, welcomed the large audience of members and guests which included members and friends of the Salt Creek Church. The Scripture passage was read by Miss Emma Schifferer and Mrs. Dorothea Stark led in prayer. A report from the secretary and treasurer of our society showed that the year had been busily spent doing White Cross and relief work, with many projects being completed, and then a ladies sextet sang, "Confidence."

Our pastor, the Rev. R. Woyke, gave an inspiring message to the newly elected officers, who were challenged to be faithful workers for our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. A missionary play was given, "Unto the Least of These," depicting the practical aspects of missions. Taking part in the play were Mrs. Hilda Caspar, Mrs. Edith Sunderland, Mrs. Norma Hedberg, Mrs. Hulda Sancy, Mrs. Joan Small, Mrs. Margot Woyke, Mrs. Christine Kuhn and Justin Woyke.

The offering which was received was designated to go for our Leper

Colony in Africa. This amounted to \$75. Everyone retired to the church parlors for a time of Christian fellowship and delicious refreshments. Our prayer is that the Lord will bless our efforts in the coming year.

Mrs. Christine Kuhn, Secretary.



Rev. R. S. Hess, newly installed pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, Tacoma, Washington

#### Reception for Rev. and Mrs. R. S. Hess by Calvary Church, Tacoma, Washington

After traveling on highways that were treacherous at times for approximately 3300 miles in less than two weeks from Newark, N. J., to Tacoma, Wash., it was our joy in the Calvary Baptist Church of Tacoma to extend a warm welcome to our new pastor, the Rev. R. S. Hess, his wife, and daughter, Sherryl. With keen anticipation we assembled for this occasion on Sunday afternoon, Jan. 24.

The reception program commenced by rendering a duet piano and organ number, after which the Rev. H. W. Rydman, who is the pastor of the South Tacoma Baptist Church, read the Scripture. We were led in prayer by the Rev. M. Flint, pastor of the Bethesda Baptist Church. The Junior Choir dressed in special robes sang an original number in honor of Mr. Hess and family. Then a special delivery letter was read and appreciated from our former pastor, the Rev. H. J. Wilcke. Mr. Ben. Yost favored us by playing a violin solo, and Miss Violet Eckert played a piano solo.

The following special greetings were brought: from our church organizations; from our Portland Ave. Baptist Chapel whose pastor is the Rev. E. D. McKernan and who also presided over this reception; from the Pierce County Evangelical Association; from the Tacoma Rescue Mission; and from the ministers of the city. Then "The Harmonettes" sang two numbers, after which our new pastor and his wife had an opportunity to respond.

We thank our Lord for answering the manifold prayers that were ascended to the throne of grace for his leading in sending to us our new pastor, Rev. R. S. Hess, and family.

Elsie O. Blandau, Reporter.

### Golden Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Fred C. Bender at First Church, Lodi, California

On Tuesday, Jan. 12, Mr. and Mrs. Fred C. Bender of Lodi, Calif., had the blessed privilege of celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. A large group of 160 guests had been invited for this joyful occasion. The dining hall of the First Baptist Church was beautifully decorated for this festive celebration. Since the Benders had gone to church fifty years ago in a horse drawn sleigh, the main table held a miniature replica sleigh at one end of the table and a small church at the other. A large three-tiered wedding cake, flanked with candles, occupied the center of the table.

After the many friends and relatives had taken their places in the hall, the Benders with their fine family were ushered to their place of honor. The program was presented under the chairmanship of Mr. G. G. Hust. The pastor, the Rev. G. G. Rauser, read the Scripture passage and offered prayer. A male quartet sang two numbers. Mrs. Dena Burch, a niece of the Benders, sang "The 23rd Psalm." Rev. and Mrs. G. G. Rauser sang, "Out of the Heart Flows Love." Mr. August Auch and Mr. Harold Wells brought brief words of greeting for the occasion and Mr. John Edinger gave a brief sketch of their fifty year history. The pastor presented a gold wreath to the Benders in behalf of the church and concluded the program with fitting words of congratulation. The many friends and guests enjoyed a well planned wedding luncheon which the ladies of the church prepared with Mrs. G. G. Hust as chairman.

Mr. and Mrs. Bender were married in Hebron, N. Dak., on January 12, 1904. They were blessed with four children: two sons and two daughters. They have seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. They came to California in 1919. Mr. Bender was active in the building profession until his retirement in 1947. They are faithful members of the First Baptist Church where they have a large host of friends.

G. G. Rauser, Pastor.

### Ordination of the Rev. Alfred Gross by First Church, Costa Mesa, California

At the call of the First Baptist Church, Costa Mesa, Calif., an ordination council convened on January 29 to consider the advisability of ordaining Mr. Alfred Gross to the Gospel ministry. The council, consisting of 14 delegates from the five North American Baptist Churches of southern California, was organized with the Rev. B. Jacksteit as moderator, and with Rev. F. W. Bartel as clerk.

The pastor, the Rev. P. G. Neumann, introduced the candidate to the council, who then made statements regarding his conversion, Christian experience, call to the ministry, and steps of preparation for the ministry, and his doctrinal views and convictions. After a full and detailed examination, the council expressed itself as fully



Rev. Lenox G. Palen, pastor of the Walnut Street Baptist Church, Newark, New Jersey

satisfied, and unanimously recommended the church to proceed with the ordination.

An impressive ordination service was held on Sunday evening, January 31, in the church sanctuary, immediately following a blessed baptismal service. Dr. J. H. Jauncey, head of the theological department of the California Baptist Seminary, brought a stirring ordination address. As the candidate knelt, Dr. W. J. Appel, our denominational extension worker, led in the dedicatory prayer as the pastors present laid on their hands. The Rev. F. W. Bartel welcomed Brother Gross into the fellowship of our Baptist ministers, and the Rev. P. G. Neumann delivered the charge to him.

Mrs. Alfred Gross, wife, as well as the parents of the candidate, Mr. and Mrs. M. Gross, the latter having come from their home in Vancouver, B. C., for the occasion, were introduced to the rejoicing congregation. An ordination gift was presented to the candidate by a representative of the Mariner's Class, a group of young married people whom Mr. Gross has served efficiently as teacher. The service was spiritually enhanced by a piano solo by Walter Sorge, "Sweet Hour of Prayer," and a vocal solo by Mrs. Tom Price, "What If It Were Today?"

The benediction pronounced by the Rev. Alfred Gross brought the blessed service to a close. Upon his graduation in June Mr. Gross will be available for a pastorate, as the Lord may lead.

F. W. Bartel, Clerk.

### Eastern Conference

#### Youth Week Observed at the Calvary Baptist Church, Killaloe, Ontario

The young people of the Calvary Baptist Church of Killaloe, Ont., received great blessing from their activities during the observance of Youth Week. They began on Monday evening, Feb. 1st, by visiting the sick and the shut-ins, and holding a brief devotional in each home they visited.

On Tuesday evening they presented the film, "The Great Light," through the courtesy of the Christian Business

Men's Committee of Pembroke, Ontario. This film presented the story of a young man in Germany who was converted from communism, and portrayed the evils of communism and the power of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. The offering of the evening was given towards the spreading of the Gospel in Germany.

The prayer service was in charge of our youth with the pastor, the Rev. Lawrence W. George, speaking on "Deliverance from the Power of Sin."

Sunday evening brought a busy and happy week to a close with the Senior group in charge of the service and the Junior group lending its full support in the singing of several choruses. A very inspiring and heart searching message was brought by Mr. George on "A Heavenly Mission." Several young people indicated their desire to consecrate themselves fully to God.

Mrs. Melville Kuehl, Reporter.

### Atlantic Conference

#### Installation of the Rev. Lenox G. Palen at Walnut Street Church, Newark, New Jersey

The installation of the Rev. Lenox G. Palen as pastor of the Walnut Street Baptist Church, Newark, N. J., was held on Friday evening, February 5.

The service was under the direction of Mr. Jacob Schmidt, church moderator. The invocation was given by the Rev. Le Roy Lincoln, interim pastor of the Northfield Baptist Church, Livingston, New Jersey. The Rev. Everett Barker, interim-pastor of our mother church, the Clinton Hill Baptist Church of Newark, offered the installation prayer. The charge to the pastor was given by Dr. John Hyssong, of Asbury Park, N. J., the home church of Mr. Palen. The Rev. G. Harold Hill, pastor of the Evangel Baptist Church of Newark, gave the charge to the congregation.

The welcome to the pastor into our church family was by the president of the Men's Brotherhood, Mr. Joseph Balogh. A warm and spirit filled response by Mr. Palen was felt throughout the whole congregation present. Mrs. Josephine Rauscher, president of the Woman's Missionary Society, welcomed Mrs. Palen, and presented her with a corsage.

The Rev. Herbert J. Freeman, pastor of the Faith Baptist Church, West New York, N. J., brought greetings from the Atlantic Conference of the North American Baptist General Conference. Special music was rendered by the church choir under the direction of our organist, Mrs. Josephine Rauscher.

The congregation was invited to the reception held in the fellowship hall of the church immediately following the service of installation. The Woman's Missionary Society served almost 250 persons. We are most thankful to God for answered prayer in sending the man of his choice to minister to us. Mr. Palen is a graduate of Princeton University and the Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, Calif.

Joseph Balogh, Reporter.

### Dakota Conference

#### Recent Programs by the Martin Baptist Mission Circle, Martin, North Dakota

The Martin Baptist Mission Circle of Martin, N. Dak., was host to the women of the Northern North Dakota Association on Friday afternoon, Nov. 13. At this occasion Mrs. Albert Reddig of Cathay, president of the Association, was our guest speaker, giving an interesting talk about the session of the Executive Committee of the Woman's Missionary Union at Forest Park, Ill., and the Women's Conference of the Baptist World Alliance at Columbus, Ohio.

Our December meeting was open to the public, since at this time the Christmas program was presented. Several musical selections, a reading and a playlet, "Christmas Makes Me Tired," were the main features.

In November a new gas furnace was installed in the parsonage, with the Mission Circle contributing a goodly sum toward this improvement. We also paid the painters at the church for refinishing the church benches, after our church was completely re-decorated. New window curtains were hung in the basement, and we are enjoying a newly painted, beautiful church interior.

Last fall we sent several large boxes of used clothing to Headquarters at Forest Park, Ill., from where it will be sent on to the needy in all parts of the world. Recently each member worked on White Cross articles, which were packed at the regular February meeting. We have had blessed times at our meetings and are thankful that we may work for the Lord as a group of Christian women in the church.

Mrs. Albert Seibel, Secretary.

#### Farewell and Welcoming Receptions by the Tabor Baptist Church, Mercer, North Dakota

The Tabor Baptist Church of Mercer, N. Dak., held a service of recognition and farewell for the Rev. E. Broeckel who had served the church for the past two years. Many words of sincere appreciation were given by the representatives of the various organizations, recognizing the blessings received during Mr. Broeckel's ministry.

It was understood by both pastor and church that this ministry was to continue until such a time when a full-time pastor assumed these duties. Therefore, in this same service a reception was tendered by the Mercer church to its in-coming pastor, Mr. Ben Lauth, and his family. The Lauths come from the Bethel Baptist Church of Harvey, North Dakota. During the past several years Mr. Lauth has studied at the Bible School at St. Paul, Minn., of which he is a graduate.

All active organizations of the church extended a warm word of welcome. Preparations were made for their coming by the church, including the building of a new parsonage. This church and community offer many



Officers and leaders of the Baptist Church, Underwood, N. Dak., greet Dr. Frank Woyke, the denomination's executive secretary, at their missionary conference

hitherto unexplored missionary opportunities. We wish the church and the pastor God's choicest blessings in this new relationship.

A. W. Bibelheimer, Reporter.

#### Missionary Conference and Birthday Surprise Program at Baptist Church, Underwood, N. Dak.

The First Baptist Church of Underwood, N. Dak., tried something different last fall when a missionary conference was conducted during the weekend of Thanksgiving with services on Friday and Saturday evenings and all day Sunday. For the conference we were fortunate to have as our guest speaker, Dr. Frank Woyke, the executive secretary of our conference. He showed films of our work in the Cameroons on Friday and Saturday evenings. God blessed all the messages of Dr. Woyke to the hearts of all. They were given in the power of the Holy Spirit and were received with deep interest and inner conviction.

The members and friends of the church surprised the pastor and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. Fred Knalson, on Wednesday evening, January 27, the occasion being their birthdays on January 25 and February 4, respectively. The program of the evening was in charge of the president of the Adult Bible Class, of which the pastor is the teacher. The program included both instrumental and vocal music, among others a number of anthems by the Men's Chorus. A number of Bible quizzes were led by the men.

After this, the congregation went to the basement of the church where a lunch was served in the dining rooms and a beautiful birthday cake, baked by one of the ladies of the church, was cut. Following this the pastor and his wife opened the many fine gifts that were given to them and that were spread out on a table in the center of the room. A large number of cash gifts were received along with articles of clothing and for household needs. The occasion was also the conclusion of six years of pastoring the church for the present pastor.

Fred J. Knalson, Pastor.

### Northwestern Conference

#### Young People of Central Church, George, Iowa, Study "God and Government"

Today's youth are tomorrow's government. Will there be more leaders in government in the future who are intelligent Christians? Does the Bible offer solutions to some present day governmental problems? Can one who is a Christian enter the service of our country and remain a true Christian? If Christians withdraw from civic duty is America likely to remain a land of freedom? To what extent has the Bible and Christianity influenced the government of the United States?

These are but a few of the questions considered in the study, "God and Government," which was undertaken at the Central Baptist Church of George, Iowa, from February 12 to 22. Part of the project was a "letter writing campaign" to teach Christian youth the importance of government and how they might use their privilege as Christian citizens to assure good administration.

Central's pastor, the Rev. John W. Walkup, guided this study as a result of experiences he received as originator of the "Christian Citizenship Crusade." The Crusade sought to aid in the solution of civic problems by a popular observance of the period embracing the birthdays of our two most honored Christian statesmen, Abraham Lincoln and George Washington.

Miss Glenda Van Briesen conducted the first study with a review of some of Abraham Lincoln's Christian convictions and achievements.

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### Central Conference

#### Observance of Youth Week at the State Park Baptist Church, Peoria, Illinois

The Senior CBY of the State Park Baptist Church, Peoria, Ill., has been promoting a very active program since October of last year. At that time our CBY was reorganized into four groups, each one being named after one of our fields of missionary endeavor, namely: the Cameroons, the Japanese, the Indians, and the Mexicans. This idea was captured at our Central Conference Youth Assembly at Tower Hill Camp last summer. Each of these groups is held responsible for one CBY Sunday evening service each month.

In order to inject some interest into the youth program, our young people from time to time take charge of a church service or have an active part in it. Missionary films are shown at intervals. Youth programs are being exchanged with other youth groups in the city. A young people's paper entitled, "The CBY Herald," is being published once each month. Besides these functions and activities, other activities are planned occasionally for fun and fellowship. As a result of

these efforts and the fine cooperation among our young people, our attendance has tripled over last year. We thank God for our enthusiastic youth group.

As a part of our CBY program, we observed Youth Week from Jan. 31 to Feb. 2. Several special youth speakers were called in during the week: Rev. C. C. Moser, director of the Peoria Christian Center; Mr. Clarence Crowell, director of Peoria Youth for Christ; Rev. Richard Cox, pastor of Bethany Baptist Church in Peoria; and a team of five from the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship at Bradley University. The young people observed a visitation night and a prayer night. The highlight of Youth Week was a banquet on Saturday night, February 6.

Edgar B. Wesner, Pastor.

### Baptismal Services and Leadership Course at Bethel Baptist Church, Indianapolis, Indiana

We have been very much encouraged by the blessings God has showered upon us at the Bethel Baptist Church of Indianapolis, Indiana. A very fine group turned out for the Watchnight Service on New Year's Eve. We were privileged to see two films on our denominational and missionary work, and to witness the baptism of three young ladies.

A social hour followed with the celebrating of the 25th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Aubry Gritton. Refreshments were served, and we again assembled in the sanctuary for a candlelight communion service at which time the new members received the hand of fellowship.

Within a week thereafter, two other young people indicated their desire to follow their Lord through the waters of baptism. A baptismal service was



Rev. Laurence R. Prast (third from left, standing), pastor of the Bethel Church, Indianapolis, Ind., and 13 new members received into the church during 1953

held on January 31st with the Rev. Lawrence G. Bienert, our new Conference Union youth director, bringing the message on "The Assurance of Salvation." The pastor had the privilege of extending the hand of fellowship to these new members on the following Sunday.

During Youth Week, February 1-4, Mr. Bienert conducted a Leadership Training Course entitled "Solving Church School Problems." Most of our Sunday School teachers and several others, twelve in all, received certificates for having completed this course satisfactorily.

Laurence R. Prast, Pastor.

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### WE, THE WOMEN

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Our talents are a gift from God to be used for a time. What gifts he has given womanhood: love, understanding, sympathy, patience, encouragement and **Willing Hearts** to carry his message from the smallest corners of the home to the farthest corners of the earth.

Insignificant tasks? Ah, no! He has said in effect, "If we are faithful over a few things he will make us ruler over many things." We find it too good to be true, but we claim his promises. He will say: "Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord" (Matt. 25:21).

When we give him our time, our talents and our possessions, though they may be few, with **Willing Hearts**, he becomes our Master. Our Master is master of every situation. With him, by him, and through him we will master every situation that confronts us. What a privilege!

May it be said of us as of the disciples of old, "And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart (a **Willing Heart**) and of one soul" (Acts 4:32).

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### NOTICES

"We are receiving more and more letters and birthday cards, at Headquarters, to missionaries that must be forwarded to them. This involves both time and postage that could be saved. A list of missionary addresses has been sent several times to all pastors and churches. May we request that all letters and birthday cards be sent directly to the missionaries. The postage is as follows:

Air Mail—first half ounce, 25 cents.

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Printed Matter, unsealed—first two ounces, 2 cents.

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Only where you do not have the address of the missionary, you may send the letter to Headquarters and we will be glad to forward it in that case. But first of all inquire of your Missionary Society president or your pastor."

R. Schilke, Secretary.

### CHOIR BOOKS WANTED!

The Victoria Avenue Baptist Church of Chilliwack, British Columbia, would like to secure German choir books such as Palme No. 1 and 3, Zionslieder, Saengerbote and others. If you have such books, please write to the following address stating title and number of books available. Do not send the books until further instructions are given.

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## Obituary

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

### MRS. AUGUST AHLSEWEDE of Manitowoc, Wisconsin.

Mrs. August Ahlswede, nee Neiphaus, of Manitowoc, Wis., was born in the town of Kossuth, Wis., on October 4, 1891. On May 6, 1906 upon confession of her faith in Jesus Christ as Savior, she was baptized and received into the membership of the Kossuth Baptist Church, now the First Baptist Church of Manitowoc.

On December 7, 1918 she was married to Mr. August Ahlswede and the couple moved to Manitowoc. Mrs. Ahlswede died on Saturday, December 26, at Holy Family Hospital of Manitowoc, after a lingering illness. She was 62 years old at the time of her homegoing.

Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. Harvey Rakow who brought a message entitled, "Contrasts in Life and Death." The inspiring words of the Apostle Paul as recorded in 2 Cor. 5:1-9 were the basis of the thoughts presented. The Rev. Herman Palfenier, also of the Manitowoc church, assisted in the service.

Mrs. August Ahlswede is survived by her husband; a son, Lester; and a brother, Edwin Neiphaus of Manitowoc, Wisconsin.

Manitowoc, Wisconsin  
HARVEY RAKOW, Pastor.

### MRS. SOPHIE KIEHN of Manitowoc, Wisconsin.

Mrs. Sophie Kiehn, nee Rutz, of Manitowoc, Wis., was born March 28, 1874, in the town of Two Rivers, Wisconsin. On July 28, 1889, upon witness of her faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, she was baptized and received into the membership of the Kossuth Baptist Church.

Following her marriage to Mr. August Kiehn on February 16, 1898, the couple settled on a farm in Kossuth. Mr. Kiehn died in 1936 and, for the past 2½ years, Mrs. Kiehn made her home with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Anthold of Manitowoc, Wisconsin. Mrs. Kiehn passed away at the Anthold residence on Sunday, January 10, at the age of 79 years after a lingering illness.

Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. Harvey Rakow. The theme of the message delivered was "Going to the Father" and was based upon the comforting words of our Lord Jesus Christ as recorded in John 14:1-11 and 14:28-31.

Mrs. Kiehn's homegoing is mourned by a daughter, Mrs. Anthold of Manitowoc; a son, Edwin of Valders, Wis.; a brother, Alex of Manitowoc; five grandchildren and many other relatives and friends.

Manitowoc, Wisconsin  
HARVEY RAKOW, Pastor.

### MRS. HERMAN SCHIMELFENIG of Fessenden, North Dakota.

Mrs. Herman Schimelfenig, nee Rappuhn, of Fessenden, N. Dak., was born on Dec. 27, 1874 in Schoenwiese, Germany. In 1890 she came to America. She resided in New York, N. Y., and then came to Wells County of North Dakota, where she homesteaded. She lived in California for six months and the remainder of her life near Emerick, North Dakota.

On Nov. 28, 1895 she was united in marriage to Herman Schimelfenig in the Germantown Baptist Church. She accepted the Lord as her Savior and was baptized. She was a member of the Fessenden Baptist Church at the time of her passing. She passed away on February 3, 1954 at the age of 80 years, 1 month and 7 days. She had been ill for twelve days. Her husband preceded her in death in 1940.

She leaves to mourn her passing, one sister, Anna Reimecke of Saskatchewan,

Canada; a number of nieces and nephews; a close friend, Mrs. Ed Thomas, who took care of her for many years; and many other relatives and friends. Funeral services were held from the Fessenden Baptist Church, the undersigned officiating. The text used was, "Lord, to whom should we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life" (John 6:68).

Fessenden, North Dakota  
VERNON LINK, Pastor.

### MRS. FRED TIEDTKE of Bowdon, North Dakota.

Mrs. Fred Tiedtke, nee Tictz, of Bowdon, N. Dak., was born in West Prussia, Germany, on September 14, 1867. At the age of 18 years she emigrated to the United States and located at Denver, Colorado. She was united in marriage to Fred Tiedtke in 1890. This union was blessed with ten children. They homesteaded at Akron, Colo., and later for short periods of time they lived in Nebraska and Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.

In 1897 they and two other families came to North Dakota by covered wagon, the trip taking eleven weeks. They lived briefly in the Fessenden community and in 1898 settled north of Bowdon. In 1939 Mrs. Tiedtke moved to Bowdon where she resided until her passing. She was converted and baptized as a young girl and remained a faithful Christian until the end. She was a member of the Fessenden Baptist Church.

She passed away on January 29, 1954 having reached the age of 86 years, 4 months and 15 days. Her husband and one son, Alfred, preceded her in death. She leaves to mourn her passing, Mary Martin of Bowdon, N. Dak.; Herman of Tacoma, Wash.; August of Minot, N. Dak.; Martha Grover of Bowdon; Hilda Summer of Wiliston, N. Dak.; Ernest of French Morocco, North Africa; Edythe Tiedtke of Bowdon; Harold of Bowdon, and Edmund of Lancaster, Ohio; also 21 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren; other relatives and friends. She was a good mother and neighbor and will long be remembered. Funeral services were held in Bowdon and the undersigned officiated.

Fessenden, North Dakota  
VERNON LINK, Pastor.

ROY W. SEIBEL, Pastor.

### MRS. MARGARET JANSEN of Emery, South Dakota.

Mrs. Margaret Janssen, nee Block, of Emery, S. Dak., was born January 26, 1906 at Steamboat Rock, Iowa, and died in the hospital at Mitchell, S. Dak., on January 27, 1954, only one hour and fifteen minutes after she had attained her forty-eighth birthday.

When a child of three years of age, she moved with her parents from Iowa to Corona, South Dakota. It was here that she accepted the Lord as her Savior in 1929. She was baptized and united with the First Baptist Church of Emery, S. Dak., where she remained a faithful member until her death.

On February 27, 1941 she was united in marriage to Jake Janssen of Emery, South Dakota. They lived happily together on a farm near Emery until her death. Mrs. Janssen began to fail in health this past summer and on August 25 she underwent surgery. She never regained her health again. After several months her physical condition became increasingly worse until the Lord saw fit to take her Home to be with him. In all her moments of illness she never gave up hope but steadfastly and bravely looked on the cheerful side.

She is survived by her husband, Jake Janssen; her father, Enoch Block of Corona, S. Dak.; three sisters: Mrs. Wm. Jonesheit of Corona, S. Dak.; Mrs. Jake Meinerts of Emery, S. Dak.; and Mrs. Peter Kruse of White, S. Dak.; one brother, Rudolph Block of Emery; seven nephews and three nieces; and many other relatives and friends.

First Baptist Church,  
Emery, South Dakota

### MR. FRANK ZIOLKOWSKI of Vancouver, British Columbia.

Mr. Frank Ziolkowski of Vancouver, B. C., was one of our stalwart and influential members of the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Vancouver. In spite of his age of 87 years, through his lively testimony, his faithful participation in prayer and his keen interest in the welfare of the church and its program he influenced the church and its ministry for the good.

He was born on March 18, 1866 in Bromberg, Prov. of Posen, Germany. He lived in the place of his birth for the first 24 years of his life. After his military service he moved to Volhynia, Russia, where he lived from 1890 until he came to Canada in 1911. Lemberg, Sask., was his first home in Canada. Together with his loved ones he made Lemberg his abode until 1937 when he came to Vancouver, B. C.

The deceased entered holy matrimony with Maria Scheer in 1893, and they observed their fiftieth wedding anniversary in the fall of 1943. To this marriage ten children were born: five sons and five daughters. Four of the sons preceded their parents in death in their early childhood. Five daughters: Mrs. Violet Owen, Indian Head, Sask.; Mrs. Annie Sauer, Vancouver, B. C.; Mrs. Mary Bismeyer, Vancouver, B. C.; Mrs. Clara Kornelson, Driver, Sask.; and Mrs. Emily Bismeyer, Vancouver, B. C.; together with one son, Mr. Frank Ziolkowski, Jr., of Yorkton, Sask., mourn the unexpected passing away of their father.

Mr. Ziolkowski accepted Christ as his personal Savior and was baptized upon confession of his faith by the Rev. August Kraemer in 1913. He was added to the Baptist fellowship at Lemberg, Sask., where he served as Sunday School superintendent, deacon and church clerk for many years. At Ebenezer Baptist Church of Vancouver, B. C., he served as deacon for many years and was made an honorary deacon.

His joyous participation in all the activities of the church was exemplary and an inspiration to all. One of the great joys of his life was to know that his granddaughter, Miss Ardice Ziolkowski, is serving as one of our missionaries in the Cameroons, Africa, and he never failed to remember her and her ministry, as well as the missionary ministry as a whole, in his prayers. Although somewhat ailing for the past two or three years, he seldom missed services until he passed away on Sunday, January 31st, 1954.

Ebenezer Baptist Church,  
Vancouver, British Columbia

A. S. FELBERG, Pastor.

First Baptist Church,  
George, Iowa  
JOHN REIMER, Pastor.

**MISSION IN JAPAN**

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of each district transfer the stones to a large cart and draw it by means of long ropes to the shrine. The procession is led by little tiny tots hardly big enough to hang on to the ropes. Dressed in special holiday costumes, everybody turns out to watch, if not to participate in, the celebration.

The day on which the people of our neighborhood were to take part happened to be a Sunday. Some of the Sunday School children came and asked to be excused to attend the festival. We told them we would not force them to come to Sunday School but it would be better for them to choose Sunday School rather than the shrine. Later on Saturday night the father of these children came asking us to have Sunday School early so that they might attend both.

Knowing that the children would have no one at home to encourage their attending Sunday School rather than the shrine, we consented to have Sunday School at 7:30 A.M. instead of the usual 9:30 hour. Only about four or five children came. It was the first real conflict with Shintoism.

**SPIRITUAL SEEKERS**

One day an old man came to the house with his son, who was about eighteen years of age. The father informed us that his son was somewhat mentally deficient and wanted to know whether our God was able to heal him. He had had seven operations and was now a victim of tuberculosis.

These are very difficult cases with which to deal, for we discovered that

they are so keenly intent upon receiving physical healing that they are not concerned about the salvation of their souls. We tried to point out that their first need was to know the true and living God and then he would give them all that they needed. However, neither of these men have returned.

One day a young man in his first year of high school came, saying that he wanted to study the Bible, because he wanted to compare the various religions. He listened carefully and asked many questions. Before leaving he said that he had found something good, but if he were to accept it, it would mean suffering for him.

The next time that he came, he told us that his father was a Buddhist priest, which explained what he had said before. He spent one year studying for the priesthood but disliked it and gave it up. He has been attending our meetings regularly ever since we first came, but it is hard to know just what he is thinking.

At present the three-room Japanese house still serves as the church. Yamamoto San, my Bible woman, and Kitahara San, our helper in the house, both teach the Sunday School children. We have sessions at 8:30 and 9:30 on Sunday morning. From 1:00 to 2:00 P.M. we have an outdoor children's meeting which Yamamoto San conducts. From 3:00 to 4:00 P.M. we have an adult meeting and this is the time that I bring a message in Japanese. I am still tied down to my manuscript, but am looking forward to the day when I can speak without it. On Wednesday evening we hold an adult

Bible class with Yamamoto San in charge.

The adults attending regularly are only five or six in number, but a few others come occasionally. Some have said that they believe, but we have not yet seen any real evidence of a clean cut break with the old life. The Sunday School has fluctuated greatly in attendance depending upon the festivals in the city and the events going on at school. At present our attendance is about seventy-five.

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

In addition to the church work, we have a meeting once each month in a mental hospital nearby. The patients are all young fellows under twenty-five with the exception of four girls. All of them attend the meeting. We also have a factory meeting once a month with about one hundred and fifty of the girls who work in the silk plant attending. They would like us to come more often if we could, but we are unable to do so. The hospitals are also open for visitation but we are unable to take advantage of this opportunity because of lack of time and workers.

Home visitation is also of necessity being neglected. Street meetings and tract distribution are all opportunities which we must regretfully pass by simply because time and workers are not sufficient. The fields are truly white unto harvest. Pray that the Lord will send forth laborers into his harvest field. Specifically pray that we may find an appropriate meeting place for our church and that we might have an additional worker.

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