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# Program Highlights and "Crusade Report"

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## Program Highlights of the 54th Alberta Association at Temple Church, Leduc, Alberta

Date: June 10-13, 1954

Theme: Revival.

Thursday, June 10

8:00 P.M. Rev. E. Faul, Calgary, Alta., Speaker (English).

Friday and Saturday, June 11 and 12  
11:30-12:00 A.M. Meditation by Prof. Hugo Lueck, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.

Friday, June 11

8:00 P.M. Evangelistic Service (English), Rev. D. Berg, Trochu, Alta., Speaker.

Saturday, June 12

2:00 P.M. Woman's Missionary Union Program.

8:00 P.M. Youth Night. Leader, Alan Strohschein.

Sunday, June 13

10:45 A.M. Professor Hugo Lueck, Speaker.

2:30 P.M. Song Festival under leadership of Rev. H. Schatz, Leduc, Alberta.

### Invitation

We of the Temple Baptist Church wish to extend to all a hearty invitation to the Association. We would appreciate it if you would inform our pastor, Rev. H. Schatz, Leduc, Alta., as to how many delegates will be coming from your church.

## Program Highlights of the 45th Dakota Conference at Aberdeen, South Dakota

Date: June 23-27, 1954

Theme: "I Will Build My Church."

Wednesday, June 23

7:30 P.M. Opening message by a conference pastor.

Daily Studies

11:30-11:55 A.M. "I Will Build My Church," Dr. Frank H. Woyke, Executive Secretary.

Thursday, June 24

7:45 P.M. Message by Rev. E. P. Wahl, Edmonton, Alberta.

Friday, June 25

7:45 P.M. Woman's Missionary Union Program.

Saturday, June 26

6:00 P.M. Banquet with message by Missionary Alma Henderson, Cameroons, Africa.

Sunday, June 27

10:30 A.M. Rev. E. P. Wahl.

2:00 P.M. Missionary service of the Dakota Conference CBY and SS Union. Message by Mrs. Alma Henderson.

NOTICE: Please make your own hotel or motel reservations as early as possible. Committee.

## "Cameroons Crusade Tour" to All the Northern North Dakota Association Churches

From Sunday, March 28, through Sunday, April 4, Dr. Henry Brandt of our Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., along with the Rev. Fred Knalson, Cameroons Crusade chairman, trekked the Northern Association of the Dakota Conference in the interest of the \$15,000 Conference mission goal.

The Northern Association's quota is \$3,000. This is the missionary project of the Commissioned Baptist Youth and the Sunday School Union of the Dakota Conference. Last year our goal was \$2,000 and we exceeded that goal by \$700 by the end of the fiscal year. This year our goal was raised to \$3,000 and it has already been exceeded by \$1,000 before the fiscal year of the conference is ended. For this we can only thank God and say, "It was the Lord!"

We have been thrilled to see the increased missionary interest from one year to another. Some churches have doubled and tripled their previous offerings. Our church at Martin, N. Dak., gave twelve times as much this year as they did last year at the time of the Crusade Tour. Others came close to this record. It was especially a joy to see the increased interest on the part of the Sunday Schools in our mission work.

The dual objectives of the Crusade Tour was to call upon God's people to make a personal commitment of their lives and substance to the Lord, and to receive an offering for the Crusade. Further results of this type of ministry were the heart-searching periods of counseling that followed and preceded the services. Pastors and lay people alike laid bare their deepest problems and, in the spirit of love and in the light of God's Word, Mr. Brandt's ministry from the pulpit was supplemented by a ministry of counseling.

As we went from church to church, our own lack of faith was revealed again and again. We felt that the potential of our people has not been fully tapped, either in terms of giving or in personal consecration. Further, we found a readiness on the part of the people to respond to a clarion challenge. Our prayer is that the living presence of our Lord and Savior might become a reality in the life of every Christian. Our Crusade goal now is \$5,000 and we know, that by the grace of God and the faithfulness of his people, we shall reach it.

Fred J. Knalson, Reporter.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

The copy for the Sunday School lessons for May 30 and June 6 was not received in time for publication. The next issue will continue the fine presentation of the Sunday School lessons by the Rev. B. Jacksteit.

### ENGAGEMENTS

Dr. M. L. Leuschner  
May 23 (Sunday) — Immanuel Church, Kankakee, Illinois.

Dr. John Leypoldt  
May 30-June 13—Kitchener, Ont.

Rev. Daniel Fuchs, Evangelist  
May 16-28—Arnprior, Ontario.

Rev. H. Palfenier, Evangelist  
May 23-June 4—Glidden, Sask.

### IMPORTANT DATES

May 19—Committee on Education at Headquarters, Forest Park, Ill.

May 20-21—General Council sessions at Headquarters, Forest Park, Ill.

May 20 (Thursday, 7:45 P.M.)—Public meeting for churches of Chicago and vicinity at Forest Park Baptist Church.

May 23 (Sunday)—Rural Life Sunday.

May 20-23—British Columbia Association at Grace Church, Kelowna, B. C. Prof. Herbert Hiller and Rev. Edward Link, Guest Speakers.

May 21—Delaware Association at Pilgrim Church, Philadelphia, Pa. Dr. Ralph E. Powell, Guest Speaker.

May 22-23—Atlantic Conference CBY and SS Union Sessions at Pilgrim Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Dr. Ralph E. Powell and Rev. Lawrence Bienert, Guest Speakers.

May 27-30—Central Conference at Shroyer Road Church, Dayton, Ohio. Dr. and Mrs. Wm. S. Boutwell, Dr. Martin L. Leuschner and Rev. E. J. Baumgartner, Denominational Representatives.

May 31-June 4—South Dakota Young People's (Senior) Camp at Camp Riverside, Mitchell, South Dakota. Rev. Edward Link and Dr. Wm. S. Boutwell, Guest Speakers.

May 31-June 3—Kansas Scripture Memory Camp at Camp Fellowship near Wichita, Kansas. Rev. Lawrence Bienert and Mr. Ernest Hildebrand, Guest Speakers.

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# Editorial

## Are You Going, Too?

**D**URING THE NEXT FEW DAYS, the first in a procession of more than fifty summer conferences and youth assemblies will be held. It is interesting to observe that the "summer kickoff" occurs almost simultaneously in Philadelphia on the Atlantic Coast for the Atlantic Conference young people, and in Kelowna, B. C., near the Pacific Ocean for the British Columbia Association. This will be followed by the Central Conference sessions at the beautiful, new Shroyer Road Baptist Church of Dayton, Ohio, from May 27 to 30.

These fifty summer gatherings will be held within a few hundred miles of every North American Baptist Church. No one will have a real excuse for not attending one of several of these inspirational conferences. In fact, we hope that the question, "Are you going, too?" will be heard so often that you will find joy in responding eagerly and favorably. There is no greater soul tonic that you can find anywhere than participation in a rousing summer conference or assembly with a host of enthusiastic, singing believers!

One of the greatest blessings of these gatherings is the bird's-eye view which they give of our denominational enterprise and missionary fields. You can see God's Kingdom work through our churches in a clear, outline form. The missionary addresses, denominational reports, exhibits, business transactions and prayer requests all combine to portray our denomination in action for the Lord Jesus Christ.

You are also made keenly aware of the fellowship with others in this service for Christ. That is the greatest antidote to discouragement and drooping spirits. Elijah had to be told that there were seven thousand others who had not bowed their knees to Baal when he thought with despair that he was the only one left fighting the Lord's battle. Sometimes everyone of us needs to feel the tug of those bonds with others with whom we are associated in our conferences and assemblies.

Two special conferences will convene late this summer. From July 28 to August 1 the ministers of our churches will hold their Pastors' Institute at the Seminary buildings in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. The program committee of the Pastors' Fellowship has set up an inspirational program and completed most of the arrangements for this gathering. Our churches are being asked to cooperate in every way to make it possible for all pastors to attend. You as a church devoted minister if he can be at this very important gathering in July!

Several hundred laymen and their families will gather at Wisconsin's beautiful Green Lake on the American Baptist Assembly grounds from August 7 to 14 for their third Laymen's Conference. This is shaping up as something grand and wonderful! The program is tops! A record-breaking, enthusiastic crowd is assured. Many physical improvements in facilities and grounds will make the Abbey Area more attractive than ever. Posters and leaflets have been distributed in your church, giving rates for rooms and the story of the program.

"Are you going, too?" That's your invitation to a spiritual vacationland at one or several of this summer's gatherings. You can't afford to let this golden opportunity slip by!



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# The Church of Christ

A presentation of the doctrine of the Church of Christ and of the God-given responsibility of the church members in the light of God's Word

By the REV. JOHN HEER of Lehr, North Dakota

Savior. Like a golden thread, this promise is woven into the pages of Scripture. All prophets speak of him, and in Hebrews 1:1-2 we read that "God, who at sundry times and in divers mannes spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son." "When the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman (Gal. 4:4).

One day Jesus locked the door of the carpenter shop to return no more, went out to the River Jordan to fulfill all righteousness and was baptized of John the Baptist. The sacred hours which followed, even though filled with temptations as he was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, were hours of greatest importance, of which we shall possibly never know. When Jesus returned to the Jordan, John the Baptist recognized him immediately as "the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world." Jesus fulfilled all the qualifications of the Messiah, the only begotten Son of God, the Savior of the World.

### SAVIOR OF THE WORLD

Immediately Jesus chose his disciples to accompany him on his mission tours. They saw miracles of many kinds, the last one of which was that of the healing of the ear of Malchus which Peter, eager to defend his Master, had cut off. Surely in three years they ought to have recognized the Savior of the world! He brought this issue before them by asking: "Whom do men say that I the Son of man am?" Various answers were given. Another question brought the issue very close to them: "But who do ye say that I am?" Peter's confession, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the Living God," brought forth a comment from the lips of Jesus, "Flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven."

Whatever else may be read into this passage, Jesus gave clear evidence that his Church was to be built on the very fact of the incarnation, and those who belong to it, are followers whose confession is, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." This revelation does not come by any man-made invention, nor church creed, but by "the Father who is in heaven." "Ye must be born again!"

Another revelation followed. The Son of man had to go to Jerusalem, suffer many things of the hands of the elders, chief priests and scribes, and

he killed and raised the third day. Strange words even to Peter, for he intervened immediately! But he was met with an austere rebuke from Jesus for not meaning what God wants. Jesus explained, then, that the Church should consist of followers who take the Cross and follow him. Only those who sanctify themselves, who lose their lives in the very pattern of Christ's program of redemption are to be eligible members of the Church of Christ.

### THE SUFFERING REALIZED

Jesus prayed: "Father, save me from this hour!" There was only one answer in his soul. "But for this cause came I unto this hour." He made his choice and heaven rejoiced, for the voice from heaven spoke, "I have both glorified thy name and I will glorify it again." Suffering many things at the hands of the elders, chief priests and scribes, he was nailed to the Cross.

On the Cross the words rang out, "It is finished." The words still ring out for they express the finished work of salvation, once and for all. He made Gethsemane a paradise. The Cross was turned into glory, and sin was dealt the deathblow. Victory over death was wrought through Christ. "Death is swallowed up in victory." The grave was robbed of its prey. Jesus came through as the Victor through his Father's will. The trouble in his soul (John 12:27) subsided, and he commended his spirit into the hands of his Father.

God's love won the greatest Court-case in creation, and those who trust in him will be "lively stones . . . built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifice, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ" (1 Peter 2:5). The progress may be slow, but the Church is on solid foundation, and hell shall not prevail against it. Its members will never perish, neither shall they be plucked out of the hands of God (John 10:28).

To lock this Gospel in our hearts would be sheer mockery on the part of those who claim salvation. The price was too great. With both lips and deeds we must express this Gospel. Man, by losing his perfection when he fell, is hideously marred by sin. In sin he must die unless we bring him to Christ. Christ called the Church into existence for this purpose. Through the Church the sinner is led

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"And I say also unto thee, that thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it" (MATT. 16:18).

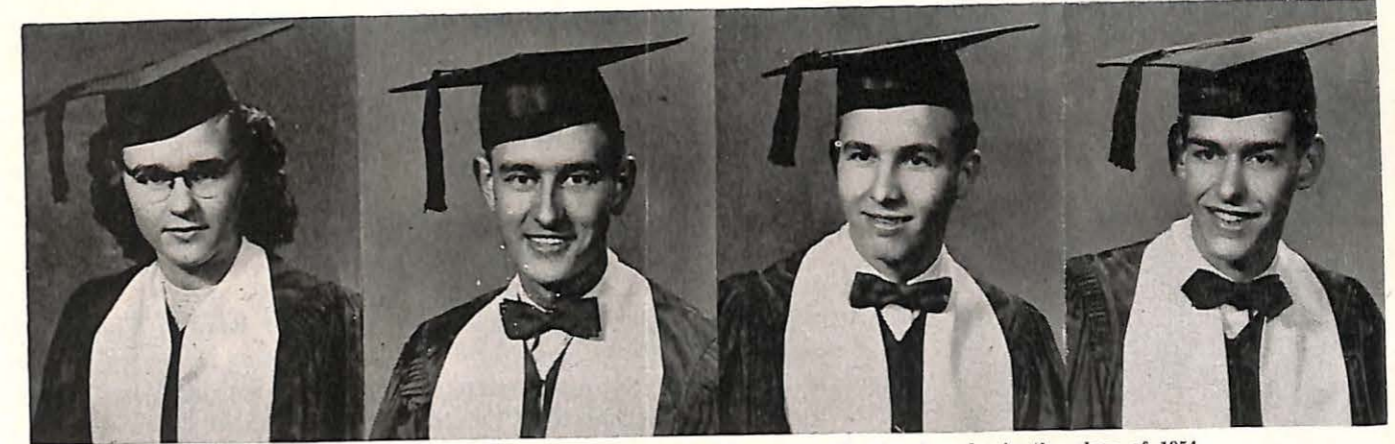
THE CHURCH, the most important institution on earth, which God purchased with his own blood (Acts 20:28), is neglected by many because it is placed secondary on their list of activities.

Many Christians have come face to face with the doctrine of Matthew 16:18. So we shall deal here mainly with the importance of the Church, its functions and its powers within the world. Through its mission the Gospel is proclaimed, and it alone can lead the sinner to the Living Water, to the Light of the world. Therefore, the Church should have pre-eminence over all other activities.

### GOD'S PROMISE

The plan for man was to fit him into the pattern of God's creation. However, the divine command "not to eat of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden" (Gen. 3:3) was disobeyed. Man became a slave to sin. He was to have victory through God's will. Instead he became a victim of his own disobedience.

Rather than let himself be influenced by this act of sin on man's part, God took immediate steps to restore man's original state by promising the



Graduates of the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, in the class of 1954  
Left to right: Manetta Froehlich, Donald Neibrandt, Edward Unger, all graduates of the four-year Bible School course; and Fred Hubert (extreme right), high school graduate

# Commencement at Edmonton's C. T. I.

Impressive commencement exercises of the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alta., from April 4 to 8, 1954 and school prospects for the future

By the REV. E. P. WAHL, President, of Edmonton, Alberta

ANOTHER successful Bible School year has come to a close. Our students have returned to their respective churches (in the four western provinces of Canada and several states of the Union) and will have opportunity to impart the many things they have received while attending the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton, Alta., and thus spread the rich blessings of God, far and wide.

On Sunday afternoon, April 4th, a large audience gathered in the Central Baptist Church of Edmonton to attend the baccalaureate service. The Rev. W. J. MacDonald, general secretary of the Baptist Union of Western Canada, brought an excellent address on the theme, "The Mastery of Life."

### COMMENCEMENT FESTIVITIES

Again the Alberta College auditorium with a seating capacity of over 1300 was used for the special evening meetings of the closing exercises. On Tuesday night, April 6th, the annual school play was presented. "The Rock" by Mary P. Hamlin was the play given. Very effectively and with great spiritual emphasis the struggles of Peter, the apostle, were brought to the attention of the large audience. The students presenting the play did remarkably well. The Rev. H. O. Ohsberg, who served as director of the play, is to be commended for the splendid piece of work which he did.

On Wednesday night the Student Chorus thrilled the large crowd at the Alberta College auditorium with the presentation of the annual sacred concert. Under the leadership of the Rev. E. B. Link, every musical rendi-

tion drove home a vital spiritual message. An interlude with a message by the Rev. David Berg on the subject, "The Mighty Victor's Chorus," was well received.

Thursday evening, April 8th, was commencement night. Mr. A. Earle Frid, Canadian Secretary of the Worldwide Evangelization Crusade, and Prof. Thorwald W. Bender, professor of theology of Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, Chicago, Ill., were the special speakers for the days. On Commencement night Mr. Frid brought salutations to the graduates on the theme, "Even So Send I You," and Dr. Bender's forceful and timely commencement address was based on the subject: "Are We Worth Saving?" The large audience present at the closing night will long remember Dr. Bender by that thought provoking and ably rendered message.

### BIBLE AND MISSIONS

The day sessions were started with a thirty-minute "prayer time." All was silent in the halls of the school while students and visiting friends met in dormitory rooms, classrooms and prayer room for a period of devotion and prayer. After this, the meeting was called together in the chapel of the school. The devotional hour led by a member of the graduating class gave a blessed start to all our day sessions. On Wednesday Mr. Frid brought a special message on "That I May Know Him." Surely, many present at that meeting realized how little we do know our Lord Jesus Christ and desired to know him better. Dr. T. W. Bender led in a very profitable Bible Study Hour dwelling on the subject,

"Theological Emphases in the Gospel of John."

MISSIONS was the slogan for the day sessions on Thursday. The Rev. E. A. Hoffmann, the Rev. Henry Schumacher and the Rev. J. W. Georgeson spoke to us on The Field, The Laborer and The Scattering of the Precious Seed. The moving of God's Spirit was definitely experienced throughout the day. A goodly number of young people arose to testify of their decision of giving their all to the Master and being ready to go "where he wants them to go."

### SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS

The scholarship and trophies were captured by the following: the Ethel Ruff Trophy (a class paper in the field of Christian Education), Gunter Rochow; the Albert Gurel Trophy (a prize cup awarded annually in the Department of Public speaking to a young lady and a young man). Jean Haller and Gunter Rochow; the Martha Liebig Scholarships (the best papers on assigned research work), Helen Hermann, Isabelle Bresch and Arthur Gellert; to the student having highest academic standing for the school year, Arthur Gellert; the Women's Union of the Alberta Baptist Conference (to the "all round student" of the school year), Manetta Froehlich; the Schilke Scholarship and prize cup (a special paper on Bible research work), Edward Unger.

The High School division with two very able teachers is continuing its good work. The school year closes with the end of the month of June. Bigger and better plans for the next school

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# Our Schools Can Be Christian!

A provocative treatise by a deacon of the Bethel Baptist Church of Anaheim, Calif., who has also served for six years as a trustee on the Anaheim Elementary School Board, on the timely subject how public school boards and citizens of Christian faith can be "the salt of the earth" in moulding our public schools into a more Christian pattern

By MR. HERBERT H. STABBERT of Anaheim, California

and so the parents attempted to show their daughter that perhaps the teacher was wrong. However, the little girl emphatically insisted, "But my teacher said so."

Do you see what happened? The teacher's statement carried more weight than the words of the child's parents. What a terrific responsibility a teacher faces! His life, his language, his behavior and his attitudes convey far reaching influence upon the lives of our youngsters. Consequently, it is all important that wherever it is possible teachers be employed whose lives indicate a Christian background. They play such an important role in the molding of character.

Indoctrination! The word has a repulsive intonation, but what word better describes what can be done! What word better describes a method of instilling into the hearts and lives of our youth those Christian ideals which we so intensely wish they would wholeheartedly accept.

### CHRISTIAN SCHOOL PROGRAM

At this point you may ask what has this to do with the subject. Today many states are permitting the public schools to take part in what is known in some localities as the Released Time Christian Education Program. Briefly, in California, the program allows children to receive Bible instruction one hour per week through the effort of the churches. Bible stories and ethics are presented through various channels. The youth is put into contact with Bible truths.

Does this do any good? We believe it does. We do know that our local truancy has decreased, and it may be due to the Released Time Program. We also know that the seed is sown, and, as in the parable of the sower, we know that some seed will fall on fertile ground and come into fruition.

Here is where a school trustee comes into the picture. The Board carries considerable authority. If it chose, Released Time could be withheld from the children, and the opportunity to instill Bible truths by this means into the hearts of our youth would be lost. Here is where followers of Christ can use their influence as board members to put forth every effort so that this program be permitted to function.

This is a form of indoctrination, and it is an effective method. It is imperative that our youth be put into contact with Christianity through every possible means if their lives are to be virile and victorious. This is a positive step. Victorious youth today means victorious adults tomorrow.

Every school trustee is in close contact with one of the world's most complicated but vastly interesting things

### INDOCTRINATION

In the past few years we have seen what can be accomplished through the medium of indoctrination. The minds of the youth in some of the European nations have been distorted to the point of fanaticism under the direction of scientific effort and emotional appeal.

Recently a major of the United States Air Force related some of his experiences while spending several months in one of the nations of Europe under the influence of the Iron Curtain. He was not concerned with the attitude of the people of middle age, but with the youngsters whose lives and thinking are being distorted and shaped into distrust, hatred and suspicion of democracy and the ideals of Christianity. In a few years through this process of propaganda, these young people will grow into a frame of mind which will be a great hindrance toward a brotherly understanding of others.

### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"Are you standing on the promises or just sitting on the promises?"

—Contributed by Herman Balka, Dallas, Texas, vice-president of the CBY and SS Union.

IN THE SERMON, on the Mount, Christ told his followers that they were the salt of the earth. He further stated, "If the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it (the earth) be salted?" Since we are acquainted with the saving and preserving properties of salt and the question asked by Christ uses such familiar terms, we are sometimes apt to read over these words lightly and are not impressed with their vital significance and tremendous truth.

### CHRIST'S TEACHING

Christ wants his followers not only to maintain the qualities of salt through a faithful Christian life, but also to mingle and make contact with the "earth" so that the qualities of salt can permeate the "earth" and actually have a chance to save and to flavor. Sometimes we hear that business and religion do not mix, and that one cannot uphold his Christian principles if he enters into any form of political life. They won't mix? Why not? They will if we really want them to do so and honestly believe that Christ's teaching is practical and applicable in all phases of life.

During the six years that the writer served as a trustee of the Anaheim Elementary School Board, the members were faced with many problems in a rapidly growing community. Opportunities presented themselves in which Christian influence and standards could be injected into the program of a school district. Let us consider several.

Since children are under the influence of the schools during many years of their formative period, it is important for a school board to exercise utmost care in the selection of a teaching staff. Not long ago a child made a statement to her parents that she had heard from her teacher. The statement didn't coincide with facts,



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have become prohibitive. When a hard working choir director is begging for young folks to come to choir rehearsal, he is faced with activities, many of them sponsored by the school, with the result that the choir is conspicuous by its absence of young people.

### THE CHURCH'S INFLUENCE

The same holds true in regard to the mid-week Bible study and prayer meeting. Since the home, church and school are largely instrumental in molding character, it behooves us to make much effort that the church receives more of the child's time. In some communities the church and school authorities have agreed that a certain night a week is to be free for

day. Many readers may not be aware of it. Because it is felt that the public schools are not meeting the needs of our growing youth, some denominations are looking with great favor upon the establishment of denominational Day Schools. It is not the purpose of the writer to bring forth the merits or demerits of this movement, but, as in every significant change, this trend has its pros and cons.

Could the answer be found in a statement which the pastor of our church recently made? The essence of his statement was that our schools are expending too much effort in teaching how to do things instead of teaching how to live. Our children have skills and knowledge, but do they know how to live? Walter Lippmann has said,



The beautiful, modern Thomas Jefferson Elementary School of Anaheim, Calif., built by the school board, of which Mr. Herbert H. Stabbert, author of the accompanying article, was a member

the activities of the church. Here is an opportunity for Christian laymen to spearhead action.

Some states allow religious activities in the school which the general public does not realize are permitted. It is gratifying to know that in our city of Anaheim the Gideons are permitted to present the school children with Testaments and to place Bibles in each classroom. In our Junior High School the Lord's prayer is repeated daily after the flag salute. The High School has a student read a portion of Scripture once a week over the loud speaking system. At the Christmas season, the various school programs center around the nativity rather than around secular themes.

### CHURCH DAY SCHOOLS

Practices such as these, though seemingly minor, are positive darts that can be used to keep our young people conscious of God and his wonders. Hence, those who believe in the Christian faith will want to be constantly aggressive so that every avenue of approach be maintained open for use.

This brings us to a consideration of a trend that is gaining momentum to-

in life—the human being. The duties of board members are not restricted merely to being good stewards of the tax payer's dollar, but they entail problems of personnel—the school teacher. As we all know, dealing with people means that one has to consider emotions, pride, feeling and the rights of the individual. Building classrooms can be the result of cold facts, but dealing with personnel requires not only facts but the attributes of the Spirit as recorded in Galatians 5, verses 22 and 23.

Occasions arise wherein patience is absolutely necessary. Problems are thrown into the lap of School Boards that require gentleness, goodness, peace and an attempt to understand the person. There is opportunity to show that in many instances a decision is to be made not on the basis whether a matter is expedient or profitable, but on the premise, "Is It Right?" Herein is where the salt has a golden opportunity to function. If it has lost its savor, we can go right back to the question asked by Christ, "Wherewith shall the earth be salted?"

This matter of taking an important part in the program of public education must not be left only to those few Christian men and women who are willing to give their time and effort in serving on a School Board. The tax payer and citizen has responsibilities that should not be neglected. What are some?

### DUTIES OF CITIZENS

If we expect our schools to come under the influence of Christian men and women, we the citizens have to put Christian men and women into office. As has been stated, a Board carries much authority, and if the Christian voter would be interested enough to select and support qualified candidates, then we would be deriving the benefit of one of our most potent weapons—our right to cast a ballot.

The church places itself into an awkward position if its members are not interested enough to go to the polls, and then they turn around and criticize the manner in which many public schools are being operated. The writer has seen as few as 5 per cent of registered voters cast their ballot for school district trustees! Let us bury our indifferent and complacent attitudes.

Often much criticism is heaped upon our public schools, and some of it is justified. However, what is the church doing about it? What are individuals or groups of people, who know that the teachings of Christ are vital, doing about it? In many instances just nothing except to sit on the sidelines and complain. What can be done? Let's see!

A combination of school-secular activities have become so numerous that such privileges as participating in church choirs or mid-week Bible study

"Modern education rejects and excludes from the curriculum of education the whole religious tradition of the West."

It is believed by some that public education has joined itself with the forces of secularism. Some also conclude that because in the early years of life, when young minds are susceptible to Gospel truths, a golden opportunity to indoctrinate them with Christian teaching is lost. Whether the Church Day School is the answer is for the reader to decide. That the trend is present, however, is obvious.

Man-made plans, even if guided by Christian principles, have little opportunity to succeed unless we ask the Lord to anoint our thinking and efforts with his wisdom. If one really desires to maintain the qualities of salt, and honestly wants to put his Christian faith into practice in his everyday walk of life, he must pray earnestly that his life speak for his convictions. A consecrated life, coupled with an application of those abilities with which all of us have been endowed, will greatly help us to maintain the properties of salt that Christ referred to in his Sermon on the Mount.



African carriers have their loads ready for a difficult and adventurous trek with Baptist missionaries

## Dear Diary!

A most unusual report of a Cameroons missionary's trekking experiences into the Kaka grassland area with dismal discouragements and spiritual victories, accompanied by Miss Minnie Kuhn, and published largely as it was prepared for the missionary's diary!

By MISS IDA FORSCH of Mbem, British Cameroons, Africa

WE HOPE that this diary report will give you a renewed interest in and insight into the problems we meet in the Cameroons of Africa. As you read it, we know you will be able to pick out the many problems that need special prayer requests, and also see the many opportunities for praise and thanksgiving to God!

### A TREK IN KAKA

January 31: Preparations for trek completed. Chop boxes and trekking equipment fully packed. It is Sunday. The church offered a special prayer for our safe journey.

February 1: We had breakfast at 6:00 a.m. in the hope of an early start but no carriers. We finally left at 8:30 a.m. We were almost at Bom when we discovered one chop box had remained behind. The cook or steward was to go back to get it, but suddenly one of them developed fever and the second had a twisted ankle from the unaccustomed wearing of very large and ill-fitting shoes. Finally, the horse-boy returned to Mbem for it. A rather tasteless supper. Salt, bread and other staples are still at Mbem as well as the can opener, spoons, etc., so the tins had to be opened with a jackknife. It looks like a good beginning!

February 2: At Bom. The house in which we are staying is the one from which the school teacher had moved, since it was inhabited by snakes, but it is all right for the missionaries. We're busy visiting the school and dispensing medicines. The dispensing of medicines was quite successful as a goodly number of people came. In the afternoon a meeting was held with the chief and his quarterheads, discussing the progress of the school. Slides of school life in the area and several on the "Life of Christ" were shown in the evening with good response. The chop box arrived late in the evening.

February 3: Trek to Mfe, two and a half hours. Little interest or enthusiasm shown for the school or church. The Roman Catholics are misleading and confusing the people.

February 4: To Ntong. Passed through Fam Village. Native "Die-cry" for woman who died suddenly during labor. An autopsy was to be performed in the afternoon to find "the witch" that had killed her. Opportunity to witness on the shortness of life. Are we prepared? We did not stay for the burial. Reaching Ntong, we discovered the village below the hill completely destroyed by fire. The remaining walls looked like empty claypots.

People in this area do not help each other to rebuild. Each one struggles alone.

February 5: Busy all day with the medicine box. Good work done at the school. Slides in the evening ending with the story of the Good Samaritan. We emphasized the need to help each other in time of trouble in relation to the burned-out village.

February 6: Uneventful trek to Ngung until horse rolled down steep embankment, landing on his back wedged between two stones. Our hearts sank into our shoes. Is he dead? Do we have to share the one horse the rest of the way, or is he still alive? Carriers lifted him up on his feet. He is still alive but badly frightened. God takes care of his own. Minnie Kuhn had walked across in front of the horse, so no one was hurt. Arrived at Ngung 10:45 a.m. after wading across a wide stream rather than be carried piggy-back by one of the carriers.

February 7: Sunday! Ceiling of the house very low. Aching necks and back from bending over. Most all of the people, especially the children, are filthy with dirt and suffering from diarrhea. Women's meeting after the morning service. Afternoon a meeting with the chief and his quarterheads discussing the possibility of opening a new school for 1955. In true African fashion they tried to make market in regards to financial support. The fifteen small scars on the upper part of the men's arms are received during the initiation rites for entry into the village clan and specific juju societies. Slides in the evening.

### "ALL TALK: NO ACTION"

February 8: Arrived at Lus. School buildings and dormitories are a disgrace. People are very lazy. They want a school but do not want to work for it. Mail from home arrived. Prayer support from home means much when one is discouraged!

February 9: Usual day for both of us. A most discouraging meeting with the quarterheads. "All talk but no action." Many boys have left school before completing it, and have become village "bums." No interest in community development or church. They seem to be misfits in their own society. Special prayers requested for such boys and wisdom on the part of the missionary to solve this problem which is prevalent over all the Cameroons.

February 10: Minnie Kuhn went to Bitwi, a neighboring village. People are very interested in church work. Good response to morning message and medicines. I continued visiting Lus school and spent afternoon mending the school's "Basic New Testaments." Slides shown in the evening after rain. Only the dormitory boys, church teacher and evangelist present.

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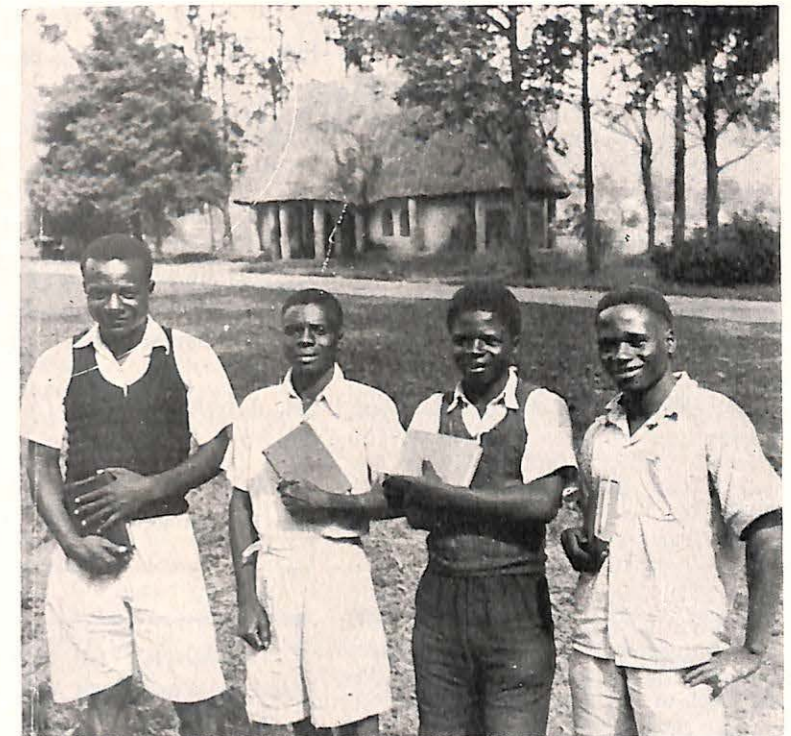
## Cameroons Gospel Team

Four young men, comprising a Gospel team from the Mbem Bible School, brought their testimonies for Christ in "educated pidgin English" at the Kaka Area Conference. These talks were taken down by the missionary just as brought by the young men. It will make for difficult but interesting reading as you sit at the feet of these consecrated Christian lads

By MISS MINNIE KUHN, Missionary

The Cameroons Gospel Team who spoke at the Kaka Area Conference

Left to right: Peter Tabah, Andrew Wemji Tanko, Aaron Nshanji Tabani, and Thaddeus Nfon. The Mbem Baptist Church is in the background



THIS IS a unique "first hand" report of one of the programs as presented recently by one of the Bible School Gospel teams in the Cameroons, Africa. It was such a blessing to the missionaries who were at the conference, that we felt we wanted to share it with some of you back home. I believe all of these young men are now teachers in our schools and are a rather typical example of young people out here. Their messages not only challenged us but their own people were stirred and challenged anew. Pray that God might work mightily through our trained young men and women.

These testimonies and talks by these Bible school students at our Kaka area conference were taken down just as they were given, not in pidgin English but in "educated pidgin English," as it is called here. I hope that you as readers of the "Baptist Herald" can follow it.

### FIRST SPEAKER

We done glad plenty for get chance for give we talk here. We thank God plenty how he done bring we for this meeting.

I go tell we now something about my life from the time where I be small pekin, till now where I dey a man. I be lucky plenty, where I still some small pekin. School he dey near my village. He no be some government school or some school under native administration, but he be some Baptist school. Now my papa, he be send me for this school. As I dey, I learn plenty things for read and write, but we do hear plenty thing for some man how dey do call HIM Jesus. This ONE my teacher say I go savy him fine and take him for my heart and then

I go tell my people. I do go, and my mama and my papa they do say, "Why I no do tell them some other thing but only one about Jesus?" I do try for tell them that I do talk this one because Jesus, HE be the only one where he fit save we people.

Now me, I continue for learn. I go for inquire classes as well as to school till I do get baptism. At this time, I do get big interest for this thing but as I do go for higher classes I do begin for get some bad spirit. My big, big teachers, them where dey get plenty sense, they begin for complain. Then I begin for get some different thing for my head; I begin for go back.

Now as God, he done work for some wonderful way. I get chance for come for Bible School. I get chance for study his Word and for savy what way he be bad and what way he be good. One day I read these words: Mark 16: 15 and 16. This one say, make we all as Christians, as followers of Jesus, go all over the world and preach. He do talk for every man where he done take Jesus for the heart.

Make we all do this one, no matter whose kind work we do go for this ground. Make we know, this be work for every man to witness for Jesus. In Matt. 10:32 and 33, he do say, if we no confess Jesus for this ground, he no go confess we before papa God. If we shame for talk for Jesus, he go shame for talk for we.

We go sing for you, "I have decided to follow Jesus; no turning back, no turning back."

### SECOND SPEAKER

"Jesus, he be come for he own and he own no take him."

Jesus, he be the one where he do come for help all the world. He come

for help sinners and they deny him. He give them salvation for nothing and them refuse to take him. They do try for buy with money or get em some other way.

Why? Because of we bad, bad ways and we hard heart. Make we no harden we heard when Jesus do call we. If we go deny, we old fashion. Give we self for Jesus, and listen for he, he go come near for we (James 4: 7 and 8). Make we no follow the things for this ground, money, plenty cargo and other things. They no go help we.

Some man, he get farm, and corn do grow for day. Monkey dey do chop. The man do send he pekin for look em. They come back say, "Monkey, he no take some thing." He do send some other pekin and he come back and say the same thing. When harvest time come, corn he day small, monkey done chop em. So he go be for plenty people, where dey do hear about Jesus but they deny for believe. They do say, "Now lie this." Some time Jesus go come for this ground again. He go look we all. Some he go take with he but the one where he no go believe, he go suffer plenty. We go remember this one and come to Jesus now.

We go sing for you now in Nsungli language "Every Christian, Win One."

### THIRD SPEAKER

"He that thinketh he standeth, let him take heed lest he fall."

Long ago there lived a man who had two children. There came a time of great hunger. One child and the father believed in God; the other did not. One day the father went and bought some corn. This corn was ground into corn flour, cooked and divided be-

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## Through the Iron Lung --- Into the Ministry

The thrilling story of a minister's wife, paralyzed by polio in 1948, who has gone through heart-breaking experiences to great joys in overcoming her handicaps and who has now written a book about her triumphs to encourage others to conquer with Christ

By MRS. VIOLA A. PAHL of Olds, Alberta, Canada

Rev. and Mrs. Fred Pahl of Olds, Alberta, Canada



AS THE LAST WINTER of Bible schooling approached for my husband and myself, we were thrilled with the prospect of soon completing preparation as prospective missionaries to the intriguing land of China. So when polio struck me, it seemed as if a huge, iron door with padlock and chain had been placed across our glorious future. The other alternative, that of suffering with a handicap, seemed to open only into an avenue of uselessness, dreary and weary days, and, the most heart-breaking of all, a door OUT of the work of the Lord.

### AGONIZING SUFFERING

In August 1948 I contracted polio and was completely paralyzed except for arm, hand, and neck muscles. It was indeed an answer to prayer that I spent the brief time of only thirteen days in the clutches of the iron lung. For had I been in my mechanized home longer, I might not have had sufficient strength to give birth to our miracle son born on October 29, 1948. It was not until six months later that I was able to sit up in a wheel chair for a brief period each day. After nine months of hospitalization, I maneuvered my first awkward, wobbly steps on crutches.

Now after five and a half years my muscles have improved to such a degree that I am able to walk around the home without the use of any aids. Crutches must be used for the rough outdoors and for stairs. And when the snowdrifts pile up during Alberta winters, I need manpower to assist from the parsonage to the church. In other words, my husband carries me—but, fortunately, I weigh no more than a "sack of flour"!

As I have read the biographies of saints of God who have suffered some physical affliction, I find that there is one phase of suffering common to all. There is a period of time when the heart agonizes and wonders what good will come out of it all. Never does life seem so barren, useless and without

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any purpose for future days. For my part I felt that my handicap had completely ruined my husband's desire to be a servant of the Lord.

However, he was of the opinion that since we couldn't be missionaries, he could at least be a worker in the homeland. But I reasoned that people just wouldn't tolerate a minister's wife with a disability. My attitude reflected that since I was unable to walk, I was unable to do anything. Such negativism was the surest way to defeat.

### EDMONTON'S C.T.I.

Mr. Pahl was not going to give in so readily to "a polio bug." He argued that there was every hope in the world that I would get somewhat better, if not altogether. Therefore, he was going to keep on preparing himself for the ministry and not lose precious years in secular activities. At that time, we had not heard of the Christian Training Institute in Edmonton. We were Baptists in our church back home, but not of the North American Baptist group.

One morning while Mr. Pahl was listening to the radio, he heard the C.T.I. radio broadcast and the Rev. E.

P. Wahl's announcement of the opening of the Bible School semester. After consulting with Mr. Wahl, he discharged his duties as a carpenter with a big Edmonton firm, and with more faith than finances enrolled as a student for the school year. So while I was in the hospital trying to "kick" a few more wiggles into paralyzed limbs, Mr. Pahl was happily engaged in studying the Word of the Lord.

During the school term at the Edmonton C.T.I., we learned more of the North American Baptists and learned to love the work this group is endeavoring to do for the Lord. The Rev. F. W. Benke was still with us at that time, and visited me often in the ward. Frequently he prayed that I would soon get better so that I could play the electric guitar for his Indian friends.

When I was strong enough to get a weekend pass, Mr. Wahl graciously gave permission for me to spend the weekend at the Institute. In a huge, old-fashioned wheel chair I attended Easter services at the Central Baptist Church, at which time Mr. Pahl and I were accepted as members.

Towards the end of the term the Rev. E. P. Wahl asked Mr. Pahl what his plans for the future were. "I have no definite plans," he replied.

"How would you like to consider a call to one of our churches as student pastor?" queried Mr. Wahl.

### OUR FIRST CHURCH

My husband's heart leaped for joy. Was it possible that the shattered dreams and plans of the previous months were now going to be resurrected as Ezekiel's dry bones, and serving the Lord would become a tangible reality? The call of the Hilda Baptist Church at Hilda, Alberta, was humbly accepted. After commencement exercises, Mr. Pahl left for the field of Hilda to try and conquer the use of his German tongue once again, while I remained in the hospital to conquer a few more wiggles.

In May 1949 I joined my husband on the Hilda field. At that time I didn't walk at all in public. I sat in a wheel chair during the services, and learned artfully to steer my course down the aisle, turn around, face the congregation, and take my part in telling the children's stories. Although we made many mistakes as "new-comers" into the ministry, no criticism was ever made of my handicap.

It has never been the easiest thing to be so awkward in walking around in public—for I've always said that if I was ever proud about a speech I was to make, or a story I had to tell, I lost every whit of it struggling up platform stairs, and leaning on people's arms to make my destination. But our Christian people in our congregations have been so understanding and helpful that the battle of overcoming physical disability has been eased tremendously.

On June 10, 1951, there was no prouder person than myself when Mr. Pahl became the Rev. Fred Pahl at his ordination. We felt at last that we were not disqualified for full-time service just because of a disability. As someone of the East Olds Baptist Church put it, when I queried concerning our call there: "Did you know that I had polio when you gave us a call?" And the heart-warming answer was, "Yes, we knew. But we wanted you, polio and all." How encouraging!

### GOD'S SUFFICIENCY

In July 1952 when we moved to Olds, Alta., I left the wheel chair in the basement, and began the new era of walking around the house without its use. Bit by bit strength and endurance have come back, but to what extent I actually will recover is unknown.

But life has taken on a completely new meaning since we have resigned ourselves fully to the Lord for grace and strength in spite of polio. We no longer think of what we "can't do," but of all the things we are able to do. And believe me, there is enough to keep us going twenty-four hours a day. What we had once thought was a door OUT of the ministry, we have found to be a door INTO the ministry.

We praise God that the door was labelled "North American Baptists," for we have found after thorough examination of many church groups, that the fellowship we enjoy and the blessings, which go out to others through the work of our sister churches, far surpasses the accomplishments of other Christian organizations.

### YOU, TOO, ARE WRITING A GOSPEL

You are writing a Gospel,  
A chapter each day—  
By deeds that you do,  
By words that you say.  
Men read what you write,  
Whether faithless or true.  
Say! What is the Gospel  
According to You?

### DEAR DIARY!

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February 11: Left Lus for Adere. Evangelist accompanied us but carriers refused to carry his small cargo. After much palavering, one non-Christian carried it. We missed the right trail. We wandered around (like wilderness wanderings of the Israelites). Passed a very rocky place, where all vegetation had been burned, which reminded us of the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah. Near Adere, we came to a leopard trap in the middle of the road which was very well concealed. Both of us felt guided to step to the side of the trail, although we did not know of the hidden trap. After having passed the spot, we heard two natives trying to warn us of the presence of danger in the trap in the middle of the road. "God don hellup you," repeated the natives over and over again. God answered prayers on our behalf offered by the Christians back home.

February 12: At Adere. Extremely hot. Staying in a house made of palm branches. They keep off the sun but not the heat. Can see in as well as out. Termites almost ate beds out from under us. Within two hours, termites began to eat our trek shoes which had been left on the ground. Rained at night; leaked through on our beds. New mission school being opened here. At the present people are enthusiastic. Many fine school children.

February 13: To Koffa. Left at 6:00 a.m. Had breakfast on the road, pork and beans, pickles, cookies and tea. "Who planned this breakfast?" "Na me, Ma." Minnie Kuhn! All of our water and tea had been finished and we were still thirsty. Finally reached Koffa at 2:30 p.m.—hot, tired and thirsty. Teachers brought us pineapples. They tasted like manna from heaven.

### SUNDAY AT KOFFA

February 14: Sunday at Koffa. Attended morning service and Sunday School. School teachers in charge of services and Sunday School. Doing a very good work. Pictures in the evening attended by Koffa and Bang chiefs. It rained! Roof leaked again. Spent most of the evening dodging the leaks!

February 15: Busy all day with medicines and school visitation.

February 16: To Com. Good trek. Arrived at 10:15 a.m. Staying in the church. Beautiful church site. A new chief here, one of our Baptist Christians. Will require much prayer to withstand temptations and problems as the chief is expected to lead the juju societies and native medicine rituals.

February 17: New mission school opened this year. People are very interested and concerned for its progress. Usual meeting with the chief and his quarterheads. Pictures in the evening. Good response.

February 18: Left for Nkot. Reaching it, we came upon a "die-cry." A small child had died of whooping cough which seems to be prevalent in this area and of which many children are dying. Attending Village Council meeting in the afternoon. Case in session. Due to jealousy, husband beat up wife and knocked out her front tooth because she provided food for the strangers which is a native custom. After this we had a meeting with the chief and his quarterheads concerning the progress of the school. Discovered the Roman Catholics are confusing the people here also, bribing and threatening them in order to establish their own school and church and drive out the Baptists. There is much similarity between the Roman Catholic religion and jujuism. Both are based on fear and not love. It seems that wherever God's work is in progress, Satan finds some means of coming in and destroying his work.

February 19: Visited the mission school and dispensed medicines. Pictures in the evening.

February 20: Left Nkot at 6:00 a.m. Still too dark to see the path. Something was wrong with Minnie Kuhn's horse. It weaved and stumbled, so she walked most of the way to Mbem. Arrived at Mbem at 11:00 a.m. Good to be back. Physically we are very tired, but we are certain that the trek was not in vain. "For this cause, my dear brothers, be strong in purpose and unmoved, ever giving yourselves to the work of the Lord, because you are certain that your work is not without effect in the Lord" (1 Corinthians 15:58).

### COMMENCEMENT AT C.T.I.

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year are being made. A four-year Bible School Course is to be offered. It is a very profitable course for any Christian wishing to fit himself for better service for the church and our Lord.

The Bible Commercial Course still gives young people wishing to train for commercial work a splendid opportunity to do so in the healthy atmosphere of the C.T.I. The High School department offers grades 10, 11 and 12 and is fully accredited, preparing for Senior Matriculation.

A new service to be offered this coming fall will be to receive students taking their first year at the Alberta University to live and board at our Christian Training Institute. Thus, they will be able to stay in contact with our work as a denomination and to receive spiritual training along with the secular work up to Junior College status. This should be a welcome move to many concerned parents and to young people who seek the fullest and best college training.

# WHAT'S HAPPENING

● The Rev. and Mrs. Lawrence G. Bienert of Forest Park, Ill., have announced the birth of a daughter on April 15. This is their first child. Mr. Bienert is the Youth Director of the CBY and SS Union.

● Mrs. F. Bruckmann of Missoula, Mont., passed away after a brief illness on March 12th. She was the wife of the Rev. F. Bruckmann, a field secretary of the American Bible Society. Her interest in the North American Baptist mission fields was constantly in evidence with her generous contributions and many handmade articles.

● The Baptist Church of Cathay, N. Dak., was extended a call to the Rev. David Zimmerman of La Salle, Colorado. He has responded favorably and hopes to begin his pastorate in Cathay on July 1st. He will succeed the Rev. Lawrence Bienert, now the youth director of the CBY and SS Baptist Church since 1949.

● The Bethel Baptist Church of Anaheim, Calif., has approximately 20 issues of "Der Kirchenchor," German and English words, with about 15 to 20 copies of each number. It also has ten issues of "The Choir Herald." These copies are available to any of our church choirs for the price of the shipping costs. If any groups are interested, please send your requests to the choir director, Mrs. B. Jacksteit, 310 S. Lemon St., Anaheim, California.

● On April 15 Miss Myrtle Weeldreyer of Emery, S. Dak., Cameroons missionary who is now home on furlough began a six-month course in midwifery at the Frontier Graduate School of Midwifery at Hyden, Kentucky. She will not be available for any further deputation work during three months at the first of the year visiting many churches in the interest of the Cameroons mission field.

● The Immanuel Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wis., has called Miss Eleanor Wurster, a 1954 graduate of the Baptist Missionary Training School of Chicago, Ill., as its Director of Christian Education. Miss Wurster is a member of the Temple Baptist Church, Buffalo, N. Y., of which the Rev. G. E. Friedenbergh is the pastor. She will begin her ministry in the Milwaukee church in August 1954. The Rev. A. J.

Esperson is pastor of the Immanuel Church.

● On Easter Sunday evening, April 18, the Rev. Rubin Kern, pastor of the Forest Park Baptist Church, Forest Park, Ill., baptized 15 converts on confession of their faith in Christ as Savior. The Rev. J. C. Gunst, secretary of the CBY and SS Union, brought the message. At the well attended morning service Mr. Kern spoke on LIFE. Musical numbers were rendered by Miss Lydia Mihm, the church choir, and the girls' chorus which is directed by Mrs. Rubin Kern.

● The Baptist Church of Washburn, N. Dak., observed the 40th wedding anniversary of its pastor and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. Frederick Alf, on Thursday evening, March 18. The observance also marked Mr. Alf's 40th year in the Christian ministry. The Rev. J. Matz of Bismarck, N. Dak., a retired minister, brought a brief message. The guest book was signed by about 100 friends present. Congratulations were extended to the Alfs by representatives from all branches of the church. "A large decorated wedding cake centered the guest table and was served to the group," as reported by Mrs. Edward Grueneich.

● On Easter Sunday morning, April 18, the Rev. Peter Peiffer of the Central Baptist Church, Erie, Pa., baptized nine Sunday School scholars. The color film, "The Resurrection," was shown at the evening service. On April 12 Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Zurn of the Central Church celebrated their 54th wedding anniversary. At the first of four successive Wednesday evening meetings on April 28 for the Baptists of Erie, Mr. Pfeiffer brought the message. The second service in the series was held on May 5 at the Central Church with the Negro Shiloh Baptist Church choir of 40 voices serving with special musical program.

● On April 28 and 29 the North American Baptist Seminary held its second Spring Convocation at the Seminary buildings, Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Dr. Ernest E. Smith, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Omaha, Neb., and a former president of Sioux Falls, College, spoke on "Democratic Values in Protestant Worship," "Trained Christian Leaders for Tomorrow" and "The Church Ministering to the Home." Many pastors and friends of the Seminary besides members of the student

body were in attendance. Dr. George A. Lang, president of the Seminary, presided at the convocation sessions.

● Miss Gretchen Remmler of the headquarters staff in Forest Park, Ill., will leave Chicago, Ill., on June 6 by plane for Germany on a vacation trip and visitation tour to many scenic places and Baptist churches in Germany. She will return to the United States about July 20. She will visit Berlin, Hamburg, Bremen, Oldenburg, Kassel, Stuttgart, Munich, Nuremberg in Germany and places in Austria and Switzerland. Read the article about her in the "We, the Women" page of this issue. Miss Remmler has consented to prepare several articles about her summer's adventures for the "Baptist Herald."

● On April 26 Mr. Harold Johns of Forest Park, Ill., president of the Publication Board, left New York City by Pan American plane for a 2½-month trip virtually around the world. He is spending three weeks from May 5 to 27 in the Cameroons, West Africa, on a tour of our Cameroons Baptist Mission fields with Dr. Paul Gebauer, superintendent. Then he will travel to South Africa, Palestine, Egypt and several countries in Europe. He plans to return to the United States on July 10th. He has assured the editor that he will try to prepare several articles about his trip, especially in the Cameroons, for the "Baptist Herald."

● On Sunday, March 28, the Rev. Philip Potzner, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Elberta, Ala., baptized nine persons on confession of their faith in Christ. These converts were the result of evangelistic services conducted from March 7 to 14 with the Rev. Pete Ruckman. On Sunday evening, April 4, Mr. Potzner began a series of sermons on "Light from Revelations." The church is beginning to make its plans for the observance of its 25th anniversary. Although the church was organized on Nov. 3, 1929, the anniversary program will probably be held during the South Texas, Louisiana and Alabama Association to be held in February 1955.

● The Burns Ave. Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich., held evangelistic services from May 7 to 16 with Dr. William Ward Ayer of New York, N. Y., as evangelist. Dr. Ayer has a nationwide radio ministry. He was one of the guest speakers at the 1949 General Conference in Sioux Falls, South

Dakota. On Palm Sunday evening, April 11, the North American Baptist Seminary Choir under the direction of Dr. Ralph E. Powell presented a sacred concert at the church. The Rev. Jay Hirth, one of our missionaries in Japan, brought an inspiring message about the Japan mission field on Wednesday evening, March 3rd. Dr. A. Dale Ihrle is pastor of the church.

● The Fellowship Committee of the denomination sent from its relief headquarters in Forest Park, Ill., on April 12 a total of 64 freight units weighing 8,105 pounds for relief distribution in Germany. There were 56 bales of used clothing, seven cases of used shoes and rubbers and one case of powdered milk. The estimated value of this shipment was \$7,546. Much of the work in preparing this shipment of relief goods was done by Miss Gretchen Remmler. She will be in Berlin, Germany, on June 7 where she hopes to see the arrival of this freight shipment for distribution in the East Zone and city of Berlin. Dr. Frank H. Woyke is chairman of the Fellowship Fund Committee.

● The First Baptist Church of Leduc, Alta., held a Training Course from March 1 to 5 with Miss Ruth Bathauer of Forest Park, Ill., as teacher. Twenty-five Sunday School teachers and officers were enrolled. From March 22 to April 2 evangelistic services were held at the church with the Rev. H. Schumacher of Wetaskiwin, Alta., evangelist. On Sunday, March 28, Miss Myrtle Weeldreyer, Cameroons missionary, spoke in the Leduc church and in the afternoon at the Clover Lawn Mission. On Monday evening she showed pictures of the Cameroons mission fields. Dr. T. W. Bender of Chicago, Ill., was the guest speaker at the church on Sunday morning, April 4. Recently a Homemakers Class was organized. The Rev. J. C. Kraenzler is the pastor.

● During February and March 1954 the Ebenezer Baptist Sunday School of Detroit, Mich., won first place in its division in the Greater Detroit Sunday School attendance contest. This division includes schools that had a 25 per cent increase over those two months in 1953. The average attendance at the Ebenezer Sunday School in February and March was over 700 and the highest attendance was 809. Mr. Marvin Skubick is the general superintendent of the school. In April the Ebenezer Church board signed a contract for its new Sunday School building program which will cost approximately \$125,000 to be completed by the end of 1954. The Rev. E. Arthur McAsh is pastor of the Ebenezer Church.

● Mr. H. P. Donner of Cleveland, Ohio, former business manager of the Roger Williams Press, brought the

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## YOUTH COMPASS TOPICS

May 23, 1954—"The Call in the Old Testament" by Herman H. Riffel, Kankakee, Ill.

May 30, 1954—"The Call in the New Testament" by Wilmer Quiring, Milwaukee, Wis.

## SUMMER STUDENT WORKERS

As in previous years, we shall again have a fairly good number of students employed this summer. These students will serve as student pastors, camp leaders, camp counselors, and conference workers, and they will work in various churches in the conference. Many of the students will work as leaders and teachers in Vacation Bible School. Others will supply pulpits in the absence of pastors on vacation and carry on such activities in the church as the need exists in each church.

This will be an excellent opportunity for these students who are preparing for Christian service to have first hand experience in practical Christian service. The Student Placement Committee is concerned that each student is placed where he can render his best service. The committee is also mindful of the local needs where student help is requested. Let us be much in prayer that God may effectively use these students during the summer months. It should be our prayer that the students be greatly enriched in their Christian lives. In turn, may the students' ministry be conducted in a way that souls may be won to Christ and Christians edified in the faith.

## ADDITIONAL WORKERS' CONFERENCES

April 5th to 8th was a busy time for the Sunday School teachers, the officers, and the leaders of our CBY's in the Southern Conference. Two workers' Conferences were held. One conference was held in Corn, Okla., with representatives from the Oklahoma churches and three southern Kansas churches in attendance. The other Workers' Conference was held at Creston, Neb., with the Kansas, Nebraska and Colorado Sunday Schools and CBY workers in attendance. The Southwestern Conference Union Committee, under the leadership of Edgar Sturtz, president, again arranged an excellent program.

The attendance in each conference was most gratifying. The interest on the part of leaders and workers ran high. The guest speakers and the pastors were thrilled with the large participation of the Sunday School and

CBY workers. This response was most encouraging. Miss Ruth Bathauer, director of our General Conference children's work and the Rev. J. C. Gunst, general secretary of the Conference Union, were the guest speakers. The people of the Calvary Church at Corn, Okla., and of the Creston Baptist Church did a most commendable job in entertainment.

## CHILDREN'S WORKER REPORTING

At the close of the Southwestern Workers' Conference it was my privilege to make my first visit to Lorraine, Kans., at the invitation of Mrs. R. C. Rolf, primary superintendent. Mrs. Rolf served as one of the local instructors in Creston, Nebraska. In connection with this contact, the general superintendent, departmental superintendents and teachers were invited to a session on April 10th. There was a warm Christian fellowship as our meeting was begun with a supper. Each teacher and worker brought food for a delicious meal.

After supper we discussed the most effective ways in which visual aids might be used in our Sunday School classes. Bible times and customs are so far removed from our present day life, that it is important to use aids which will make learning for the pupil more effective. Suggestions and ideas for variety in the use of aids were presented.

To be effective in the task of teaching, teachers must constantly evaluate their work. A filmstrip was shown giving suggestions and ideas for growth as teachers.

On Sunday morning I was happy to have opportunity to visit two of the Sunday School departments and join them in their worship service.

Another highlight of my visit to Lorraine was Sunday afternoon when I was invited to join Mrs. Emil Ploog's Sunday School class of primary girls as they and some of the leaders visited a nearby Home for the Aged. Although there were only four little girls, they gave a beautiful devotional program for the old people. The girls had several bouquets of large yellow jonquils with them. After their devotional they went with the superintendent of the home to visit the bed patients. As the smiling girls presented the beautiful jonquils, there was deep appreciation and gratitude expressed by the patients. This opportunity of service will, no doubt, become one of the fond memories which the girls will have of their childhood in Sunday School as they have learned by doing that "it is more blessed to give than to receive."



The thriving city of Juneau, Alaska, with mountainous heights rising above it

## Alaska, Our Last Frontier

Alaska is in the headlines today because of its strategic military location, its vast natural resources, its unlimited opportunities for pioneers and its insistent claims to statehood. But it is also a place of pressing spiritual needs and missionary opportunities, as reported graphically by a North American Baptist who has served as a missionary in Alaska for many years. Our readers in Canada and the United States will find this article intensely interesting!

By MISS HILDA D. KRAUSE of Juneau, Alaska

WHEN THE EARLY explorers and settlers viewed the vastness and the magnificence of this northern territory with its natural wonders and resources they called it, "Alaska," which is derived from the Aleut word, "Alakshak," meaning a great continent. They saw an expanse of land 586,400 square miles in area into which the state of Texas would go more than twice, or California four times. They saw great rivers and lakes, towering mountain monarchs and great forests reaching up to the line of perpetual snow, and reaching down to bathe their roots in the waters of the sea and streams. The forests were teeming with wild life. The long summer days and the mysteriously luminous winter nights entranced them. Yes, it was a "great land."

### GOLD RUSH

The wealth in the fur-bearing animals on land and in the sea soon became apparent and for many years enriched the coffers of the early traders until the discovery of gold, which intrigued many thousands of people to risk all—even life for its possession.

But the glories of the heavens and the earth did not stir them to worship the Creator of such beauty and grandeur. Instead, their hearts were filled

with greed for the riches at their disposal.

Fishing for the "silver of the sea," as the salmon are called, became highly profitable too, and it has paid the purchase price of the Territory many times over, besides feeding hungry multitudes of the world.

During World War II new discoveries were made. The men who were sent here from all parts of the United States to defend "Uncle Sam's Attic" from foreign invasion soon discovered that this wonderland was in reality a land of opportunity. Upon release from military service, thousands of them returned to homestead its fertile soil or to open new business enterprises.

Each year the days of the "Gold Rush" have been reenacted as thousands of people have come streaming up here by every possible means of transportation. The Alaska Highway has served many who had anything with wheels. Crowded steamships and huge daily Clipper planes filled to capacity have brought multitudes of families to settle in this land of promise.

The villages that for so many years have carried on a plodding existence have suddenly become cities and towns, humming with activity. New

ones have been carved out of the wilderness where there were none before. There are paved streets, beautiful modern homes, large public buildings, fine power plants, modern stores with high quality merchandise, cultural and civic organizations, modern schools, hospitals and churches of just about every denomination. Anchorage is representative of these cities, having grown to a civilian population of 19,000, with many more thousands in the nearby military base and in nearby towns.

### AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

This tremendous influx of people has created serious housing problems and much discomfort, especially for those who arrived late in the summer and had little time to prepare suitable shelter before the frigid weather put an end to building operations for the season. With the aid of the Federal Housing Administration a number of housing projects were erected which tided many families over the difficult period until their savings or earnings enabled them to build their own homes.

Agriculture has gained a permanent foothold in Alaska. Production values show a continued increase each year. The total value realized in 1952 is estimated at over \$2,864,927, and in the next five years the production value should be double that amount, according to a report by the Territorial Commissioner of Agriculture. Ready markets await an increased volume of production. At the present time over 90 per cent of all potatoes and other vegetables are going to military markets. In the past year growers realized \$590,000 from a yield of more than 4,893 tons of potatoes. Other vegetables produced 278 tons of cabbage, 103 tons of carrots and 175 tons of lettuce. Dairying produced 9,615,595 pounds of milk worth \$1,225,000 to the dairymen. Eggs brought \$321,000 to producers, and the broiled industry, although new, brought sales totals of \$221,300.

New areas for farming are being thrown open this year as well as sites for industrial purposes, and will be made accessible by the construction of new roads and improvement of existing ones. The Alaska Road Commission expects to spend \$95,000,000 this year for road building. The present total of 609 miles of pavement laid on Alaska highways is to be increased to 730 miles by fall. Other resources also will be made accessible by new roads.

### INDUSTRIAL PLANTS

The economic development of the Territory is being stressed as never before. One reason—dear to Alaskans—is statehood, for whom some people feel Alaska is not prepared because of lack of industrial development. But as raw materials for the supply of industry have become scarce in other parts of the world, or made difficult to

obtain, the eyes of industrialists are turning northward to scout out the possibilities of our own possessions. Scientific surveys are being made and great amazement is expressed at the wide scope of natural resources in Alaska available for development.

One authority declared, "The future of Alaska has never been brighter. Capital has never been more plentiful than it is today for investment in profit opportunities. The big job before Alaskans lies in making opportunities." And Alaskans are trying to make the most of the opportunities that present themselves now.

At present the Federal Government is the biggest employer in the Territory. Last year army engineers in Anchorage reported that western architects were playing leading roles for defense planning of Alaska. They had on their planning boards 76 projects which would cost at least \$260,000,000.

Another report that made big headlines in Alaska's daily newspapers was that of the Aluminum Company of America's proposed \$400,000,000 smelting project at Skagway. This was hailed as "the most important event in the Territory since its purchase from Russia." Around 4,000 workers were to be employed. This report came out prematurely, however, since permission from the Canadian Government had not yet been obtained for the impounding of the waters of the Yukon River, and to date it is not known what progress has been made along this line.

### OTHER PROJECTS

Other projects are in the process of construction, and some have already reached the production stage. Ketchikan has a \$12,000,000 construction project aside from the \$40,000,000 pulp plant which is to be completed soon. Now comes the news that a pulp and paper mill is also to be built in Juneau. One new industry in the Capital City, the Juneau Plywood Corporation, has already started operations this spring.

"Alaska will be the main area for production of pulp products on this continent—not only for large scale newsprint but also for high quality papers that will compete in world markets." That was the prediction made here by Prof. Baxter of the School of Natural Resources of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, who has been making summer studies in Alaska since 1932.

Interest in mining has also been revived. The need of strategic war materials has brought many geological survey parties to Alaska for study and verifying of the findings of prospectors. Tungsten, tin, oil, coal and natural gas are being found in quantity. One survey several months ago reported that "more than 64 million tons of bituminous coal in beds more than three feet thick are present within five miles of tide water in the Homer district."



Miss Hilda D. Krause at the Mendenhall Glacier, a scenic attraction near Juneau, Alaska

Two important mines in the interior are coal producers which supply military installations at Fairbanks and Anchorage. The Governor is requesting congressional funds for building a railroad spur to other mines. A trans-territorial railroad has also been proposed. But it may be some time before trains will go speeding across the Territory as they do in the states. Moose are a railroading hazard at present. They have a propensity to wander on the tracks and refuse to give the right-of-way to oncoming trains. Engineers stop their trains and try to "shoo" them off, but they seem bewildered and prefer to kill themselves by dashing their heads against the engine.

### AIR TRAVEL

While railroading in Alaska has not yet advanced very far, travel by air throughout the Territory has reached a point hardly surpassed anywhere. Travel time to Alaska has been cut to almost nil. Anchorage is now only five hours distant from Seattle by Clipper plane. Air-freight cargo planes transport even heavy machinery to the interior. Isolated villages, that former-

ly depended upon boat service or dog-sled deliveries, are now served by regular daily local planes. A recent visitor from the states, seeing the tremendous activity at the airports remarked, "Surely, everyone in Alaska must travel by air." And nearly everyone does, sometime!

This is Alaska today. The early traders and settlers would hardly recognize it. And newcomers rub their eyes in amazement at the surprising sights that meet them on every hand. Not long ago while we were returning to Juneau by steamer, a little boy asked his mother, "Mamma, when will we get to Alaska?" The scenes in the ports where the boat had stopped had not impressed him as being in Alaska. He was familiar with automobiles, buses, traffic lights, paved streets, twelve story apartment buildings, large stores—why, these were in the states—they surely were not in Alaska! It seemed incredible to him to hear that he had been in Alaska for two days.

But what of the spiritual progress? Has it kept pace with all the material



The First Baptist Church of Juneau, Alaska, of which Miss Hilda D. Krause is a member. The mountains in the background are on Douglas Island



and social advances? It is sad but true that Matthew 6:33 has been strangely reversed by many people who have come here to find new homes and happiness. Even to many who are Christians and who were active in their churches in the states this passage now reads, "Seek ye first a good paying job, social prestige and wealth, if possible, and all the blessings of eternal life in heaven will be added unto you."

**CHRISTIAN CHURCHES**

As in the United States as a whole, the people of Alaska are called Christians—even the Indians and Eskimos. Did not the Russian traders send for priests to come here from the mother country to establish missions, baptize the natives, bless their aboriginal fetishes and ceremonial practices, and take them into the Christian church? Did they not help them build churches?

Yes, these facts are still evident in many places. Every village and hamlet had its little church where they could worship and bring their offering. This Russian christianizing of the Alaskans was a repetition of the christianizing of the pagans in early church history. The vices and virtues were hallowed alike.

During many years of American ownership of Alaska, the spiritual and moral conditions remained unchanged. It was through Christian military men that the deplorable conditions prevailing among the inhabitants finally became known and heeded. They wrote to their respective churches in the states and begged that preachers might be sent to Alaska to preach the Gospel.

Presbyterians were among the first to respond, and their efforts have produced some good fruit. There are native doctors, lawyers, businessmen and men in the Territorial House of Representatives and Senate. Other Protestant denominations have been at work for many years, too.

**BAPTIST MISSIONS**

Kodiak Baptist Orphanage was the first Baptist work begun in Alaska by the American Baptist Convention in 1893. The young people who were saved and grew up in the mission were organized as the First Baptist Church in Alaska, and for many years it was the only one. Since World War II Kodiak is the site of large Army and Navy bases and the population has increased from 400 to the present number of over 2,000. The church membership also has grown, and a new church building has been erected.

Besides the Children's Home, the mission has a large ministry with the personnel in the Navy Base. American Baptists have also bought the Presbyterian Church plant in Cordova, and have taken over the operation of the Community Hospital, with the pastor as superintendent. They also have a Gospel Ship with which they can reach many outlying coastal villages.

**THE HOUSE ON PARNASSUS**

By Elise Fraser

A New Christian Mystery Novel Will Start in Serial Installments in the NEXT ISSUE

When fifteen-year-old Judy Mitchell stepped off the boat at San Francisco, little did she realize the many exciting adventures in store for her. Searching for the lost will of Lenea Thackwell brought thrills aplenty, among which were the arrival of an imposter, the ransacking of the Thackwell house, and its burning, among other goings-on. It ends on a happy note as the will is located, and the rightful heir appears.

This is a BRAND NEW kind of story that will keep you GUESSING to the last page!

STARTS IN THE JUNE 3rd ISSUE!

The Juneau Baptist work had its beginning with a Children's Home in 1934. Responding to the plea of Christians who felt there was need for Baptist work in the capital city, I came and carried on with funds derived partly from income for children's care and some from Independent Baptists in the states. Juneau was at that time outside of the American Baptist field. The children and young people in our care were saved and became zealous witnesses for the Lord. But during the "depression years" it was difficult for Baptists in the states to heed our Macedonian call to come and help us organize a Baptist Church.

World War II and the Japanese invasion of Alaska brought about in the minds of people a new awareness of the existence of this great Territory. Baptists too visualized new opportunities for missionary work. Eventually hope was even held out to us that North American Baptists might take over this work. The late Rev. Fred Benke of Edmonton, Alta., Canada, expected to come to Alaska in 1945 to make a survey of this field and its possibilities. We looked forward to his visit with great joy. But before that hope could be fulfilled, other events took place to make changes necessary.

**MACEDONIAN CALLS**

Among the military men serving in Alaska during the war were a number of Baptists, also several Baptist chaplains who held revival meetings in Anchorage and Fairbanks with a considerable number of civilians and service men being saved. The chaplains,

being Southern Baptists, sent urgent letters to their churches in the South requesting civilian preachers to come to Alaska and take over the churches which they had organized.

Thus it was that several ministers responded to take up the work that the Army men had started in the interior. They made steady progress since there were many Baptists among the multitudes of people coming into the Territory daily.

The news spread that Baptists in Juneau were also waiting for a minister and this led the Rev. D. Spurlin to bring his family here in 1945. While not many of the Juneau Baptists were from the South, most of them considered it best to unite with the Southern Baptist Convention. So it was that under the leadership of Mr. Spurlin, the First Baptist Church of Juneau was organized with thirteen charter members. All of my hope for this field being occupied by the North American Baptist General Conference had to be abandoned.

The Juneau Church has not kept pace with the growth of the other Baptist churches in the Territory, partly due to the continued transfer of members to other locations when their terms in government service expire. The church membership is still less than 100, with a Sunday School enrollment of nearly 100 also. It is hoped that the new industrial development will bring in a more steady population, which will also stop the fast turnover in church membership.

**BAPTIST WITNESS**

The other churches have had a phenomenal growth. The First Baptist Church in Anchorage numbers more than 400 members, besides having mothered several missions which are now organized churches. These are Calvary, Eastchester, Grandview, Faith Baptist Churches at Spenard and Palmer, about 48 miles distant. There are also two Negro Baptist Churches in Anchorage, the larger of which has about 200 members.

The other Baptist churches sponsor missions also. Ketchikan in the southernmost part has a flourishing mission on Annette Island, 25 miles distant. Near Ketchikan is Prince Rupert, B. C., which also has a growing Baptist work. The church reports in the "Alaska Baptist Messenger" that "our German-speaking brethren have over twenty in their weekly Bible and Prayer Hour."

The Juneau Baptist Church recently acquired the Episcopal church property in nearby Douglas and expects to start a mission. Fairbanks sponsors three missions at Northpole, Big Delta, and one for Eskimos in Fairbanks. Two new missions were started last year, one in Valdez and the other in Seward. Resident ministers are in charge of the missions. And all the churches have their own places of

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*We, the Women*

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

**GUEST OF THE WOMEN OF GERMANY**

Miss Gretchen Remmler of Forest Park, Ill., needs no introduction to North American Baptist women. She has been known in particular both in North America and in Europe for her many years of untiring effort on behalf of the European relief work. Recently a report of the heavy responsibilities which she has had in organizing the ever increasing supply of White Cross materials appeared in the **Baptist Herald**. The amount of White Cross work which our North American Baptist women send to Headquarters is positively amazing.

In addition to the continued relief and White Cross work, Miss Remmler carries on her many secretarial duties for the Conference's general missionary secretary, the Rev. Richard Schilke.

Sister Eva of Bethel House (Deaconess Home) in Berlin, Germany, attended the first Congress of North American Baptist women in the Baptist World Alliance in Columbus, Ohio, November 1953. Repeatedly she expressed the deep gratitude of the German people for the thousands of relief parcels that had been sent to them by the North American Baptist General Conference. She knew what a great share of time and effort Miss Gretchen Remmler had given to the relief ministry.

To express their appreciation in a more tangible way, the Baptist women of Germany have invited Miss Remmler to be their guest. A friend has made her trip financially possible.

The Woman's Missionary Union hereby wishes Miss Remmler God's blessing as she speeds via air to the land of her birth. In Germany her many friends are awaiting her arrival with happy anticipation. Anyone wishing to send a personal greeting to Miss Gretchen Remmler may send it before June 5 to: P. O. Box 3, Forest Park, Illinois.

A tentative itinerary has been prepared for her by Mrs. Jacob Meister, of Germany. Changes and additions may have been made before her departure. The itinerary is entitled, "That He Might Be Glorified." It reads as follows:

- Flight from Chicago .... June 6, 1954, 3:00 P.M.
- Arrival at Berlin, Germany .... June 7, 10:00 P.M.
- Visitation in Berlin ..... June 8 and 9
- Einsegnungsfeier (Dedication of Bethel Deaconesses) ..... June 10
- Meeting of 150 "Frauendienst" leaders ..... June 12



Miss Gretchen Remmler of Forest Park, Ill., headquarters' secretary, who will be spending the months of June and July on a trip to Germany

**A Festive Sunday**

Miss Remmler, speaker .... June 13  
Conference of Instruction .. June 14-17  
Undetermined dates will include visits to Hamburg, Bremen, Oldenburg, Westfalen, Rheinland, Unna, Borken-Wiesbaden, Kassel, Stuttgart, Nuremberg, Augsburg and Munich. Austria and Switzerland have been included.

May the blessings of Psalm 121 accompany you!

**FROM A FRIEND**

Mrs. Frank C. Wigginton, secretary-treasurer of the North American Women's Union of the Baptist World Alliance writes as follows:

"Mrs. Shank and I stopped over in Europe on our way home and had such a fine time in Germany, especially at the Bethel Deaconess House in Berlin,

**WHITE CROSS CORNER**

A letter has just been received from Margaret Kittlitz, the White Cross chairman in Africa, stating that the new hospital mattresses have arrived at the Bansa Hospital. These mattresses are thicker than the ones they had until now and so the measurements on the sheets is likewise changed. When you make sheets for the hospital, please make them 6 feet wide and 8 feet long.

with Sister Eva and the others there. Your people are doing a wonderful work through your Conference here and for your people over there. . . . I do love the German people. I was so impressed in the western zone, but . . . ! My prayers are constantly with those staunch Christians in East Berlin."

**WHITE CROSS**

Mrs. Walter Stein, Chairman, has made plans with all local conference presidents to have clinics, displaying correct White Cross materials and up-to-date revised lists of needed supplies for the Cameroons, at the conferences. The clinics will be like a material preview of the September, 1954, White Cross list.

**SPOT NEWS**

It is with sincere gratitude that we are able to announce the interim editor of the **Broadcast** beginning September 1954 to June 1955, inclusive.

Miss Martha C. Remus, who has given excellent services in the office part-time secretarial work for the Woman's Union, has kindly consented to edit the five remaining issues of the **Broadcast** for the triennium. She will do this work on the basis provided by the constitution, not as an hourly wage assignment of a part-time office secretary. Undergird her with your prayers. Her duties are many.

**IN A BURMA JAIL**

The nation of Burma has a Baptist delegate in the General Assembly of the United Nations. He is Vum Ko Kan, deputy secretary of the Foreign Office, Rangoon.

Clipped from one of the American Baptist papers is this item, entitled "A Modern Paul in a Burma Jail."

"Sara Spurgeon, a Karen Christian in jail for the second time due to political ideologies, feels his time has not been wasted. Within the first year of his second term he and his fellow Christians in the Mandalay jail have won 131 prisoners to Christ. Two of these converts had been opium smokers and eight others life-sentence convicts.

"Mr. Spurgeon says, 'Every day is our Sunday here for we have devotions four times a day. As we get up in the morning we sing a hymn and have a short prayer. At eight o'clock we have another period like a Sunday School class. A third devotional period is at noon when each in turn is named to lead the service. The last devotional is just before we go to bed with Scripture reading and prayer!'

"This modern Paul goes on to tell of the comfort brought to prisoners by those who visit them from the outside bringing devotional books, pamphlets and magazines. Not content with past accomplishments this prison-evangelist sends a plea for prayers that he may accomplish more for his Master, and for New Testaments in Kachin and English, and Kachin hymn books to be used in the jail."



## Atlantic Conference

### Calvary Church Young People of Bethlehem, Pa., Observe "Youth Week" at Services

Youth Week was observed from January 31 to February 7 by the young people of the Calvary Baptist Church, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. On Sunday, Jan. 31, the youth of our church assisted our pastor, the Rev. Robert W. Cook, with the services.

The mid-week prayer service was in complete charge of the CBY. Robert Peterson, an instructor at Lehigh University, spoke to us on "Why a Christian Should Read and Study the Bible." A visitation and potluck supper were planned for Thursday with our youth going in groups of three to visit young people who are inactive or prospective members. The visitation was a success and we are planning visitations regularly.

The annual banquet of the CBY was held at Walps Restaurant with approximately 100 persons present. The speaker was the Rev. Charles W. Anderson of the Brookdale Baptist Church, Bloomfield, New Jersey. He was a very inspiring speaker and many young people took his words to heart.

On Sunday, Feb. 7, Youth Week was climaxed with special services. Mr. T. Allen, Jr., of Towaco Gospel Chapel, a well known layman and treasurer of Continental Iron and Steel Corporation, gave his personal testimony. After these services "a community hymn sing" was held in the church. The Christian Endeavor of Bethlehem composed of all denominations sponsored this program. Christ's presence was felt as the lights were dimmed with only the wooden Cross in the front of the church illuminated, and we sang "The Old Rugged Cross."

R. Schuster, Reporter.

## Northwestern Conference

### Jay Hirth and Others at Missionary Rally at Baptist Church, Baileyville, Illinois

"THE FIELD IS THE WORLD" (John 3:16). This was the theme of the annual missionary rally of the Baileyville Baptist Church, Baileyville, Ill., from Friday night, March 26, to Sunday, March 28. We were very fortunate in having as our guest speakers the Rev. Jay Hirth of the North American Baptist Missions working in Japan, Mr. John Van der

Schie of the Sudan Interior Mission laboring in Nigeria, Africa, and Mr. and Mrs. Chris Dutt, native Indians of India, who have come to this country to finish their education and soon will be returning to India as missionaries.

On Saturday night and all day Sunday a group of students from Wheaton College, Wheaton, Ill., known as "The Choralaires" enriched the services with vocal and instrumental music. We also had some local talent which added to the services. On Friday night Mr. Hirth gave us some highlights of the field of Japan, also showing colored slides.

Saturday night and all day Sunday our hearts were stirred as we listened to the great challenge of India by Mrs. Chris Dutt. She will soon be going back to India to begin work on her orphanage for her own people. Rev. John Van der Schie told of the answers to prayer for his own life as he was very sick. He also told of the power of prayer for the natives who were possessed with demons and of the salvation of many of the African natives.

On Sunday morning, Mr. Van der Schie spoke on Eph. 6, "Putting On the Whole Armor of God." He also showed colored slides on "Africa in the Raw."

The offering of Friday night was designated for the CBY project in the Cameroons. The other offerings are to go toward the support of our missionaries: Mrs. Asaph Tobert, Nigeria, Africa; The Honeywell Family, Philippine Islands; and Rev. and Mrs. Walter Sukut, Japan. The Rev. J. J. Kroeker is pastor.

Mrs. H. Renkema, Church Clerk.

### Encouraging Progress at the Zion German Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wisconsin

It has already been announced in the "Baptist Herald" that on October 25, 1953 the Zion German Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wis., was organized with 42 charter members. With assurance we sang, "Let Us Help to Build Mt. Zion," for we believe that Christ Jesus is our constant helper!

One of the first evidences of God's goodness to us was the coming of the Rev. Ernst Sakowski of Detroit, Mich., an immigrant minister from Germany, to be our first pastor. We have learned to love him and to esteem him as a gifted man of God, for in a sincere, unselfish ministry he is endeavoring to build God's Kingdom and to extend it. Every time we listen to his sermons, we praise God for sending us such a devoted ambassador of his!

In March 1954 our membership totaled 64. Our average attendance at Sunday School has been 70, and in the afternoon services of worship we have 130 and more persons present. Our young people's group enjoys an attendance of 25 and more, with several of these coming from other churches of Milwaukee. The Woman's Missionary Society was organized on January 15, 1954 with 15 members. But the Society has already grown to 21. Every Sunday a fine church choir of 26 voices enhances our services.

On January 1, 1954 we could move into our new church building, which has been bought from another denominational group in Milwaukee with the help of our Church and Parsonage Loan Fund and Chapel Building Fund. (The 1954 Children's Day Program will present a picture of this new church building to its readers. Editor.) At the present time we must meet in our church building on Sunday afternoons at 4:00 P.M. On January 1, 1955 we will take full possession of our building and change our services to morning and evening hours. We are always glad to welcome our German-speaking friends of the city to our present Sunday afternoon services.

Hermine Klempel, Reporter.

## Dakota Conference

### CBY Play and Easter Cantata by the Grace Baptist Church, Hettinger, North Dakota

We of the Grace Baptist Church of Hettinger, N. Dak., were honored to be able to offer the hand of fellowship to three new members. They have come to us via church letters from the First Baptist Church of Underwood, North Dakota. Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Davis and their daughter Inez united with us on Sunday, March 14.

On Sunday evening, March 28, our CBY presented the evening service which was climaxed with the play, "The Challenge of the Cross," which vividly presented the different answers to the command of Jesus to take up your cross and follow him. The proceeds are to be given towards the Cameroons Crusade.

During the past two months a combined choir of the Grace Baptist Church and the Methodist Church have been rehearsing the Easter cantata, "The Risen Savior," under the direction of the Rev. Edward Oster. The cantata was presented twice on Easter Sunday. At 2:30 P.M. it was presented at the Methodist Church and at 7:30 P.M. at the Grace Church which was also broadcast over radio station KNDS of Hettinger.

We of our church have been privileged to take advantage of our new radio station with a weekly program known as the "Words of Life." This program is under the direction of the Rev. Edward Oster with the assistance of our people. We have counted it a joy to be busy for our Lord, and we pray that the grace of the Lord God will be with each in his service.

Mrs. Betty Oster, Church Reporter.

### Christian Leadership Course Held for Underwood and Washburn Baptist Churches, N. Dak.

From March 21 to 26 the Baptist churches of Underwood and Washburn, N. Dak., cooperated to have Miss Ruth Bathauer of Forest Park, Ill., teach the training course, "You Can Teach." The 44 teachers and prospective teachers attended the classes in Washburn the first two evenings and then in Underwood the last three evenings. Two class periods were held at each session. The majority of those enrolled took the examination to receive credit in the Baptist Training Series.

The course was very well received by everyone. Miss Bathauer taught it in such a manner that it challenged and inspired us to work more diligently in our Sunday Schools. It made us realize more that Jesus has called us as his disciples to be teachers. Two films were shown in supplement. One was on the qualifications of the Sunday School teacher; the other emphasized the problem of the Sunday School superintendent.

Around a table of refreshments at Washburn on Tuesday evening and another one on Friday in Underwood, we had ample opportunity to become better acquainted and to discuss our teaching problems with other teachers.

The Rev. F. Alf is the pastor at Washburn and the Rev. Fred Knalson is pastor in Underwood.

Mrs. A. Saylor, Reporter.

### Young People's Studies and Programs at Streeter and Medina, North Dakota

Monday, March 22, was a big day for our young people of the Streeter Baptist Church, Streeter, North Dakota. On this day we had our tests on the Book of the Acts. In 36 lesson hours we had studied the Acts. We studied systematically, using the blackboard, maps and making notes.

The tests were graded into three grades according to the age of the students. We have found out how important it is to study the books of the Bible regularly and systematically. We have benefited much of this course. The pastor, Rev. Paul Galambos, was the teacher.

Besides these studies, our young people are active in giving a half hour program at the church every other Sunday evening when the pastor and his family are present. We also had a special program with the play, "Challenge of the Cross," practiced and presented under the direction of our CBY president, Mrs. Helen Lang. We gave that program in the Wishek Baptist Church on March 28th. Also we presented this program in the Medina Baptist Church on Easter Sunday and at home on April 25th.

On April 11th, the CBY group of the Wishek Baptist Church rendered a fine spiritual program, also a play, "The Laurel Leaf," in our church. The offerings of these services were sent for our Cameroons mission project.



Miss Ruth Bathauer speaking at a Christian Leadership Training Class for the Underwood and Washburn Baptist Churches of North Dakota

These exchange visitations have been a great inspiration to our young people. Each time, after the program was ended, we also had a fine fellowship together, followed by a lunch.

Paul Galambos, Pastor.

### Inspiring Missionary Program by the Ladies' Aid of Streeter, North Dakota

Although in the last years, we as the Ladies' Aid of Streeter, N. Dak., have lost many members by removal to the West, our Society is still active. With the help of our Lord, we are working indefatigably in that corner where God has put us.

On Sunday, March 14, our Society arranged a missionary evening, connected with our annual birthday festival. The Ladies' Choir sang several songs after which two of the sisters



Members of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Baptist Church, Streeter, S. Dak.

read a dialogue about our leper work in the Cameroons. Our president, Mrs. Paul Galambos, then gave us an oral and visual report of our entire mission field in the Cameroons. She spoke about each mission station working there. She then pinned the pictures of our missionaries on the exhibited map of our Cameroons mission field.

We have been greatly inspired by this report and spurred on to pray more and give more for our missionaries. The offering of this evening was

\$40, which we have sent for the New Hope Settlement. After the program all our guests were invited for a lunch. The women had prepared coffee and cake.

Mrs. Gottlob Betsch, Secretary.

### Farewell Reception for Rev. and Mrs. C. T. Remple and Sharon at Hebron, N. Dak.

After five successful years at Hebron, N. Dak., the Rev. C. T. Remple offered his resignation to our church to accept the call of the Bethel Church at Missoula, Montana. Our Hebron Church was very reluctant to accept the resignation, and would have preferred to have the Remple family continue their work here. During these years they have made a host of friends, and not only did the church regret to see them leave, but the community as well. Under their leadership, the attendance and membership have steadily grown, and in the last six years we have had to enlarge our church building twice.

Mr. Remple brought his work here to a close on Sunday, March 28, and we had a farewell service for the family on that Sunday evening. Deacon Adam Fehr was in charge of the evening service, and suitable readings, talks and remarks by the heads of all departments of the church, with words of praise, encouragement and regret, and wishes for God's blessing in their new home and work, followed. Long will we remember the words of Mr. Adam Heinle, our church secretary for the past 31 years, and one of the two remaining charter members of our church, who passed away eight days later, when we had to call Mr. Remple "back home" to officiate at his funeral.

An opportunity was then given to the Remple family to respond. Little Sharon, who was almost a baby when she came to us, spoke words of praise and thanks to all the nice people of Hebron. Mrs. Remple followed with a short review of the past five years, with a hearty "Thank you" to the choir which she has directed so well during the past five years, and thanks to everybody for everything. Mr. Remple closed with sincere thanks and encouragement for the future, admonishing the faithful and loyal people of

the church to carry on the work.

The Sunday School class of Mr. Remple as well as the other branches of the church had made suitable gifts to the family, and the congregation added a love offering to such gifts. After a full evening, the meeting came to a close with a few well chosen remarks by our neighboring pastor, Rev. Ernest Laut of Beulah.

Our church has extended a call to Dr. C. H. Seecamp of Winnipeg, Man., and he has responded favorably. We are looking forward to a reception service for Dr. Seecamp in July, when we will be glad to turn over the work and cares of our church to the Seecamp family. Our hope and prayer are that the work of our church will go forward and that God will richly use and bless Dr. Seecamp in his work here.

I. E. Giedt, Correspondent.

### Golden Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Gottlieb Grenz of Berlin Church, Fredonia, N. Dak.

Golden wedding bells rang for the first time in the Berlin Baptist Church of Fredonia, N. Dak., on Sunday, March 28. Our deacon, Mr. Gottlieb Grenz, and Mrs. Grenz were honored by their children and the church on this joyful occasion. On this Sunday morning their oldest son, Theodore, and daughter, Mrs. Karl Wolf, led them to the front seats of the church. A granddaughter, Corrine Wolf, played the wedding march as the others of the family followed the parents into the church. The pastor, the Rev. V. H. Prendinger, read from Lev. 25:8-13 and 1 Sam. 7:12 and brought a short message.

In the program which followed Corrine Wolf sang a German number. "My God and I" was rendered by Ardella Hoffman and Corrine Wolf. Mrs. V. Prendinger gave two German readings. Archie Hoffman recited "Golden Thoughts," and Joyce Grenz, "Half a Century You've Walked Life's Way Together." Mrs. Art Coroguillo, Mrs. Clarence Isengise and Sharon Grenz sang the trio, "He Keeps Me Singing." Miss Florence Wolf gave a very interesting historical sketch.

Mr. and Mrs. Grenz have been members of this church since 1908 and Mr. Grenz held positions as Sunday School superintendent, clerk, choir leader and deacon. The church gave them a beautifully framed golden wreath with a fitting inscription. At last Mr. Grenz had opportunity to express his appreciation for all the love.

After the benediction everyone was invited to the basement where the children had prepared a dinner at beautifully decorated tables. About 200 guests were present. After dinner there were speeches by the deacon, Mr. Fred F. Wolf, and Sunday School superintendent, Christian Wolf, and many others. There were also many gifts from the children and friends of the couple. The sons, Karl and Henry, and daughter, Mrs. Fred Hoffman, live here in Fredonia. There are 12 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. May the blessing of the Lord rest upon this honored couple!

Victor H. Prendinger, Pastor.



Mr. and Mrs. Gottlieb Grenz at their golden wedding anniversary celebration in the Berlin Baptist Church, Fredonia, North Dakota, at which their pastor, Rev. V. H. Prendinger, congratulated the couple in behalf of the church

### Pacific Conference

#### Reception for Rev. and Mrs. R. Penner by the Salt Creek Church of Oregon

It was with thankful hearts and happy spirits that on Wednesday evening, April 7, we of the Salt Creek Baptist Church near Dallas, Ore., held a reception for our new pastor, the Rev. Robert Penner, his wife and two lovely children. Mr. Dick Bartel presided over the meeting, and the members of the Bethel Church in Salem were invited guests.

After the introduction of Mr. and Mrs. Penner, David and Diane by Mr. Bartel, words of welcome were expressed by the following: Rev. R. Woyke of the Bethel Church; Rev. Mr. Schroeder, interim pastor; Mr. Richard Nallinger, deacon; Mrs. Mabel Voth, president of the Woman's Missionary Society; Mr. Marvin May, superintendent of the Sunday School; and Mrs. Bertha May, president of the CBY.

The choir, under the direction of Mrs. Viola May, sang in honor of the occasion, "The Sun Is Shining." Miss Dolores Kuper of the Bethel Church favored us with a vocal solo accompanied by Miss Jeanette Saucy. Her song, "The Lord Is My Light," was especially dedicated to the Rev. R. Penner. Time was then given to Mr. Penner for response, and he expressed his appreciation for the words that had been spoken.

Bountiful refreshments were served in the church basement by the Woman's Missionary Society. Also at this time the Rev. and Mrs. R. Penner personally became acquainted with members of the congregation and the friends visiting with us. We are looking forward to the future, knowing

### CHILDREN'S DAY

ON JUNE 13, 1954

Recitation material and programs have been sent to all churches.

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that we have a man of God to lead us on in doing that which is pleasing unto the Lord.

Mrs. Marvin May, Reporter.

### Anniversary Program of the Salt Creek Woman's Missionary Society of Dallas, Oregon

On Sunday evening, March 28, the Woman's Missionary Society of the Salt Creek Baptist Church, near Dallas, Ore., presented its annual missionary program. Members and friends of the Bethel Baptist Church of Salem, Ore., were our guests. An inspirational song service was led by Mrs. F. C. Green, followed by Scripture and prayer by one of our charter members, Mrs. Katherine Schroeder. A vibra-harp solo was given by Mrs. Florence Schmitke. The report of our treasurer, Mrs. Richard Nallinger, and the recording secretary, Mrs. Viola May, caused us to rejoice, for we were blessed spiritually and materially.

Our secretary reported that our regular meetings were varied. Our high-school and college graduates were honored at a tea. Our birthday banquet was unique, and our speaker for the occasion was our missionary, Miss Berneice Westerman who portrayed her message, "Women at Work," by pictures as well as the spoken word. Our secretary reported that our missionaries were remembered at Christmas time. Our local Christmas Cheer Fund was not forgotten. The Home for the Aged in Dallas was remembered with baskets of fruit and also by the singing of Christmas carols. We remembered our denominational Home for the Aged at Portland, Ore., with 100 pounds of prunes. A fine spirit of Christian fellowship exists with our neighboring church, the Bethel Ladies' Aid of Salem, Ore., who were our guests for "a chicken fry" at the Dallas City Park.

Our treasurer reported that our income for the year was \$1173. The larger share of this money was given to missions and our Woman's Union project. Our White Cross chairman, Mrs. Lydia Tilgner, reported that 162 pounds of White Cross material plus first aid supplies, also 1000 bars of guest soap, were sent to Africa.

Following these reports, the Ladies' Sextet sang the beautiful anthem, "Confidence." The play, "A Greater Vision," was ably presented and well received by our audience. Our offering for the evening was \$70, which was designated for the Banzo Hospital.

Our interim Pastor, Rev. E. Schroeder, installed the officers for the ensuing year, who are: president, Mrs. Mabel Voth; vice-president, Mrs. Ann Classen; recording secretary, Mrs. Ella Lange; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Agnes Voth; treasurers, Mrs. Lydia Tilgner and Mrs. Jessie Darrow; pianists, Mrs. Florence Schmitke, Mrs. Sarah Wiebe.

An hour of fellowship followed. Our hearts were lighter, and we were spiritually richer for having spent the evening in Christian fellowship. We shall not rest upon our merits but resolve to work more courageously, energetically and zealously for the Master in the year that lies ahead.

Mrs. Eleanora Haas, Corr. Secretary,

### Twelve Converts Baptized at the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Vancouver, British Columbia

Reminiscing over the first few months, the members of the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Vancouver, B. C., can look back upon many spiritual highlights. The impact of the challenging messages brought to us by the Rev. Henry Pfeifer of Edmonton, Alta., during our Evangelistic Crusade from Feb. 9 to 21 stirs in our souls. Our church building was filled to capacity night after night as members and friends came to hear the Word of God proclaimed. The Felt-O-Scene pictures illustrated for the benefit of the many children attending the services were thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Our male and mixed choirs as well as other members of the church enriched the services with their rendition of a number of beautiful songs of the Savior. Many were strengthened in their relationship with Christ and twelve persons repented of their sins and accepted the Lord Jesus as their personal Savior.

On Sunday, March 7, after a fitting message brought by our pastor, Dr. A. S. Felberg, a baptismal service was held, at which time two of the newly converted stepped into the baptismal waters in accordance with their confession of faith. Another service was held on Sunday, April 4, at which ten others were baptized before a large witnessing audience.

During the first quarter of this year, we have received 23 new members into our church's fellowship, 12 through baptism and 11 through letter and testimony. Yes, God has given the increase; all praise and glory be unto his Holy Name.

Mrs. Hugo Lueck, Reporter.

### Southern Conference

#### Enthusiastic White Cross Programs by the Women's Society and Sunday School, Waco, Texas

The Woman's Missionary Union of the Central Baptist Church, Waco, Texas, closed the year's work with an experience which plainly indicated that "God moves in mysterious ways his wonders to perform."

A White Cross meeting was scheduled for March but there was no material on hand to work with no money in the treasury to buy same. Our need was made known. The Sunday School responded with a suggestion that we have a White Cross Sunday, giving every member of the school an opportunity to contribute something to fill the White Cross barrel.

Sunday, March 28, was designated as WHITE CROSS SUNDAY. The church bulletin furnished information and listed items needed in Africa (taken from the latest official white cross list). The Elementary Departments brought small items to the value of \$18.00. Classes and individuals contributed money totaling \$348.10 and brought used sheets to be made into bandages. A committee purchased hospital and surgical supplies as well

### RELIEF ROOM IN CANADA

Our Canadian churches have been handicapped in contributing clothes for foreign relief in the past because of the fact that such clothing could not be sent to Forest Park and that there was no relief room in operation in Canada.

We are therefore happy to announce at this time the opening of a relief room in Canada. All relief goods may be sent immediately to: **Baptist World Alliance Immigration, 705 McIntyre Block, Winnipeg, Manitoba.**

We call the attention of our Canadian constituency to the following suggestions. Send only clean and usable garments. Please do not send any ladies' shoes, as these are usually not usable in Europe. All other clothing is urgently needed.

FRANK H. WOYKE,  
Executive Secretary

ing the new hospital at Banzo? We think not. It seems God used these two men, as well as circumstances beyond our control, to prepare the hearts of our people for this undertaking and the response was overwhelming. Our praise is to God who is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think.

A picture of the ladies of our Woman's Missionary Union who were present at our March meeting when new officers were elected, accompanies this report. Mrs. J. J. Lippert, our new president, is first to the left (front row) and our outgoing president, Mrs. J. N. Kittlitz, is seated second from the right. Mrs. Louis R. Johnson, pastor's wife, is fourth from left (front row).

Mrs. Ernest Steindam,  
White Cross Chairman.

### Northern Conference

#### Rev. and Mrs. Eldon Janzen Welcomed by Fenwood Baptist Church of Saskatchewan

The Fenwood Baptist Church of Fenwood, Sask., is happy to announce that the Rev. Eldon Janzen of Valleyview, Alta., has accepted our call and began his ministry at our church on May 16.

During the past months in the absence of a pastor, the CBY group has filled in with programs of various types every other Sunday. The Rev. Walter Hoffman of Ebenezer, Sask., served us for several worship services. We were also privileged to have the Rev. H. Palfenier, evangelist, as guest for one Sunday.

During the past weeks the members of the church have been busy painting and completing unfinished work on the new parsonage. The church interior is also being redecorated.

Plans were completed for a combined service on Sunday, May 16, for the reception of our new pastor and also the dedication of the new parsonage. Friends from neighboring churches helped to make this occasion memorable.

Harvey Dohms, Reporter.



Woman's Missionary Society of the Central Baptist Church, Waco, Texas, with the new president, Mrs. J. J. Lippert at left on front row, and Mrs. J. N. Kittlitz, past president, second from right, front row

### Anniversary Program of the Grace Baptist Woman's Missionary Society, Medicine Hat, Alta.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Grace Baptist Church, Medicine Hat, Alta., recently held its 29th anniversary program. A dialogue based on Matthew 25:40 (The Least of These) was given in German, and several of the women presented a missionary dialogue in English. Many musical numbers were rendered by duets, trios and quartets. Mrs. Erich Gutsche, our pastor's wife, served as pianist. Mr. Art Zeitner and Mr. Lorenz rendered a violin duet with Elsie Unger at the piano.

### World Day of Prayer is Observed by Women at Whitemouth, Manitoba, Canada

We of the Woman's Missionary Society, Whitemouth, Man., were glad to see that many ladies from our neighboring churches had come at our invitation for an evening service of prayer on Friday, March 5, the Women's World Day of Prayer. Our program was under the able leadership of our minister's wife, Mrs. J. Kuehn. Most of the women took part in the program and a number in the session of prayer.

We meet every two weeks for a variety of programs. During the sum-



Woman's Missionary Society, Grace Baptist Church, Medicine Hat, Alberta  
Officers in the second row from front, left to right: second from left, Mrs. Ted Schneider, birthday treasurer; Mrs. Emma Weber, vice-president; Mrs. A. Zeitner, president; Mrs. J. Opp, asst. treasurer; Mrs. W. Semrau, treasurer; Mrs. H. Klippe, secretary; and Mrs. J. Lotz, asst. secretary

During the past year God has blessed us beyond expectations. Our income from all programs and activities amounted to \$1381.92. We gave \$200 to the local hospital and supported a widow in Germany. We also supported the Leper Camp in Africa, the Old People's Home in Medicine Hat, our Christian Training Institute and Children's Home. Mr. Milbrandt also received some support from us for Christmas gifts for poor children in Germany.

The World Day of Prayer was observed by us with our elderly friends at the Home for the Aged in Medicine Hat. They were truly grateful that we met with them for prayer and for this program. It was a joy for us to see these guests of the Home, who had formerly enjoyed better days of health and strength, holding their tired hands in their laps but lifting up their souls in mighty, fervent prayer for others to the Heavenly Father! We are thankful to God for these spiritual pioneers, and also for our leaders of the Woman's Missionary Union who provide us such wonderful program material for our meetings. A picture of our Society accompanies this report.

Helen Klippe, Secretary.

mer months we hold our meetings in church and in the winter we meet in homes. The highlight of each meeting is the time of prayer and many and earnest have been the prayers we bring to our heavenly Father.

Many years ago we decided to be responsible for the support of a native missionary in Africa, and we can truly say that this has been a joy and not a burden for us. We have likewise had the joy of welcoming a number of German families, and most of them have received a helping hand from us.

Mrs. Julius Tiede is our beloved president. May she continue to serve with God's blessing.

Mrs. L. Knopf, Reporter.

● Some people treat God like a lawyer. They only go to HIM when they are in trouble!

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### ALASKA, LAST FRONTIER

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worship or have buildings under construction.

Since the organization of the First Southern Baptist Church in Anchorage in 1943, the number of churches has grown to eleven, with six missions, and a total membership of 2,147.

The Chugach Association in the Anchorage area, the only one in the Territory thus far, has seven co-operating churches and three missions. There is a Baptist Children's Home in Anchorage, and the Alaska Baptist College is also located in that city.

In 1946 the Alaska Baptist Convention was organized and meets annually. It also publishes the "Alaska Baptist Messenger," a four-page monthly paper containing information concerning Southern Baptist work in the Territory.

Conservative Baptists are represented by the Rev. Meekins and family at Ninilchik, and several women missionaries in the Nome and Bethel area, but results of their labors are not known.

The Child Evangelism Fellowship is active throughout the Territory, reaching into many homes of natives and whites with the Gospel message.

### SPIRITUAL NEEDS

With all these church groups at work in Alaska, it would seem that the spiritual needs of the people are quite well taken care of. But the hosts of Satan far outnumber the forces of righteousness and constantly challenge any progress that is made by the Gospel. A noted evangelist recently said, "Where there are great material advances, there always are great spiritual needs."

This is evident in Alaska. Much has been accomplished in the past few years, but much remains to be done, and will remain undone, unless the Christian forces are increased, and even greater effort is made to bring about a transformation in the lives of Alaska's people. There is such need here for real Christian living among those who profess to belong to Christ. How can the natives be won, who like to copy the ways of white people—virtues and vices—if they see Christians following the ways of the world?

A Salvation Army officer, while addressing a church group declared, "Alaska is the last frontier for alcoholics. Many of them come to the Territory as a last resort. Here they find either cure or final destruction." And destruction it is for very many, because the lures of Satan are held out to them so enticingly on every hand.

But, praise God, there are trophies of grace also, "plucked as a firebrand out of the burning," because of faithful Christian witnessing. In this land of opportunity for evil and for good, laborers are needed who will go with the greatest message on earth, the UNSEARCHABLE RICHES OF CHRIST.

### WHAT'S HAPPENING

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message on Easter Sunday morning, April 18, to a very appreciative audience in the White Ave. Baptist Church of Cleveland. This 93 year old veteran of the faith spoke with the Spirit's blessing on "Resurrection Power." He was assisted in the pulpit by the Rev. E. J. Baumgartner, the present business manager of the Publication Society, who was in charge of the worship service. On Friday afternoon, April 23, Mr. Donner was honored by the Publication Board at its annual session at a belated birthday celebration. Congratulations were extended to Mr. Donner by the Rev. E. J. Baumgartner and by Dr. H. von Berge, honorary member of the Publication Board.

### CAMEROONS' TEAM

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tween the two children. One done chop and keep half for another time; the other one he do chop and then throw half away when he done fullup. He say, "I no go hungry again. I no go need this other one." It was not long before he was hungry again and there was no more food. How foolish he was! He thought nothing could change and make him hungry again.

We today who are followers of Jesus, if we say we are satisfied with what we have, and we don't have to go to church, and we know all about the God palaver; we are in danger of falling. We are to continue feeding from the Word of God as long as we live. If we neglect feeding daily from the Word of God, the Evil One will soon make us his followers. We should be true to our promise to Jesus we made when we first took him into our hearts, when we promised to follow and serve him every day.

Song, "I'll Be True, Lord Jesus, I'll Be True."

### FOURTH SPEAKER

You done hear the things my friends done tell you. The first man say, "Every man fit talk for Jesus." The second man say, "We no fit turn back. We no fit deny JESUS." And the third man say, "We no fit tire for hear God, He Word."

The thing where I go talk, he go be how we fit be good example for Jesus (Titus 2: 7 and 8). We go say, how we all dey here, that we no all leaders, so this one he no go be for we. If man he no be leader for church, he be leader for he family, or he get he friend where he fit lead him for Jesus. The Bible do say we go be example for we good works. We go show Jesus for we family and friends by we actions and we talk and the way we do things.

We done hear how evangelist do tell we how some deacons and Christians go for Mimbo house for drink wine.

They no do show fine example. We read for Bible how some church leaders bring some woman for Jesus and say the woman done sin against married life. Jesus say, "Any man where he no get sin, he go throw the first stone." Small time they all done go, because they savy they no be without sin. What kind leaders these men go be?

What kind leaders we go be if we go join with the people where they do wrong? What kind leaders we go be if we fear for talk for people and tell them where they do wrong and help them for walk the proper Christian road? We go remember for keep we light shining all the time so other people fit seen and follow fine, that God he name he go be big and glory go come for he name.

Song, "This Little Light of Mine."

### INVITATION

While we go sing, we go close we eye and bow we head. And the man where he go want we go pray for he, because he dey sorry how he no be fine example, but he go want Jesus for help him be better example from now on, he go raise he hand.

Postscript by Missionary Minnie Kuhn—The Holy Spirit was in our midst, and fifteen people raised their hands for prayer.

### THE CHURCH OF CHRIST, ITS DOCTRINE AND STANDARDS

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to Christ and salvation. The member of the Church must proclaim the Gospel.

The question may arise as to the constituency of the Church. Its members are the individual followers of Christ who consecrate themselves to line up with God's program. They may be five, or two, or even one-talent persons. In whatever degree their ability ranks, they are needed to proclaim the Gospel.

There is so much the one-talent follower can do that he dare not risk to bury his talent in the ground. In other words, let it be absorbed in the activities of this world for Christ. Only the outside bricks are shown in a building, yet they have no more to do with the structure than the bricks between the two outside layers. Are you redeemed? "Let the redeemed say so" (Psalm 107:2).

### CHRISTIAN STANDARDS

A few standards may suffice to grade our standing as good Christians! First, have we heeded the call, "Follow me"? The first requirement is to follow and put Christ ahead as our daily Leader. This will change our action and decisions from ours to his.

Secondly, do we feel duty-bound as well as make it our privilege to serve his cause fifty-two Sundays a year, and not miss a prayer meeting unless

## Obituary

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

### MR. HENRY FRERICHS of Eldora, Iowa.

Mr. Henry Frerichs of Eldora, Iowa, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jurn Frerichs, was born May 4, 1896 three miles east of Steamboat Rock, Iowa. He spent all of his life in this vicinity except one year, in which he served with the U.S. Army during World War I. He passed away at the Eldora Memorial Hospital on Feb. 6, 1954 at the age of 57 years, 9 months and 2 days. Death was caused by a cerebral hemorrhage.

He received Jesus Christ as his personal Savior and was baptized Dec. 31, 1916 by the Rev. A. G. Lang. On Feb. 17, 1920 he was united in marriage to Miss Alma Lang, daughter of Rev. A. G. Lang. Four children were born to this union, two of whom preceded their father in death. He is survived by his wife, Alma; one son, Robert; and one daughter, Mrs. Bernice Bittner of Eldora, Iowa; and a host of relatives and friends.

The Rev. Fred Lower of Steamboat Rock, Iowa, and the Rev. Howard Johnson, a former pastor, now of Cedar Falls, Iowa, officiated at the funeral service. Interment was in the Steamboat Rock Cemetery.

Steamboat Rock, Iowa

HARRY C. LUIKEN, Correspondent.

illness prevents us? Is his influence in our life so that we cannot help but be loyal to his Church? Worldly activities, wholesome as they may be, if put before the Church, definitely retard Christ's work.

Thirdly, are we ready to serve in any office commensurate with our ability? Every member owes God some work at some time.

Fourth, have we a prayer list of names for whom prayer is made daily? Are we willing to pay the price for the prayers offered? If a prayer does not cost anything, it's almost useless.

Fifth, are we employing tithing as our program to finance God's Church? A generous steward uses this program as a privilege to support his Church, his mission and other Church progress. "God loveth a cheerful giver."

The mistake which the one-talent man made was that he did not want to take any risk. He acted only when he clearly saw the return. We must ask God for faith and act in faith, take God at his Word and take the risk. "Whosoever shall seek to save his life, shall lose it; and whosoever shall lose his life shall preserve it" (Luke 17:33).

The Church member has no time to shirk his responsibility. All members must be ready to help, ably to support the cause of Christ, diligently to attend all services, to tithe, and to respond to every call of duty. He cannot afford to bury his talent in the activities of this world.

**MARCH CONTRIBUTIONS—NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST  
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**CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ALL PURPOSES**

Conferences	Mar., 1954	Mar., 1953	Mar., 1952
Atlantic .....	\$ 1,994.96	\$ 3,690.86	\$ 2,702.62
Central .....	5,317.11	3,952.43	5,948.59
Dakota .....	6,404.49	9,484.08	3,465.70
Eastern .....	924.53	978.75	1,048.88
Northern .....	2,256.25	1,651.79	3,178.12
Northwestern .....	8,094.32	5,566.28	3,196.82
Pacific .....	6,176.85	4,458.99	2,758.01
Southern .....	663.61	1,002.72	1,649.33
Southwestern .....	3,589.14	3,579.12	1,231.76
Inter - Conference .....	303.56		
<b>Total Contributions .....</b>	<b>\$35,724.82</b>	<b>\$34,565.02</b>	<b>\$25,179.83</b>

**CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED**

	Budget Contributions	Other Purposes	Total Contributions
For the month of March, 1954 .....	\$ 32,805.58	\$ 2,919.24	\$ 35,724.82
For the month of March, 1953 .....	30,363.73	4,001.29	34,365.02
For the month of March, 1952 .....	19,401.01	6,138.82	25,179.83

**CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR**

April 1, 1953 to March 31, 1954 .....	\$531,999.26	\$24,724.79	\$556,724.05
April 1, 1952 to March 31, 1953 .....	477,781.48	85,959.47	563,740.95
April 1, 1951 to March 31, 1952 .....	429,728.10	98,386.99	528,115.09

**CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED FOR THE TRIENNIUM**

April 1, 1952 to March 31, 1954 .....	\$1,009,780.74	\$110,684.26	\$1,120,465.00
April 1, 1951 to March 31, 1953 .....	907,509.58	184,346.46	1,091,856.04
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If I knew that tomorrow there would  
be  
No dawn on earth for me;  
That I should have gone in the dark  
of night  
Into eternity—  
I should do so many things  
For those I love,  
But, oh, I should be happy, too,  
With those above!

So—just in case I might be viewing  
Morning in celestial skies—  
Lord, bring me those who need my  
love today.  
For, otherwise,  
The night may close a door  
On words I meant to say,  
And morning find my empty house—  
With me away.

**BAPTISTS IN WORMS**

A new chapel is soon to be built in Worms with the aid of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society. In this city, in 1521, Martin Luther defended his stand before a court with the famous declaration:

“Unless I am proved wrong by Scripture or plain reason, I cannot and will not recant, because to act against conscience is unholy and unsafe. Here I stand. I can do no other, God helping me. Amen.”

By 1527 the Anabaptists had become strong in this area and suffered severe persecution. The present Baptist church dates from 1862 with the first baptism; it was founded two years later. The group developed slowly until the end of World War II when, in February, 1945, they were bombed out of a rented hall.

Today the membership is 208, with 185 of them refugees from Ethnic German groups in eight countries behind the Iron Curtain. They worship in the Congregational Church which is available to them Sunday afternoons and Wednesday evenings. They now own a piece of property between the cathedral and the ancient Merovingian Church in the heart of Worms.

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