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Our Tribute to Mother!

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The S. S. Lesson in ACTION

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A LESSON PLAN

Date: May 16, 1954

Theme: ELIJAH REBUKES AHAB

SCRIPTURE: 1 Kings 21:1-4, 16-20.
PURPOSE: To call attention to the fact that the Christian is to be the voice of conscience in the society in which he lives.

GETTING STARTED: What is the function of the Christian in society? Santayana once said that the philosopher's roll in the world is to be a gadfly that stings people into an awareness of the meaning of life and keeps them from falling asleep mentally.

In a sense, this is also the roll of the Christian in society. He, too, must be a kind of gadfly that stabs people into spiritual and moral wide-awakeness. Indeed, he must go even farther. He is to be nothing less than the voice of conscience who, even at the risk of making himself obnoxious, must keep on needling men lest they fall asleep spiritually and drift heedlessly toward destruction. In the face of great evil and entrenched corruption, the Christian may sometimes feel utterly helpless. Even then, however, he can and must raise his voice in protest and warning. And woe unto the Christian if he remains silent when he should speak and act as the conscience of the world!

Developing the Theme:

I. THE CAUSE FOR CORRUPTION.

1. Greed (v. 2). The clue lies in the words "give me." Once men become greedy, they will stop at nothing to get what they want.

2. Consent that springs from moral indifference (vv. 7, 16). Ahab consented to the crime and thus was as guilty as Jezebel (v. 20).

3. Expediency (vv. 5-16), which is nothing more than the creed that the end justifies the means and that whatever gets you what you want is right.

II. THE RESULTS OF CORRUPTION.

1. It brings spiritual and moral collapse to a nation, as shown in the history of Israel.

2. It finally brings about the downfall of those who practice such evil (vv. 17-23).

3. It weakens a nation and leads it down the road to destruction.

III. THE ANTIDOTE FOR CORRUPTION.

1. Men and women like Elijah who have the courage of their convictions and dare to call leaders and nations to account. Whenever good men fail to speak, nothing can save a society from final ruin.

2. Today individual Christians and the church as a whole must speak more clearly than ever the word of warning

and judgment and be the conscience of the world.

Applying the Lesson:

1. Why is the roll of the prophet and reformer such an unpopular one?
2. Does the church today speak out clearly and strongly enough against the corruption that threatens our nation and world?

3. What should be our attitude toward a man like Senator McCarthy and his efforts to combat Communism?

A LESSON PLAN

Date: May 23, 1954

Theme: MICAH WITHSTANDS

FALSE PROPHETS

SCRIPTURE: 1 Kings 22:5-8, 13-18, 26-28a.

PURPOSE: To help us understand the nature and function of true religion.

GETTING STARTED: Essentially, the false prophets were nothing more than "yes-men" and the rubber stamps with which corrupt kings put the stamp of respectability and religious sanction upon their evil deeds. They were men whose religion was for sale to the highest bidder and who made God say exactly what people wanted him to say. For them religion was nothing more than a tool to serve their own selfish ends.

Unfortunately, their breed has not died out. The temptation is heavy upon every one of us to use our faith as a tool, to say what people want to hear, to make Christianity nothing more than a technique to achieve success and happiness, never to say anything on any controversial subject, to cry peace, peace, when there is no peace. Even today there are those whose religion is for sale and whose spiritual and theological color changes to fit every mood and occasion. For such people and such religion neither honest men nor a righteous God have the slightest respect.

Developing the Theme:

I. THE RELIGION OF THE FALSE PROPHETS.

1. They looked upon religion not as an end to be served but as a means to be used to gain divine sanction and help for their selfish purposes (v. 6).

2. Putting their own will first, they tried to fit God into their schemes and move him over unto their side. Instead of serving him, they tried to make God their servant.

3. Their religion took its cue not from what God said and commanded but from what men wanted to hear (v. 13).

4. Therefore their religion was worse than useless, for it blinded them

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to the truth of God (v. 27), filled them with confusion and fear (v. 8), and led them finally into futility and ruin.

II. THE RELIGION OF THE TRUE PROPHET.

1. For him religion was the end to which all of life must be made subordinate; for it is man's duty to serve God and do his will and to try to get God to fit into man's will.

2. His religion took its cue not from what men wanted to hear but from what God commanded (v. 14).

3. His religion drew a straight line so that men could have no doubt as to what God demanded and as to where they stood.

4. Such religion is often costly (vv. 24-27), but it's the only religion worth having and able to stand up against sin and evil.

Applying the Lesson:

1. How can we make good our claim that Christianity is the only true and valid religion?

2. To what extent are people today trying to use Christianity as a means to serve their own ends rather than as an end to be served at all cost?

Editorial

Through the Eyes of a Mother

MOTHER'S DAY gives us a glimpse of what other people and situations in life look like through the eyes of a mother. The love-light in her eyes colors everything with the soft hues of the true spirit of forgiveness in action. On Mother's Day we pay our heartiest tribute to her as we try to capture for ourselves the spirit of her life and strive more earnestly to learn her inspiring example.

Through the eyes of a mother, we can see what love can do if it has full sway. How often we try to solve our problems, both as individuals and as nations, and to meet the experiences of life by every other method except the way of love. We read the words of the Apostle Paul that love "beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things" (1 Cor. 13:7), but deep down in our hearts we say that this just isn't practical in the kind of a world in which we are living. Then the life of a mother shows us what this love can accomplish in forgiving a son's waywardness, in understanding the needs of others, and taking their burdens on herself, in bringing good cheer and a spiritual lift into a darkened heart.

Because of this spirit of Christian mothers, the observance of Mother's Day is far more than a glittering honor that is placed into her hands to the accompaniment of flattering words by some orator. It is a holy day of consecration, as we see something of Christ's love for us that led him to the Cross through the eyes of our mother's love. Her willingness to sacrifice for her children, her passion to make Christ real to her family, and her example in ministering to others reveal the Way of life and of love upon which the Lord Jesus Christ calls us to walk!

Through the eyes of a mother, we can also see what our life can be if it reaches its maximum attainment. The dreams and hopes and prayers of a Christian mother for her child reflect the eternal purposes of God for that life! We shall see that objective of life and know what God has intended us to do and to be largely as we listen to mother's words of counsel and in her eyes see her aspirations for us.

Edward T. Sullivan, in an article entitled, "How God Works," said: "When God wants an important thing done in this world, or a wrong righted, he goes about it in a very singular way. He does not release his thunderbolts or stir up his earthquakes. He simply has a tiny, helpless babe born, perhaps of very humble parentage, and in a very obscure home. Then he puts the idea or purpose into the mother's heart—she puts it into the baby's mind. And then, God waits!"

As we thank God for mother, our greatest tribute to her will be if we can say that we have caught a glimpse of what love can do for us and of what our lives can be. That's the glory of God sparkling in the eyes of your Christian mother!

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"A Woman That Feareth the Lord"

The Christian wife and mother is the rarest of jewels within the vast display of women. She so thoroughly puts Christ at the center of all her activities and relationships with her loved ones that her influence is everlasting

By the REV. EDWARD OSTER of Hettinger, North Dakota

THE GREATEST institution next to the body of Christ is the home. It has been proven that the home is the establishing element of every nation. When the homes are strong, then the nation is strong. However when the home deteriorates, then the nation will soon begin to collapse.

The home has had and still possesses God's blessed benediction upon its organization. Almighty God deemed the filial bond of marriage to be beautiful and prosperous. The Lord Jesus Christ also realized the great importance of the home. For it was in a deeply religious home that our Savior received his first earthly training in and concept of the Almighty Father. Christ never forgot his mother, for as he hung upon the cross on Golgotha, he committed his dear mother to the beloved disciple.

A PRICELESS JEWEL

To have a godly home, there must indeed be a godly mother. Oh, the blessedness of motherhood, for it is in her that the heart of her husband safely trusts. It is the godly mother who will hear her children rise up and

call her blessed. Yes, the author of the book of Proverbs truly presents the characteristics of a godly woman.

As we read these very illustrious and descriptive words about a virtuous woman, we cannot help but compare them with a Christian mother. The Christian mother is in an exalted position, and yet, according to the census department of our government, the mother of the home does not have an occupation. How unjust is their estimation of motherhood, for it is the highest order and is indeed sacred in its field of labor and responsibility!

The Christian wife and mother is priceless. She is the rarest of jewels within the vast display of women. The Christian mother and wife can never be replaced within the home. She so thoroughly puts Christ at the center of all her activities and relationships with her loved ones that her influence is everlasting. She is the one who is the vital determining factor that regulates the earthly preparations of her husband and children.

DeBeaufort has said the following about mothers: "The future of society is in the hands of the mothers.

If the world was lost through a woman, she alone can save it." Surely we must all give a hearty voice of approval to the statement of DeBeaufort.

In the hands of the Christian mother lies the prayerful destiny of her loved ones. For she has pledged herself to God and to her husband, that she would labor lovingly for the betterment of the body and soul of her entire family. Yes, in the Christian mother lies the confidence of her husband. Within her he has found the glorified love of Christ and the complete compassion that is the constant comfort of her entire family.

This confidence that the husband possesses in her is realized through the experience of Christian love. For she has willingly and lovingly placed the welfare of her loved ones over her own desires. She has revealed her desire of a godly home through the Biblical instruction of her household.

GOD'S TEACHER

She is the teacher within the home, for upon her knees the Word of God is given to her children. Not only does she lovingly soothe the anxieties and heart-throbs of her children, but she is ever ready to be the loving earthly comforter of her perplexed and troubled family. The Christian stories first heard at mother's knee are never wholly forgotten. They are as a little spring that never quite dries up in our journey through the scorching years to follow. How sustaining are the stories of mothers as they come back to us while we walk down the pathway of life!

Yes, the Christian mother and wife is priceless in the sight of her husband, and in like manner, the Christian woman is a priceless jewel in the sight of God. For upon her, God has placed many grave and yet glorious responsibilities. Upon her is placed the duty of keeping the home together, as she tenderly and lovingly cares for her own.

To the wife of the home comes the privilege of motherhood. Alfred Lord Tennyson has very adequately commented about the duties of the mothers: "The bearing and the training of a child is woman's wisdom." No one can excel the tender love and care of the mother. No one knows so intuitively as a mother how the intri-

cate drives of the child function with their perplexing momentum and yet be able to cope with every situation.

It is the mother who is the child's first teacher, for at her knees the small child begins its education. Charles Buxton has stated the responsibility of motherhood in yet another way: "The first duty of motherhood is to make her children happy. If you have not made them happy, you have wronged them; no other good they may get can make up for that." And I wish to add that this duty of happiness is decisively important within the souls of her children as well as to their physical happiness. This is an honor within the parents' hearts to see happiness literally bubbling over with joy because of the sincere concern and efforts of "Mom" and "Dad."

SWAYING INFLUENCES

It was a God-fearing woman to whom our Lord was committed in his infancy to receive his first earthly concepts of the Almighty Father. As this was true for the mother of Jesus, it is also the responsibility of the Christian mother to rear the child in the precepts of God.

The work of mother is uniquely described by Napoleon. "The future destiny of the child is always the work of mother." It is the mother who presents the swaying influence upon the tender life of the small child. It is she, with the help of God and her husband, who fulfills the responsibility of equipping the children for their walk down the toilsome path of life.

The parents are commanded of God to teach their children about the Christian concept of right or wrong, which will, the Lord willing, lead the children to a saving knowledge of Christ. Just because we have the written Word of God at our disposal, we are not excused from the responsibility of teaching it to our children and leading them to Christ. We notice that it was the duty of the Israelite parents to further the message of the Almighty God, and this is also true in this present day.

Oh, as we observe our society of today and see the horrible tendency toward immorality, we realize only too readily the need for consecrated, God-fearing mothers and fathers. There is an ever increasing need for the education of children in Christian upright living, according to the standards of the New Testament.

GOD'S BLESSINGS

The Scriptures tell us that "a woman that feareth the Lord shall be praised." She will be blessed by God and also by mankind. God will bless her with ample activities of unending surprises, glorious moments of gratitude, moments of anxieties, and abundant tender memories of her children who have and will rise up and call her blessed. Every child, young or old, in his or her own way rises up and calls

mother blessed for her untiring love and devotion.

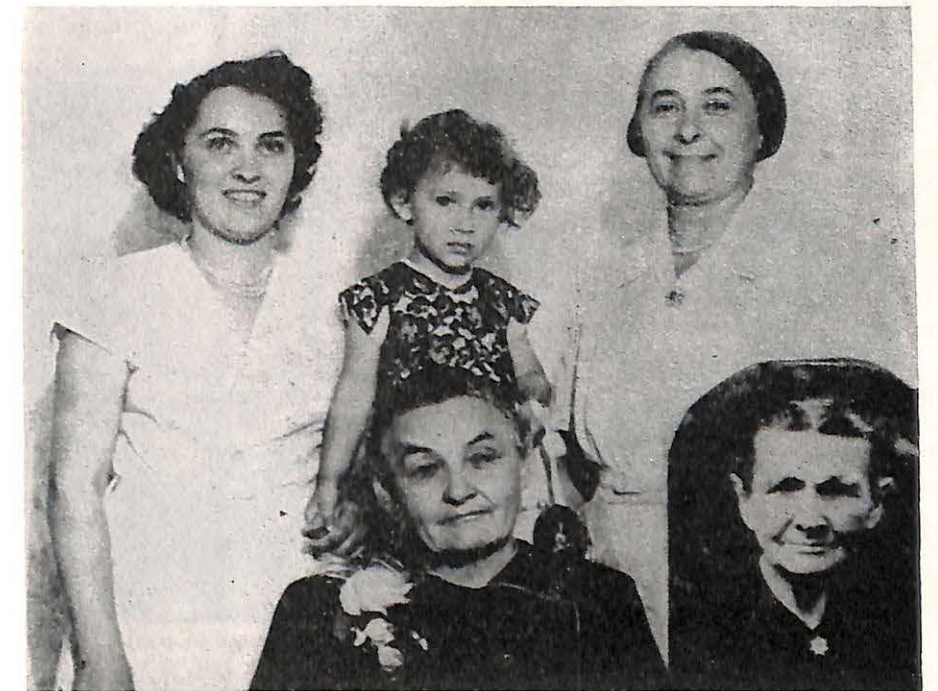
Her children rise up and bless her because of her great unselfish sacrifices. How often she has interceded in prayer for the deliverance of her children when they have gone their wayward way. It is then that she silently has followed them, sometimes physically but definitely spiritually, directing their lives with her Christian influence. It is for this great unending love and concern that her children give unceasing praise to their beloved mother.

How often the children call her blessed for her influence upon them as she lovingly dreamed of how great her children would become when they

"her husband also calls her blessed." It is the husband who accumulates an overwhelming amount of reasons to rejoice in his wife and call her blessed. One of the most consoling and yet tender experiences that the husband can realize is the revelation that the woman of his choice is his lasting earthly companion, and also that the benediction of God is upon them.

HER HUSBAND'S PRAISE

Her husband praises her because she has taken the house, that they have and will live in, and made it into a wonderful place called home. This place that she has made into a home is where he can find comfort and reassurance after facing a gruesome



Five generations, all of them living, in this unusual picture for the Mother's Day issue of the "Baptist Herald," contributed by the Rev. Richard Schilke, general missionary secretary (Center, front: Mrs. Elizabeth Schilke, aged 72, of Kelowna, B. C., and, right, Mrs. Margaret Miller of Germany, who is past 90, mother and grandmother of Rev. R. Schilke.) (Back Row, left to right: Mrs. Florence Leis, nee Pfeifer, of Runnymede, Sask., granddaughter of Mrs. Elizabeth Schilke; Carolyn Leis, aged five, great-granddaughter; and Mrs. Olga Pfeifer of Kamsack, Sask., daughter.)

have become adults. How often the dreams of mother have become a reality as she prayerfully has directed those lives committed into her care. I speak with a personal testimony about the dreams of mother and how they have been an ever guiding influence in my life!

As we are thinking at this time of mother, do not hesitate to rise up and call her blessed and thank her for her contribution to your life. Make a special effort to thank your mother for her conspicuous influence in the molding of your character and personality. Through her gentle but yet firm discipline, we were instructed in Biblical literature. To that discipline and patient, accurate resolve, we owe much of our general power of taking the pains of life that are ever present.

We also notice that the author of Proverbs makes the statement that

world. Her husband praises her for the confidence he has placed in his helpmate and the knowledge that she has kept it with strength and in safety. He also has revealed unto her his innermost thoughts and desires and she has lovingly accepted them, and together they have endeavored to fulfill them.

To her he has given his soul, his possessions, yes, his all, and she has faithfully preserved them from fear, oppressions and punishment. It is also the honor of the husband to seek his loved one and present to her his overwhelming problems, and receive from her words of wisdom, blessed counsel and comfort.

The mother is indeed praised, because she has taken the responsibility of rearing their children in the nurture of the Lord, and she has fulfilled (Continued on Page 22)



A beautiful bouquet of deep red, velvet roses awaiting the arrival of Mother in the living-room as a tribute of love to her! —Photo by Herman Siemund

To Each in His Own Tongue

The United Bible Societies of the world are observing the 150th Jubilee Anniversary in 1954 of the founding of the first national group, the British and Foreign Bible Society, and are seeking to raise Scripture distribution from 20 million to 50 million

By the AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY, New York, N. Y.

A LITTLE MORE than a century and a half ago, a girl's craving for her own Bible opened a new field of Christian endeavor which has had no parallel in history.

To the minister it had been evident for years that the supply of Bibles for the Welsh people had been pitifully inadequate and every effort to get more had fallen upon agencies already

months and whole districts failed to receive any. Two years later, Mr. Charles tentatively suggested to some friends on a committee of a Religious Tract Society his idea for a new Society. The society would supply Scriptures for the people of Wales.

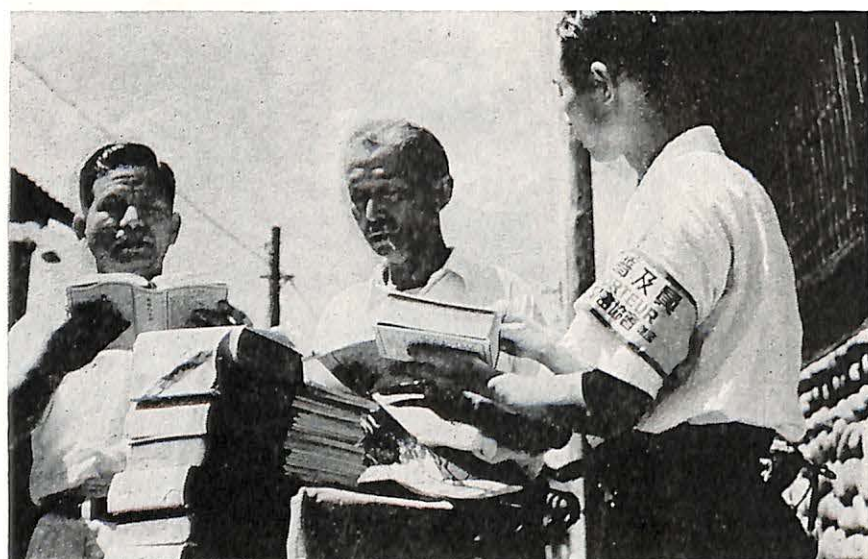
The idea caught fire. The alert mind of Joseph Hughes saw its possibilities. "If for Wales, why not for the kingdom? Why not for the world?" Why not, indeed?

24 BIBLE SOCIETIES

On March 7, 1804, the British and Foreign Bible Society was launched. One hundred and fifty years later, people of at least 60 nations will commemorate the historic event. There are now 24 national Bible societies, all joined in the United Bible Societies and they are currently distributing 20,000,000 volumes of Scriptures each year.

Other Christian organizations, in Britain and Germany, had undertaken some responsibility for Scripture supply prior to 1804, but they had only signaled the coming event. With rare foresight, the British committee realized it could not accomplish its task alone. Representatives were dispatched to other countries in Europe and America and 48 Bible societies grew in the next twelve years.

In America, the first Bible society was formed in Philadelphia in 1808



Colporteurs of the Bible Society distributing Japanese Scriptures in Tokyo, Japan. Our missionaries in Japan have found the people there eagerly reading God's Word

Then—as now—millions were without the Word of God. But little Mary Jones, daughter of a Welsh weaver, did not think of the problems of millions. She knew only that she wanted a Bible as her own and that it was her own personal problem.

MARY'S BIBLE

The story of Mary, and how she got her Bible, is one of the most heart-warming tales of faith. First she had to learn to read, then spend six years saving. When at last she had accumulated enough for her purchase, Mary trudged barefoot for 25 miles to learn that Bibles no longer were being published in her native Welsh and that none was obtainable.

It was the Rev. Thomas Charles, of the village of Bala, in Wales, who gave the girl her Book in the year 1800. From that small incident in a remote hamlet, sprang a movement which has seen the publication and distribution of more than 1,200,000,000 copies of the Scriptures in more than 900 languages and dialects.

overburdened with other duties or had resulted in prices too high for the scanty means of the people.

In that same year 1800, an edition of 10,000 Bibles was exhausted in four



Deacons in the Marshall Islands of the South Pacific reading the Scriptures in their own language. The Bible was published by the American Bible Society

and a hundred others followed quickly, until, in 1816, a national body, the American Bible Society was established. Today, the American society provides more than half of the total world distribution.

JUBILEE OBSERVANCES

The entire year of 1954 will be a year of observance but five dates will have special significance.

On Saturday, March 6, children in Britain attended a giant "birthday" meeting in Royal Festival Hall, London. The Lord Mayor of London officiated and cut a tremendous birthday cake. Funds which children have contributed for the distribution of Scriptures and signatures of the World Goodwill Book were collected.

On May 5, two great mass meetings are taking place. The first, a morning meeting, is being held in Westminster Central Hall in London, England. The evening meeting is scheduled for the Royal Albert Hall. Delegations from Bible societies hope to be present.

On May 14, a jubilee concert, commemorating the anniversary, will be given by the London Symphony Orchestra, with Sir Malcolm Sargent conducting, in Royal Festival Hall in London.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"The great use of life is to spend it for something that will outlast it."

—W. C. Sikes.

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

On June 16, a Women's Rally will take place at Westminster Central Hall in London.

On December 4, special anniversary and thanksgiving services will be conducted by the Archbishop of Canterbury at St. Paul's Cathedral.

MORE BIBLES NEEDED

Although the jubilee year will be observed with proper appreciation and thanksgiving for the accomplishments of the past, it is also a period for serious reflection on the work still to be done. Hundreds of millions of people are still without their copies of the Scriptures and the number grows greater, rather than less, each year.

Despite the amazing record of twenty million copies distributed in 1953, the total did not even keep up with the birth rate—much less keep up with the needs of replacements and the needs of the newly literate. In the year 1953, twenty-five millions were added to the earth's population while only twenty millions of Scripture copies were being distributed by the societies.

The first aim of the societies will be to increase distribution during 1954 to 25,000,000 copies, a total designed to keep pace with the birth rate. By 1960,



President and Mrs. Dwight D. Eisenhower are shown looking over some of the Bibles and New Testaments which were presented to them by the American Bible Society and Daniel F. Burke, president of the Society shown at the right. The volumes are printed in 78 different languages for use of White House guests. The languages range from (A) Africans to (Z) Zulu

it is hoped that 50,000,000 copies will be distributed annually.

The second goal is to bring about a mass statement of faith in the Scriptures—the greatest mass statement in human history. All who believe in sharing their Scriptures with those who want a copy of the Word of God—as Mary Jones wanted her copy—will be asked to sign their names in a World Good Will Book, as a testimony to their love for the Bible, their faith in its teachings and their desire to share it with others.

Throughout the world, in remote villages and giant cities, people will sign the book.

To Mary Jones, sobbing before the Rev. Thomas Charles, it was small comfort that a copy of the Bible was available in English. She could read only Welsh. A century and a half later, as whole nations become suddenly literate and as the art of printing explores new horizons, the goal, "To each in his own tongue," becomes a realizable accomplishment, and 1954 becomes a year of rededication.



The Bible or portions of it have been translated into more than a thousand languages and dialects and made available to people around the globe!



Cameroons' mothers working hard at dressmaking in the Bansa Baptist Chapel with Mrs. Ernest Hildebrand at right and Mrs. William S. Boutwell at extreme left, along the wall

The Women's Meeting

The new Cameroons' women working over Singer sewing machines and making dresses from pretty prints from England and then gathering for Bible study and the teaching of home making are colorfully described by the superintendent of our Cameroons Baptist Mission

By DR. PAUL GEBAUER of Bamenda, West Africa

EVERY WEEK, in every mission station and in many of your churches in the Cameroons of West Africa, women gather for their own weekly meeting. What does such a meeting look like? What do they do?

The camera sneaked around the corner of the Bansa Baptist Chapel at Bansa, Cameroons, to peak through one of its open "windows" into such a meeting. The picture above is the result. The chapel itself is of the better type, well constructed of adobe blocks by Dr. Chaffee and his Africans, clean in appearance, well lighted and ventilated—so well, that it guarantees the hospital new patients during the rainy season. Its benches are frameworks of raffia cane and timber. The women on them come from the homes of artisans, hospital assistants, laborers, traders and the ones who don't—two of them—are from Kansas (Mrs. Ernest Hildebrand) and from a large city, called Chicago (Mrs. Wm. Boutwell).

What are they doing? They're busy at that, which is the most popular practice of all normal women everywhere, making dresses. The Africans of today have me buffaloed. Years ago these very same women could not do enough to accentuate the God-given charms of their birthday attire by coatings of palm oil, bright beads, red paint, tinkling coins and bands. Today these same women spend local fortunes on

pretty prints from England and the Far East and their dreams, or nightmares, are filled with the steady hum of Singer sewing machines.

Sewing machines hop all over their dream world as the most pleasant music to their ears. Singer agents and Birmingham merchants are aware of



An interesting picture of "Home, Sweet Home" in the Cameroons, Africa, showing the wife of one of our Bible School students preparing the evening meal of fufu over the open fire

these dreams and they do their utmost to have them come true, until sweet music has turned into a tidal wave of humming bobbins, the heavenly harmony of Africa's emancipated womanhood.

In these meetings, as your eyes may observe, cloth and needles and thread and scissors and patterns and color play a large part. Just study Augusta Hildebrand's attention and study Delores Boutwell's strategic post as a leader. The results thereof? It is planned that such meetings will bring about a revolution in the present trend of "pouring" the cloth on our dark sisters.

How they get in and out of their present styles I'd like to know! It is planned to bring sanity into dress-making, to bring about a taste between present desires and the "Mother Hubbard Style" of the South Pacific.

But dress design and making are not all the activities. The greater part of every meeting is given to Bible study, church duties, the teaching of mothercraft and home making. Some missionaries lead their gatherings into discussions about tribal "morés" and Christian morals, the merits of polygamy and monogamy, domestic fashions and western ideas, native food and our ideas of diet. These women do not have an easy time in their rapidly changing society, in the change from subsistence farming to western money economy, the change from the stable Africa of their past to the Africa of their youngsters. They ask for guidance through their turbulent years. They need it.

It is for these reasons that the women of Africa gather week after week. It is an observed fact that in such meetings your missionaries make their most lasting contributions in the bewildering lives of your bewildered Africans.

A Little Light Shines Brightly!

Ten-year-old Gloria Neuman, a daughter of our Indian missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. R. Neuman of the Bull Reserve in Alberta, lets her light as a young Christian shine for Jesus in school and among her Indian playmates. This beautiful testimony is her own, written after she had led Jean Bull to the Lord

By GLORIA NEUMAN of the Indian Bull Reserve

I WANT TO TELL you a story of my life. I lived in Camrose, Alta., Canada, until I was four years old. Then we moved to the Montana Indian Reserve near Hobbema, Alberta. When we moved to the Reserve, we had school in the church and my father was the teacher. Every Saturday we had to put the desks aside for the Sunday church



Gloria Neuman (left) and Jean Bull go over their lessons and look at Scripture verses in the Indian schoolhouse on the Bull Reserve, where both are pupils

I am sure it was the Lord's leading when we went to another Indian Reserve called the Bull Reserve. The missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. Harsch, who were here for about a year before us left for more training to the United States. The Indians on the Montana Reserve really missed us.

BAPTISM IN 1951

I became a Christian in 1951. My daddy led me to the Lord Jesus Christ. I never was so happy in my life as when I knew from God's Word that I was a Christian through trust and faith in Jesus. I am ten years old now. I was baptized when seven years old with 20 Indians, boys and girls, men and women. My father baptized me, and I was the first one to go into the baptismal waters.

In 1952 I was presented with a lovely Bible. Since then I have learned many Bible verses. I like God's Word very much. I guess it is because I am a Christian.

When we came to the Bull Reserve, it was quite different but it wasn't long before we got used to it. My sister and I go to school with twenty-four Indian boys and girls. We are the only white girls in all the school. We have

a Christian teacher, Miss Berniece Stober. My father is in charge of religious instruction from 3:00 to 3:30 P.M. three times a week.

Since I have been saved, I have been interested in seeing souls becoming saved. It was one nice sunny afternoon when Jean Bull and I were taking a walk. I asked her if she had ever taken a stand for the Lord Jesus.

She said, "No." I asked her, if she would like to be saved.

She said, "Yes I would like to be saved." So at recess I helped her to know Jesus who is now her personal Savior.

Then she was so happy she told her teacher. After school she came home with me and told my daddy and mommy that she wants them to pray for her because she let Jesus come into her heart.

GOD'S WORD

My father gave her a lovely Bible and put special verses inside the front cover to look up and to read. Her father and mother are fine Christians.

I hope that you will pray for this family and Jean. Also pray for my father and mother and our teacher.



A beautiful picture of Baptist Lake on the Montana Reserve near Hobbema, Alta., showing the Rev. R. Neuman, missionary, baptizing an Indian convert surrounded by the quiet glory of God

services. On Monday morning we put the benches up and the desks again in their places for school.

But it wasn't long before we had a lovely school and a Christian teacher, Miss Faye Strohschein, who was a very good teacher. She lived with us.

My father was the missionary. We had prayer meeting every Tuesday night and young people's meeting on Thursday night.

We were on the Montana Reserve for four and one half years. We had our good times and our bad times.

Our Spanish Friends

The author, who is our missionary to the Spanish-Americans in the San Luis Valley of Colorado, brings a lovely tribute to her colleague and friend, Miss Velma Shippy, and describes some of their recent adventures with the friends of the Baptist mission and with the children who come to the services

By MISS FLORENCE EISELE of Monte Vista, Colorado



Florence Eisele (left) and Velma Shippy, missionaries to the Spanish-Americans of the San Luis Valley of Colorado

MISS VELMA SHIPPY stepped off the bus at the Monte Vista Station in Colorado about five months ago. There's many a tear being shed here in the San Luis Valley, especially among the small brown folks, because she's going away again. The little girls are all begging to go along, so that they can be "flower girls" (for there's a hint of a wedding in the air) and the boys just want to go along!

If you've ever wondered, here's how their little brown minds go 'round and 'round. When Velma first came, she spent an evening telling the children about her past six months' experiences among the Indians of Canada, explaining how they look, live and talk. A few weeks later, they noticed her engagement ring, and asked the usual questions. The girls were especially excited over bridal attire, but the boys were more practical about whom, and when, and where.

When they were told that she was marrying a Canadian and would be living in Canada, they were visibly astounded, and a bit bitter over the whole thing. We laughed, thinking that it was the distance which appalled them. Now we know better, for, after some weeks, when they were shown a snapshot of the groom-to-be, they all with one breath exclaimed, "But he's WHITE!" Then, "Does he speak English?"

A DAY'S ADVENTURES

Not until then did we realize that because of her former talks about Canada, they had pictured it as being a country inhabited only by dark complexioned colorfully dressed Indians, one of whom lovely Velma had promised to marry! Now they are relieved, resigned, and more or less rejoicing over the whole thing!

The entire five months' missionary adventure has been like that. One Sunday, one of our Spanish Baptist mothers of Center asked if we would drive her and her seventeen-year-old son to the county seat on the follow-

ing Wednesday morning. She explained that Felix wouldn't attend school any more, and that he was out of work, like most of the Spanish male population these days, and that she had signed him into the army. He was to collect his papers and board the bus thirty-five miles north of us on that day. Her repentant tears were already beginning to flow, and were destined to become a veritable flood by Wednesday, and, as I had no definite plans, I sympathetically said, "Yes."

Only the two of them would be going, she said, but by the middle of the week the number had swelled to include the youngest son of the family (who had been kept home from school for the ride) and the very old, chain-smoking grandmother, who, to all appearances, also went along just for the ride. Halfway there, the mother said hesitatingly, "Now when we are there, you could help me get a driver's license for the car, yes?" (She speaks little English, and cannot read nor write in either language.) About that time I managed a cordial "Yes!"

The older son snorted loudly behind me, prompting me to ask, "But can you drive a car?" She explained about her husband's truck, and three miles farther on I realized that the only available car for the driving test would

probably be my old, delicately-nursed-along-one; and that she had never driven it!

Arriving at the county seat we collected Felix' papers and found that we had about four hours to wait until the bus would leave. So there was plenty of time to get the written test translated and filled out, and the driver's test over with. As I left the wheel and began explaining the case to the officer (who was really very kind and could speak Spanish), the mother asked me quickly to explain how the gear shift worked, since the truck didn't have one on the wheel like my car did!

As it turned out, the officer did all the shifting for her, while I waited in the station, eating an ice cream bar with my eyes closed. So the car and its occupants came back whole, and the mother received her license. This now causes me real anguish whenever I have to drive behind a car, or pass one, driven by a Spanish woman! Thinking that my duties were over, I suggested an early lunch, but the ladies both said, "Oh no, not yet. Won't you please go with us to the Welfare Office to help translate our reports?"

So we went, and that was when I discovered why the grandmother had come along! But part of the welfare business had to be conducted with the welfare-lady-in-chief who was visiting down in Center. So after a tearful goodbye to Felix, we drove homeward and spent another hour driving up and down that town before we found her. Finally another adventurous day ended!

BOXES OF CLOTHING

The many boxes of used clothing, which come from our churches, have increased the bonds of friendship between your missionaries and these many destitute people. They feel free to come and ask for certain articles of apparel which they need, and our hearts are as glad as theirs when it is possible to satisfy them. Last week

NEWS FROM THE SPANISH - AMERICAN MISSION FIELD

On April 15, 1954 Miss Vilma Shippy, former missionary on this field, and Mr. Daniel Bender were married at the Mt. Zion Baptist Church near Junction City, Kansas, with the Rev. J. R. Kruegel officiating.

Miss Helen Lohse of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., has been appointed as missionary to the Spanish-Americans of Colorado, to assist Miss Florence Eisele in this important work. More details about this appointment are given on page 13 of this issue.

we had to give Dora a whole new supply of baby wear because a fire in the home had destroyed the previous layette which we had given her.

Some of the heavier garments, made into simple quilts, have spelled the difference between freezing and warmth for many a child in a bed in which four or more sleep together. Sometimes the missionary (being a former tailoress) finds it necessary to make a garment fit better, or do some mending on-the-child, on-the-spot!

Not long ago we made two trips in one day to Del Norte, Colo., in behalf of a frantic young mother of five (daughter of one of our Spanish Baptist women) whose ex-husband was suing for the children "because of one little indiscretion" on her part, eleven months ago. We did all that we could to help in a sympathetic Christian way, and God, whose ways are not our ways, took the baby home to be with himself on the morning of the trial. The legal freeing of the mother was as nothing compared to her joy when she discovered that her acceptance of Christ as Savior freed her from the heart burden of sin which she had long carried. It is wonderful to know that now her young ones will be brought up in a Protestant Christian home, the mother learning about spiritual things along with her children.

Another recent Del Norte experience involved officiating at the funeral of a young, unmarried Spanish woman, who was badly crippled in both soul and body. Although she had been a Roman Catholic, she had sinned against her church in bearing two illegitimate children, and the priest had refused burial courtesies both to mother and the child who had died with her. The bewildered, sorrowing family didn't know where to turn. How comforting God's holy Word can be at such times, and we are looking to him for the reaping of a harvest in the near future because of the sowing of the seed.

MISSION ACTIVITIES

During the past months we treated Velma Shippy to a sample of a Spanish round of parties. Too bad that she didn't arrive in time for the exciting Hallowe'en ones, but we did manage three stupendous ones at Christmas, and another three around February 14th. For days we were knee deep in red cool-aid, pink frosted heart-shaped cookies, and thrilling party games.

To see the youngsters pile into the mission buildings for such things, one would naturally think that the whole world was our friend. A few were strangers to us, and some attend the mission activities very seldom. But the majority were our regular scholars, and we feel that they do need wholesome social activities and that the best place for them is at your own Baptist Mission.

Sunday afternoons we opened our parsonage home to pairs of little

"brownies" from the mission, who need to see how another part of the world lives and conducts itself. Sometimes we see how forks are used for the first time, and certainly most of the food served at our table is strange to them—if it doesn't consist of the usual chili and beans and fried potatoes! But it is interesting to see the reaction of the children to the many beds, our plastic tableware, and especially grace before meals. I know that we're contributing an important part of the spiritual and social growth of these young ones in this way.

Over the winter we increased our four clubs to five by including the boys

This is being written during the Lenten season, and the attendances have dropped off considerably because of the pressure of the priests at this time. For instance, our sweet, likable, junior-sized Leo came to club last week, sat down and announced, "I can't sing!" Because he loves it and has a fine voice, we were surprised and asked for an explanation. He said, "The 'Father' said that I can't. I can come, and sit and do the hand-work, but I mus'n't sing."

SONGS FOR THE CHILDREN

So the loyal little lad sat, while all around him rose the voices of the less-conscientious, until he couldn't sit



Boys and girls of Monte Vista, Colo., line up with flags and the Holy Bible for another day's activities and studies in Vacation Bible School

at Del Norte along with the girls. Mrs. Schroder helps with the boy's handicraft after the choruses and Bible lessons. Both Mr. and Mrs. Schroder have maintained a wonderful interest in the Spanish people of Del Norte for the past eight years. They have spent themselves physically and materially, always ready to help our summer workers and your present missionary.

Here at Monte Vista we have divided the club in two sections, and now have boys and girls meeting on different days, because the group has become almost too large to handle. We also have a fine lay worker helping with the Monte Vista girls. We have enjoyed and appreciated the practical, helping hand which the folks in Kansas, the Dakotas and California have given us with the club handwork. From them have come stamped embroidery, floss, hoops, packages of needles and colorfully printed doll patterns to cut out and sew. The boys owe their thanks for the woodburning sets and the extra stamped wood plaques to those same kind friends.

quiet any longer and joined in also. But beyond a doubt the priest knows that Protestant choruses are full of the Gospel message and that children remember the songs much longer than they would remember a Scripture portion. We know that this period is a phase which will soon pass, and then the children will come again to our meetings in full force.

It's been grand to have had Velma Shippy taking over some of the club problems. She has also cared for the Sunday School in Monte Vista, while I have gone to the one in Center on Sunday mornings. Her companionable presence in the car, as we drive along the dark, lonely roads at night, has been much appreciated, and her winning ways with those funny wood and coal stoves are much admired by this lady from sunny California, who had never seen snow fall until this winter, and is astonished at Kansas-born Velma's indifference to it! I'm sure that we all wish her God's richest blessings as she takes up another phase in her life's work.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

● On Sunday evening, March 7, the Rev. G. C. Rauser, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Lodi, Calif., baptized 18 converts on confession of their faith in Christ. These and five others were then given the hand of fellowship by the pastor.

● The First German Baptist Church, Ashley, N. Dak., has called the Rev. Alfred Bibelheimer of Turtle Lake, N. Dak., to which he has replied favorably. He hopes to begin his ministry on the new field on June 1st. He has served the Turtle Lake Church as pastor since 1951.

● On Sunday evening, April 4, the Rev. Martin De Boer of Springside, Sask., had the privilege of baptizing fifteen young people on confession of their faith in Christ as Savior. Of these two came from the West Ebenezer Baptist Church and thirteen from De Boer serves Baptist Church. Mr. De Boer serves as pastor of both of these churches.

● Dr. C. H. Seecamp will bring his ministry at the McDermot Ave. Baptist Church of Winnipeg, Man., Canada, to a close on Sunday, June 27th, and begin his pastorate in the Baptist Church of Hebron, N. Dak., on August 1st. He and his family will spend the intervening month on a vacation trip. This information about Dr. Seecamp's change of pastorate is in addition to that already announced in the April 22nd issue of the "Baptist Herald."

● The 16-voice choir of the Bethel Church, Buffalo, N. Y., presented the cantata, "Resurrexit" by Adam Geibel and E. Myrtle Dunn, on Easter Sunday evening, April 18. The accompanist was Mrs. Dorothy Kroecker. At the Union Good Friday service on Friday evening, April 16, with the Hedstrom Memorial Baptist Church of Buffalo, the Rev. Paul E. Loth, pastor of the Bethel Church, brought the message. An impressive communion service concluded the program.

● On Sunday evening, March 28, the CBY in the Baptist Church, Goodrich, N. Dak., held a missionary program featuring the film, "Regions Beyond." A Scripture memorization program was held on Sunday, April 4, with the emphasis on the theme, "Greatness of Christian Living." The CBY also presented a special Easter program on Sunday evening, April 18. The Rev. Irvin Schmuland, pastor, has reported that the average Sunday morning attendance for the year 1953 was 140.

● The members of the Men's Brotherhood of the Emery Baptist Church, Emery, S. Dak., entertained their wives at a 6:30-o'clock dinner in March 24. The men did all the cooking and serving to about one hundred guests. The Rev. Roy Seibel led the group in singing choruses and then Dr. Henry R. Brandt of the Seminary at Sioux Falls, S. Dak., spoke on "Christian Love" giving practical suggestions for Christian living. "The evening was greatly enjoyed by all," as reported by Mrs. Herman Bleeker.

● On Easter Sunday evening, April 18, the Berlin Baptist Church choir of Fredonia, N. Dak., of 30 voices rendered the cantata, "The Golden Dawn." On Sunday evening, March 28, the Berlin CBY visited the Baptist Church of Gackle, N. Dak., and presented a musical program and the mission play, "The Leaden Image." Recently the Mr. and Mrs. Gottlieb Grenz, prominent church members, observed their golden wedding anniversary. The Rev. Victor Prendering, pastor, congratulated the couple.

● The choir of the Calvary Baptist Church of Stafford, Kans., presented the cantata, "Christ Crucified" by Roger C. Wilson, on Easter Sunday evening, April 18. The choir is directed by Mrs. Arvil Piepmeier and Mrs. Gilbert Flandermeyer serves as the pianist. From April 1 to 4 the church held a series of inspirational meetings with Dr. M. L. Leuschner, editor of the "Baptist Herald," showing missionary and denominational films. On Sunday evening, April 4, Mr. Ernest Hildebrand, Camerons missionary and Mr. Leuschner shared the program. The Rev. H. J. Wilcke is the pastor.

● The Round Lake Baptist Church of Gladwin, Mich., has extended a call to the Rev. Albert Fadenrecht of San Jose, California. He has responded favorably and he and his family have been on the field since April 1st, succeeding the Rev. Victor Prendering, now of Fredonia, North Dakota. Mr. Fadenrecht is a graduate of Willamette University of Salem, Ore., and of Wheaton College Graduate School of Theology, from which he received his B.A. and M.A. degrees, respectively. He was ordained by the Kingwood Bible Church, Salem, Ore., in November 1947. He and Mrs. Fadenrecht have a three-year-old son.

● The Pacific Northwest Ministers' Institute was held at Colfax, Wash., from March 16 to 18 with a large at-

tendance of the ministers. Guest speakers were Dr. John Leypoldt, interim promotional secretary, Rev. Ralph L. Erickson, chaplain of the Veterans' Hospital, Spokane, Wash., and Rev. W. J. Antisdale, pastor of the Fourth Presbyterian Church, Spokane, Washington. The Rev. R. M. Klingbeil of Colfax, Wash., a former pastor of the church, spoke on "My Travel Experiences in Germany." Evening addresses were brought by the Rev. Henry Hengstler of Los Angeles, Calif., and the Rev. Robert Hess of Tacoma, Washington. The Rev. F. E. Klein was the host pastor.

● On Saturday evening, April 3, the Rev. L. H. Broeker, pastor of the First Baptist Church of St. Joseph, Mich., was surprised by 500 members and friends of his congregation at a special program, "This Is Your Life," presented by the Young Adult Bible Class. David Johnson served as master of ceremonies, presenting in true "Ralph Edwards style" relatives of Mr. Broeker from Peoria, Ill., members of his former church in Chicago, Ill., William H. Ehrenberg, mayor of St. Joseph, and many others. "The Herald-Press" newspaper of St. Joseph, Mich., featured the event with a full page report and with nine pictures. Mr. Broeker has served the church as pastor for 19 years since 1935.

● The inauguration of Dr. R. P. Jeschke as the 18th president of Sioux Falls College was held at the First Baptist Church of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., on Friday afternoon, April 2nd, followed by the inaugural dinner that evening. Dr. Luther Wesley Smith of the American Baptist Convention spoke on "The Great Capture." The inaugural prayer was offered by Dr. Earle V. Pierce, a former president of the American Baptist Convention. Dr. Jeschke spoke on "The Role of Purpose in the Life of a College." Many Baptist ministers and presidents of Baptist colleges marched in the colorful academic procession. The college choir sang several numbers.

● On Sunday, April 4, the Rev. Paul F. Zoschke began his pastorate at the Evergreen Church, Brooklyn, New York. That evening a festive "mortgage burning service" was held, featuring the burning of \$1300 mortgage papers and the cancelling of the last indebtedness on the building. On Friday evening, April 9, the service of installation was held for the Rev. Paul F. Zoschke with many neighboring pastors and friends in attendance. Dr.

Frank H. Woyke of Forest Park, Ill., executive secretary, gave the charge to the church, and Dr. R. La Rue Cober of the American Baptist Convention, brought the charge to the pastor. The prayer of installation was offered by Dr. Robert V. Russell, associate secretary of the Baptist Church Extension Society.

● The General Missionary Committee has appointed Miss Helen Lohse of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., as a missionary to the Spanish-American field in Colorado. She has accepted the appointment and will begin her ministry in July, serving with Miss Florence Eisele as our Spanish-American missionaries. She is a daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Otto Lohse of McIntosh, South Dakota. She is a graduate of Sioux Falls College and has been very active in the Dakota Conference CBY and SS Union, having served as its president for three years. She is also active in the Trinity Church of Sioux Falls, South Dakota. She has had several years of teaching experience, and last summer assisted Miss Eisele in Vacation Bible Schools on the Spanish-American field.

● Good Friday community services were held at the Bethel Church of Anaheim, California. The choir presented the cantata, "The Gospel According to St. John" by Ellen J. Lorenz, on Easter Sunday evening. Mrs. Berthold Jacksteit is the choir director. On Palm Sunday evening the play, "Were You There?" was presented. Recently the Bethel Church gave out contracts for the new educational building totalling \$73,407 and voted to sell and remove the church parsonage and to make provision to rent a different home for the pastor and his family. From Easter Sunday to Nov. 21 a Sunday School Builders' Contest is being held with all scholars belonging to "The Bricklayers" or "The Carpenters" and making their contributions to the building fund. The Rev. Berthold Jacksteit is the pastor.

● On Tuesday, March 16th, Mr. and Mrs. Kurt Burbulla of Detroit, Mich., were honored on the occasion of the celebration of their silver wedding anniversary. A dinner was served to approximately 75 guests in the Fellowship Hall of the Ebenezer Baptist Church. The Priscilla Class, of which Mrs. Burbulla has been a member for 25 years, was in charge of the program. The Rev. E. Arthur McAsh was master of ceremonies. The program consisted of readings by Mr. Archie Duff, teacher of Mr. Burbulla's Sunday School class, and Mrs. Reinhold Schulz; a beautiful piano solo by Mrs. Jeanette Dorsey, organist of Ebenezer Church; and a vocal duet by Mrs. Frieda Schultz and Mrs. Helen McAsh. An appropriate message expressing the satisfaction of 25 years of married life with God as the head of the home was brought by the Rev. E. A. McAsh.

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

YOUTH WEEK REPORTS

Reports on YOUTH WEEK activities are still coming into our office. The reading of these reports proves to be very interesting. Each CBY carried on its activities in its own distinctive manner. The results reveal much prayerful planning and the exercise of young people's initiative. Here is what we mean.

Greta Jean Schacht reported that the young people of Lorraine, Kans., had complete charge of the radio broadcast, "The Lorraine Hour," over radio station KSAL.

Five girls from the Pilgrim Baptist Church of Philadelphia, Pa., baked about 700 cookies which were distributed to the guests in the Baptist Home for the Aged.

The Emmanuel Baptist CBY of Marion, Kans., enjoyed a "railroad" party. The "train" was a room arranged to represent the interior of a train. Skits were given by different groups to represent points of interest at various places of the journey. Refreshments were served at the "Grand Canyon Inn." The tour concluded with a devotional held at the "Old Fashioned Revival Hour."

There were a number of "First timers" who have experienced the blessings of a YOUTH WEEK and who are anxiously looking forward to YOUTH WEEK of 1955.

The size of your CBY does not necessarily determine the success of your activities. A week of activity by the CBY of Wishek, N. Dak., showed the truth of this statement to Judy Fandrich, the president. She reported, "It makes me very happy to think that we could do all these things with only fifteen members."

LOCAL WORKERS' CONFERENCE TOPICS FOR MAY

The worker's own Christian growth.
Teaching opportunities presented by nature's rebirth of springtime.
Teaching others to pray.
Effective use of lesson quarterlies.

Resource materials for teaching.
Make final plans for Daily Vacation Bible School.

Begin plans for your Sunday School picnic.

A few CBY's like those of Swan River, Man., Canada, the First Baptist Church of Lodi, Calif., and the Grace Baptist Church of Alfred, N. Dak., postponed their activities until a more suitable time. If you find it impossible to join in on the dates set for YOUTH WEEK, we would encourage you to choose a time most suitable to your local group.

We were pleased to see that prayer played such an important part in all the planning. Here is an example.

Marlene Masteller of the Calvary Baptist Church, Bethlehem, Pa., told us that their CBY had a chart on which all young people checked the time of day when they would pray for specific YOUTH WEEK activities. Before they left the church for their visitation program, each person prayed for the ones he was to visit.

This brings to mind the verse of Scripture found in Zechariah 4:6, "... not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts."

What does YOUTH WEEK mean to our young people? Hear the testimony of Ruth Brodel of the Lauderdale Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alberta.

"Youth Week was a blessed week for us as we were drawn closer to our Lord and given to understand more clearly our calling, and the purpose that we as Christians have to fulfill in our daily lives as witnesses for our Master. We were challenged anew to give ALL of your life to Christ. We pray that the Lord will use us for his honor and glory, and that we will not fail him in the task he has entrusted into our hands."

REPORT OF SUMMER ASSEMBLIES, 1953

According to statistics which we have received, there were over 2,000 young people of our North American Baptist fellowship who enjoyed the blessings and inspirations of our summer camps last year. Over 200 societies were represented. Besides the many personal blessings received at these assemblies, we rejoice and give praise to God that there were more than 100 decisions for Christ, with many others reconsecrating their lives to God. Can anyone, in the face of these statistics, deny the value of our summer assemblies?

PREPAREDNESS

"For all your days prepare,
And meet them ever alike:
When you are the anvil, bear—
When you are the hammer, strike!"

—Edwin Markham.



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Across the Seas

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SYNOPSIS

Tom Wilson and Mickey Conant were Christian buddies aboard the destroyer "U. S. S. Mastin." At Auckland, New Zealand, the two sailors were assigned to Shore Patrol duty. They soon learned about mysterious things at "the Seamen's Club" and uncovered a communist spy ring but they had a hard fight with the leaders of the club before the police arrived and arrested the men of the ring. Later when the boat docked at Long Beach, Ernie Farrow, who was an ex-communist, led Conant into the Communist office where FBI agents apprehended the group. The time had now come for the sailors, who were Christian buddies on the "Mastin," to separate!

CONCLUDING CHAPTER

"WELL, IF I MAY coin a deathless phrase, looks like 'this is it.' Take a last look around, Tom ol' boy. It's a long time between wars, and you're not likely to be back here until we have to slap Joe Stalin down in some other country. Ready to go?"

Tom looked about the decks of the ship he had called home for more than three years, and leaned to pick up his sea bag. He held a leash in his hand, which was attached at the other end to one exceedingly homely dog, lately grown fat and lazy from too generous feeding by crewmen who wanted to make his last days aboard the Mastin happy ones.

your permission I'll step down the gangway and become a landlubber."

Mr. Kidwell held out his hand. "Permission granted. Sorry to lose you, Wilson, but I hope you'll make a fine record ashore, and that you'll be a happily married man. So long, Herky."

He leaned down to administer a farewell pat. Tom saluted the OOD and the colors and walked down the steep gangway onto the dock. Mickey descended carefully behind him, the heavy sea bag balanced on one shoulder. On the dock, Tom paused to wave to a couple of friends who hailed him from the upper decks, and then the two seamen stepped out toward the end of the pier when Jean and her brother Norman waited.

"Come on, boy," urged Tom, briskly. "Don't lag along like that with my baggage. I'm liable to cut down on your tip."

An indignant wheeze was all the breath Mickey could spare. In a moment they rounded the end of the dock, and saw the Craigs awaiting them. Jean ran forward with a welcome in every pretty feature. Tom caught her hand, leaned over to kiss her beaming face.

"Say!" he smiled. "Looks like you're as glad I'm leaving the Mastin as Mickey is."

"Oh, he is not!" she chided, and flashed a smile at the other sailor. She took the leash from Tom's hand and stooped down to coo over her new pet. "Mickey will miss you a lot, I know, and I'll bet he hates me for taking you away from him," she remarked.

The Irishman under discussion heaved the bag from his shoulder and set it down beside the car with a sigh of relief. "How little you know the real me, Jean. I've been living for this day. Hi, Norman."

"Hello, there, both of you." Jean's brother shook hands cordially with both, and went around to open the trunk of his car. Tom handed Jean into the front seat, shooed Herky into the back—where he promptly went to sleep—then turned again to Mickey.

"Well, don't you stand there, boy. Put my baggage in the car."

The radioman glared for a moment, then patiently picked up the bag once more and deposited it in the trunk. Coming back to the front of the car, he wiped his perspiring brow and leaned against the car door.

"Mr. Wilson—if you'll pardon the civilian title—you are your usual obnoxious self right up to the end. But I forgive you everything, just so you can start out on your new career with a clear conscience. I don't want you brooding over all the mean things you've done and said to me during these past three years. This would be a good time for me to break down and weep and wail over losing a shipmate, but I'll spare you that because I'm still your next door neighbor, as long as you live with the Craigs until you get that dream house of your own."

The officer laughed. "All right, all right. Got your discharge, Tom?"

"Yes, sir. In fact, I've already logged out with the quartermaster, and with

All I've got to say is: it's been a lot of fun, buddy."

He stooped his head to lean in the window and speak to Jean. "Miss Craig—if I may call you that once more before it's too late—whenever you need any help keeping this boy in line, let me know. I've got enough on him to hang him."

The about-to-be newlyweds laughed happily. "All I'm doing is getting out from under your wing and under her thumb, Pappy," Tom complained. "But we'll sure always look for you when you get into this port. Don't you let the Mastin leave here before next Wednesday night, or I'll be without a best man for that most important occasion of my life."

"I'll be there," Mickey stepped back and swung the door tight shut. "Take 'em away, Norman. I can't stand this icky talk any longer." He waved in answer to their farewell chorus and trudged off toward his ship—a ship which for the first time in years had become a lonely place for him.

"Guess I can find some time to study for chief now," he muttered. "And help Ernie brush up on those Annapolis entrance exams. But it's a lot more fun heckling old Tom!"

Norman wheeled his late model car out onto the highway and settled down for the half-hour drive home. His two passengers sat in close proximity and held hands. Their eyes spoke volumes that could not be uttered aloud. After awhile Jean said,

"Poor Mickey; he looked so lonesome walking away by himself."

Her betrothed chuckled. "Forget it, honey. Now he'll be able to spend some time studying for chief, which he used to neglect because he'd rather heckle me. And he'll have Ernie Farrow to take my place for a while, until he gets used to being a grass widow. What's more, he's had a couple of letters from a certain girl down in Auckland, New Zealand. Don't fret, little lady. He'll have enough things on his mind to keep occupied."

"Is my tie straight?" Tom mopped his streaming brow once more with a damp handkerchief, and appealed for aid.

Mickey looked pained. "Ya—as, your tie is straight, your shoes are shined, your hair is combed, and your name is Thomas Wilson. Don't fail to answer up when the preacher says, 'Do you, Thomas Wilson . . . ?' That's all you've got to worry about, son, so simmer down. Look at me: you don't notice me getting nervous over a little old wedding, do you?"

"You?" Tom snorted. "What have you got to be nervous about? One little job you've got—to hand me the ring at the right moment, and you act like you're the star of this production. Boy, I wish this was over!"

An unsympathetic shrug was his only reward. "Nobody forced you to pro-

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pose to the girl, you know. You got your own self into this, so just sweat it out. It'll all be over in another hour, and the worst you can do is to faint in your tracks." Mickey was answered with a hollow groan.

Norman strolled in, cool and debonair as always. Tom regarded him with open envy. "How do you do it, Norm? I'll bet you'll be just this composed at your own wedding."

"Sure," his prospective brother-in-law smiled. "Getting married is like applying for a job that's already been promised to you—you can't miss. What's there to worry about?"

"There you are!" exclaimed Mickey triumphantly. "What the man means is, you're firmly on the hook. Even if you want off, you can't, so why not relax and make the best of it?"

Tom withered this last speaker with a look of scorn. "What a helpful Harry you are!"

The unabashed Mickey grinned at him and handed over a fresh handkerchief.

But the Irishman was right. A short hour later, Tom stood in the center of the Craigs' large living room, his face beaming so brightly that Mickey said he looked foolish. At his side was a radiantly beautiful Jean Wilson, who clung to his hand and chatted happily with the friends who circulated through the room and paused to offer kind wishes. Conant stood apart, munching a piece of cake and sipping daintily at pink "punch." With him was Ernest Farrow, a handsome lad in his freshly pressed liberty blues.

It had been a lovely wedding, everybody said. No hitches, no stumbles, and such a pretty little bride. All the assembled guests had enjoyed it immensely—the women weeping happy tears, and the men relishing the opportunity of seeing some other male squirm. Mickey grinned as he thought: Bet it was the first time some of these married men really found out what went on at a wedding, if they were in as much of a daze at their own as Tom was tonight.

The late "best man" laid a hand on Farrow's arm. "Let's go over and say our good nights, Ernie." They strolled over and came to a halt in front of the happy pair.

Mickey surveyed the bridegroom critically. "Well," he decided, "it looks like you lived through the ordeal, and my responsibility for you is ended. But I still think you'd have passed out if I hadn't held you up when the preacher said 'Wilt thou.' You sure wilted."

Jean was instant to reproach. "Now, that's not fair, Mickey, and you know it. Tom was a perfect bridegroom, and I'm proud of him."

The perfect bridegroom looked at his best man with a supercilious air. "Hah! See there? I wasn't scared at all—just anxious to get started."

Conant rolled his eyes at Farrow. "Anxious to get started," he sez! Be-lay that, old shipmate. Say, Jean, you ought to go through a Russian wedding ceremony with your new husband. I'm told that over there the bride removes her husband's boots to show that she'll be a humble and devoted helpmeet. But then she immediately hits him over the head with the boots, just to prove she's as good as he is. Some fun, hey?"

The girl laughed heartily, and Tom failed to look scared. Farrow took the opportunity to put in a word.

"I'd like to congratulate you both," he smiled warmly, "while we've got you cornered. We'll have to leave in another minute."

"Thanks very much, Ernest," replied Jean. She extended her hand graciously. "Please come and see us when you can."

"Afraid that can't be very soon, Miss Cr—I mean, Mrs. Wilson," the boy answered, eyes alight. "You see, the ship is leaving tomorrow, and within a month I'm being transferred to the Naval Academy preparatory school in the East."

Tom and his new wife exclaimed in delighted unison. "Ernie, you mean it?" Tom grasped his hand and pumped it vigorously. "Well, believe me, that is wonderful news. That's—why, that's wonderful!"

"It sure is," interposed Mickey. "But he didn't tell you the whole story. The boy also got a medal pinned on his chest the other day. Something about doing some noble deed 'in the best traditions of the naval service,' and so on."

Now Tom could only stare in amazement. Finally he turned to his spouse. "Jean, we're hobnobbing with important people tonight. Don't ever forget your wedding night." He spoke again to Farrow. "What was it for, Ernie—for your job on that cable when you saved George Fisher?"

"Yes," the boy replied modestly, and forsook the subject. "Anyhow, I hope you'll both be very happy. I've known Tom just long enough to be sure he'll try hard to please you, Jean, and from the looks of you I don't have much doubt about your ability to please him. God bless you both."

The girl's eyes filled with tears. "We will be happy, Ernest. And I am so glad everything turned out well for you. Keep in touch with us, and we'll be praying for you to make a great success of your naval career as an officer."

She reached up impulsively and kissed him. The young man drew back (Continued on Page 22)

We, the Women

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

MOTHER'S DAY

Mother's Day does not belong to one nation or to one race, even though it originated in the United States. Mothers the world around have added life to the world community. The undeveloped potentialities of the influence of mothers upon the lives of children are great. Ethnic and color backgrounds of mothers do not determine the extent of that influence. Whether or not they recognize God's redeeming love through the Savior makes the real difference. Christian mothers want not only their children but all children of other mothers to live happy, healthy and useful lives. The love of Christian mothers embraces mothers and children of every continent on Mother's Day.

Christian women will also bring special joy to older mothers on Mother's Day. The second half of the twentieth century has been called, "The half century of the older adult." In 1900 people past sixty composed only four per cent of the population. In 1950 the percentage had doubled. By 1960 it is expected to double again. The branch of medicine called Geriatrics has improved the health and comfort of older people, but they cannot live on money and health alone.

Christian friendliness to the lonely, older adult mother is very important on Mother's Day. The older one gets the more important it becomes to have spiritual resources and the love of a Christian family and friends. Christian mothers may influence their children to be thoughtful and kind to older members in the local church by carrying out little deeds of love to them, not only on Mother's Day but frequently during the year.

MOTHER'S DAY MATERIAL

In the May, 1954 issue of the **Broadcast** we find a suggested prayer period in a Mother's Day devotional. This entire **Broadcast** was edited by Miss Martha Leypoldt, director of Christian Education, and Mrs. Berthold Jacksteit, minister's wife and mother of four little daughters. Both guest editors are members of our church in Anaheim, California.

Let us pray for the mothers around the world, especially remembering the mothers in our mission fields.

1. Our Japanese Mothers.
2. Our African Mothers.
3. Our Canadian Indian Mothers.
4. Our Spanish-American Mothers.
5. Our Austrian Mothers.
6. Our own Missionary Mothers.

Following this prayer period, the ideal mother, "Mary, the Mother of

Jesus," is portrayed in a meditation written by Mrs. H. H. Stabbert.

MOTHERS IN THE CAMEROONS

By VERA GANSTROM,
Women's Worker

To my knowledge Mother's Day is not celebrated in the Cameroons but, needless to say, the mother plays a very important role in the home. In many tribes it is even quite a disgrace not to be able to bear children. Many are the husbands who have taken their wives back to their fathers demanding a return of the dowry paid so they might purchase wives who can bear them children. The role of motherhood is very important to them. Approximately a week after a new child is born into the home, the family prepares a great feast of rejoicing.

The African daughter is constantly at her mother's side. As soon as she is able to walk she is given a small gourd, called calabash, in which she carries water for the family's use. She accompanies her mother or older sister to the stream. Often as I've visited a compound, I have seen a little toddler washing out the dish from which she has eaten. She uses dry grass and rain water.

When a child is considered old enough, she goes to the farm with her mother to learn at an early age how to supply food for the household. It is during her adolescent years that she is of most help to her mother, for then



"The Pioneer Mother" erected at Ponca City, Oklahoma, in "appreciation of the heroic character of the women who braved the dangers and endured the hardships incident to the daily life of the pioneer and homesteader in this country"

WHITE CROSS CORNER

Edited by Mrs. Walter Stein,
Tyndall, South Dakota

A number of societies have written to me asking, "What can we do for the White Cross work?" In the September, 1953, issue of the **Broadcast** you will find a complete list of everything needed at the time. Perhaps you do not receive the **Broadcast** or have not kept it. You may obtain this White Cross list by writing to Woman's Union, North American Baptist Headquarters, 7308 Madison St., Forest Park, Ill.

On the list you will find a request for regular size, unbleached muslin pillow cases, and unbleached muslin sheets—5 feet wide and 8 feet long. Perhaps your group would be interested in making some of these unusual sized sheets which are to be used in the hospital.

If you are interested in making something for the leper settlement, make bandages according to specifications of unbleached muslin for longer wear. These bandages should be at least three yards long and 2, 3 or 4 inches wide. Other bandages made of used bleached materials are also needed at the Bango Hospital. Be sure to roll all bandages as tightly as possible.

At present, there is an abundance of supply of hot water bottles. We suggest that you send no more for this year.

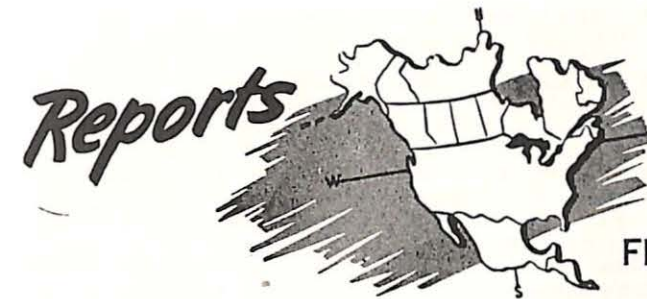
From the office: There are no more September, 1953, **Broadcasts** available, but the White Cross lists will be sent to those presidents who have not received them.

she is a companion in the farm work and all the household tasks.

Then you may ask, "Have they no social life?" Yes, they have some. The evenings with a full moon are greatly anticipated with pleasure. It is then that the various families and relatives gather together to tell stories, sing songs and dance to the rhythm of the native drums. Country Sunday (one day in every eight) is also a time of festivity for the women and girls, when they rest from their farm duties.

If the Cameroon's mother is a Christian, ambitious and of good character, invariably her daughter will follow her example, just as North American or any other daughters would do. There are exceptions, however, where the daughter has taken the step to follow Christ, and then has led her mother into better ways of living.

Pray with us that more African mothers and daughters will step out to live the separated life, leaving behind them the fears of their old pagan religions while they "grow in grace and in the knowledge of Jesus Christ."



FROM THE FIELD

Northern Conference

Myrtle Weeldreyer at Missionary Tea Held at the Baptist Church, Carbon, Alberta

On Wednesday, March 10th, at Carbon, Alta., Miss Myrtle Weeldreyer, Cameroons missionary, was honored at an afternoon tea to which the ladies of the Carbon Baptist Church had been invited. The tea was planned by Mrs. Leo Ohlhauser and Mrs. Willy Muller to give the women an opportunity to become acquainted with Miss Weeldreyer and to hear about our mission work in an informal and personal way. Our missionary was very gracious in answering questions and discussing topics of interest to all of us.

Mrs. Adam Buyer, Mrs. Emmanuel Neher, Mrs. Ernest Boettcher and Mrs. Leo Ohlhauser served at the tea table. Mrs. W. R. Muller, Reporting.

Pacific Conference

Anniversary Program of the Woman's Missionary Society of Startup, Washington

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Baptist Church of Startup, Wash., celebrated its anniversary on Thursday evening, March 4th. In the absence of our president, Mrs. R. G. Kaiser, the vice-president, Mrs. A. Foll, presided at the program.

After a short devotional, we were favored with a song by the Ladies' Choir, reports from the secretary and treasurer. This was followed by another choir song, a reading and an organ solo. We had expected to have Miss Myrtle Weeldreyer with us as guest speaker, but due to illness, she was unable to be present.

So we called on our Sunday School superintendent, Mr. Jacob Keck, and on Rev. R. G. Kaiser, our pastor, and the Rev. A. Foll. Each gave a brief inspiring talk. After a word of prayer, we gathered in the dining hall for refreshments and an hour of fellowship. Seventy people attended and the birthday offering amounted to \$66.

We observed the World Day of Prayer together with the women of other faiths at the Methodist Church in Sultan. We have been busy in White Cross work, packing old clothing for relief and making warm quilts for the needy at home and Korea. We pray that God will bless us and Christian women everywhere, that we will always do our best for him.

Selma Rappuhn, Secretary.



Miss Myrtle Weeldreyer, Cameroons missionary (left), was honored by the women of the Baptist Church, Carbon, Alta., at a tea with Mrs. Adam Buyer (right) serving at the table

Youth Week for City of Prince George, B. C., Sponsored by Hager Memorial Church

We of the Hager Memorial Baptist Church, Prince George, British Columbia, experienced a week of rich blessing during an interdenominational Youth Week sponsored by the young people of our church. Invitations were sent to the young people of the Pentecost, Evangelical Free, Anglican, United and Salvation Army groups, from which we received a favorable response.

The week commenced on Feb. 22nd, with the opening program being a play entitled, "The Lost Church." It was put on very effectively by our young people. On the following evening, Feb. 23, we were privileged to have Mr. Cecil Carter of the Shantymen's Missionary Association show us the film, "Mr. Texas." This proved a blessing as not only the church was filled to capacity but that one person was led to Christ.

An all musical evening followed on Feb. 24th at which the young people from the different churches participated. The Rev. H. Unrau from the Canadian Sunday School Mission closed the meeting with a Gospel message. The meetings were climaxed with a Rally Night on Feb. 25th with

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Send all reports to the editor at Box 6, Forest Park, Illinois.

the Rev. H. Unrau as our guest speaker. After the rally we were all invited to enjoy a delicious lunch, served in the basement of the church.

Members of our new Young People's Executive for the coming year are as follows: president, Herb Fichtner; vice-president, Florence Pullman; secretary, Lynn Pick; treasurer, Eugene Fichtner; project promoters, Rienhold Fichtner and Ervin Spletzer; and usher, Jim Petker.

Lynn Pick and
Eileen Froehlich, Reporters.

Southern Conference

Bible Day Program by the Central Baptist Sunday School, Waco, Texas

Bible Day was observed in the Central Baptist Church, Waco, Texas, on March 21st during the Sunday School hour, using the suggested material prepared by Dr. Martin L. Leuschner for our churches.

Mr. Robert Gottlieb led the congregational singing, and a welcome to friends and visitors was extended by the superintendent, Mr. Llewellyn Lippert. Mrs. Granvil Rost, superintendent of the Cradle Roll and Mrs. Douglas Boyd, superintendent of the Nursery and Beginners, presented the little tots in recitations which were more action than audible, and which brought smiles to the faces of proud young mothers and dads.

The Primary and Junior boys and girls, presented by their superintendent, Miss Lendal Bynum, put their messages in word and song over in a big way. Mrs. Raymond Engelbrecht provided the piano accompaniment for the songs by this group.

Our pastor, the Rev. Louis R. Johnson, offered the offertory prayer. The offering, in which all members of the Sunday School had a part, will be used to purchase Bibles for the Cameroons.

Mrs. Ernest Steindam, Reporter.

Evangelistic Meetings are Held at the Greenvine Baptist Church Near Burton, Texas

Evangelistic services were held at the Greenvine Baptist Church near Burton, Texas, from February 16th to 23rd with the Rev. H. Palfenier, our denominational evangelist, bringing the messages.

Even if there were no visible results in conversions, Christians were once again drawn closer to God through the very inspiring messages by Mr. Palfenier. The special children's stories were especially enjoyed by the boys and girls as well as the adults. The memories and blessings of these meetings will continue to dwell with us always.

On Monday night, March 1st, we were privileged to have Dr. M. L. Leuschner, editor of the "Baptist Herald," with us. He showed some of the latest films of the missionary work in Africa and as a special feature we saw films of our own church as it was filmed by Dr. Leuschner during our 90th anniversary festivities.

Ruth Heinemann, Reporter.

Southern Conference Woman's Missionary Union Banquet at Central Church, Waco, Texas

On Friday evening, March 26, a group of 66 ladies met at the Central Baptist Church of Waco, for their second Conference Woman's Missionary Union banquet. This banquet idea was suggested last year as a means of bringing the women together while their husbands attended their Brotherhood banquet. It proved so successful last year that plans were again made to coincide with those of the Brother-

a challenge to let the "beauty of Jesus" be seen in us also. Mrs. Douglas Gallagher of Dallas asked this question in song, "Is Your All on the Altar of Sacrifice Laid?" as a fitting climax to Mrs. Gieseke's address.

Mrs. Eldon Schroeder, wife of the Kyle pastor, dismissed us with prayer. Representatives were present from our churches in Gatesville, Dallas, Kyle, Crawford, Cottonwood and Waco, and we shall be looking forward to our Conference Woman's Missionary Union banquet next year.

Mrs. Ernest Steindam, Reporter.



Ministers at the dedication festivities held by the Baptist Church of Avon, South Dakota. Left to right: Rev. Benjamin Schlipf of Fort Dodge, Iowa; Rev. Roy Seibel of Emery, S. Dak.; Rev. James DeLoach of Avon, S. Dak.; Rev. Alfred Weisser of Parkston, S. Dak.; and Rev. Walter Stein of Tyndall, South Dakota.

hood and many of our ladies drove more than a hundred miles to enjoy this evening of fellowship and inspiration.

Welcome was extended by our Conference Woman's Missionary Union president, Mrs. Charles Marstaller, Jr. The wife of the pastor of our Cottonwood Church, Mrs. Russell Kingman, acted as toastmistress presenting each number on the program with an appropriate Scripture on the theme, "Withhold Not Your Hand." A short devotional by Mrs. Edwin Kraemer, wife of our Gatesville pastor, emphasized the importance of Bible reading and meditation. Miss Peggy Holmes, Baylor University vocalist, held us spellbound with her rendition of "I Believe" and "My Task." A skit, with costumes, portraying the trials of a Woman's Missionary Union president given by Mrs. Kenneth Jones provided the humor which is always an important part of the banquet program.

Our guest speaker was Mrs. Harold Gieseke of Dallas, Texas (our former missionary, Hilda Tobert). She entitled her address, "Changes," and used 2 Cor. 3:18 as the inspiration for her message. To illustrate the changes in the Christian life as we pass "from glory unto glory," she related how she had watched this progress of Christian growth take place in the life of one of the native women in Africa over a period of years and through trying circumstances and heartbreaking experiences until this "glory" was unmistakably evident by the light which shone from her countenance. It was

Dakota Conference

Dedication of \$28,000 Church Addition by the Baptist Church, Avon, South Dakota

Forty-eight years ago on the first Sunday in March (March 4, 1906) the dedication of the then new church building of the First Baptist Church, Avon, S. Dak., was held. This building was a great improvement over the former church building that had been moved from the country (where the

75th ANNIVERSARY AT ELLINWOOD, KANSAS

The First Baptist Church of Ellinwood, Kansas, expects to celebrate its 75th anniversary on Sunday and Monday, May 23 and 24, 1954.

We hereby extend a hearty invitation to all former members and friends to come and share with us this happy occasion. If unable to attend in person, a word of greeting will be appreciated.

Dr. George A. Lang, president of our Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., will be our guest speaker.

Rev. Elmer C. Strauss, Pastor,
G. F. Koch, Clerk.

cemetery is located) in the year 1901 to the then newly established town of Avon.

This building served its purpose well for ordinary congregational services. But although every available space was used for classrooms by our Sunday School, in the building and basement, it was evident for some years that more space should be provided.

During the summer and fall of 1953 the basement was enlarged and an addition, 30 by 56 feet, was added to the west side of the main church building. By installing "sound proof" accordion curtains, classrooms are provided in the annex and in the basement. Also a library and pastor's study room, toilet rooms and a ladies lounge have been provided.

The basement floor has been covered with asphalt tile which makes a great improvement in service and appearance. Besides the above, the steps to the main church entrance have been enclosed. New electric light fixtures have been installed and the entire church newly decorated and, last but not least, an entirely new hot water heating plant was installed.

Besides the labor dedicated by the members, the entire improvement cost somewhat over \$28,000. We thank the Lord that at the time of dedication all bills had been paid without the necessity of borrowing any funds and without putting on any dinners or bake sales.

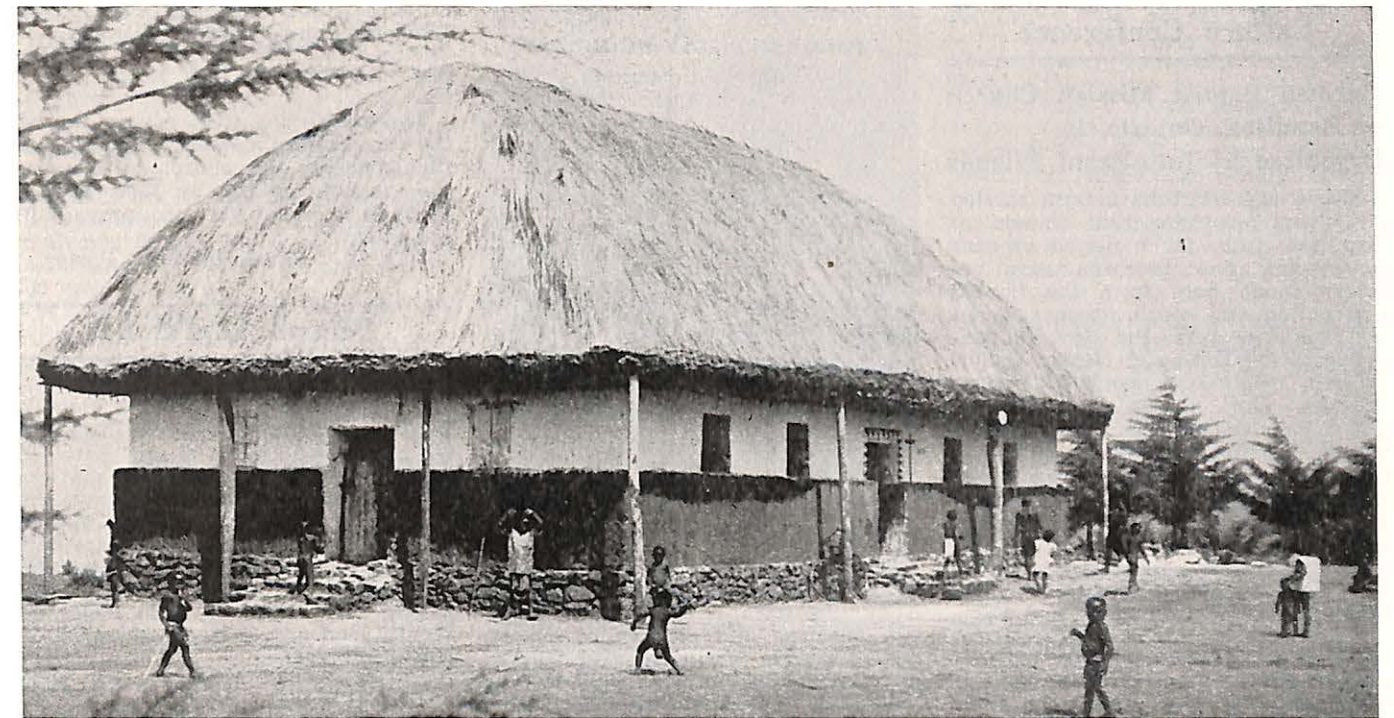
This new addition was dedicated to the Lord, free of debt, on March 7, 1954. All services were in charge of our beloved and able pastor, the Rev. James R. DeLoach. The church had invited all the former living pastors: Rev. J. F. Olthoff, Rev. F. W. Bartel, Rev. Benjamin Schlipf and Rev. Peter Geissler and their wives to be present but Mr. and Mrs. Schlipf were the only ones able to come.

Emery, the mother church, and the neighboring churches were also invited and we were greatly pleased to have the churches of Emery, Tyndall and Danzig, Parkston and Tripp represented as well as visitors from other churches. Mr. Schlipf preached for us during the morning service. In the afternoon the Rev. Roy Seibel of Emery, S. Dak., delivered the dedicatory sermon on Nehemiah 4, "Defenders and Builders," followed by responsive reading of "The Act of Dedication" and the dedicatory prayer offered by Brother Schlipf. In the evening an evangelistic message was delivered by the Rev. Walter Stein of Tyndall.

The Lord blessed us with favorable weather and all services were well attended. Free meals were served to all for dinner and supper in the church basement. At the afternoon and evening services, offerings were taken for foreign mission projects amounting to \$200.

We are indeed grateful to our Lord for all the blessings, temporal and spiritual, he has bestowed upon us and pray that the Lord may help us to let our light shine and witness for him that many souls may be won for our precious Savior.

Bernard Brandt, Reporter.



One of the many mission buildings in the Cameroons of Africa which our Mission Society has built for chapels, school houses and meetingplaces in making Christ known in darkest Africa

Anniversary Program of the Woman's Missionary Society of McClusky, North Dakota

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Baptist Church, McClusky, N. Dak., presented its annual program on Sunday evening, March 21. Our program consisted of a welcome by our president, Mrs. Daniel Klein, several songs by the group, a solo by Mrs. Roland Wahl, a ladies' quartet and a German reading. "The Lord's Prayer" was given by one of our members in the Russian language. A play was rendered entitled, "Learning to Give."

We gave four programs in our church during the past year and one in a neighboring church. We also gave a program in the Old People's Home at Bismarck for the aged and also presented them with a treat and a gift of money. We sent \$179 for the Leper Camp in the Cameroons, also clothing and bandages. Clothing for the needy in Europe and for the suffering in Korea was also sent. We bought a deep freeze for the parsonage.

We have 27 members at present. Our society was organized 38 years ago by the Rev. and Mrs. F. R. Mindrup. It is our aim to attempt greater things for our Lord and Master in the coming year.

Mrs. Carl J. Wahl, Reporter.

Ordination of the Rev. Bert Hulsing by First Baptist Church, Sibley, Iowa

Upon the invitation of the First Baptist Church of Sibley, Iowa, an ordination council consisting of 21 delegates from ten churches convened on March 9th, at 2:30 P.M. to consider Mr. Bert Hulsing as a candidate for ordination into the Gospel ministry.

The service was held in the beautiful, new Baptist Church of Sibley,

MISSION LEAFLETS

A new leaflet on "Our Japan Mission" is now ready. Two new leaflets on our Cameroons mission fields will be ready by May 25.

Iowa, of which the Rev. Peter J. Wiens is the pastor. Even though Mr. Hulsing is anticipating joining a North American Baptist Conference church in Sioux Falls, he honored the First Baptist Church of Sibley, Iowa, in requesting his ordination to be held there. In this church Mr. Hulsing has been an active member for the past few years.

The candidate, who is at present studying at our Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., gave a very splendid statement of his conversion, call to the ministry, and his doctrinal beliefs. The council recommended Brother Hulsing to the Gospel ministry and to his church for ordination.

An impressive service of ordination was held in the evening. The Rev. John W. Walkup, moderator of the council, served as chairman. After being led in a hymn of praise, the Scripture lesson from Ephesians 4:1-13 was read by Mr. W. H. Rhodes. Mr. A. A. Erickson led us before the throne of grace in prayer. Dr. George A. Lang, Seminary president, delivered the ordination sermon on Eph. 4:11-13 which was a challenge to all. Mr. Walkup favored us with a vocal solo. The charge to the candidate was given by the Rev. P. J. Wiens, and the charge to the church by the Rev. Harm Johnson. The ordination prayer was offered by Mr. Wiens. The Rev. Richard Grenz welcomed the candidate into the fellowship of the ministry.

The Rev. Bert Hulsing dismissed the service with the benediction and there was joy in the hearts of all present in

that one more servant had heard the call of God and answered, "Here am I, send me." All who know Brother Hulsing and his family are impressed with their dedication and eagerness to serve Jesus Christ. May God's rich blessing rest upon this family as they serve in God's great Kingdom. Brother Hulsing is eager to serve a North American Baptist Conference Church. May God lead them to the right field of service!

Harold E. Weiss, Reporter.

Southwestern Conference

Women of Ellinwood, Stafford and Bison Churches in Kansas Meet for Prayer

The ladies of the Ellinwood, Stafford and Bison Baptist Churches of Kansas were united for the World Day of Prayer program held on Friday, March 5, with the church at Bison, Kans., as host church. Under the leadership of Mrs. Fred Hanhardt of the Bison church, a fine spirit of fellowship was shown as the topics on the text, "That they might have life" (John 10:10), were discussed, and our hearts were united in prayer.

A fitting climax of the program was the candlelight service by the Bison church entitled, "I am come that they may have life and have it more abundantly." We enjoyed special music by the various groups. The offering of \$40.20 was received for the leper work at the New Hope Settlement in the Cameroons.

A delicious luncheon was served at noon by the host church. As we pray unitedly, may God bless each effort that everywhere "they might have life."

Mrs. Clifford Hildebrand, Reporter.

Eastern Conference

German Baptist Mission Church of Hamilton, Ontario, Is Organized by Immigrant Friends

Missionary effort have been carried on among our immigrant friends at Hamilton, Ont., for a period of over two years. Our brethren have received much help from the Baptist Convention and much encouragement and guidance from the Rev. A. Matthews of the Eastwood Baptist Center Church, where our people hold their services. One of our students from Sioux Falls, S. Dak., Mr. Gunther Wahl, who is studying at McMaster University, Ont., has been serving the group most acceptably for the past year under appointment by our Mission Board.

At a recent business session with the Reverends R. Schilke and G. Friedenberg, the mission secretary and Eastern Conference secretary, respectively, the need for a more concerted and organized effort was pointed out and our people at Hamilton expressed their willingness to organize as a church. A later date was decided upon and the undersigned was asked to lead them in the necessary proceedings.

On Friday, March 19th, this special meeting was called. Mr. Gunther Wahl opened the session with song, Scripture and prayer. The undersigned spoke on Acts 2:42 as to the nature and purpose of the Church of Christ and its relation to our missionary enterprise. Seventeen charter members signed the scroll and nine others signed as friends and co-workers of the church. These agreed upon the name for the church: "The German Baptist Mission Church of Hamilton."

Mr. Gunther Wahl was elected as their student pastor. Messrs. Jacob Faul and Arthur Certeris were elected to serve in dual capacities as deacons and trustees. Miss Hildegard Fielitz, formerly a deaconess from Bethel-Berlin, was elected as deaconess and church worker. Mrs. Wiltraut Henschel is the church clerk, and Mr. R. Hildebrandt the treasurer. Miss Roswinda Gebert and Walter Krenz are charged with the responsibility of the Sunday School work. Mrs. Elfriede Hildebrandt has been appointed as pianist, and Mrs. Nina Krenz as president of the Woman's Missionary Society.

After a season of prayer and with the singing of "Blessed Be the Tie" this important meeting was concluded. Your mission worker has been requested to visit the newly organized church as frequently as is feasible. On Sunday, April 4th, we gathered for the first time as a church around the communion table.

Services are being held every Sunday at 7:00 P.M. at the Eastwood Chapel, No. 40 Wood St., East, Hamilton, Ontario. We look hopefully into the future and anticipate greater things for this newly organized church at Hamilton. Let us pray for them and help to support them.

John C. Schweitzer,
Church Extension Worker.

CHILDREN'S DAY PROGRAMS

The recitation material and programs for the observance of Children's Day on Sunday, June 13, have been sent to the Sunday School superintendents or leaders. If it is not received during the next few days, please send your requests to Roger Williams Press, 3734 Payne Ave., Cleveland 14, Ohio. The recitation and dialogue material is both in English and German.

Northwestern Conference

Annual Business Meeting and Election of Officers of Baptist Church, Aplington, Iowa

The Aplington Baptist Church, Aplington, Iowa, held its annual business meeting and election of officers on Thursday, April 1st. The pastor, the Rev. Frank Veninga, presided. The fine attendance manifested a genuine interest in the affairs of the church.

Twelve guest speakers, including several missionaries, appeared in the church pulpit during the past church year. A new electric water heater and refrigerator were installed in the kitchen and beautiful new maroon robes were purchased for the senior choir. Ten members were welcomed into the fellowship of the church. The church was host to the Iowa Association of North American Baptist Churches last October, at which time the new parsonage was dedicated.

The treasurer's annual report revealed total contributions for all purposes to be \$29,331.84. Of this amount \$11,199.47 were given for missionary purposes. The church gives full support to Miss Margaret Kittlitz, a missionary serving in the British Cameroons, West Africa. The church broadcasts two weekly religious programs over radio station KNWS, Waterloo, Iowa, Tuesday and Thursday at 1:30 P.M.

The average attendance for the past year was as follows: Sunday School, 176; morning service, 214; and the evening service, 171. The Sunday evening training program, a program for every member of the family which precedes the regular Sunday evening worship service, has an appropriate attendance of 85.

The following officers and committee members were elected: vice-moderator, Arend Dreyer; deacons, Henry Harms and Bert Lindeman; deaconess, Mrs. Arend Dreyer; trustee, Folkert De Vries; church reporter, Mrs. Paul Voogd; church clerk, Lanie DeBuhr; church treasurer, Mrs. Minnie Hook; assistant treasurer, Johanna M. De Buhr; book agent, Viola Gieseke; head usher, Lawrence Dreyer; music com-

The North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., will hold its commencement exercises on May 15 and 16. The Rev. O. E. Krueger of Rochester, N. Y., will be the commencement speaker.

mittee, Louise Chenette, Mrs. Marlin Lindaman and Mildred Willeke; Religious Education Committee, Mrs. Elvin Uhlenhopp and Mrs. Leonard Willeke.

The concluding item of business at the annual meeting was the consideration given by the church to increase the pastor's salary by \$500. A fine spirit of love and harmony prevails in the church.

Frank Veninga, Pastor.

Central Conference

Farewell for Rev. and Mrs. Paul Zoschke by the White Ave. Church, Cleveland, Ohio

A little more than six years ago, the Rev. Paul F. Zoschke came to the White Ave. Church, Cleveland, Ohio, and faithfully carried on as pastor. We learned to love him as well as his efficient wife. Both of them have left a very good and lasting impression on our membership.

Impelled by the leading of the Holy Spirit, Mr. Zoschke accepted a call from the Evergreen Church of Brooklyn, N. Y., and the family including Paul, Jr., left us on March 31. A farewell service was held on Sunday evening, March 28, during which expression was given to our feeling of appreciation for service rendered by and blessings received through the Zoschkes.

Mrs. Greta Wilcke spoke for the Woman's Mission Society, Adam Kownatzke for the Men's Brotherhood; Mrs. Katherine Krause for the Ever-ready Circle; Miss Carol Thulin for the Hi-Teens; James Atchinson for the Harmony Club; and Hubert Zion for the Sunday School. Dr. Angus Hull, executive secretary of the Cleveland Baptist Association, also addressed some appropriate farewell remarks to Brother Zoschke.

The program was rounded out and beautified by Eric Thulin and two beautiful vocal solos by Mrs. Hazel Mader. Two German poems were also recited, one by Mrs. Elsa Hassenrueck entitled "Abschied," the other by Rose Mary Farkas entitled, "Mit Gott." The Scripture passage was read by Robert Mader. The undersigned led in prayer. The Rev. Edwin Miller, pastor of the Erin Ave. Church, who was invited but could not attend, sent an appropriate farewell message.

Rolf Beike led the congregational singing. All the organizations gave Mr. and Mrs. Zoschke tokens of appreciation and the concluding token from the church was in the form of a substantial money gift handed to Mr. Zoschke by the undersigned, who presided with appropriate remarks. Both Mr. and Mrs. Zoschke responded with a feeling of deep gratitude.

After singing "God be with you till we meet again" and the benediction, we re-assembled in our Fellowship Hall and enjoyed some real Christian fellowship, aided by coffee and cake. A tape recording of the entire service has been presented to the Zoschkes.

Fred Linsz, Reporter.

Ground Breaking Ceremonies for the \$600,000 Edifice of Detroit's Burns Ave. Church

Truly, it can be said that the people of the Burns Avenue Baptist Church of Detroit, Mich., felt the glory of the Lord shining down upon them when, at 3:00 P.M. on Sunday, March 21st, they gathered at the new building site in Grosse Pointe Woods to participate in the ground breaking ceremonies for the new church.

It was in 1943 that the church, looking forward to the time when a change in location would be necessary, started a building fund. The people contributed faithfully and the fund grew sufficiently to plan definitely the building program. In 1951 the present site was acquired and in January 1952 a Pre-Planning Committee, with Walter Pieschke serving as chairman, was appointed. After a year of preliminary studies, this committee brought the recommendation to proceed as soon as possible.

In January, 1953, the church appointed a Construction Committee consisting of Edward J. Russell, Edward Schultz and Stanley Ernst with the pastor, Dr. A. Dale Ihrie, serving as an ex-officio member. The well-known church architect, Earl Confer, was selected and in February, 1954, the church voted approval of the final plans that had taken third prize in an international competition in which over 175 churches were entered. The contract was let for construction which, together with the land, paving and other improvements already made, will bring the total cost to more than \$600,000.

The present structure will include an air-conditioned sanctuary with a comfortable capacity of 600, a chapel that will seat 150, overlooking a sunken garden terrace, church parlor, nursery, fellowship hall with banquet facilities for 400, soundproof choir room for radio broadcasting, church offices, including a special editorial and printing room, ample Sunday School facilities for 800 to 1,000 people, built-in public address system throughout and an off-street parking lot. The complete plans provide for the future addition of a parish hall at an approximate additional cost of \$150,000.

This is a tremendous financial program for our church, and it became evident that we would have to raise an additional \$200,000 to finance the construction. It has been our sincere hope and prayer that a building program could be completed without the necessity of a bank mortgage and, with that thought in mind, a proposal was brought before the church for a \$200,000 bond issue. The church accepted this proposal and a preliminary survey has indicated that it will be fully subscribed by our members.

Although the air was cold, the sun shone brilliantly on 650 people whose hearts were filled with praise and thanksgiving at the ground breaking exercises. The pastor, Dr. A. Dale Ihrie, opened the ceremonies and introduced the Rev. H. P. Kayser, former missionary to the Cameroons and a member of the church, who gave the



Mrs. Benjamin Graf, wife of the late Rev. B. Graf, a former pastor of the Burns Ave. Church, Detroit, Mich., is thrilled to turn over the first shovel of dirt at the ground breaking ceremonies for the new edifice

min Graf, wife of the late Rev. B. Graf, a former pastor of the church under whose leadership the present Burns Church was built. The Rev. P. G. Neumann, a former pastor who was conducting evangelistic services in the vicinity, turned the next shovelful. Then our pastor, on behalf of the church, turned the sod that signified the actual start of the construction that we have been planning and looking forward to for so long a period of time.

The building program has not detracted in any way from the other activities of the church. We have not curtailed a single item of radio, missionary or beneficent giving. Rather each phase of our budget has been expanded during the entire building program. We thank God for his innumerable blessings and are eagerly looking forward to the many opportunities which this new field presents. It is our sincere prayer that we may always be in the center of God's will and that he will guide us to a successful completion of this project.

Marion Ernst, Reporter.

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And help her all the year,
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And every day is fair.

Then you will know, on Mother's Day,
For presents there's no need,
For best of gifts to Mother is
A loving, thoughtful deed.

—Grayce Krogh Boller



Construction Committee at the ground breaking ceremonies for the new edifice of the Burns Ave. Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich., which with property and improvements will cost a total of \$600,000

Left to right: Stanley Ernst, Dr. A. Dale Ihrie, pastor; Edward J. Russell and Edward Schultz

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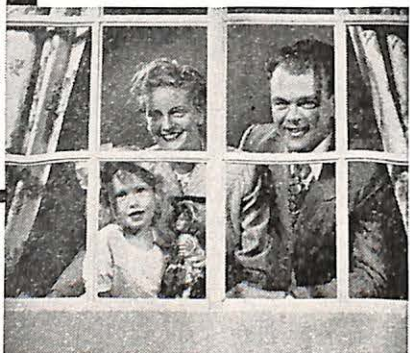
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Dr. M. L. Leuschner

May 15 (Saturday)—Seminary Banquet, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.
May 23 (Sunday)—Immanuel Church, Kankakee, Illinois.

Dr. John Leypoldt

May 7-9—Missionary Conference, Walnut St. Church, Newark, New Jersey.
May 16 (Sunday)—White Ave. and Erin Ave. Churches, Cleveland, Ohio.

Rev. Daniel Fuchs, Evangelist

May 16-28—Arnprior, Ontario.

Rev. Herman Palfenier, Evangelist

May 23-June 4—Glidden, Sask.

A CHRISTIAN WOMAN

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this honor with love and with cheer. Mother is a wonderful person, for she has completed the job that was given to her with joy and thankfulness.

To summarize our tributes to Mother, we will turn to the words of a poem, that has also been put in song. It is entitled,

MOTHER

M—is for the million things she gave me;

O—means only that she's growing old;

T—is for the tears she shed to save me;

H—is for the heart of purest gold;

E—is for her eyes with love light shining;

R—means right and right she'll always be.

Put them all together and they spell MOTHER — — —

A word that means the world to me.

Our closing thought is that the blessings of our risen Lord and King may continue to bless our mother as she carries on in behalf of our God and for our good will!

ACROSS THE SEAS

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in mock alarm. "Hey, easy there! Your husband is a jealous man, I hear. Oh, one more thing, Jean."

A sly twinkle came into his eye. "Make this man of yours take you along next time he goes shopping for a new suit. Make him buy a gray, or brown, or polka dot, or something—but not blue! After four years in the Navy he goes and buys a wedding suit, and what does he get? Navy blue! Make him learn he's a civilian, Jean."

Tom laughed ruefully. "Don't worry, bub. When I get up on Monday morning to go to work, I'll know it."

"Bus schedules for you from now on," warned Mickey, "instead of boat schedules."

With warm expressions of friendship, the little group broke up. Ernie and Mickey departed and walked across

the lawn to the Conant home next door.

Mickey paused at his front step and looked back. "That's the end of a good shipmate, Ernie, but when a man gets in that lovesick, dopey condition, he's gone, and there's nothing we can do about it." He sighed and ushered his amused guest inside.

In the brightly lit room the two sailors had just left, the aforementioned lovesick dope had no remembrance of anything unpleasant. As Mickey himself would have put it, Tom was "feeling no pain."

A Thought Starter

By REV.

RONALD C. MacCORMACK
of Parkersburg, Iowa

(This brief message on "Medicine for Sleeplessness" is one of frequent contributions by the pastor of the Parkersburg Baptist Church to the local press under the general heading, "A Thought Starter." It was written originally for a secular audience. The column is now going to seven newspapers. We believe that these sermonettes will also be of interest to "Baptist Herald" readers. EDITOR.)

EVERYONE requires a reasonable amount of sleep, yet some just can't rest at night as they would like to do. Many folks take their problems along with them to bed and worry. Some are ill. Some are afraid. Some have no reason for just tossing and turning counting sheep, and waiting for morning.

To such as these, I recommend the following: The last thing at night, open the Bible and look for just one short verse. Be sure it is one that speaks to your soul. Read it at least six times, or until it is fixed in mind.

Go to bed and meditate upon that verse, word by word, and think of nothing else. Allow it to preach a little sermonette to your tired mind. Mull it over thoughtfully. As you lie there with eyes closed, let the Word of God soothe you into the kind of unbroken sleep you enjoyed as a child.

To many this simple suggestion may appear to have little merit. Perhaps you haven't so much as opened a Bible for a long time. However, it is reasonable that you investigate this plan before tossing it aside.

The best recommendation I can offer is to say, "It works!"

As a sample, try part of Isaiah 40: 31, "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength." I would be happy to hear the results.

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Obituary

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

MRS. EMMA S. HAHN of Portland, Oregon.

Mrs. Emma S. Hahn, nee Steinberg, of Portland, Ore., was born August 31, 1874 at Ottawa, Minnesota. She was converted and baptized when she was twelve years of age at La Sueur, Minnesota. Mrs. Hahn was a registered nurse. She was formerly married to the Rev. Fred Keese who passed away 25 years ago, after which Mrs. Hahn came to the Home for the Aged in Portland. In 1948 she was married to Mr. Jacob Hahn who mourns her passing, but not as those who have no hope. Mrs. Hahn passed away on Feb. 9, 1954. May she rest in peace, and may the God of all comfort bless the mourners!

Central Baptist Church,
Portland, Oregon

LEWIS B. BERNDT, Pastor.

MRS. MARIA STALDER of Portland, Oregon.

Mrs. Maria Stalder, nee Kargel, of Portland, Ore., was born on Jan. 16, 1881 in Poland and died at Portland, Ore., after a brief illness on March 29, 1954 at the age of 73 years, 2 months and 13 days. Mrs. Stalder came to America in her youth with her parents, stopping for a few months at Cincinnati, Ohio, and then coming to Oregon where she resided until her earthly pilgrimage was past.

She was converted and baptized under the ministry of Dr. Jacob Kratt in January 1901 and became a member of Trinity Baptist Church to which she remained faithful until her death. She loved the fellowship of the saints and the worship of her Lord and Savior to whom she was deeply devoted. She was a friend to the stranger and a real companion to those who were near and dear to her.

She was united in marriage to Emil Stalder on Feb. 9, 1941 who now mourns her sudden departure. Others who sorrow over her passing are a brother, August Kargel; two sisters: Mrs. Helen Kuehn and Wilhelmina Kargel; eight nieces and four nephews; besides a host of other relatives and friends. May the Lord console and comfort with the hope of life eternal as we have it offered to us in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Trinity Baptist Church,
Portland, Oregon

JOHN WOBIG, Pastor.

MR. JOHN J. RICHTER of Madison, South Dakota.

Mr. John J. Richter of Madison, S. Dak., was born on Jan. 13, 1874 in the Ukraine, Russia. He came to America when he was 17 years of age. He settled near Madison, South Dakota. A few years later he was baptized and received into the fellowship of the West Center Street Baptist Church of Madison. In the year 1897 he was married to Albina Even of Pipestone, Minnesota. Three children were born into their home. The eldest daughter preceded him in death in 1917. His wife died in 1929. In the year 1931 he was united in marriage to Lucy Grosser of Forest Park, Illinois.

Mr. Richter enjoyed good health during most of his life. For about a month prior to his death he experienced fainting spells. He passed away suddenly from a heart failure on February 8. He had attained the age of 80 years and 26 days.

He is survived by one son and one daughter. They are Hilmer Richter of Madison and Mrs. Lille Wellman of DeSmet, North Dakota. He is also survived by two sisters. He had seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren, besides a host of other relatives and friends.

Brother Richter loved the Lord and his church. He attended it regularly and supported it loyally. The words of comfort

were based on Philippians 1:21, "For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain."

West Center St. Baptist Church,
Madison, South Dakota

FRED SCHMIDT, Pastor.

MRS. MINNIE KUEHL of Sebastopol, Ontario.

Mrs. Minnie Kuehl of Sebastopol, Ont., wife of the late Ferdinand Kuehl, was received into her heavenly home on February 16, 1954. She would have been 84 years of age in April.

A daughter of Robert Hein and Fredericka Abel, she was instructed as a young child in the ways of the Lord. After being born again and baptized at an early age, her life was an inspiring testimony to the saving and keeping power of the Lord Jesus Christ.

In 1893, she was united in marriage with Ferdinand Kuehl. To that union were born two sons and four daughters: Joseph of Quadeville, Ont.; Herb of Victoria, B. C.; Mrs. Mildred Heideman of Sebastopol, Ont.; Mrs. Charles (Annie) Pahl of Findlater, Sask.; Mrs. Charles (Augusta) Rhode of Killaloe, Ont.; Mrs. John (Theresa) Radatz of Clontarf, Ontario. She is survived also by three brothers: John of Killaloe, Henry of North Bay; and Joseph of Edenwold, Saskatchewan.

That she was held in great esteem by many friends was evident in the largely attended service conducted by the undersigned in the Sebastopol Baptist Church. The message was based on 2 Cor. 5:1, "For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."

Killaloe, Ontario

LAWRENCE W. GEORGE,
Officiating Minister.

MRS. BERTHA NEUMANN of Edmonton, Alberta.

Mrs. Bertha Neumann, nee Gangel, of Edmonton, Alta., was born July 5, 1885 in Austria. For about 48 years she was privileged to share the joys and sorrows of this life with Reinhold Neumann, to whom she was united in matrimony in 1906. In 1911 they emigrated to Canada, where they purchased a house in the north of Edmonton, which, apart from the first few months, was to be their only residence in this country. Here they enjoyed the growing up of their five daughters, their marriages, and domestic happiness.

To all of us the dear deceased was a model of faithfulness and love to the Word of God and the cause of Christ. On Sunday, March 14, she attended both services of the church. But only a few hours later, early on Monday morning, an apoplexy of her heart brought a sudden end to her life, leaving behind so many traces of love. She lived to the age of 68 years, 8 months, and 10 days. Mrs. Neumann leaves to mourn her husband; five daughters: Mrs. Marie Schubert, Mrs. Bertha Schubert, Mrs. Martha Hoffmann (Spruce Grove), Mrs. Lydia Schultz and Mrs. Helen Nordheimer; 13 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

The large attendance at the funeral service in the Central Baptist Church was a testimony of the high esteem in which she was held by others. Words of comfort were spoken by the undersigned from 1 John

3:1-2 and by the former pastor of the Lauderdale Church, the Rev. W. R. Muller, from some verses of Psalm 37:1-7 and the choir sang two impressive hymns.

Lauderdale Baptist Church,
Edmonton, Alberta

ARTHUR POHL, Pastor.

MRS. WILHELMINA KUEHL of Killaloe, Ontario.

Mrs. Wilhelmine Kuehl of Killaloe, Ont., was born in Hagarty Township, Ont., on May 11, 1871, and departed to be with the Lord on March 3, 1954, having lived for 82 years, 9 months, and 20 days. She was born again while yet a young girl, and was baptized into the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ in June of 1887.

She was married in 1891 to August Kuehl. This union was blessed with eight children, four sons: John and Henry of Killaloe, Ont.; Alvin of Stewartville, Ont.; and Herbert of North Bay, Ont.; and four daughters: Selma (Mrs. A. E. Jaster) of White Lake, Ont.; Pearl (Mrs. Herbert Zummach) of Pembroke, Ont.; Alma (Mrs. Eric Scheel) of Stewartville, Ont.; and Dorothy (Mrs. Wesley Panke) of Golden Lake, Ontario. There are also twelve grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren, besides a host of other relatives and friends who mourn her passing.

Mrs. Kuehl was a dearly loved saint of God whose life was a source of inspiration to all who knew her. The saving and keeping power of the Lord Jesus Christ was evident in her life. May those who mourn take comfort in the assurance as found in these words of Scripture: "To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord."

The Rev. Richard Schilke of Forest Park, Ill., and the Rev. Asaph E. Jaster of White Lake, Ont., assisted the undersigned in the largely attended funeral held at the Calvary Baptist Church of Killaloe, Ontario. ...

Calvary Baptist Church,
Killaloe, Ontario

LAWRENCE W. GEORGE, Pastor.

MRS. SOPHIA NIES of Eureka, South Dakota.

Mrs. Sophia Nies, nee Bertsch, of Eureka, S. Dak., was born on May 7, 1878 in Johannestadt, South Russia. In 1888 the family came to the United States and settled down northeast of Eureka, S. Dak., on a farm. On November 25, 1897 she was united in marriage to Henry Nies. This union was blessed with ten children, three of whom preceded the mother in death.

Two sons and five daughters are living: Karl of Yakima, Wash.; Benjamin of Eureka, S. Dak.; Anna, Mrs. Benjamin Bertsch of Eureka, S. Dak.; Christina, Mrs. Jake Wageman of Eureka, S. Dak.; Emma, Mrs. Adolph Arlt of Ashley, N. Dak.; Mathilda, Mrs. Ted Bertsch of Eureka, S. Dak.; and Esther, Mrs. Enoch Bertsch of Eureka, South Dakota.

On April 19, 1897 she accepted the Lord as her Savior. In the same year she was baptized by the Rev. S. Kludt and added as a member to the Ashley Baptist Church. In October 1944 the family moved to Eureka, S. Dak.; where she lived until her passing. In 1945 she joined the Eureka Baptist Church. On March 23, 1945 her husband preceded her in death.

Mrs. Nies was suffering for some time, but since last February a serious heart condition kept her most of the time in bed. The last three days she was in the hospital of Eureka. On March 14, 1954 she passed into eternity to be with the Lord. She reached the age of 75 years, 10 months and 7 days.

She leaves to mourn her seven children, 14 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren, one sister and a host of relatives and friends who live in hope to meet her again in that heavenly home where there shall be no more sorrow and death because old things have passed away. She was a true Christian and a loving mother to her children, a member of the Ladies' Aid, and a willing worker wherever she had an opportunity. Her course is finished, and now she is privileged to see her Savior whom she loved and served. May the God of all comfort be the strength of all who mourn. Thoughts of comforting words were brought by the undersigned from Psalm 16:11.

Eureka, South Dakota

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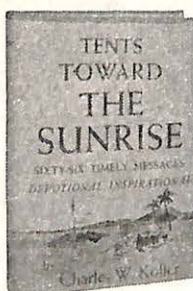
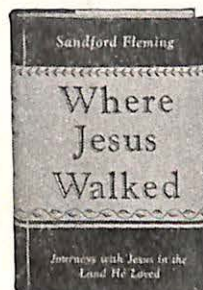
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- May 8—Finance Committee at Headquarters, Forest Park, Illinois.
- May 9—Mother's Sunday.
- May 10-11—Program Committee for 1955 General Conference at Headquarters, Forest Park, Illinois.
- May 15-16—Commencement Exercises, North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.
- May 19—Committee on Education at Headquarters, Forest Park, Ill.
- May 20-21—General Council at Headquarters, Forest Park, Illinois.
- May 20 (Thursday Evening 7:45 P.M.)—Public meeting for churches of Chicago and vicinity at Forest Park Baptist Church.
- May 20-23—British Columbia Association at Grace Church, Kelowna, British Columbia. Prof. Herbert Hiller and Rev. Edward Link, Guest Speakers.
- May 21—Delaware Association at Pilgrim Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. 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.